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'Drive Park' plans move forward

By Patty Brant

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Opponents of the proposed drive park in Port LaBelle once again made their feelings known at the April 10 Glades County Commission meeting, but there was none of the acri-

mony seen at a Feb. 27 meeting at which plans were presented.

Commissioners made short work of the issue before them that day, however, as it was simply approving a change in the Comprehensive Plan changing the zoning of 74 acres

in the middle of the 234-acre site for the proposed complex.

Opponents, represented by Laurel Oaks Property Owners Association President Scott Wegscheid, were in agreement with the zon-

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Jewel Buck will compete in the Miss Indian World Pageant at the Gathering of Nations in New Mexico at the end of April.

Jewel Buck to compete in Miss Indian World Pageant

Jewel Buck, a member of the Seminole/Cocopah tribe, will compete in the Miss Indian World Pageant as part of the 29th Annual Gathering of Nations, the most prominent Native American powwow in the world, held between April 26 and April 28, in Albuquerque, N.M. As part of the Gathering of Nations, 28 Native American women representing their different tribes and traditions will compete for the title in the areas of cultural tribal knowledge, dancing abil-

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First phase of water project is complete

USDA Rural Utilities Director visits Moore Haven

Special to the Glades County Democrat

From Immokalee in Florida's southwest region, north to the southwestern shore of

Lake Okeechobee, USDA Rural Utilities Administrator Jonathan Adelstein last week saw firsthand how USDA Rural Development is helping rural communities through financial assistance in critical community infrastructure projects, and making a difference in the economy by spurring job creation in the

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/USDA

In Moore Haven on April 3, Rural Utilities Administrator Jonathan Adelstein performed a ribbon cutting with members of the City of Moore Haven as part of the dedication to celebrate the completion of a water project that leveraged the Agency's lending. Ensuring the country has a strong network of infrastructure is part of the President's Blueprint for an America Built to Last. Left to right are Moore Haven Mayor Bret Whidden, Mr. Adelstein and Rural Development State Director Richard Machek.



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Friday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with an east wind between 15 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.



Sunday:

Mostly sunny and windy, with a high near 81.



Thursday Night:

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.



Saturday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with an east wind between 20 and 22 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.



Sunday Night:

Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 69.



Friday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy, with an east wind between 9 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.



Saturday Night:

Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 68.



Monday:

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Inland Birding Fun: Wild Turkey (WITU)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Florida is the only state with a native population of Osceola Wild Turkey or Florida Wild Turkey (*M. g. osceola*) (Scott, 1890).

This bird, named for the famous Seminole leader Osceola, is smaller and darker than the Eastern Wild Turkey. There are 80,000 to 100,000 birds living on peninsula Florida.

This dark, ground-dwelling bird has long powerful legs and a bare head and neck. Its short bill is slightly

down-curved. The wing feathers are very dark with white barring while their overall body feathers are an iridescent green-purple color. Hens or adult females are duller and lighter colored than the males except for the wing feathers which are darker. The male's call is an explosive gobble or nasal yelp.

Adult Wild Turkeys eat a variety of foods which are seasonably available including acorns, grass seeds, fruits and insects. The young rely on a diet of insects, vegetation and green plant seeds.

Wild Turkeys are found in forested areas with openings in hardwood swamps, hammocks, cypress swamps, pine Flatwoods and seasonally flooded sloughs, ponds, and marshes. During nesting, the females become secretive and build their nests in areas with dense understory

This nest is a shallow hollow on the ground where eggs are laid from early March through May. The hen usually lays 8 to 10 eggs, but clutches of up to 20 pale buff to white heavily spotted eggs speckled with brown or purplish-brown have been reported.

The hen incubates the eggs for about 28 days and she alone cares for the young who are able to fly at about 14 days of age. Sometimes two or more broods will remain together in a flock until winter. You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston. For reservations for these free trips contact: Margaret England 5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or the Hendry-Glades Audubon.

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Second Annual Spring Bluebird Blitz April 14th and 15th.

The Spring Bluebird Blitz will help determine where Eastern bluebirds are breeding and nesting in Florida. The goal is to establish the location of Eastern bluebirds throughout the state.

It is a concentrated effort by as many volunteers as possible going out all over the state of Florida trying to locate as many Eastern bluebirds as they can find. Participation is simple. Go outside on Friday April 13 and/or Saturday April 14, and look for bluebirds.

Record as much as you are able about the bluebirds you see, location, behavior, sex, age, etc.

We also want to know where you looked and

did not find any bluebirds.

Download, complete, and submit the Blitz Report form that is on the Florida Bluebird Society web site www.floridabluebirdsociety.com.



Margaret England



Wild Turkeys.

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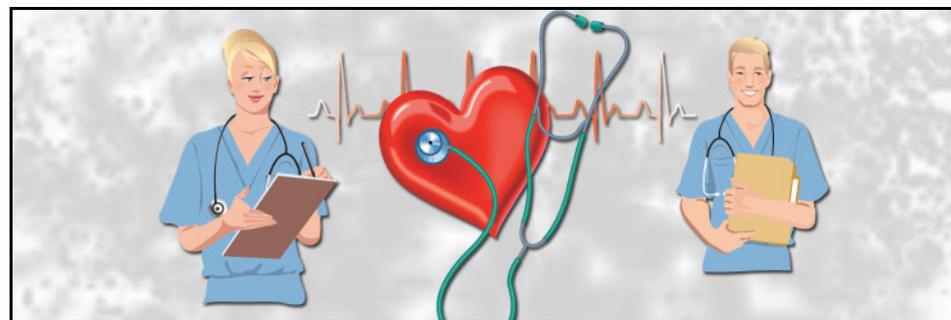
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What's your opinion?

Editor's note: Readers are invited to post their comments for this column on the Glades County Democrat web site. Go to www.newszap.com, click on "Glades County." On the Glades County page, click on "Local issues post your opinion," to comment on a current discussion thread or start a new one. You may also leave comments on the Glades County Democrat page on Facebook or email your comments to gcdnews@newszap.com. Comments on all issues of local interest are welcome. Some of the topics currently under discussion include the following:

Driving Park

- Glades County residents live in the area around the proposed racetrack because of the peace and quiet that it offers, a peace and quiet which this misplaced adventure would destroy. The bottom line is that it is not compatible with the surrounding Glades communities, all of which have been here for decades!

- If they don't put the Driving Park on the old golf course, what are some other ideas for developing that property successfully? Are there some creative alternatives that would be good for the county and attractive to the developer?

- I like NASCAR and drag racing and tractor pulls etc. Having a race track here in Glades County is a fantastic idea. Glades County is probably the BEST location in the entire state for an "up-scale" race track. I live as a crow flies about 5 or 6 miles from the proposed race track. I have a dumb question. Just because I have my feelings and positions as stated, "What gives me the right to tell these people in what has been in the past a golf course community that you should have a noisy race track in your community?" There are many thousands of acres here in Glades County that are MUCH more appropriate and conducive for a race track than the proposed site. ANYWHERE along US27 or SR29 would be fantastic. There would be easy access from anywhere in south Florida from Orlando to the keys. It would be a major attraction. It would boost the local economy. The location near the "proposed truck stop" or the "proposed industrial park" would be a natural. It would be a much better location than the race track in Homestead.

Students first

- Congratulations to the Glades County Teachers and Employees of the Year! You deserve the honor and the accolades you received at the Golden Apple Banquet. When the superintendent was asked why Glades County, which is such a poor county, is still rated so high in student achievement, he said it is because everyone in the school system puts the students first. The teachers and non-instructional employees work hard every day because that is exactly what they do. They put the students' welfare first. The rest of the state could learn a lot from Glades County.

- As a parent, I am so grateful to the many wonderful teachers in our school system who work so hard and care so much about our kids. They all deserve our thanks.

Water storage

- While I don't think they should store water inland just for the convenience of the coastal communities, I think they do need some water retention areas in Hendry County to store water to slowly feed to the Caloosahatchee River. Before the river was dredged so deep, the water used to stay in the marshy areas around the old oxbows. Now it drains to the ocean too quickly. They need some water retention areas to help recharge the aquifers the way those marshy areas did before the Corps dredged that channel.

Where's the food?

- The county and city officials need to hear the pleas of the voters and do something to get a grocery store back in Moore Haven. With gas so expensive, it is a genuine hardship for folks to have to drive to Clewiston, LaBelle or Okeechobee for groceries. We need a local grocery store. I should think there are plenty of customers to keep one in business, as long as they keep it clean and provide the basic foods that people want. It's not like there is any competition in Moore Haven right now. City and county officials who are running for office this year should make getting a grocery store in town as their number one priority. People have to eat. There are many things they can just 'do without' but food is not one of them!

Students on honor roll

Moore Haven Elementary School's third nine weeks honor roll students include:

Kindergarten All As

Marvin Anderson
Gabby Murphy
Ian Busby
Brady Bass
Hayden Davis
Carmen Perez
Abby Story
Ethan Pottorff
Mackenzie Rednour
Kyleigh Adams
Chase Dowd
Aida Jose-Ramirez
Dakota Newton-Prisk
Angel Sangabriel
Calia White
Chaz Brown
Ava Griner
D'Mari Hallback
Keegan Pearce
Alyssa Walpole
Bodie Whidden
Kendall Woodward
Emily Woznick
Alexa Clift
Caydence Cisneros
Samantha Flynn
Nereyda Godinez
Elissa Herrera
Kathrine Washam

1st grade All As

Jo'Hon Hughes
Ruby Jose-Matias
Wallace Parker
Lillian Everett
Stephen Phillips
Rubi Rodriguez
Cristina Toledo

1st grade All As & Bs

Amiryah Ford
Sean Miner
Elyssa Pardo
Stephen Redus
Payton Rives
Abby Williams
Andy Garcia
Christopher Filomeno
Melissa Guzman
Juan Lemos
Ny'Keyah McKenzie
Alondra Chiquito
Yadeero Centeno
Riley Mullens
Tazya Roller

2nd grade All As

Reese Davis
Sierra Hart
Samantha Langdale
Camden Rhymes
Rosmary Rubio
Reyna Clift
Hanna Moss
Sean Osborne

2nd grade All As & Bs

Sean Luke Bender
Ryan Cowen
Annalisa Martinez
Jose Mirabal
Savannah Palmer
Nickolaus Pasch
Tilman Sims
Anthony Whidden
Mason Porter
Collin Ahern
Alondra Castro
Bryant Williams
Jennifer Peeples-Korinke
Madison Williams

3rd grade All As

Brice Prowant
Brooklyn Cerner
Luis Gomez
Soraya Villafuerte
Katelynn Barnes
Derrayah Coney
Jordan Perez
Lizbeth Ruiz

3rd grade All As & Bs

Lizbeth Rico
Alexis Eley
Karla Hunter
Gustavo Schwyer
Jakhia Smith
Zorian Tullock
Alec Williams
Briann Woodham
Julio Escobar
Daniela Garcia
Aracely Perez
Madelyn Brewer
LJavia McPherson
Daniela Navarrette
Bailey Raulerson

4th grade All As

Christopher Eaton
John Eaton
A'Trelle Thomas

4th grade All As & Bs

Yolanda Tapia
Colton Brown
Tyveshia Cox
Zahn Cunningham
Rieonna Eley
Ashley Lopez

Makayla Strenth
Destiny Town
Madison Corwin
Larry Casella
Alanis Allen
Joe Perry
Stevontae Brown
Alyson Barnhill
Tracie Branch
Mary Brewer
Kerri Hines
Evan Navarro

5th grade All As

Austin Lee
Chyenenne Osborne
Jacey Ridgill

5th grade All As & Bs

Karina Cisneros
Stephanie Gamez
Jaime Hingson
Logen Redus
Benjamin Toledo
Autumn Lee
Cassie Hart
Austyn Kellogg
Stephanie Aranda
Yailyn Cisneros
Monica Devine
Angel Galvez
Lacy Green
Fatima Arroyo

6th grade All As

Devyn Arnold
Kira Beck
Gabriella Brown
Bryan Light
Maricela Rubio
Kaleigh Sparkman
Rosemary Aragus
Amery Bass
Cristina Maria
Sidney Platt
Skye Schlueter

6th grade All As & Bs

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Cattle Owners Address SFWMD Lease Issues



SUBMITTED PHOTO

South Florida Water Management District Headquarters in West Palm Beach.

SFWMD remains silent

BY ERIC KOPP

"In Okeechobee we have a saying that character counts. I believe that and it's fundamental to me."

Louis E. 'Woody' Larson spoke those words earlier this week in a meeting between representatives of Independent Newspapers-Florida and officials from the Old River Cattle Company. The purpose of that meeting was to let Mr. Larson and his partners, Ricou Hartman and Jeffrey Clemons, state their position in regard to their cattle grazing lease with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

During the nearly two-hour meeting several points were touched on, but two of the more dwelled-upon points were the cutting of hay on their property and why their lease on SFWMD-owned land in Glades County has never gone out for bid. Old River is currently operating off a 2006 lease that is somewhat different and more restrictive than the newer leases being given by SFWMD. That lease has been extended several times since 2006, with the most recent extension coming in December of 2011. That extension gives Old River use of the district's property until 2022. The old lease contains requirements that the district's other current leases do not. That old lease prohibits altering of the land which includes, but is not limited to, mowing. It also states that lessees cannot grant interviews to the media. Because of that, the Old River group had to get written permission from the district before their April 4th meeting with this newspaper—which, they did.

Starting with the haying issue, Mr. Hartman explained that Old River has been baling hay on the property ever since they entered into their agreement with the district. He said some of the round bales are moved to property owned by Old River on the south side of S.R. 78 W., and some are given to the independent contractor as payment for doing the mowing and baling. The rest, he said, stays on the property.

The property being leased by Old River are three non-contiguous parcels north of S.R. 78 W. and just west of the Kissimmee River.

Mr. Hartman went on to explain that his company contacts the district to get permission each

time they cut and bale hay.

"I don't see why it's a big deal," said Mr. Hartman. "You want to cut hay because it pulls phosphorous out of the soil. We did what we were supposed to do by contacting the district."

Mr. Hartman pointed out that the newer leases actually require the lessee to mow the property. Before the haying process begins, Mr. Hartman said they contact Justin Nolte, SFWMD's land manager for the property, to get his verbal permission. A check of Mr. Nolte's inspection reports indicate that Old River has taken good care of the property and managed it properly.

"They hold our feet to the fire," he said of the inspectors.

Why hasn't Old River's lease ever been put out for bids as required by state statute?

Mr. Hartman's wife, Janet, said the district did not have to solicit bids. "The statute is really silent on assignments," said Mrs. Hartman, an environmental and land use attorney in Palm City who also attended the meeting. "There was no obligation for them (SFWMD) to put it out for bid because they were assuming the lease, which they had the right not to assume if they wanted to. There's nothing in the law that addresses the assignment."

She was referring to the lease that was in place on the property when the district purchased the property from Pomcor, Inc., in May of 2006. The lease had only been in effect for one day prior to water management taking possession of the deed on May 11th, 2006.

In recent weeks SFWMD's leasing policy has been under fire—specifically, their alleged violation of Florida state statute 373.093. That statute states that all of the district's leases must be put out for competitive bid, unless there is diminutive value. Diminutive value generally results in a reduced purchase price the district has to pay as the value of a lease is deducted from the cost of the land. The district currently has several such leases in effect. However, two area leases that were extended in December of 2011 do not have diminutive value—Old River's lease and Alisa Sherman-Harris' lease in Highlands County.

In a 2010 interview, SFWMD's Ruth Clements explained that Mrs. Sherman-Harris apparently had some 80 head of cattle on the district's property without a lease being in place. She was given the choice of removing the cattle or entering into a lease. The cattle were removed.

Ms. Clements is the district's chief real estate

specialist and oversees their land leasing program.

Then, in early 2011, the district advertised their intention to award bids on the property. Records show that Mrs. Sherman-Harris was the high bidder and was awarded the lease on April 8th, 2011. That lease was then extended on Dec. 13th, 2011, until April 7th, 2022.

Since there is no diminutive value on this Highlands County property or the Glades County property why, then, wasn't Old River required to enter into a competitive bidding process the same as Mrs. Sherman-Harris?

"I don't know," replied Mr. Hartman. "If this is really illegal, somebody would have sued by now. You can bet after all this was stirred up last October that the district really put their attorneys to the test to see if they were really on solid footing."

"We have been in compliance with the lease and we've done everything we can do to be in compliance. We work hard to stay in compliance," he added.

Mr. Larson then commented on the district's leasing program by saying there are a lot of positive things going on—not only on their lease, but other leases as well.

"The South Florida Water Management District has a pretty big job and they have to manage resources for the good of the land, of the water and the people too," said Mr. Larson. "We need to keep these leases in place and we need to keep the cattle doing what they're doing—removing phosphorus. It's really a beneficial thing."

Still, there are numerous questions about the district's leasing practices that remain unanswered—mainly, why did some have to enter into a bid process to get a lease, while others didn't?

We don't know, and neither do the lessees.

And despite attempts to get that information, the person at the South Florida Water Management District who can answer that question has chosen to remain quiet.

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Tutor Charged with Defrauding School Board

"Hill did not follow up with several other students but allegedly submitted a bill for tutoring them."

— An investigation into Hill reveals inconsistencies in services provided

BY ERIC KOPP

The director of a tutoring service was jailed late last week after she was arrested for being paid by the Okeechobee County School Board for services she allegedly never performed.

Felisia Hill, 38, Annona Ave., Pahokee, was arrested Thursday, April 5, on one felony count of grand theft and three felony counts of scheme to defraud. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$20,000.

Jail records indicate she has since been released on bond.

According to an arrest report by Detective Mark Shireman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the local school board received invoices from Hill stating that she had provided tutoring services for as many as eight local children.

The report lists Hill as the director of Glades Extreme Tutoring.

State records indicate that Glades Extreme Tutoring filed their corporate paperwork May 26, 2009, and their principal address is Hill's home address in Pahokee.

Detective Shireman said Hill was paid a total of \$2,266 on Feb. 28 that satisfied the invoices received by the school board for the months of October, November and December of 2011.

During the course of his investigation the detective reportedly learned that while services were provided for one local student, Hill did not follow up with several other students but allegedly submitted a bill for tutoring them. The detective said so far he has found three families that were victims of the alleged scheme to defraud. Some parents, he continued, have yet to file a complaint against Hill.

Because that one child was helped, Hill was charged with defrauding the school board of \$1,916.

"None of the other families appeared to have received any services other than a parent-administered pretest not returned to Ms. Hill," stated the detective in his report.

In his report, Detective Shireman described how Hill met with the families and gave them a testing packet or pretest. But, continued his report, that was the last time many of them ever heard from her.

There were instances, however, where Hill allegedly sent text messages to parents around 1 and 2 a.m. Those messages, continued the detective, asked the parents to sign forms "indicating the children were being tutored."

In a couple of instances Hill reportedly sent parents \$25 money orders.



Hill.

Hill told one parent the money order was a "... reward for the child at Christmas," stated the detective. However, after their initial meeting Hill had not seen the child again.

Detective Shireman went on to recount how, on April 5, Hill apparently went to a parent's home and asked the mother "... if she wanted to get paid." Hill eventually left the home and the mother, concerned about what had just happened, contacted Detective Shireman.

Through the course of his investigation Detective Shireman said he also learned that Hill had submitted paperwork to the local school board that was supposedly signed by the children's parents. That paperwork allegedly indicated that Glades Extreme Tutoring had been working with the children.

Those parents told the detective, however, that they had not signed the paperwork.

According to the detective, when he asked Hill for a handwriting sample to compare with those signed forms "... Ms. Hill then said she thought she may need an attorney."

Detective Shireman said the company also has tutoring contracts with Hardee, Highlands, Hendry, DeSoto, Glades and Palm Beach counties.

The OCSO detective went on to say that his investigation is continuing.

Felisia Hill has been keeping busy as of late, having secured a seat on the Pahokee city commission just before the allegations of wrongdoing were raised through this investigation.

March Rainfall Below Average with Driest Months to Come

Water shortage warning remains in place, underscoring need for water conservation

Residents from Orlando to the Keys remain under a water shortage warning as March saw below-average rainfall for all 16 counties in the South Florida Water Management District (SF-WMD).

The warning means residents should remain vigilant and practice voluntary water conservation, especially with the historically driest months of the year to come in April and May.

"Water levels in key areas such as the Kissimmee Basin are holding steady, but this is the time of year when we see the lowest rainfall totals coupled with the highest evapotranspiration rates," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau.

"Operationally, we continue to hold as much water as possible in the canals and water conservation areas to make it through to the wet season."

For March, a total of 1.77 inches of rain fell across the District, representing 56 percent of the average for this time of year, or a deficit of 1.37 inches. Lake Okeechobee stood at 12.29 feet NGVD Thursday, which is 1.95 feet below its historical average for this time of year but 0.67 feet higher than a year ago.

As evidence of the dry conditions:

- The 2011-2012 dry season deficit of 6.43 inches as of today is 3 inches greater than the same November-to-March time period during the 2010-2011 dry season. (The 2010-2011 dry season produced the driest October-to-mid-June period on record in South Florida.)

- January was the driest January in the SFWMD region since record keeping began in 1932.

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Gail E. Bishop, 69

LEHIGH ACRES — Gail E. Bishop, age 69, of Lehigh Acres passed away April 6, 2012, in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Jan. 27, 1943, in Pontiac, Mich., the daughter of the late George Edward Duncan and Myrtle Elaine (Wisser) Duncan.

Survivors include her son, Donnie Joe Bishop of Lehigh Acres and Silver Lee Rush of Clewiston; daughter, Robyn Rush of Clewiston; mother, Myrtle Elaine Duncan; and brother, Gary Duncan, both of McLeansboro, Ill.; grandchildren, Lynn Creagh, Paris Howell, Alexis Jennings, Damian Bishop and Rhian Bishop; and great-grandchildren.

Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle.

Emma J. Carroll, 67

LAKE PLACID — Emma J. Carroll, 67, of Lake Placid, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2012, in Orlando.

She was born Jan. 28, 1945, to William W. and Mable N. (Gorman) Conway, in St. Petersburg, Florida, and had been a resident of Lake Placid since 2002, coming from LaBelle. She was a Singer and Guitarist and a member of Southern Exposure Country Band for 18 years. She had been a Captain with Arm-Guard Company and was a member of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

She is survived by her children, Isaac (Jeanie) Carroll of Avon Park, and Ann Marie (Wiley) Dickerson of Lake Placid; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-0125, www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

- A short period in March from about the 15th to the 25th — historically the wettest time of the South Florida dry season — did not materialize.

- The U.S. Drought Monitor currently lists South Florida as being in a moderate to severe drought.

- The difference between this dry season and last year's record dry conditions is record October 2011 rainfall that significantly boosted water supplies.

But each year in April and May, longer days, more sunlight and higher evapotranspiration mean that water levels can fall rapidly.



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New summer food program planned

Volunteers are essential for success in program to feed children during the summer

This summer Glades County will join other Florida counties in offering a Summer Food Service Program, which will provide a nutritious lunch for all children 18 and younger.

The tough economy has hit us all, and children are suffering as a result. To make this program a success, over 15 groups including churches, community associations, Glades schools, the Harry Chapin Food Bank and the Health Department have teamed up to offer the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The combined groups are partnering to plan and execute the program in order to feed children and provide them a fun and positive place to be this summer. At least seven sites have been identified throughout Glades County for the summer program.

Volunteers are crucial to the summer program's success. To become a part, please contact Danielle Hardre at 239-334,7007, x134, or at: daniellehardre@harrychapin-foodbank.org.

The program will operate much like the school lunch program, providing a nutritious meal for nine weeks, Monday-Thursday. Without the school breakfast and lunch offered to students during the school year many families have come to rely on, and with employee hours being cut back, summer time is one of the hardest for families in Glades County.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties, who provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over 1 million pounds of food are distributed monthly. For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community. In the past calendar year, The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 13.7 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$22.5 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 11 million meals to people in need.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 239-334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org.

emergency services away from her little-served community as well.

Mr. Wegscheid spoke for four different groups of residents opposing the drive park. In a prepared statement to the commission, he commented that the area concerned is an established residential neighborhood and noted the hard-earned money, time and labor residents have put into their quiet lifestyle. He said the proposed drive park would threaten the family atmosphere and solitude longtime residents have worked so hard to achieve. He added that there were better sites in Glades County for such a project.

He also asked the commission to schedule any further hearings on the drive park proposal for evening meetings, to allow working residents a chance to be present.

Director of Community Development Larry Hilton presented the rationale for changing the comprehensive plan designation from open ag to residential. He explained to the commissioners that the site is surrounded by residential zoning and the move would simply make zoning consistent. He told the board that county staff recommended the change. The area concerned was formerly part of the Port LaBelle Development of Regional Impact (DRI).

He added that, in order to allow the proposed drive park, a "rezone" would be required later.

Glades commissioners unanimously approved the request, 5-0.

April is Autism Awareness Month

By Pat Dobbins

Hendry/Glades Department of Health

The month of April is recognized as Autism Awareness Month. It is a special opportunity for everyone to raise awareness and educate the public about autism.

There is no known single cause for autism, but many researchers believe that it is caused by abnormalities in brain structure or function. No one gene has been identified as causing autism, however, researchers are searching for irregular segments of genetic code that children with autism may have inherited.

The characteristic behaviors of autism may or may not be clearly noticeable during the child's first 18 to 24 months, but they usually become more obvious during early childhood from ages 24 months to 6 years.

As part of a well-baby/well-child visit, your child's health care provider should do a "developmental screening," and they may ask specific questions about your baby's progress. According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) these five behaviors may give signals that further evaluation is warranted:

- If the child does not babble or coo by 12 months of age
- If the child does not make gestures by 12 months of age (point, wave, grasp)
- If the child does not say single words by 16 months of age
- If the child does not say two-word

phrases on their own by 24 months of age

- If the child has any loss of any language or social skill at any age

Having any of these five "red flags" does not mean your child has autism, but because the characteristics of the disorder vary so much, a child showing these behaviors should have further evaluations by an expert team. This team may include a neurologist, psychologist, developmental pediatrician, speech/language therapist, learning consultant, or other professionals knowledgeable about autism. Always talk with your healthcare provider if you are concerned about your child's development and/or these "red flags."

Finding out that your child has autism can be overwhelming. Parents always have lots of questions about how to proceed. With the appropriate services, support, training, and information, children on the autism spectrum will grow, learn and flourish, even if at a different developmental rate than others.

There is no known cure for autism however there are treatment and education approaches that may reduce some of the challenges associated with the condition, such as ways to help lessen disruptive behaviors, and education that can teach self-help skills which allow for greater independence. Take time to get educated about autism. Additional information about autism is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/actearly> or <http://www.cdc.gov/autism>.

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ing request, which changed the designation of the open use ag inner portion to match the rest of the parcel as residential.

Later in the process, the investment, development, real estate consulting firm from Bonita Springs called Southern Land Group will seek a zoning change to Planned Development, which would allow the controversial uses. These uses include a drive track for high performance vehicles and some 300 residences. A maximum of 600 members could join the drive club. Ancillary uses could include a country club, restaurants, lounges, convenience stores and some fuel storage.

At the meeting, residents of both Glades and Hendry counties vehemently oppose the drive park being proposed.

In the audience, residents Jack and Michaelyn Zorn, who live just about 50 feet from the site, voiced their concern about the proposal before the meeting. Don Carter, who lives even closer, said, "I've been in Orlando. Believe me! Talk about the noise!" He said he was east of Orlando—a lot further away from a similar facility—and indicated that the noise was unbearable.

The Zorns agreed, citing that the proposed drive park would be open 24/7 with no speed limit.

Before the meeting, Muse resident Marge Amato noted that such a facility could draw

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communities where they are being built.

In Glades County, the City of Moore Haven is celebrating completion of Phase I of a water system improvement project. On April 3, Administrator Adelstein joined city officials and area residents in marking completion of the project with a dedication ceremony. Rural Development awarded a \$4.4 million loan for the first phase of the project, which includes additional ground storage, a service pump station and a new ultra-filtration system. The project will result in improved water quality for approximately 1,000 families and businesses.

In Hendry County, Administrator Adelstein visited the site of the City of LaBelle's soon-to-be-constructed reverse osmosis water treatment plant. Funded by a Rural Development \$10 million loan and a \$5.2 million grant, the project will replace the current plant, which is over 30 years old, often fails to meet disinfection by product regulation requirements and has experienced under-capacity issues on numerous occasions. The new plant will allow an additional 150 families to connect to the system, for a total of 2,154 families and businesses receiving this essential service.

In Immokalee, Administrator Adelstein participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Immokalee Water and Sewer Dis-

trict's \$8,357,300 wastewater treatment plant improvement and expansion project, which is being financed by a \$4,932,000 loan and \$3,425,300 in grants through the Recovery Act. The project, which is located in eastern Collier County, includes expansion of the existing wastewater treatment plant capacity and construction of a force main to expand the transmission system to provide sewer services to communities in the western portion of the service area, adding approximately 142 families and businesses to the system. The project will create up to 122 direct jobs in the construction phase, boosting the local economy.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$155 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov/fl.

FWC: Watch Out For The Slow Moving Gopher Tortoise



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Gopher Tortoise.

Gopher tortoises move slowly through 'spring training' of grazing, burrow-digging

Like a baseball player stretching muscles and practicing skills during spring training, the gopher tortoise is emerging from winter dormancy and moving slowly and steadily through the landscape in search of greenery to eat and a new place to dig its burrow.

Look for gopher tortoises' distinctive domed brown shells and stumpy legs, as these land-dwellers make their way through Florida's open canopy forests and sandy areas.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) asks people to remember that gopher tortoises are good neighbors, so leave them and their burrows alone.

"The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission works with, and is grateful to, the homeowners, landowners, businesses and public agencies willing to share their lands with gopher tortoises and their burrows," said Deborah Burr, the FWC's gopher tortoise plan coordinator.

"This state has made progress in reversing the decline of gopher tortoises by providing direction to developers, including re-locating tortoises if necessary, and to help people interested in making room for tortoises."

Florida's first Gopher Tortoise Management Plan was adopted by the FWC in 2007 and is being updated this year as scheduled.

More than 50 individuals and stakeholders already have made suggestions on improving the 2007 plan, and proposed draft revisions to the plan are available

online at the GTTAG SharePoint site for review and public comment. To comment, go to MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise and click on the "Management Plan" link.

Since the Gopher Tortoise Management Plan took effect in 2007, an annual average of 36,000 acres of gopher tortoise habitat has been restored and managed; protected tortoise habitat expanded by more than 6,500 acres; and more than 4,000 gopher tortoises were humanely relocated from development sites.

"In addition to changes in Florida's economy, the needs of the gopher tortoise have changed since the plan was first approved in 2007," Burr said.

"The proposed revisions to the plan include new actions that the FWC and our partners can implement together to improve the status of the species, and help secure viable populations well into the future."

She added, "We will accept written comments on the first draft of the revisions until April 10. There will be additional public comment opportunities through July on each improved draft of the plan."

In Florida, it is illegal to harm gopher tortoises or their extensive burrows, which provide shelter to more than 350 other native species.

Generally, the only time people should pick up and move a gopher tortoise is to help it get across a road.

Remember, though, not to put the tortoise in your car. Do point the tortoise in the same direction it was going when you picked it up, but never put it in the water because it is a land animal.

The best long-term protection for this state-threatened species is the people who are aware of gopher tortoises' needs and happy to share their lawns and lands with the tortoise that can live to 40 to 60 years in the wild.

For more information, please visit MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise.

Emergency Managers Highlight Wildfire Awareness Week

Measures to help prevent the spread of wildfires

In recognition of April 8-12, as Florida Wildfire Awareness Week, the Florida Division of Emergency Management reminds residents and visitors to become aware of how to protect themselves and their property from the devastation of wildfires.

"Wildfires are a year round threat in Florida, but we are now entering what is considered the peak of the season," said Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan W. Koon. "Because of the dangers posed by wildfires, we urge all Floridians to become Firewise, develop a family disaster plan, and be prepared throughout the year."

In a typical year, Florida experiences more than 4,600 wildfires, burning nearly 110,000 acres of land. In the year to date, Florida has faced approximately 1,600 wildfires, which have burned more than 52,000 acres of state and federally managed land.

The three leading causes of wildfires are arson, uncontrolled yard debris or trash fires, and lightning.

The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise program encourages homeowners to reduce wildfire threat around their homes with prevention measures to decrease fire threats, including planting fire-resistant vegetation, trimming trees to a height of 15 feet near structures, clearing brush up to 30 feet around your home,

and keeping roofs and gutters clear of debris, such as leaves and pine needles.

Along with Firewise prevention measures, officials urge residents to follow these guidelines set by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Florida Forest Service (FFS):

- Burning yard waste does not require FFS authorization, but you should check with city and county officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area.

- Your fire must be contained to an eight-foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from your house, 50 feet from a paved public road, and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.

- Do not burn on windy days or when humidity is below 30 percent.

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave.

Kids can learn how to protect their family's home and stay safe from a wildfire with the Firewise Simulator at kidsgetaplan.com. For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to get a plan!

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FFA annual 'KISS the PIG' fundraiser collects \$1,000

The Moore Haven FFA Chapter held its annual "Kiss the Pig" contest March 1, immediately following the Glades County Youth Livestock Sale.

The four contestants were Beth Barfield, Moore Haven High School Principal, Vice Principal George Coates, Scott Bass, candidate for Superintendent of Schools, and Lorie Ward, candidate for Glades County Prop-

erty Appraiser.

Throughout the evening FFA members combed the crowd for donations for each of the four contestants. When the last dollar was counted, Lorie Ward and Beth Barfield had received the most donations which presented them with the honor of "Kissing the Pig"!



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Phillip Cosby-FFA Advisor, Kaleb Langdale and the lucky participants Scott Bass, George Coates, Beth Barfield and Lorie Ward.



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Harney Pond Clean-Up Day

More than 30 residents of Lakeport gathered Saturday for the "Harney Pond Clean-Up Day" sponsored by the Lakeport Garden Club, the Glades County Board of County Commissioners and local citizens. Future plans for Harney Pond include re-surfacing of the access road, rehabbing the old restrooms, construction of a handicapped-accessible fishing pier and family oriented picnic areas. A special "thank-you" goes out to all who gave so generously of their time!



Special to the Glades County Democrat/A Moorhouse

Egg hunt enjoyed by pre-schoolers

On April 3, after morning story hour, the pre-school children had an Easter egg hunt in the park behind the Glades County Public Library. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words!



The plastic Easter eggs have sweets inside them. The children pick them up and shake them to hear the candies inside before placing them in their basket. The Glades Librarian, Mary Booher, read the children's Easter story (photo above right).



After the egg hunt, the group stops to pose for a picture.

Glades County library face lift almost complete

By Austin Moorhouse

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The major part of the construction on the Glades County Public Library is complete. Inside, the front wall has been expanded and refinished in white. It makes the desk area look much cleaner and brighter.

Those old leaky windows on the front of the Library have been removed and those spaces that they used to occupy have been filled in with concrete block.

It looks like the construction workers did a fine job. All of the construction dust and dirt has been cleaned up and the only thing left to do now is install some additional shelves. Outside, the brickwork has been completed and the front wall will be cleaned so that the new brick will match the existing brick.

During the face lift work, the Library continued to provide services in spite of the dust. The construction started March 20.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Glades County Public Library recently had a "face lift," replacing leaky old windows and giving the desk area a fresh new look.



Courtesy photo/GCSO

Support appreciated

Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon (left) presented a plaque to Jack 'Crappy Jack' Fulce (right) thanking him for his support to the men and women of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). Mr. Fulce, the owner of Crappy Jack's Bait and Tackle in Buckhead Ridge, was given the plaque to thank him for his donation of prizes and products for the third annual GCSO bass tournament held March 31 on Lake Okeechobee.

Rifle Club has good turn out

The Glades County 4-H Rifle Club had a great turn out of parents, volunteers and 4-Hers on Saturday, April 7, for their meeting and practice. Youth went through safety training and enjoyed learning how to correctly use a firearm.

The next meeting/practice will be Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m. Anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to attend. Please remember all youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to this club meeting.

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, please call 863-946-0244 and speak to Tycee.

The club would like to thank all of the parents and volunteers who helped on Saturday. Without your support, our program would not be possible. In addition they would like to thank the Glades County Sheriff's Department for use of their gun range, the Glades County Gun Club for providing their time and leadership, and the National Rifle Association for providing guns, ammo and safety equipment.



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On April 18, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., Palm Beach County, the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay, and the Glades Utility Authority will hold a conflict assessment meeting pursuant to Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, to discuss a dispute related to the 2009 Interlocal Agreement establishing the Glades Utility Authority (County Resolution R2009-1034). The location of the meeting is:

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE (CATF)

Notice is hereby given that the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) will meet on Wednesday, April 18th, 2012, at 10:30 am, at the Hendry County Administrative Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the grant application for a potential economic development project as required by the Department of Economic Opportunity, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
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Coalition of counties updated on lake conditions

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Discussions about the restoration of the Everglades and the management of Lake Okeechobee often disclose differences of opinion. That was the case at the Friday, March 30, meeting of the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and the Lake Worth Lagoon. The coalition, which met at the Okeechobee Courthouse, is made up of representatives of 10 counties in South Florida affected by the lake.

Temperance Morgan, state policy chief for South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), gave the coalition an update on the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan. The plan, which consists of local, state, and federal projects, has a two fold goal: reducing total nitrogen levels and establishing salinity in the estuary.

"There are a lot of phases in this project and it will take us a long time," Ms. Morgan said. She also spoke of the dispersed water management program which stores excess water on private property to provide shallow groundwater discharge, improve wetland systems and reduce harmful effects on Lake Okeechobee and the estuaries.

Glades County Commissioner Russell Echols expressed frustration that SFWMD was buying large quantities of land in his county and not doing anything with it. Such state purchases take property off the county's ad valorem tax roles.

"We share your interest in making use of

"We don't have the water to release,"

— Russell Echols
Glades County Commissioner

the land," responded Ms. Morgan.

Commissioner Echols also expressed concern about the length of time involved in the permitting process. "Any agency that has the authority for permitting should have the responsibility to issue a permit in a timely manner," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Kinard, deputy district Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), gave an update on the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project. He said the dike is rated Dam Safety Action Class Level 1 with 1 being the least safe and 5 being the safest. He said that was good and bad. It is bad in terms of the safety of residents, but it is good in the fact the dike received over 20 percent of the national dam safety budget for three years. The colonel said the approach of COE has changed. Originally the dike was divided into 8 sections called reaches. Work was done first on the worst reach, between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade.

The emphasis is now on a system wide approach to reducing the risk. The goal is to replace 28 culverts around the dike, remove one and abandon three. "It all depends on funding," he said of the pace of rehabilitation.

The colonel said that as rehabilitation is

progressing, COE would be working on a new lake regulation schedule that would accommodate higher water levels.

In giving a summary of current water conditions, Susan Sylvester, SFWMD's water control operations bureau chief, noted that for the past several years we have had drier than normal dry seasons. Currently most of the 16-county area by SFWMD is at 50 percent or less of the average March rainfall. She said predictions for April and May call for below normal rainfall. Ms. Sylvester did say that water levels in the Kissimmee Basin are holding steady. Ms. Sylvester said that the current lake regulation schedule does not call for any releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary.

Kurt Harclerod, who represented Lee County, disagreed with that reasoning. He made a motion to send a letter to SFWMD recommending that environmental releases of water be made from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River to improve the salinity level in the estuary. That motion passed with Commissioner Echols casting the lone dissenting vote.

After the meeting Commissioner Echols said he did not have enough information to approve the motion.

"We don't have the water to release," he asserted.

The opposite opinion was expression by Hendry County Commissioner Carson Turner who was in favor of all parties cooperating. "Permitted users need to have what they need," he said after the meeting.

Kim Taplin, chief of the Central Everglades branch for COE gave an update on

"Permitted users need to have what they need,"

— Carson Turner
Hendry County Commissioner

the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Components of the plan under consideration include storage, treatment and conveyance of water in the Everglades Agricultural Area, decompartmentalization and sheetflow enhancement, seepage management and operations changes. She explained how COE was streamlining the planning process for projects from up to 6 years to as little as 18 months. The streamlined process involves receiving input during the planning rather than at the end.

Ms. Taplin stated that 12.5 to 15 feet would be a healthy range of depth for the lake. When the rehabilitation of the dike is completed she said that range of depth would still be good for the ecology.

"It is not the intent to have a schedule that holds the lake at 17 feet," she said.

Okeechobee County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper addressed the coalition expressing his great pleasure in the quantity and quality of fish caught in the lake at last weekend's Bassmaster Tournament. He attributed the successful catch to Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission Biologist Don Fox, whom he called "the Father of Lake Okeechobee."

United Way "Swing Into Spring" event at Riverbend

LABELLE—The United Way of Hendry & Glades will hold its annual fundraising event "Swing into Spring" on Saturday, April 14. The dinner and auction event will be at RiverBend Motorcoach Resort in LaBelle and will include a prime rib dinner, silent auction and raffle.

Tickets are being sold at the LaBelle United Way House and by the event organizing committee members. Event sponsorships are available to companies and individuals.

Last year, over 200 people attended, raising over \$14,000 for the United Way and United Way partner agencies in Hendry and Glades Counties. The event helps to reach the annual United Way Campaign goal. Julie Osterhout-Boardman is the "Swing Into Spring" event chair.

Julie Osterhout commented, "Swing into Spring" will be even more fun this year with a sumptuous prime rib dinner, live entertainment, a raffle, live auction and games." She added, "Swing into Spring supports not only the United Way of Hendry and Glades, but over 34 non-profit United Way agency partners. Our friends and neighbors who are in need will benefit from the money raised at the event."

The local network of thirty-four United Way partner agencies and programs will receive funds from the 2012-2013 United Way of Hendry & Glades fundraising campaign.

These agencies include: The Salvation Army, the Children's Advocacy Center, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Healthy Families and many others. This network serves a diverse range of needs nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communi-

ties by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods. The network of United Way agencies helped over 21,000 people in Hendry and Glades Counties last year.

The event and campaign also support the three United Way Neighborhood Houses in LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven which make agency services available close to home for those in need. All money raised through

the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties campaign remains in the Hendry and Glades area aiding members of the community who really need the help.

Please contact Arlene Bettencourt at the LaBelle United Way House (133 N. Bridge Street) for tickets or sponsorship information at (800) 887-9234.

United Way surpasses fundraising goal

LABELLE—The United Way of Hendry & Glades 2011-2012 Campaign has surpassed its goal, raising more than \$205,500 for the United Way Partner Agencies in Hendry and Glades Counties. Mary Beth Carroll, United Way of Hendry & Glades Campaign Chair and co-owner of Hilliard Brothers made the announcement at a recent meeting of the campaign committee.

"A huge 'Thank you' to all of the individuals and companies who gave to the United Way Campaign this year and helped us reach our goal! We are all affected by the difficult economy we are living in, but those who gave realized that many of their friends and neighbors are in greater need

than they are themselves. Now 34 local United Way Partner Agencies will be able to provide food, emergency assistance, counseling and many other services right here in our committee because of your gifts."

Ms. Carroll went on to say, "United Way is reaching more individuals and families who are in great need because of our partnership efforts. There are now three United Way Neighborhood Houses in Hendry and Glades Counties. Each provide space for numerous agencies making it much easier for those in need to get services. Your generosity has made this possible." United Way Neighborhood Houses are located in LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven.

Many individuals and companies gave to the United Way of Hendry and Glades Campaign. The top ten company contributors were:

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Glades at a Glance

Gun Club plans shoot

The Glades County Gun Club will hold an open range event on Saturday, April 14, and April 28. The gate opens at 8 a.m. and after a short safety briefing, shooting will begin. Pistol shooting will be first hour and rifle and long gun shooting will commence immediately after. All shooters must wear hearing and eye protection. All shooters are welcome. For more information, call David or Linda Whidden at 863-675-2487.

BHR VFW Auxiliary to host Sunday breakfast

Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9528 will have their monthly Sunday morning breakfast on April 15, starting at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. They will have sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs any way you want them, juice and coffee for a donation of \$5. The event is open to the public. Any questions please call the post at 863-467-2882.

OCA potluck and elections planned for April 19

The Ortona Community Association Membership Meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. Members are urged to be present at this important meeting to vote for OCA board members and officers. OCA meetings are held at the OCA Library and Hall on Hwy 78A, Ortona Locks Road.

ACT offers counseling

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit organization 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.

Lakeport Community News

New officers elected

Lakeport Community Association, Inc., 1239 Red Barn Road, held elections for their Board of Directors at their meeting on April 4.

Elected were:

- Seat #1-President Jean Jacobs, term expires in 2015;
- Seat #2-Vice-President Dori Evans, term expires in 2013;
- Seat #3-Secretary Gayl Price, term expires in 2013;
- Seat #4-Treasurer Gail Young, term expires in 2015;
- Seat #5-Director Janet Woolbright, term expires in 2015;
- Seat #6-Director Mike Russ, term expires in 2014;
- Seat #7-Director Cannon Ely, term expires in 2014;
- Seat #8-Alternate Joyce Goble, term expires in 2013;

Car club plans Cruise-In

LABELLE-The South Central Florida Car will host it's monthly Cruise In- Hot Rides & Hot Dogs in the Park on April 17 in Baron Park LaBelle from 5-8 p.m. All area car enthusiasts and owners are welcome to come. This event is held monthly from September thru June, It is open to all ages and years of cars. Come on out and enjoy fresh grilled hot dogs with all the fixings and cold drinks. Donations collected go to a local charitable cause. Door prizes also awarded. For more info call 863-234-8343 or 863-634-1791.

Narcotics Anonymous meets

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.

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.

Democrats to elect delegates

Florida's Congressional Districts will caucus at a convention to be held in Tampa on June 2 and 3 to elect Congressional District Delegates for the Democratic Party. Glades County DEC Chair Ellen Geake says that two candidates from Glades County, one man and one woman, will be selected by a caucus of local Democrats on May 5. For more information, call Ellen Geake at 239-290-9236 for Glades County, Joe Thomas at 863-612-0413 for LaBelle and Western Hendry County, or Carol Griggs at 863-228-4210 for Clewiston and Eastern Hendry County.

Seat#9-Alternate Jo Desper, term expires in 2013

Director Diane Whitesell, honorary, term expires in 2013;

Director Brenda Walker, term expires September 2012;

Director Jan Irwin, term expires September 2012;

Lakeport Gatorz Kid's Club Chairperson-Brenda Walker;

Membership Chairperson-Carol Griffin; Marque Chairperson-Jan Irwin; and, Sour Orange Chairperson-Dori Evans.

- 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.

Mobile mammography to return

Radiology Regional Center will have their Mobile Mammography program available on Wednesday, April 18, in Moore Haven at the Glades County Health Department from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mobile Mammography is the latest mission in our continued commitment to battle breast cancer by providing easily accessible breast screenings to those women who are asymptomatic and are in need of their annual mammogram.

State of the art full field digital mammography, exceptional service, and convenient care are now available on site allowing women to be proactive about their health

and have their annual screening right in their back yard. This life saving screening only takes 15 minutes.

No prescription is necessary, local and out of state insurance is accepted, and there is a discounted self-pay price for the uninsured. Each mammogram will be read by one of our local board certified radiologists and a report will be sent to you and your physician.

For more information, call 239-936-2316.

Be sure to bring your photo id and an insurance card to expedite your visit.

Arrest Report

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

- Bernie Smith, 38, Dijon Drive, Orlando, was arrested April 2 on a Broward County warrant charging him with driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Anthony James Downing, 25, Oakmont Ave., Moore Haven, was arrested April 3 on a Hendry County warrant charging him with violation of probation and contempt of court. His bond was set at \$4,188.

- Justin Wade Wiggins, 19, Avenue H, Moore Haven, was arrested April 3 on a charge of dealing in stolen property (two counts). His bond was set at \$15,000.

- Dixie Marie Tommie, 23, Hudson Lane, Moore Haven, was arrested April 4 on a Highlands County warrant charging her with failure to appear - battery on a law enforcement officer. Her bond was set at \$3,000.

- Rustan Shane Hankins, 23, Fifth St., Moore Haven, was arrested April 4 on felony charges of burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of criminal mis-

chief. His bond was set at \$10,500.

- Joshua Paul Kolotka, 20, Wagon Trail Road, Moore Haven, was arrested April 5 on a charge of dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$20,000.

- William Ethan Cole Ragan, 21, Cypress Ave., LaBelle, was arrested April 5 on charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, battery on a person 65 years of age or older and possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription. His bond was set at \$25,000.

- Shelby May Hankins, 19, Gulf St., Moore Haven, was arrested April 6 on charges of burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

- Mitchell Bryner, 22, N.W. 95th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested April 6 on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

- Nathan Jerome Felton, 20, 10th St., Moore Haven, was arrested April 8 on a warrant charging him with robbery by sudden snatching and violation of probation - grand theft. His bond was set at \$4,500.

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

BHR woman accused of doctor shopping

By Eric Kopp
Special to the Glades County Democrat

A Buckhead Ridge woman was released on bond following her warrant arrest in Okeechobee County on doctor shopping charges. Karen S. Werne, 55, Linda Road, was arrested Tuesday, April 3, on three counts of obtaining/attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

Records indicate she turned herself in to personnel at the Okeechobee County Jail and that she was later released on \$4,500 bond. An arrest report by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force stated

that Werne committed the offense of doctor shopping when she went to two different doctors from Nov. 21, 2011, to Jan. 24, 2012. One of the doctors was located in Vero Beach and the other in Port St. Lucie.

The detective's report went on to show that she received scripts for a total of 460 oxycodone tablets during that time period.

She then filled the prescriptions at three different pharmacies in Okeechobee.

According to the detective neither doctor was aware that the woman was seeing another physician and receiving prescriptions for the same medication.

Investigations

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

BURGLARY

- Pony Place, Moore Haven
- N.W. 10th St., Moore Haven
- 10th St., Moore Haven
- Pinecrest Ave., Moore Haven

- Wilson St., Moore Haven

- Crescent Acres, Muse

THEFT

- Ave. C, Moore Haven
- C.R. 720 (copper wire),
- Shalimar Drive, Muse
- Fernwood Lane, Muse (motor)

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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

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The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest onw-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 41, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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

412546 CN 3/22,29 & 4/5,12/2012

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. Firms submitting must have expertise in drainage design, permitting, and possibly construction inspection services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submissions Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., April 18, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 412879 CN/CB 3/22,29,4/5,12/2012

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to purchase preference for local vendors and businesses:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XI, PURCHASE PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 1-2-182, 1-2-183 AND 1-2-184; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Brouard Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Tristan Chapman, Chairman 414387 CN 4/12/2012

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 11-226CC on March 14, 2012 in the matter of John Jay Watkins, as petitioner and The Lyndel Group, LLC, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

Lot 1, Block 2323, Port La Belle Unit 9, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

And

Lot 22, Block 2307, Port La Belle Unit 9, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

and on May 10th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to all prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.

In accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agent sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given in notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff Hendry County, Florida By: Lt. Andy Lewis 413507 CN/CB 4/5,12,19,26/2012

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 5/8/12

SUBJECT AREA: 516 Travel, Reimbursement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for travel reimbursement.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.49, 1001.51, 112.061 F.S. and 6A-1.056 SBR.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.49, 1001.51, 112.061 F.S. and 6A-1.056 SBR.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for travel reimbursement.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on May 8, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 413583 CN 4/12,19,26 CB 4/26/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, CR 833 FROM BIG CYPRESS INDIAN RESERVATION TO FOUR MILES NORTH, CLEWISTON, FL

BID # 2012-05

OPENING DATE AND TIME: May 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Construction of Road Improvements, CR 833 from Big Cypress Indian Reservation to Four Miles North." In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by May 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cow-boy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 414361 CN/CB 4/12,19,26,5/3/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000287

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff vs. JAMES H. INGRAM, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated 3-13-2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2010 CA 000287, in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, wherein FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and JAMES H. INGRAM, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as:

COMMENCING AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12, RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 29'31" E ALONG THE WESTERLY SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1,103.18 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE CANAL; THENCE N 39 DEGREES 01'59" EAST ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 359.28 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE STATE ROAD, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE STATE ROAD NO. 25; AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DE-SCRIPTION: THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 01'59" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE CANAL A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 01'19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 01'59" WEST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 25; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 01'19" WEST ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE SAID POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION. PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at Highway 27 and 5th Street, Moore Haven, FL 33471 at 11:00 AM, on the 19th day of April, 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: 3-19-2012 Glades County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Julie Braddock

FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-4826

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, telephone (863) 946-6010, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service.

apre ako bi tek avak Americans With Disabilities Act, tout moun kin ginyin yun bezwen spesyal pou akomodasyon pou yo patisipe nan pwogram sa a dwè, nan yon tan rezonab an nimot aranjman kapab fite, yo dwè kontak Administrativ Office Of The Court I nan nimero Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, telefon nam se (863) 946-6010, oubyen TDD 1 800 955 8771 oubyen 1 800 955 8770 i par-san pa Florida Relay Service.

En accordance avec la Loi des "Americans With Disabilities". Les personnes en besoin d'une accommodation speciale pour participer a ces procedures doivent, dans un temps raisonnable, avant d'entreprendre aucune autre démarche, contacter l'office administrative de la Court situe au Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, le telephone (863) 9466010 TDD 1 800 955 8771 ou 1 800 955 8770 Via Florida Relay Service.

"De acuerdo con el Acto o Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, In-habilitados, personas en necesidad del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento deben, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, Telefono (863) 946-6010, TDD 1 800 955 8770 6 1 800 955 8771 Via Florida Relay Service."

414063 GCD 4/5,12/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2012-CP-6

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDITH C. BAUMLER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EDITH BAUMLER, deceased, whose date of death was October 20, 2011, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 0253, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 5th, 2012.

Co-Personal Representatives: Susan E. Flowers and Lisa B. Deramo c/o Susan Nesbet-Sikuta COHEN & GRIGSBY The Mercato - Suite 6200 9110 Strada Place Naples, FL 34108

Attorney for Personal Representative: Susan Nesbet-Sikuta Florida Bar Number: 859001 COHEN & GRIGSBY The Mercato - Suite 6200 9110 Strada Place Telephone: (239) 390-1900 Fax: (239) 390-1901 413497 GCD 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 5pm at the CCWCW Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Dice Project and signage, and any other business that may come before the Board.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 414032 CN 4/12,19/2012

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Barron Water Control District will accept sealed bid proposals up to 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 27, 2012, for the sale of a 2005 Ford F-150 super-cab truck with a minimum bid price of \$5,000.00.

Anyone interested in seeing the truck or getting specifications may contact the District office at 863-675-0346 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. Bids will be received at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, or mail to P.O. Box 1606, LaBelle, Florida, 33975.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause and to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District.

Lester B. Baird, Sr. General Manager Barron Water Control District 414453 CN/CB 4/12/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2011-CA-000651

SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Whose address is: P.O. Box 11904, Tampa, FL 33680 Plaintiff,

V. DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS N/A/A PATRICIA CRITTENDEN ROSS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of HENDRY County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY County, Florida described as:

LOT 2, BLOCK G, FORT DENAUX ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 4065 Ft. Adams Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, on April 25, 2012, at 11:00 A.M.

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.

DISABILITY LANGUAGE: If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. For further information please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager. Phone: (239) 533-1723, Fax: (239) 485-1014, smann@ca.cjis20.org at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity, 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 March 27, 2012. BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 413904 CN 4/5,12/2012

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, APRIL 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 1225 N.W. Avenue 1, Belle Glade, Florida.

• Property of DANTHEDA SALINAS - MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING, WASHER AND DRYER, HEADBOARD AND MISCELLANEOUS BOXES AND BAGS. •Property of DAVID HOBBS - SECTIONAL, MICROWAVE, TV'S AND MISCELLANEOUS BOXES AND BAGS. 413455 SUN 4/5,12/2012

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, April 25, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing here-in 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. 414030 CN 4/12,19/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2010-CA-000414

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-A Plaintiff,
-vs-
Joyce McKay; Samuel Marion Dallas; Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a Green Tree Acceptance, Inc.; Citifinancial Services, Inc. successor in interest Associates Financial SVCS; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 2, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000414 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-A, Plaintiff and Joyce McKay are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in front of the office of the CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on May 2, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOTS 43 AND 44, ROYAL PALM ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 20, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1992, MAKE: SHADOW, VIN#: 146M6659A AND VIN#: 146M6659B MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE SALE MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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 ADA Coordinator, 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida

/s/ J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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Tampa, FL 33614
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414249 CN 4/12,19/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2011-CA-306

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 175 Tampa, Florida 33634, Plaintiff,
v.
JERRY D. ROSEN, SHALLI S. ROSEN, F/K/A SHALLI ANN SMITH, N/K/A SAHLI S. MAYNARD, MARINA LANGDALE, and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, O/B/O SHALLI ROSEN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT NO. 2933 OF MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998, 66X28 CRESTPOINT MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER FLA14612311A8.

Commonly known as: 535 North Olivo Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the **Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33975**, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 2nd day of May, 2012.

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

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

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

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Timothy D. Padgett, Esq.
Timothy D. Padgett, P.A.
2878 Remington Green Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 422-2520 (phone)
(850) 422-2567 (fax)
414250 CN 4/12,19/2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY AUCTION @ 340 N. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL. 33935 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES DUE TO NON PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES. PURSUANT TO SUB SECTION 713.78 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE. CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2011-CA-000188

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
v.
ELIZABETH MIRANDA; OSMEI M. SOLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH MIRANDA; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (is/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 April 2, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY County, Florida, described as:

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA LESS THE NORTH 25FEET FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST ONE-HALF OF TRACT A-28, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND AN APPURTENANCE THERETO.

a/k/a 2245 EVANS ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935

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, La Belle, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, at 11 o'clock a.m. on May 2, 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as to the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at La Belle, Florida this 3rd day of April, 2012.

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

Douglas C. Zahm, P.A.
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Plant-Based Technology That Helps Biofuels, May Fight Cancer

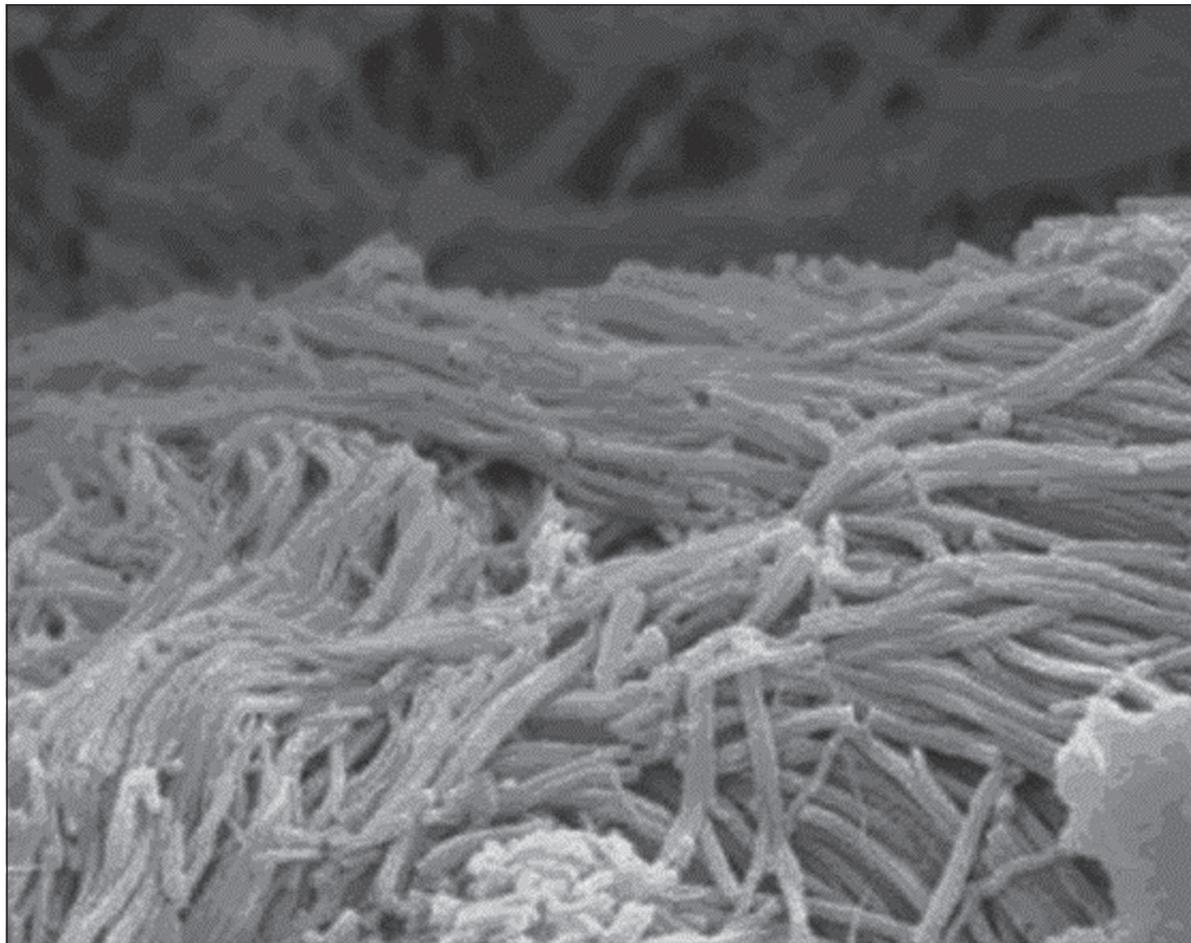


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Synthesized Lignin Nanotubes.

BY ROBERT H. WELLS
UF

For the first time, University of Florida researchers have developed plant-based technology that could reduce America's dependence on foreign oil and may also help treat cancer.

Known as lignin nanotubes, these cylindrical containers are smaller than viruses and tiny enough to travel through the body, carrying cancer patients' medicine.

They can be created in biorefineries from lignin, a plant substance that is a byproduct of bioethanol production.

Bioethanol is a renewable alternative to fossil fuel created by fermenting sugar — such as that from sugarcane and sweet sorghum juices, stalks and stems.

"We're looking at biomedical applications whereby these nanotubes are injected in the body," said Wilfred Vermerris, an associate professor in UF's agronomy department and Genetics Institute who was part of the team that developed the nanotubes.

The team's work is described in a March issue of the journal *Nanotechnology*.

Carbon-based nanotubes, which are the kind used today, cost around \$500

a gram, and nanotechnology drug delivery has been projected to be a \$220 billion market by 2015.

Nanotubes offer an advantage over radiation or traditional chemotherapy because they have a protective shell that keeps the drugs they contain from affecting healthy parts of the body, such as hair or intestinal lining, said Vermerris, a member of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

As with current carbon nanotubes, cancer-fighting drugs can be enclosed in the plant-based nanotubes and sent to target specific tumors, he said.

But, the researcher said, unlike currently used carbon nanotubes, lignin nanotubes are flexible and lack sharp edges.

That means they're expected to have fewer, if any, of the toxicity issues associated with current varieties.

"It is also much easier to chemically modify the lignin nanotubes so that they can locate their intended targets like homing devices," he said.

Vermerris envisions nanotubes as a way to reduce the cost of biofuel production.

"By selling the nanotubes for biomedical applications, an additional revenue stream is generated for the biorefinery that can offset some of the

processing costs," he said. "That essentially reduces the price of the fuels and makes them more competitive with petroleum-based fuel."

Luisa Amelia Dempere, an associate engineer and director of the Major Analytical Instrumentation Center in UF's College of Engineering, guided the analysis and characterization of the lignin nanotubes as part of the research team.

She called the development of the lignin nanotubes "quite significant" and noted their ability to break down in the environment as another advantage over current nanotubes.

"They are taking something from the waste stream, like lignin is for a lot of industries, and making it into something that can be useful and then can degrade back into the environment," Dempere said.

"This is probably a material that can be called green and sustainable because it comes from nature and goes back to nature."

UF has applied for a patent on the technology.

Vermerris said his research is now testing the technology in living cells in the lab as a first step toward tests in humans in the near future.

The research was funded by IFAS and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Thursday, April 19, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, 125 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. If a quorum is not established, the alternative date is Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Karson Turner
Chairman
414616 CN/CB 4/12/2012

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ity, public speaking and personality assessment.

“Being named Miss Indian World is one of the most prestigious honors a young Native American woman can achieve for herself and her tribe as the title is highly respected in the Native American and indigenous world,” said Melonie Mathews, coordinator of the Miss Indian World Pageant. “Equivalent to the Miss America title, the winner will



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Jewel Buck waves to the crowds at the Speckled Perch Festival Parade in Okeechobee on March 10.

represent all native and indigenous people throughout North America and will serve as a cultural goodwill ambassador throughout the world.”

The pageant will begin on Thursday, April 26, at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, at 11000 Broadway SE, in Albuquerque, N.M., featuring the traditional talent presentations from each contestant. Lisa Meeches, executive producer of Eagle Vision Inc. and Meeches Video Productions from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and Jason Whitehouse, a performer from the Native American Dance Theatre in Madison Heights, Mich., will co-host the Miss Indian World talent presentations. In addition, there will be a special performance by “NRG Rising,” an all-female reggae musical group from Aotearoa, New Zealand during the competition.

On Friday, April 27, at the Gathering of Nations powwow at The University of New Mexico Arena (known locally as “The Pit”), the contestants will participate in the speaking competition at Stage 49, the staging area for music and entertainment, between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. with the final announcement and crowning of Miss Indian World taking place on Saturday, April 28. The new Miss Indian World will travel to many native and indigenous communities throughout the world on behalf of the powwow.

Tickets for the Miss Indian World Pageant on Thursday, April 26, are \$14 and will be available at the door the night of the event. Tickets to the Gathering of Nations powwow cost \$17 per day, or \$34 for a two-day pass and can be purchased at the door. The Miss Indian World Pageant can also be followed on Twitter by going to twitter.com/MissIndianWorld.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Miss Speckled Perch Ashli Celmons, Miss Florida Seminole Jewel Buck, Chalo Nitka Princess Lacy Green, Chalo Nitka Queen Haley Stephens and Chalo Nitka Juinor Miss Megan Whitehead gather for a photo in Okeechobee’s Flagler Park during the Speckled Perch Festival in March.

Please join us for the **Dr. James D. Forbes** Naming Dedication Ceremony

You’re invited to attend the renaming of the Hendry Family Care Center to the **Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center**



Dr. James Forbes - 2009

The ceremony will take place at 500 West Sagamore – Building A (adjacent to the hospital)

on

Monday, April 30th
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Please join us as we proudly honor and memorialize Dr. James D. Forbes.

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Our lives will be forever touched by the reverence and medical care that Dr. Forbes displayed to his patients for over forty years. He heeded to his life’s calling - to be a family doctor who would make it his professional responsibility to provide healing, knowledge, compassion and care. Although he is tremendously missed by those in our community, his legacy will remain with us though the Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center.



Dr. Forbes in his earlier years of practice



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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

**Sugar Festival
packed with fun
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Sugar Festival features concerts, car show & more

CLEWISTON—Known for its “sweet touch” on up and coming country entertainment acts, the Clewiston Sugar Festival has a rich history of music, arts and crafts, car shows, baking contests and good wholesome “sweet” fun. The festival, set for April 12-14 is promising three days of fun.

On Thursday, April 12, the Clewiston Museum, 109 Central Avenue, will host a Seminole Heritage Day lunch and program. Guest speaker will be award winning author, Dr. Jessica Cattelino, who will present a program on the Seminoles while attendees enjoy a light lunch for a \$10 donation. For reservations, call 863-983-2870.

On Friday, around 4 p.m., festivities start about 4 p.m. at Sugar Fest Field, one block off U.S. Highway 27, behind the Clewiston Inn. Food and arts and crafts vendors will be on hand. A sock hop is planned for Friday fest.

On Saturday, April 14, activities begin around 8 a.m. and include the Big Lake Cruisers Car Show, gospel sings, the Sweet Taste Baking Contest, kids park rides, 5K walks and runs, a fishing tournament, information booths, food booths, community booths, arts and crafts, the Raisin Cane Rodeo and Youth Rodeo, dance troupe performances and more. Main stage entertainment begins around noon. The Rodeo starts at 7 p.m. at the Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show Arena, 720 E. El Paso Avenue, Clewiston.

Reserve seating in front of the stage is available for \$10 or bring your own lawn chair.

The Sugar Festival entertainment this year features James Wesley, The Osceola Brothers Band, The Nowhere Band and The Chase.

James Wesley

“I’ve always been a big believer in tradition,” declares James Wesley. “A lot of the old ways are the best ways: family, God, treating people right, doing what you’re supposed to do. I think it’s time to come back to what’s real. That’s what country music is about.”

James Wesley puts those core values into his music with a whiskey-smooth voice and a timelessly winning way with a great country song. Wesley sings directly to



James Wesley

real people about real things that profoundly affect real lives—and from his small-town upbringing to his blue-collar work ethic, he has a deep understanding of what those folks are longing to hear.

James Wesley hopes to do what he

loves to do for a long time to come. “I want to be in it for the long haul,” he says. “I want to do those songs that everybody wants to hear, and that everybody can feel. I want to be the guy who tells the stories, and tells it like it is.”



The Osceola Brothers Band

The Osceola Brothers Band

The Osceola Brothers Band was formed by 15-year-old Cameron Osceola. They became a band in May 2011 and have been playing ever since. The band consists of Sheldon Osceola, 10, Cameron Osceola, 15, and Tyson Osceola, 13.

Sheldon plays the drums and the band would be nothing without the little guy. Being taught by his older brother Cameron, he caught on quickly and kept playing ever since then, and has only been playing for about 7 months now. Tyson is the bassist, he received his first bass for his birthday and right away Cameron taught him how to play it. The third day after receiving his bass, his brother figured out songs on the bass and taught them to him, he also caught on fast.

Cameron Osceola received his first guitar when he was about seven, it was a cheap acoustic guitar from Walmart. He went through two of those kinds of guitars because his brothers kept “accidentally” breaking them. When he was nine he got a Starcaster guitar, and that was his first electric guitar. Having nobody around to teach him how to play guitar, he just sat in his room with a c.d. player and his guitar. The first song he learned how to play was “Patience” by Gun’s N’ Roses.

Seven years later he now leads his little brothers in a blues-rock band—The Osceola Brothers Band. They all share the same influences, since Cameron had revealed the sounds of blues, rock, and metal to them. When people hear them play, everyone tells them that they have a bright future ahead of them.

Their debut performance was for Paul “Cowbone” Buster’s memorial in October 2011, and ever since then people always ask when they are going to play next. Cameron usually played solo with other people including R.C. North, and

James Payne, who teaches music at the Seminole Boys and Girls Club on the Hollywood Reservation. R.C. set up concerts every once in a while to show the community how well their kids learned music.

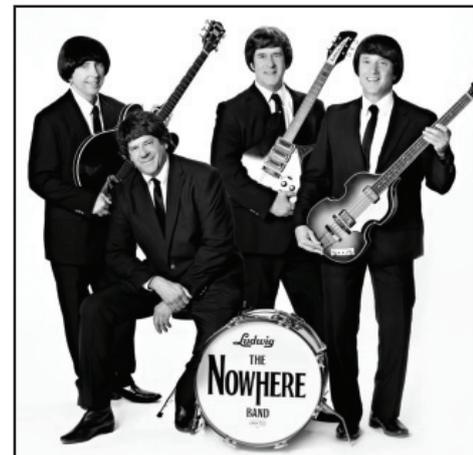
The band’s biggest concert was performing at the Seminole Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, Fla. After playing their first set, Native American Musician, Derek Miller saw the talent they had and wanted to meet them after the show.

The Nowhere Band

Whether it was in the Cavern or on the Rooftop, The Beatles dominated the 60s with their ravishing talent and not to mention, their good looks. Now, it’s time to meet The Nowhere Band. With their entirely live production of ’60s Beatles performances, their show is unlike any other! Spectators will experience four wardrobe changes, 18 plus vintage guitars, three different drum sets with Vox & Fender Amps and two media screens.

The Chase

The Chase is not your average run-of-the-mill country band. They are made up of an eclectic mix of individuals that come from several different musical genres. They can perform everything-



The Nowhere Band

from Hank Sr., AC/DC, to Prince! The Chase has also recorded a local fan favorite “Cane Country” which is the lead off single on Quickstar Productions: Countified Vol. 1 compilation album, available on iTunes and Amazon.com. They have rocked the stage with many, including Jason Aldean, Alabama, and Hinder! If you’re a music lover, you do not want to miss this performance! They will cover something for everyone!

For more information, see the web site at clewistonsugarfestival.com. Questions may also be emailed to clewiston-sugarfestival@yahoo.com.



Special to Going Out

The Sugar Festival Rod Run is the annual fundraiser for the Big Lake Cruisers. Most of the proceeds fund a scholarship program at Clewiston High School with the club retaining a small percentage for operating costs during the year. Since the Sugar Festival Rod Run is not a car show but rather a rod run, the event is open to any classic, collectible, antique or unique automobile or truck. If you are proud of it and want to show it off, it can be registered in our Rod Run. Individuals or clubs are welcome to participate. For more information and entry forms, go online to www.biglakecruisersclub.com.

Hop into Spring at Seminole Casino Brighton

April 28 Giveaway of a 2012 Ford Edge

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is celebrating spring fun by giving away great prizes in April. One lucky player will enjoy the beauty of the season with their brand new 2012 Ford Edge. More casino play during April means more chances to win the new car. The casino will set a driver out in style on Saturday, April 28.

On Monday, April 16, the casino is capping off tax season by giving away \$100 to 100 visitors. Drawings take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The casino keeps on giving with Hot Seats every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play your favorite slots to win your share of \$1,600 free play. Also on Tuesdays, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last. The free bag lunch offer is open to new or returning Player's Club members.

On Thursdays, players can redeem earned points for up to \$200 in free play from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays are also Whirlwind Cash Hot Seats, where you can win the chance to enter the money machine and grab up to \$5,000 cash. There will be one winner each hour from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Finish off the work week with Seminole HiLo. On Fridays, there will be a winner every hour from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Win your share of \$12,000 in free play. At 3 p.m. on Fridays, players can enjoy free bingo and play for their share of \$1,000 in

free play prizes.

Come try your luck with bingo on Saturday, April 21, at 6:45 p.m. The buy-in is \$70. Regular games pay \$750 and you can win your share of jackpot games totaling \$13,000.

As always, there is free bus transportation from the Hampton Inn in Okeechobee at 1200 State Road 70. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the bus picks up at 10:30 a.m. It departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bus picks up at 2:15 p.m. and departs at 7:30 p.m.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405-slot and gaming machines, a seven-table poker room, high-stakes bingo seats, a full service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, off State Road 721 in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

Rodeo action continues at Brighton's Fred Smith Arena

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—There's always plenty of rodeo action at the Fred Smith Arena on Brighton Seminole Reservation. April events at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena on include:

- Mondays, barrel racing practice from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesdays, team roping practice from 7 to 9 p.m.
- (Charge for practice is \$15 per person and release must be on file.)
- Friday night Jackpot Barrel racing on April 13.
- Dash for Cash Barrel Race on Saturday, April 14
- Florida Barrel Racing Association Show on Sunday, April 15.
- Thursday night Roping Jackpot Saddle Series on Thursday, April 26.

Signups are at 6 p.m. Roping starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per man. The first to enter is the last to rope. Saddles will be given to the top header and heeler at the conclusion of the series.

DIRECTIONS: From Okeechobee take SR 70 west -- or from Highway 27 take State Road 70 east -- to the caution light (SR 721) go south to the reservation, pass the casino; when you see a water tower make a right on the road before the water tower which is Harney Pond Road, the arena is approximately one mile on the right hand side.

From Moore Haven, go east on State Road 78, and turn north on SR 721, and make a left at the road after the water tower.

For more information online go to www.rezrodeo.com.



BRIGHTON

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1.800.360.9875

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Area festivals and special events planned this month...

Spring Skies: The Dippers and the Diamond

FORT PIERCE—The Hallstrom Planetarium at Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, will present “Spring Skies: The Dippers and the Diamond” this month. As spring begins, some winter constellations like Orion the Hunter and his faithful hunting dogs, as well as the Gemini twins, linger on in the western evening sky. But new star patterns appear in the east: the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion, Bootes the Shepherd and Virgo the Maiden.

The program use the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper as guideposts to find our way around the springtime sky, and we'll also look for the four stars of an obscure star group known as Virgo's Diamond. Shows will be Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and, Saturday, May 12, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The Planetarium's air temperature is maintained at 72 degrees. You may wish to bring a sweater or light jacket for comfort.

The planetarium shows are not recommended for children under the age of 4. For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at IRSC Box Office 772-462-4750 or 800-220-9915.



Hallstrom Planetarium

IRSC Art Gallery open

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College's Art Gallery, L Building, Room 117, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery promotes understanding the Visual Arts through a diverse schedule and workshops by professional artists. This allows students to gain practical experience from those contemporary artists who are successful in their profession. The Gallery seeks to showcase a breadth of artworks from student work to the most innovative artists working in today's environment. Currently each year IRSC's gallery has four professional shows, one national level competitive show, two student shows and a very popular all IRSC faculty show. For more information, call the gallery manager at 772-462-7824.

Black Gold Jubilee

BELLE GLADE—“Her soil is her fortune,” is the motto of Belle Glade, Florida, and the community's annual festival celebrates the rich muck soil known as their own version of “black gold.” The 34th Annual Black Gold Jubilee will be held April 21 at the Tory Island Marina, 5000 W Canal Street North in Belle Glade. The jubilee starts with the 5K walk at 7 a.m., and a parade at 10 a.m. followed by festivities at the marina until dark.



Bo Bice

The festival will include arts and crafts, Glades-style foods, children's games, art and photography exhibits, and a variety of booths and entertainers. At 7 p.m., featured entertainer Bo Bice of American Idol fame will perform on the Amphitheater Stage. Bo's first album, “The Real Thing,” sold 1 million copies. He will be the host of new reality TV Show “Demented Cycles,” currently in development. The concert is free. For more information, call 561-996-2745.

Brown Sugar Festival

CLEWISTON—The Brown Sugar Festival began with the organization of the Harlem Academy Alumni Association in Clewiston in 1976. Harlem Academy Alumni members decided to plan celebrations for students whenever they returned home to Clewiston to visit. The festival and pageant also serve as fund raisers for scholarships to send Clewiston's Harlem community children to college. Over the years the festival has grown to include a gospel program, a talent show, a cruise trip, a dance, a parade, a basketball tournament, fashion show, a golden age banquet and all day festivities. This year's festival will be on May 5. For more information, call 863-677-5727, or online, go to <http://brownsugarfestival.info/>.

Florida High School Rodeo Finals

OKEECHOBEE—The Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals will be in Okeechobee on May 3-6, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. There is no admission fee for spectators. Spectator admission is off State Road 710. For more information online, go to <http://fhsra.homestead.com>.

Avon Park Bluegrass Blueberry Festival

AVON PARK—The Avon Park Bluegrass Blueberry Festival, sponsored by Avon Park Rotary Club, will be held May 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rotary Building, 20 S. Verona Avenue in Avon Park. Fresh blueberries will be on sale as well as blueberry lemonade, blueberry pie, blueberry shortcake, blueberry jam, blueberry blossom honey and blueberry art. For information, see the web site at www.aprotaryblueberryfestival.com.

Stuart Sailfish Regatta

STUART—The Stuart Sailfish Regatta will be April 14-15. The super-charged weekend of festivities kicks off Friday, April 13, with a party for racing crews, sponsors and other VIPs featuring spirits, bites, live music and a gorgeous view of the Indian River Lagoon. This exhilarating family-friendly affair features top-tier racers from throughout the United States and Canada driving tricked-out, high-end boats that reach speeds of more than 100 mph. Tickets are on sale at <http://www.StuartSailfishRegatta.org>. Proceeds benefit the Maritime & Classic Boat Museum, The Children's Museum and the USS Sailing Center.

Balloons Over Paradise Festival

IMMOKALEE—The Inaugural ‘Balloons Over Paradise’ Festival will be held at the Immokalee Regional Airport, 165 Airpark Blvd. in Immokalee, on April 14-15, starting at 6 a.m. daily.

The celebration will feature 30 hot hair balloons, live music by country singer John Anderson, food trucks, children's activities, carnival games, demonstrations by agility dogs and more. The event will start each morning with an illuminated light show.

Festival goers will be able to walk among the balloons as they inflate for a mass ascension into the skies. Parking is \$5. Umbrellas and coolers are not permitted. For the “Balloons Over Paradise” schedule, visit <http://www.seminolecasinoevents.com>.



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Geocaching: A high-tech treasure hunt for all ages

Looking for a fun outdoor activity for the whole family? Consider geocaching on Florida public lands.

Geocaching is an outdoor game for users of hand-held global positioning systems (GPS) devices. It's really a high-tech scavenger hunt. It's inexpensive, interactive and a great way to learn geography. Participants use location coordinates to find the caches. Some caches are easy find; others are more difficult. The biggest reward is the thrill of the search and the discovery of a place where you have never been. Geocaching should have minimal impact to the environment and conscientious land use ethics should be followed.

Geocaching is the high-tech version of the European game called "letter boxing." Participants hide a small water proof box—often a Tupperware container—containing a few trinkets, a log book for those who find it to sign,

and clues on where to find another box. Gamers follow clues to find the box, sign the log book, remove one of the trinkets, leave another trinket for someone else to find, and hide it again. Then they're off on the next treasure hunt.

In the modern version, instead of clues, participants use GPS coordinates. While old-fashioned letter boxers traded clues among themselves, Geocachers post GPS coordinates online on Geocaching web sites.

Since 2000 when geocaching in the Florida state parks began, many people have participated—hiding caches, finding caches, logging finds and scheming new ways and new places to continue the game.

To get in the game, log on to a geocaching web site, where you can search for the GPS coordinates for active geocaches in your area. According to Geo-

caching.com, there are 1,703,720 active geocaches and over 5 million geocachers worldwide.

Before hiding a cache in a state park, contact the park manager for permission. Describe the location, how you intend to hide it (digging is not allowed) and provide a description of the cache

container. The park manager will consider the site attributes and give verbal permission for you to hide the cache in the location. Consider frequent flooding, fire frequency and animal habitat before requesting permission. Archaeological, ecological and historic areas are typically off limits.

A Geocaching vocabulary

Cache - A waterproof container that has been hidden by a fellow geocacher, who has posted the GPS coordinates on a website, such as geocaching.com. Some caches are easy to find. They are simply camouflaged. Others may be highly disguised and hard to notice. Virtual caches are simply an unmistakable landmark or park feature.

Coordinates - A set of numbers that describe your exact location on the earth's surface. Latitude/longitude (lat/long) coordinates are the most typical lines of reference.

Earthcache - These virtual caches provide Earth science lessons for middle school students. A cache is not hidden, the coordinates of an earthcache mark the location of a significant formation or landscape.

EcoCache - A 'green' variation of a cache. Placed by geocachers at environmentally significant locations, an Eco-Cache site helps raise awareness of the role humans play in restoring, preserving and sharing the environment.

Geocaching - An outdoor game of hide-and-seek using a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. Geocachers use location coordinates

and a variety of clues to find caches. The visitor may be expected to leave or replace items in the cache or deliver items to another cache. The cache may be a small waterproof box or simply an unmistakable landmark. Geocaching is related to orienteering, where participants find their way with a compass.

Global Positioning System (GPS) unit - device that reads satellite signals and then, through the use of mathematics, calculates your position on Earth as a latitude (how far north or south of the equator), longitude (how far east or west of Greenwich, UK) and altitude (how far above sea level).

Travel Bug - item found in a cache that is meant to travel from one cache to another. These are sometimes called 'hitch-hikers.'

Waypoint - A (usually two-dimensional) coordinate that is input into a navigation device, such as a GPS receiver, representing a position that a geocache, vessel, aircraft, vehicle or person has to navigate to, with the aid of GPS (and/or any other position fixing device).

SOURCE: Florida State Parks web site

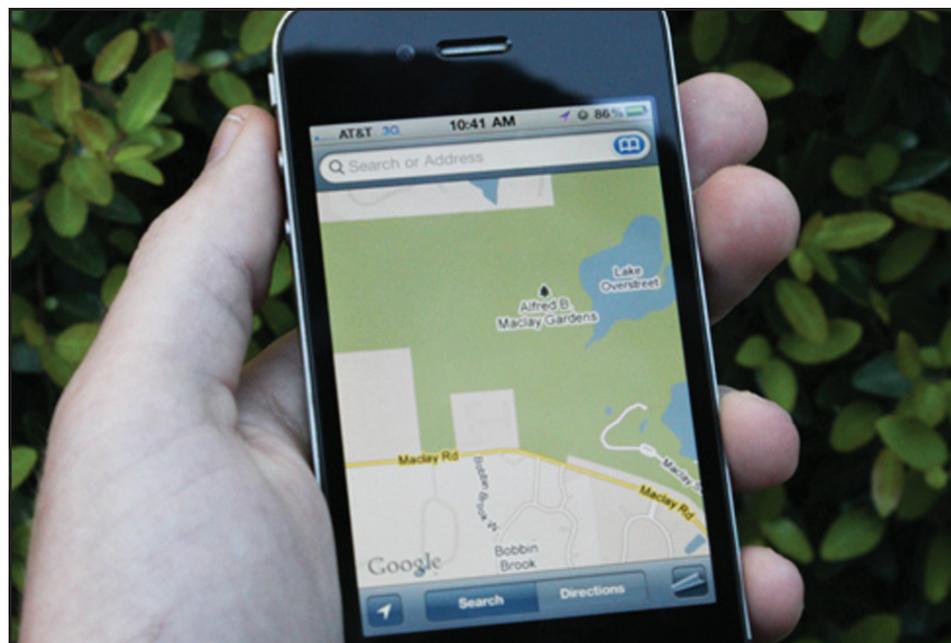


Photo courtesy Florida State Parks web site

Modern geocachers use a GPS device or a phone with GPS.

Black Gold Jubilee

April 21st 2012



Event to take place at

Torry Island Recreation Center

in Belle Glade at 11 a.m.



featuring
Bo Bice

Parade will begin at 10 a.m.

Photo display, local entertainment, arts and crafts, rides for kids, antique car show, talent contest, children activities, free games, treasure hunt, food, art show and more...

For more information please call (561)996-2745

useful links for Geocaching

- Geocaching - www.geocaching.com
- Earthcache - <http://www.earthcache.org>
- Navicache - www.navicache.com
- Waymarking - www.waymarking.com

Florida State Parks plan special programs this month



John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Florida State Parks offer a wide variety of programs and activities. Some of the programs offered this month include the following.

NATURESCAPING 2012 - A GREEN CELEBRATION

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park
Date: April 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Park entrance is FREE to the public for the annual NatureScaping Event. Join the fun for a free educational day of family fun, with native plant vendors, demonstration gardens, live animal show, guest speakers, artwork for sale, walk-thru butterfly aviary, children's crafts, local environmental organizations, a raffle, photography contest, live music and food! The park's newly remodeled Nature Center will have it's grand opening, featuring artwork for sale by wildlife artist Guy Harvey. For more information, please call (561) 624-6970.

Fees: Free park admission.
For more information, call 561-624-6970

Directions: John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC - UNTOLD RICHES

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park
Date: April 15, 1 - 4 p.m.
Nathan Rich and the "Untold Riches" bring their foot-stompin' and hand-clappin' bluegrass music to the park's amphitheater. Just sit back and enjoy the music in Palm Beach County's most beautiful setting. The concert is free with park admission of \$5.00 per carload. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at (561) 624-6950.

Fees: Free with park admission

MACARTHUR UNDER MOONLIGHT - CHRIS KASTLE

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park
Date: May 5, 7 - 9 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Come out under the moonlight for a magical night of music. This concert series is held once a month featuring a different musician or band every month. This month's musical entertainment is folk musician, Chris Kastle. Come on out and bring the whole family! No reservations required and children under age 10 are free. Admission \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at 561- 624-6950.

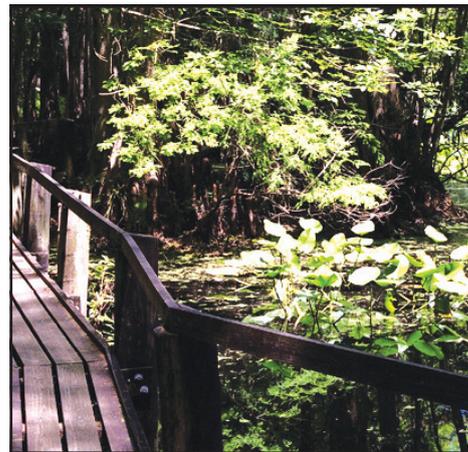
Fees: Admission - \$5 per person

BLUEGRASS MUSIC - CONCH STOMP BAND

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park
Date: May 13, 2 - 4 p.m.

Come listen to the Conch Stomp Band play a variety of bluegrass songs. Fun for all ages. This program is free with park admission. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at 561-624-6950.

Fees: Free with park admission



Highlands Hammock State Park

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT

Highlands Hammock State Park
Date: April 21 7-9 p.m.

Come for an evening outdoor concert featuring Back Porch Revival's Old Time String Band in the park's picnic area. Picnic baskets/coolers are welcome. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, flashlight and bug spray. All ticket proceeds benefit park improvements via the Friends of Highlands Hammock.

Fees: Concert admission is just \$5 per person (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.) Park entrance fee of \$6.00 per car is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights.

Call 863- 386-6094 for more information

Directions: Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634

(also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring.

EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING

Jonathan Dickinson State Park
Date: April 21, 10 a.m. - noon

Celebrate Earth Day and help beautify the campground in this Florida State Parks AmeriCorps project. Contact the Kimbell Center, 561-745-5551, for more information.

•Who: Adults and families with children ages 6 and up.

•Where: Pine Grove Campground

•Registration is suggested - for more information contact the Kimbell Center, 561-745-5551, or email alexandra.onisko@dep.state.fl.us.

•Fees: Free park admission for event participants.

Directions:

To Jonathan Dickinson State Park from the south: On I-95 - take Exit 87A - go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.

On Florida Turnpike - take Exit 116 (Jupiter). Go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.

To Jonathan Dickinson State Park from the north: On I-95 - take Exit 96 -

go east on Bridge Road to US 1. Turn right (south) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 3 miles on your right.

On Florida Turnpike - take Exit 116 (Jupiter). Go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.

For more information online go to <http://www.floridastateparks.org>.



Jonathan Dickinson State Park

CLEWISTON GOLF COURSE

April Calendar of Events:

- April 12 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 14 - Clewiston Sugar Festival (Last Tee Time 2 p.m.)
- April 16 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 17 - Clewiston Women Golf Assn. 8 a.m.
- April 19 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 21 - Moore Haven Terrier Boosters Tournament 8:30 a.m. (Course Closed)
- April 23 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 24 - Clewiston Women Golf Assn. 8 a.m.
- April 26 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 28 - Clewiston City Championship (Flighted) 11 a.m.
- April 29 - Clewiston City Championship (Flighted) 11 a.m.
- April 30 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25

1201 San Luiz Ave, Clewiston - 863-983-1448
www.clewiston-fl.gov

Top of the Lake Art & Music Fest April 14-15

OKEECHOBEE—The 2012 Top of the Lake Art & Music Fest will be April 14 and 15 in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. The festival will include displays of the work of national, local and student arts.

There will be a large children's art and game area, cultural and heritage presentations and green market. The festival will be open Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, musical entertainment will fill the air and a special presentation



of selections from Broadway will be performed by the students at Leslie's Dance Studio. The highlight of the Art and Music Fest will be the special dedication of the Okeechobee Main Street's 5th mural project on the Old Bank Building Mural on State Road 70.

Admission is free. This is a Juried Fine Art Show and Music Fest which takes place in beautiful Flagler Park in the heart of the City of Okeechobee.

The purpose of this art & music fest is to bring talented fine artists to the community of Okeechobee and surrounding areas, as well as showcase local artists and student artists, all in the effort to bring the arts to area students.

All activities are located in the spacious Flagler park, on State Road 70 in downtown Okeechobee, and bring to the community a variety of beautiful fine arts for sale. For more information online go to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.



Special to Going Out Spectators enjoy entertainment at the 2011 event.



Special to Going Out Sunflower by Shirley Palmer Photography was chosen for the 2012 festival poster.



Special to Going Out Brad Phares' painting took the Best of Show award at the 2011 Top of the Lake Art & Music Fest.

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A String of Pearls

2011-2012



30th Anniversary Celebration
Buffalo Rome and Larry Gatlin
April 17 at 7:00pm



Missoula Children's Theatre
The Tortoise vs. The Hare
May 5 at 11:00am & 7:00pm



Street Beat, Inc.
May 11 at 7:00pm



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Buffalo Rome

Buffalo Rome and Larry Gatlin

BELLE GLADE—Blending a rootsy feel reminiscent of the 1970s west coast country rock scene with today's modern country, Buffalo Rome brings a vinyl vibe to the digital age. Their stunning harmonies and expert musicianship have wowed audiences across the country. Their appeal is broad; they have appeared with such diverse performers as Kenny Loggins and Montgomery Gentry. Though they have been together only a short time, they have already been seen on Great American Country and featured in the pages of Country Weekly Magazine. With songs like "Big Sky" and "Ocean In Montana," they are truly putting the "West" back in Country-Western music. They will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 17 at 7 p.m., followed by Larry Gatlin.

There have been many great voices in country music and one golden one: Larry Gatlin. His bell-like tones and soul-stirring vibrato are works of art in themselves, quite apart from the lyrics they illuminate. Of course, Gatlin is equally distinguished as a songwriter. Of the 42 songs he charted between 1973 and 1990, including 17 Top 10s and the Grammy-winning "Broken Lady," he single-handedly wrote every one, an achievement unmatched by any other artist in popular music. His smash "All The Gold In California" stands as a country crossover classic.



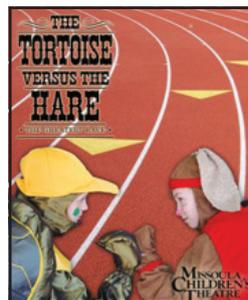
Larry Gatlin

A 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held Tuesday, April 17. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the performance starting at 7 p.m.

The ticket office is in the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.

The Tortoise versus The Hare

BELLE GLADE—Missoula Children's Theatre's "The Tortoise Versus the Hare: The Greatest Race" will be presented Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. All seats are \$6. Come see local stars perform as the Missoula Children's Theatre returns to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center for its 18th annual production! As we see the annual race between the Reptiles and the Mammals through the eyes of a TV news team covering the event, we soon discover that there is more than a sporting rivalry between the brown animals and the green animals. The wisdom of the old tortoise and the lesson learned by the cocky hare remind us all that "color is just a color - it's just decorated skin." In the end, the animals realize the folly of their ways and live happily together in their sandy home. See www.mct-inc.org for more information on MCT. Following the 11 a.m. performance, enjoy refreshments and lots of fun activities sponsored by the Bank of Belle Glade and Glades Area Branches of the Palm Beach County Library System.



Parents, bring your cameras for this event which is included in the price of admission.

The ticket office is located in the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.

Black Gold Talent Contest

BELLE GLADE—The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will host the first Black Gold Jubilee Talent Contest on April 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Black Gold Jubilee festival at Tory Island Marina. Applications may be picked up at the chamber and must be returned by 3 p.m. on April 16. First prize is \$100; second prize is \$75; third prize is \$50. For more information call 561-996-2745.

Chobee Idol contest

OKEECHOBEE—The first 'Chobee Idol' contest, sponsored by the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Council and A&R DJ Union will be held April 21 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1855 S.W. 53rd St. (off State Road 78). Spectator admission is \$10 per person. Amateur vocalists from the Lake Okeechobee area are invited to participate. First prize is \$500. For information on tryouts, call 863-801-2941.

Dance Composition Recital

FORT PIERCE—IRSC Student choreographers present their final projects for the Dance Composition class, at the McAlpin Fine Arts Theatre Building, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. This entertaining and diverse evening highlights the skills and imaginations of beginning choreographers in a program that is suitable for all ages. Performances will be Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. and Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

For ticket information, call the IRSC Box Office at 772-462-4750 or 800-220-9915. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A scene from "The Bottom Line"

The Bottom Line

LABELLE—The Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle, will present "The Bottom Line" by Bob Cramer, April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22.

Don't miss this hometown comedy about the mayhem that takes place when the local soap factory is being purchased by a big conglomerate! Some of the factory workers stage a strike! This sure-to-please show will be the final performance for the Firehouse Theatre's 2011-2012 Season. For ticket information, please call the voice mail ticket line 863-675-3066 or you may email your request to info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

High School Musical

FORT PIERCE—The IRSC Performing Arts Academy students will present "High School Musical" at the McAlpin Fine Arts Theatre Building, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. Music was adapted, arranged and produced by Bryan Louiselle. The play is based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Peter Barsocchini. The IRSC Performing Arts Academy students will present the junior version of the very popular Disney show. Songs include: *What I've Been Looking For*, *Get'cha*

Head in the Game, and *Wildcat Cheer*. Performances will be on Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m.; and, Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For ticket information, call the IRSC Box Office at 772-462-4750 or 800-220-9915. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spring Fling

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Choir and Wind Ensemble will present their "Spring Fling" Concert at the McAlpin Fine Arts Theatre Building, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. In Act I, the IRSC Chorale will present an eclectic mix of classical music plus you'll enjoy a special guest artist and selections from the soprano repertoire. In Act II, the IRSC Wind Ensemble will present music from Star Wars, Jurassic Park and many more epic films.

Performances will be on Thursday, April 19, at 8 p.m.; Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m.; and, Saturday, April 21, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For ticket information, call the IRSC Box Office at 772-462-4750 or 800-220-9915. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Street Beat

BELLE GLADE—Street Beat will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. All seats are \$10. Founded in 1996 by Kenneth & Nerissa Jackson, Street Beat Inc. (SBI) is critically-acclaimed for its efforts to train youth to become self-reliant, by focusing on personal development through discipline and the arts. SBI's Choreographer/Artistic Director, Shanique Scott creates choreography that infuses Hip-Hop, Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical movements to the latest contemporary gospel tunes. Visit www.streetbeatincorporated.org.

The ticket office is in the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.



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