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Livestock Judging Team at State event

The Glades County 4-H Livestock Judging team participated in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest University of Florida's Horse Teaching Unit on Saturday, April 14. Team members from left to right are Tom Barfield, Amy Perry, Hailey Stephens, Ashley Lara, County Agent Tycee Prevatt, and Team Coach Kim Clement.

County's jobless rate declines

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Glades County saw a decline in the unemployment rate in February according to the monthly report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The county's jobless rate fell from 9.2 to 8.9 as 459 residents collected benefits. Glades County stood at 31 among Florida Counties.

The state jobless rate fell from 9.5 to 9.1 percent in February. The national average stood at 8.7 percent.

Jobless claims dropped from double to

single digits in Okeechobee County. The rate dropped from 10.2 percent to 9.9 percent and placed Okeechobee at 19 among Florida Counties. The report showed 1,891 residents collected benefits last month.

Around the region, Highlands County reported 8.5 percent, Hendry County 11.7 percent, St. Lucie County 11.4 percent, Martin County 9.4 percent, and Osceola County 10.2 percent. The highest jobless rate was in Flagler County with 12.7 percent. The lowest rate was found in Monroe County at 5.4 percent.

Locks closed due to low lake level

The navigation locks along the north shore of Lake Okeechobee were closed on Monday, April 16, due to declining water levels.

The following locks are closed:

- S-135 at J&S Fish Camp, Martin County;
- S-127 at Buckhead Ridge, Glades County;
- S-131 at Lakeport, Glades County; and,
- G-36 at Henry Creek, Okeechobee County.

When the lake level reaches 12 feet NGVD and lower, the SFWMD closes these locks to ensure that boats do not attempt to navigate when water levels are insufficient to support

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Public advised to stay out of Caloosahatchee

The Hendry & Glades County Health Departments issued an advisory on April 13 to warn people against exposing themselves, their pets or their livestock to the waters in the Caloosahatchee River.

This advisory applies to the river's freshwater segments from the Moore Haven Locks extending westward through LaBelle to the Lee County Line, as well as the river's tributaries because of possible sporadic but potentially harmful algae blooms.

If the river waters look greenish, off-color, smells different or if you see dead or distressed animals or marine life, local health officials are recommending folks not to fish

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Inland Birding Fun: Great Egret (GREG)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Great Egret is found across much of the world. In Florida they are observed in shallow water in variety of wetlands, including marshes, swamps, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, tide flats canals, and flooded fields.

Great Egrets are often seen nesting in colonies with other herons and ibises.

These large all white herons have long black legs and feet. They use their yellow long, stout and straight bill to stab

prey. In flight their neck is pulled back in an S-curve. In breeding plumage, they have delicate white feathers on the back.

The Immature Great Egret looks like the non-breeding adult. The oldest recorded wild Great Egret lived to be nearly 23 years old.

They will make a series of calls in flight and a deep croak when disturbed. These Egrets often make a loud croaking "cuk cuk" while in breeding colonies.

Great Egrets can be found foraging for fish and aquatic organisms in shallow water. They are also seen in deep water procuring food if it is plentiful and in upland habitats where they hunt for small reptiles, birds, amphibians, and mammals.

These Egrets may breed throughout the year in Florida, but most nesting takes place between May and August. The nest is a shallow platform of sticks build in a tree about 10 feet above the

ground where three to four pale blue-green eggs are laid.

The eggs hatch in 28-29 days with the young fledging at about 60 days old.

The Great Egret will be one of the species that will be counted in the counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee during the Spring North American Bird Count May 12.

The NAMC is sponsored by Florida Ornithological Society, and is supported by local Audubon Societies, local bird clubs, and other interested organizations.

Purpose: The mission of the North American Migration Count (NAMC) is to:

- Obtain a "snapshot" of the progress and "shape" of spring and fall Migration.
- Obtain information on the abundance & distribution of each species.
- Initiate more participation among birders within a state and between states.
- Create challenges and goals among birders while collecting useful information.
- Aid in organization and centralization of date.
- Have fun.

You are invited count at your home or other locations or join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers at STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on May 12.

For more information about the upcoming North American Bird Count or the STA5 bird trips contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

Visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or the Hendry-Glades Audubon on Facebook.

Tally sheets for NAMC available.



Margaret England



PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

Great Egret.

April is STD Awareness Month

BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

April is STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise public awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases (STD). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), persons from ages 15 to 24 years account for nearly half of the 19 million new STD cases each year. To increase STD screening among young persons, the CDC is partnering again with MTV, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and other partners on the GYT (Get Yourself Tested) campaign. Additional information about STDs is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/std>.

STDs affect people of all races, ages, and sexual orientations, though some individuals experience greater challenges in protecting their health. Because many STDs have no symptoms, those at risk need to get tested and find out if they are infected. CDC's current testing guidelines include:

- Annual Chlamydia screening for all sexually active women under age 26, as well as older women with risk factors such as new or multiple sex partners.
- Yearly gonorrhea screening for at-risk sexu-

ally active women (e.g., women age 25 and younger, those with new or multiple sex partners, and women who live in communities with a high burden of disease).

- Syphilis, HIV, Chlamydia, and hepatitis B screening for all pregnant women, and gonorrhea screening for at-risk pregnant women at the first prenatal visit, to protect the health of mothers and their infants.

- Screening at least once a year for syphilis, Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV for all sexually active gay men, bisexual men, and other men who have sex with men.

- HIV screening for everyone between the ages of 13 and 64. Those at high risk for HIV infection (e.g., injection drug users and their sex partners, persons who exchange sex for money or drugs, sex partners of HIV-infected persons, and heterosexuals or men who have sex with men who themselves or whose sex partners have had more than one sex partner since their most recent HIV test) should be screened for HIV at least annually.

Talk with your doctor or health care provider about STDs and ask about recommended vaccinations and testing. Health care providers should take a sexual health history of their patients and follow up with appropriate counseling, vaccination, testing, and treatment.

April Calendar of Events:



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.

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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:

School news

I don't think it is fair that the newspaper has the honor rolls and photos from some schools and not the others. I think they should run the news from all of the schools. *Editor's note: We would be happy to run photos, honor rolls and other news from all of the schools. The school news is submitted by the schools. Send news from your school to gcdnews@newszap.com.*

Who's cheatin' who?

We coulda used a good ole Alan Jackson tune at the board of county commissioners meeting Tuesday mornin'. Our lady commish proposed a new rule that applies to county employees including commissioners but again, when the good ideas don't originate with the capons, they clam up. It seems she wants a rule in place keeping vendors and third parties from slipping a little gratuity or payola to employees and if somehow they got one anyway, they would have to turn it in to the county coffers. She made the motion and once again the good ole boys stuck together and let her motion die for lack of a second. So who's cheatin' who? Who's being true?

SFWMD

As the saga continues regarding SFWMD, it will be interesting to see if Eric Kopp of the Democrat and the Okeechobee News and Christine Stapleton of Palm Beach Post compare notes. What a can of worms. The power-funded by us as taxpayers-behind this organization is mind boggling.

I really doubt we will ever get to the bottom of all of the corruption at SFWMD. That pit is just too deep.

Water management is an example of taxation without representation. They have the power to levy taxes -- and they levy taxes. But the members of the board are appointed by the governor. We don't elect SFWMD representatives. The board and the SFWMD staff has too much power and not enough checks and balances. They take our money and fritter it away and then come back for more. Meanwhile, they let the lake go dry and send water out to the ocean.

Where's the food?

I am pleased to read in the paper that Glades County will have a summer food program for the children. It is sad how many of the kids in this county get their only real meal of the day at school.

County leaders, it is time to do your job and lead. The people are hungry. Find a way to get a grocery store open in Moore Haven. That should be your number one priority.

Candidates

We have a number of candidates running for various positions in our local government. Some are "politicians" and some are "statesmen." I would suggest strongly that you look into just who is contributing financially to the candidates. Who do you think is going to be the benefactor after the elections are over and either the "politician" or the "statesman" wins. Politicians with so many financial, family, friends and business relationships are going to have at least a perceived bias toward those people and NOT the taxpayer/property owner. Do not forget it is the "big money" people who support the "politician." It is the taxpayer/property owner who supports the "statesman."

Let us suppose for a moment that Glades County is a business that you own and you are going to hire employees to perform the positions of county commissioner, clerk of the court, sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, and superintendent of schools plus some others. You are going to pay these people out of your own pocket with your tax dollars. Does it not make sense to check one's experience in the position for which they are hired? Would you hire a mechanic to work on your car if he had never opened a car hood?

\$5 million approved for new Glades EOC

State budget includes funds for Glades County project

SEBRING - State Representative Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring) expressed her appreciation to Governor Rick Scott on Tuesday for approval of projects important to the Heartland region.

The Governor signed the \$69.9 billion state budget in a Jacksonville-area ceremony. Among projects approved was \$5 million for construction of an Emergency Operations Center in Glades County.

"This was a tough budget year, and I think we made a compelling case that this inland EOC facility was of strategic importance to the region, especially in the event of a hurricane impact on either coast," said

Representative Grimsley.

"The Governor clearly agreed, and Glades County will benefit in two ways: better infrastructure for delivering crisis response and one less expense for county taxpayers to shoulder."

Representative Grimsley served as chair of the House Appropriations Committee and worked to procure the funding with fellow Glades County Legislative Delegation member, Senator J.D. Alexander (R-Lake Wales), who served as chair of the Senate Budget Committee.

"I appreciate Senator Alexander for his partnership, as well as county officials who helped shepherd the issue," said Representative Grimsley. "It was truly a team effort."

The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget takes effect on July 1, 2012.

Democratic Party of Florida caucus scheduled for May 5

By Ellen Geake
Glades Democratic Party Chair

The Democratic Party of Florida has scheduled a caucus to be held Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Democrat who is eligible to vote in the State of Florida is eligible to participate. This year, Florida will send 300 delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., to officially select the Democratic nominees for President and Vice President as well as adopt the Party's National Platform.

Holding a county caucus is the first step to becoming a delegate to the National Convention. Each county will hold a caucus for every Congressional district in their county. Glades county has only one Congressional District and will hold the caucus at the Glades County Library, 102 River-

side Drive, Moore Haven. At the caucus, Democrats will be showing support for the Democratic Party and electing delegates who will represent them at the State Convention in Tampa in June. That is where the delegates to the National Convention will be chosen. This process is crucial to electing the next Democratic President of the United States.

Anyone interested in becoming a delegate to the Democratic State Convention can obtain a delegate filing form by going to <http://bit.ly/FLDelegate> or contact Glades Party Chair, Ellen Geake at 863-983-2922 or info@gladesdemocrats.com. Glades County will be choosing one male and one female delegate.

The deadline for filing is April 27. All Democrats are urged to come out to vote for delegates and support the Democratic Party.

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Friday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southeast wind around 11 mph.



Sunday:

A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and windy, with a high near 85.



Thursday Night:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 8 and 10 mph.



Saturday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south wind between 13 and 18 mph.



Sunday Night:

A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.



Friday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South wind between 8 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



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Nature-based Tourism Often Benefits Local Environment, Economy

BY TOM NORDLIE
UF

When nature lovers book vacations in the great outdoors, they want their dollars to help preserve the places they visit, and a University of Florida study suggests that often happens.

Research in Costa Rica, one of the world's top destinations for nature-based tourism, showed that successful tour businesses usually invested in environmental protection and maintenance, and tour businesses of all sizes circulated money throughout local economies.

The findings could help Florida's fledgling nature-based tourism industry increase its appeal to potential customers, said author Taylor Stein, an associate professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The study appears in the current issue of the journal Environmental Conservation.

"Letting customers know is the key," said

Stein, of UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation. "If you think part of your market will appreciate your efforts to preserve the environment, tell them what you're doing."

Though Florida is best known for tourist destinations that aren't off the beaten path — think theme parks, golf courses and beaches — Stein says the Sunshine State is becoming more conservation-oriented nonetheless.

"It used to be that you didn't see hotels bragging about the fact that they don't wash the bath towels every day of your stay," he said. "But now, it's rare not to see these signs in most hotels. If that makes customers happier, the hotels will do it."

Helping customers feel "greener" about their vacations was a key goal for larger businesses involved in the UF study, which surveyed tour operators and travel agencies in six parts of Costa Rica.

The larger, more commercially successful op-

erators indicated that they provided environmental education to visitors, supported conservation initiatives, recycled waste and used environmentally friendly equipment.

"We're not used to saying 'come to our forests, come to our springs.'"

- Taylor Stein

Regardless of size, most of the businesses reported employing local residents, purchasing supplies locally and using local lodging.

In Florida, nature-based tourism was the fastest-growing sector of the state's tourism industry

in the 1990s, and may still be — Stein said there hasn't been much definitive research on the subject lately.

But most Florida counties hope to market their natural attractions, he said. And at least one is working to position itself as a top destination for nature-based tourism.

That's Brevard County, located on the Atlantic coast and home to the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Sebastian Inlet State Park and several other notable attractions.

"That's a pretty big deal for Florida," Stein said. "We're not used to saying 'come to our forests, come to our springs.'"

Stein authored the study with graduate student Lisa Seales.

His latest project focuses on ways to market the Florida National Scenic Trail, which covers 1,400 miles from the westernmost part of the Panhandle to the southern tip of peninsular Florida.

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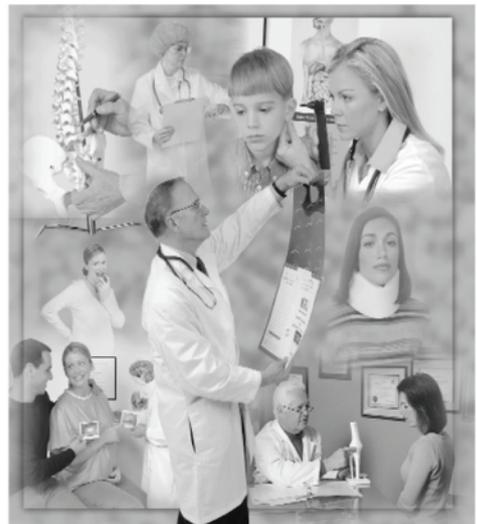
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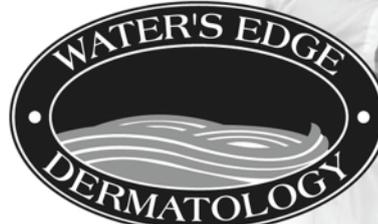
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OBITUARIES

Move Over Citrus; Here Come Fla. Peaches

BY PATTY BRANT

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS) station at Immokalee is on the cutting edge of agricultural science - the hallmark of Hendry County's past, present, and future. For decades this area has been renowned for its winter vegetables, with citrus and other ag products in a supporting role.

IFAS and the University of Florida have been working on a new south Florida crop - one that looks like a great fit for the area and another great support crop.

Peaches, those sweet, juicy, beautiful fruits, are welcome on tables throughout the world and many new varieties are very compatible with South Florida's growing conditions.

Dr. Robert Rouse is one of the leading figures in developing terrific South Florida peaches.

Dr. Rouse's research has shown peaches can be a viable alternate crop for citrus growers. With no freeze worries, a good market price and a perfect niche in the growing season, the Florida peach has a lot going for it.

Agricultural scientists have developed a number of low chill subtropical peaches for this area.

As deciduous fruit trees, peaches require a dormant winter period in order to produce fruit - hours at or below specific temperatures - called chill units, Dr. Rouse explained. That chill unit fluctuates, as you move further south on the Florida peninsula. Scientists have managed to develop types of fruit with chill hour requirements that vary, making them viable for Florida's striated temperature zones.

Some varieties have been developed that only need 150 chill hours per winter at 58 degrees or below - these are the ones south Florida can produce.

Peaches coming from Chile ended as of April 1 and more northern US states won't have crops available for a couple months after that, leaving the market open for Florida peaches that mature only in April and May.

Right now these high quality varieties are coming into season. It's perfect timing, with no other peaches on the market at this time - anywhere in the world, Dr. Rouse said.

There are some drawbacks to growing peaches in South Florida, however.

Peaches are an "intense" crop that needs a lot of care, so they're not for everybody. Citrus growers used to fruit that can take a lot of handling will need a little education to add peaches to their agricultural repertoire.

First, the trees must be "trained" by pruning twice each year, once in summer and once in winter.

Fruit on the tree must be thinned by hand to ensure large fruit for market. Leaving too much fruit on the tree will result in small fruit, according to Dr. Rouse. They'll still be tasty, but too small for marketing. Also, any tree will only support a certain amount of fruit.

Harvesting the delicate fruit must be done by hand, with the fruit being gently placed in small baskets. Unlike citrus, peaches bruise easily.

There is also only about a week-long window to pick the fruit. When they're ripe, they must be picked immediately.

To be a viable crop for a commercial grower, Dr. Rouse advises a serious peach grower put in several varieties so that when one is picked, the other is coming right behind it.

Right now no one is growing peaches in the Immokalee area, Dr. Rouse said, although a few years ago one grower experimented with them. At this time, Southwest Florida has about 160,000 acres of peaches from Charlotte to Collier County. Hendry has 65,000 acres. They have already found markets at Walmarts south of Lakeland and at Sweetbay markets.

Dr. Rouse warns prospective peach growers to take care with choosing varieties. During extra warm winters, like this past one, fruit production decreases due to a lack of minimum dormancy. Right now these high quality varieties are coming into season.

Dr. Mongi Zekri, UF-IFAS, works in the LaBelle office and coordinated a recent workshop on peaches at the IFAS station in Immokalee. The Hendry office covers Hendry, Glades, Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties. At this time, Dr. Zekri said most of the peach groves in this area are concentrated in Charlotte County.

He said the extension office can provide advice for potential peach growers on appropriate varieties and educational information on how to plant, prune, trim and care for peach trees - all of which are labor intensive. He noted that workers must be carefully trained in caring for and handling peaches because of their unique properties



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Flordaglo peaches are beautiful as well as tasty.

and delicacy.

Zoe Schobert, IFAS Ag Assistant Supervisor, has been with the facility for about ten years, starting in the soil department. She has been working with Dr. Rouse seven years on the peach project, which occupies approximately five acres at the IFAS station and includes some plum trees. She said peaches are easy to grow but labor intensive. She underscores that cold is essential for fruit growth, as is pruning twice each year. She added that chemicals can be used to help induce dormancy when

necessary and peach trees are fertilized similarly to citrus.

She cautions that it takes time to learn when peaches are ripe and each variety is different. They cannot be harvested when still green because they will not continue to ripen once they're picked.

Zoe advises anyone interested in starting to start small till they get the hang of it and know they really want to do it.

Of course, as with all market fruits, peaches require fertilizer, watering, pest, and disease control. One advantage for this area is that these new varieties ripen during our dry season. During the summer rainy season pests become more of a problem, but the harvest is over by then.

Dr. Phillip Stansly, Professor of Entomology at IFAS, explained some of the pest problems associated with peach trees. He said the Caribbean fruit fly is the biggest pest for peaches. Growers should set out bait to detect them. Then take steps to irradiate them.

Peaches are also susceptible to types of stink bugs that attack the fruit, weevils that attack the root and white peach scale which attacks the woody part of the plant. Dr. Stansly said peach growers must be observant when Caribbean flies are detected before harvest time. They should also be careful of what they plant in the vicinity of their peach trees because certain pests will move from one to the other.

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Mavis J. Hill

BELLE GLADE — Mavis J. Hill, mother, grandmother, sister and dear sweet friend to so many, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Billy Hill.

Their marriage brought together a wonderful family consisting of five daughters, Melissa Hill Simmons of Wellington, Theresa Hill Tankersley of Virginia Beach, Julie Morris of Loxahatchee, Sherry Dean of Okeechobee and the late Dawn Tucker.

She is also survived by

ten grandchildren, Chuck Simmons, Zachary Simmons, Tamara Tankersley, Holly Brooks, Joshua Morris, Kayla Morris, Thomas Dean, Randy Dean, Carrie Dean and Jody Tucker; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Danny Devotie of Belle Glade. Her brother, The Honorable Judge Douglas Jones of Tifton, Ga., preceded her in death.

Some years after graduating from Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, Mavis settled in Belle Glade. There she went to work for "Doc" Hill where she met her beloved husband, Billy. Through the years Mavis worked in the medical field as a medical transcriptionist and in medical records at Belle Glade General. Mavis incurred a tremendous amount of friends through her generous love and humor. Mavis was a God given gift that can never be replaced and she will be greatly missed.



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Red Cross South Florida's Gulf Coast Region serves area

By **Patty Brant**

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Red Cross is one of the most recognized organizations in the world, providing assistance in disasters great and small, but also educating people to "prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

Recently the Red Cross combined Hendry and Glades counties with Lee and Collier to form Florida's Gulf Coast Region.

John Cain, Director of Volunteer Services for the newly-formed region, explained that the Red Cross is looking for a more active roll throughout the area, including Immokalee. The focus is on "local people serving local people."

John's job is to build up the local volunteer base.

He said Red Cross volunteers can be as active as they want and can receive training

classes in any of 30 areas of work such as managing a mass care shelter, feeding, logistics and transportation.

Education classes are available in first aid, CPR, swimming, babysitter preparedness and more.

Services and courses are also available for non-English speakers.

Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DATs) respond to all local natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and so on.

The Red Cross responds, on average, to about five or six house fires each year in Hendry and Glades, plus several brush fires.

The Red Cross will be manning a part-time office in LaBelle, located in the United Way/Salvation Army building, which was recently relocated itself to the old A frame on Bridge Street. The organization believes in local services, simply requiring a minimum of six participants to bring a class to any of

the counties in the region.

Although no full-time presence is located in Hendry/Glades, local folks are welcome to participate in and use services located in Lee County. For instance, the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces in Lee and Collier is very active, acting as the go-between or communicator among the service member, the family and the branch of service. The Red Cross helps cut through the red tape to get death certificates and other paperwork so leave can be granted for the service member in times of family crisis.

He said Collier and Lee also has a very active Veterans Assistance program that serves homeless vets, and a support group, especially for those reacclimating from combat service.

Currently there are three Red Cross volunteers who live in Hendry and one who lives in Glades. Several others were added at a recent recruiting event at Walmart in Clewiston.

John said the organization's biggest need in Hendry/Glades is for shelter managers, then DAT teams to visit family fire victims and so on.

The object is to increase numbers of local volunteers. Red Cross volunteers, John points out, can be volunteers as active as they want, so each individual can tailor his or her commitment to meet their own needs.

Adult volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Prospective volunteers must undergo a confidential background check and application process. Youth volunteers are 12-18 years of age and have their own application process, which includes parental permission. The area youth director is Shari Stott.

For young children, the Red Cross puts on a Masters of Disaster presentation, an age appropriate orientation in preparing for bad times.

There are many opportunities for Red Cross youth volunteers, John said, including

special projects and coming up with ideas for fund raisers. They can also help out in shelters, do client casework and do computer input.

Andy Jerant is the Red Cross Regional Disaster Director. He said the Red Cross has realigned its organization from individual chapters, adding this will bolster areas where more assistance is needed. It is also intended to reduce long travel distances to provide assistance in outlying areas.

The regional concept is bringing the Red Cross "back to basics" with community volunteers, Andy noted, providing volunteers to each community who know their own community best.

Red Cross training is free, can help individual communities prepare for emergencies and ensure the best service by utilizing volunteers with a strong understanding of their own community.

Andy himself has a long history with the Red Cross, going back some 30 years as a youth volunteer.

Andy wants to remind Hendry/Glades residents that Southwest Florida is currently in fire season and that hurricane season is coming up. He urges families to have an emergency plan that everyone is familiar with, including a place to meet if the family gets separated. Residents should also always have an emergency preparedness kit handy. The Red Cross is working toward having a full-time office in Hendry/Glades. Until that time the old A frame will serve the purpose. The Red Cross is targeting the end of the month for a general information meeting.

Glades County residents can call 1-800-403-5350 for more information.

West Glades School students on third 9 weeks honor roll

West Glades School congratulates students who made the honor roll for the third nine weeks of the school year.

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First Grade: Bethany Banda, Saul Carlos, Joshua Green, Luzmaria Noguez, Alfredo Herrera, Daniel Reyes, Lesly Serrano, Daisy Smedley.

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Third Grade: Miguel Coates, Noarsy Perle, Kaily Herrold, Sarah Snow.

Fourth Grade: Julio Aldana-Morales, Kirya Aguirre, Sadie Gaskins, John Quinn, Sarah Sodrel, Windall Tindall.

Fifth Grade: Gracie Goodwin,

A/B Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Aliya Alaniz, Leo Bautista, Hagen Billings, Estrella Casiano, Benjamin Collier, Brooke Collins, Stephanie DeSantiago, Ethan Drabant, Benito Enriquez, Armondo Esparza, Andrew Grove, Jenna Hampton, Hanna Herrold,

Gavin Johnson, Ronald Kostoff, Juan Morado, Uriel Orduña, Maycie Kirtland, Aliyah Lazalde, Paige Manning, Vanessa Marcotte, Karla Marines-Lopez, Joshua Mason, Brandon McDaniel, Jaylene Medina, Fernando Mendez, Deanna Oliveira, Mia Pegueros, Nicholas Pelletier, Alexis Ramirez, Jackelline Ramirez, Rylan Sanders, Nicolas Santiago, Rolando Sandoval, Coltin Skipper, Wyatt Stafford, Landon Thigpen, Jamil Thompson, Kenney Tracy, Araceli Villeda, Tannah Williams, Leah Woodrum.

First Grade: Morelia Arreola, Kylie Lowman, Sandi Marbry, Jorge Mendoza, Alison

Munoz, Mya Pagan, Juan Carlos Patricio, Rubi Villa-Resendiz, Kendal Poulos,

Second Grade: Leonardo Carreon, Harley Collins, Yahaira DeSantiago, Evan Farless, Ellie Goodwin, Edgar Guzman, Emmalee Langford, Audrey Lowman, Brady Mendoza, Jatzime Morales, Tori Nees, Tanner O'Donnell, Leonardo Pegueros, Manuel Rodriguez, Colby Sanders, Logan Stockwell, Jade Tabarez, Kensley Tracy, Isaac Deleon, Melanie Grove.

Third Grade: Dylan Berden, Jason Branch, Shelbie Burtchael, Destiny Cortez, Lane Hingson, Janna Morrissey Millye Santiago-Cruz, Jaden Razo, Damasio Ramos-Cruz, Julia Madrid-Montejo, James Campbell, Violeta Gamez, Marcos Rico, Mia Castano, Robert McDaniel, Gage Smedley.

Fourth Grade: Jade Banky, Lilly Collier, Jared Hampton, Arlette Lazalde, Yesenia Lopez, Jorge Martinez, Jim Penate-Martinez, Kristina Noguez, Marisol Noguez, Lauren O'Donnell, Anthony Pequeno, Omar Gonzalez-Casiano.

Fifth Grade: Thomas Aispuro, Hannah Braswell, Ariel Brunetto, George Coates, Ashlynn Crocker, Ashley Hamric, Vanessa Martinez, Anahi Moreno, Israel Alegria, Jessica Camilo-Delgado, Eduardo Ramirez-Trejo, Miguel Roderick, Callie Skipper, Brady Hipple, Natalie Martinez, Santos Pegueros.

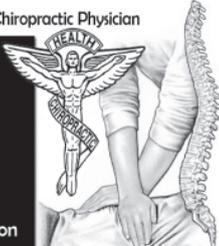
Sixth Grade: Tatiana Casiano-Ramirez, David Estes, Elly Long, James Alegria, Mark Banky, Nicholas Castillo, Alexia Guzman, Rollie McCormick, Taylor Randant, Kaylee Sabella. Victoria Williams, Selina Zamaron.

Seventh Grade: Amelia Alegria, Clara Alsina, Bryana Campbell, Kayla Calhoun, Martyn Hettinger, Jasmin Lazalde, Anneth Santiago, Andrea Stanforth.

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SFWMD Passes Lease Resolution

New rule still may not comply with Florida State Statute

BY ERIC KOPP

Even though the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) governing board voted Thursday to revise its leasing policy one question remains: Are they in compliance with state statute?

It does not appear so.

"I am extremely disappointed. They've (SFWMD) taken one of the simplest Florida statutes ever written and made it so convoluted—and it doesn't change anything with all the problems," said former Florida state representative Ralph Poppell in a phone interview Friday, April 13. "Herein lies part of the reason people do not respect or trust the water management district—it's like game playing.

"This (resolution) is an apparent attempt to legitimize recent actions taken by the board in reference to leases," he added.

Mr. Poppell served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2002 until 2010. In his last two years in the House he chaired the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee. He is currently in agriculture and manufacturing.

A Thursday, April 12, SFWMD press release states how the revised policy will now "enhance transparency" and "strengthen the agency's leasing program by increasing opportunities for agricultural operators..."

The release goes on to say how the new policy will clarify "... conditions for public noticing and competition for leases."

But does it?

While it does mandate that the district advertise their intention to lease, as required by Florida state statute 373.093, it leaves the governing board some wiggle room when it comes to putting their leases out to bid. The resolution states: "The district shall conduct a competitive bid process when it determines that it will lease district land and upon termination of an existing lease term unless the governing board approves a waiver of competition."

The statute, however, does require that leases be put out for 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 has several such leases in effect.

Questions surround the term "waiver of competition" because the resolution does not define or offer guidelines on when the board could grant the waiver.

The district's leasing policy came under fire last year when articles published in the Okeechobee News pointed out how an Okeechobee cattle company was able to have their lease of district land in eastern Glades County extended without ever going out for bid.

Ricou Hartman has leased that property since 2006. The Old River Cattle Company joined with him in that lease in 2008. Then, in December of last year, their lease was extended for an additional 10 years.

When the resolution was first discussed by

the governing board on March 15, West Palm Beach attorney Chester Brewer expressed his concern over the board being able to waive the competitive bid process.

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

As pointed out in earlier stories about this issue in the Okeechobee News, the Florida Attorney General's Office as well as the 1st and 4th District Courts of Appeal all say that state law must be followed.

"State law has to be abided by and it does prevail over any rule or policy. In general, laws need to be followed," said Jennifer Meale, communications director for the AG's office in an earlier interview. "As far as our applications we can't speak to the specifics but, generally, state law trumps policy or rule."

The 4th DCA issued a 2004 ruling that stated: "A rule cannot change the statute simply because it would be in the public interest to do so."

The new SFWMD resolution also states that:

- minimum bids will be established at an appraised market rent;
 - annual rent adjustments will be based on standard economic indices.
- For agricultural leases:
- maximum 10-year lease term that the lessee may end after five years;
 - SFWMD will retain a six-month termination option;
 - no automatic lease renewals;
 - to transition existing tenants to the new policy, current lessees in good standing (as of April 2012) may renew for up to five years, provided the overall term does not exceed the 10-year limit; and,
 - when multiple competitive bids are received, existing tenants in good standing may exercise a first right of refusal, provided they submit a responsive and responsible bid during the competitive process and pay 10 percent above the highest responsive bid.

At that March 15 meeting, governing board member Glenn J. Waldman questioned that final part of the policy.

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

The policy passed Thursday nonetheless.

According to that SFWMD press release the district currently has more than 100 leases, totaling 129,011 acres, or 9 percent of fee total lands held by the district. These leases generate about \$4 million annually for land management purposes.

Mr. Poppell can't understand why the district continues to stick to their lease policy instead of following state statute.

"They've had years to go back to the legislature, as recently as this past session, and have the legislature clarify it for them. But, no attempt has been made to do that," he said.

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*Dr. Forbes in his
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Friends of the Glades County Library News

Come and see the library showcase of Angels in celebration of the Easter Holiday. At the end of the month, the Girl Scouts of America will do the next showcase.

Welcome home to Gwen Romelley who will return to the library staff after having been out for a couple of months as a result of knee surgery. She has been sorely missed.

The construction at the library is now complete. Back in the early 1970s, the Glades County Library was located in the Quonset hut on Avenue J and was sponsored by the Women's Club. In 1975, a new library building was built at its current location on the corner of Avenue J and Riverside Drive.

Mary Booher is the librarian and she has been with the library for many years. She has been responsible for managing, super-

vising, budgeting, planning and attending continuing education for librarians among the many other things that keep the library going. She teaches the pre-school children's hour on Tuesday mornings and her thoughts are never very far from the library even when she is at home or on vacation.

Some of the new releases that have just arrived are: "The Lost Years" by Mary Higgins Clark; "Calico Joe" by John Grisham; "Gyped" by Mary Higgins Clark; "Zero Day" by David Baldacci; "Gabby" by Gabrielle Giffords; "Phantom" by Ted Bell; "Capital Murder" by Phillip Margolin; and, "The Devil's Light" by Richard North Patterson.

Friends of the Library is still open to new members. Ask Mary Booher what the Friends are all about.



Special to the Glades County Democrat

Come and see the showcase of angels at the Glades County Public Library.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Laura Mathis

FFA fundraiser

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 Property 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"! (Left to right) Phillip Cosby-FFA Advisor, Kaleb Langdale and the lucky participants Scott Bass, George Coates, Beth Barfield and Lorie Ward.

Model Airplane Club hosts 'Meet and Greet' Fly-In

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Model Airplane Club will host a "Meet and Greet Community Buddy Box Fly-In" on April 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain Date is May) at their local flying field located at NE 80th Avenue in Okeechobee, this is the road off of RT 70 East that leads back to Thundercross Motocross Track. This event is open to the public and for the public to try their hand at flying a Radio Control Model Aircraft under the expert supervision of one of our instructor pilots. Admission is FREE as are the flights which will be provided courtesy of the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club. There is lots of free parking, so bring a lawn chair and your friends along! Hot dogs and soft drinks will be available for a minimal fee. Also scheduled at 11 a.m. for your enjoyment will be an Aerobatic Model Airplane demonstration which is a must see event. For more information, contact Joe Papasso at 863-824-0916 or visit the club's website at <http://omac.embarqspace.com/#>.

Glades County Historical Society has full agenda

Glades County Historical Society members and the Florida Trails Association thoroughly enjoyed a presentation by Butch Wilson, director of the Clewiston Museum, last week regarding the two Seminole Wars in the early 1800s. His slides showed reenactment photos as well as original sketches from those bloody, primitive days. They weren't so primitive, however, when it came to firearms. The Seminoles had learned to trade with Spanish fishermen, probably from Cuba, for Spanish rifles that were breech loaders. These guns could be reloaded quickly, two to three times a minute, from a prone position, whereas the settlers had muskets that could only be loaded when in an upright position making the soldiers a prime target. The Indians could hit a target accurately up to 200 yards away.

Soldiers had fire power up to 80 yards away and were loading powder. An added advantage was that the Indians also had stronger gun powder. Mr. Wilson's presentation gives the history of Florida a boost since so many folks seem to be uninterested in our colorful past. His talks are so intriguing that all ages are requesting him. He not only gives these glimpses into the past for clubs, he gives eco history tours weekly throughout the summer. He provides the history of Lake Okeechobee along with the construction of the Hoover Dike. Many groups enjoy lunching at the Roland Martin Marina and several have "brown bagged" it he said. Tours cost \$20 each and are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., sometimes lasting a bit longer. Lunch cost is extra. Thanks again, Mr. Wilson.

GCHS members celebrated the life of

their treasurer, Al Schauseil with a Wake last week telling of his somewhat funny, eccentric ways but mostly talking of his total dedication to the restoration of the Pieter Westergaard House, and to the continuance of the GCHS. He created so many brochures, greeting cards, postcards, newsletters, and business cards for the members and prospective members. He told several of us he knew how serious his illness was and that he was prepared. "After all," he said, "I am in my 90s and have had a good life." We owe Al and his family gratitude for the sizable contribution in his memory to the GCHS.

Many thanks are sent to Correction Corporation of America, (CCA) aka, Moore Haven Correctional Facility, for their contributions and memberships to the GCHS. Warden, Laura Bedard and business manager, Jason

Schmidt, have become valuable members and helpers to the GCHS. It is a pleasure to work with this company that is dedicated to becoming a part of our community. So many times new businesses have come into this county and have not endeavored to learn about us or become acquainted with its citizens or their history. And the same applies to our citizens. Most folks are totally unknowing about prisons and seem to be fearful or confused about how they operate. How refreshing it was to attend CCA's Community Luncheon last month where we met their employees and listened to poetry and music from inmates. Thank you all again.

GCHS meetings are usually held on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Phone secretary, Julie Wigton at 946-2060 for further information.

Glades County Woman's Club sponsors scholarships

By Barbara Brown

Special to the Glades County Democrat

"I have been a college professor, and have never seen essays of a higher caliber than those presented to the scholarship committee!" So said the chairperson of the committee, reference graduating seniors who were applying for Glades County Woman's Club scholarships.

The other two members of the committee agreed that it was a difficult and arduous task to choose students who will receive these scholarships. Their report was presented at the club's regular April meeting. Chris Holliday, treasurer, reminded the club that a contribution is usually made to the Scholarship Foundation, and by unanimous vote, she was authorized to send the same amount to the foundation as last year.

Bonita Drayton, membership chairperson, introduced Toni Watts, who has been approved for membership. She has all the benefits of membership now, and will be formally initiated at the club's annual Membership Tea, which is usually held in January. Even though Mrs. Watts has recently moved to Moore Haven, she has become well known in this area, as she accompanied her husband, Charlie, pastor of the United Methodist Church on his visits, prior to settling in the local parsonage. Bonita reported that nine new members have been welcomed into the club this year.

Thursday was a busy night for Woman's Club, as, in addition to the above action, the nominating committee presented a slate to be considered, and a unanimous vote elected the following: President, Kandi Snow; Vice President, Donna Storter-Long; Recording Secretary, Dianne Tillery, Corresponding Secretary, Bobbi Brown; Treasurer, Bonita Drayton.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that these newly-elected officers will be installed on May 10, at a dinner catered by Cassie Marney's Cracker Cookin' and Caterin'. "M RV Resort has graciously agreed to allow the club to hold this annual dinner at their clubhouse again this year. The Glades County Woman's Club truly appreciates the resort's involvement in the local community, and especially their assisting the club in any way possible!

Hostesses for the evening were Pat Ringstaff and Margaret Brown. After much arm twisting, Margaret agreed to give this reporter her recipe for the scrumptious dip she made, and Dee Dee Beck was heard to add, "I want her recipe for the chicken salad!!" We are all trying to figure out how Bonita got her own personal bowl of strawberry desert. Get a member to sponsor you, and visit to see what fun, even the business meetings of Glades County Woman's Club are.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Barbara Brown

Bonita Drayton presents membership folder to Toni Watts, newest member.

Glades County candidates release treasurer reports

Glades County Candidates reported the following in their first reports of this year:

- Stuart Whiddon, incumbent Sheriff, (Dem) reported a \$10,000 Personal Loan and no expenditures as of yet. Robert A. Wilson (Rep) reported 0 contributions and 0 expenditures.

- School Superintendent Candidates: Scott Bass (Dem) reported \$1,010 in contributions, all from himself except for \$210 from Billy Joe Bass, retired from Wetumpka, Alabama. His expenditures were for advertising, club cards, tee-shirts and website expenses. Janice Brown reported \$1,050 in contributions to date, all from herself. She reported \$1,048.08 in expenses for advertising, tee-shirts, and banners.

- County Commission District 1: Incumbent (Dem) candidate K.S. "Butch" Jones reported personal loans totaling \$1,500 and so far his expenses are \$557.47 to Lyons Printing for brochures and magnetic signs. Dennis Griffin (Dem) reported personal loans totaling \$2,000 and has so far spent \$1,173 for advertising and printing of campaign materials to Maxi's Screen Printing and Lyons Printing. Weston Pryor (Dem) reported contributions totaling \$6,170 from personal loans and his expenses so far total \$4209.42

for tee-shirts, signs, and banners.

- County Commission District 3: Incumbent (Dem) candidate Paul Beck made a \$100 personal loan to his campaign and has reported no expenditures.

- County Commission District 5: Incumbent (Dem) Bob Giesler reported a \$200 personal loan to himself and has no expenditures to report.

- Clerk of Court Candidates: Sandra Brown (Dem) reported \$350 in personal loans and expenditures of \$306.62 to Maxi's Screen Printing for tee-shirts. George Humphries (Dem) reported \$5,500 in personal loans to his campaign and so far has spent \$3217.96 for advertising, his campaign website, signs, car magnets and consulting fees.

- Property Appraiser Candidates: Michelle Brunetto reported \$1,000 personal loan and an in-kind donation of \$33.07 for badges. She reported expenses totaling \$480.32 for advertising, website, car magnets, and tee-shirts. Lorie Ward (Dem) reported total contributions of \$6,831.70 all personal loans except for an in-kind donation from Casey Ward for \$153.81 and Stacy Ward for \$171.85. Total expenditures \$6,545.77 for Ar-type, Maxi's and Tanner Huysman.



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West Glades School's Kindergarten, first and second grade students line the sidewalks in support of the 3rd grade through 8th grade students. The 3rd-8th grade students started FCAT testing on Monday morning, and the primary teachers and students gathered together to encourage them with shouts, applause, and shakers they had made in class. The older students enjoyed the support and encouragement from former teachers and younger students.

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On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is Definitely Not Ready to Quit Smoking or Using Tobacco and 10 is Definitely Ready to Quit Smoking or Using Tobacco, what number best reflects how READY you are at the present time to quit?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Definitely Not Important										Definitely Important

Definitely NOT Ready to Quit

Definitely Ready to Quit

What would it take for you to quit?

What would be the best outcome if you do quit?

What do you know about smoking and/or tobacco use and your overall health?

- Diabetes and tobacco use
- High blood pressure and tobacco use
- Asthma and tobacco use
- COPD and tobacco use

Here is some information and resources about quitting. Call 863-902-3019 or 877-819-2357 and register for a free live tobacco cessation course: Quit Smoking Now in six group counseling sessions, designed to help you develop a plan to quit for life. Free nicotine replacement therapy is also available. Classes start in Clewiston on April 18, 2012. Call to register.

Or call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669) to speak with a Quit Coach who will help you assess your addiction and help you create a personalized quit plan. Additional tailored phone calls with a Quit Coach, timed throughout the quitting process, also are included. Unlimited toll-free access to Quit Coaches is available, as needed.

Enroll in Web Coach, which will help you create your own web based quit plan that's right for you, visit <http://floridaquitline.com>. Motivational and educational e-mails will be sent to you throughout the program. A valid e-mail address is required.

Glades at a glance

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.

Democrats to meet

The next meeting of the Hendry and Glades Democratic Executive Committee will be held Thursday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oxbow Grille in the Port LaBelle Inn, 1563 Oxbow Drive, LaBelle 863-675-4411. The deadline to register to become a delegate to the state convention in Tampa in June is April 27. For more information contact Ellen Geake, Glades County Democratic Chair info@gladesdemocrats.com or 863-983-2922.

Music In The Park Concert set

Highlands Hammock State Park will host a Back Porch Revival- Old Time String Band on April 21. Concert admission is \$5 per person (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.) Bring lawn chairs or blankets and flashlights. Proceeds benefit park improvements. Park entrance fee of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 people per car) is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Call 863-386-6094 for more information or www.FloridaStateParks.org/highlandshammock.

Gun Club plans shoots

The Glades County Gun Club will hold an open-range event on Saturday, 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. If you have any questions, contact either David or Linda Whidden at 863-675-2487. Hope to see you there.

Wacky Canoe Race on Fisheating Creek

Fisheating Creek Outpost will host a Wacky Canoe Relay Race on Saturday, May 19, at 5:15 p.m. at the Outpost. Entry fee for a three-person team is \$25 plus \$10 for canoe rental if needed. Paddle around 1.5 mile route on the creek picking up your team and flags. First three teams back win 50 percent of entry fees and bragging rights. Then join the group for prize presentation, and a potluck picnic. The Outpost staff will grill hot dogs. Participants are asked to bring a dish of food to share. Entry fees are payable in cash only. Registration and waivers must be completed before 4 p.m. day of race. Only 28 rental canoes are available on a first come/paid basis, or bring your own canoe. Please call 863-675-5999 to reserve your team's spot. Proceeds will benefit Campground BBQ grill renovation project. All race participants must wear personal flotation devices.

Free Summer VPK Program

If your child is entering kindergarten in the fall and did not attend the VPK program during the 2011-2012 school year, he/she is entitled to the 300 hour summer VPK program. This full day summer VPK program is available at Moore Haven Elementary School. Summer VPK will begin June 13 and end on Aug. 2. To register please contact: Sara Everett at 863-946-0737 or Wanda Huggins at 863-946-2083.

ACT offers counseling and related services

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

Red Cross introductory class

Volunteers are needed to help with American Red Cross services such as Disaster Services, Service to the Armed Forces, Health and Safety Services and International and Diversity Services. The American Red Cross will hold a new member introductory class for Hendry and Glades Counties on April 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Salvation Army/United Way House, 133 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle. Call 239-278-3401 to register. There will also be an introductory class on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Muse Community Association, 3897 Loblolly Bay Road S.W. To register, call 239-287-3401.

Citizen's Observer Patrol Academy open

Citizen's Observer Patrol Academy is a comprehensive course geared towards educating interested citizens about the Sheriff's Office day-to-day operations and functions and to educate them about Florida law and their public rights. For more information or to enroll, please call Marion Schramm at 863-946-1600 ext. 2139.

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

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.

Mammograms encouraged

The Glades County Health Department encourages women to schedule their annual mammogram. For more information, call 863-946-0707.

Library offers Universal Classes

The Glades County Public Library in partnership with the Heartland Library Cooperative and Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, Md.), is pleased to announce the introduction of Universal Class Library Edition, a powerful new online continuing education service designed specifically for use by the patrons of public libraries.

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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).

- Yvette Gordils, 44, of U.S. Highway 441, Okeechobee, was arrested April 16, and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Daylon Sam Youngblood, 20, of 900 Youngblood Road, Okeechobee, was arrested April 13 by the Seminole Police Department, and charged with DUI, reckless

driving causing serious bodily injury and property damage and attempting to flee or elude police. He was released on a bond totalling \$7,500.

- Carrie Lynn Hendry, 23, of Fourth Street in Moore Haven, was arrested April 11 on a weapon offense of firing into a dwelling, vehicle or aircraft. She was also charged with criminal mischief with property damage over \$1,000. She was released on a bond totalling \$10,000.

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.

Investigations

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

IDENTITY THEFT

- Moore Haven

BURGLARIES

- Cactus Avenue, Moore Haven
- C.R. 721, Lakeport
- Everglades Avenue, Muse

- State Road 78, Lakeport

BATTERY

- Seventh Street, Moore Haven
- Lakeport

STALKING

- Gulf Street, Moore Haven

HIT AND RUN

- Betty Street, Muse

1982...

- Cost of a gallon of gas - 91 cents
- The First Issue of USA Today is published
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- The screen legend Grace Kelly / Princess Grace of Monaco dies in car crash
- The movie "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" was released
- The Late Show with David Letterman debuts on NBC
- Indy Racing Queen - Danica Patrick is born
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•4/2 Mobile Home, 2.5 ac, 145 Palomino \$64.9K
•2/2 Mobile Home w/ 1/1 Guest Home \$40K
•3/2 w/Additions 409 W. Crescent \$69.9K
•2/2 Bass and Sun Condo furnished \$89.9K
•3/2 321 W. Arcade, remodeled \$114.5K
•3/2 Mobile Home, 631 Merit St. \$51K
•3/2.5 Town Home Sweet Lake Villas \$179K
•3/2 1134 Della Tobias \$80K
•5/2 525 N. Arboleda, MH move in ready \$94.9K

MOORE HAVEN / LAKEPORT / ORTONA
•3/2 M.H. 1030 Donna Dr 2 Large Sheds, Furnished \$89.9K
•3/2 w/det. garage 499 Ave. R. \$185K
•3/2 Riverfront w/pool and dock \$259.9K
•891 Yacht Club 3/2 MH \$65K
•827 Yacht Club 2/2 MH \$135K
•Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 w/Boat House Lowry Ln. \$110K
•Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 Lowry Ln CBS Reduced \$195K
•3/2 Lrg. Home, 784 Ave. N. \$185K

ACREAGE, LAND & LOTS
•Highlands Co. 10, 28, & 80 AC. Parcels, Owner Finance Avail.
•Sky Valley Lots: deeply discounted "Ready to Build"

•1.25 Acre lots Montura Ranch Estates \$4500
•20 Acres, Ladeca, Wooded \$150K
•E. Del Monte/N. Francisco, Res. Lot \$75K
•185 ac former Shrimp/Fish Farm So. LaBelle \$4,500 per ac
•918 ac former Shrimp Farm So. Clewiston \$6,500 per ac
•N. Francisco Res. Lot \$25K, Owner Financing
•2 Residential lots horseshoe acres \$5500 each
•812 Maryland Ave. (Mobile Home Lot) \$11,000
•2.5 acre Lots, Pioneer, w/imp starting at \$24.9K

COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT/RENTALS
•Moore Haven Medical Office w/Equipment for sale or lease
•Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$350K
•Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
•Hwy 27, 14, 279 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$349K
•Hwy 27, Frontage-Former Sonny's Lot (1.9 ac) \$450K
•525 E El Paso Office w/apt. excellent condition \$105K
•Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
•.35 ac. Corner Lot - East of Bello's Jewelry \$65K
•Corner Lot - Hwy. 27 Frontage reduced \$148.5K
•3/1 317 E. El Paso \$750 mo
•3/2.5 Town Homes Lake Shore Villas \$1,200 mo. Furnished
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123 W Arcade 2/1 \$59,900
816 W Alverdez 4/3 \$154.9K
4455 Hendry Isles Blvd 3/3 \$200K
909 Popa SOLD 300K
1105 Haven Pl MHE 2/2 \$109.5K
1068 Haven Pl MHE 3/2 \$119K
1069 Haven Pl MHE 3/2 \$119.5K

UNDER CONTRACT
Bass Capital #503 \$105K
713 Popa PENDING 9K
312 W Ventura Ave 3/1 \$42.5K
213 De Soto Ave 4/2 \$179.9K
329 E PENDING 2 \$95K

MOBILE HOMES
1268 Dublin Cir. 2/2 SWMH \$18.9K
779 Evercane Rd 3/2 pool \$120K
113 Taft Blvd 3/2 DWMH \$53.5K

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Perimeter Montura 2.5 ac \$25K
Moore Haven - 5 lots - \$50K
Moore Haven - 2 lots - \$39.9K
Montura - 10 lots bulk sale \$40K

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RE-NOTICE OF CONFLICT ASSESSMENT MEETING BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE CITIES OF BELLE GLADE, PAHOKEE, AND SOUTH BAY, AND THE GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY

On April 24, 2012, at 3:30 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). This Notice also serves as a notice of cancellation of a previously noticed meeting for April 18, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. for the same purpose. It is probable that more than one Glades Utility Board member will attend and participate in this meeting and therefore the meeting is being noticed by the Glades Utility Authority.

The location of the meeting is:
Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department
CROC Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Building
8100 Forest Hill Boulevard
WUD Conference Room CROC O&M 55
West Palm Beach, FL 33413
414984 SUN 4/19/2012

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GLADES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES TO BE AUCTIONED IN SEALED BIDS MAY 9, 2012 @ 4:30 P.M.

UNIT #	YEAR/MAKE	VIN#
314	1997 CHEVY LUMINA	2G1WL52M3V9262583
0503	2005 CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W35X173771
308	2000 CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W2YX188640
295	2003 CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W03X154575
296	2003 CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W23X154576
297	2003 CROWN VICTORIA	2FAPF71W43X154577

The vehicle auction dates are scheduled as such:

April 25th 2012 from 9 am to 1 pm will be the viewing and the contact person is Sergeant D. McQuaid 863-946-1600 ext. 2108.

May 9th 2012 all bids must be in by 2 pm. The opening of the sealed bids will be held at 4:30 pm and the winners will be notified on **May 10th 2012.**

Anyone bidding on the vehicles will have 30 days to take possession of the vehicle once they have been notified that they won the sealed bid auction. 414461 CGS 4/12,19/2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1731	2008	1224432-01000470120	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot12, Block 47, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **May, 2012**, which is the **10th day of May, 2012**
Dated this **28th** day of **March, 2012.**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1819	2008	1224432-01000790070	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 7, Block 79, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **May, 2012**, which is the **10th day of May, 2012**
Dated this **28th** day of **March, 2012.**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1763, 2008, 1224432-01000600030, G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 3, Block 60, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1773, 2008, 1224432-01000610370, G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 37, of the Re-subdivision of Blocks 61, 68 and 69, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 47, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1655, 2008, 1224432-01000120010, G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 1, Block 12, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Lot 8, Block 65, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Lot 3, Block 28, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1728, 2008, 1224432-01000470020, G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 2, Block 47, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2563, 2008, 1314433-A0003160000, Lazaro Ballesteros

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5743, 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.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2520, 2008, 1314433-A000900000, Alejandro Rodriguez

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6138, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2552, 2008, 1314433-A0002670000, Jacqueline I. Garcia

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5924, 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.

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413763 CN 4/5,12,19,26/2012

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1587, 2007, 1254432-A0002560000, Ofelia Otero

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4944, 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.

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The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2657, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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413769 CN 4/5,12,19,26/2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR THE FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS ("SOQ") FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a meeting of the FGUA SOQ Evaluation Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, and Lee County, Florida.

The FGUA's RFQ Evaluation Committee meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, April 23, 2012, at Proterity Plaza, 280 Wekiva Springs Road, 1st Floor, Longwood Training Room, Longwood, FL 32779.

The purpose of the FGUA's SOQ Evaluation Committee meeting is to continue evaluation of proposals submitted to the FGUA in response to Request for Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") for Water and Wastewater Professional Engineering Services. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact Kaamiya Pereira, Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900.

FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY April 16, 2012 414916 CN 4/19/2012

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the 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 agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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. Hickoxches 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. Cowboy 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.

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

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

Panther Tracts, LLC (Panther Tracts F/K/A Doctors Hammock) 7780 Northwest 53rd Street, Miami, FL 33166, has submitted Application 120321-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00372-W to irrigate 233 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Water Table Aquifer and the project is located in Section 34, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Corbett Farms, 1249 Frontier Circle, LaBelle, FL 33935, has submitted Application 120402-11 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-0908-W to irrigate 324.4 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Sections 29, 30, Township 46 South, Range 31 East.

Triple A Enterprises, LLC (J & J AG Products - Farm 19) PO Box 70, Clewiston, FL 33440-0070, has submitted Application 120316-14 for renewal of Everglades Agricultural Area Works of the District Permit 26-00007-E for 653.25 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Miami Canal and the project is located in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

Bolles Drainage District, PO Box 1029, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 120402-7 for renewal of Everglades Agricultural Area Works of the District Permit 26-00010-E for 11,167.10 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the L-1 East and Bolles Canals and the project is located in Sections 15, 16, Township 44 South, Range 34 East.

Diaz Farm, Inc. (Diaz Farm - Ullah & Hasnear Farm) 24628 SW 114th Court, Homestead, FL 33032, has submitted Application 120327-19 for renewal of Everglades Agricultural Area Works of the District Permit 26-00008-E for 120 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Miami Canal and the project is located in Section 16, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

Triple A Enterprises, LLC (Triple A Enterprises - Farm 20) PO Box 70, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 120326-1 for renewal of Everglades Agricultural Area Works of the District Permit 26-00001-E for 767.78 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Miami Canal and the project is located in Sections 13, 15, 16, 21, Townships 44, 46 South, Range 34 East.

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

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 414908 CN 4/19/2012

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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.

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.

413683 CN 4/12,19,26 CB 4/26/2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on April 26, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. at the Greentree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc." Sincerely,

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled. If a person decides to appeal any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Port LaBelle Advisory Committee 4115056 CN/CB 4/19/2012

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The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33940. The public is invited to attend. 415133 CN 4/19/2012

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

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING 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

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 CCWC Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Dike 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Consolidated Case No. 08-149 CA
SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff
V.
BENITO LOPEZ, et. al. Defendants.
SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff Case No. 08-150CA
V.
BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants.
ESTHER GREENSHER, Plaintiff Case No. 08-151 CA
V.
BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants.

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; OSMEL M.SOLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH MIRANDA; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through or under 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.

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 ANNA SMITH, N/K/A SHALLI S. MAYNARD, MARTINA LANGDALE, and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, O/B/O SHALLI ROSEN, Defendants.

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,
-v.s.-
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).

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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:

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

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 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:

Notice is given that pursuant to Final Judgment dated December 20, 2011, in Case No: 08-149 Consolidated of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida in which Salvador Esquenazi is the Plaintiff and Benito Lopez and Lisette Lopez are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, Second Floor Lobby, LaBelle, FL 33975 on May 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment:

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST 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.

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 FLA14612311AB. Commonly known as: 535 North Olivo Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440

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.

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence N 86°54'10" along the South line of said Section 16, a distance of 47.40 feet; thence N 03°10'00" W along the East right of way of State Road 29, a distance of 710.00 feet to the South right of way of a road; thence N 86°54'10E, along the South right of way, a distance of 1780.00 feet to the Northwest corner of the Tract being described and the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 86° 54'10" E along the South right of way of a road, a distance 640.00 feet; thence S 03° 10'00" E, a distance of 340.00 feet; thence S 86° 54'10" W a distance of 340.00 feet to the point of beginning. The Tract of land herein described is also known as Tract 13 of Unit C. Dated April 11, 2012.

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 administrative 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.

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

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Suspected felon caught with help from GCSO K-9



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Aries and his handler Stephen Casserly

By Eric Kopp
Special to the Glades County Democrat

A Moore Haven man was treated for minor injuries after he was apprehended by a Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) K-9 for his alleged part in a fight during which a shot was fired.

Arrested Tuesday, April 10, were Robert James Mathias, 35, and Dwight Frank Bolf, 65.

Mathias, of a Marina Lane address in Moore Haven, was charged with the felonies of assault with intent to commit a felony and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Mathias is being held in the Glades County Jail under a \$32,500 bond.

Bolf, of a S.R. 78 E. address in Okeechobee, was charged with a single felony count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Jail records show that he is being held on \$20,000 bond.

An arrest report by GCSO Deputy James Naso stated that Mathias and another Moore Haven man became involved in an argument at a residence on Marina Lane in Moore Haven. The argument escalated to the point that Mathias pulled a Ruger .357 magnum



Robert J. Mathias

handgun and threatened the victim, stated the deputy's report.

As Mathias started to pull the gun from the waistband of his pants, the victim grabbed the man's arm and the gun discharged, stated Deputy Naso. No one was hit by the round.

The victim and Mathias began to fight and as they were wrestling on the ground Bolf allegedly began hitting the victim with a baseball bat.

Deputy Naso said a neighbor came out with a chair in his hand and got the two men away from the victim. The victim then took the gun from his alleged assailant and gave it to the neighbor.

Mathias and Bolf then got on a motorcycle and left the area.

After he had arrested Bolf at his residence, Deputy Naso stated that he received



Dwight F. Bolf

word that Mathias was at his residence on Marina Lane. When Deputy Naso and fellow GCSO Deputy Steve Casserly arrived at that residence Mathias reportedly fled out the back door.

Deputy Casserly and his K-9 Aries, along with Deputy Naso, began to search the area. They reportedly found Mathias hiding between the axles of a flatbed trailer. When Mathias ignored the deputies' commands to surrender, K-9 Aries was allowed to apprehend the man.

According to Deputy Naso, Mathias was arrested then taken to Hendry Regional Hospital in Clewiston where he was treated for some minor injuries he received from his contact with K-9 Aries.

The baseball bat, added Deputy Naso, was not recovered.

Rooney kicks off campaign

Incumbent Congressman Tom Rooney kicked off his campaign for the newly redrawn District 17 on Wednesday, April 4, at Gilchrist Park located in Punta Gorda. District 17 includes Okeechobee, Highlands, Glades, Charlotte, Desoto, Hardee, Polk, Manatee, Hillsborough, Sarasota, and Lee counties.

Congressman Rooney currently serves as the leader of the House Agriculture Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry. Mr. Rooney is a strong advocate for Florida agriculture. He also serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Intelligence Committee.

Black bear management plan revised, ready for public input

Glades and Highlands Counties home to about 175 bears

The Florida black bear population has increased from as few as 300 bears in the 1970s to more than 3,000 bears today, and now the draft plan that will guide continued conservation of this species has been revised by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

The revised draft Black Bear Management Plan is available online at MyFWC.com/Bear and is ready for public input. It incorporates previous public feedback on the nearly 200-page draft plan released last November. The public is invited to comment on the revised draft plan through June 1.

About 2,500 public comments were received on the original draft plan, which establishes for the first time a statewide framework to manage Florida black bears to ensure they are never again at high risk of extinction. Public workshops on the draft plan were held in four cities, in addition to the opportunity for people to comment online and by email or regular mail.

Last February, FWC Commissioners directed staff to further refine and revise the draft plan and give careful consideration to stakeholder and public input. At their upcoming June meeting, the Commissioners are scheduled to consider approval of the revised draft plan.

Once the plan receives final approval, the



FWC photo

black bear will no longer be on the state's list of threatened species. The bear currently does not meet the criteria of being at high risk of extinction, based on a 2011 Biological Status Review.

In June, the Commission also will consider a new FWC rule making it unlawful to injure or kill bears, protections similar to the ones granted to bears as a threatened species. The proposed rule additionally affirms the FWC will work with landowners and regulating agencies to guide future land use to be compatible with objectives of the bear plan. That proposed rule, as well as an FWC rule change to remove the bear from the state's threatened species list, is currently being advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

Seven black bear management units (BMUs) would be created under the plan to involve local citizens and stakeholder groups in the management of specific bear populations and habitats.

The black bear is among 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of Florida species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida's new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans will be created for all species that have been state-listed and updated at specified intervals. The management plans give citizens an active role in Florida's efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.

RIVER

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in the waters, not to participate in recreation in the waters and do not to drink the water.

Algae may grow in lakes, canals and riv-

ers throughout the region for the foreseeable future and tracking all of them is impractical.

Local health officials may upgrade this advisory to a health warning if toxic blooms are identified in public areas.

LOCKS

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safe travel. This is also necessary to maintain water levels in adjacent canals and protect groundwater.

While the navigation locks are out of operation, boaters will be able to continue to access Lake Okeechobee from its north shore at local boat ramps.

The locks will reopen when the lake sufficiently rises for safe navigation.

Continued below-average rainfall during the dry season in South Florida, coupled with warm temperatures and high evaporation rates, have resulted in Lake Okeechobee dropping to 11.93 feet NGVD. The lake is more than two feet below the historical average for this time of year and is continuing to decline.

Also note the status of other navigation locks in the area:

- The S-193 Lock, located on Taylor Creek on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee, is closed due to ongoing renovation work to refurbish the lock and ensure decades of reliable service.

- On the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, the S-310 navigation lock at Clewiston is currently secured in the open position. The navigation lock remains operational and is staffed by a locktender when lake levels reach 15.5 feet NGVD and higher.

- Navigation locks operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which includes the Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie Canal, are also impacted by declining water levels. Information for those navigation locks may be obtained by calling the Corps' South Florida Operations Office at 863-983-8101.

The S-65D Navigation Lock on the Kissimmee River is closed to undergo repairs for two weeks. The lock closed April 16.

The lock, about 14 miles north of Lake Okeechobee, requires maintenance to control the opening of the gates and ensure continued safe operation. The lock is expected to return to normal operation by April 28. The flood control gates will continue to operate normally during the lock repair.

For a guide to recreation sites on Lake Okeechobee, including boat ramps and public parks, please visit the District's website at www.sfwmd.gov. For more information, please call the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center at 863-462-5260, or the Orlando Service Center at 407-858-6100.

OUTTA' THE WOODS

Managing for longbeards

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

Whether you oversee a large tract of land or own a smaller parcel, there are many wildlife management techniques you can use to help attract wild turkeys to your property.

Wild turkeys, like white-tailed deer, are referred to as "edge species," because of their need for more than one type of habitat. Most of the time, with large tracts of land, this isn't a problem because the vast landscape is diverse enough but, in the case of small-acreage, one-habitat properties, it's up to you as the landowner to create varied, preferred habitats if you expect turkeys to use the property.

For the optimal turkey habitat, half of your property should be in mature forests and the other half in early-succession "openings," such as fields, clearcuts or forests having between 40 and 60 square feet per basal area. Basal area is a measurement used to determine the density of trees per acre. Land that falls into the 40-60 basal range has 40 to 60 average-sized (13.5 inches in diameter at the base) pine trees per acre.

To create even better and more varied habitats for turkeys, you should offer "differing age classes" of forests and early-successional areas—and make prescribed burning a big part of your management plan.

Harvest pine trees on a different section of your land on a 10-year cycle, so that after a few decades, the property consists of several sections with trees of varying sizes (ages).

Early-succession habitat can be achieved on "plantation-cut" areas with a 40-60 basal count, because the trees are spaced out enough for sunlight to penetrate the forest floor, where frequent fire enables new growth of succulent woody ornamentals, native wiregrass and goldenrod.

It also is important to keep any hardwood hammocks, drains, ravines, bottoms, wetlands, and other unique habitats intact and free from timbering. Hardwoods are an essential element of wild turkey management. Thick hardwood lowlands provide travel corridors that turkeys and deer use extensively.

If there's not any water on the property and you have the financial means to do so, dig a pond. Turkeys, as well as all other critters, need water to drink, so if you have that, then you have yet one more piece of the turkey-management puzzle.

"Buffer" strips of native grasses and woody ornamentals should be left unmowed. Hens require this thick understory cover for nesting. When possible, prescribed burning should be applied that allows for a low, woody component

to be scattered throughout most of the timber stands. Periodically lengthening your burning rotations will give you this desired effect and help provide suitable nesting habitat.

In Florida, most hens begin to lay their eggs in late March or early April, but the nesting season can extend through June. After all the eggs are laid, they take about 25 days to hatch. Therefore, if you can, you may want to limit burning or mowing of preferred nesting habitat through August.

Good brood habitat should hold food in the form of seeds, insects (an invaluable protein source) and tender, new-growth vegetation for young poult to feed upon throughout the summer. It should consist of one- to three-foot-tall grass and weeds open enough to enable the young poult to move about, yet dense enough to provide cover from predators.

There is great interest nationally in the planting of food plots for wildlife, including for turkeys. Within extensive closed-off canopy forested areas, food plots and/or game feeders are essential to keeping turkeys on your property. Where an open forest structure is maintained by adequate timber thinning and the use of fire, such supplemental feeding is not as necessary because there is enough natural "browse" vegetation on which game can feed.

Food plots are a lot more cost-effective at feeding game than using feeders on moderate-sized pieces of property. In cases of smaller tracts, perhaps where food plots can't be utilized because the landscape is all lowland and you have a closed canopy, game feeders filled with corn or soybeans are your only option for attracting turkeys.

Once the decision has been made to create food plots, you need to know where to put them, how big and what shape to make them and what to plant. The best ones are long and narrow rectangular shapes that follow the contour of the land. When possible, create food plots where the length (longest part) runs east to west. That way, the planted crops will receive the most direct sunlight.

For tips on food plots, go to your local IFAS Extension office or, online, visit <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ag140>.

Tony Young has many years of experience managing turkeys, deer, and timber on private properties in the Panhandle. He's an avid turkey hunter, and before he was the media relations coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Division of Hunting and Game Management, he worked seven years for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



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Weekly Gas Prices

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.92/g yesterday.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.89/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 10.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 9.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 9.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year

ago.

"The only thing I remain sure of with gasoline prices is that things will remain quite volatile the next four to six weeks," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Spot prices, a leading factor in retail gasoline prices, continues to swing wildly from region to region. Last week we saw a refinery fire on the West Coast drive up spot prices nearly instantaneously, an event that could occur in virtually any area. It's these events, the unforeseeable reaction, that gives me reason to say that prices may continue to swing upward and downward," DeHaan said.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Laura Mathis

Senior Lady Terriers honored

Moore Haven High School Lady Terriers honored their senior players at their April 13 game against Lake Placid. The score was 11-3, Moore Haven. The Lady Terriers won their last home game and now will be playing for a District title this week.



In the photo above are Jeanne Billie, Erena D. Billie and Emerson Billie.

In the photo at right are Emily Navarro, with her mother Belinda Navarro. Her father is head coach Pedro Navarro.

In the photo below are Shelby Jade Schlueter with her parents Jerri Lynn Schlueter and Barry Schlueter.



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Rivals but still friends

The JV Terriers played Lake Placid on April 13. These girls show how you can play hard against each other in a game but still be friends after. The JV Terriers played their last game of the season against Lake Placid and went out with another win. Left to right are Savanna Schlueter, Taylor Swaford, Olivia Everett, Kathleen Barfield and Savannah Devine.

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ACHIEVEMENT DWIGHT PERKINS III

Congratulations to Dwight "D3" Eugene Perkins III for placing 2nd runner up in the Lehigh Spring Festival Baby Pageant. Dwight is the son of Dwight and Yolanda (Flournah) Perkins Jr.

His maternal grandparents are, Anne & Vince Vaughn and Bobby Ray & Tracy Flournah, of Clewiston, Florida.

His paternal grandparents are, Dwight & Renee Perkins Sr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

His great grandparents are, Virgil & Daisy Scruggs of Clewiston, FL., and Delores and the late Wilbur Porter of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



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