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Terriers plan Homecoming activities

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The 2012 homecoming week at Moore Haven High School will take place the week of Sept. 24-28. This year we will be celebrating our Terrier Spirit with the Mardi Gras theme "Unmasque Your Spirit."

The first activity that will take place is the Ms. Mardi Gras Womanless Beauty pageant on Monday, Sept. 24, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$5 at the door or \$3 in advance. This event is sponsored by the Moore Haven High School Band. On Tuesday, Sept. 25, Moore Haven High School will have their open house from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Please stop by and check on your child's progress for the first nine weeks.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, a Dodge Ball tournament will be held in the gym starting at 6:30 p.m. The tournament will consist of one team from each grade 7-12. The winner of the student tournament will then play the teacher team. The cost to attend is \$1 and food and drinks will be available to purchase. This event is being sponsored by the sophomores and student council.

Powder Puff Football will take place on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. on Terrier Field. The cost to attend is \$2. Come watch the girls in a gridiron battle where the Senior/Sophomore team will take on the Junior/Freshmen team. The juniors will be selling food and drinks at the game, so please stop by and show your support.

The Moore Haven High School parade will be Friday, Sept. 28, starting at 2 p.m. The route will take the parade in front of the elementary school, high school and courthouse. This is your chance to see the class floats, band, football team and cheerleaders. The parade will also include the 2012 Homecoming Court.

This year's Homecoming Queen court consist of Chelse Hough, Ka' Neidra McPherson, Daisy Sangabriel, Nila Seales, and Kambria Thompson. The Homecoming King court consists of Darius Cohen, Charlie Ford, Akkua Hallback, Vinton Lewis, Felipe Morales and Joseph Palladino.

The pre-game will start at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 7:15 p.m., which will then be followed by the varsity football game.

The Terriers will take on the Southwest Florida Christian Kings at 7:30 p.m. During halftime we will crown the 2012 Homecoming Queen and King. Please come out and support the Terriers!



Kambria Thompson



Nila Seales



Daisy Sangabriel



Ka'Neidra MacPherson



Chelse Hough



Akkua Hallback



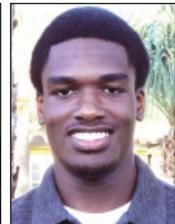
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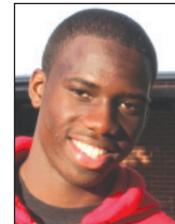
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Charlie Ford



Vinton Lewis



Darius Cohen

Are street gangs a threat in small towns?

By Anne Coffey

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Once again Warden Laura Bedard and her staff provided an interesting and thought-provoking Community Relations Lunch to Moore Haven citizens and community leaders by featuring Lt. Christopher Woods, expert in Security Threat Groups (STGs) or gangs as we know them. In a graphic slide show, he explained that gangs have been around for over 100 years. Many began in the U.S. as the first immigrants from Europe fled into this new country looking for freedom and a bet-

ter and easier life. Most had very little money and in bigger cities housing was not easy to find. There has always been prejudice and resentment against newcomers even in the late 1800s. After the Civil War thousands of freed slaves traveled north. This placed additional pressure on housing and jobs.

When young men and a few women in minority groups were mistreated or denied privileges open to most white people especially the earlier generations, minorities looked to each other for shelter and help. Poverty stricken families in low-income and slum neighborhoods

where daily crimes were the norm fought each other for turf. These facts of course are only the tip of the iceberg today.

As the world grows smaller due to the internet, worldwide commerce and easier access by air and shipping, drug lords become wealthier and more powerful. Money, control over others, especially those weaker, and just plain meanness are the motives. Over 1500 gangs flourish in America mostly in bigger cities and border states such as California, New York, Texas, and the country of Mexico.

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Laurel Wilt Disease Not Spread by Fruit



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The disease laurel wilt threatens Florida's avocado industry, second-largest in the nation. But a new University of Florida study provides some good news: the pathogen responsible for laurel wilt is unlikely to be transmitted via fruit or seeds from infected avocado trees.

Though laurel wilt remains a top concern for Florida avocado growers, a new University of Florida study is cause for some relief – the disease is unlikely to be spread via fruit or seeds from infected trees. Researchers found that the pathogen, a fungus with the scientific name *Raffaelea lauricola*, does not colonize avocado fruit, said Randy Ploetz, a plant pathology professor at UF's Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead, part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Furthermore, the insect responsible for transmitting the pathogen doesn't infest avocado fruit, either. Known as the redbay ambrosia beetle, the pest dwells only in the xylem of the

avocado tree trunk, he said. The findings mean avocado fruit and seeds produced in Florida are unlikely to pose a threat of laurel wilt transmission when shipped to other U.S. states or foreign countries.

"Without the beetle, the chances of transmission are extremely remote," Ploetz said.

The study appears in the September issue of *Journal of Phytopathology*. Funding for the research was provided by the UF/IFAS dean for research. The U.S. is the eighth largest avocado producing nation worldwide; Florida is the second-largest avocado producing state, after California.

Keeping Kids Safe From Hidden Household Dangers

Curious children will put anything in their mouths. But many household items can be deadly when swallowed.

One of the most dangerous hidden hazards for children is powerful magnets. Unlike those typically found on refrigerators, magnets in children's toys and even in desk toys marketed for adults can be extremely powerful.

When swallowed, these magnets can attract one another internally, resulting in serious injuries, such as small holes in the stomach and intestines, intestinal blockage, blood poisoning and even death.

"It's critical to educate children, adolescents, and their parents about keeping small, powerful magnets out of young children's hands and mouths," said Robert W. Block, MD, FAAP, 2011-2012 president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

While the Consumer Product Safety Commission has worked with the toy industry to pass standards to prevent magnets from detaching from toys, parents should always check toys for magnets to ensure that if present, they are secure.

Discard any toys that cannot be fixed and never let children under 6 play unsupervised with magnetic toys.

Products labeled for users age 14 and up do not have to comply with the toy safety standard, so parents must be especially vigilant about keeping them well out of children's reach.

Teach your children never to put magnets in their mouths.

According to the AAP, common abdominal symptoms, such as pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea could be a sign magnets were swallowed. Be sure to seek medical attention immediately if these symptoms occur.

Magnets aren't the only items children are putting in their mouths.

In 2010, more than 3,400 children swallowed lithium button batteries, according to the National Capital Poison Center.

Tears in the esophagus and internal bleeding are some of the common injuries associated with swallowing batteries. Keep loose and spare batteries locked away and store any product that uses button batteries out of reach.

In addition, child-proof your medicine cabinet. It's easy to mistake a dangerous pill for a delicious piece of candy.

Lock away your medicine and throw out any old and unnecessary pills. If you suspect your child ingested medication, call Poison Help immediately: 1-800-222-1222.

A child's curiosity can be dangerous. Take the necessary precautions to prevent these situations and be sure you are prepared for anything.

HENDRY COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 9/30/2013

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF HENDRY COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ARE .15% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND 3.2908 mills
DEBT FUND 0.66 mills

FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGETED INCOME STATEMENT

	GENERAL FUND 3.2908	DEBT FUND 0.66	TOTAL ALL FUNDS 3.9508
Net Receipts from AD Valorem Taxes Millage per \$1,000	\$5,275,000	\$1,048,000	\$6,323,000
Total Hospital Gross Revenue	70,345,144		70,345,144
Medicare and Medicaid	21,254,135		21,254,135
Charity Care	4,924,000		4,924,000
All other deductions	12,227,590		12,227,590
Provision for Bad Debts	10,551,772		10,551,772
Less Total Deductions From revenue	48,957,497		48,957,497
Net Revenue From Patients	21,387,647		21,387,647
Other Operating Income	471,800		471,800
Net Income	27,134,447	1,048,000	28,182,447
EXPENSES			
Wages and Benefits	14,186,400		14,186,400
Supplies and rental exp	2,327,665		2,327,665
Professional Fees	1,555,900		1,555,900
Utilities	688,000		688,000
Repairs and Other Expenses	6,060,420		6,060,420
Depreciation	2,624,100		2,624,100
Debt Services	197,759	1,041,262	1,239,021
Operating Expenses	27,640,244	1,041,262	28,681,506
Gain of (Loss) from Operations	(505,797)	6,738	(499,059)
Non operating Income - Restricted	0		0
Reserve for future growth and new services	(\$505,797)	\$6,738	(\$499,059)

THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED, AND/OR, FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Hendry County Hospital Authority has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2013.

A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

September 24, 2012
5:01 p.m.
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Hendry Regional Medical Center
Conference Room
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Glades at a glance

Gun Club hosts open range event on Saturday

Glades County Gun club will have an open range event on Saturday, Sept. 22. The gate will be opened at 8 a.m., shooting will begin after a Range Safety briefing. All shooters must use hearing and eye protection at all times while on the firing line. Come on out and check out your new improved range.

FFA plans barbecue

The Glades County FFA will host a barbecue on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Rodeo Grounds Concession Stand to benefit students going to the National FFA Convention. The menu will include a sliced pork loin sandwich, baked beans, chips and tea for \$7. See any FFA member for tickets.

'Fun day' to help teen

In July, Glades County teenager Kaleb "Fred" Langdale was swimming in the Caloosahatchee River when he was attacked by an alligator. He managed to get away but lost part of his arm in the fight. A benefit fun day fundraiser is set to help the Langdale family with medical expenses.

The event is set for Oct. 6, at the Chalo Nitka Grounds in Moore Haven and will include lots of fun activities including a rib cook-off, cornhole tournament, pie eating contest, live/silent auction with hunting and fishing trips.

There will be something for everyone with live bands, water slides, bounce house, face painting, buggy rides, cake walks and a dunk tank to test your aim. Entertainment will include the music of Chris MacArthur. The Gator Boys alligator show will be noon and the Gator Boys will also participate in a "meet and greet."

Booths will be available for rent for \$100. If anyone has any items they would like to donate for either the silent, or live auction please contact Lindat Peeples Martin 863-227-0832, or email inda@gatorfred.com. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Wild hog hunts planned on Fisheating Creek WMA

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission will issue permits for two wild hog hunts on Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area, west of U.S. 27. The two hog control hunts will be on Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28. Twenty-five permits will be issued for each hunt. Permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to individuals 16 years of age or older. Permit distribution will take place at the Fisheating Creek WMA checkstation at the FEC Campground in Palmdale on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 10 a.m.

Individuals must be present to receive a permit. Permittees will be allowed to take wild hogs with no size or bag limit. The use of dogs is prohibited. Firearms will be limited to a shotgun with #1 buckshot or larger. For additional information you may contact the Fisheating Creek WMA office at 863-946-1194.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross needs volunteers in Glades County to help provide services to county residents. American Red Cross services include Disaster Services, Service to the Armed Forces, Health and Safety Services, International and Diversity Services. Your community needs you! The Glades County Emergency Management Office is working with the American Red Cross to recruit volunteers for shelter operations and disaster services. They hope to have enough interest to hold an American Red Cross Shelter Operations and Disaster Services class in each community in Glades County. If you are interested, please contact John Cain at 239-278-3401.

Library has preschool story hour

Once again the Glades County Public Library is hosting preschool story hour on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Interested parties must call ahead of time as space is limited. Contact Mary Booher at the library desk or call her in 863-946-0744.

Lions Club to resume meetings in October

Moore Haven LIONS Club will begin the winter season on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Glades County Sheriff's Department conference room. Light refreshments will be available. Prospective members are welcome.

BHR homeowners to meet

The Buckhead Ridge Homeowners' Association will meet Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Community Center on State Road 78, behind the fire station. Pot luck dinner will begin at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow. Fried chicken, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring a favorite dish to share and join in meeting your neighbors. Share your concerns about what is going on. For any questions call 863-467-0674.

Lakeport plans events

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

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

• Lakeport Gatorz will resume soon. For more information, contact Ms. Brenda at 863-532-8314.

ACT offers counseling

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron (YCNH)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Yellow-crowned Night Heron is a nocturnal heron of the southern swamps and coasts that can be found breeding along inland wetlands as far north as Indiana and Illinois and south to

Peru and Brazil. They are scarcer than Black-crowned Night Heron.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron are a medium-sized stocky heron with a red iris. Adults have a black face and bill with a zebra-striped head pattern on gray. They have a gray body and yellow legs.



Margaret England

While in breeding, the plumage on their legs becomes pink. Their yellowish crown stripe often appears white. Immature birds are brown with white spots on the wings and narrow streaks on their neck. The call, which is often heard overhead at night, is a loud harsh squawk.

Foraging Yellow-crowned Night Heron stand still with their neck extended while slowly stalking their prey which is found along shorelines, fields and marshes.

They are normally solitary hunters who keep 15 feet or more away from other individuals.



Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron.

PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

Their diet consists mainly of crustaceans including crabs or crayfish. They also eat insects, fish, snails or worms and occasionally lizards, snakes, young birds, mice and small rabbits.

From February to mid-June they nest in small mixed-heron colonies or alone in tall trees or

shrubs near water where they are safe from predators. Both sexes build the nest that can be up to four feet across with a shallow depression inside for the eggs. As part of the pair-bonding process the female will stand on the nest site while the male brings her sticks and twigs.

As the nest comes along she will join the male by gathering sticks and helping build the nest. It takes about 11 days to complete the nest which might be used for several years with the herons adding to them each year. The female lays three to four pale blue eggs which are incubated for 21 to 25 days. Both parents care for the young who fledge in about 25 days.

During the first Breeding Bird Atlas Survey only a few Yellow-crowned Night Heron were confirmed breeding on the west side of Lake Okeechobee.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers in their search for Yellow-crowned Night Heron and other inland birds at STA5 on Oct. 13, Nov. 10 or Nov. 24 send an e-mail to Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com.

Include your name and contact information including an emergency cell number, the date you want attend the STA5 trip, and the number of participants in your party. You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2013 visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.

Trips being at the STA5 Deer Fence Trailhead located 29 miles south of Clewiston. Please, share you your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



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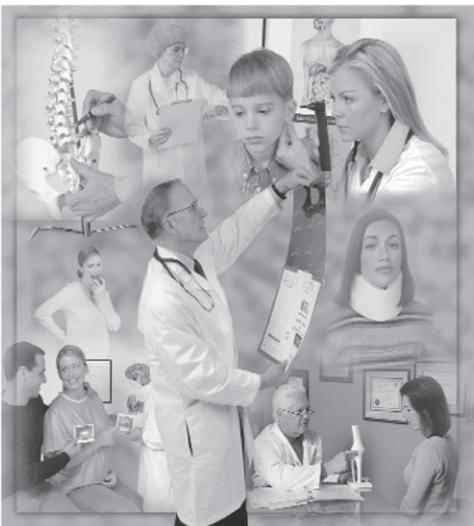
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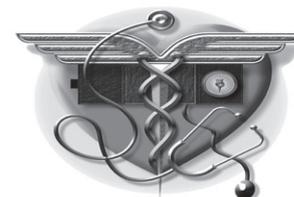
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New Report Notes Florida's Progress Preparing Students for College and Careers

Florida is making marked progress when it comes to preparing students for college and careers according to a new study, <http://achieve.org/ClosingtheExpectationsGap2012>.

The Closing the Expectation Gap 2012: 50-State Progress Report from Achieve, an independent nonprofit education reform organization, shows that Florida is aligning policies and practice with the demands of college and careers.

The report looks at progress on key college and career-ready policies, including how states match standards, graduation requirements, assessments, and data and accountability systems to the expectations of postsecondary institutions and employers.

"In today's economy, jobs often demand specific skills, and there can be a gap between what employers are seeking and the skills people have," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart.

"Aligning Florida's college and career goals with employer needs helps prepare our students to pursue higher education and join the workforce."

In 2005, Florida was one of 13 states to join the American Diploma Project, an effort to address low graduation rates and students graduating from high school unprepared for the demands of college and careers.

Since then, the Achieve-sponsored initiative has grown to include 35 states. Achieve surveys all 50 states and the District of Columbia annually to assess states' progress toward meeting key college and career-ready goals intended to better prepare students for the future.

Highlights of the Closing the Expectation Gap 2012: 50 State Progress

- Florida is making college and career readiness a priority for all students by adopting academic standards aligned with college and career-ready expectations, adopting the Common Core State Standards, and by adding college and career expectations to graduation requirements.

- Florida is one of only 18 states assessing students while they are still in high school to address college and career readiness gaps and to determine higher education placement decisions. Additionally, Florida has identified a score on state assessments that identifies student college and career readiness.

- Florida's longitudinal data system satisfies all ten essential Data Quality Campaign elements, providing a foundation for strong student-level data collection and use.

FWC Makes it Easier for Veterans to Become Commercial Fishermen

Florida veterans wishing to enter the commercial fishing industry may soon be able to do so more easily thanks to changes made at the Sept. 5-6 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) meeting in Tampa. These changes are anticipated to take effect on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2012.

The Commission implemented a new program that will modify income requirements for Florida veterans seeking a commercial restricted species endorsement license.

The restricted species endorsement allows commercial harvesters to fish for and sell species that are designated as restricted.

Spanish and king mackerel, flounder, shrimp, dolphin and several reef fish are among the list of species that require a restricted species endorsement.

Currently, commercial harvesters attempting to qualify for a restricted species endorsement license must have a Florida Saltwater Products License, which is Florida's commercial saltwater fishing license, and be able to attribute \$5,000 or 25 percent of their total annual income during one of the past three years to sales of saltwater products.

With the new changes in place, restricted species endorsement income requirements will

be waived for one license year (July 1-June 30) for Florida veterans who were honorably discharged between Sept. 11, 2001, and June 30, 2014.

After June 30, 2014, this income requirement waiver will continue to extend to Florida veterans so long as they apply within four years of an honorable discharge.

The one-license-year waiver also extends to honorably discharged veterans with service-connected disabilities.

After the one-year waiver expires, veterans with service-connected disabilities will have a reduced income requirement of \$2,500 instead of \$5,000.

To qualify for these exemptions, veterans must be certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Armed Forces to have at least a 10-percent disability that is service-connected.

To learn more about commercial fishing requirements, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Commercial."

Budget Summary								
County of Hendry - Fiscal Year 2012/2013								
General Fund	7.7926							
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUND	PERMANENT FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES								
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1,000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	7.7926							
Sales and Use Taxes	13,062,907							\$13,062,907
Charges for Services	125,000	7,165,350		2,064,771				\$9,355,121
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,777,100	2,398,309		70,000	1,478,407			\$5,723,816
Fines & Forfeitures	4,764,671	6,692,493		25,000				\$11,482,164
Miscellaneous Revenue								\$0
Licenses and Permits	359,751	188,485		25,000	31,500			\$604,736
Internal Service Charges	493,539							\$493,539
TOTAL SOURCES	20,582,968	16,444,637	0	2,184,771	1,509,907	0	0	\$40,722,283
Transfers In	3,343,091	820,477		0				\$4,163,568
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	330,000	15,718,014		908,537	152,549			\$17,109,100
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$24,256,059	\$32,983,128	\$0	\$3,093,308	\$1,662,456	\$0	\$0	\$61,994,951
EXPENDITURES								
General Government	6,834,357	0						\$6,834,357
Public Safety	13,270,820	1,425,097						\$14,695,917
Physical Environment	1,664,390	5,229,217		260,288	915,824			\$8,069,719
Transportation		12,268,213						\$12,268,213
Human Services	1,498,492	315,485						\$1,813,977
Recreation Department		705,669						\$705,669
Debt Services	40,000				478,459			\$518,459
Court Related Expenditures		562,834						\$562,834
Internal Services								\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$23,308,059	\$20,506,515	\$0	\$260,288	\$1,394,283	\$0	\$0	\$45,469,145
Transfers Out	50,000	2,040,088		2,073,480				\$4,163,568
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	898,000	10,436,525		759,540	268,173			\$12,362,238
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$24,256,059	\$32,983,128	\$0	\$3,093,308	\$1,662,456	\$0	\$0	\$61,994,951
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$24,256,059	\$32,983,128	\$0	\$3,093,308	\$1,662,456	\$0	\$0	\$61,994,951

The tentative, adopted and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above-referenced taxing authority as a public record.

OBITUARY

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Elect Lady Mother

Sallie Kate Williams, 89

LABELLE — Elect Lady Mother Sallie Kate Williams, of LaBelle formerly of Sarasota, went home to be with the Lord Sept. 7, 2012, in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Nov. 8, 1922, in Glennville, Ga. Sallie married Carl Williams.

She was preceded in death by sons, Carl Williams, Jr. and Cleveland Bobby Williams

She leaves behind to mourn her passing her husband, Carl Williams; four sons, Charles (Rose) Williams, Abraham Williams, Ricky Williams, James Robert Williams; and five daughters, Beautine Thompson, Christine (John) Robertson, Carolyn (Norris) Lee, Betty (Alex) Nixon, Dorothy (George) Hadley; 25 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other family members and friends.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Celebration of life services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 in Truvin Missionary Baptist Church located at 1947 31st Street Sarasota. Interment was in Palms Roberts Memorial Gardens, Sarasota. First visitation was Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle, Fla. a second visitation was held from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church.

Family and friends can view the online obituary and send condolences to the family at: www.akin-davis.com

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Fall Sports Season is in Full Swing at The King's Academy



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The King's Academy 9th Grader Channy Curry stands at the ready in a recent Lady Tiger volleyball game vs. Bishop Verot.

"TKA students strive for success on and off the field."

Students at The King's Academy (TKA) in Clewiston are making the most of their opportunity to participate in an FHSAA sports partnership which merging TKA and the Clewiston public school sports programs.

Many student athletes are excited to attend TKA, a nationally recognized private Christian school, and have the chance to play Tiger sports alongside their lifelong friends. This fall season, TKA boys are playing football, golf, and running cross-country; while girls are competing in cheerleading, volleyball, and golf.

TKA students strive for success on and off the field. The JV football team improved to 2-0 on Thursday night by defeating fierce rival Glades Day School. King's students Bryce Lawson (11) and Dakodah Davis (81) contributed significantly in the effort. Bryce played quarterback, safety, wide receiver, held for the place kicker, and contributed on special teams.

Dakodah played tight end and defensive end and also played special teams. The entire team demonstrated a great effort, but most importantly, all of the players represented themselves, their families, and this community well with their play, words, and actions. We're proud of your accomplishments.

Keep up the great work, go Tigers!

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$ 12,464,719
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$ 291,443
C. Actual property tax levy.....	\$ 12,173,276

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 13,062,907

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

5:30 P.M.

at

**HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
25 East Hickpochee Avenue
LABELLE, FLORIDA**

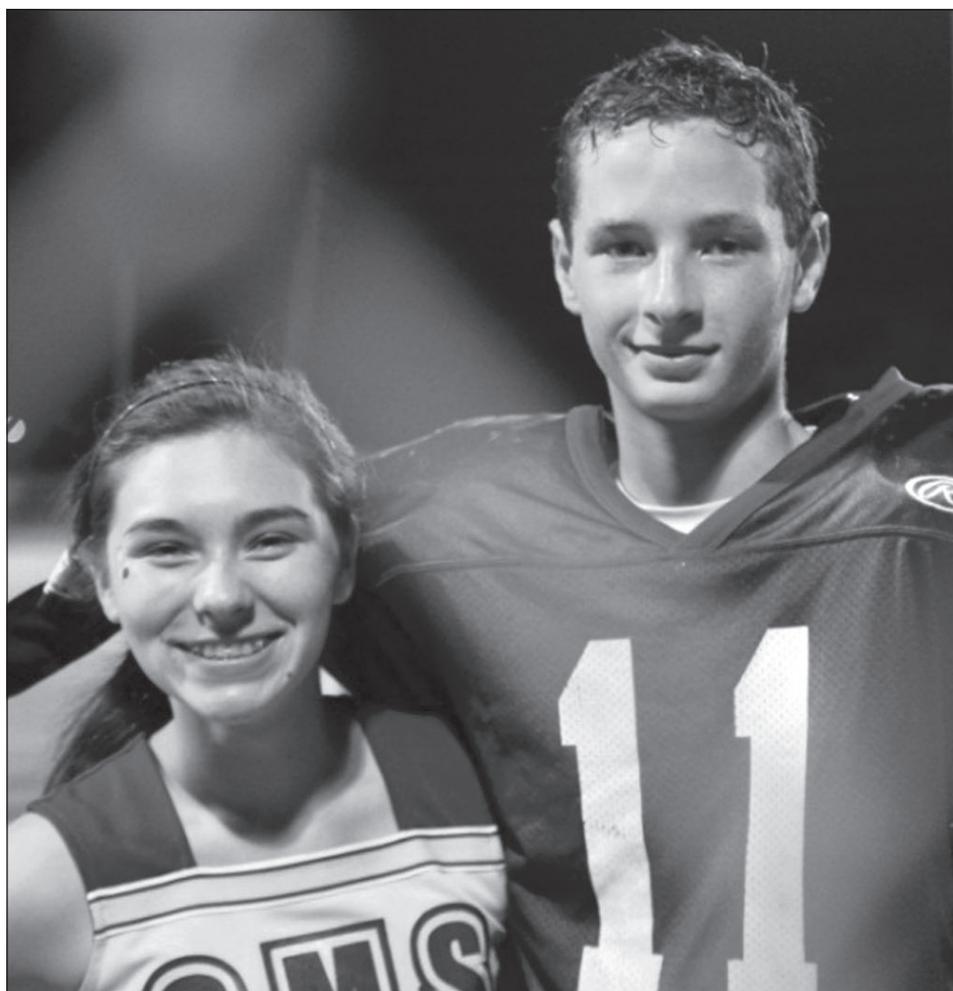
A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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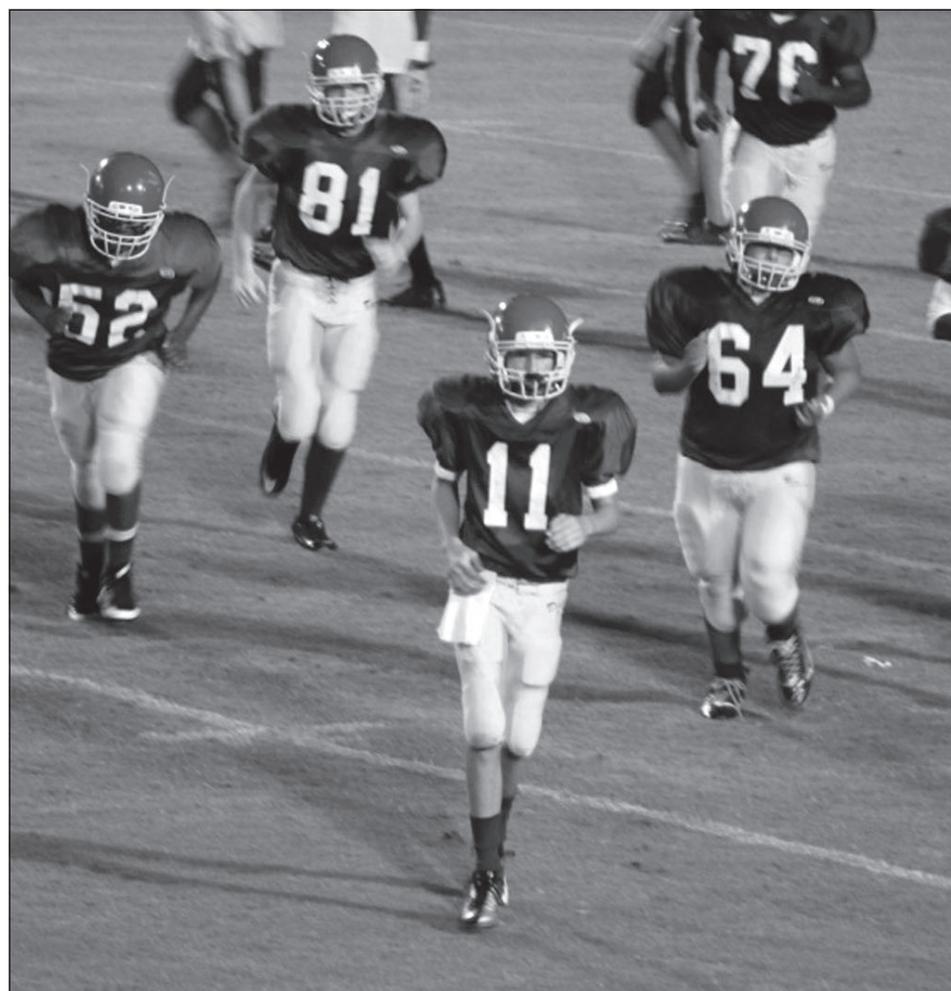
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SUBMITTED PHOTO

King's Academy students Bryce Lawson and Tilyn Tarter celebrate together after last Thursday's win over Glades Day School.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bryce Lawson leads the King's Academy Tigers off the field after a long scoring drive that resulted in a touchdown.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Port LaBelle Community Development District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal year 2012-2013.

This notice is applicable to
Hendry and Glades Counties

A public hearing to make a Final decision on the budget and taxes will be held on

Monday, September 24, 2012
5:30 P.M.

Port LaBelle Community
Development District Office
3293 Dellwood Terrace
LaBelle, FL

BUDGET SUMMARY PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

General fund	3.6900	GENERAL FUND
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
Taxes:	Millage per \$1000	
Ad valorem	3.6900	279,330
Intergovernment Revenue		80,450
Interest Income		1,700
Rental Income		15,600
Miscellaneous Revenue		4,500
TOTAL SOURCES		381,580
Fund Balances		406,541
TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCES		788,121
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Government		154,405
Road Department		188,580
Mosquito Control		11,515
Culture/Recreation Department		52,080
Capital Outlay		13,000
Contingency Fund - Reserves		0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		419,580
Fund Balances		368,541
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, RESERVES & BALANCES		788,121

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Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



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\$16,984

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Plattner's LABELLE

NEW 2012 Ram 1500 Regular Cab Express

Stock #2173909

MSRP.....\$26,080

LaBelle Savings.....\$1,846

Hold Back.....\$753

Southeast Bonus Cash.....\$2,500

FFA Member.....\$500

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Military Discount.....\$500

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Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000



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NEW 2012 Silverado LT

Stock #2522201

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MSRP When New.....\$38,715

Belle Glade Savings.....\$2,184

Hold Back.....\$1,131

GM Factory Rebate.....\$2,500

GM Trade in Allowance.....\$1,000

USAA.....\$750

GM Bonus Cash.....\$500

GM Courtesy Transport.....\$1,500



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\$29,150

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2010 GMC Sierra

Stock #5213598A

MSRP When New.....\$27,500

Sale Price.....\$19,784

Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



\$315 per month

SALE
\$16,784

Many others to choose from at similar savings

Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

NEW 2012 Wrangler Unlimited 4x4

Stock #2286188

MSRP.....\$28,110

LaBelle Savings.....\$868

Hold Back.....\$816

Military Discount.....\$500

College Graduate.....\$500

Total Savings.....\$2,684

Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000



\$418 per month

YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$22,426

Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

NEW 2011 Malibu LS

Stock #BF329266

\$248 per month

34 mpg

MSRP When New.....\$23,180

Belle Glade Savings.....\$816

Hold Back.....\$672

GM Final Pay.....\$3500

USAA.....\$750

GM Courtesy Transport.....\$1,000



YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$16,442

Many others to choose from at similar savings

Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

2010 Nissan Rouge

Stock #3029115

MSRP When New.....\$29,300

Sale Price.....\$18,884

Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



\$299 per month

SALE
\$15,884

Many others to choose from at similar savings

Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

NEW 2012 Chrysler Town and Country

Stock #2252621

MSRP.....\$30,930

LaBelle Savings.....\$1,157

Hold Back.....\$900

Southeast Bonus Cash.....\$1,750

Minivan Conquest.....\$750

Military Discount.....\$500

Total Savings.....\$5,057

Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000



\$423 per month

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\$22,873

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NEW 2012 Cruze LS

Stock #C7143200

\$232 per month

38 mpg

MSRP When New.....\$18,755

Belle Glade Savings.....\$380

Hold Back.....\$540

USAA.....\$750

GM Bonus Cas.....\$500

GM Courtesy Transport.....\$500



YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$15,545

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2009 Honda Civic

Stock #3360973

MSRP When New.....\$22,600

Sale Price.....\$16,284

Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



\$259 per month

SALE
\$13,284

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NEW 2012 Ram 1500 Quad Cab

Stock #2116598

MSRP.....\$27,540

LaBelle Savings.....\$1,692

100% Dealer Hold Back.....\$796

Southeast Bonus Cash.....\$2,500

FFA Member.....\$500

Trade Assistance.....\$1,000

Military Discount.....\$500

College Graduate.....\$500

Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000

Total Savings.....\$7,488



\$324 per month

YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$17,052

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OWNER DEMO 2011 Tahoe LTZ

Stock #187167

MSRP When New.....\$55,790

Belle Glade Savings.....\$3,206

Hold Back.....\$1645

USAA.....\$750

GM Final Pay.....\$4,500



YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$45,689

Many others to choose from at similar savings

2007 Dodge Dakota 4x4 Club Cab

Stock #3179386

MSRP When New.....\$25,700

Sale Price.....\$14,784

Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



\$229 per month

SALE
\$11,784

Many others to choose from at similar savings

Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

NEW 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan

Stock #2-505932

MSRP.....\$20,990

LaBelle Savings.....\$202

100% Dealer Hold Back.....\$600

VPA Bonus.....\$400

FFA Member.....\$500

Military Discount.....\$500

Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000

Total Savings.....\$2,202



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POWER DAYS

Clewiston, Glades Day Duke It Out in Gator Win

BY TIMOTHY SAENZ

It had all the marks of a championship boxing match. Two heavyweights slugged it out at Cane Field on a sultry, sweaty South Florida Friday night.

The Gators of Glades Day hurled gutbusting hooks to the body that took the form of a 253-yard rushing attack: standout running back Kelvin Taylor running right around end, running left around end, running right around end, running left around end.

The Clewiston Tigers fired back with their own mix of head and body shots – big runs from scrimmage that kicked up clods of grass and clumps of turf, two huge kickoff returns that included a 90-yard, straight ahead touchdown sprint from junior Derry West, an electrifying exploit that helped change the game, for better or worse.

When the muggy air cleared after one quarter, the Tigers and the Gators were locked at 20-20. By the final bell, however, Taylor's tale of touchdowns earned the Gators a decisive 49-34 victory over the Tigers.

It was the second kickoff return – a 55-yard bolt by Keith James that gave the Tigers a short field at the Gator 25 – and its result that would lead the Gators' think thank to change their kickoff tactics.

On second and 9 after the run back, senior quarterback Tyler Clemmons hit senior wide receiver Cedric Bron for an 8-yard pickup. Senior running back Virthavious Robinson banged out four yards on the next play for a first down at the

12. Senior running back DeMarcus Terry carried twice for 9 and 2 yards respectively and gave the Tigers a first and goal at the 1. That set up junior running back Derry West's 1-yard plunge for the score. The extra point made it 20-20.

Lady Luck does not seem to smile on Clewiston. The moment the Tigers do something well, she feels she has to counterbalance it. Earlier in the first quarter, after West's brilliant kickoff return for a touchdown, the Tigers opted for a two-point conversion try when a single extra point would have given them the lead. They didn't convert, and the Gators replied on their next possession with a Taylor 34-yard touchdown run that helped push them to a 20-13 lead.

This time the Gators took advantage of circumstances to answer the Tigers' third tying touchdown.

A short Clewiston kickoff landed in the hands of Gator Matt Hubbard, standing at his own 22. Hubbard scooted for 26 yards to his own 48. With the state's top running back and only 52 yards between it and pay dirt, Glades Day traversed the distance in a little over a minute.

Taylor blazed for 8- and 7-yards on two carries. Gator quarterback Josh Carr threw for 33 yards to Chris Stefenack. Taylor finished the drive when he ran into the end zone untouched from 2 yards out. He added a two-point conversion, and Glades Day was up, 28-20, in the second quarter.

Battered by Clewiston's special teams, however, the Gators looked for a way to stem the Tigers' onslaught. They found their answer: a pooch kick. Alberto Garcia bounced one 11 yards to the Clewiston 49, and the Gators recovered it.

A completed pass and a personal foul penalty set up the Gators at the Tiger 15. Three plays later, Taylor sped around the left side for a 19-yard touchdown. The extra point made it Glades Day 35, Clewiston 20.

Clewiston punted for the first time on its next possession, and the Gators' 19-yard return put them at their own 47 with a first and 10. A series of flags followed, including a personal foul, late hit out of bounds call against the Tigers that gave Glades Day 10 yards. Taylor scored on a 26-yard run two plays later. With the extra point, Glades Day led, 42-20.

The Tigers fell short on an opportunity to close the gap before the half ended. They had turned to their passing game, and Clemmons responded with completions to Bron, West, and senior wideout Tramaine Lawson.

The pass to Lawson came on a fourth and 15 from the Glades Day 30. The pair had just missed on a pass to the goal line on the previous play, but this time they connected. Clemmons lofted the ball beautifully, and Lawson beat his man cleanly before being stopped at the Gators' 9-yard line.

Seconds ticked away, and the packed crowd at Cane Field frantically urged the boys on. A run by Robinson gained 4 yards. A bad snap followed, and as time fled the scoreboard, the boys were left scoreless at the 5, easily within striking distance by their own potent ground attack. The 22-point margin at halftime would be too much to overcome, not that the Tigers didn't try.

Clewiston held the Gators to one touchdown in the second half while scoring two of their own. Robinson ran a trap play just right of mountain

moving center Miguel Perera and scored from three yards out to help cut the Gators' lead to 49-27 with 3:30 left in the third quarter.

After West stuffed Taylor for a 1-yard loss on the Gators' next possession, the Gators punted, and the Tigers launched a 98-yard drive that culminated in a 17-yard run for a touchdown by Robinson. That left the final score at 49-34.

Despite the loss, Clewiston impressed in several areas. The offense churned out 335 total yards and 23 first downs. Clemmons hit 11 of 21 for 164 yards, and Tiger runners hit their holes for 171 yards on 34 carries.

Special teams were nothing less than amazing. The Tigers returned kickoffs alone for 179 yards, including West's 90-yard touchdown.

West scored three times on the night and Robinson added his two touchdowns.

The Tigers committed fewer penalties Friday night. They were flagged eight times for 84 yards. However, at least two were personal foul calls. Officials ejected one Tiger.

Glades Day netted 421 yards of offense with 21 first downs against 15 penalties for 120 yards. The cog in its machine was Taylor, who carried 32 times for 218 yards. His runs allowed Carr to pass for 168 yards.

Take away Taylor, and this game ends much differently.

The Tigers hit the road Friday to play Martin County, whose record stands at 1-2. Martin County has scored 25 points in its first three games, according to statistics found online.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Clewiston has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2013.

A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

September 24, 2012 at 5:05 p.m. at

Commission Chambers Clewiston City Hall 115 West Ventura Avenue Clewiston, Florida 33440

BUDGET SUMMARY City of Clewiston - Fiscal Year 2012-2013

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON ARE 4.4% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Millage per \$1,000 General Fund 6.221

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

Millage per \$1,000 6.221

	General Fund	CRA Fund	Grant Fund	Electric Fund	Water/Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total Budget
Taxes:							
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,145,709						1,145,709
Sales and Use Taxes	1,617,370						1,617,370
Licenses and Permits	73,350				88,704		162,054
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,967,305	0	105,376		20,000		3,092,681
Charges for Services	1,110,098			11,881,295	3,645,516	1,139,500	17,776,409
Fines & Forfeitures	196,000			35,000			231,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	64,550	500	200	40,000	21,000	1,200	127,450
Non-Revenues	310,000			44,401			354,401
TOTAL REVENUES	7,484,382	500	105,576	12,000,696	3,775,220	1,140,700	24,507,074
Reserves	152,776	20,000	38,612	200,000	650,000	0	1,061,388

TOTAL REVENUES and RESERVES

7,637,158 20,500 144,188 12,200,696 4,425,220 1,140,700 25,568,462

EXPENDITURES:

General Government	2,039,071	500					2,039,571
Public Safety	2,464,384						2,464,384
Physical Environment	1,370,611	20,000		12,200,696	4,425,220	1,140,700	19,157,227
Culture and Recreation	1,763,092		144,188				1,907,280

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

7,637,158 20,500 144,188 12,200,696 4,425,220 1,140,700 25,568,462

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Laura Mathis

Rock the Universe

A group of young people from the Moore Haven Youth Alive program attended the Rock the Universe event on Sept. 8 at Universal Studios in Orlando. The event included performances by Christian Rock groups.



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Glades County Woman's Club plans activities

By Bobbi Brown

Special to the Glades County Democrat

What an exciting meeting was the one that kicked off the new club year for Glades County Woman's Club! At their September meeting at the Westergaard House, President Kandi Snow welcomed members back, and presented a list of standing committees that needed chairs.

If you are a female 18 years old or older, and have never been a member of a club where all members really work together, you have missed seeing this well-greased organization at its finest.

It was such a pleasure to observe these women volunteer wherever they were needed, and the result follows: Refreshments-Toni Watts; Scholarship-Lori Ward; Webmaster-Vaushea Lewis; Ways & Means-Priscilla Spooner and Aletris Farnam; Calling-Donna Long; Programs-Anne Coffey; Historian-Kim Clement; Publicity-Bobbi Brown and Chaplain-Margaret Brown. These chairpersons were instructed to choose two additional members before the October meeting to complete their committees.

To avoid a conflict with other organizations, the GCWC announced, though it is early, that they have chosen Dec. 6, for that month's meeting/Christmas party, as Christmas on the Caloosahatchee is scheduled for the regular meeting night of Woman's Club. Another event that is an annual affair, is their

luncheon and fashion show, and Saturday, Feb. 16, is the date set for this meeting.

After the usual business was completed, Kandi passed out five poster boards on which she had labelled: Fundraisers, Membership, Programs, Community Events and Projects. She then divided the members into five groups, and each group was given five minutes to record suggestions on the poster boards. The boards were passed until each group had a chance to record any ideas they had to carry out these club efforts. These suggestions and ideas will be invaluable when a committee begins their community service. Be sure to read your Democrat to keep track of what this gung-ho service club is up to!

The Club has been asked to donate desserts for the Fred Langdale fundraiser on Oct. 6, and of course, they agreed to do this. Desserts should be dropped off by 9:30 a.m. at the Chalonitka grounds.

We learned that all is not just business, as Kandi announced that Woman's Club will begin having programs at some of the meetings. In order to make time for a program, all members who have an email address will be forwarded a copy of the minutes to read prior to a meeting. This will avoid having to read them in the meeting, and any corrections or additions can be quickly taken care of. If a member does not have an email address, she should come a little early, and minutes will be available for her to read pri-

or to the meeting.

The newly installed officers provided re-

freshments, and a social hour was enjoyed following the business meeting.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Barbara Brown
Glades County Woman's Club Committee Chairpersons include (left to right, back row): Kim Clement, Anne Coffey, Toni Watts, Bonita Drayton, Aletris Farnam and Vaushea Lewis, (front row, left to right) Margaret Brown, Bobbi Brown and Lori Ward. Not pictured: Donna Storter-Long.

GANGS

Continued From Page 1

Lt. Woods said every prison has gang members. Moore Haven's Correctional facility (CCA) is no exception. Constructed in 1997 to house 857 inmates, with future plans for a maximum of 1200, inmates total 1117. The average count is 975 to 980, with an average age of 25 to 35 years of age with average sentences of eight to ten years. There are approximately 50 STG members all usually identified by tattoos and code numbers.

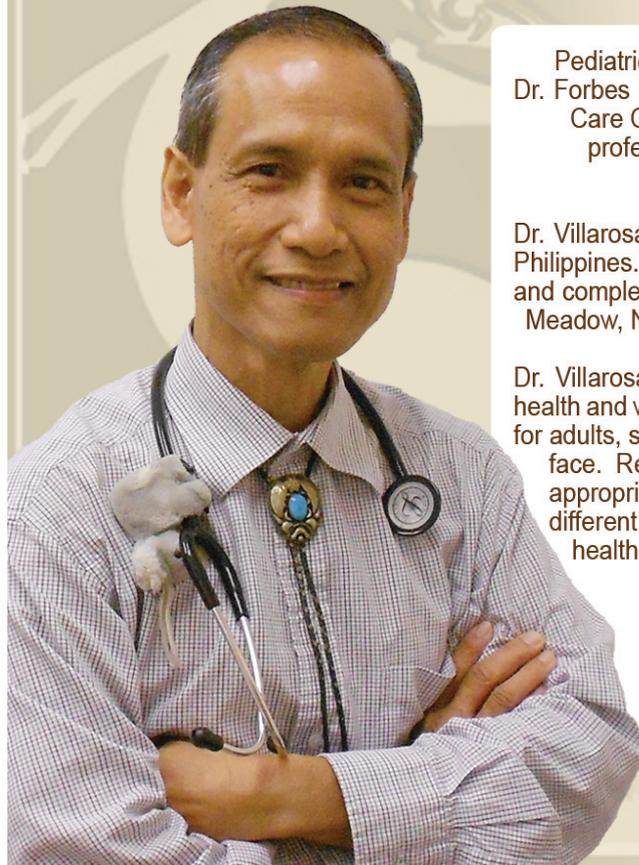
Assistant Warden Douglas Fender said prison staff track backgrounds of these STGs and are aware of their activities daily.

His suggestions to parents who are concerned about their sons and daughters becoming gang members can prevent these deadly decisions by staying involved with their children. "Be involved every day, know where your children are at all times. Monitor their Facebook activities, research who their friends are and where they came from."

Prisons are mysterious and frightening especially if you have never visited one in any capacity. As a reporter for the Glades Democrat many years ago, I toured this prison before it was completed and attended its grand opening. I'm not so sure that the term 'Grand Opening' is applicable but prisons are here to stay. Thanks to Warden Bedard, Assistant Warden Douglas Fender, Chaplain Richardson, Tricia Boland and many others I have met at CCA, their professionalism, demeanor and dedication make it very clear that our public safety is their number one concern.



Hendry Regional Welcomes new Pediatrician Dr. Melanio Villarosa



Pediatric services are now available for the children in our community at the Dr. Forbes Family Care Center in Clewiston and the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center in LaBelle. Dr. Melanio Villarosa has joined the other clinical professionals at all these facilities and is available to treat all children, from newborns through the adolescent years.

Dr. Villarosa received his medical training at the Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines. He performed his internship at the Family Clinic and Hospital in Manila and completed his residency training at the Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. He has over 25 years of experience as a pediatric physician.

Dr. Villarosa has received extensive and specific medical training to oversee the health and well-being of children. Caring for children is distinctly different than caring for adults, since they have unique medical conditions and issues that adults do not face. Regardless of what ails children, they need to be treated in a way that is appropriate to their age and weight. Even the nutritional needs of youngsters are different from those of adults. Dr. Villarosa's expertise can have an impact on the health of your children, which will stretch all the way into their adult lives.

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Dr. Melanio Villarosa

Tips for Coping with the Stresses of Modern Life

From economic uncertainty, to random acts of violence, to divisive politics -- modern society has its pitfalls. And if the headlines have you down, you're not alone.

According to a recent Gallup study, three-quarters of the population is dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time. But some experts believe that by simply putting things into perspective, we can avoid feeling overwhelmed by the realities of today.

"What's going on now isn't anything new," says Michael R. Drew, co-author of "Pendulum: How Past Generations Shape Our Present and Predict Our Future." "It's history repeated, through the cycles of social shifts."

In "Pendulum," Drew, along with co-author

Roy H. Williams, draw upon historical events to show how western society goes through predictable 40-year shifts, swinging from an idealist "me" system of values, to a civic or "we" way of thinking. As we approach 2013, they say, we will embark on the upswing of a "we" era, characterized by divisiveness and destructive historical events.

There are ways to help ease stress about some of today's issues and problems and those we are likely to encounter in the near future:

- Don't be jaded by current political name-calling and divisiveness. It's an American tradition. Even our beloved Founding Fathers were not above getting down in the mud. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams conducted a particularly nasty campaign against one another that would

be considered even more beyond the pale than what we read in blogs, hear on radio and see in advertising.

- You don't need to immerse yourself in the 24-hour news cycle to be an informed citizen. Reading the newspaper, watching TV news, listening to the radio and checking out online news sites and social media services are an important part of staying connected to the world, but should be done in moderation. By taking a bit of time away from incendiary cable news shows and logging off social media periodically, you can give yourself time to think and reflect, focusing your energy on positive things. For media-junkies who can't fathom disconnecting even temporarily, consider adding some alternative news sources to your

mix, such as www.happynews.com, which supplies a dose of something different than anxiety-inducing content.

- Politics, manners, humor, sexuality, wealth -- even our definitions of success -- are periodically renegotiated based on whatever new values society judges acceptable. If you feel out of your element, simply give it some time and society will swing back toward your way of thinking eventually.

- We're living in an age when more and more of us will be defined by what we are not, rather than what we are -- and what we stand against rather than what unites us. Fight against the divisiveness this creates by striving to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Knocks the socks off
- 5 Nab in a sting
- 11 Airwaves monitoring gp.
- 14 Wide-mouthed jug
- 15 Sister of Venus
- 16 RR listing
- 17 Brightness measure, to a pilot
- 19 Pool tool
- 20 Letters after some officers' names
- 21 Ukr. et al, once
- 22 Let up
- 24 Dangle limply
- 26 Green light, to a pilot
- 29 Ireland's ___ Féin
- 31 State through which the Brahmaputra River flows
- 32 Work on a wall
- 35 Upper limb
- 36 Cousin of -esque
- 39 It's dropped for a trip, to a pilot
- 43 Strike caller
- 44 Terr. divided in 1889

- 3 Closely affiliated with
- 4 Indian honorific
- 5 ABA titles
- 6 Cell using a synapse
- 7 Locks of Love donation
- 8 Gray in an outfit
- 9 Game show purchase
- 10 Three-time '70s ABA champs
- 11 Xerox, e.g.
- 12 Mean, and then some
- 13 Words to live by
- 18 Edible suspensions
- 23 Dossier initials
- 25 Tasmanian mount
- 27 Vocalist Vikki
- 28 Capital north of Addis Ababa
- 30 "Haven't the foggiest"
- 32 Winter bane
- 33 Canyon viewpoint
- 34 Play up
- 35 Old flood insurance?
- 37 The Bosphorus, e.g.: Abbr.

- 38 One may be in the ring
- 40 '50s-'60s chief justice Warren
- 41 Shekels
- 42 Selling point?
- 47 "___ seen enough!"
- 48 Bow and scrape
- 49 Luau garb
- 50 Force to be borne
- 51 Zellweger of "Chicago"

- 52 Dickens villain
- 54 "Hello! I'm ..." badge
- 55 Nary a soul
- 56 Word just before a duel?
- 59 Many sports nos.
- 63 "That feels great"
- 64 Org. for marksmen
- 65 When doubled, a dance

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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- 2 Title holder

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This is Terrier football: The building of a program

By Coach Mike Minikwu

Moore Haven High School
Terriers Football Coach
Special to the Glades County Democrat

My name is Mike Minikwu. I'm the Head Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator of your Moore Haven Terriers. Everything that has happened to me in life has prepared me for this moment!

Every morning I wake up and my heart is troubled for the young men today. Do they know why they are here? Do they understand that they were designed for greatness? These are the questions that fuel my passion!

You see, I have been called to use the game football, as a means to build great men, and great men have to lead. In fact their leadership is inescapable, and football brings this truth to the present! It forces young men to be men, and the pressures of this game give them a reflection of their lives. It is hard and when life blindsides us we have to know how to get back up!

We as coaches will be there for our kids, and be the men that model the greatest man; the One who was willing to die for those who he loves. This is the foundation for our greatness.

The path to greatness is hard. In order to be great on the biggest stage, we have to be willing to suffer daily. Every morning we wake up we have to be willing to out-work our opponents in everything we do.

True passion is willingness to suffer for those who we claim to love. It allows us to push ourselves harder than others, it drives our discipline to do the little things right. We will be great practice players, we will work hard, we will do it right, or we will do it again!

We will be students of the game both on and off the field. Our players will be coaches on the field; we will communicate, encourage, and have fun during games.

Our execution does not happen by chance. We do our jobs, especially the little ones, with championship-attention to detail. We will embrace the moment when the game is on the line!

We will build a team of great men who leave a legacy for others to follow. We will lead this school, this community, and state!! We will set the standard to the nation on how the game should be played, and we will walk away CHAMPIONS in life!

To the Terrier Nation!
In last week's contest, your Moore Haven Terriers played host to Out-of-Door-Academy. Last year the Thunders beat Moore Haven 56-6 which stuck in the back of their heads. The Terriers focused and needed a good week of practice, and it paid off. The Terrier rushing attack was too much for the Thunder as Moore Haven was able to rush for a total of 417 yards and pass for 60 yards. The passing yards would have been more if it was for some plays called back.

The young but improving offensive line played very well. Any time you can rush for as many yards as we did Friday night, you have to give credit to offensive line for opening holes for our skills guys.

Many of your Terriers touched the ball Friday night. Leading rusher Barrion Co-

hens had eight carries for 180 yards with two touchdowns. Markies Hallback had four carries for 92 yards and a touchdown. Darion Cohens, Darius Cohen, all had rushing touchdowns. All together your Terriers had 38 rushing attempts for 417 yards giving them a 10.97 yards average per attempt. Not to forget about the passing attack the Terriers had passing TD Bronson Bass to Viton Lewis for 25-yard TD.

Since stepping into the quarterback roll, Bronson Bass has done a great job getting the ball into the play maker hands and not to forget making some nice passes of his own.

The Terrier defense did a great job of getting the Terriers back the ball as the defense created two turnovers which both of them came off Daruis Cohens INTs in which he ran one back for a touchdown.

The Friday night contest was a team effort both from the coaches and players. It's a great opportunity to build on and return Moore Haven Football to its winning ways.

Clear eyes! Full hearts! Can't lose!



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Daruis Cohen was the defensive player of the game.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
The Moore Haven High School Terriers' offensive line played very well in the game against Out-of-Door Academy Thunder.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2010-CA-000834

EverBank, Plaintiff,
vs.
Francisco R. Torres and Eufemia I. Torres, Husband and Wife; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 9, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000834 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein EverBank, Plaintiff and Francisco R. Torres and Eufemia I. Torres, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on September 26, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, IN BLOCK 207, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 535-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida
/s/ J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Albertelli Law-Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743
11-89506

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 359 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, Florida 33471, and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 425038 GCD 9/13,20/2012

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd. Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800
425672 CN 9/13,20/2012

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

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to 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.
425274 CN 9/13,20/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2012 at 2:00 PM at AAA Self Storage, 657 Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL, the undersigned, AAA Self Storage, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Celia Cardona #74
Cortney Porter #87
426360 GCD 9/20,27/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 10-000048-CA

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
SHERRY Y. ADAMS, et al, Defendant(s).

Public Notice

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling November 3, 2011 Foreclosure Sale dated August 20, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10-000048-CA of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Sherry Y. Adams, Nicky Holter, Bushhead Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., PNC Bank, National Association, as Successor By Merger with National City Bank, as Successor By Merger with Harbor Federal Savings Bank, Unknown Tenant #1 n/k/a Nathan Holter, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on, Glades County, Florida on the 4th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 22, BLOCK B, LAKEVIEW ESTATES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: MERL, MODEL: 1998, TITLE NUMBERS: 45262099/45873395, ID NUMBERS: CFI 2429244/ 242429248, INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES LOCATED THEREON AND TOGETHER WITH THE FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND FIXTURES SITUATED THEREIN AND LOCATED THEREON

A/K/A 1011 CASEY LANE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

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

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 21st day of August, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Glades County, Florida
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law-Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743
11-89506

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 359 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, Florida 33471, and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 425038 GCD 9/13,20/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 12-CA-350

LIBERTY BANK FSB, Plaintiff,
vs.
OLDE NAPLES INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; ALL UNKNOWN LIENHOLDERS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES IN INTEREST, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, will, on September 26, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, 2nd Floor, Labelle, Florida in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the property situated in Collier County, Florida described as follows:

Lot 1, less the South 15 feet thereof, Block 90, of Labelle Industrial Park, according to the plat thereof; as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 72, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida (the "Property").

Plaintiff's attorney requests that the Notice of Foreclosure Sale shall be published in the Clewiston News.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court, this 21st day of August, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
/s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
424879 CN 9/13,20/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2012-72CP
Division: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID SANTIAGO
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DAVID SANTIAGO, deceased, whose date of death was November 17, 2011; File Number 2012-72CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, Labelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: September 13, 2012.

IVY SANTIAGO
Personal Representative
130 South Jimnee Street
Clewiston, FL 33440

Derek B. Alvarez, Esquire
FBN: 114278
dab@endersalvarez.com
Anthony F. Diecidue, Esquire
FBN: 146528
afd@endersalvarez.com
GENERS + ALVAREZ + DIECIDUE, P.A.
2307 West Cleveland Street
Tampa, Florida 33609
Phone: (813) 254-4744
Fax: (813) 254-5222
426097 CN 9/13,20/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 12-DR-158
Division: Family

MARIEL JOHANNNA GOPHER-MERAS, Petitioner,
and
ENRIQUE MERAS, JR., Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Enrique Meras, Jr.**
Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Travis W. Trueblood, whose address is 200 S. Andrews Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 on or before October 19, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: September 5, 2012

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
426068 CN 9/13,20,27;10/4/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Jessica Moore conducting a Photography business at 322 Bond St., Clewiston, Florida, under the fictitious name of Moore Memories Photography and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Jessica Moore
Ownership of Moore Memories Photography is as follows:
Jessica Moore
It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Moore Memories Photography under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Jessica Moore
DATE: 9/14/2012
322 Bond Street
Clewiston, FL 33440
863-233-6300

426313 CN 9/20/2012



Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct routine business that may require Board action.

This meeting is open to the public.
Mark Colbert, Chairman
426692 CGS/CB 9/20/2012

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.
426553 CN 9/20/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
426541 CN/CB 9/20/2012

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY

Take Notice that the School Board of Hendry County will conduct a workshop to discuss the budget.

This Workshop will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2012 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meeting.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Sally Berg, Chairman
426339 CN/CB 9/20/2012

REQUEST FOR BIDS SUPPLY FUEL TO HENDRY COUNTY

BID # 2012-26
OPENING DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 18, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, to "Supply Fuel to Hendry County." In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 18, 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.

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

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.
Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
426693 CN/CB 9/20/27;10/4,11/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1972, 2009, 1274432-A0002290100, Michael Marquez

The East one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet and the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 152, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of October, 2012, which is the 25th day of October, 2012.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

426490 CN 9/20/27 & 10/4,11/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2003, 2009, 1344432-A0000280100, Lesson Vedrine & Milfran Vedrine

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4334, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of October, 2012, which is the 25th day of October, 2012.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

426528 CN 9/20/27 & 10/4,11/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

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

Tristan Chapman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
426746 CN/CB 9/20/2012

City of Clewiston Request for Bids 2013 Grounds Maintenance Contract

The City of Clewiston will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., local time, Monday, November 05, 2012, at Clewiston City Hall, 1/C/O City Clerk Marilyn McConvey, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, telephone number (863) 983-1484 at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids should be clearly marked "2013 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT".

The work consists of mowing and other grounds maintenance services on City rights of ways, medians, parks, green spaces, and other locales. The term of the contract is 1 year; however, with satisfactory work, the City Manager may extend the contract 2 additional terms. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 08, 2012 at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 for the purpose of answering any questions bidders may have.

The bid packets (inclusive of the Bid Form, the Draft Contract, the listing of Maintenance Locations, a color-coded map of the Maintenance Locations, and the Technical Specifications for the work to be performed) may be purchased from City Hall for a fee of \$10.00. This document must be filled out completely and submitted along with your Local Business Tax Receipt, Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance.

A decision by the City Commission will be made on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm during the regularly scheduled meeting. The City of Clewiston reserves the right to hold all bids for 45 days and to reject any all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid that in its judgment best serves the City of Clewiston.

City of Clewiston
Steve McKown, City Manager
426357 CN 9/20/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1421, 2009, 1154432-A0000360100, Luis F. Martinez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3263, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of October, 2012, which is the 25th day of October, 2012.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

426520 CN 9/20/27 & 10/4,11/2012

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000544 Flat Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area - 217000

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the 2:30 P.M. opening time on October 17, 2012 for Flat Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area - 217000.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Conference) will be held on October 1, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clewiston Field Station Main Conference Room, located at 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston Florida. All Respondents who wish to respond to this solicitation must be present and on time at the Conference. Bids will not be accepted from Respondents who either did not attend the Conference or who are more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT ADMIT ANY RESPONDENTS AFTER 9:15 A.M.

Due to the importance of all Respondents having a clear understanding of the scope of work and requirements of this solicitation, attendance at this Conference by a representative of each Prime Respondent shall be a prerequisite for submitting a bid. A Respondent's failure to attend the Conference will result in the District declaring a submitted bid as non-responsive.

A Respondent's attendance at the Conference shall be evidenced by its representative's signature on the District's Sign-In-Sheet. Any bid received from Respondents who did not attend the Conference will be returned unopened.

Work site visits will immediately follow the Conference and may include travel through rough terrain and remote and heavy vegetative areas. Transportation to the Conference and work site(s) shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. Site visit attendance is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested Respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling the BID HOTLINE (800) 472-5290, option 1. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov
426098 CN 9/20/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1956, 2009, 1274432-A0001930100, German D. Gil and Maria de los Angeles Corder

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 99, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of October, 2012, which is the 25th day of October, 2012.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

426519 CN 9/20/27 & 10/4,11/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1440, 2009, 1154432-A0001050000, Ruben Ignacio Acosta

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3132, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of October, 2012, which is the 25th day of October, 2012.
Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

426524 CN 9/20/27 & 10/4,11/2012

REQUEST FOR BIDS CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL SERVICES

BID NUMBER: 2012-27
OPENING DATE AND TIME: October 11, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the "Contract for Professional Pest Control services" for County buildings and facilities. Bids will be opened on October 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clerk's Office, second floor, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

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, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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
426565 CN/CB 9/20/27/2012

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF CLEWISTON

Sealed PROPOSALS will be received by the City of Clewiston at City Hall, Attention: Marilyn McConvey, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 until Monday, October 29, 2012 at 3:00 pm local time. The proposals will be opened immediately following the submittal deadline at City Hall. The project is titled "Pension Plan Administration".

The City is seeking proposals from qualified companies in offering comprehensive retirement services for 1) the creation and operation of a 401(a) Money Purchase Pension Plan (Defined Contribution) for the employees (approximately 84 eligible) of the City, and 2) to manage the frozen defined benefit plan, including but not limited to, all actuarial work and reporting, investment advice, and required reporting, including but not limited to, all notifications and reports to employees and retirees, all reports required by law and the plan documents, and all other reports as may be necessary. The package for submitting a proposal is available at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL, on our web site, www.clewiston-fl.gov, or contact Marilyn McConvey at 863-983-1484.

The owner reserves the right to hold all bids for sixty (60) days and to reject any and all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the proposal with or without alternates which in its judgment best serves the owner.

Marilyn McConvey, City Clerk
City of Clewiston, Florida
426747 CN 9/20/2012

Public Notice

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**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:

Redeagle Investments, LLC (Redeagle Investments) 4112 Powder Mill Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, has submitted Application 120820-5 for C-139 Basin Works of the District Permit 26-00340-E for 915.44 acres of pasture lands. The water will be discharged to the L-2 Canal and the project is located in Section 46, Township 34 South, Ranges 19, 20, 29, 30 East.

IMG Enterprises, Inc (IMG Citrus Grove) 7836 Cherry Lake Road, Groveland, FL 34736, has submitted Application 120815-14 for modification of Environmental Resource Permit 26-00381-S for 1,299.40 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Big Cypress Basin and the project is located in Sections 25, 36, Township 48 South, Range 31 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 33416-9680, 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.

426557 CN 9/20/2012

Public Notice

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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
1991	2009	1274432-A0002700100	Orlando Naranjo, Trustee of the Orlando Naranjo Revocable Trust And Aida Naranjo, Trustee of the Aida Naranjo Revocable Trust

The East one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 200, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **October, 2012**, which is the **25th day of October, 2012**.

Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

426522 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1711	2009	1244432-A0001120000	Orlando Naranjo, Trustee Of The Orlando Naranjo Revocable Trust and Aida Naranjo, Trustee of the Aida Naranjo Revocable Trust

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5182, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

426489 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1815	2009	1254432-A0002410000	Luis Crespo & Monica Crespo

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4993, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

426494 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

**1-INVITATION TO BID
BID # 2012-4
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
LEVEE CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed bids for the reconstruction of the above referenced **Levee Construction** will be received by the Board of Central County Water Control District, hereinafter referred to as "District" at:

475 S. Cabbage Palm Street Clewiston, Florida 33440

until **2:00 pm local time on Tuesday, September 25, 2012** for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Construction Contract, Detailed Specifications and Drawings which comprise the Bid Documents. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid and **bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.**

The Work is described as **Levee Construction** and is outlined in drawings and specifications prepared by Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E.

A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida.

Construction drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E. (contact person) at 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida (863/612-0011), or from CCWCD office at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida (863/983-5797) for a (non-refundable) fee of \$50. Checks shall be payable to Rock Enterprises, Inc.

Each bid must be submitted, in duplicate, on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the Board of CCWCD, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All subcontractors shall be declared on a separate form.

All bids shall be opened and read aloud on September 25, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida. Bidders are welcome to attend.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bond(s) for the faithful performance of the Contract, as prescribed in the Contract Documents. All Bid Bonds, Contract Bonds, Insurance Contracts and Certificates of Insurance shall be either executed by or countersigned by a licensed resident agent of the surety or insurance company having its place of business in the State of Florida. Further, the said surety or insurance company shall be duly authorized and qualified to do business in the State of Florida and shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-minus or better and who is listed on the United States Treasury Department's T-list as acceptable to issue bonds for the applicable dollar amount.

The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening.

In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the District will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low Bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the District to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. The District reserves the right to award either alternate to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid(s). It also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond ninety (90) calendar days from the bid opening date during which, the District at its sole discretion may release the Bid security

DATED this 20th day of August, 2012.
ATTEST: Central County Water Control District
By: Benito Alvarez, Chairman
424504 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13,20/2012

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1364	2009	1144432-A0001120000	Orlando A. Naranjo

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3401, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

426500 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1738	2008	1224432-01000490150	Glora M. Auria

Lot 15 in Block 49, of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.

Barbara S. Butler
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426486 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012



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Notice of Permit
The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of General Permit 26-00505-W, a Notice of Intent to Use Water with conditions. The purpose of the permit is to renew a water use permit for public water supply serving up to 28 people with an average treated water per capita use of 017 gallons per day. The withdrawals are from the Lower Tamiami aquifer via one proposed and four existing withdrawal facilities with an allocation of 3.12 million gallons annual and 0.44 million gallons per month. Application 120712-4 was filed by Alico, Inc., 10070 Daniels Interstate Court Suite 100, Ft. Myers FL 33913 for a project located in Section17/T455/R31E and Sections 3,4/7455/R32E, Hendry County Florida, in the general proximity of County Road 833 and County Road 832.

The letter of August 3, 2012 notifying agency action of the Notice of Intent to use water, set forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, including permit conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules, and that the use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the General Water Use Permit directly from the District's website www.sfwmd.gov, using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

Right to Request Administrative Hearing
As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.110(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of a written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions
The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. **Filings by e-mail will not be accepted.** Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing
Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
 2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
 3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
 4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
 5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
 6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
 7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
 8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
 9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.
- A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.
- If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice or intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106-111, Fla. Admin. Code.

Mediation
The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

Right to Seek Judicial Review
Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.

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Two more charged in 'Operation Pill Crusher'

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two more Moore Haven men have been arrested in conjunction with an undercover drug operation aimed at the illegal sales of prescription drugs.

Seven Glades County residents were initially arrested on Sept. 11 when the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) ended their two-month drug investigation called Operation Pill Crusher II.

Since then, Delvin Dewayne Hughes and Norman Lee Flemming Jr. have been arrested for allegedly selling prescription medications to undercover officers.

Hughes, 46, of a Gamble Street address, was booked into the Glades County Jail on Sept. 13 on felony charges of sale of a schedule I or II synthetic narcotic and possession of a schedule I or II synthetic narcotic with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$30,000.

Flemming, 38, Huggins Avenue, was arrested four days later and is currently being held in the county jail on bond. He was charged with five counts of sale of a sched-



Delvin D. Hughes

ule I or II synthetic narcotic within 1,000 feet of a specified area, one count of possession of a schedule I or II synthetic narcotic with intent to sell and one count of sale of a schedule I or II synthetic narcotic. He is being held on a total bond of \$105,000.

GCSO arrest reports show that a confidential informant made multiple buys from Flemming. In those alleged buys, the informant reportedly bought either morphine or oxycodone pills from Flemming.

A GCSO arrest report indicated that the charges filed against Hughes stemmed from him selling two 30 mg. oxycodone tablets to a confidential informant for \$60. The report goes on to state that Hughes had a valid script for the powerful pain killers, and that on Aug. 3 he had refilled that prescription and received 180 oxycodone tablets.

The sheriff's office will also seize a 1970 Chevrolet automobile owned by Hughes.



Norman Lee Flemming

That car has an estimated value of \$2,000.

Also seized in conjunction with Operation Pill Crusher II was \$3,200 in cash found on Artavistus Ware, 30, of Moore Haven. According to a detective close to the operation GCSO K-9 Sandy alerted to the cash when Ware was arrested on Sept. 11.

Ware, of an Elderberry Avenue address, was charged with the felonies of possession of a schedule I or II controlled substance with intent to sell, sale of a schedule I or II controlled substance, sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and operating a drug house. He was booked into the county jail under a bond of \$125,000.

Other Moore Haven residents arrested on Sept. 11 were: Duriel Hallback, 31; Colton Lee, 23; Israel Ramon Mathis, 51; Frank Lopez, 61; Sara Lopez, 59; and, Katheryn Lopez Russell, 22.

Frank and Sara Lopez are husband and

wife and Katheryn Lopez Russell is their daughter. All of them, along with five children, lived in a home on Saddle Lane.

Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon said several buys were made at the Lopez home.

"We made multiple buys -- it wasn't a fluke," he said. "It was just whoever happened to be in the house when we showed up."

The detective said there were five children, ages 1 to 15, in the home when a confidential informant made the buys.

"We made a couple of buys from Mr. Lopez. When we went to do another deal and he wasn't home, Mrs. Lopez and Ms. Lopez-Russell sold 50 percocets," said the detective. "All of the sales were in their home."

Apparently the Lopez family had valid prescription for hydrocodone and other pills. They were selling the pills to "make ends meet," added the detective.

The children were turned over to the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Despite these latest arrests, the investigation is continuing.

Corps starts releases from Lake Okeechobee

By Pete Gawda

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (COE), has decided to release water from Lake Okeechobee to slow the rise of the lake during the hurricane season.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 18, Lt. Col. Thomas Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida, announced that beginning at 7 a.m. Sept. 19 COE would begin releasing water from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Canal. The colonel said that during most of the spring and summer the lake level has been below the preferred range. However, there have been significant rises in the lake level associated with Tropical Storm Isaac. Lake Okeechobee is reaching the upper level of 15.5 feet prescribed under the Lake Okeechobee Regulations Schedule (LORS).

At 1,500 cubic feet per second on the Caloosahatchee and 900 cubic feet per second on the St. Lucie, these releases are well below the level authorized by LORS. They will remain in effect until further notice. At this

time COE is not trying to drop the lake to a specific level, but to slow the rise of the lake to prevent larger releases in the future. Colonel Greco feels this level of release should have a minimum effect on the ecology of the estuaries. He said that COE would be looking at long and short-range weather forecasts and might have to make adjustments to the rate of flow depending on rainfall.

The goal of COE is to try to maintain storage capacity in the lake during the hurricane season and enter the dry season in good shape. Some predictions call for a wetter than normal dry season.

Each Tuesday the COE considers the opinions of scientists as to the environmental effects of releasing water before any decisions are made on future releases.

When asked about the condition of the Herbert Hoover Dike during Tropical Storm Isaac, the colonel replied that the dike performed as it was expected and there was no seepage. The colonel said that at 18 feet, there is a higher probability of dike failure in some sections. However he said it is the goal of COE to keep the lake considerably lower

than 18 feet.

It is important that lake releases keep ahead of rising lake levels because water flows into the lake much faster than it can be released. Colonel Greco said that one foot of

rain in the upper Kissimmee basin would result in a 3 or 4 foot rise in lake level in a relatively short length of time. With maximum releases it would take 75 days to release that much water from the lake.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Clewiston, Florida will hold a public hearing to consider and receive input regarding property located at 312 West Ventura Avenue and 315 West Trinidad Avenue and forward its recommendations to the City Commission.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Clewiston, Florida will hold a public hearing to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and receive input regarding property located at 312 West Ventura Ave and 315 West Trinidad Avenue, Clewiston Florida.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 15, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The hearings are for the following:

**Lots 1 and 18, Block 351,
General Plan of Clewiston**

Item 1 – Rezone: A request from the Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. that certain properties located at 312 West Ventura Avenue and 315 West Trinidad Avenue be reviewed for change of the Official Use District (Zoning) designation. The request is for change of the zoning from Two-Family (Duplex) Residential Use District (R-2) to Commercial Use District (C).



Item 2 – Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment: A request from the Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for properties located at 312 West Ventura Avenue and 315 West Trinidad Avenue. The request is for change of the Future Land Use Map designation from Multi-family (R-3) to Commercial (C).

These hearings will be held at the City Hall Commission Chambers located at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL. All citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings and interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed request.

A copy of the proposed Amendments will be available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations because of a disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments, should contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484 at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, to include the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

City of Clewiston, FL
Travis Reese
Community Development Director

Youth Tobacco Use Down Across The State

Tobacco remains a serious issue among teens

New data released by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) shows that 23 percent fewer Florida high school students are current cigarette smokers compared to 2010. The results indicate a decline in overall tobacco use among youth.

“The decrease in tobacco use among our state’s youth is an encouraging indication of the effectiveness of our tobacco prevention programs, yet our work is not done,” said State Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong.

“We in Florida are fortunate to have a comprehensive program that provides county-level community interventions and continued education for all youth. The Department remains committed to preventing smoking in the first place as we help current smokers quit.”

The 2012 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) shows:

- 10.1 percent of high school students reported current cigarette use, meaning they smoked a cigarette at least once

during the past 30 days, a 22.6 percent decrease compared to 2010.

- 11.4 percent of high school students reported current cigar use, a 13.6 decline compared to 2010.

- 7.7 percent reported current hookah use, a 6.1 percent decrease compared to 2010.

- 5.6 percent of high school students reported current smokeless tobacco use, a 12.5 percent decrease compared to 2010.

In 2010, DOH re-launched a comprehensive media campaign that demonstrates the severe health and emotional toll of tobacco-related death and disease. Research proves that hard-hitting media campaigns are effective at promoting quit attempts and reducing youth tobacco initiation.

The Florida data comes on the heels of a national report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Aug. 3 that shows an alarming increase in the use of non-cigarette smoked tobacco products. The flavoring and lower costs of these products make them especially appealing to teens.

Youth mistakenly believe flavored tobacco, widely considered to be starter products, to be less harmful than their non-flavored counterparts.

Preventing tobacco use and encouraging cessation among young people are critical in combating the tobacco epidemic because nearly nine out of 10 smokers start by age 18.

The number of teens who try or habitually use tobacco increases with each increasing grade level. As students go back to school, now is a perfect time for parents talk with their teens about tobacco issues.

Teens whose parents strongly disapprove of their tobacco use – even if they use tobacco themselves – are less likely to take up tobacco. Parental disapproval has even been found to counteract peer influence.

Yet, the 2012 FYTS shows that only 50.4 percent of high school students had talked with a parent or guardian about the dangers of tobacco in the past year.

A parent’s own tobacco use significantly influences their child’s decision to use tobacco. One important way Floridians can help prevent tobacco use is by quitting. The Florida Department of Health’s Tobacco Free Florida programs offers free and convenient quit resources.

For more information, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com.

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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 1.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.79/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.86/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 26.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 14.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 15.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 24.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

“The national average continues to hover near its higher ever September level,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

“As we push deeper into September,

the more optimistic I am that these high prices will begin to come down slightly, but with the recently announced QE3, I’m a bit concerned that prices won’t

moderate as much as previously expected as the dollar weakens, leading me to believe 2012 will have featured the highest yearly average ever,” DeHaan said.

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