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## Church bus overturns

A church bus overturned on U.S. Highway 27 on Saturday, sending 17 people to the hospital according to the Florida Highway Patrol. For more on the story, see page 22/

## Jobless rates drop

By Charles M. Murphy  
Special to the Glades County Democrat

Jobless rates improved in September according to the monthly report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Glades County reported 10.1 percent unemployment, or 488 residents in September and 10.9 percent and 511 in August.

The state level was 8.6 percent in September, down from 9-percent in August while the national average was 7.6 percent in September, down from 8.2 percent in August.

The report showed 10.3 percent of the Okeechobee workforce collected benefits

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# Seminole veteran finally honored

*Editor's note: On Thursday, Nov. 1, at 10a.m. a special ceremony will be held at the Seminole Veterans Building on East Harney Pond Road on Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation to honor Charlie Steel Gopher, a Vietnam War veteran whose heroic service to his country is only now being officially recognized.*

By Peter B. Gallagher  
Seminole Tribune  
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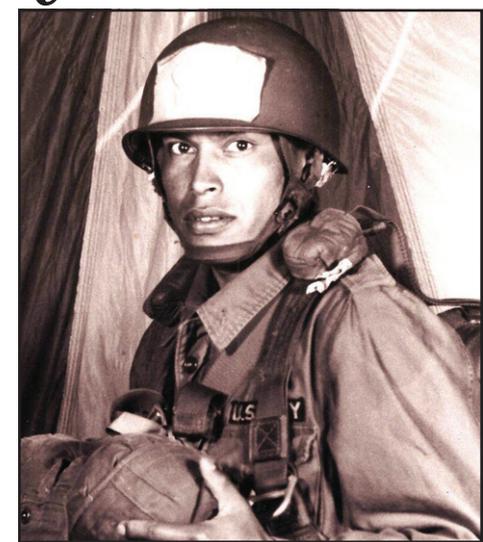
ST. PETERSBURG — An administrative decision by the Regional Office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has cleared the way for the late Seminole Indian war hero Charlie Steel Gopher to receive the full burial benefits denied him and his family for the past 38 years.

"In the eyes of the VA, Charlie received an honorable discharge," said Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Bureau Chief Marc McCabe, who spent nearly four years and thousands of

miles of travel battling with both the VA and the U.S. Army to reverse their decision. "Now we just have to wait on the U.S. Army to follow suit."

The VA originally decided against Gopher's appeal in early July, and then, reversed their own decision the next day without comment. McCabe said fear of the potential intervention of U.S. Congressman C.W. Bill Young and VA Secretary Gen. Eric Shinseki may have forced Smith's hand: "There is a lot of validity to that reasoning," McCabe said. "She was the victim of a two-frontal attack. Here was The Seminole Tribune asking questions and getting ready to interview Congressman Young and there I was on my way to Washington to drop this whole case right on Gen. Shinseki's desk." Congressman Young is a longtime supporter of veterans' affairs and a member of both the powerful Committee on Appropriations and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military

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Charlie Steel Gopher



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**First term budgetary accomplishments - doing more with less**

- **Sheriff's Budget** - I have not increased the Sheriff's Office budget, nor have I requested any additional funds from the County Commission, while absorbing over 2.5 million dollars in federal and state mandated increases outside of my control.
- **Reallocation of positions within the agency.** This allowed for the hiring of ten (10) additional deputies. Reallocating resources and eliminating unneeded administrative positions allowed for a reduction in the number of command staff from the prior administration. We went from eight employees with a Captain's rank or higher prior to my taking office to currently only four employees with Captain's rank and above. This includes the Chief Deputy and me.
- **Notice to Appear** - Since January 2009, all applicable non-violent misdemeanor arrests are given a Notice to Appear in Court rather than booking them into jail. This has reduced the average inmate daily population from 265 to 180, lowering the taxpayer burden of feeding and medicating these inmates. It costs taxpayers \$39.00 per day to house one inmate, not including medical expenses.
- **First On-Line Auction** - Have brought in \$90,184.11 since taking office. Parking lot auctions, held by previous Sheriffs, only yielded approximately \$10,000.00 average per year.
- **Fleet Gas Card Program** - Better audit trail. This program relieves unnecessary gas spending (cheaper fuel). The county buys 10,000 gallons of fuel at a time, if the prices at the gas stations drop below county price we go there, always getting the lowest price.
- **Investigative Cost Reimbursement** - Criminals reimburse the cost of the investigation, saving taxpayers money. This 1987 law had not been used until 2009.
- **Employee starting pay** - Reduced the starting pay for new hires while still remaining competitive with surrounding counties.
- **Unclaimed Evidence** - Utilized \$43,008.03 in unclaimed evidence money to help subsidize the budget.
- **Applied for and received Grants** - Supplements budget requests.
- **Scrutinizing Existing Contracts** - Renegotiated many contracts lowering prices, and eliminating frivolous costs to taxpayers.
- **Health Insurance Costs** - Along with the County, made adjustments to the health insurance program to offset an increase of over \$70,000.00 in health care premiums (the costs of health care premiums have increased 24% over the last three years).
- **Drug Seizures** - Have seized over \$133,111.51 in cash and tangible assets. All seized items being processed through the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
- **Donations** - Have received donations of vehicles and other much needed equipment from other law enforcement agencies. This helps offset deficiencies in budget.
- **Inmate Medical** - With the addition of a contracted negotiator, the agency has saved over \$300,000 in the first six months of this addition. This has a potential for enormous yearly savings. The county usually spends between \$400,000 and \$600,000 per year on medical needs for inmates.
- **Awarded a Grant for a Victims Advocate position.**
- **Upgraded to a new evidence room** - paid for with auction proceeds.



**Friends:**

I want to thank you for your support in the primary election. As you know, we have one more, very important election to get through on November 6th. Now that I have been your Sheriff, I have to run on my record which I am extremely proud of. I am the only Sheriff who has never increased the budget while being in office. You should also know that I was able to absorb within our budget 3 million dollars in Federal and State mandated increases, keeping our taxes down. I also told you that I wanted to make the Sheriff's Office a truly professional agency. With that said, I am very proud to announce that on September 27th 2012, for the first time ever, the Hendry County Sheriff's Office received Accreditation from the state of Florida's Accreditation commission. Accreditation is important to you because it establishes and maintains standards that represent current professional law enforcement practices. It increases effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services to you. It establishes standards that address and reduce liability for the agency and its members and, it establishes standards that makes our agency and its personnel accountable to the people they serve, you.

My opponent came to Hendry County five years ago after a career as a jailer with Palm Beach County. Being a jailer is a very important job and it is a career to be proud of however; the jail is a small part of the responsibility of Sheriff. As you know, I have a vast amount of law enforcement experience ranging from local to Federal agencies. I'm from here, I know the people and I know the criminal element. When you come to speak with your Sheriff, you speak with me, not a subordinate like you would in other counties. A sheriff should be experienced enough to give you correct information. Also, I'm afraid that if my opponent was elected, he would not understand how to build on the one-on-one relationship between the Sheriff and the people he serves. It's been twenty years since Hendry County has consecutively re-elected a Sheriff, and we have suffered from that lack of stability in the office. I think we're ready for some continuity. I ask that you look through this information and see what I have been able to accomplish for you. Compare my experience with my opponent's. You will see that I am the only candidate with vast amounts of actual law enforcement experience, not just jail experience. We have made many "firsts" since taking office and I look forward to making many more in a second term serving you. It has been my honor to serve as your Sheriff. Again, I ask you to look at my record, and ask that you vote for me on November 6th 2012, as Hendry County needs stability in the Office of Sheriff.

*Steve Whidden*  
Sincerely,  
Steve Whidden, Hendry County Sheriff

Please vote November 6th 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at home (863) 612-0678 or email via [steve@wewantwhidden.com](mailto:steve@wewantwhidden.com).

**VOTE NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**Agency additions - protecting our community physically and financially**

- **Additional Narcotics Team** - Implemented a second narcotics unit. Narcotic arrests have doubled.
- **Added Deputies** - Additional ten deputies to the road, to include the second narcotics unit, a four man K-9 highway drug interdiction unit and four COPS deputies. This allows full time deputy coverage to outlying areas.
- **Jail Improvements** - Brought the jail from a dungeon like environment to meet current Florida Model Jail Standards. We have incurred zero lawsuits since taking office.
- **Community Policing Unit** - Implemented the first "trained" Community Policing Team, which specifically targets troubled communities.
- **Promotional Testing** - Implemented testing and oral promotional board to ensure that the Sheriff's Office receives the best supervision possible. One member of the public is on each board.
- **Evidence Room** - Upgraded to a new evidence room - paid for with auction proceeds.
- **Updated Firearms for Officers** - Original firearms were in disrepair.
- **Re-Opened Civilian Gun Range** - Continue working with the County on improving the Gun Range for civilians - now open more days to the public.
- **Checks and Balances** - Implemented safe guards to the jail canteen account so that embezzlement won't happen again.
- **Training Division** - Implemented an in-house training division for members of the agency.
- **Technology Updates** - Updated computer network to allow for faster, more secure and stable communications.
- **Electronic Reporting and Citations** - Allows deputies to spend more time patrolling your neighborhoods and less time in the office writing reports.
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** - Updated the SOP manual which was last updated in 1999. HCSO is now current with rules and regulations, Florida Statutes and Supreme Court case law in line with larger law enforcement agencies in the state.
- **Implemented Citizen Firearm Training Programs** - such as the concealed weapons permit class and civilian gun safety courses.
- **Federally Mandated Radio System** - Upgraded to the 800 MHz radio system for interoperability with no increase to the budget. This is the state law enforcement radio system. (FCC has mandated conversion to 800MHz or narrow band existing radios by 2013.)
- **K-9 Sweeps** - Random narcotic sweeps in local schools by the K-9 Units.
- **Website** - More convenient for citizens to review (we now have jail bookings and arrests available to the public on our website: [www.hendrysheriff.org](http://www.hendrysheriff.org))
- **House Cleaning** - Destruction of court evidence from closed cases dating back thirty years.
- **Community Social Outreach** - Facebook page for interaction and immediate updates at [facebook.com/hendrysheriff](http://facebook.com/hendrysheriff)
- **Video Visitation** - Implemented inmate video visitation (paid for by inmates through the inmate canteen account), which ensures officer safety by not having to move inmates from cell blocks to visitation.
- **Crisis Intervention Training** - Trained corrections staff and patrol supervisors to identify and provide the most effective and compassionate response possible to situations involving people in a mental health crisis.
- **Volunteers In Patrol** - From June 2011 to December 2011 the 60 volunteers put in 3,579 hours of patrol, saving taxpayers \$75,159.
- **Citizens Academy** - This free educational course offers an inside look into the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office, while at the same time providing the community with an in depth understanding of Law Enforcement.
- **Consolidated Dispatch** - Combined dispatch centers into one Communications Division at Port LaBelle Annex eliminating duplication of services and allowing for better shift coverage.
- **Emergency Medical Dispatchers** - Communications Operators are now trained in emergency medical dispatch saving lives when time is of the essence.
- **Port LaBelle Annex** - Coordinated the purchase of the new annex building in Port LaBelle. We now have Criminal Investigations and Road Patrol under one roof, allowing for better information sharing resulting in more cases solved faster.

**MEET SHERIFF STEVE WHIDDEN**

**Law Enforcement Experience: CURRENT HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF**

- Albany Georgia Police Department Road Patrol Officer
- Hendry County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff
- Hendry County Sheriff's Office Investigator (counter narcotics/general crimes investigator)
- United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Clewiston Police Department Detective
- Clewiston Police Department Road Patrol Officer (Officer of the Year)



**Biography:**

- Born: Naples, Florida
- Graduated: Naples High School
- Mother: June Raulerson
- Father: Lance "Bubba" Whidden
- Wife of 15 years: Kassandra Whidden
- Children: Steven (18) & Kasey (15)
- Grandparents: Griffen & Ressie Whidden
- Church: Caloosa Baptist

**Business Experience:**

- Current Four Year Sheriff / Administrator, Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- Inventor/Entrepreneur
- President/CEO Narc-Scent, Inc.
- Invented, Developed and marketed a Law enforcement tool that aids thousands of police officers throughout the country. This product was so successful that it was featured in a Nationally published magazine. (Law & Order)

**Education:**

- High School Diploma Naples High School
- Abraham Baldwin Police Academy Tifton, GA
- Kenneth A. Bragg Police Academy Tavares, FL
- Business Degree Univ. of Phoenix, AZ

**Sheriff Whidden in the Community**

- Started numerous community charity events such as The Annual Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Golf Tournament, The annual LaBelle and Clewiston Kids Fun Days and The Annual Hendry County Sheriff's Office "Ride Around the Lake" Motorcycle Rally, benefitting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches.
- School Programs D.A.R.E (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and Sheriff's Explorers (14-21 year old youth interested in a career in law enforcement).

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## Glades at a Glance

### Salute to Veterans planned

A dinner and show to salute Glades County Veterans is planned for Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. in the Doyle Conner Building on U.S. 27 in Moore Haven. The event will feature a buffet dinner by Cracker Cookin' & Caterin' with dinner entertainment by the Showtime Cloggers. Maj. General James L. Dozier, U.S. Army, retired, will be the special guest speaker. Patriotic music—the audience participation encouraged—will be by Ray Harn. There will be a special recognition ceremony for every military branch and some Glades County Veterans will share a little about their service to our country...from basic training/drill sergeants, to deployment, to combat, and their most poignant memories. The dinner is free to all Glades County Veterans, but they must RSVP. Other guests may purchase tickets for \$12. To RVSP or for more information, call 863-673-2298 or 863-674-0467. The event is hosted by the Glades County Executive Committee. This is not a political event.

### VFW Post to host dinner

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 will host dinner night on Friday, Nov. 2. Dinner will begin at 5:30 until 7 p.m. Music until 11 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy either steak, pork chops or fish and shrimp dinners for a donation of \$11 and \$7 with all proceeds to benefit veterans and their families. For more information, call Gordie at 863-467-2882.

### Trust Quartet to perform

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church 1731 Hunter Road would, like to invite everyone to listen to Trust Quartet, Sunday, Nov. 4, at 10:45 a.m. Come worship and get a great blessing from great gospel singing. The church will also host a block-trailer party on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be free food, music and games. Kids, come have a good time and bring your parents with you. Pastor Arlen Cook will give the message at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

### Project Graduation plans fundraiser

A Texas Hold'em Tournament to benefit Project Graduation is planned for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion in Moore Haven. If you are a poker player, come and join the group for a night of fun and fundraising. Adults only. For more information please contact Joey Palladino at 863-227-3428.

### Toys for Tots drive starts

The Washington Park Community Coalition will distribute Toys for Tots for Glades County residents this year. Applications for participation in Toys for Tots will be available on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in front of the Harvest Hometown IGA Supermarket on U.S. 27. Those who wish to sign their children up to receive toys are asked to bring proof of residence (such as a utility bill or property tax receipt) and proof of parental custody (such as immunization records, report cards, etc.)

### BHR Ladies Auxiliary hold Turkey drawing

On Saturday, Nov. 3, Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary will have a Turkey Raffle. Starting at 2 p.m., they will serve open face turkey sandwiches for a donation of \$2. They will also have others gifts to be given away, such as turkeys and gift cards, also there will be Horse Races. This event is open to the public, so please join us.

### Church adds Ignite service

First United Methodist Church Moore Haven is excited to announce that as of Nov. 4, they will be having two services. The Traditional Service will be at 9 a.m. and the "Ignite" Contemporary Service will be at 11 a.m. every Sunday. First United Methodist Church is a place where you can experience the joy of living life as God intended. A place where all people, regardless of background or nationality are welcomed, loved, and valued; a place that teaches how to live a life of purpose and helps build strong families. A place that takes care of its neighbors at home in Glades County and throughout the world. A place where the love of God compels us to go into the world and change it, one person at a time. They are redefining church so that it is not just something you attend but it's something you experience. For more information you may contact the church office at 863-946-1457.

### Memory Bus plans visit to Moore Haven

The "Memory Bus" is one of the Alzheimer Association's initiatives. The Alzheimer's Association sends the bus into neighborhoods to offer free checks. It is a mobile clinic, open to anyone who may be concerned about their memory or if they are concerned about the memory of a family member or friend. It is a simple test and takes a few minutes. The idea is to detect the earliest stage of Alzheimer's. It is not only for seniors but for people of all ages. The memory bus will be available on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Glades County Health Department, 1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

### Lions Club to meet

The Moore Haven Lions Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Glades County Sheriff's Department. Light refreshments will be available. Bring a guest! The meetings are interesting and fun. Don't forget to bring any old eye spectacles for re-cycling.

### Gospel Sing at Big Red Barn

A Gospel Sing will be held on Nov. 2 at the Big Red Barn in Clewiston (Seven miles west of Clewiston). The sing will feature Henry Pelham and Roy Pelham and will begin at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact Judy at 863-983-7256.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE HENDRY COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **November 13, 2012 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adopting the annual update (FY 2012-17) of the Capital Improvements Schedule which is part of the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with Section 163.3177(3)(b), F.S., the capital improvement element must be reviewed by the local government on an annual basis. Modifications to update the 5-year capital improvements schedule may be accomplished by ordinance and may not be deemed to be amendments to the local comprehensive plan.

The Ordinance title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012- \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE ANNUAL UPDATE (FY 2012-17) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance and amendment is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, La Belle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-675-5317).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

# Inland Birdwatching Fun: Blue-winged Teal (BWTE)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

During the 5th Annual STA5-Clewiston Christmas Bird Count (FLSO) held December 31, 2011, volunteers tallied the highest numbers for eight bird species reported in the United States during the 2011-2012 bird survey.

One of these top species was the Fulvous Whistling-Duck with 250 birds. During the past 5 years STA5-Clewiston has reported the highest number of these birds annually and holds the all-time (112 year) record for

1,100 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks which was submitted in 2007-2008.

Other top U. S. species reported at STA5 last year were 2,320 Blue-winged Teal and 32 Snail Kite, along with 70 Purple Swampheens being reported. The all-time record of 75 Purple Swampheens was set at STA5 during the 2010-2011 count. The other top species for 2011-2012 were 100,000 American Coots, 430 Greater Yellowlegs, 1 Gray Kingbird and 505 Northern Rough-winged Swallows. Snail Kites and Purple



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## Male Blue-winged Teal.

Swampheens are permanent residents while the others like the Blue-winged Teal usually winter in Florida.

Blue-winged Teal normally breed across the eastern United States from Texas to the Canadian Arctic and Atlantic Coast to the Rocky Mountains, but irregularly in Florida.

They are the second most abundant duck in North America, behind the Mallard. Their primary winter range is South and Central America with some arriving in Florida as early as July and returning to the north in March or April.

This small dabbling duck is smaller than a Mallard and larger than a Green-winged Teal. They have a wide flattish head and large dark broad bill. Breeding males have a brown body with a half-moon shape behind the bill, a small flank patch in front of their black rear, and pale blue coverts. Adult females and eclipse males are a neatly patterned brown-gray and have a pale area at the base of the bill. Juveniles are similar to the adult female, but have smaller rounder feathers. The male's call is a loud, high whistle nasal bleat. Females make loud, evenly spaced

quacks. Blue-winged Teal prefer living near shallow ponds and wetlands where they forage for aquatic insects, snails, crustaceans, clams and snails as well as vegetation and grains. They nest among grasses and herbaceous vegetation where they build a hollow nest lined with vegetation and down. The female lays eight to 12 white to olive-white eggs which she incubates for about 24 days. The young are led to water soon after they hatch and fly at 35 to 44 days of age.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers in their quest for Blue-winged Teal and other bird species at STA5 November 10, November 24 or December 8 send an e-mail to Margaret England at [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com).

Meet at the east end of Deer Fence Road at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required. 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](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org). Trips begin at the STA5 Deer Fence Trailhead located 29 miles south of Clewiston. Please, share your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



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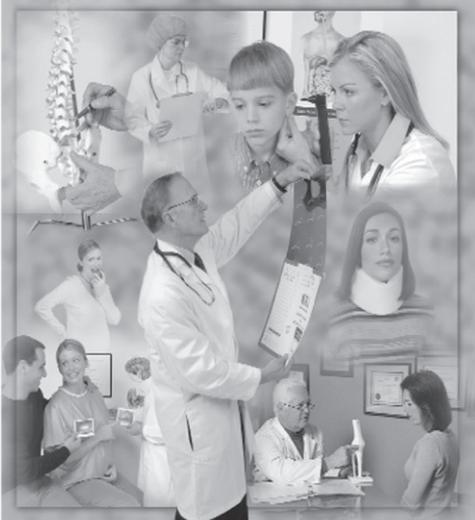
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# Typical Populations of Bedbugs can Cause Harmful Blood Loss in Humans

For years, bedbugs have been turning up in sometimes odd and random places, such as subways, movie theaters, dressing rooms and schools, but scientists believed that to flourish, the insects would need more frequent access to human blood meals.

Turns out they don't.

A new University of Florida study, published online this month by the journal *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, shows the blood-sucking insects can do much more than survive — they can even thrive — with far less access to human blood than previously believed.

And the news only gets creepier. The three-year study also found that it takes only about 11 weeks for one pair of bedbugs to spawn a large enough population to cause harmful blood loss in a baby, and just under 15 weeks for adult humans. Just 3,500 bedbugs feeding on a single baby or 25,000 on an adult can cause problems.

"By harmful, we mean it's not killing you, but your body would be stressed," said Roberto Pereira, a research associate scientist in entomology with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "And when your body is stressed, all sorts of things can go wrong. Your blood volume would be low, your iron levels might be too low, or you might become anemic."

Pereira and Phil Koehler, a professor of entomology and UF/IFAS faculty member, fed bedbugs in 5- and 15-minute periods and once, three or seven times per week, to see how the popu-



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lations fared under different feeding conditions. Andrew Taylor, a former UF entomology undergraduate, and Margie Lehnert, a former entomology graduate student, assisted with the project.

Under the researchers' bedbug-feeding regimens, Koehler said, the populations grew under all conditions — even those bedbugs fed the least often and for the shortest duration, although that group's numbers grew slowly.

"Basically what we found is that they can live

on a diet of weekly snacks," Pereira said.

The researchers also were surprised to discover that if not controlled, populations of bedbugs large enough to cause humans harm could grow four times more quickly than previously thought, in just an 11- to 15-week span.

After having been nearly eradicated in the U.S., the pests became resurgent in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

In 2011, the National Pest Management Association and the University of Kentucky released a survey of U.S. pest control professionals that found 99 percent of respondents had encountered bedbug infestations in the past year. Before 2000, only 25 percent of the survey's respondents had encountered the pests.

Koehler and Pereira's study also found that unless pest control efforts against bedbugs can kill at least 80 percent of a given population, they are not likely to have much success. Pest managers most often use pyrethrins against bedbugs, but bedbugs have grown increasingly resistant.

"Unfortunately, there are very few products that will do that," Koehler said. "And there is plenty of evidence that many populations of bedbugs in the U.S. are resistant."

There are some heat treatments that have been successful, but they are labor intensive, time-consuming and expensive, he said.

"One pair of bedbugs can become 35,000 in just 10 weeks if not controlled," Koehler said. "It's really a very difficult problem for people."



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**LeRoy Hare, 90**

CLEWISTON - LeRoy Hare passed away after an extended illness on Oct. 24, 2012 in Clewiston.

He was born Nov. 17, 1921 in Kingstree, S.C., to the late R.M. Hare Sr. and the late Maude (Steed) Hare. Mr. Hare married Sandra Erlene Peacock. He served during World War II in the Army Air Corps from Dec. 4, 1942 to Oct. 19, 1945 flying thirty missions over Germany including D-Day over Normandy.



Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Sandra Peacock Hare; children, LeRoy (Angelica) Hare Jr. of Clewiston, Jennifer (Timothy) Potter Hoban of Mt. Dora and John M. (Christy) Potter of West Palm Beach; grandchildren, LeLani Sandra Hare of Clewiston, Christian Potter of West Palm Beach, Justin Potter of West Palm Beach, Matthew Hoban of Mt. Dora and Andrew Hoban of Mt. Dora.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, 2 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Rev. Samuel Thomas Ph.D. officiating. Entombment was at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. Visitation was held for 30 minutes prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

After the services, a reception was held for family and friends at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Clewiston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Cir, Ft. Myers, FL 33908 or Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation, 544 West Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

**Velma Jean Broach, 82**

CLEWISTON - Velma Jean Broach passed away Oct. 24, 2012 in LaBelle, Fla.

She was born April 24, 1930 in Phillipstown, Ill., to the late Alfred and the late Elsie (Robb) Smith.

Survivors include two daughters, Rena Blissett of Clewiston and Barbara Cox Butler of Clewiston; step-daughter, Johnnie Luechers; two sisters, Mary Jaques and Cecil Hock; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston with Rev. Samuel Thomas Ph.D. officiating. Interment was Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Visitation was held Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston, Fla.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

You may view the online obituary and leave your condolences to the family of Velma at [www.akin-davis.com](http://www.akin-davis.com)

**Scissors Left Inside Local Woman After Cosmetic Surgery**

**Local woman seeking tummy tuck claims she suffered nightmare ordeal**

BY SAVANNAH ROUNDS  
srounds@newszap.com

"The doctor said 'You're not going to believe this, but they left a pair of scissors inside of your stomach.'"

After nearly four hours of surgery, Lake Okeechobee resident Danay De la Torre went through a nightmare that she will have to deal with for the rest of her life.

It all began in January, when De la Torre scheduled a tummy tuck through a facility in Miami called Vanidades Cosmetic Surgery. She went in for a routine appointment to have blood taken and discuss the procedure, then proceeded to pay the facility nearly \$4,000.

She arrived for her appointment on January 23 at noon, getting there an hour early to fill out paper work. However, she was unaware that she would have to wait until nearly 10 p.m. to see the doctor and have her surgery done.

"They kept telling me that the doctor was going to be right in, to just wait for a little bit longer and she would see me in no time," said De la Torre. "I kept seeing her run back and forth, in and out of the office. I finally stopped her and asked what was going on. She just told me to be patient and said that she'd be ready for me in no time."

De la Torre was told not to eat or drink anything the night before, as it would affect the surgery.

"I hadn't eaten for nearly 22 hours when they finally called me back," said De la Torre. "I was starving, tired, and about ready to leave."

De La Torre was skeptical about the surgeon doing her surgery after she had been working all day. She voiced her concerns, to which nurses told her that the doctor was fine and would do an "excellent job."

She was taken back and prepped for the surgery, which lasted for about four hours. The next thing that De la Torre remembers is being woken up at three in the morning to two nurses telling her that the surgery was over and that it was time for her to go home.

"The nurses had to drag me out of the back room. I was screaming and crying from the pain. They gave me a prescription for oxycodone, but seeing as it was three in the morning there was no way to fill it," said De la Torre. "My husband asked the nurses to give me something for the pain and they said 'No, she'll be fine. She'll be in a little bit of pain, but she'll be okay.'"

With no pain medication to ease the pain, De la Torre was up for the entire night, until the next morning when her husband was able to get her the pain medication that she so desperately needed.

After the pain medication began to set in, De la Torre had a more positive outlook on the situ-

ation.

"Although the situation at the facility was bad, I thought that things were going to get better," said De la Torre.

However, she was very wrong.

"A week after the surgery my stomach literally started rotting out. There was a big black hole and it was just getting worse and worse. I called the office and the receptionist at the front desk said that everything was fine, but that if I wanted to I could come in and see them. I had my friend come over and take me there. I had to actually be carried inside because I couldn't walk at all. After seeing my stomach they took me back immediately.

"At first the doctor was saying that she wanted to cut me open again and see what was going on and why my stomach was doing that. Then she spoke with her colleague, came back, and told me that I needed to go to the hospital nearest to my house or I would probably die. I was absolutely terrified. I felt like I was going to die."

De la Torre rushed to Hendry Regional Medical Center, where she was immediately seen by Dr. Carrao.

"Dr. Carrao saved my life," said De la Torre.

Upon seeing the extensive damage done to De la Torre's stomach, the doctor contacted the facility which did her surgery, asking them how they could let this happen. He was appalled and told De la Torre that she needed to have an MRI immediately.

"After they gave me the MRI the doctor told me that there was a huge black hole in my stomach and they didn't know what it was yet. Then the doctor said 'You're not going to believe this, but they left a pair of scissors inside of your stomach.'"

"They told me that if I didn't have emergency surgery done that the infection would spread and that I could die in a matter of hours."

De la Torre was terrified, but agreed that having the surgery was the only way to go. She was prepped for yet another surgery and taken in early the next morning. Afterwards she was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and monitored heavily.

"They had two IV's full of antibiotics going up each arm," said De la Torre.

Since her first surgery in February, she has had one more surgery and has been in and out of the hospital numerous times. She feels nothing from her breasts down to her belly button, and from her belly button down she is constantly in intense pain.

"I can't work because I can't stand or sit or lay down for very long. I have to constantly rearrange myself because I am in so much pain all the time," said De la Torre. "I can't function like a normal person any longer. I use the bathroom once a week and can barely bring myself to get out of bed in the morning."

Though she is in constant pain, she is not re-

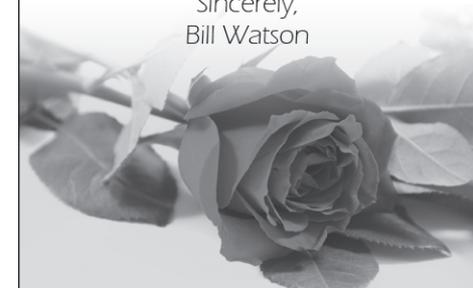
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In her last public appearance, Kyra was extremely pleased to be able to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet and witness the honor given to our family. May the peace that Jesus brings be with you always.

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# Living on a High Wire: Life on the Internet

## Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook demystified

BY MARY GIBSON

Amanda Todd was a regular girl from Vancouver, but through one bad decision with a revealing picture sent online her life was ruined. Because of her indiscretion she was subsequently blackmailed, bullied, and ostracized, causing her to switch schools.

Amanda Todd felt all alone and couldn't handle the constant bullying anymore. She posted her entire story in a moving video on YouTube. Todd sadly took her own life a month after she posted the video.

That is an example of how people's lives are affected by the Internet. Anything on it is permanent; it can never be removed.

Social networking sites make it extremely easy for people to post their lives online. In high schools kids are judged by how many friends they have on Facebook or by the "coolness" of their Instagram pictures.

Facebook is also the place where people let out their innermost thoughts. With games like Confessions, To Be Honest, and Truth Is it's as if Facebook is begging users to divulge their secrets.

The social-networking site Twitter is designed for people to tell the world about their life. It al-

lows people to make minute-by-minute updates (called tweets) about their lives and various goings-on.

"A picture is worth a thousand words" as the saying goes and that is a perfect description of Instagram. Instagram, the new obsession sweeping the nation, is basically Twitter for pictures. It is designed for people to upload pictures of their daily lives as often as they want to share with their followers. The new website Pinterest is a perfect example of people living through the Internet. According to Pinterest, the site is a "virtual pin-board to organize and share all the beautiful things you find on the web."

The ideal is for people to use these pin-boards to help plan weddings, redecorate their homes, or cook new delicacies. More commonly though, people simply pin an idea because they think it is interesting, but never actually get around to doing them.

People are excited about Pinterest, saying they are obsessed with it. When asked if they ever actually tried any of the ideas they pinned a sheepish "no" was the reply. Essentially, people are living their lives through the Internet.

The Internet can be a powerful tool but also a deadly weapon. In the case of a girl named Amanda Todd, it was the weapon that helped end her life. The Internet has its uses but it is not life. People focus so much on posting their lives online that they miss out on truly living and just enjoying life. The invention of the Internet is both a blessing and a curse.

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ceiving pain medication any longer.

"The doctors don't want me to get addicted to any of the pain medication," said De la Torre. "So I am constantly taking Tylenol, even though that really doesn't make a difference with the pain."

While De la Torre's emergency surgery was taking place, the surgeon that originally did her surgery at Vanidades thought that it would be a good idea to call De la Torre's husband.

"She actually had the audacity to call my husband and ask us not to sue her," said De la Torre. "She said that she would do any surgery

that we wanted for free and make me look pretty again."

However, looking pretty is the least of De la Torre's concerns. With five children and no current job because of the state that she is currently in, she just wants to have her old life back.

"I can hardly take care of [my children] right now because of this. My little twelve year old asked me when I was going to 'get back to normal' the other day," said De la Torre.

De la Torre is currently in the process of finding a lawyer and says that she is frustrated but is "trying to get back to some semblance of normalcy."

Vanidades Cosmetic Surgery was contacted, but claimed that the surgeon which did De la Torre's surgery is no longer working at their facility. They could give no information as to what happened and seemed to have no memory of anything going astray.



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# Crossword Puzzle

# Gas Price Update

**ACROSS**

- 1 Short distance
- 5 Corsica neighbor
- 9 Den purchase
- 14 Soccer legend
- 15 Conan of NPR
- 16 1939 Leigh role
- 17 MLB spring training locale
- 18 \*Serious problem when planning an air force?
- 20 Inferior
- 22 Feng \_\_\_
- 23 Unilever men's brand
- 24 Raw fish dish
- 26 Film in which Woody Allen voices Z
- 28 Printer's extras
- 30 Stoked
- 34 It might be hooked to an outrigger
- 37 \*Manhattan Murder Mystery\* actor
- 39 Writer \_\_\_ Neale Hurston
- 40 Piles
- 41 Avian delicacy
- 42 Bubble, perhaps
- 43 Piece of glass
- 44 Diamondbacks manager Gibson
- 45 Kosher deli offering
- 46 Mountain chain
- 48 Haydn and Hemingway
- 50 Grains at the shore
- 52 Roller on a track
- 56 MLB spring training locale
- 59 "\_\_\_ You Not": Jack Paar book
- 61 Space cloud
- 62 \*Alluring Piccadilly hotel?
- 65 The whole nine yards, or a hint about how the starred answers are formed
- 66 Too honorable for
- 67 Lap edge
- 68 Finish finish?
- 69 Played, as a cello
- 70 Mariner's guide
- 71 Ability to last

- 3 St. \_\_\_ Mountains: Alaska/Canada range
- 4 \*Malfunctioning candy dispensers?
- 5 It often ends in "ase"
- 6 Jamie or Kathie follower
- 7 Prevents
- 8 Hana Airport hello
- 9 Nabokov classic
- 10 Chinese tea
- 11 Fox's partner on "The X-Files"
- 12 Creature that fought King Kong, familiarly
- 13 Centerpiece piece
- 19 Kashmir neighbor
- 21 Bee complex
- 25 President Jalal Talabani, for one
- 27 \*Game of nothing but pop flies and walks?
- 29 Sucking sound
- 31 Muppet sax player
- 32 Actor Estrada
- 33 Low-lying area
- 34 They may be locked on a computer

- 35 Jai \_\_\_
- 36 Less than slim, chancewise
- 38 Senegal's capital
- 41 Foul
- 45 Tie, in a way
- 47 Complained bitterly
- 49 German for "armor"
- 51 Highlands daggers
- 53 Doll

- 54 Go-with go-between
- 55 Levels
- 56 Middle management problem?
- 57 University of New Mexico mascot
- 58 Admit openly
- 60 By \_\_\_ of: due to
- 63 Three-faced woman of film
- 64 Spot in a pot

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To get the most from your walk, move your arms freely in coordination with the opposite leg, walk "with purpose" to maximize your cardiovascular workout, don't stoop your head or look down as you walk and don't carry weights, as they're better used as a separate part of your exercise regimen.

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ican Chiropractic Association's online member database, [www.acatoday.org/FindaDoc](http://www.acatoday.org/FindaDoc).

## Sit Correctly

"When you do sit, make sure to do it correctly so you don't ruin your posture or strain your muscles, leading to pain that could inhibit you from getting the activity you need," suggests Dr. Overland.

To prevent problems, keep your feet on the floor or a footrest and don't cross your legs. Your knees should be at or below the level of your hips. Adjust the backrest of your chair to support your low- and mid-back or use a back support, and avoid sitting in the same position for long periods of time.

Include frequent micro-breaks into your sitting time, stretching your neck, arms, wrists, back, and legs. Simple stretches include neck rotations, fist clenches, arm dangles, and shoulder shrugs.

Most of all, don't sit for too long. Stand up and stretch your legs with a short walk about every 20 to 30 minutes. Avoid working through lunch.

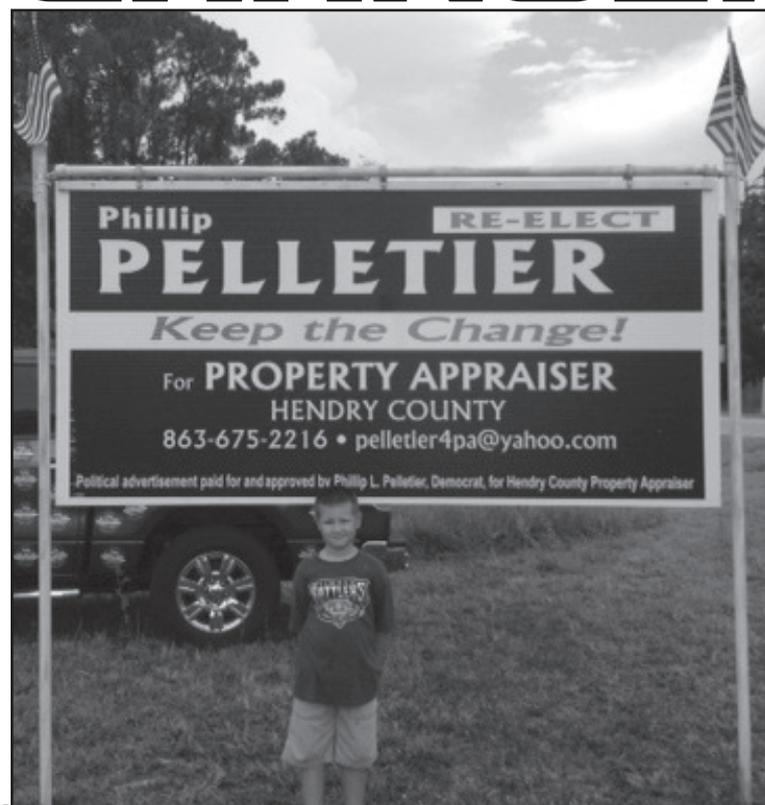
## Maintain Good Posture

Poor posture not only consumes more energy but also can lead to excessive strain on your postural muscles and may even cause them to weaken when held in certain positions for long periods of time. The postural muscles are prone to injury and back pain, but maintaining good posture, sitting properly and moving regularly can help you stay pain-free.

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# GOPHER

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Construction and Veterans Affairs. He is also Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense. Gen. Shinseki is a decorated Vietnam veteran who served during the same years as Gopher and is a survivor of a land mine explosion that blew off part of his foot.

"Gen. Shinseki is a Vietnam combat veteran, and she knew I could get an audience with him," McCabe said. "Congressman Young approves the VA budget. The last thing these VA bureaucrats want is the U.S. Congress and the VA headquarters calling them up."

Gopher, an untreated victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, received an other-than-honorable discharge in 1974 after numerous desertions that were initially covered up by the Army, which kept confining him, restoring his status as a Team Leader and returning him to the front lines throughout his nine-year military career.

Then, the desertions were used against Gopher in denying his family U.S. Army benefits. McCabe recently filed a 32-page appeal (to upgrade Gopher's discharge) with the U.S. Army. It was quickly denied.

"They said the veteran himself had to be there," said McCabe, shaking his head at yet another turn of events. "I jumped on a plane and went to Washington, D.C., walked in and said, 'How stupid are you people? Didn't you read my report? The veteran is dead.'"

McCabe works from an office embedded in the St. Petersburg Regional VA headquarters, but he answers to no government authority. He travels each week to the Brighton Veteran's Building to counsel and assist Seminole veterans in recovering the benefits owed them – more than \$3 million so far.

"No group was more mistreated by our military than American Indians after their service," he said. "I've got more work than a whole office of people could handle just right here among the Seminoles."

Rita Gopher McCabe, who was just an infant when her father died, approached Marc McCabe (no relation) when he began his counseling trips to Brighton. Her compelling story about her father gripped him, and he dedicated much of his time during the last 18 months to the Gopher case.

"It all looked like something that just was never going to be able to happen," Rita McCabe said. "But Marc and his staff are so smart. I know they will not give up."

"When we finally got my father's records, all the battles he fought and the medals he won, it was like a slap in the face the way he was treated. It was shameful. I felt like this is my dad and if I or my sister don't do something, the connection to him will just get less and less and less."

Marc McCabe and the VVA traveled to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa to pick up the medals that were awarded – but never given – to Gopher. They are being arranged in a shadow box and will be presented to the family with the flag at a ceremony on Nov. 1.

## Classified Army papers tell Charlie Steel Gopher's tale

Personal documents and classified U.S. Army documents that were hidden for more than 38 years piece together the account of Charlie Steel Gopher's military career. The

documents reveal an astounding timeline of heroic battlefield service mixed with mysterious desertions, all manipulated by an Army anxious – at all costs – to keep a top soldier on the front lines.

Gopher entered this world on Nov. 7, 1943 in a remote South Florida chickee, one of 10 children born to Maude and John Henry Gopher. He spent most of his life on the Brighton Reservation and worked as a ranch hand in the Seminole cattle industry. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma in June of 1965, one month after the first U.S. Army Division left for the Vietnam War.

During the 10 years of the Vietnam War, numerous Seminole Indians enlisted for United States military service, more than at any other time in the Tribe's modern history. In fact, American Indians across the country comprised the largest per capita military service of any ethnic group – including whites and blacks – during the Vietnam era. Military recruiters, fighting an unpopular draft, concentrated on an impressive cache of strong, dedicated Natives more than willing to defend their country.

In this regard, Gopher was no different than most of his Tribe's men. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Nov. 9, 1965 – five days before Ia Drang, the first battle between the U.S. and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) – and was shipped off to basic training in Fort Benning, Ga.

It was the beginning of a wild and tragic military ride for Gopher, nine years full of incredible heroism and mystery that reflects the heartrending horror and confusion that marked America's controversial Vietnam experience. Quiet, he kept to himself and, friends and family said, never discussed his exploits on the battlefield.

By all accounts – statements from those who served with him and the list of medals he was awarded – Gopher was a powerful fighting machine, a fierce warrior trained in all types of warfare, including hand-to-hand combat. He was known throughout the Army, which kept moving him from Vietnam combat unit to Vietnam combat unit, wherever the danger was greatest and the fighting fierce. He was a paratrooper, an M60 machine gunner and spent most of his career as a Team Leader. Three months after walking off the bus at Fort Benning, he was promoted to Private E-2; two months after that he was promoted to Private First Class E-3; and a month after that was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. Two months later, he was airborne to Vietnam with Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry of the 1st Air Cavalry Division – the famed "All the Way Brigade."

A month after walking into the Vietnamese swamps, he was promoted to Specialist E-4 and made Team Leader of his unit. A month later (Oct. 2, 1966), he and his men fought the Battle of Hoa Hoi, one of the war's most vicious confrontations. A month later, his entire unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in combat actions; Gopher was awarded the Individual Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Gopher never actually received any of his medals.

There was no time for ceremony. His unit was dispatched to Kim Son Valley for what would become, by most accounts, the most ferocious campaign of the entire war. Some 32 American soldiers were killed and 120 wounded by a surprise NVA ambush. Mike

McCoy, who served with Gopher at that battle, provided the Gopher family with a colorful narrative portraying Gopher as the hero who stayed in his foxhole, "head popping up and down" and firing his weapon to cover soldiers as they retreated to escape sure death.

At one point, McCoy said, a grenade exploded next to Gopher's hole.

"I yelled for Charlie but no answer," he said. "Five minutes pass and no Charlie. I curse a blue streak, and the guys thought the [NVA] killed Gopher. No way he could have taken that blast and lived. We are all fighting like hell and no longer care about survival. It's just how many can we kill before they get us. I stand up to see and start pounding the gun positions with my M79. I couldn't care less if they whack me now."

"Suddenly, Charlie pops up, gun blazing, and we are all elated. He is bleeding from the ears and nose but alive. No doubt, the concussion had knocked him out. I believe Charlie's actions prevented the NVA from overrunning us and killing us all."

Gopher was never the same after that event. The next time his mother saw him, "she knew something was wrong. He was different," said daughter Rita Gopher McCabe, who said her father was never awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries under enemy fire.

Known throughout the Army for his heroics on the battlefield, Gopher was promoted to Sergeant E-5 on Feb. 13, 1967 and awarded another Air Medal. By this time, there were nearly half a million U.S. troops overseas, an increase from the 60,000 that were there when Gopher enlisted. As the Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III began, he was made Team Leader for Company C, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry.

After four more months of fighting, his Commanding Officer (CO) called him in and offered him a deal. The Army would give him an honorable discharge after only two years, six days service (instead of the required three full years for enlistees) in return for his immediate re-enlistment for a six-year term. There was a raise in pay and a bonus involved as well. On Nov. 14, 1967, Gopher signed both honorable discharge

(Convenience of the Government) and re-enlistment papers.

Years later the Army would deny benefits due to him from the honorable discharge. The reason: He did not serve the required three years. Two weeks after he re-enlisted, on Dec. 2, 1967, he walked off his post, absent without leave (AWOL) for the first time.

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## NOTICE

**The Regular Meeting of the  
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November 8, 2012  
at 6:00p.m.  
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The General Election is quickly approaching on November 6th. Remember cast your vote in the General Election you only need to bring your photo ID. Your vote is important, to save time mark your sample ballot and take it with you to vote.

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### Glades County Public Library

Glades County Public Library hosts children's story hour as a costume Halloween party for the preschoolers. After the Halloween story was read, it was great fun watching these tiny tots eating sticky chocolate frosted cupcakes, cookies and juice. Some of the costumes were very ingenious including Bonnie and Clyde, a cowgirl, Buzz Lightyear, a scarecrow, Raggedy Ann, the Cowardly Lion, a zebra, a pirate, a bumblebee, a big pink crayon, a princess, a cowboy with his horse and several others.



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### 4H Week

Glades County honored National 4-H week in October. Left to right, Garrett Swafford, Dominic Hughes, and Lowell Roberts hold the National 4-H Week Proclamation that was signed at the Glades County Board of County Commissioners meeting Oct. 9, 2012.

### SWFL Education Center has going out of business sale

LABELLE—The Education Center of Southwest Florida will hold a yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 4390 State Road 29, South from 9 a.m. until noon. Items include furniture, printers, copiers, construction tools, gloves, safety goggles, hard hats, etc. Call 239-860-6722 or email shughesedcenter@embarqmail.com for more information.

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# Terriers are in the playoffs

By Mike Minikwu

Special to the Glades County Democrat

This last Friday night, Oct. 19 your Terriers protected their house as they took on Rival St. John Neumann with the final score being 35-21 in favor of the Terriers. The entire community, school, players and coaches were all very excited.

Your Terriers fought hard from start to finish. With adversity slapping them in the face all night, the players and coaches maintained focus and continued to believe in one another and keep clear eyes and full hearts.

This game showed how far we have come from week one to now, mentally and emotionally. Every person on the roster made a great impact on last Friday's contest. The defense stood strong making key stops in big time situations getting the ball back to the offense. The offense came together and put together some impressive drives

and overcame adversity. Also special teams played a great part in win as we were able to run back two kickoffs.

The Moore Haven Football Program would like to say thank you for the support last Friday night and to those who supported the Black Out and tradition we would like to start here.

Now we all have to refocus and finish the season. We as players and coaches are happy to be in the playoffs but we are not satisfied with just being there. We have two games left in a regular season and we plan on winning those games. So, I'm asking the Terrier Nation to focus on this week's opponent because the terrier football program is doing so, as WE move forward in the process of building a program.

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## West Glades celebrates 'Red Ribbon Week'

'Red Ribbon Week' is a national drug prevention campaign celebrated each October. The observance began when parents, students and teachers began wearing red ribbons to remember DEA agent Kiki Camarena, who was tortured and murdered by drug dealers in 1985. This year's theme, "The Best Me Is Drug Free," was supported each day as students and faculty participated in activities such as wearing crazy socks to "Sock it to Drugs," interesting hats to "Put a Cap on Drugs," and wearing Red on Friday to support a nation-wide wear Red Day. West Glades School also featured a door decoration contest. The class winners are shown in the photos. Mrs. Lucy Fournah's first grade class's door theme (above) was, "We Have the Liberty to Be Drug Free" and Ms. Dawn Hart's second grade class theme (below) was "Drugs are a Trick...Treat Yourself to a Drug Free Life."



## Friends of the Library meet

The next meeting of Friends of the Library will be held on the third Monday in November—that is Monday, Nov. 19, in the conference room of the Glades County Library. The meetings are open to the public and new members are welcome.

## 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.

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## MHHS JR/SR Athletic Boosters announce Turkey Shoot

The Moore Haven Jr-Sr High School Athletic Boosters will hold the annual turkey shoot on the City Softball field on 10th Street beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. Shotgun shells (12,16,410 and 20 gauge will be provided). Bring your own gun or borrow one at the shoot. The price to shoot each round is \$5. If you want to sponsor a turkey(s) it is \$20 per turkey. Contact Sonny Hughes 239-860-6722; (maryville66@embarqmail.com) or Kevin Bryant for donations or questions. Proceeds from this event go to support all athletic teams at MHHS. Come out and win your Thanksgiving dinner bird and support the Terriers.

## Patriot's Pen essay contest open to Glades students

Veterans of Foreign Wars along with the Ladies Auxiliary Post 9528, Buckhead Ridge, Glades County, announces the kick-off of this year's "Patriot's Pen Essay Competition" and "Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest." Patriot's Pen Essay is open to six through eighth grade students enrolled in public, private, parochial and home schooled students. Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9 thru 12 enrolled in public, private, parochial and home schooled students. Deadline for student entries is Nov. 1. Students should see their Superintendent or Principal for entry forms.



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# Biologists Boost Red-cockaded Woodpecker Population in South Florida

BY CARL SEGELSON  
FWC

Several red-cockaded woodpeckers from Georgia and north Florida have a new home in south Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released eight pairs of red-cockaded woodpeckers on state-managed lands in Palm Beach and Martin counties Oct. 25.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is listed as a federally endangered species. Biologists relocated the birds as part of the Southern Range Translocation Cooperative, whose goal is to boost smaller, isolated populations or reintroduce populations by relocating red-cockaded woodpeckers from other areas where the birds are numerous.

Five released pairs came from Fort Stewart in Georgia, an area that has a population of more than 300 red-cockaded woodpeckers. Biologists released these birds in the John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. Wildlife and Environmental Area. The other three pairs, released in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area, came from north Florida – Camp Blanding in Starke.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is a medium-

sized bird with distinctive white cheek patches and a black-and-white barred back. Males have a tiny red patch or “cockade” behind the eye. These woodpeckers are very rare, because they require open stands of old-growth pine.

The birds live in small family groups, composed of one breeding pair and a helper or two. The extra birds usually are males from previous breeding seasons; females rarely stay with their parents.

The helpers assist in raising the young, including feeding them and defending them against predators and territorial disputes. The entire family usually forages as a group, moving together from tree to tree.

The woodpeckers feed primarily on ants, beetles, caterpillars, wood-boring insects, spiders and cockroaches, as well as fruits and berries.

Florida hosts approximately 25 percent of the nation’s red-cockaded woodpeckers. Most of Florida’s populations are on public lands and are carefully managed.

For more information about red-cockaded woodpeckers, visit [MyFWC.com/Wildlife](http://MyFWC.com/Wildlife).



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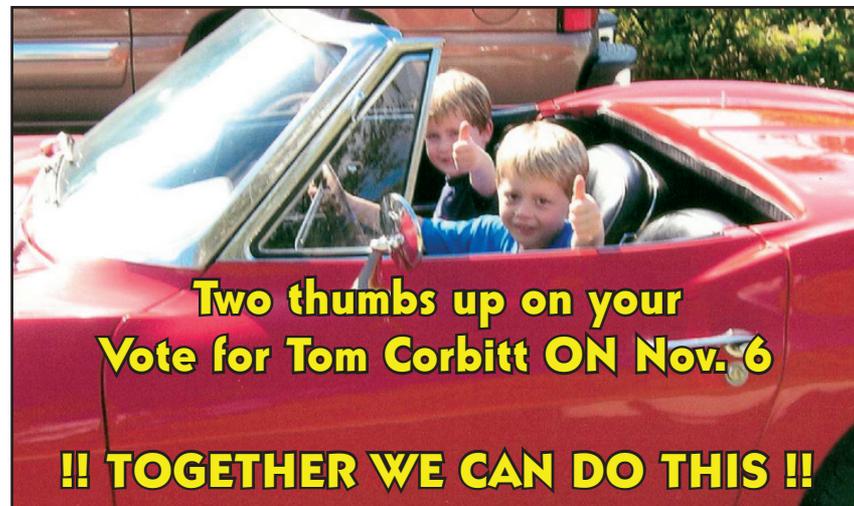
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- Seek ways to enhance interaction with other county functional areas to improve our mission effectiveness

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# VETERAN

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He was gone 28 days. There is evidence he found a flight back to the States and went home to Brighton. Then he flew back, walked through the jungle and resumed his duty. No explanation. Two days later he went AWOL again, this time for eight days. While he was gone, the Army officially declared Gopher a deserter. He would be arrested on sight.

But when he came back, he was restored to full duty and made Team Leader again. The bloody Tet Counteroffensive was about to begin, and they needed Gopher and his machine gun out in the field. He won another Combat Infantryman Badge "for actions against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

"That's basically what it was. Charlie was such a great soldier that they were willing to overlook his other problems," Vietnam Veterans of America Bureau Chief Marc McCabe said. "He was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and instead of receiving treatment, they sent him back out to the front lines – the worst possible move they could make for a person in Gopher's condition.

"They used to call it 'battle fatigue,' but it was just not a typical diagnosis back then. Whatever. Charlie Gopher was a classic case; he had all the markers."

Five months after the award, Gopher disappeared again. He was demoted back to Private and was gone for 78 days, much of that time spent in military jail. When he got out (Dec. 10, 1968), he was made Team Leader again and sent back out to the front lines. Two days later, his team received the Presidential Unit Citation for Extraordinary Heroism. Eleven days after that, he was AWOL for seven days. A month after that, he took off for three days and the Army began taking money off his paycheck. But they made him Team Leader again.

On May 23, 1968, he left again, this time for 74 days, according to official U.S. Army records. He was declared a deserter a second time. He was demoted again. But in the middle of his desertion, he showed back up on the battlefield, they threw him his weapon, made him Team Leader for Company A, 3rd Battalion, 50th Infantry and sent him back out to the front lines of the Tet 69 Counteroffensive with his team.

When they came back from the front, the Military Police (MPs) were waiting for him. He was thrown in the brig for 126 days (during which time he assaulted three soldiers, was demoted all the way back to Private E-1 and sentenced to 60 more days hard labor).

But on Dec. 19, 1969, the Army suspended the hard labor and restored Gopher to full duty as a Rifleman for Company B, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry.

"There was a war to fight and no one could do it better than Charlie Gopher," McCabe said. "They didn't want their top fighting machine pounding rocks in a prison yard."

For the next six months, there is no record of any odd behavior on Gopher's part. Then in June of 1970, his CO told him he was discharged by the Army. Gopher left immediately for Brighton, not bothering to pick

up his discharge papers, as the CO suggested. At least that's the story Gopher told an FBI agent nearly four years later, when the government tracked him down at the Rollins Ranch where he was working near Brighton. In fact, Gopher was so sincere that the agent decided not to arrest him. The agent called the next day and confirmed that Gopher was cleared and would get his official discharge papers soon.

Two weeks later, at 6 a.m. June 3, 1974, two Army trucks filled with MPs drove up to the ranch and hauled Gopher to jail. A ranch supervisor named Bill Vines wrote a letter of complaint (that made it to U.S. Army Command headquarters in Washington, D.C.) accusing the Army of harassment.

On July 17, 1974, after an Army physician examined him and found no psychiatric issues present, nine years and three months after enlisting, Gopher was officially discharged from active duty under other-than-honorable conditions.

He had served three years, 11 months, 29 days of active duty, almost every day of that time on the frontline battlefield during the most violent battles of the 10-year Vietnam War. Gopher won the Combat Infantry Badge, two Air Medals with a V, the Parachutist Badge with three Overseas Bars, the Vietnam Service Medal with five Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Leaves. Regiments he led won three U.S. Army Presidential Unit Citations (Battles of Ia Drang/Kim Son, Pleiku and Hoa Hoi), the Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal and the Valorous Unit Award for Operation Fish Hook.

He saved the lives of hundreds of American soldiers with his trademark M60 machine gun. Day in and day out, he fired that gun from foxholes, hills and jungles for hours as return fire bullets and grenades flew by his eyes.

"He was without a doubt a true warrior," McCoy said. "He could move through the jungle without a sound. He had tracking skills that few others could ever hope to have."

Gopher never sought treatment or claimed any medical condition; after suffering the concussion at Kim Son, he was back on the ground fighting two days later. Military records indicate he said he never experienced excessive worry or depression.

Nearly two months after his discharge, at 2 p.m. on Sept. 13, 1974, Gopher hung himself at his home in Brighton. His war was over.

The Army and Veterans Administration refused to provide a military funeral. His family was refused all burial benefits, including the flag and the official Vietnam medalion for his headstone in the remote Ortona Cemetery.

Gopher was 30 years old.

Seven months later, Saigon fell and Charlie Gopher's other war – Vietnam – was finally over.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **December 11, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

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

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

**Petition Number:** VA12-0002

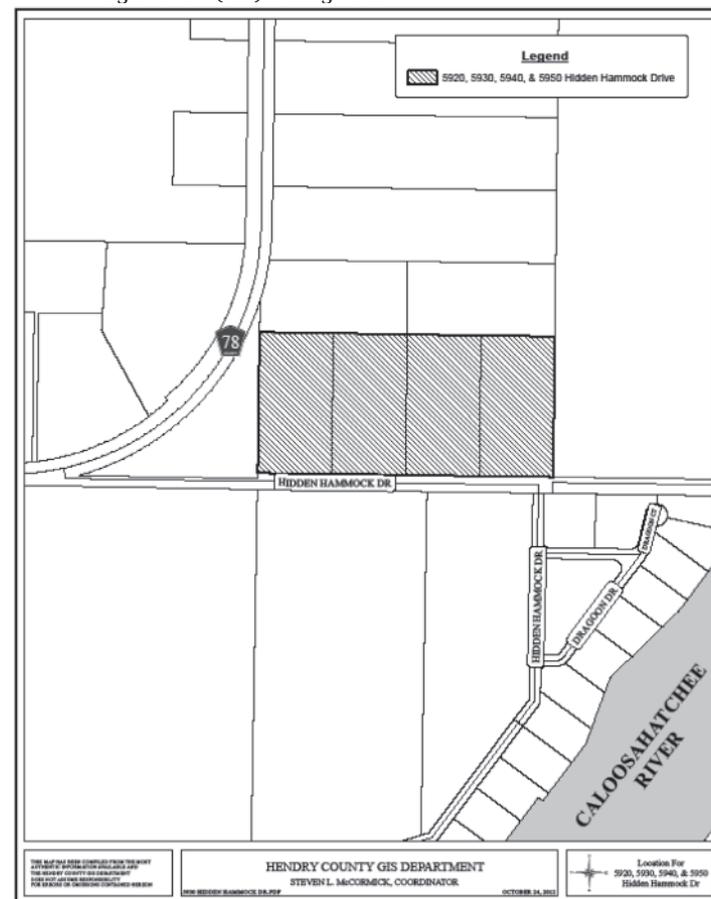
**Applicant/Agent:** Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

**Resolution Title:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF FIVE (5) ACRES FOR FOUR (4) PARCELS IN THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT (1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0400 IS 4.89 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0000 IS 4.88 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0500 IS 4.89 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0300 IS 4.88 ACRES)

**Location:** 5950, 5940, 5930, and 5920 Hidden Hammock Drive, LaBelle, FL

**Property size:** 4.89, 4.88, 4.89, and 4.88 acres +/- respectively

**Request:** The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the minimum lot size from 5 acres each on the four parcels by approximately 0.11 to 0.12 acres resulting in parcel sizes of 4.89 and 4.88 acres in the General Agriculture (A-2) zoning district.



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SCOTT A. CALHOUN AND YVONNE CALHOUN, HIS WIFE; JOHN DOE AND MARY DOE, Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment Scheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on 10-9-12 in this case now pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.  
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ENTERED at GLADES County, Florida, this 15th day of OCTOBER, 2012.  
Joe Filint  
As Clerk, Circuit Court, Glades, Florida  
By: /s/ Julie Braddock  
As Deputy Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Donshay Myers #21**  
429328 GCD 11/1/2012

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**CIVIL ACTION**  
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000276  
**CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,**  
**VS.**  
**JOHN J. POST, et al, Defendant(s).**  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000276 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC is the Plaintiff, and JOHN J. POST; TRACEY A. POST; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA, at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
**LOT 7, BLOCK L, FT. DENAUD ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 68 THROUGH 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.  
**A/K/A 23 TRADER ROAD, FORT DENAUD, FL 33935**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.  
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 12, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

**Public Notice**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/09/2012, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**2005 FORD 1FTSW2156E8B10185**  
429522 CN 11/1/2012

**Public Notice**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/16/2012, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**1997 CHEVROLET 1GNDX03E0VD104290**  
429741 CN 11/1/2012

**Public Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 16th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Rawls Real Estate, property manager for R&T Land Management, LLC, 528 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440 (863) 983-8559 will at their discretion sell or dispose of the personal property therefore stored for the undersigned. Willie Choice, former tenant of 113 N. Francisco Street, Apt. 2, Clewiston, FL 33440.  
429740 CN 11/1/2012

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**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1238	2009	1134432-A000040000	Alejandro Hernandez

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5657, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of November, 2012, which is the 15th day of November, 2012.  
Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428784 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1129	2009	1344331-02000P0110	Teresita Brunet

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 11, Block P, Pioneer Plantation, 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 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428772 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1256	2009	1134432-A0000570100	The Lyndel Group, LLC

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, 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 Lot 5590 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
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Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428810 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

**Public Notice**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**AUDIT SERVICES FOR HENDRY COUNTY**  
RFP No. 2013-09  
Opening Date and Time: November 27, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.  
The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified Auditing Firms.  
In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida by November 27, 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 RFP Documents can be obtained from Hendry County Administration Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (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 the Board of County Commissioners to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.  
Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.  
Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
429288 CN/CB 10/25/2012 & 11/1/2012

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Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428784 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428772 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
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Dated this 10th day of October, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
428810 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000072

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL LACHANCE A/K/A DANIEL G. LACHANCE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2012-CA-000072 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and DANIEL LACHANCE A/K/A DANIEL G. LACHANCE, JULIE N. LACHANCE, AQUA FINANCE, INC., are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE NORTH 40 FEET THEREOF, SUBJECT TO EXISTING OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES, ENFORCEABLE EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUBJECT TO TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 4811 IN MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. A 2007 ANNIV. I.D. #(S): GAF6L634A79725AV31 AND GAF6L634A79725AV31 TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 2007 ANNIVERSARY MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO VIN#GAF6L634A79725AV31 AND GAF6L634A79725AV31. A/K/A 618 HUNTING CLUB AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440-8853

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 15, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11039761 WELLSLPS-SPECFHLMC-R-1farbman-Team 1-F11039761 \*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 428827 CN 10/18/25/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000668

DEUTSCHE BANKE NATIONAL TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2005-OPT1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT1, Plaintiff vs. MAGALY MARQUEZ, ROLAND DIAZ, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated October 11, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2010-CA-000668, in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2005-OPT1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT1 is the Plaintiff, and ROLAND DIAZ, et al., are the Defendants, will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as: Lot 40 in Lake Ridge Estates, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 88 and 89 recorded in the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Hendry County Courthouse, Highway 80 and Main Street, 2nd floor hallway, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on the 28 day of November, 2012. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim, within 60 days after the sale. Dated: October 12, 2012.

Hendry County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis

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

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need, of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, 25 EAST HICKPOOCHEE AVENUE, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, telephone (863) 675-5217, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service.

De acuerdo con el Acto 6 Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, Inhabilitados, personas en necesidad, del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento deben, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte 25 EAST HICKPOOCHEE AVENUE, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, Teléfono (863) 675-5217, TDD 1 800 955 8770 6 1 800 955 8770 Via Florida Relay Service.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000055

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff vs. MICHAEL A. MAURO, et al, Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: MICHAEL A. MAURO: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1680 EVANS ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL A. MAURO: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1680 EVANS ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property to-wit: THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25.00 FEET, RESERVED FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE WESTERLY 15 FEET THEREOF AND OVER THE WESTERLY 30 FEET OF THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE EASTERLY 15 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

TOGETHER WITH 2002 NOBI MOBILE HOME ID 60E41H16, TITLE #87255243 and ID #N810315B, TITLE # 87255177, more commonly known as: 1680 EVANS RD, LABELLE, FL 33935

This action, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, whose address is 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755, on or before 30, days after date of first publication, response due by November 30, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 23rd day of October, 2012.

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

429567 CN 11/1,8/2012

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT M. SHEFFER, at al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 16, 2012, entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD; TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFFENY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of Nov, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL 1 LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 3 INCHES BY 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 153.08 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE OF POLLYWOG CREEK AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING.

THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. (REDM) (1997), I.D. #(FLA14611078A&B) A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE COURT, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 25, 2012. Joe Flint Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Julie Braddock Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 Designated address for service: eservice@wolfeawfl.com F10033924 WELLSLPS-VA-Team I - F10033924 \*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 429723 CN 11/1,8/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000432

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH DOTSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN K. DOTSON A/A/K/A KELLY N. DOTSON, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

KELLI LYNN WESTFALL A/K/A KELLI D. WESTFALL F/K/A KELLI LYNN DOTSON F/K/A KELLI L. DOTSON, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN K. DOTSON A/K/A KELLY N. DOTSON, DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1009 Lone Pine Rd Babson Park, FL 33827 9626 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

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

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This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Clewiston News.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 23rd day of October, 2012.

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

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I ultimately lost the election, but more importantly, I feel I lost your support and trust. The loss of the election, I can handle. But, the loss of your trust was painful. To those who remain angry that I challenged the election, I understand your frustration – legal challenges in the heat of a political season are not easy for anyone. To those supporters of my opponent who have made this an issue in this campaign, I realize that no explanation on my part will change your mind or your vote – I get that – but it is important that you understand my true motives.

You see, I am a fighter. I fight for what I believe in. And I don't quit easily. We need that spirit back in the Property Appraiser's Office.

I'm seeking re-election not vindication. Just like you, I see how the poor economy has affected Hendry County. I want to help. I want to make this a better community, with more of our neighbors working and providing for their families. To get there, we must have fair taxes for our residents and more jobs for our community – it's as simple as that. This election is about who will fight for YOU and YOUR FAMILY now. . . today . . . this minute.

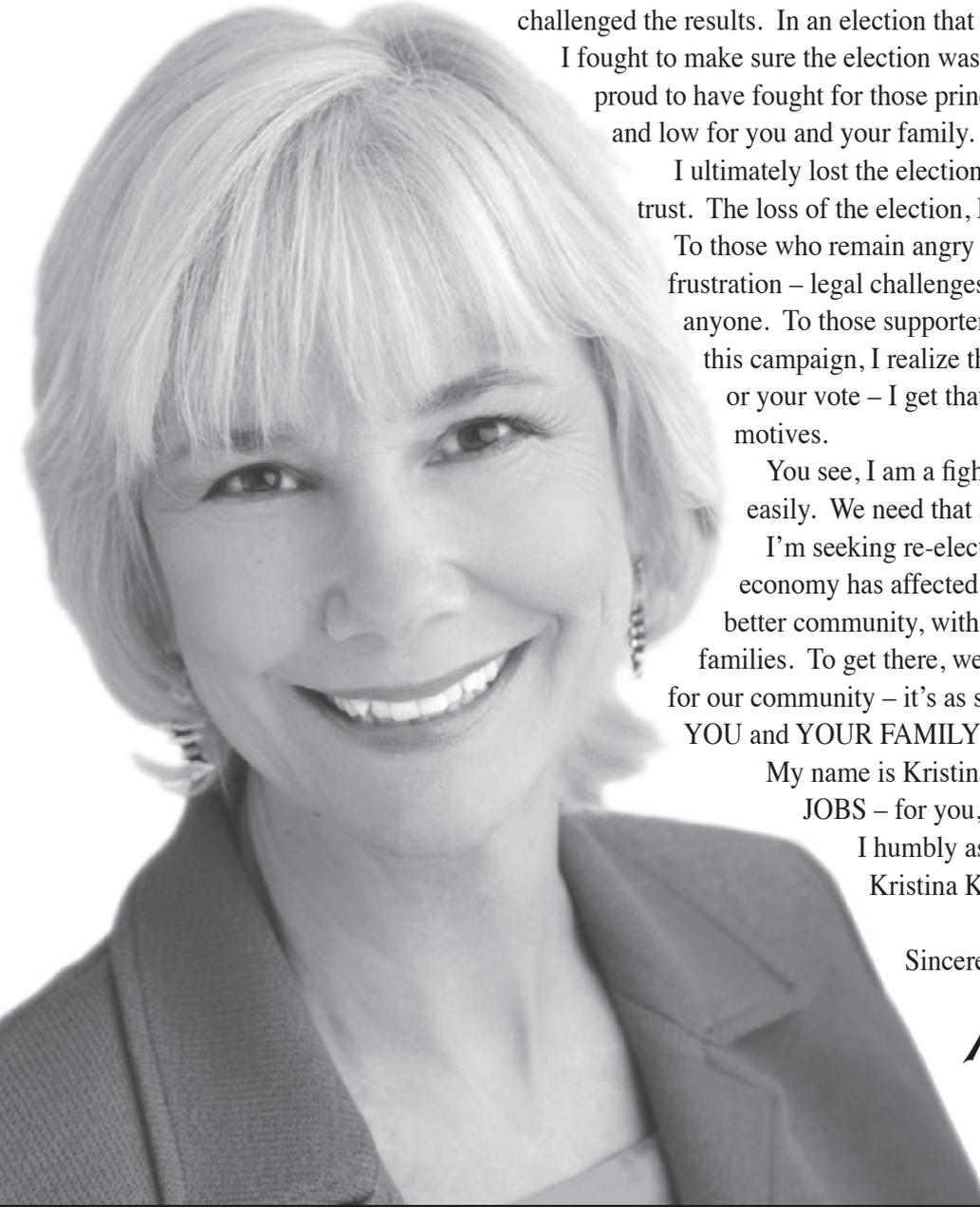
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# Religion Column

## Halloween: What's Missing and Why it Should be Celebrated

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

Yesterday was Halloween. I listened to the advisories about the recent hurricane and some of the announcers said that "Halloween would have to be cancelled" in some places.

No, what must have been meant is that "the celebration of Halloween would have to be cancelled."

I don't think you can cancel something like Christmas or Easter, or some of the events that have changed history and lives. Halloween was one of those times of celebration that goes back in history and has deep religious roots.

The faithful of earlier years commemorated their saints; persons they knew to be worthy of being examples, persons who must have been special in God's eyes and who would have a place with Him in Heaven.

Over time, the calendar filled up and the suggestion was offered to have a special day to remember all of God's saints. It came toward the end of the Church calendar year – November 1st – and commemorated all of those special people who were God's instruments and messengers in their time. The day was a celebration that has been special.

"When the saints come marching in..." These holy ones, or "hallowed" ones were to have the final victorious day and the days ever after; they triumphed and won the victory of eternal life.

There is a vestige of the use of the word "hallowed" in the Lord's Prayer that Christians say time and again "...hallowed by thy name..." or remembering that even God's name is holy and to be respected as such. Early Christians celebrated All Saints Day as "All Hallow's Day" or the day of the holy ones who did God's will. The evening before was "All Hallow's Evening" which became shortened to become Hallow-

een.

That was the time when the forces of evil rallied because they knew their days were quickly coming to an end; and all of the witches, ghosts, goblins and evil creatures knew their hours were numbered.

Today, the tradition lives on; the religious roots of the holiday seem to be forgotten. When I heard of someone saying that "Halloween would have to be cancelled due to the hurricane" I thought "No way!" The age-old celebration of those who were faithful to God and were remembered for their faith and works would be kept in Churches and religious houses around the world.

The faithful would have their celebrations of All Saints Day and recall what the day means. The young persons who celebrate it by going around the neighborhoods will miss something if they do not know the origin and meaning of this special occasion each year.

I remember growing up with Washington's birthday as a holiday, and Lincoln's birthday too. Today, our calendars combine them as "President's Day" and we miss learning about the man who won our independence with a rag-tag army and who defeated the world power of his day to give us a new and independent land.

I miss hearing about the debater who debated with Douglas and the giving freedom from slavery, who walked miles in the winter to return a library book.

Our elections have taken on a dimension of "bashing" that was unknown in past years and I wonder if that is all necessary. If anything, today we need people who we can look up to, and who are worthy of our respect and honor.

That's what All Saints Day is about, and that's something we seem to be missing. I hope that our children will learn of the great persons of faith and what they gave us; and that the older generation will see that they continue to be remembered.

These are the people who have made us who we are and who we should be. They deserve to be remembered!



Rev. Sam S. Thomas



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## Arrest Report

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

• Hector Mercedes Castro, 51, was arrested Oct. 17 by the GCSO on an Orange County warrant charging him with the felonies of trafficking in oxycodone and possession of cocaine. He is being held without bond.

• Travius Marquis Cato, 22, N. S.R. 715 Trailer Park, Belle Glade, was arrested Oct. 18 by the GCSO on felony charges of violation of probation - possession of marijuana over 20 grams and violation of probation - possession of cocaine. He is being held without bond.

• Gene Duane Harris, 27, Pinecrest Ave., Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 21 by the GCSO on felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older. His bond was set at \$20,000.

• Mario Monroy Hughes, 30, Park Ave. S.E., Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 22 by the GCSO on a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence and a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at \$22,500.

• Robert Durwood Cochran, 27, Knott's Landing N.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 24 by the SPD on a felony charge of possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, and a misdemeanor charge of failure to register a motor vehicle. His bond was set at \$10,500.

• Douglas Ballenger, 42, S.W. Gulf St., Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 24 by the GCSO on a felony charge of cruelty toward a child. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Robert Duplessy, 36, Westwood Lake Ave., Fort Myers, was arrested Oct. 24 by the GCSO on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Rustun Shane Hankins, 24, River Road, Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 24 by the GCSO on felony charges of violation of probation - burglary and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Ryan Irvin Peterson, 23, E. S.R. 78, Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 24 by the GCSO on a U.S. military warrant charging him with desertion. His bond will be set by the U.S. military.

• Leonardo Alfred Perez, 28, E. S.R. 78, Moore Haven, was arrested Oct. 27 by the GCSO on a felony charge of smuggling contraband into a prison. He is being held without bond.

• Winston Skeine, 50, N.W. Sixth Court, Fort Lauderdale, was arrested Oct. 27 by the GCSO on a Broward County warrant charging him with the misdemeanor of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Martin Alexander Flores, 46, S.W. 27th St., Miami, was arrested Oct. 28 by the GCSO on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

• Clayton Lee Jones, 30, S.R. 78 E., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 28 by the GCSO on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

• Sysouphan Souvannarath, 31, Tanglevine Lane, Tampa, was arrested Oct. 30 by the GCSO on a Hillsborough County warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - purchase of a controlled substance. He is being held without bond.

• Sidney Willis Smith, 46, S.W. 10th St., Miami, was arrested Oct. 31 by the GCSO on a Miami-Dade County warrant charging him with the felony of possession of cocaine and the misdemeanors of possession of drug paraphernalia and drinking alcohol in public. He is being held without bond.

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

In other Heartland area counties, jobless rates stood between 14.2 percent in Hendry County and 9.2 percent in Highlands County. Desoto County had 10.2 percent. Around the big lake, Martin County had 9.4 percent, and Palm Beach County 9.2 percent.

## JOBS

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in September. That compared to 10.9 percent, and 2,121 residents in August.

## Church bus overturns on U.S. 27

A church bus overturned on U.S. Highway 27 on Saturday, injuring 17 passengers, according to Florida Highway Patrol Reports.

According to the report, the 2002 International Passenger Bus emblazoned with "Greater Saint Matthew's Holiness Church" was southbound on U.S. 27 near Lykes Road when the accident occurred. The bus was approaching slower traffic in the outside lane and the driver then changed lanes to the inside lane just as the roadway began a right hand turn, according to FHP Trooper J. Mulhern's report. The bus ran partially off the roadway on the left side at the beginning of the curve, the report continues. The driver then steered right, an attempted to re-enter the inside lane, but lost control of the vehicle. The bus traveled across the southbound inside and outside lanes while

rotating counter-clockwise, ran off the roadway on the right side and overturned onto its roof.

The bus driver, Theodore Franklin Neal, 49, of Homestead was not injured in the accident, according to the FHP report.

According to the report, 17 passengers, ranging in age from 21 to 70, were injured. Ten passengers were transported to Lake Placid Hospital with minor injuries. Six passengers were transported to Hendry Regional Hospital with minor injuries. One passenger, Bessie Mae Smith, 67, of Florida City, was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. The bus driver, who the report stated was not injured, was also transported to Hendry Regional Hospital.

Damage to the bus was estimated at \$20,000.

## United Way launches 2012-13 campaign

More than 700 volunteers and community leaders gathered at the Harborside Event Center last week to celebrate the 2012-2013 Campaign Kick-Off of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades. Robert Wilson, United Way Campaign Chair, and Vice-President of Enterprise Holdings, encouraged everyone to "LIVE UNITED" and to Give, Advocate and Volunteer.

"Our United Way has met its fundraising goals year after year, even during the difficult economic times of the past few years. While there are some signs of improvement in the economy, the needs of our neighbors have not lessened. Many individuals and families who have never asked for help in the past are coming to United Way partner agencies or calling United Way 211 due to loss of jobs, and other overwhelming financial or medical issues," said Robert Wilson.

"United Way 211, the help-line for hu-

man services has experienced dramatic increase in the number of calls it receives requesting help with food, counseling, medical care, utilities, and other issues. Before the economic downturn, United Way 211 received an average of 2,500 calls per month. Last month United Way 211 handled more than 5,000 calls for help.

Laurel Smith, United Way Pacesetter Chair and partner in Gravina, Smith, Matte and Arnold, Public Relations and Marketing announced that the Pacesetter Companies - those who run their campaigns early to demonstrate United Way support and to encourage others - along with early leadership gifts, have already raised a total of \$4,690,125. This represents 58 percent of the goal.

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# A Seminole War Hero Recognized by the U.S. Military



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## Ceremony announced as U.S. Military Officials make special presentation to the Family of an Unconquered Spirit

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is proud to honor one of its fallen soldiers. Long after the passing of U.S. Army soldier Charlie Steel Gopher and after several years of tireless efforts from family members and Vietnam Veterans of America Bureau Chief, Marc McCabe, the United States Military has finally acknowledged a heroic soldier for his courage, valor and service to this great nation.

A special ceremony has been announced to pay homage and recognize Gopher, as officials will present his family with the medals that he earned during his service in Vietnam, along with military benefits that have been kept from his family for over 38 years.

This event will be held at the prestigious, star-shaped, Florida Seminole Veterans Building located at 800 East Harney Pond Road in Okeechobee, on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation, just north of Lake Okeechobee to-

day, Thursday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m.

"Through the support of some great Americans, a war hero and his family will receive the military benefits denied to them for 38 years!" exclaimed Marc McCabe, Bureau Chief of the Vietnam Veterans of America, "We were committed and up for the challenge. There was no rest in sight until we were able to get a fellow Veteran the accolades and recognition that he and his family deserve."

In attendance will be representatives of the United States Army, distinguished members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, fellow soldiers that served alongside Gopher, as well as, Tribal Veterans, the Seminole Color Guard, family members and friends, to share in this memorial tribute to the late Charlie Steel Gopher.

"It was a long battle, but we won the war," said Rita McCabe, daughter of Charlie Gopher, "with the help of amazing supporters like Marc McCabe from the VVA, we were able to achieve the recognition that my father deserves for his service to this country. It is not very often that the United States Military reverses a decision that they have made, but we are very excited that the world will know the true story and life of Charlie Gopher, all in an effort to keep his memory alive for those of us that truly knew him."

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