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WGS Celebrates Spirit Week

On Jan. 11, West Glades crowned Andrea Stanforth and Chase Altman as WGS Spirit Queen and King. Seventh grade representatives were Jordan Mason and Jazmyn Branch, sixth grade representatives were Gracie Goodwin and Noe Gamez.



Child mauled by family's pit bull

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN—A 3-year-old boy was airlifted to Lee County Memorial Hospital after he was mauled about the head and neck area by a male pit bull taken in by his family.

Bob Jones, Glades County

director of public safety, said the dog showed up in the family's yard about three weeks prior to the Jan. 18 incident and they started to care for it.

"If it comes into your yard and you start taking care of it, it's your dog," said Mr. Jones in a Jan. 23 phone interview.

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Governor, cabinet OK lease extensions

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Audubon Florida Executive Director Eric Draper knew, with only 5 minutes to present their cases, he and other environmentalists had little to no chance of

stopping the no-bid lease extensions for two giant agricultural concerns.

And Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet didn't surprise him.

That cabinet on Wednesday,

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County's jobless rates decline in December

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Glades County also saw a decline from 9 percent in November to 8.6 percent in December as the number of residents who collected benefits dropped from 431 to 418, according to the Florida Department of Economic

Opportunity. It also was a stark improvement from December, 2011. In that report 498 residents collected benefits, a rate of 9.7 percent. Glades was tied with Polk and Liberty County and ranked 16th among Florida counties.

Monthly jobless figures were

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Rice Grown Without Paddies Can Feed Drought-Stricken Communities

BY TOM NORDLIE
UF

Consumed by 3 billion people, rice is arguably the world's most important food staple, and one reason for its popularity is that rice can be grown under flooded conditions that suppress weeds, making cultivation easier.

In some parts of the world, water is in short supply, but farmers often devote what they can to rice farming, because the crop is so important. However, research has led to a simple but profound solution that requires less water – growing rice in fields, a practice called aerobic rice production.

The practice relies on rainfall plus limited irrigation to meet the plants' moisture needs. It requires about 40 percent less water than paddy-grown rice, according to a University of Florida study in the current issue of *Agronomy Journal*.

Aerobic rice production is gaining popularity in India and Southeast Asia, particularly in drought-stricken or upland areas, said Rao Mylavarapu, a professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and one of the study's authors.

Mylavarapu is working to address a major challenge in aerobic rice production: yield. In the two-year study, conducted in Hyderabad, India, researchers grew rice in irrigated fields and paddies. The first year's aerobic rice harvest weighed 39 percent less than the paddy harvest; the second year the difference narrowed to 15 percent.

"Right now, there's no way you can get the



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same yield under optimal conditions," he said.

He explained that grain production is influenced by a rice plant's ability to use nitrogen, which in turn is influenced by moisture availability. In other words, paddied plants grown in standing water have an advantage over aerobic plants receiving modest irrigation. And, the rice varieties used for paddied production are different from the ones in aerobic production.

But in a drought there may not be enough

water to keep rice paddies flooded. Under those circumstances, aerobic production can ensure that a community has rice to eat, while the paddied plants wither away.

"The real impact of aerobic rice will be shown in a rainfall shortage year," Mylavarapu said. "However, in a rainfall shortage year, we have to be able to provide supplemental irrigation to aerobic rice and keep the root zone moist. So if there's a very bad drought, even aerobic rice will fail."

He adds that few rice varieties have been developed specifically for aerobic production. In time, breeders may develop improved varieties

and close the "yield gap" with paddied rice.

Currently, Mylavarapu's focus is on another aspect of the cropping system – overall grain production in systems where rice is rotated with corn. This approach is used on about 8.65 million acres in Asia because little soil preparation is needed to plant corn in a field following aerobic rice. In contrast, rice paddies must be drained and converted from a flooded anaerobic system to an aerobic system before the land can be used for corn.

In the study, researchers found that corn yields were about 5 percent higher when the corn followed aerobic rice, compared with paddied rice.

So far, aerobic rice production hasn't caught on with U.S. farmers, but that could be just a matter of time, he said.

"In the U.S., water quality is usually a bigger issue than water quantity," Mylavarapu said. "Certainly, it (aerobic rice) will become a very important factor for the U.S. to consider in the future, with climate change."

The United States is the world's 10th largest producer of paddied rice, with annual production of about 12 million tons, according to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization. Arkansas is the leading U.S. rice producer; Florida ranks seventh.

The study was funded by the U.S.-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The research team included Mylavarapu, UF colleagues Dakshina Kadiyala and Yuncong Li; Gudigopuram Reddy of North Carolina A&T State University and M.D. Reddy of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in Hyderabad, India.

What is Norovirus?

BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry/Glades Health Department

Norovirus is commonly called the "stomach flu." Noroviruses are found in the stool or vomit of infected people.

Norovirus is highly contagious and may cause vomiting and diarrhea and stomach cramps. Anyone can be infected with noroviruses and get sick.

Also, you can get Norovirus illness more than once during your life. Symptoms usually start within 24 to 48 hours and most people begin to feel better within one or two days and have no long-term health effects.

People with Norovirus illness are contagious from the moment they begin feeling sick until at least three days after they recover. But, some people may be contagious for even longer.

There is no vaccine to prevent Norovirus infection. Also, there is no drug to treat people who get sick from the virus. Antibiotics will not help if you have Norovirus illness. This is because antibiotics fight against bacteria, not viruses.

Norovirus can spread quickly from person to person in crowded, closed places. People can become infected with the virus in several ways including:

- Touching surfaces or objects contaminated with the virus, and then placing their hands in their mouth.
- Eating food or drinking liquids that have been contaminated with the virus (usually from the food handler not washing their hands properly)
- Eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with Norovirus (someone gets stool or vomit on their hands, and then touches food or drink)
- Having direct contact with another person

who is infected and showing symptoms (caring for someone who is infected, sharing food or eating utensils with someone who is infected)

Noroviruses are the most common cause of gastroenteritis in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that each year more than 20 million cases of acute gastroenteritis are caused by noroviruses.

That means about one in every 15 Americans will get Norovirus illness each year. Norovirus is also estimated to cause over 70,000 hospitalizations and 800 deaths each year in the United States.

The best way to reduce your chance of getting Norovirus is by following some simple tips:

- Wash hands frequently, especially after going to the bathroom, changing diapers, before eating and prior to preparing food
- Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and cook foods completely before eating them
- Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using bleach-based household cleaners
- Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with the virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap)
- Flush or discard any vomit and/or stool in the toilet and make sure the surrounding area is kept clean

People who have symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea should not prepare or handle food until they are completely free of symptoms and for at least three days after all symptoms are gone. Any foods that may have been contaminated by an ill person should be thrown away. For additional information, you can visit www.cdc.gov/Features/Norovirus/ or talk with your healthcare provider.

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Glades at a Glance

Evangelist to visit Point of Life Fellowship

Point of Life Fellowship, 15399 E. Highway 78 in Lakeport, will host Evangelist Benjie Jones on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 4, through Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Bennie Jones, an ordained bishop, has been in full-time ministry for over three decades. He is a full-time evangelist, serving mainly in the U.S. Canada and Mexico. He is also a musician and gospel singer.

Garden Club to meet

There will be a meeting of the Moore Haven Garden Club on Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. under the pavilion in the Moore Haven Park behind the City Hall. All members are asked to bring a covered dish or snacks for the meeting. All interested persons are welcome.

Book Sale at the library

The Glades County Public Library will host a book sale from Feb. 4 through Feb. 8 in the library conference room during library hours. Books will be sold for a dollar a pound. Come on and weigh-in on those topics that are interesting to you.

Barbecue to benefit scholarship fund

The Moore Haven High School Scholarship Organization will hold a fundraising barbecue on Friday, Feb. 15, at the Doyle Conner Building on Highway 27 in Moore Haven. They will serve from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinners are \$8 and include a half barbecued chicken, two sides and a roll. Tickets can be purchased prior to the barbecue by contacting the Scholarship Office by phone, 863-946-2083, or e-mail mhhs.scholarship@yahoo.com, or from any Scholarship Board Member: Wayne Aldrich, Scott Bass, Paul Beck, Rogel Brown, Sandra Brown, Gordon Bryant, Bonita Drayton, Joe Flint, Ellen Geake, John Huysman, Larry Luckey, Lorie Ward, Bob Way, or Susie Woodward. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event. Tickets for a chance at a \$1,000 drawing will also be on sale. The drawing will be held at the award dinner in May. You need not be present to win. For over 10 years, the Moore Haven High School Scholarship Organization has raised money to provide graduating seniors with academic and career scholarships. Seniors who will attend a college, university, or vocational technical school are encouraged to submit an application. All qualified seniors will receive a scholarship. The MHHS Scholarship Organization is a 501C3 and all donations are tax deductible.

The Eagles Riders plan party

The Eagles Riders are having The 4th Annual Party Under the Bridge, Feb. 16. They want to Salute all Veterans with a picture wall. We need pictures, please send pictures to Virginia at vrat61@hotmail.com or submit pictures along with self addressed envelope to FOE 4523 Attn.: Virginia 101 Avenue J S.W. Moore Haven, FL 33471.

Historical Society to meet

The Glades County Historical Society invites all to their next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Pieter Westergaard House at 270 Ave. L in Moore Haven. Please join us for an informative meeting and refreshments. Some items on the agenda will be future election of officers, the annual spring barbecue and plans for a yard clean-up. For more information, call 863-946-2060 or 863-801-5199.

LIONS Club to meet

Join the Moore Haven LIONS CLUB meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Glades County Sheriff's Office conference room. Future fundraising projects will be on the agenda. A light refreshment will be served. Please Join us. Eye exams, surgeries and glasses for all needy persons are provided by this worthy organization.

Glades County Woman's Club plans Fashion Show

Glades County Woman's Club will present their annual Style Show on Saturday, Feb. 16, at noon in the M Resort Hall located approximately six miles north of Moore Haven on U.S. 27. This event features all homemade salads, soups, sandwiches and of course, those luscious desserts.

The fashions are trendy with all sizes and reasonably priced. Everyone wins a prize and enjoys lots of laughs. We look forward to seeing all you wonderful women in the county.

Admission is \$10. You purchase tickets from members or pay at the door.

Gospel sing Friday at the Big Red Barn

On Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., there will be a Gospel Sing at Swindle's Big Red Barn, west of Clewiston off of Hwy. 27. Simple Faith Quartet will be performing.

Red Cross needs volunteers

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

Church invites all to services

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, 1731 Hunter Road, would like to announce they now have a full-time Pastor, Pastor Arlen Cook. They invite everyone to attend services: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m., with supper starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in worship.

Church to host yard sale

Buckhead Ridge Christian Church, 1167 Linda Road (behind the Moose Lodge on SR 78) will host a yard sale on Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mortgage Assistance available

The federal government has allocated funding to help qualified Florida families pay the first mortgage on their homes through the Hardest Hit Help program. Assistance may be given for 12 months, and/or to reinstate a delinquent first mortgage. Loans will be "forgiven" in 5.5 years after completing the program. The program is open to residents of Okeechobee, Glades and Hendry counties. You can register by calling Okeechobee Non-Profit Housing at 863-467-5525. You may also visit the HHF web site at www.FLHardestHitHelp.org and use the referral code 85087 so you can be assisted by ONPH.

BHR VFW Auxiliary helps homeless vets

The Buckhead Ridge VFW womens' auxiliary is asking for contributions of denim jeans, in any condition, to be used in the making of bed roles for homeless vets. These will be distributed locally by Big Lake Missions. Jackets and blankets are also needed. Contributions may be dropped off at either of Okeechobee's VFW posts or the Buckhead Ridge VFW post. For more information, call 863-763-8011.

Westergaard House available for rent for local events

Glades County Historical Society reminds community members that you can use the historic Pieter Westergaard House for your meetings, showers, parties, political party get-togethers seven days a week. Non-profit organizations are all free; all residents are charged \$25 for each event. You are welcomed to use the inside or the lawn areas. The address is 270 Ave. L, Moore Haven near the Methodist Church. Phone Anne Coffey at 863-801-5199 or Julie Wigton at 946-2060 or Donald Miles at 239-560-8448 for more information.

ACT offers counseling and related services

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets

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

Inland Birding Fun: Indigo Bunting (INBU)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Indigo Bunting, sometimes called a "blue canary," usually migrates in large flocks at night, using the stars for guidance. This migratory bird is found from southern Canada to Northern Florida during the breeding season and from Southern Florida to Northern South America during the winter.

These small sparrow-sized stocky birds have short tails and a thick conical bill. Breeding males are blue with a richer blue head and shiny silver-gray bill. Females are brown above with a whitish throat, faint streaking on the breast and sometimes a touch of blue on the wings, head or tail. Immature males are brown with patches of blue.

Young Indigo Buntings learn their songs from nearby males. Those a few hundred yards apart usually sing different songs, while those in the same "song neighborhood" will have nearly identical songs (Cornell Lab All About Birds). The male Indigo Bunting's song is a series of sharp, clear, high-pitched notes that last about

two seconds and then trail off at the end. Their calls are a "spik" similar to other bunting species. The oldest known Indigo Bunting lived to be eight years and three months old. They prefer living in weedy or brushy areas near groves, fields, forests or backyards. Their diet consists mainly of insects, spiders, seeds, buds and berries and they can be attracted to backyard feeders with thistle or bird seed. These birds have been confirmed nesting in



PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

Male Indigo Bunting.

northern peninsula of Florida from late April to July. The male watches as the female weaves a 1.5 inch open cup of leaves, grasses, stems, and bark that is wrapped with spider webs. It takes two to eight days to complete the nest that is lined with grasses, roots, bark, thistle and sometimes hair. The female lays two to six white eggs which are incubated for 12 to 13 days with the young fledging when they are nine to 10 days old.

You can help document wintering birds in-

cluding Indigo Buntings as well as resident species during the Feb. 15 to 18 Great Backyard Bird Count.

Anyone from any place can participate. It's easy to be part of this annual event. First, create a GBBC account at www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

Second, count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the GBBC and finally enter your results on the GBBC website www.birdsource.org/gbbc (or eBird). If you don't have internet access or prefer using a print form contact Margaret England to request a data entry form. These completed forms will be posted for you by Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers.

Join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for free birding or photography trips. You and your guests are invited participate in upcoming birding trips Saturday, Feb. 16, Sunday, Feb. 17 or Monday, Feb. 18, at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5).

Birders and/or photographers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the STA5 Deer Fence Canal Trailhead. To make a reservation, please contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2013 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org. "Like" Hendry-Glades Audubon on Facebook.



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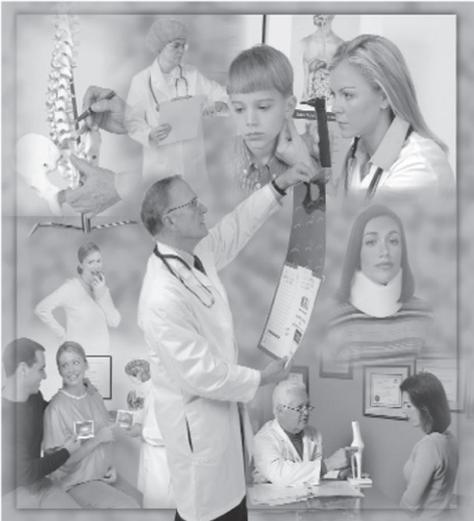


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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 0.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.41/g on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida.

This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.31/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 12.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 7.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 4.5 cents

per gallon during the last month and stands 6.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average has picked up in the last week on the apparent start of refinery maintenance season," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Refinery production has taken a hit in the last week as companies begin looking towards the summer driving season, utilizing this time of year for maintenance and any upgrades before gasoline demand races higher for the summer season," DeHaan said.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Throw
- 6 Capts.' inferiors
- 10 Homeric outburst?
- 13 Honolulu hangout
- 14 Toiletary product endorsed by pitcher Mariano Rivera
- 16 Great ___
- 17 Calm and kind
- 19 Era units: Abbr.
- 20 Bygone AT&T rival
- 21 Headly quaffs
- 22 Utah landscape features
- 24 Earn a living
- 26 Algebra subject
- 29 Posting often seen in a window
- 30 ___ Goldfinger: 007 enemy
- 31 Suva is its capital
- 34 Code letters
- 37 Completely different situation
- 41 Farm enclosure
- 42 Movie mogul Marcus
- 43 Insight provider?
- 44 Schoolyard comeback
- 47 Like some Latin nouns
- 48 Suddenly stopping
- 53 "I'm all ears!"
- 54 Sister of Terpsichore
- 55 NASDAQ or NYSE
- 58 Thumb in folklore
- 59 Ones responsible for what's missing from certain puzzle answers?
- 62 Santa ___
- 63 Florida wader
- 64 TV spot seller
- 65 Bug-eyed TV dog
- 66 Unpleasant, as details
- 67 Graph lines

- 4 Highland denial
- 5 Newt with a large vocabulary
- 6 Dryer place
- 7 Shorthand pioneer
- 8 Give one star, say
- 9 Family nickname
- 10 Non-dorm resident
- 11 Queen of Talk
- 12 State bordering Thuringia
- 15 "Kickboxer" actor Jean-Claude Van ___
- 18 Rabbit's food?
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- 24 Brolly carrier
- 25 Forget to mention
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- 28 Super Bowl XXVII MVP
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- 38 Morlock prey

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- 52 Like some gossip
- 55 "Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others" speaker
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- 57 Baker's armts.
- 60 It's legal to poach one
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Religion Column

God and The Super Bowl

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

This Sunday is a national day of prayer. Okay, not "officially." It's not sanctioned by any denomination or governmental decree. But there will still be more prayers sent heavenward this Sunday than on any other given Sunday.

Yes, it is Superbowl Sunday, and there are prayers going up for that favorite team by players, family members, coaches, investment brokers and fans all over the country. And, like the pizza-hawker "Papa John's," who promised a free pizza to anyone who correctly calls the "head or tails" coin toss that starts the game, half of the people will have their prayers answered. Half will not.

Does God really care who wins the game? Come to think of it, can our prayers have an influence on the outcome?

My mind is suddenly filled with images of Sunday afternoon heroes, kneeling in the end zone in a brief prayer after scoring a touchdown, or groups of players dropped to their knees, heads bowed, in the middle of the field at the conclusion of a game.

I hear post-game interviews with sweaty stars: "Great game, Biff." "Thanks, Bud. The first thing I have to say is that I owe it all to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We kicked some butt out there today. WHOO-OOH!"

I confess I am more than glad that there are public figures acknowledging the importance of faith in their lives. That's good! But I'm not so sure about the implication that Jesus Christ helps anyone "kick butt" - on or off the field - except maybe in cases of spiritual warfare.

I don't believe coin tosses and football games are the best testing grounds for our prayer life. "Hail Mary's" aren't the only ways to connect with the divine. Prayer is paying attention to the movement of the Spirit in our lives. Praying is opening ourselves up to the presence of the divine.

Jesus had three years in which to save the world. How did He spend those three years? Writing a manuscript? Building a temple? Starting a new religion? No, He spent those three years investing everything He had in a team. This team He chose would be charged with continuing His ministry and carrying the gospel into and

throughout the world.

But before He chose His team, He spent the night in prayer (Luke 6:12-13). The greatest decision Jesus made for the sake of the gospel was made after He spent the night in prayer to God. (Luke 12:12) Only after that extended time in prayer did Jesus chose his disciples.

That raises some questions. Before you make important decisions in your life, do you pray? Do you ask for God's guidance? Do you ask for God's help to be all that you can be in upcoming events?

Prayer changes things. But more importantly, prayer changes us. A prayer-conditioned life conditions us to receive God's presence and power.

So should players be praying for a victory this Sunday? I believe the outcome will be dependent on human effort, not divine intervention. God will inspire players to do their best, but the outcome will be up to them.

They should ask for guidance, wisdom and courage. Hopefully, God will be giving the players what they need to deal with adversity. They should ask God to enable them to use their talent to the utmost capacity and to be the best they can be out there.

Does God care who wins the Super Bowl? No. But God does care about the players, God cares about you, God cares about me. And that's all that any of us will ever need.



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Boyd W. Close, 86

MOORE HAVEN — Boyd W. Close, a longtime resident of Perry Fla., passed away on Jan. 25, 2013 in Wakulla County.

Mr. Close was born Feb. 4, 1926 to Mr. Karl (Charles) Close and Mrs. Lela (Norton) Close in Big Bear Beach, Fla. He grew up in Lakeport, Fla. and joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from Moore Haven High School. A veteran of WWII, he studied forestry at the University of Florida, graduating in 1949. He worked for the state of Florida as a forester for a short time before going to work for Proctor & Gamble, where he retired after 34 years. He was a leader in the field of forestry, at one point managing over 1,000,000 acres of forest land, more than any other individual in the state of Florida at the time. He lived a life of service and integrity and gave freely of his time to others.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Crawfordville, Fla. In Perry, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church and the Florida Forestry Association. He also served on the boards of the Children's Home Society, the Buckeye Federal Credit Union, Aucilla Christian Academy, Suwannee River Water Management District, Doctors Memorial Hospital, and the Florida Trail Association. He was active for many years in the Boy Scouts of America, volunteering as a Scout Master.

He is preceded in death by his first wife of 38 years, Martha Kate Close.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Louise Young Close of Crawfordville; son, Bert Close (Janeen) of Peachtree City, Ga.; daughter, Patricia Barton (Patrick) of Peachtree City, Ga.; stepdaughters, Theresa Hernandez (Louis) of Crawfordville, and Jennie Barnes of Perry; sister, Mildred Reynolds (Lou) of Baton Rouge, La.; also surviving him are two grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Monday, Jan. 28, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Perry. The Rev. David Fell officiated. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery immediately after the service. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home in Perry. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Children's Home Society of Florida at www.chsfl.org.

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Glades County Library News

By Austin Moorhouse

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Archeological presentation

The presentation at the Glades County Library for the Friends of the Library by Butch Wilson, curator of the Clewiston Museum, on the archeological excavations at Fort Center was a great success. He brought with him several of the artifacts that were excavated at Fort Center and explained their use and significance. These artifacts belonged to the Mayaimi Indians who inhabited this area long before Columbus discovered America.

FHP arrests 548 impaired drivers in campaign

TALLAHASSEE—Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, has released the preliminary enforcement results from the Patrol's involvement in the nationwide Driver Sober or Get Pulled.

Over the campaign, Dec. 12, 2012 – Jan. 2, 2013, the patrol beefed up its force by having troopers postpone administrative duties in favor of road patrols and adding reservists and auxiliary troopers to patrol duty.

Troopers issued more than 39,000 traffic citations and made 548 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited more than 13,600 drivers for

Man charged in Lykes Bros burglary

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades Democrat

A Clewiston man, Jeffrey England, 27, was held on \$51,500 bond at the Glades County Jail this month for charges that stem from the theft of equipment from the Lykes Brothers Brighton Groves in Glades County.

Okeechobee and Glades County Sheriff Deputies combined efforts to solve the burglary.

A report from Glades County Deputy Terence Deese said an irrigation pump, air compressor and batteries were taken and that several hundred dollars in damage was done by the thieves.

Okeechobee Sheriff's Detective Ted Van Deman said the stolen pump was recovered during a traffic stop in Okeechobee County along with batteries and an air compressor valued at \$1,200. A warrant has also been secured for a second suspect in the thefts.

England turned himself in on the Glades County warrant on Jan. 17 to face two charges of felony criminal mischief, petit theft, burglary to a dwelling or structure that caused over \$1,000 in damage, burglary to an unoccupied structure while unarmed and larceny.

Butch presented a chronological history of Florida and its early inhabitants, several other different Indian tribes, long before the Europeans ever arrived in Florida. Further, Butch talked about what became of the Indians from the time that the Spanish first landed on the peninsula and begin their exploration to modern times when this archeological expedition took place. His presentation was extremely interesting and he gave an open invitation to all to attend Clewiston Museum which includes the fossilized bones of mastodons and many other animals that roamed South Florida thousands of years ago.

Love my library

The Month of February is 'Love My Library Month.' Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine to the library. Feb. 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. How many Lincolnhead pennies will it take to buy a book for the library? Feb. 22 is George Washington's birthday. How many Washington Dollars will it take to buy a new book for the library? Come and join us during the month of Feb. for "Love My Library Month."

FHP enforcement results:

Dec. 12, 2012 – Jan. 2, 2013

Citations: 39,202

DUI Arrests: 548

Speeding Citations: 13,660

Safety Belt Citations: 2,570

Crashes: 10,876

Motorist assists: 10,900

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Hendry Regional Medical Center's Laboratory Receives CAP Accreditation

Hendry Regional Medical Center's laboratory has been awarded accreditation by the Accreditation committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Ronald Giffler, M.D., the Laboratory Medical Director, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services" being provided.

Hendry Regional Medical Center's laboratory is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, which began in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own in-

spection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years.

CAP inspectors also examine the entire staff's qualifications, the lab's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for the hospital's laboratory patients.

The hospital lab has scored perfect for the last two testing cycles sent to the lab to confirm testing accuracy and precision. These two cycles included 428 individual tests.

The CAP is a medical society serving nearly 17,000 physician members and laboratory communities throughout the world.

It is the world's largest association, composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists, and is widely considered the leader in laboratory qual-

ity assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

James Bancroft, the hospital's Administrative Laboratory Manager, commended his staff for their efforts in maintaining a high-quality clinical laboratory at Hendry Regional Medical Center.



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When Should You Call The Pediatrician?

For parents of newborns, those first months can be exciting, challenging and even a little frightening. While your instincts will kick in to guide you through many parenting challenges, when certain issues arise, it's important to seek help from your best-informed resource: your pediatrician.

"Whether you're having difficulty breast-feeding or have questions about vaccinations, your pediatrician is the best person you can turn to for answers," says Dr. Thomas McInerney, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

"Certain problems can worsen if they aren't addressed quickly, so keep your pediatrician's number accessible."

Feeding and Nutrition

Breastfeeding is a great step mothers can take to safeguard their baby's health. Human milk benefits the immune system and protects your baby from infections. Research suggests that breastfeeding may help protect against obesity, sudden infant death syndrome, and some cancers.

To ensure a successful start, McInerney advises:

- Take breastfeeding classes before giving birth.
- Place your newborn skin-to-skin against your chest or abdomen within an hour after birth.
- Sleep in the same room as your newborn.
- Breastfeed eight to 12 times a day.
- Monitor urine and stool output.

If you're having problems, find a lactation consultant or talk with your pediatrician. Waiting to seek help could interfere with your ability to produce milk or your baby's ability to get crucial nutrition. And dehydration can be dangerous or even life-threatening.

McInerney advises new mothers experiencing any of the following symptoms to call their pediatricians right away:

- Nursing sessions are consistently briefer

than about 10 minutes or longer than about 50 minutes during the first few months.

- Your baby still seems hungry after most feedings or is not gaining weight on the recommended schedule.

- Your newborn frequently misses nursing sessions or sleeps through the night.

- You're experiencing pain that prevents you from breastfeeding.

- You think you're not producing enough milk.

"Pay attention to your baby's pattern of feeding," advises McInerney. "Don't stop asking for one-on-one guidance from your pediatrician or lactation specialist until you get the help you need."

At your appointment, your pediatrician will weigh your baby to make sure he or she is on track nutritionally and can observe your feeding technique and offer guidance.

Vaccinations

Newborns need vaccinations in those first months to protect against potentially dangerous diseases, including hepatitis B, polio, whooping cough (also known as pertussis), tetanus, diphtheria, Hib, pneumococcal and rotavirus. The pediatrician can discuss recommended immunizations at each visit.

A new report from the Institute of Medicine confirms the vaccine schedule is safe and significantly reduces your child's risk of disease.

"Talk with your doctor about whether you need a whooping cough booster or flu shot yourself," says McInerney. "Whooping cough can be deadly to young infants. Immunizing family members creates a 'cocoon' of protection around them."

Mothers should receive whooping cough vaccine and flu shots during pregnancy. Anyone who will be around the baby should also be immunized.

More information on keeping newborns happy and healthy can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.

When in doubt, call your pediatrician sooner rather than later.

Milder Winter Temperature Lead to Lower Annual Manatee Mortality Count

Researchers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) documented fewer manatee deaths in 2012 than in the previous three years, as milder winter temperatures led to significantly less cold-related mortality.

The FWC recorded 392 manatee carcasses in state waters last year, of which a quarter were determined to be from human-related causes.

FWC researchers, managers and law enforcement staff work closely together to evaluate mortality data and identify necessary actions.

Actions may include steps to protect vital habitat or special patrols to ensure compliance with manatee speed zones.

The FWC is committed to conservation actions that reduce human-caused manatee deaths, including those related to watercraft.

The FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with partner agencies, uses knowledge of local boating conditions and habits, well-posted speed regulatory zones and up-to-date manatee information as part of its on-the-water enforcement operations.

Researchers documented 81 watercraft-related deaths in 2012, slightly below the yearly average of the past five years.

"Protecting manatees is a priority," said Maj. Jack Daugherty, FWC's Boating and Waterways section leader.

"Our officers take time to patrol manatee zones, identify areas that have presented problems, and generally work with the public to educate them on how to boat safely and in a way that doesn't harm the environment."

To help prevent cold-related deaths, the FWC continues to work with partners to enhance availability of warm-water sites important to manatee survival.

Among recent efforts was the restoration of Fanning Springs by the FWC and partners, which improves manatee access to a natural warm-water habitat off the Suwannee River.

To view preliminary 2012 manatee mortality data, visit MyFWC.com/Research/Manatee and click on "Manatee Mortality Statistics."



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Glades County Science Fair

The Glades County science fair was held on Jan. 17 at the Doyle Conner building in Moore Haven. Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School along with Moore Haven Elementary School and West Glades School all participated in this year's Science Fair. Special thanks to Glades County Youth Livestock Show, Inc. and Gulf Citrus Growers Associations, Inc. and Pressley-Lundy Citrus for sponsoring another successful science fair. Lacy Green won first place with "What Poop Grows Your Pea Plant?" Lacy is a 6th grade student at Moore Haven Elementary School.



Jazmine Lamkin received a second place ribbon, Lacy Green first place, Austin Lee third place and Ross Perry second place! Congrats to Mrs. Brickels 6th grade students!

LaBelle Youth Livestock Show planned Feb. 10-15

LABELLE—The LaBelle Youth Livestock Agriculture Show is planned for Feb. 10-15 at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on State Road 29 S.

The schedule is:

- Sunday, Feb. 10—Poultry Show at 4 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 11—Pet Show at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee for Pet Show is a donation for Caloosa Humane Society; Rabbit Show at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12—Goat Milking Contest at 6:30 p.m.; Pee Wee Steer Show begins 7 p.m.; Beef Breeding Show and Steer Show will follow. Rib Dinners available at concession stand starting at 5 p.m. \$8 a plate

(includes baked beans and coleslaw). First come, first served.

- Wednesday, Feb. 13—Swine Show at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 14—Fashion Show at 5 p.m.; Pee Wee Goat Show at 6 p.m.; Goat Show at 7 p.m. Pork Steak Dinners available at concession stand starting at 5 p.m. \$8 a plate (includes potato casserole and green beans. First come, first served.
- Friday, Feb. 15—Buyer's Dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Extension Office. Livestock Sale begins at 7:30 p.m.

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Manatee population numbers improving, FWC study shows

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To learn more about manatee conservation, go to MyFWC.com/Manatee.

As part of its conservation efforts, the FWC rescues distressed manatees throughout the state. The FWC and partners rescued 81 manatees in 2012, in many cases as a result of citizens contacting the agency. To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Florida residents can also help manatees by purchasing the manatee specialty license plate, available at county tax collectors' offices. The funds collected for these plates go directly to manatee research and conservation.



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The Florida manatee population is increasing, according to a study by the FWC.



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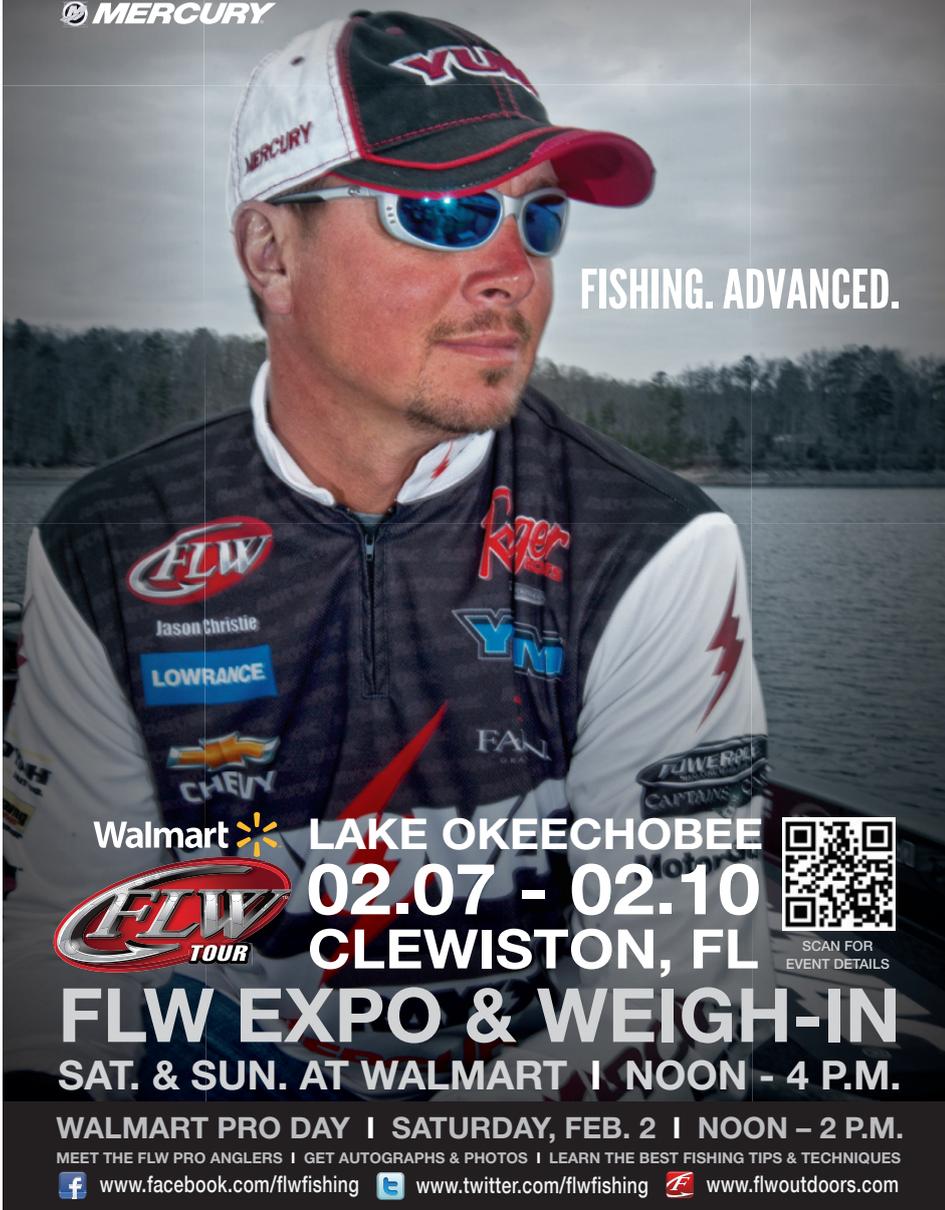
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Area Festivals

Cane Grinding Festival

The 34th Annual **Cane Grinding Festival**, sponsored by the Ortona Fire Department, will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. under the beautiful oaks at Larry Luckey Ortona Indian Mound Park, with entrance west of Ortona Cemetery on State Road 78. Meals available will include open pit barbecue (chicken or pork) with baked potato, slaw, coffee or tea. Entertainment will be by the Telegraph Creek Band and the Country Rhythm Cloggers. The festival will include arts and crafts booths, cane grinding and syrup making demonstrations. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy the day. Meal tickets are \$8 in advance. \$9 at the gate. Children's tickets are \$4. Tickets are available at the Glades County Manager's Office in the Glades County Courthouse, Whisper Creek R.V. Park and from the Ortona Volunteer Fire Fighters. Vendors who wish to secure arts and crafts space should call Teresa Summeralls, 10364 S.R. 78, Moore Haven, FL 33471, 863-675-4001 or 863-673-0530. Booths spaces are available for a \$25 donation.

Ortona Volunteer Firemen work year round to protect and serve area fire prevention and fire suppression needs. The community's help is needed for their Dessert Booth at the Cane Grinding Festival. If you're able and willing to make a dessert, please let Jenny Allen know as soon as possible. You can deliver to the festival grounds before 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. If you can help, please contact Jenny at jallen863@gmail.com.

Arts of the Inland event

LABELLE—Arts of the Inland is pleased to present the Second Annual **Inland Arts Festival** at Barron Park in LaBelle on Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barron Park is located along the Caloosahatchee River on the east side of SR29 at Fort Thompson Road in historic LaBelle. Visual artists, literary artists, and craftsmen will be showcasing their work for sale. All work must be an original creation, giclee or print of the artist. Food vendors will be on-site and performing artists will entertain in the Gazebo throughout the day. For more information, go to www.artssoftheinland.com.

Battle of Okeechobee

Re-Enactment

OSKEECHOBEE—The **Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment and Festival**, set for Feb. 2 and 3, commemorates the largest and fiercest battle of the Second Seminole War. The original battle was fought Christmas Day, 1837. Part of the original battleground has been preserved as a state park on 3500 S.E. 38th Avenue (off U.S. Highway 441 S.E.) in Okeechobee. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

Re-enactments are at 2 p.m. each day. In addition to daily re-enactments of the battle, the two-day festival will include alligator wrestling, a living history camp, artisans, Seminole arts, horse rides for the kids and folk music. Entry is \$10 per car.

For more information, online go www.OkeechobeeBattlefield.com, or call 863-763-2121.

Second Annual Seminole Wind Bluegrass Festival

The Second Annual **Seminole Wind Bluegrass Festival**, presented by KD Bass productions, is planned for the Fred Smith Arena at Brighton Seminole Reservation, off State Road 721 in Glades County, Feb. 1-2. For information, call 863-467-6039.

Performers will include Cody Shuler and Pine Mountain Railroad, Grasstowne, Kickin Grass, Brule, Alecia Nugent, Still House and Keith Bass and the Florida Bluegrass Express.

Sour Orange Festival

The **Lakeport Sour Orange Festival** will be held Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lakeport Community Center, 1239 Red Barn Road, off State Road 78 between Moore Haven and Okeechobee. A \$1 donation is requested for parking.

The festival features the traditional sour orange cookoff. An arts and crafts fair will feature local vendors.

Plate lunches available will include a rib dinner. The festival will also feature a quilt show, Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles the Clown, a historical display, a photography display, children's games, a display by the Lakeport Fire Department and sour orange pies.

Cooks may enter their own original sour orange recipes to win money and ribbons. Judging starts at 10 a.m.

For information on the cookoff, call 608-345-1324. For vendor information, call 1-863-227-1074. Festival visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs as seating is limited.

Top of the Lake Art Festival

OSKEECHOBEE—The **2013 Top of the Lake Art and Chalk Walk Festival** is scheduled for Feb. 9 and 10 in the Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. The main event will be a juried fine art show with a competition for student artists. Artists from throughout the state are welcome to participate. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Okeechobee Main Street office at 863-357-6246 for an application.

This year the newest feature will be a "Chalk Walk" which will include street painters using a chalk medium. Chalk artists interested in participating should also contact the above number.

For additional information and applications contact Bridgette Waldau at bridgette.art@gmail.com, or call 863-357-6246; or go online to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.

Chalo Nitka

March 1 and 2 of 2013 mark the 65th annual **Chalo Nitka Festival and Rodeo** in Moore Haven. Vendor booth applications for the festival are now available and can be filled out online at www.chalonitka.com. For more information about becoming a vendor, please call 863-946-0300 or email Emily at erigdon@gladescountyledc.com. We hope to see you there!

JOBS

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encouraging for Okeechobee in December as the jobless rate fell from 9.4 to 8.8 percent. There were 1,713 residents who collected benefits in Okeechobee which compared to 1,820 in November.

Around the region, Hendry County reported 9.9 percent unemployment, Highlands County 7.8 percent, Palm Beach County 8 percent, St. Lucie 10 percent, Osceola 8.6 percent and Martin 8.4 percent. The highest rate in the state was found in Flagler County with 11.2 percent. The lowest was found in Monroe County at 4.5 percent. The state jobless rate was 7.9 percent down from 8-percent in November. The national level rose from 7.4 to 7.6 percent.

In December 2012, Florida experienced a decline in the unemployment rate over the month from 8.1 percent to 8.0 percent, and also experienced a decrease in total nonagricultural jobs. These labor statistics come from two separate surveys and are not designed to track on a monthly basis but instead will show long-term trends. As the economy continues to improve, long-term trends in unemployment rates will show declines and long-term trends in jobs will show increases. On a month-to-month basis, these numbers fluctuate and can move in opposite directions compared to the long-term trends.

Two different surveys

The source for unemployment rates is the Current Population Survey (CPS), which is collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, and the source for nonagricultural job counts is the Current Employment Statistics Survey (CES) collected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. There are many differences between these two surveys. The CPS is a survey of approximately 2,500 individual households to determine the labor force status of residents. The CES is a survey of 15,000 individual establishments (businesses) to determine the number of jobs. The CPS includes self-employed and agricultural workers while the CES does not. These factors contribute to fluctuations on a monthly basis. These surveys are consistent across all states and at the national level.

Long term trends

When judging the health of Florida's economy, it is essential to focus on long-term

trends for labor statistics and other economic indicators that are key to Florida's continuing improvement. Florida's unemployment rate declined 0.6 percentage point in the second half of 2012 with more than 53,000 jobs created during that time. Long-term trends also show continued improvement, with the state's unemployment rate dropping 3.1 percentage points since December 2010, which is the second largest drop in the nation as of November. Over the same time period, all 67 counties had declines in their local unemployment rates and the state created 188,400 private sector jobs.

Florida has now experienced positive annual job growth for 29 consecutive months. Prior to this period of growth, the state had been losing jobs for three years.

Labor force increasing

Florida's labor force is defined as employment plus unemployment which includes all of those working and actively seeking a job. Over the year, the labor force increased by 44,000 or +0.5 percent to reach a level of 9,347,000 for December 2012. The state's labor force can increase because either employment is up and/or unemployment is up, one being a positive indicator and one not. In Florida's case, the gain in labor force is all due to employment gains over the year as the number of unemployed has dropped by 173,000 (-18.8 percent). In terms of job growth by industry, five industries in particular are leading the way in over-the-year gains: Leisure and Hospitality, Trade, Transportation and Utilities, Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services and Manufacturing.

Growth across the state

Florida continues experiencing growth in a number of economic indicators, including increases in housing starts, median home prices, online job ads, job placements and migration into the state. Florida's long-term trends show a steady and modest economic recovery. Florida's unemployment rate has shown significant improvement, declining from the recession high of 11.4 percent to the current 8.0 percent. Florida jobs have also shown significant advances recovering from losses of -7.0 percent during the recession to the current positive level of +0.7 percent over the year.

Information for this article came from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Parade Entries wanted for Chalo Nitka

Applications are being accepted from church groups, civic groups, individuals, community associations, and any others interested in participating in the 65th annual Chalo Nitka parade. There is no fee to enter. If you or your group are interested in participating, you may submit an entry form online at www.chalonitka.com. You may also call 863-946-0300 or email Emily at erigdon@gladescountyledc.com and we'll send one to you. Come out and help us celebrate!

Church plans Fish Fry Dinners

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church will host a fish fry in Parish Hall, 24065 U.S. Hwy. 27 in Moore Haven on Fridays in through March 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinners will be available for a donation of \$8. All Law Enforcement personnel in uniform will receive a \$3 discount. You may eat in or take out. All proceeds received from the dinners will be used to support St. Joseph Food Pantry.

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All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

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Karson Turner, Chair Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County 435595 CN/CB 1/31/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Forrest Cogswell conducting a retail business at 2660 Ft. Denaud Rd., Ft. Denaud, Florida, under the fictitious name of "Q" Pellets and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

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It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of "Q" Pellets under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Forrest Cogswell DATE: 1/24/13 2660 Ft. Denaud Rd. Ft. Denaud, FL 33935 435587 CB/CN 1/31/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 11-870-CA

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., Plaintiff

v. J. FRED BURSON, TRUSTEE FOR THAT CERTAIN TRUST DATED MAY 7, 2004; J. FRED BURSON, SHERRI G. DENNING, ROGER D. DENNING, F&E, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and for Damages dated November 26, 2012 in Case No. 11-870-CA of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, in which, FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and J. FRED BURSON, J. FRED BURSON, TRUSTEE, ROGER D. DENNING, SHERRI G. DENNING AND F&E, LLC are the Defendants, the following described property set forth in the order of final judgment will be sold on February 27, 2013 beginning at 11:00a.m. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Administration Building, 25 East Hockpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935 in accordance with § 45.031 Fla. Stats:

LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, TOGETHER WITH THE WESTERLY 1/2 OF VACATED ALLEY ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS OF HOGE'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 45 OF GODDNO'S ADDITION TO LABELLE AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 7 PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. THIS IS NOT THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OF THE MORTGAGOR.

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 this 17 day of January, 2013.

Barbara Butler Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk 435093 CN 1/24,31/2013

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Anand Patel conducting a liquor store business at 208 South Berner Rd, Clewiston, Florida under the fictitious name of Sugarland Liquor and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Anand Patel and Dipal Patel 2820 Via Piazza Loop Ft. Myers, FL 33905 Ownership of Sugarland Liquor is as follows:

Anand Patel Dipal Patel It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Sugarland Liquors under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Anand Patel DATE: 1-25-13 2820 Via Piazza Loop Ft Myers, FL 33905 435621 CN 1/31/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000927

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SD3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SD3, Plaintiff, EDUARDO GUILLEN, et al, Defendant(s)(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 10, 2013 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000927 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SD3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SD3, is the Plaintiff and EDUARDO GUILLEN; the UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDUARDO GUILLEN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN DOE; TENANT #2 N/K/A JANE DOE 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 20th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 14, IN BLOCK 451 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 328 W VENTURA AVENUE CLEWISTON, FL 33440 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 14, 2013.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 434831 CN 1/31;2/7/2013

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12CA88

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1996-10, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer, 7360 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, AZ 85283 Plaintiff, v. DONALD R. DEAN, LOUISE M. DEAN, N/K/A LOUISE PULLEN THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD R. DEAN, N/K/A SUZANNE DEAN CAPITAL ONE BANK, A CORPORATION Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 6 OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1997 LIMITED, 80 x 28 MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER: FLA14611383AB. Commonly known as: 2355 WENDY ROAD, LABELLE FLORIDA, 33920.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hockpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, 33975, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 20th day of February, 2013.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on the form below, in another written format, or orally. Please complete the form on the website below (choose the form for the county where the accommodation is being requested) and return it as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Please see contact information below and select the contact from the county where the accommodation is being requested. http://www.ca.ejis20.org/home/main/adarequest.asp CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on January 11, 2013.

BARBARA BUTLER As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk 434829 CN 1/24,31/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 11:15 AM, for the purpose of:

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS By: Ruben Rifa, President 435663 CN 1/31;2/7/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262012CA000510XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. JUAN L. NORTON; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 10, 2013, and entered in Case No. 262012CA000510XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and JUAN L. NORTON; MICHELLE L. NORTON; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hockpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, TOWER LAKE ESTATES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 143 AND 144, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH LAND AND MOBILE HOME DESCRIBED AS 1993 GLEN COE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #5762051FA/B AND R.P. DECALS R0585591/92.

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.

If you are a person with a disability, who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 532-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on January 11, 2013.

BARBARA BUTLER As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk 434829 CN 1/24,31/2013

Public Notice

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS By: Ruben Rifa, President 435663 CN 1/31;2/7/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-001079

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL SANTIAGO et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 10, 2013 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-001079 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and PAUL SANTIAGO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAUL SANTIAGO N/K/A SANDRA SANTIAGO; VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE HOA, INC. FKA FLORIDA'S FINEST VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, 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 13th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 199, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 326 LOPEZ PLACE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 11, 2013.

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

***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. 434790 CN 1/24,31/2013

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3147, 2010, 1214334-01000Q4010, Phyllis Morris

Lot 52, Block Q of HARLEM #3, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000Q-041.0 Property Address: 1123 Florida Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 434605 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3504, 2010, 2024329-4600000070, Winder VI, LLC

LaBelle, MILLERS SUBDIVISION, Lot 11, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 88, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-02-460-0000-0007-0 Property Address: XXXX Miller Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013. Dated this 9th day of January, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 434618 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Disston Island Conservancy District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Disston Island Conservancy District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 11:00 A.M., for the purpose of:

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BY: Sam Williams, President 435666 CN/GCD 1/31;2/7/2013

HENDRY COUNTY SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR EAST HENDRY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, as District Board of the East Hendry County Drainage District, is re-establishing the East Hendry County Drainage District Advisory Board and that any landowners within the District desiring to nominate/recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Board may submit nominations to Judy McElhaney, Hendry County Administration, jmcElhaney@hendryfla.net or to P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975. Nominations/recommendations must be received on or before February 14, 2013.

Candidates must be landowners within the District. Nominations/recommendations should include the nominee's full name, street address and phone number, and the nominator's full name, street address and phone number. DRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, as DISTRICT BOARD OF EAST HENDRY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT Karson Turner, Chairman 435592 CN/CB 1/31/2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of Pahokee Water Control District is scheduled to meet Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 9:30 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:

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

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT By: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie President 434667 SUN 1/24,31/2013

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Dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 434605 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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ris, Patrick Heflin, Kimberly Hogan, Cristina Maria, Dylan Newman, Skye Schlueter and Gesselle Velasquez.

Eighth Grade All As: Shane Cowen and Taryn McCain. All As & Bs: Shane Arnold, Justin Bigney-Osborne, Johnny Caselias, Jesse Espinosa, Dylan Eubanks, Olivia Ever-

ett, Nicolas Garcia, Hadley Katie, Tori Light, Reygen Livingood, Adrian Pardo and Glendy Velasquez.

Ninth Grade All As & Bs: Chloe Ahern, Derek Koenigsberg, Monica Leavy, Michael Lillard, Kelly Rico, Dezmon Shore and Elsi Velasquez.

10th Grade All As: Erica Brickel and Paula Pena Gonzalez. All As & Bs: Maria Barahona, Bronson Bass, Ly'kiara Durham, Tanner Mathis, Kayla Maynard, Justin Peterson and Jessica Rawlings.

11th Grade All As: Elizabeth Johnson, Natalie Leavy and Thomas Perry. All As & Bs: Matthew Baker, Thomas Barfield, Mattie Bass, Skyler Burke, Jordan Drayton,

Luis Garcia, Niannia Hallback, Alaina Lee, Viviana Leon, Domingo Lopez, Sarah Lyons, Luis Martinez, Kaley Pagan, Jay Palacios, Amy Perry, Mariann Reitz, Blake Ridgill and Samantha Shearer.

12th Grade All As: Akkua Hallback, Courtney Jimenez, Luis Rico and Jessica Smith. All As & Bs: Kelsey Ahern, Ashleigh Andrews, Lance Bell, James Buonpastore, Lailoni Carey, Darius Cohen, Maria Garcia, Vashena Haynes, Chelse Hough, Ashley Lara, Saul Leon, Vinton Lewis, Pablo Lopez, Kaneidra McPherson, Alyssa Pasch, Julio Reyes, Daisy Sangabriel, Nila Seales, Claudia Tapia, Kam-bria Thompson and Maria Toledo.

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Jan. 23, unanimously approved 30-year, no-bid leases for A. Duda & Sons and Florida Crystals in southern Glades County despite the objections of the environmentalists.

"The agencies had pressed upon the governor that these leases were really essential to restoration projects and we couldn't compellingly make the case to turn that around," said Mr. Draper.

He went on to say that the cabinet's vote was probably based on its own rules.

"The cabinet can create its own rules. It's not a level playing field," he offered.

With the approval of the board of trustees, Duda can now sell 638 acres of their property to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for \$1.9 million (\$2,984 per acre). That is a discount of 56 percent from the appraised value of \$6,800 per acre.

The district will also have the option of buying an additional 2,489 acres of property from Duda for \$16.9 million. That price is not discounted.

The 638 acres expected to be purchased by the district will be used to re-hydrate Lake Hicpochee, provide water storage for the Caloosahatchee River and improve water quality.

The SFWMD governing board unanimously approved Resolution 2013-105 earlier this month that paved the way for the district to begin negotiations with Duda. This entire deal was contingent upon the state giving Duda the 30-year extensions on the property.

As for Florida Crystals, the district is expected to swap nearly 9,000 acres it acquired in the 2010 land deal with U.S. Sugar for 4,700 owned by Florida Crystals. That land will be used as a wetland to store and filter water bound for the Everglades.

Audubon Florida and the Florida Wildlife Federation both presented objections to the cabinet about the long-term leases.

The cabinet—made up of Gov. Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater—ignored the objections, however, and cast their votes without comment.

The SFWMD land purchase policies have raised questions before. Commissioner Putnam and his family sold 2,042 acres of their property in Highlands County to the district in 2005. The district purchased that property because it needed about 600 acres for environmental purposes, and paid the Putnam family \$25.5 million for the property. That same property had been appraised at \$5.5 million the year before. And, by the time the

district paid the Putnam family attorney \$3.9 million, the total deal cost Florida taxpayers close to \$30 million.

The district and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a joint statement after the vote that said the district can now move ahead with plans to clean up the Everglades.

"The Trustees' decision to extend agricultural leases for two lessees on state-owned land makes it possible for the SFWMD to move forward with aggressive plans for water quality improvements. This approach supports the state's timely implementation of these water quality projects critical to the health of the Everglades and the vital Caloosahatchee watershed," said that statement.

But, Mr. Draper voiced concerns about the quality of water that will be moving off the properties and into the Everglades.

"One of our objections is that farming is bringing in too much fertilizer," he said, adding that the area is already a "high nutrient environment."

He went on to say Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades Agriculture Area (EAA) are complying with existing regulations to control nutrients but it's still not enough to keep the Everglades from degrading even more.

Two of the largest areas where the leases are to be lengthened (Duda #1935 - 5,765 acres, and Florida Crystals #1447 - 2,544 acres) "... also appear to be sites that produce some of the worst phosphorus pollution in the EAA," stated one of Audubon's objections.

Audubon also argued that the extensions would prevent the trustees from using these lands for possible expansion of Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), Water Storage Areas or similar purposes related to the restoration of the Everglades.

The group also argued that the cash to be paid to Duda and the land swap with Florida Crystals "... amounts to unjustifiable wind-falls," and that the leases should not be extended because the land in these areas are comprised of muck and are oxidizing rapidly at a rate of .5 to 1 inches per year.

"In the case of the Duda lease tract, there appears to be less than 30 inches of muck soil remaining," the Audubon stated.

When asked what his group's next step would be, Mr. Draper said they will continue to try and get stiffer rules regarding the use of fertilizer.

"We're not going to do a legal challenge on the leases. We're going to continue to press the government to set up rules to require farmers to use less fertilizer," he said. "We think that's the only way to control the source of pollution. It may take a long time to get there, but you just have to keep going back at it."

DOG

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Mr. Jones surmised the animal was probably a catch dog for a hog hunter.

The dog was euthanized and tested for rabies. Those tests were negative, added Mr. Jones.

He explained that the child suffered multiple lacerations about his face and neck, and one of his ears was badly injured.

This case was the second dog bite case to occur in Glades County in less than a month.

On Dec. 26, 2012, a man was attacked and bitten while walking near the entrance to the Buckhead Ridge Marina.

Glades County Animal Control Officer Mike Ashworth said four dogs, all pit bulls, were seized and placed in quarantine for 10 days. After that time had elapsed none of the dogs showed any signs of rabies.

The victim suffered puncture wounds to the upper thigh and abrasions to his arms. Mr. Jones said the man, who lives in the Naples area, went to a hospital that night then followed up with his personal physician about seven or eight days later.

Two of the dogs in question have since been classified as dangerous. Their owner was expected to pick up a dangerous dog certificate for each of those animals at a cost of \$100 per certificate, said Mr. Jones.

One of those dogs is a male, and the other is a female.

"We're pretty sure only one did the biting. We think it was the male, but we can't prove or disprove that," Mr. Jones added.

Because they couldn't be sure which dog bit the victim, both have been classified as dangerous.

The unidentified owner of the dogs will have to pay a fee of \$35 per dog to pick them up, as well as a boarding fee. The owner was also issued a citation, but Mr. Jones did not know the amount of the fine.

Also, both animals were neutered or spayed and microchips were implanted on each animal.

Mr. Jones went on to say that the owner of the dogs will be given a notarized affidavit stating that the animals are dangerous. The dogs are to be kept in a pen and, if they are out of the pen, they must be muzzled and kept on a short leash.

He went on to say county animal control can go onto the property and inspect the cages at any time.

If either of those dogs bites someone else, Mr. Jones said the owner could be criminally charged with up to a third-degree felony.

He added that he didn't know if either dog had been classified as dangerous prior to the Dec. 26 incident.

"We've been over there on a couple of fire calls but they never bothered us," Mr. Jones pointed out.

It's also a Glades County code that once a dog has been declared dangerous it cannot be used for hunting purposes, he added.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritta Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritta Drainage District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 11:30 AM, for the purpose of:
1. Election of one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
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3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BY: Steve Stiles, President
435665 CN/BGS 1/31;2/7/2013

Request For Bid

Jerdik Road Water Main Relocation

The Board of Directors of Lakeport Water Association will be accepting sealed bids for the Jerdik Road project which consists of relocating approximately 400' of 6" water line done mostly by directional boring with approximately 100' of 2" directional bore to replace water services. For a copy of plans for this project, contact the project engineer listed below. There is a charge of \$20.00 per set or electronic transfer is free of charge.
Bids will be accepted until noon on February 15, 2013 at Lakeport Water Association, 1057 Red Barn Road, Moore Haven, FL 33471. Any questions contact:
Steve Dobbs, Project Engineer
sdobbs@stevedobbsengineering.com
863-824-7644
Jeff Usery, Utility Director 863-946-1300
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3531 2010 2024329-670000B0300 Denton II, LLC
Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of New York Street abutting said lots, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-02-670-000B-030.0
Property Address: 822 W. Seminole Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3531 2010 2024329-670000B0300 Denton II, LLC
Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of New York Street abutting said lots, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-02-670-000B-030.0
Property Address: 822 W. Seminole Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3112 2010 1214334-010000L0240 Daisy Bell Williams
Lot 33, Block L, of HARLEM ADDITION No. 1 to Clewiston, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000L-024.0
Property Address: 1005 Harlem Academy Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1600 2010 1144432-A0001690100 Gerard Meleschi
The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot 2758 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0169-0100
Property Address: 670 N. Isora Street, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1788 2008 1224432-01000660130 Gloria M. Azuria
Lot 13 in Block 66, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
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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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2531 2009 1214334-010000K0090 Daisy Hill Life Estate And Toshia R. Drummond
Lots 9 and 10, Block I, HARLEM ADDITION No. 2 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1110 2009 1344331-020000C0120 Mary Elizabeth Kartan c/o Joseph Flanagan
The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 12, Block C, 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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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1599 2010 1144432-A0001690000 Jeannie Meleschi
The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot 2757 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0169-0000
Property Address: 660 N. Isora Street, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3164 2010 1214334-010000U0061 Daisy Bell Williams
Lot 9, Block U, of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 3, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000U-006.1
Property Address: 1234 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2540 2009 1214334-010000K0020 Elbert Allen Jr
Lots 2,3 and 4 in Block K of HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2912 2010 1314433-A0002650000 Pinot IV, LLC
Lot 5879, Section "J-1" The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida, Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-33-44-31-A00-0265.0000
Property Address: 765 S. Willow Street, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2962 2010 1314433-A0004330000 Edgar Gonzalez & Robert dela Vega
The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida, SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 80.00 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot No. 5994, in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, gas and mineral reservations, conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easements of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1625 2010 1144432-A0002380100 Avelino R. & Maria N. Leoncia c/o Rene F. Leoncio
The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot No. 2858 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.
Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0238-0100
Property Address: 406 Bald Cypress Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 February, 2013, which is the 21st day of February, 2013.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2012-CA-000168
Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. -VS- Margarita Olvera; Unknown Parties in Possession #1 as to 5993, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named 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
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 10, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000168 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff and Margarita Olvera are defendant(s), Clerk of Court, BARBARA S. BUTLER, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on February 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
PARCEL 1: BEGIN 1191.7 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; RUN THENCE NORTH, A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; THENCE EAST, A DISTANCE OF 106.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; THENCE WEST, A DISTANCE OF 106.6 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING ALSO DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT E-2, LABELLE RANCHETTES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.
AND PARCEL 2: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 86°26'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1151.7 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE EAST, A DISTANCE OF 176.9 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST, A DISTANCE OF 177.6 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH, A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING, LESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. ALSO DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT F-1, LABELLE RANCHETTES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 1978, MAKE: NATIONAL VIN#: 15349, WHICH IS AFFIXED THERETO.
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.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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/s/ J. Bevis

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Cornhole tournament winners

First place winners of Moore Haven Elementary Safety Patrol's first annual cornhole tournament are Bryan Stafford and Larry Palladino. The team breezed through the brackets until the very end when they lost their first match of the day to the team of Donnie Scruggs and Wayne Garrett. The double elimination tournament requires them to play another match to determine the winner and Stafford and Palladino, Team Chaos, came out on top. They are pictured here with their prizes, coolers filled with items from local area merchants. The second place team won \$50 gift certificates from Gilbert's Jewelers in Belle Glade. Left to right are Donnie Scruggs, Bryan Stafford, Larry Palladino and Wayne Garrett.



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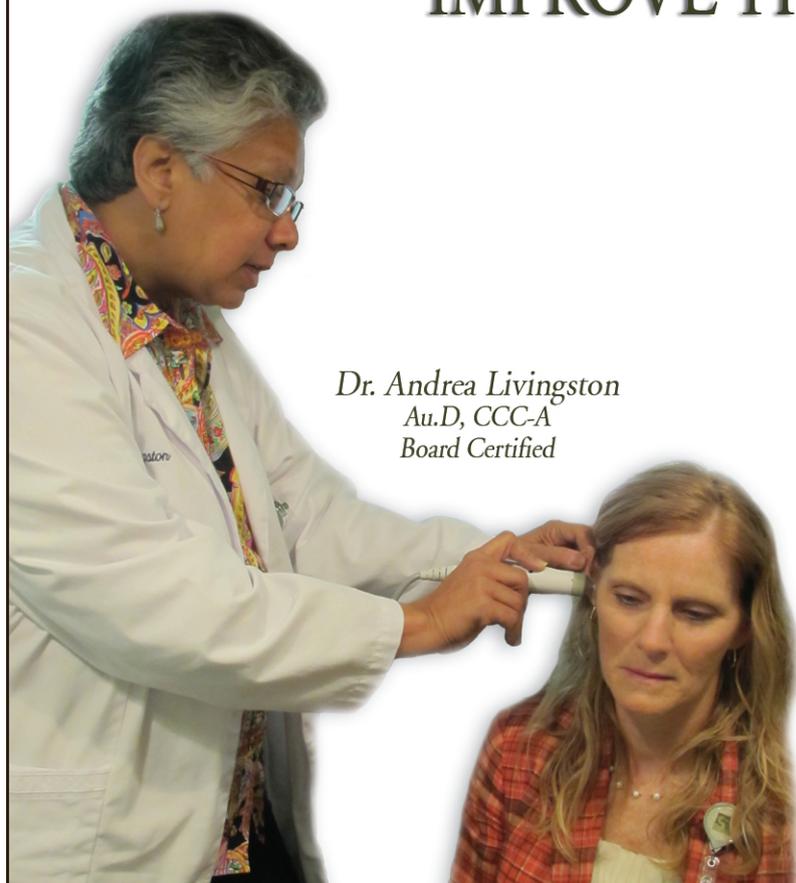
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