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Brighton Field Day 75th anniversary

Sam Dunn of the Professional Rodeo Circuit Association presented an honor to Brighton Councilman Andrew Bowers (left) during a program honoring the 75th anniversary of the Brighton Seminole Field Day and Festival. The 2013 festival will be held this weekend. For more on the story, see page 18.

County plans changes to voting districts

By Charles M. Murphy
Special to the Glades Democrat

Glades County Commissioners will begin a redistricting process for their five-county commission district seats.

Commissioner Paul Beck of Lakeport suggested several workshops be scheduled to take input from the public.

According to the discussion, the inmate population of Moore Haven Correctional has increased the population and changed where people live in Glades County and contributed to the need for the redistricting.

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Corps increases lake discharges

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has increased the amount of water flowing from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River.

The new target flow from the lake to the Caloosahatchee Estuary is 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock (S-79) near Fort Myers. There are no target releases for the St. Lucie Estuary, although runoff from the St. Lucie Canal will continue to pass through the St. Lucie Lock as needed.

"Based on the current conditions, we have an opportunity to increase flows from the lake in preparation for changes in seasonal forecasts," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida.

"As a result, it will also provide benefits

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Moore Haven Elementary students recently competed in the district science fair.

Students take top honors at the Science fair

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Moore Haven Elementary 6th graders recently participated in their school science fair in which 60 students competed. The school winners were: 1st place--Austin Lee, 2nd place --Jacey Ridgill, 3rd--Lacy Green.

From those 60 students, the top 10 were chosen to go to the district science fair. Those students all placed at the district level. Third place students were: Yailyn Cisneros, Austyn Kellogg, Cheyenne

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24-year-old Benton Claims 2013 Walmart FLW Tour Opener on Lake Okeechobee

BY BRETT CARLSON
FLW

The script couldn't have been written any better. While rookie pro Drew Benton had a 1-pound lead heading into the final day of the Walmart FLW Tour season opener, some of bass fishing's biggest names, notably Brent Ehrlert and Bryan Thrift, were breathing down his neck. Day four on Lake Okeechobee marked the second consecutive day of cooler, blustery weather and Benton was struggling and just about out of time. Then a 7-pound behemoth bit and the rest is history.

The fairy tale ending sounds even better considering this was the first tour event of Benton's career. And the 7-pounder bit with exactly seven minutes left in the day, on a lure (Hildebrandt spinnerbait) he hadn't previously used all week.

"I had been praying a lot this week and if that isn't meant to be I don't know what is," said Benton.

While Sunday was all about the late-day drama, Benton worked a solid one-two program all week. He located a productive prespawn area down in South Bay and he had some spawning bass identified in Turner's Cove.

He would throw reaction baits (mainly a custom PMG vibrating jig with a Bass Assassin Die Dapper trailer) in South Bay and mix in a variety of lures, most notably a Bass Assassin Vapor Shad, in Turner's Cove. When he sight-fished, he used a Texas-rigged Bass Assassin Pure Craw.

"I started today in South Bay, then went to Turner's. Nothing was happening there, so I went back to South Bay and checked it again. I fished there for three hours and was only able to catch two keepers. So I ran back to Turner's and was able to finish out a small limit of bucks by 1:45 p.m. I told the cameraman that I had to run back down and try and catch a big one. So I made the run to South Bay, and that's when I got the kicker. Up until then, I really felt like I was letting it slip through my fingers."

For the first two days of the tournament, South Bay, with its white-bellied prespawn bass, was the more productive area.

But the north wind trashed South Bay for all of day three and most of day four, meaning Benton had to spend more time than he wanted in



PHOTO / BRETT CARLSON

Pro winner Drew Benton holds up the 7-pound Lake Okeechobee bass he caught with only seven minutes left in the day.

Turner's. On the final day, the lone keeper that came from South Bay was the kicker.

"The South Bay pattern was a timing deal," Benton explained. "They need that sun to pop out for the bass to come in from the outside."

Benton's day-four sack officially weighed 13 pounds, 4 ounces.

With a total of 75 pounds, 7 ounces, his winning margin was nearly 5 pounds. The 24-year-old will take a \$100,000 check with him back to Panama City, Florida.

"This is such a big step for me. Now I can actually relax and fish for the rest of the year and not have to worry about just making a check. I can't even describe this; it's a dream come true. I can't really put it into words."



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Glades at a Glance

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.

Gospel Sing at Big Red Barn

A gospel sing will be held at the Big Red Barn, on Billy and Judy Swindle's property at 7500 West Hwy. 27 in Clewiston, on Friday, Feb. 15. Kenny Binnion, of Indiana, will be take the stage at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 863-983-7256. A love offering will be accepted.

The Eagles Riders plan party

The Eagles Riders are having the 4th Annual Party Under the Bridge on 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.

OCA plans spaghetti dinner

The Ortona Community Association will host its popular spaghetti buffet dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the OCA Firehouse Hall, Ortona Locks Road (Highway 78A). The all-you-can-eat buffet features delicious meat sauce and pasta, and includes garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea, all for \$7.00 (advance purchase or reservation) or \$8 at the door. For advance tickets or reservations, contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or email franwayrn@aol.com.

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.

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.

North Lake Estates Clubhouse Arts and Crafts fair

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the North Lake Estates Clubhouse will have a arts and crafts fair. Located at 12044 East State Road 78 in Lakeport. There will be hand crafts such as fabric creations, wood carvings, knitted and crocheted items and many more! The NLE Woodworkers will offer lunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. You can get your choice of Hamburger or Jumbo Hot Dog with a soda, chips and a brownie for \$5. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh Crumpler at 804-895-2698 or Kay Cronk at 863-946-0699.

BHR Christian Church to hold yard sale

Buckhead Ridge Christian Church, 1167 Linda Road, behind the Moose Lodge on Highway 78, will have a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Safety Patrol hosts breakfast

MHES Safety Patrol will host the annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, March 2, before the Chalo Nitka parade. Serving will begin at 8 a.m. in the MHES school cafeteria. The cost will be \$4 a plate which includes a beverage. To preorder yours, call 863-946-0737 and ask for Kristi Hingson or Elizabeth Devine.

Vendors wanted for Chalo Nitka

March 1 and 2 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!

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.

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!

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.

Church plans fish fry

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.

VFW Auxiliary helps 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 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.

Dental Health Matters for Pets Too

There's a good reason that one of the first things we teach children is proper tooth brushing technique.

Dental health is crucial for overall health. And you may not think about it as often, but pets also require regular dental care.

February, which is Pet Dental Health Month, serves as an excellent reminder for pet owners that good dental health is vital. And experts say that the stakes are a lot higher than maintaining pretty teeth and avoiding dreaded doggy breath.

"Untreated plaque and tartar will eventually lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease in the mouth," warns Dr. Rod Van Horn, a veterinarian and member of the American Veterinary Dental Society. "And those same bacteria could enter the blood stream, leading to heart disease or filter through the kidneys and liver."

With good habits and veterinary-strength pet dental products, pet parents can help avoid these serious health problems. Here are some top dog dental care tips that will keep teeth their sparkly best:

- Veterinarians recommend once-a-day brushing for optimum health. If you're time-strapped or your dog is resistant, remember, the more often you brush, the better.

- Starting early is always best, as puppies can get used to brushing more easily. But even old dogs can learn new dental tricks. Start by letting



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your pooch taste pet toothpaste from your finger on several occasions. Then put some on their pet toothbrush to get them used to the texture.

A paste with a food flavor should make the process easier. For example, SENTRY Petrodex

Veterinary Strength Poultry Fresh Mint Twin Power Toothpaste has enough poultry flavor to encourage dogs to lick it up and a mint scent to freshen breath.

When your pet is ready, (some dogs take

days, others take weeks) gently rub your fingers on their gums and lips to get them used to the sensation.

- When you're finally ready to start brushing, keep it safe, gentle and effective with a brush especially designed for dogs' needs. One example is the SENTRY Petrodex Dual Ended 360 Brush. It has a soft bristle 360-degree head on one end and a traditional head on the other, as well as a plaque scraper.

- Opt for an ergonomic handle to make it easier to keep a firm grip while brushing. If your dog doesn't take to the regular pet toothbrush, consider a finger toothbrush, which is softer.

- Chewing is great for dogs, helping to improve dental health by scraping away existing plaque and tartar. Give pets a better alternative than your slippers, such as a dental chew that activates the body's natural defense system, killing plaque-forming bacteria.

- For dogs with bad breath, consider a breath spray that fights odors and controls tartar. Opt for something easy-to-use that has a veterinary-strength potency.

Use Pet Dental Health Month to brush up on more tips and tricks at www.SentryPetCare.com.

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Three Superfoods That Can Improve Your Health

In a world where fatty, fried and frosted foods are often the cheapest, quickest and most readily available options, it can be easy to forget the true purpose of eating -- to healthfully fuel our bodies.

"The higher-quality fuel you put in your body, the better you will function. The right diet can potentially prevent you from developing certain diseases and conditions," says Gerry Cysewski, Ph.D., co-author of "Spirulina: Nature's Super-Food," and Chief Science Officer of Nutrex Hawaii, a nutritional supplement manufacturer.

And despite what many people think, healthful eating doesn't have to come at the price of taste or time. Foods rich in nutrition can make quick snacks and be incorporated easily into your favorite dishes.

Here are ideas for how to fit three superfoods into your diet:

Blueberries

Skip the sodium overload of chomping on chips and lower your risk for heart disease, diabetes and even the common cold with some blueberries. Blueberries are full of flavor as well as antioxidants, phytoflavonoids, Vitamin C and potassium.

While they make for a great snack on their own, blueberries are also delicious as a yogurt, oatmeal or cereal topper.



Spinach

Spirulina

For a wealth of protein, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, take a cue from the ancient Mayans and Aztecs and incorporate spirulina in your daily diet.

Hawaiian spirulina, a microalgae-based superfood, contains more than 100 nutrients, and a three gram serving contains higher levels of key antioxidants, enzymes, vitamins and minerals than five servings of fruits and vegetables.

"A single serving of spirulina is like a rainbow of good nutrition, containing the orange of beta-carotene for immune system support, the yellow of zeaxanthin for eye and brain health, the green of chlorophyll for anti-toxin health benefits, and the blue of phycocyanin for inflammatory balance," says Cysewski.

What's the best way to get your daily dose? Consider taking pill supplements, or if you prefer, mix spirulina powder in dips like guacamole or hummus. Or for a tasty breakfast, lunch or snack, try this smoothie recipe:

Blend these ingredients together and serve immediately:

- 1/2 cup yogurt
- 1 cup of fruit juice (apple, orange or pineapple)
- 1 or more of the following: 1 papaya, 1 peach, 1 mango
- 1/2 cup of boysenberries or raspberries
- 1 teaspoon Hawaiian Spirulina powder

More information on the benefits of spirulina can be found at www.Nutrex-Hawaii.com.

Spinach

Popeye was onto something when he downed those cans of spinach. The dark leafy greens contain minerals, vitamins, pigments and phytonutrients that benefit eyesight, blood pressure, muscles, bones, skin and a healthy nervous system.

For a low-fat, low-calorie source of iron and protein, put the burger down and eat spinach instead. Opt for the fresh variety, swapping out iceberg lettuce in salads, or sauté lightly with olive oil and garlic for a great side. Spinach is also tasty in omelets and makes a healthy alternative to ground meat in lasagna.

With a little creativity, giving your body the right fuel it needs to stay healthy can be convenient and delicious.



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George Franklin 'Frank' Primmer, 72

George Franklin "Frank" Primmer, passed away on Jan. 24, 2013, at the West Palm Beach, Florida V.A. Hospital, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Frank was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 18, 1940. He was raised in Valleyford, Wash., and attended Valleyford Elementary, Lindberg High School and Freeman High School, graduating in 1958.

Frank entered the Army Reserves in 1957 and completed his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. Frank entered the Army in 1963 and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He graduated from Army Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., earning the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1965. He served two tours in Vietnam where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in Pleiku, Vietnam in 1966 and received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, and various other service awards. After his discharge from the military, Frank settled in Belle Glade, Fla., where he was an active and involved member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, as well as in the community.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Marguerite and Kelley Primmer of Valleyford, Wash.

Frank is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Randy (Tina) Primmer of Longwood, Fla., Mark Primmer of Longwood, and Robert Cozran of Belle Glade, Fla.; daughters, Brenda Allen of Arcadia, Fla., Abby Garcia of Clewiston, Fla., and Libby Moya of Clewiston, Fla.; brothers, Dennis (Virginia) Primmer of Mims, Fla., Fred (Deona) Primmer of Mica, Wash., Dan (Donna) Primmer of Greenacres, Wash.; his sister, Helen (Del) Laird of Greenacres, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews in Washington and Florida.

Frank's interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations on his behalf to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org Northwood Funeral Home, West Palm Beach, is in charge of arrangements.

Magdiel Davila, 59

CLEWISTON — Magdiel Davila passed away Feb. 9, 2013 in LaBelle.

He was born Apr. 18, 1953 in Mexico, to the late Valentine and Josefa (Cantu) Davila.

He is survived by his wife, Emilia (Martinez) Davila; one son, Lazaro M. Davila; five daughters, Emilia Davila, Gracie Davila, Diana L. Padron, Angelica Gonzales, Gabriela Hayes; mother, Josefa Cantu; three brothers, Jose H. Davila, Florentino Davila, Jose D. Davila; five sisters, Dora Davila, Nora Davila, Maribel Davila, Maria Valentine Davila, Erica Davila; and 17 grandchildren

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston with Father Jobani Batista officiating. Interment will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home.

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New Season of SFWMD, Audubon Bird-Watching Tours is Aloft



Local photographers snapped shots of dozens of birds at bird-watching and Christmas Bird Count trips to Stormwater Treatment Areas 1 East and 5. From left, peregrine falcon, roseate spoonbill, palm warbler. Credits: Ken Corregan, SFWMD and Richard Hodgkins.

Hundreds of species were documented in Everglades restoration areas in 2012

BY GABE MARGASAK
SFWMD

Hundreds of bird watchers had the opportunity in 2012 to observe endangered Everglades snail kites, roseate spoonbills and a vast array of Florida wading birds in wetlands built by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to improve Everglades water quality.

This year, the District is once again partnering with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of the Everglades to continue these highly popular tours and bird counts in wetlands, known as Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), in Palm Beach and Hendry counties.

STA- 1 East in Palm Beach County

Since first taking flight in January 2012, 15 guided bird-watching tours at STA-1 East have drawn about 300 people. Hosted by the Audubon Society of the Everglades, in partnership with the District, participants have identified 115 species of birds so far at the site just west of Wellington.

With cameras and long-range viewing scopes, bird watchers typically caravan across 9 miles of the internal levees that separate the water-cleaning cells of the wetland. Frequent stops at choice locations offer excellent views of wildlife in the expanse of water and the STA's specialized plants that take up phosphorus before it enters the Everglades.

For 2013, Audubon of the Everglades plans to host about 20 trips to STA-1 East, including the first Saturday of each month. Tour dates and related outings are posted on the Audubon of the Everglades website.

The STA-1 East tour program was modeled after the popular partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society, which has served 6,300 bird watchers and photographers from across the globe at STA-5 in Hendry County to date.

STA-5 in Hendry County

Continuing the tradition of world renowned bird watching at STA-5, the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society hosted 25 trips with 863 participants in 2012. The group also documented the 200th confirmed bird species — the American goldfinch — at the site since tours began there in 2005. The northern flicker was the 201st.

During the 113th Christmas Bird Count in

December, Audubon teams in STA-5 and the surrounding area documented a diverse array of 111 species, including American coot, fulvous whistling duck, blue-winged teal, endangered Everglades snail kite, crested caracara and tropical kingbird. A total of around 85,500 individual birds were counted over the course of the day.

The more than 6,000-acre constructed wetland, just south of Clewiston, is one of 489 sites on The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the sites are selected for their prolific bird watching or bird education and wildlife-viewing opportunities. Audubon volunteers, in cooperation with the

District, have led 163 individual tours at this site to date.

Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns approximately 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

For Pat

He hung the moon,
This laughing brother peering into my crib,
Shaking the butterfly ball...
He was made of steel,
This big strong brother who ran at the speed of light,
Swam across rivers,
All of it with me on his broad back - laughing!
He had no fear,
This brave-hearted brother who fought
and conquered
Protecting me, his wife, his children, his family...
He lived for love,
This brother who married young,
Brought up children with love, laughter, music, dance,
Sun and rain, wind and storm...
The woods ran through his veins,
This brother on horseback, hunting, fishing,
Helping, working, protecting...
Steel doesn't break and steel never bends,
But days with our brothers
All find their ends...
And I will love you forever, Pat Lee,
From your sister and your family.
Kenneth Patrick Lee May 16, 1956 - February 5, 2013
Survivors: Wife Laura, Son Kenny, Daughters Karla, Deannie, Sally Lee
Granddaughter Laura Nadine Lee & Lillianna & Elijah
Brothers: Ricky, Petie, Sister Brenda
Stepmother Ann Tyler, step-brothers: Billy & Troy Tyler
Nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, "Uncle" No-No"
Predeceased: Father Pete, Mother Nadine, Brother Steve
Many Thanks to Glades Funeral Chapel for the beautiful service and arrangements.



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Mournful tune
- 6 Teacher's favorite
- 9 Part of A.D.
- 13 How fritters are fried
- 14 Bronx third baseman, to fans
- 16 In ___ of: replacing
- 17 Diver's apparatus
- 18 Cruise ship stop
- 19 Fastener in the catalog a bit above a U-bolt?
- 20 Cub Scout group
- 21 They start with "hip hip"
- 24 Russian Peace Nobel Sakharov
- 26 Dawn to dusk
- 27 Luau bowlful
- 28 Words of understanding
- 29 Closely related duo
- 33 Jock's antithesis
- 34 Granola grain
- 35 In need of a massage, perhaps
- 36 Candor
- 40 Did electrical work
- 43 Disencumber (of)
- 44 Snuffs out, mob-style
- 48 Single file
- 51 Chilly, in Mexico
- 52 Many times o'er
- 53 Sidewalk stand soft drink
- 54 Church gathering
- 56 Weightless state
- 60 Conclusion
- 61 "Dies ___": Latin hymn
- 62 "Wild Blue Yonder" mil. group
- 63 Vivian of "I Love Lucy"
- 65 City west of Tulsa
- 66 Chow ___: noodle dish
- 67 Like senior statesmen
- 68 Reagan and son
- 69 London lav
- 70 Words of agreement

DOWN

- 1 Contempt
- 2 Fragrant ceremonial smoke

- 3 More spherical
- 4 Brit. territory with a famous rock
- 5 Tickle pink
- 6 Duo
- 7 Highland tongue
- 8 City on Lake Erie
- 9 Old, in German
- 10 Bowler's back-row target
- 11 Nervous system units
- 12 Alfresco
- 15 Evening coffee choice for many
- 22 Think of, as a solution
- 23 Big name in hotels
- 25 Obstacle for Moses
- 30 WWII GI Jane
- 31 '90s "SNL" regular Cheri
- 32 It has no sharps or flats, with "the"
- 37 Dog collar attachment
- 38 Backboard attachment
- 39 In other words, in Caesar's words
- 40 More dizzy
- 41 Hot spot for Dante

- 42 Teach new job skills to
- 45 Facebook connections
- 46 Bride-to-be
- 47 Joins metal
- 49 Tight as ___
- 50 Prickly-leaved plant
- 55 Yiddish "Yikes!"
- 57 Ref. works that occupy entire shelves

- 58 Sony laptop brand
- 59 "___ One Will Listen": Kelly Clarkson song
- 64 Pub potable

DIAGONAL

- 69 (to square 45) What happens after the starts of 21-, 29-, 48- and 56-Across

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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TAX SAVINGS NOTICE

Glades County Property Owners

As a Glades County property owner, you may qualify for one or more of the following listed exemptions. The filing deadline is March 1, 2013. You may make application in the office of the Glades County Property Appraiser, located in the Glades County Courthouse, Room 202, in Moore Haven, during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

You may qualify for one or more of the following Exemptions:

1. Homestead Exemption up to \$50,000 of assessed value
The first \$25,000 is received on your assessed value up to \$25,000 (includes all taxing authorities)
The second \$25,000 is received on your assessed value of \$50,000 to \$75,000 (does not include school district)
2. Veteran's and First Responder Exemptions and Discounts
 - A) Disabled veteran discount, age 65 or older, combat related (based on percentage of permanent disability) 2012 Amendment 2 removed the requirement that the veteran must have been a Florida resident when he or she entered military service
 - B) Disabled veteran disabled 10% or more by misfortune or during wartime service up to \$5,000
 - C) Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected, totally disabled (on all taxes)
 - D) Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse (on all taxes)
 - E) Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty (on all taxes)
 - F) Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty (on all taxes)
3. Widow's or Widower's Exemption \$500
4. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption \$500 (or more)
5. Additional Exemption of \$10,000 for residents age 65 or older with an annual household adjusted income limit of \$27,590 (Filing period Jan 1 to March 1)
6. Tangible Personal Property Exemption of \$25,000
7. Agricultural Classification (Filing period Jan 1 to March 1)
8. Save our Homes Portability
9. Deployed Military Exemption

The previous owner's exemptions do not apply to you, if you have recently purchased your property. New applications must be filed for new ownership or deed transfers. This would also include name changes in Agricultural Classifications.

Automatic Homestead Exemption renewal (white card), Agricultural Classifications (green card) and Tangible Personal Property Exemption (blue card) have recently been mailed. Do not return the card to this office if you still qualify. Please keep it as your receipt.

To file for Homestead Exemption, please furnish the following:

1. Florida Driver's License
2. Florida Vehicle
3. Glades County Voter's Registration or recorded Declaration of Domicile
4. Social Security Number (If married both husband and wife required)
5. Permanent Resident Card (If not a U.S. Citizen)
6. Applicant must hold title to the property and reside on property by January 1, 2013
7. Copy of your mobile home title or registration in order to purchase a permanent "RP" sticker

For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for us to assist in filing your applications.

Lorie Ward

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65th annual Chalo Nitka Festival March 1-2

Luckey to be Grand Marshal of 65th annual Chalo Nitka Festival and Parade

Glades County native Larry Luckey has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2013 Chalo Nitka Festival and Parade.

The 65th annual Chalo Nitka Festival kicks off Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. with the parade, from Riverside Drive along Avenue J, followed by the opening of the festival grounds on Tenth Street at 11 a.m.

According to Glades County Economic Development Council executive director and Chalo Nitka Committee member Tracy Whirls, the Chalo Nitka Festival Committee voted to honor Mr. Luckey in recognition of his many years of community service in Glades County.

"Mr. Luckey may be best known for his 28-year tenure as Glades County's property appraiser, but we wanted to recognize him for his years of tireless service to Glades County civic organizations," Ms. Whirls said, noting that Mr. Luckey has been a fixture in serving as the master of ceremonies for the Ortona Cane Grinding Festival, which he helped originate, the Sour Orange Festival in Lakeport and the Chalo Nitka Festival itself.

Mr. Luckey is a fifth generation resident of Glades County, and, as such the unofficial historian for Glades County. His passion for history inspired him to work closely with Robert Carr, the executive director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, in Davie, on development of the Ortona Indian Mound Park, which now bears his name. A founding member of the Ortona Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Luckey spearheaded the launch of the annual Ortona Cane Grinding Festival to raise funds for the VFD, and for many years manned the huge iron kettle and vintage cane grinding machine with which the authentic cane syrup is made each year.

Mr. Luckey's biography and photo appear in the 2013 Chalo Nitka program which is available at the EDC office at 900 U.S. 27 S. (the old chamber building).

T-shirts, with the new 2013 logo, midway tickets, \$5 gate bracelets for admission to the festival and discount coupons for the Ranch Rodeo are also available.

This year, for the first time ever, Chalo Nitka t-shirts will be available for the small fry in sizes 2T (\$7) and 4T (\$7). Short sleeve T-shirts are \$10 for children; \$12 for adults (small through XL)—add \$1 for each X. Ladies French Cut Ts are \$12 (\$13 or 2x) and adult long-sleeved shirts start at \$15—add \$1 for each X. Ladies pink camouflage hats and men's tan baseball caps with the Chalo Nitka logo are \$12. Visors, in white, with the Chalo Nitka logo are \$10.

As always, anyone wearing a 2013 T-shirt or Seminole Indian attire the day of the festival gets in free of charge.

Chalo Nitka Festival March 2: a tradition for 65 years

Originally begun as a celebration of the newly "tarred" Main Street (now Ave. J) in Moore Haven, the first Chalo Nitka Festival was celebrated in 1949 with LaBelle, Pahokee, Belle Glade and Moore Haven High School bands and colorful floats leading a parade down Main Street.

Christened the Chalo Nitka Festival, which is Seminole for "Day of the Big Bass," the festival became an annual event, featuring an annual fishing tournament saluting the Black Bass, beauty pageants culminating in the Chalo Nitka Queen contest, a parade and of course, the festival itself, which includes carnival rides, arts and crafts and food booths and special exhibits by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, including alligator wrestling, Native American clothing contests, and arts and crafts exhibits.

"The Chalo Nitka Festival is really the Glades County Fair, and like fairs in small towns across America, it features homemade food and arts and crafts, carnival rides and beauty queens, but with a special twist, celebrating Glades County's traditional friendship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida," said Glades County Economic Development Council executive director Tracy Whirls.

"The early days of the Chalo Nitka Festival coincided with the beginning of the Seminole Tribe's efforts in tourism development. Before the casinos, when the Tribe was just beginning its ranching operations, tourists who saw Seminoles capture alligators for their meat and skins thought the Indians were wrestling the gators and often paid to watch them do it," the EDC director

said. "Soon the Seminoles were wrestling alligators and selling their beautiful patchwork clothing, dolls, and specialties like fry bread at roadside attractions throughout the state."

Residents of the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation in northern Glades County soon became an integral part of the annual Chalo Nitka Festival, and their involvement continues today.

The EDC director said while many think of the Chalo Nitka festival as the annual event held the first Saturday in March, the Chalo Nitka Festival is actually the culminating event in a weeklong series centering on the Glades Youth Livestock Show and Sale, which begins the week before.

Founded in 1969, the Glades Youth Livestock Association was formed to give the youth of Glades County an opportunity to raise and show farm animals and the community a place to host the annual show and sale and the rodeo which follows each year.

"Only in Moore Haven are you likely to see the Chalo Nitka queen cleaning her steer's stall in the show barn or trading her tiara for a cowboy hat to compete in the barrel races, once the show is over," Ms. Whirls said, adding that among the other popular annual events are the "Kiss the Pig" contest during the Youth Livestock sale, in which local politicians and other celebrities bid for the right to make an opponent "Kiss the Pig," to raise funds for the Moore Haven High School Scholarship Foundation or Project Graduation.

Chalo Nitka Frontier Days Rodeo

The Chalo Nitka Festival and Ranch Rodeo kicks off in Moore Haven Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2. Rodeo action begins nightly at 7! Featuring bull riding, barrel racing and the wild cow milkin' contest. Kids 10 and under can enter the calf scramble. Admission is \$10 dollars for adults, \$5 dollars for kids 6 to 12. Five and under it's free with paid adult admission.

"Wild animal events prove to be the most popular, not just from a crowd-pleasing standpoint, but also from the perspective of local cowboys and cowgirls," the EDC director said. "Skills involved include hanging on

for dear life even after common sense tells you to let go and believing that you can outrun a wild cow."

Grown ups can unwind at the adult dance in the Doyle Conner Ag Center Friday and Saturday night, starting at 9 p.m. Must be 18 to attend. Admission is \$10 per person and \$5 per cooler. IDs will be checked a door. No glass containers, please.

Kid's Day kicks off with Small Fry Fishing Contest

The annual Kid's Day event, slated for Friday, March 1, gets underway with the annual Small Fry Fishing Contest at the Chalo Nitka Park at 8 a.m.

Registration for the Small Fry Fishing contest for children ages 1-15 will begin at 8 a.m. Cane poles and bait will be available, however, contestants may bring their own fishing gear if they prefer. Early registration is encouraged.

Following the fishing contest, children's games sponsored by Project Graduation will begin. The games include the egg race, sack race, bubble gum blowing contest, face painting, hula hoop, limbo and twist contests. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be available.

Pancakes and a parade

The 65th annual Chalo Nitka Festival slated for Saturday, March 2, traditionally begins with the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Junior Class, at Moore Haven Elementary from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

At ten a.m., the parade begins with line up on Riverside Drive, before winding its way up Avenue J, to end near the Chalo Nitka Grounds. Glades County elected officials, dignitaries representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida, royalty from area festivals, including the Chalo Nitka Queen and her court, will participate in a range of conveyances, ranging from convertibles to swamp buggies, horses to ATVs, golf carts to boats.

Craft and food booths open at the Chalo Nitka grounds at 11 a.m., with opening ceremonies slated for 11:30. A variety of live entertainment, from alligator wrestling to clogging, are scheduled throughout the day.

83-year-old angler stranded overnight on lake

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

When Robert Jones launched his boat at the Henry Creek ramp to go speck fishing on Feb. 5, the last thing he intended to do was spend over 30 hours on Lake Okeechobee.

Mr. Jones, 82, had told his wife Margaret he was going to fish around the mouth of the Kissimmee River. But when he hadn't returned home by later that afternoon she became concerned and contacted the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

With temperatures forecast to dip into the high 40s, officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) immediately began to search for the missing Indiana angler. They searched the lake

in boats while a helicopter provided aerial support.

Records at the Henry Creek navigational locks indicated that Mr. Jones passed through the locks around 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Some 30 hours later Mr. Jones and his Cajun bass boat were found in thick grass a couple of miles behind Tin House Cove—an estimated 5 miles away from the mouth of the river.

Detective Captain Daryl Lewis, from the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), used an airboat to navigate his way through the marshy area and found Robert on Feb. 6.

"He was dehydrated so we gave him some water," said Capt. Lewis, adding that he appeared to be OK otherwise.

The GCSO detective said Mr. Jones' four-stroke Honda outboard may have blown up when he tried to get out of the thick grass.

Then, when he tried to work his way out with the trolling motor, the batteries went dead.

At that point there was nothing left for him to do but hunker down.

"I think he kind of napped after it got dark," said Margaret Jones, who admitted Thursday afternoon she was "slowly coming down."

She said her husband had "quite a bit of stuff with him" in the form of extra clothes and food. But, he didn't have any water or his oxygen.

According to FWC Public Information Officer Carli Segelson the man was taken to shore by FWC officers where emergency medical personnel were waiting. But Mr. Jones declined medical attention, she added. FWC also towed the boat to shore.

Mrs. Jones said her husband has been

fishing Lake Okeechobee for 23 years but this was the first time he had gone across the lake for quite some time.

"Things didn't look the same and he got disoriented. It was an honest mistake," she said, adding that her husband couldn't come to the phone because he was catching up on some much needed rest.

Mrs. Jones added that she couldn't say enough about the people who searched for, and found, her husband.

"Those men that helped rescued him, I could not have asked for nicer people. They went way out of their way to keep us informed. They were very polite, considerate and compassionate," she said. "They said it was their job, but they need recognition. I really owe them a lot."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised the Hendry County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Recycle Collection Center, located at **1360 Forestry Division Road in LaBelle**, is now open to the public by appointment only. The Clewiston HHW Center, located at **1381 Evercane Road**, continues to be by appointment only. You may call **863-673-0508** to make an appointment. ***No illegal dumping outside the gate is permitted.***

If you have questions, you may call the above mentioned number or **863-674-4162 or the Hendry County Special Districts Office at 863-675-5252.**

HELPFUL TIPS: Household Hazardous Waste

Many products we use in and around our home and discard with our trash are similar to regulated hazardous waste produced by business and industry. Products that are corrosive, such as acids and alkalis, are flammable, reactive or toxic and are found in homes, garages, workshops or used in gardens. Some examples are:

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| * Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides & Insecticides | * Nail Polish & Remover | (Non-household may drop off up to ten (10) for a fee of \$0.50 each.) |
| * Batteries, rechargeable and auto | * Oven & Drain Cleaners | * Thermometers (Containing Mercury) |
| * Mothballs | * Metal Polish & Rust Removers | * Wood Preservatives |
| * Liquid Paint & Thinners | * Mildew Removers | * Small Freon Bottles |
| * Furniture Strippers, Finishers, Polishes & Waxes | * Swimming Pool Chemicals | * Propane Tanks |
| * Motor Oil, Brake & Transmission Fluid, Gasoline & Antifreeze | * Cleansers: Upholstery/All Purpose, etc. | * Electronics (TVs, computers, phones, etc.) |
| * Solvents & De-greasers | * Fluorescent Tubes (Containing Mercury) | |

These items may be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers free of charge to residents.

RECYCLING

Acceptable Items:
Plastics #1 PET
Drink Bottles
Plastics #2 HDPE

Frosted Milk Jugs
Mixed Plastics
#3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 PP & #6
Pigmented Jugs (laundry detergent)

Tubs/Containers (jelly & butter)
Bottles (shampoo, dish liquid & ketchup)
Five-Gallon Pales
(Rinse all recyclables, as necessary.)

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Por favor, tenga en cuenta que el Condado Hendry Desechos Caseros Peligrosos (HHW) & Reciclaje Centro, ubicado @ **1360 División de Silvicultura Carretera en Labelle**, se encuentra a disposición del público sólo con cita previa. El HHW Clewiston Centro, ubicado @ **Evercane Carretera en 1381**, sigue siendo únicamente por cita. Usted puede llamar **863-673-0508** para hacer una cita. ***Ningún vertido ilegal fuera de la puerta es permitida.***

Si usted tiene preguntas, usted puede llamar el mencionado número o **863-674-4162 o el condado Hendry distritos especiales Oficina @ teléfono 863-675-5252.**

INFORMACIÓN ÚTIL: Desechos Peligrosos

Muchos de los productos que utilizamos en los alrededores de nuestra casa y de descarte con nuestra basura son similares a los residuos peligrosos producidos regulado por las empresas y la industria. Los productos que son corrosivos, como ácidos y álcalis, son inflamables, reactivas o tóxicas y se encuentran en casas, garajes, talleres o utilizados en los jardines. Algunos ejemplos son:

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| * Pesticidas, herbicidas, fungicidas y plaguicidas | * Esmalte de uñas y removedor | (No domésticos pueden dejar hasta diez (10) por un costo de \$ 0.50 cada uno.) |
| * Las baterías recargables y auto | * Horno y drenaje Cleaners | * Los termómetros (que contiene mercurio) |
| * Las bolas de naftalina | * Metal Polish & Removedores Rust | * Los conservantes de madera |
| * Líquido de Pinturas y Disolventes | * El moho Removedores | * Botellas Pequeñas freón |
| * Strippers Muebles, finalistas, Betunes y ceras | * Productos químicos para piscinas | * Tanques de propano |
| * Motor de fluido de aceite, frenos y transmisión, Gasolina y anticongelante | * Limpiadores: Tapicería / All Purpose, etc | * Electrónica (televisores, computadoras, teléfonos, etc) |
| * Disolventes y engrasadores De- | * Tubos fluorescentes (que contienen mercurio) | |

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Artículos Aceptables
Plásticos # 1 PET
Beba Botellas
Plásticos # 2 HDPE

Frosted jarras de leche
Plásticos mixtos
3 PVC, # 4 LDPE, PP # 5 y # 6
Jarras pigmentadas (detergente para la ropa)

Tinas / Contenedores (jalea y mantequilla)
Botellas (champú, jabón líquido y salsa de tomate)
Cinco galones Pales
(Enjuague todos los materiales reciclables, según sea necesario.)

Chalo Nitka Princess pageant Friday

Seven young ladies will compete for the title of Miss Chalo Nitka Princess on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School. Admission tickets are \$5 per person.

The candidates include: MaKayla Strength, Jayla Ramos, Taylor Martin, Alley Auler, Jamie Hingson, Cassie Hart and (not pictured) Amanda Brendel.

Photos courtesy Angie Hough.



Cassie Hart



Alley Auler



Taylor Martin



Jayla Ramos



Jamie Hingson



MaKayla Strength

Junior Miss Chalo Nitka to be crowned

The Junior Miss Chalo Nitka pageant will be held Friday, Feb. 15 in the Moore Haven High School Auditorium, immediately after the Princess pageant.

The candidates include: Alina Flores, Rylee Paladino, Devyn Arnold and Jesse Espinosa.

Photos courtesy Angie Hough.



Alina Flores



Rylee Palladino



Devyn Arnold



Jesse Espinosa

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Miss Chalo Nitka Queen Pageant set for Saturday, Feb. 16

The 2013 Miss Chalo Nitka Queen will be crowned in a pageant in the Moore Haven High School Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

Queen contestants include Erica Ivack, Ashley Lara, Amy Perry, Kaitlyn Heflin, Blanca Reveles, Jordan Drayton, Alyssa Clark, and Sarah Lyons.

2013 will mark the 65th annual Moore Haven's Chalo Nitka Festival. This year the festival is planned for March 1 and 2. For more information online go to www.chalonitka.com. Photos courtesy Angie Hough.



Sarah Lyons



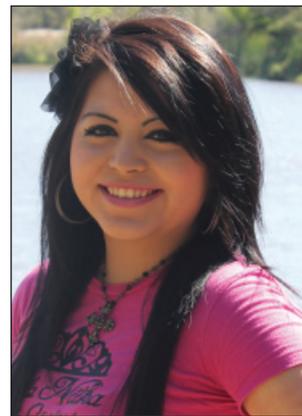
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Inland Birding Fun: Cooper's Hawk (COHA)

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For the first time anyone anywhere in the world with Internet access can participate in the 16th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) from Feb. 15-18.



Margaret England

Participants simply watch birds at any location for at least 15 minutes, tally the numbers of each species they see, and report their tallies online at www.BirdCount.org. Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers will enter data for participants who don't have internet access.

Please contact Margaret England to request a copy of the tally sheet which would need to be returned to Hendry-Glades Audubon before March 1st.

The four-day count typically receives sightings from tens of thousands of people reporting more than 600 bird species in the United States and Canada alone. Last year 280 species were reported in Florida, including the Cooper's Hawk.

The Cooper's Hawk is a crow-sized raptor with a slender body, broad rounded wings, and a very long rounded tail. They have a flap-flap-glide flight pattern. Females are larger and more powerfully built than the males.

Adult plumage is steely blue-gray above with orange and white barred underparts. Juveniles are brown above with a golden buff head and well defined dark brown streaks on their upper breast. The oldest known Cooper's Hawk was 20 years and four months old.

These birds are usually silent. Their most common call is a loud grating "cak-cak-cak" made by either sex while defending their nest site or during courtship.

In the eastern United States they are found hunting for birds in deep forests, leafy subdivisions, and backyards. Cooper's Hawks capture birds with their feet, which are killed by repeated squeezing.

They have also been reported to drown their prey. Males usually take small to medium-sized songbirds while females prey upon larger birds like doves, Pileated Woodpeckers, and crows.

In Florida most Cooper's Hawk nesting occurs from April through July in the northern two-thirds of the state. The male builds a nest 25 to 50 feet above the ground in pines, oaks or other trees growing near a clearing. The nest is completed in about two week with very little help from the female. This stick nest, about 27 inches in diameter, is lined with bark flakes and green twigs.

The female incubates three to five pale blue to greenish eggs for 30 to 36 days. The male provides most of the food for the female and hatchlings until the young are ready to fledge at 30 to 34 days of age.

You and your guests are invited participate

in upcoming birding trips Saturday February 16, Sunday February 17 or Monday February 18th at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5). A few volunteers will be working on the Great Backyard Bird Count survey.

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

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VOTER

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Acting County Manager Larry Hilton explained the county is required to redistrict after the census. He said there is a website that could assist the county as they draw new district lines that is more equal in population. He said the website is a great tool because it can create maps.

Mr. Beck said the Okeechobee County Planning Department did their redistricting plan and it appeared to work well there. The current population of five districts would break up approximately 13,885 residents, or about 2,577 residents per district. Moore Haven Correctional inmate population fluctuate around 950. The ICE facility of federal inmates in the County Jail fluctuate around 500 inmates.

"We do need input and we need it from all people. In the end it is our decision," he added.

Mr. Hilton said in one proposed district he had the border being State Road 78 so that Moore Haven Correctional is in one district and the ICE facility in a second.

Commissioner Tim Stanley said it didn't seem right to him that someone in jail without voting rights would be counted for county election plans. The commissioners are voted by county wide vote but must live in the established district they seek election in.

Commission Chairman Russell Echols said he worried about litigation. In the past the county spent about \$50,000 in a lawsuit that asked for single member districts that were filed by minority advocate groups. He also resisted changing voting locations for residents.

The first workshop was scheduled for March 12 at 1 p.m.

The Glades Business Park proposed on U.S. 27 has its first tenant. Institute St. Onge would like to construct a material handling industry regional training center in Moore Haven and have a 40-year lease in the park. They would lease up to seven acres, arrange the funding, construct the building and fund and organize the training center.

The Institute is a non profit social impact investment advisory organization. The focus would be on engineering investments that provide innovative economic and social value, and workforce development.

Mr. Hilton said the county would not have any cash in the deal. They would receive a token monetary sum for the lease. He asked commissioners to approve the concept. Terms of the lease are still to be drafted by County Attorney Richard Pringle.

Commissioner Echols said the Training Center would have a lot of opportunities for the county. He said training could be available for law enforcement and firemen.

Commissioner Dennis Griffin said he felt this would be a good training facility for the Sheriffs Department. He said he would consider up to seven acres for the project.

Mr. Echols said he still wants enough space left in the park for business opportunity. Mr. Pringle said the facility would likely not be taxable.

Mr. Hilton said it would also improve the chances of a grant for the county through the Economic Development Agency. The commissioners directed Mr. Pringle to negotiate a 40-year lease with the Institute.

In other actions, the commission denied a request from the Ortona Community Association to erect a 920-foot fence for \$1,850 on the east side of the Ortona Community Park. They approved the concept of two street lights in Ortona at the corner of Riverview Drive and Williams Road, a pickup and drop off point for school buses. The annual cost of the street lights is estimated at \$350. Ortona Community President Hugo Geistman said items of drug paraphernalia have been found in the park. There are many community complaints about ATV traffic in the park as well. The commission directed the association to propose less costly measures to block ATV traffic in the park.

The county continues to discuss a lease of land from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Moore Haven locks. The corps would want the entire property leased and not just sections. Commissioner Echols said he'd rather see the county focus on the Alvin Ward Park instead.

Mr. Griffin said after a review of the property he found several issues including the dock, fuel tanks, the liability, possible vandalism, and repairs.

"To me it is not worth it. I agree if we take the other side, and put airboats over there, it would be a better solution," he suggested. "If we lease it and they back out, were stuck with it."

Commissioner Donna Storter-Long said the county money would be better spent at Alvin Ward. She suggested more boat ramps for airboats at Alvin Ward. She would like a plan developed for the property.

The commission voted unanimously to not pursue the lease from the USACOE.

The commission voted to have county staff mow the court house and jail annex lawns. The county had contracted the work out for \$8,700 per year. It would cost \$12,000 to purchase the mower and \$2,500 per year for labor for the county to do the work. Road Department Director Avant Brown said he would like to continue a contract to do the labor so the work can be done on weekends when there were no vehicles parked that could be damaged by flying objects from a mower. Commissioners preferred the use of a county employee to do the mowing to cut down on liability.

A local vendor bid preference ordinance was presented by Attorney Pringle. It must go through the public hearing process before adoption. Commissioner Echols said he was unhappy with the bid to construct the new Emergency Operations Center. He said the budget of \$4 million is set and he would not support spending one penny more. He said the proposed building does not include the original facilities the county wants.



Special to the Glades County Democrat

Jerry Spears has been named Moore Haven Correctional Facility Employee of the Year.

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MOORE HAVEN—Moore Haven Correctional Facility recently named Jerry Spears as Employee of the Year. Spears serves as a maintenance supervisor at the 985-bed facility, which is operated in partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections. The facility employs a staff of 240 including professionals in security, health services, education, rehabilitation services, counseling, management and administration.

Spears joined CCA at Moore Haven in 2010 as maintenance supervisor. Working in maintenance since 1981, he brings a wealth of experience. In his daily role at the facility, he is responsible for addressing major maintenance issues, overseeing daily repairs and supervising a resourceful four-person crew.

"Mr. Spears has been an integral part of Moore Havens success," said Warden Laura

Bedard. "He is always willing to go the extra mile for the well-being of those in our care, the benefit of our staff, and the expectations of our government partner."

Jerry Spears, father of two, graduated from Clewiston High School and went on to take courses in welding and fabrication. He is an avid fisherman, also enjoys softball and other outdoor sports.

"I am excited to receive this honor," said Spears. "It feels good to have the hard work you do each day be recognized by others."

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WATER

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to the Caloosahatchee Estuary."

The release is being conducted in accordance with the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS), the master plan for water management of the lake. Under the LORS, the Corps strives to keep the lake level between 12.5 and 15.5 feet. Today, the

lake stage is 14.47 feet.

The Corps will closely monitor the releases and adjust flows as necessary to balance the competing needs and purposes of Lake Okeechobee. Public safety remains the Corps' top priority.

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SCIENCE

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Osborne, Cassie Hart, and Austin Lee. Second place students were: Jazmine Lamkin, Ross Perry, Jaime Hngson, and Jacey Ridg-dill. Our first place winner was Lacy Green.

All 10 of these students moved on to the

Heartland Regional Science Fair that was held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the South Florida State College in Avon Park. There were three MHES students that placed at the regional fair. Jaime Hngson and Jazmine Lamkin both took second place and Austyn Kellogg placed third. Congratulations to all students who participated and moved on to districts and regionals.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2011-000960-CA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs. NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS; NOEL VIGIL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOEL VIGIL; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS
520 W OBISPO AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FL 33440-3266
OR
4306 EVERHIGH ACRES ROAD,
CLEWISTON FL 33440

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS
520 W OBISPO AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FL 33440-3266
OR
4306 EVERHIGH ACRES ROAD,
CLEWISTON FL 33440

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: **LOT 19 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLOCK 438, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK III, IN THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mark A. Buckles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 2185 South Conway Road, Suite F, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-sited Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 3rd day of May, 2012.

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 Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 125 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and whose phone number is (941) 675-5217 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 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk
436361 CN 2/14,21/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING EAST HENDRY COUNTY COMMUNITIES RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the East Hendry County Communities Recreation Advisory Board will hold a meeting February 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Harlem Community Center, 2000 7th St, Clewiston, Florida. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. East Hendry County Communities Recreation Advisory Board 436305 CN/CB 2/14/2013

Public Notice

AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES ORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL

A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 27 de febrero de 2013 a las 7 pm en Montura Clubhouse, 255 N. Hacienda St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación. 436201 CN 2/14,21/2013

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

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 7 pm at the Montura Clubhouse located at 255 N. Hacienda St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. 436200 CN 2/14,21/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded two horses from the Muse area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horses. 436184 GCD 2/7,2/14/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and public hearing to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida; DeSoto County, Florida; Hendry County, Florida; Pasco County, Florida; Polk County, Florida; and Lee County, Florida. The meeting and public hearing will be held at 1 p.m. on March 21, 2013 at the East Pasco County Courthouse, 37918 Meridian Ave, Dade City, FL 33525. The meeting as previously advertised to be held by the use of communications media technology only, will not be such. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the water and wastewater systems of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., and Crystal River Utilities, Inc., which are proposed to be acquired by the FGUA. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 435373 CN 2/7,14/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barron-Hilliard-Alico Cooperative Drainage Plan will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the Barron Water Control District Office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port Labelle, Florida, to conduct routine business.

This meeting is open to the public.

Lester B. Baird, Sr. Secretary
436526 CN/CB 2/14/2013

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AT 8:45 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
436663 CN 2/14/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, February 15th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of: Johnnie Dent,** miscellaneous boxes, refrigerator, mattress and box spring, 2 TVs, bedroom set, portable heater, clothes.
435801 SUN 2/7,14/2013

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 9:30AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR
HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
436660 CN 2/14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TRAID FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff
v.
RAMON D. RODRIGUEZ, etc., et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RAMON D. RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a Ramon David Rodriguez, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM
Residence(s): Unknown

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

All of Lot 12, Lot 13 less the West 68 feet of the South 35 feet and Lot 14, Less the West 68 feet, all in Block J. Horse-shoe Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 49 and 50 of the public records of Glades County, Florida.

has been filed against you and Adelfa Rodriguez; William A. Marcotte and Betty J. Marcotte, his wife, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on LAWRENCE J. BERNARD, ESQUIRE, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 480 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on the 1st day of February, 2013.

Clerk of the Court By: Julie Braddock As Deputy Clerk
436622 CN 2/14,21/2013

Public Notice

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 9:15AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT 436658 CN 2/14/2013

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 21, 2013, for the following Proposals:

- E1L75 - The improvements under this Contract consist of drainage improvements. Highlands - Budget Estimate: \$112,035.00. E1M33 - The improvements under this Contract consist of Landscaping. Polk - Budget Estimate: \$ 175,000.00. E1M40 - Performance Highway Lighting Maintenance, Manatee & Sarasota Counties - Budget Estimate: \$53,550.00; Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on February 7, 2013, 1:00 p.m., 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, Florida 33830. E1M41-R0 - Tree Trimming and Removal and Power Shearing. Manatee & Sarasota - Budget Estimate: \$ 120,000.00. 435417 CN 2/7,14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1605, 2009, 1224432-01000570050, Julio Diaz, Jr.

Lot 6, Block 57 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.

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

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

436460 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 972, 2009, 1224331-010000H0120, John M & Tressy L Rogers

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, in Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 12, Block H, PIONEER PLANTATION, an recorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436449 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1799, 2009, 1254432-A0001930100, Felipe D Ledesma-Garnica

The East one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet and the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 554 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436461 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1741, 2009, 1254432-A0000450100, Adriana E. Calles

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5077 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436454 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 492, 2008, 1334528-A000010000, Delta Aggregate, LLC

The North one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436409 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1702, 2009, 1244432-A0000830000, Rosario H. Zamora

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5299 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436442 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1247, 2009, 1134432-A0000220000, The Lyndel Group, LLC

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5687 and Lot 5688 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436458 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1727, 2009, 1254432-A0000190100, Guillermo Herrera

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5155 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436450 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Flaghole Drainage District, for the year 2012, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 8:30 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.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Flaghole Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, He will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, He may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Board of Supervisors Flaghole Drainage District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard President 436662 CN 2/14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1806, 2009, 1254432-A0002190100, Jorge & Amerilis Rodriguez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5030 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436443 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

REQUEST FOR BIDS SKY VALLEY TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS CLEWISTON, FL BID NUMBER: 2013-14 OPENING DATE AND TIME: March 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Sky Valley Turn Lane Improvements, Clewiston, FL" in order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by March 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Karson Turner, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 436106 CB/CN 2/7,14,21,28/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 493, 2008, 1334528-A0000020000, Delta Aggregate, LLC

The South one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of March, 2013, which is the 21st day of March, 2013.

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

436414 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Sugarland Drainage District, for the year 2012, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Sugarland Road, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 9:00 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.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Sugarland Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, He will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, He may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Board of Supervisors Sugarland Drainage District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard President 436655 CN/GCD 2/14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1789, 2009, 1254432-A0001660000, Alicia B Pajares and Maria I Cabral

The South one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 533 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1763, 2009, 1254432-A0000970000, Eloy Nunez C/O Manuel A. Blanco ESQ

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1149 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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| 1708 | 2009 | 1244432-A0001020100 | Francisco Pereiro Liz & Maria Carmen Gonzalez De Pereiro |

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5231 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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| 786 | 2009 | 1274329-01000E10360 | Altagracia Punte |

From the intersection of the North line of the South one-half of Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of State Road 29, runs South 3 degrees 51' East along the centerline of said State Road 29 a distance of 300 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence North 86 degrees 17' East 450 feet, South 3 degrees 51' East 50 feet; South 86 degrees 17' West 450 feet; North 3 degrees 51' West 50 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being Lots 36 and 37, Unit E-1, Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Excepting and reserving the Westerly 50 feet for the right of way of State Road 29.

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| 1103 | 2009 | 1344331-01000000380 | Stephanie C. Sanchez |

A parcel of land in the surveyed portion of fractional Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

West of canal known as the 42 foot canal and described in Book 56, Pages 541 to 547, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34 run North 01 degrees 40' 12" East, along the West boundary line of said Section 34 a distance of 4430.25 feet to a Point-of-Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 01 degrees 40' 12" East along said West boundary line of Section 34 a distance of 242.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 06' 34" East a distance of 394.89 feet; thence South 01 degrees 40' 12" West a distance of 242.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06' 34" West a distance of 394.89 feet to the said Point-of-Beginning of this description. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 38, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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| 1801 | 2009 | 1254432-A0002010000 | Manuel & Mercedes Quinteros & Estaquio F. Almeida |

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| 1707 | 2009 | 1244432-A0001020000 | Francisco Pereiro Liz & Maria Carmen Gonzalez De Pereiro |

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| 1094 | 2009 | 1334331-A0002030000 | Frank Fanelli Sr & Frank Fanelli Jr & Stephen Scarpone |

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**CITY OF CLEWISTON
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 CDBG HOUSING PROGRAM**

The City of Clewiston hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of up to three (3) single family homes located in the City of Clewiston as a part of the City's Housing Program which consists of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Proposals are due no later than 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 7, 2013 and delivered or mailed to: Ms. Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk, City of Clewiston, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 (the City will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Proposals should be submitted in a separate sealed envelop marked "CITY OF CLEWISTON HOUSING PROGRAM - RFP #2". All bids must be accompanied by Pur-7068 "Public Entity Crimes Report", proof of insurance, licenses and the "Vendor Drug Free Work Place" form. Forms must be fully executed by the responder and returned with the bid.

For specific project information, contact Ms. Nancy Phillips at 561-432-1524 or by email at nsp920@aol.com. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013 in the City of Clewiston Commission Chambers at the Clewiston City Hall.

A **mandatory** meeting and contractor walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers of the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid. All potential bidders must be in the Commission Chambers no later than 10:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to accept or reject any bids. The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.

Phillip Roland
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Brighton Seminole Field Day celebrates 75th year

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Seminole Tribe celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Brighton Field Day with a special banquet, ceremony, and concert on Monday night at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton.

Brighton Council Member Andy Bowers said he was glad to have Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee County officials on hand to celebrate the moment with them.

Okeechobee City Councilman Dowling Watford presented a proclamation on behalf of the city of Okeechobee on the Brighton Field Day anniversary. Council member Mike O'Connor and Clayton Williams joined him for that presentation.

Mr. Watford said the event is an economic and tourism attraction for the community.

Mr. Bowers said the Tribe continues to enjoy a great relationship with Okeechobee. He said the proclamation was another example of their partnership. Bowers said Brighton students attend Okeechobee Schools and over the year get the supplies they needed from Okeechobee.

He thanked the Seminole Tribal Council and Chairman James Billie for helping to put on the event.

"This is an historical moment for us. A lot of hard work was put into this event and it is still alive today," he explained.

From humble beginnings the field day was at first a chance for all of the tribe's members to get together for fellowship, a barbecue and games. It has turned into a weeklong celebration which goes on throughout this week which includes a 4-H show and sale, traditional Seminole Food, a professional rodeo, alligator wrestling, field trips for area schools, arts and crafts and the explanation of Seminole Tribe cultures and traditions.

The highlight of Monday's event was a new 20-minute documentary that was produced by Rachel Buxton entitled "Brighton Field Day, A Celebration of our Heritage."

Ms. Buxton said the stories she heard were amazing. She said her hope is the documentary covers and captures the rich Seminole heritage and rich Brighton heritage, the tribe enjoys.

"I hope that you all enjoy this film. It was a blast to make, and I hope when you watch it, it will bring back memories that will live on," she added.

LaBelle man accused of molesting girls

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN -- A LaBelle man is being held on \$600,000 bond following his arrest for allegedly molesting three young girls who are all under the age of 10.

Robert Edward Keller, 21, was arrested on two counts of capital sexual battery and six counts of lewd and lascivious molestation. He has been held in the Glades County Jail since his arrest on Jan. 31.

Detective Sergeant Mike Pepitone, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), stated in his arrest report that Keller had molested the girls "... numerous times."

In the educational film, Ms. Buxton interviewed many prominent tribe officials, citizens and historians, to learn more about Field Day and what it means to the tribe.

Mr. Bowers saluted the Culbreth family from Okeechobee. Gilbert Culbreth Senior was instrumental in the early days of the Field Days and gave away a vehicle from his dealership at the first event back in the 1930s.

Former President of the Seminole Tribe Joe Dan Osceola said the event was great. He was President from 1967-1971. In 1957 he was the First Native American graduate of the public high school. He said it was a privilege to be able to attend Okeechobee Schools.

"Okeechobee has always been great joy for the Brighton people. My cousins and I transferred to Okeechobee and I went there in fifth grade. I was the first one to start playing ball there," he added.

Before this, Seminole children travelled to Cherokee, North Carolina if they wanted to attend high school. In his second year, over 30 Seminole students were bused to Okeechobee schools.

Mr. Osceola recalled that Okeechobee High was smaller than the other schools around the lake at that time and were routinely defeated in football. He remembered in 1955 Okeechobee defeated Pahokee 7-6, in one of his proud moments as an athlete. He also recalled he was the captain on the first OHS boys basketball team to reach the state tournament and also was named All-Conference for sports. He was the quarterback for the Brahms from 1955 until he graduated in 1957.

Osceola said the Seminole Tribe has made tremendous strides over the years.

Country music legend Merle Haggard put on a concert at the conclusion of the event. Mr. Haggard and his band, the Strangers, played 20 songs which included such Haggard hits as Ramblin Fever, Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Star, Okee from Muskogee, Working Man Blues, Momma Tried and Big City.

Sgt. Pepitone also stated in his report that, due to the age of the girls, they could not give him an exact number of incidents.

Each girl -- when interviewed separately -- also described a belt buckle worn by Keller, indicated the detective.

According to the detective's arrest report the alleged incidents occurred throughout 2012.

Sgt. Pepitone said Keller has no prior arrests for this type of offense.

He apparently did not threaten the girls and he was not physically violent toward them, added the GCSO investigator.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Charles Murphy
Country Music Hall of Famer Merle Haggard played for over 90 minutes at the Brighton reservation celebration.

Class Of 2013 Moore Haven Project Graduation planned

Project Graduation parents have been working hard to reach their goal for the year. They have a 'Lock In' planned, for the 2013 graduating seniors, the night of graduation. The Lock In is a supervised drug and alcohol-free party. There will be door prizes for the students to win and every student is guaranteed to leave with something. In addition to all the prizes, there will be lots of food, music, dancing and most of all an unforgettable celebration for all the 2013 graduating seniors.

Project Graduation will sell Cow Chip Bingo tickets for \$20 per ticket, with \$1000 to be given away the weekend of Chalo Nitka. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Erin at 863-227-3554 or Joey at 863-227-3428.

If you would like to make a donation to Project Graduation to help us reach our goal, you can send all donations to: Project Graduation, PO Box 99, Moore Haven, FL 33471.

Arrest Report

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

- Mackenzie T. Bradford, 30, Bond St., Clewiston, was arrested Feb. 10 by the GCSO on a Lee County warrant charging her with the felony of possession of cocaine. She was turned over to Lee County authorities.

- Derrick Cornelius Webber, 30, Kentucky Ave., Clewiston, was arrested Feb. 11 by the GCSO on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Carlos Manuel Valerio, 39, C.R. 720 E., Moore Haven, was arrested Feb. 12 by the GCSO on a felony charge of driving while license suspended. His bond was set at \$5,000.

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

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GCSO Investigations

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

BUCKHEAD RIDGE

- Buckhead Ridge Community Center - theft
- Buckhead Ridge Community Center - theft

LAKEPORT

- Rucks Dairy Road - criminal mischief

MOORE HAVEN

- Hicpochee Lane - burglary
- Ave. F - theft
- Coffee Road - theft

FWC Releases Female Panther Rescued as Kitten in 2011

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a female Florida panther Thursday night at the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County.

The panther and its brother had been raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee since they were 5 months old. The FWC rescued the two panthers as kittens in September 2011 near the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead.

"This panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare her for life in the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. "The goal in any panther rescue is to be able to release the animal back into the wild to aid in the recovery of this endangered species."

The release was coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Five other kittens of similar ages – three females and two males – have been raised at

White Oak and released in south Florida.

"We are grateful for the work the staff at White Oak has done to prepare this panther and others for release," said Land.

Biologists chose the Picayune Strand State Forest for the release of this panther after they evaluated the home ranges of other females in the region and found available space between them.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult panthers remain in south Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of this panther through the purchase of a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

For more information on Florida panthers, go to www.floridapanther.net.

New Treatment for Patients with Coronary Artery Disease

Whether you are at-risk for developing a heart condition or you're one of the 13 million Americans who suffer from coronary artery disease, arming yourself with the facts you need to stay healthy can help.

February is National Heart Health Month and it's a great time to learn about coronary artery disease, its symptoms and about the latest developments in treatment.

Coronary Artery Disease

Coronary artery disease is caused when plaque buildup creates blockages or narrowings in the arteries. The blockages restrict blood flow and reduce the amount of oxygen delivered to the heart, potentially putting a person at risk for a heart attack.

Common symptoms of coronary artery disease include chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue and overall weakness.

Simple lifestyle changes can help prevent and manage coronary artery disease. These include managing obesity and high blood pressure, living an active lifestyle, making healthy dietary choices and stopping smoking.

Improved Treatments

Staying on top of the latest medical advances helps ensure you and loved ones secure the best treatment available.

One advancement in treatment is supported

by new results from the FAME 2 Study funded by St. Jude Medical and published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The study found that use of a blood-flow measurement technology, called Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) during treatment of stable coronary artery disease will result in better health outcomes.

FFR technology offers physicians a better assessment of where blood flow blockages occur in the coronary arteries and whether treatment to open an artery narrowing, along with medication, can help lower a patient's risk of chest pain and heart attack.

From less likelihood of a patient being readmitted to the hospital for urgent care, to a reduction in health care costs, FAME 2 research demonstrates that patients who receive FFR-guided treatment experienced better outcomes than those treated with medication alone.

"The FAME 2 Study results offer further evidence that FFR should be considered the standard of care for treating patients with coronary heart disease," said Frank J. Callaghan, president of the Cardiovascular and Ablation Technologies Division at St. Jude Medical.

If you believe you have coronary artery disease, consult your physician for additional information and to determine best treatment options.

More information on FFR is available at: www.sjm.com/ffr-fact-sheet.

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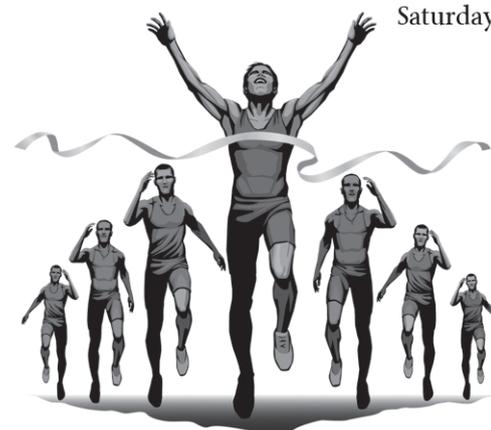
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Steel Magnolias

The LaBelle Firehouse Community Theatre will present Steel Magnolias, Feb. 15-17. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the shows start promptly, so please arrive 30 minutes in advance to be seated before the show starts. For tickets or more information, call 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

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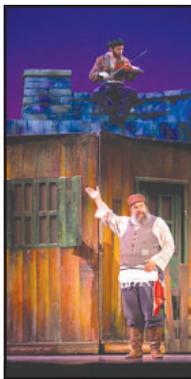
FORT PIERCE—McAlpin Onstage at Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, will present the hit musical "Chicago" Feb. 13-17 with shows Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and three 2 p.m. matinée performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Individual tickets are \$15 each, It's the Roaring Twenties in Chicago and a jealous Roxie Hart murders her faithless lover. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie meets fellow murderess and jailhouse competition Velma Kelly. They ultimately join forces in search of the "American Dream" of fame, fortune and acquittal. Marvel to the music of songs like "all That Jazz," "Razzle Dazzle" and "Mr. Cellophane." Tickets can be purchased online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats.

Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Community Theatre will present "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" on March 15-17 and March 22-14. The play was written by Lee Blessing and will be directed by Dave Johnson. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the shows start promptly, so please arrive 30 minutes in advance to be seated before the show starts. For tickets or more information, call 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Fiddler on the Roof

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Performing Arts Center will present the Off Broadway Booking's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Winner of nine Tony awards, including Best Musical, this family show is considered one of the great works of the American Musical Theatre. No other musical has so woven music, dance, and story into such an unforgettable experience. It is a universal story of love, hope and tradition set in the little town of Anatevka. The box office is located at the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon. The box office also opens one hour prior to performances. For more information call the box office at 561-993-1160.



SFSC Jazz Series 10th season

AVON PARK—The South Florida State College Jazz Series, now in its 10th season, has a reputation for bringing in the best regional, national, and international acts to the Heartland. This season is no different, featuring several amazing and well-known jazz musicians. Jazz Series performances are held in the intimate SFSC University Center Auditorium and begin at 7:30 p.m. The Florida Jazz All Stars perform Feb. 23. The lineup includes Clyde Conner (drums), Mark Neuenschwander (bass), Allan Vache (clarinet), Charlie Bertini (trumpet), William Allred (trombone), and Jeff Phillips (piano), presenting an evening of swing music at its best. Coming March 2 is the Southern Fried Jazz Band. It offers some of the most refreshing and authentic Dixieland jazz music on the scene today. For ticket information, call the SFSC Box Office 863-784-7178 at the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

Billy McGuigan's Rave On: The Buddy Holly Experience

BELLE GLADE—Remember poodle skirts? How about car-hops, the twist, hula hoops and Buddy Holly? Well, the '50s aren't just a thing of the past...this electrifying, high-energy extravaganza pays homage to rock 'n roll's immortal legend – Buddy Holly. Backed by a rockin' band, star Billy McGuigan ignites the stage and breathes new life into such hits as "Peggy Sue," "Raining in My Heart," "It's So Easy," "That'll Be the Day," "True Love Ways," "Oh Boy" and of course, "Rave On." But, that's only part of it! In a unique twist, Billy as Buddy celebrates the birth of an era and pays homage to his fellow rockers Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper. "Rave On: The Buddy Holly Experience" will be presented at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. The box office is located at the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon. The box office also opens one hour prior to performances. For more information, call the box office at 561-993-1160.



The Odd Couple

OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Community Theatre will present "The Odd Couple," March 8, 9, 15 and 16 in the Freshman Campus Auditorium, on Southwest Second Street (behind the Golden Corral Restaurant). Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. each performance. Felix Unger is a neat, tidy health nut whose wife has thrown him out. Desperate for a place to live, he moves in with his divorced longtime friend Oscar Madison. Oscar is sloppy and disorganized, and living on a fast-food diet. Inevitably the polar-opposite lifestyles clash, with hilarious results. For ticket information, call 863-763-1307 or email info@okeecommunitytheatre.com.

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Win a 2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK Roadster at Seminole Casino Brighton on Feb. 23

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE CASINO—In February, it's a huggin' the open road thing at Seminole Casino Brighton with your chance to win a Mercedes, plus loads of cash and Free Play prizes! On Saturday, Feb. 23, we're giving away a 2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK Roadster. Earn entries daily for your chance to drive off in this thrill ride of a grand prize.

Players can enjoy bingo matinee sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Packs are \$18 and \$28.

Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last. On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

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

days, the bus picks up at 11:15 a.m. and departs at 6 p.m.

See the Player's Club for promotion details.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405-slot and gaming machines, a six-table poker room, live action e-tables blackjack and roulette, high-stakes bingo action and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment. The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Rd., in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

75th annual Brighton Seminole Reservation Field Day and Festival celebrates history and traditions

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Brighton Seminole Field Day & Rodeo, set for Feb. 15-17, 2013, originated in 1938 as a day of sporting events and arts and crafts competitions for members of the Seminole Tribe. William P. Boehmer and his wife Edith—teachers at the original Brighton Day School—originated the festival as a way to bring Seminoles from other reservations together for some friendly competition.

Over the years, the event evolved into a festival that is open to the public and showcases Seminole and other Native American arts, crafts, dances and traditions.

On Friday, the festival hosts "Kids Day" which is open to area school children. School buses from all over South Florida transport elementary school children to Brighton Reservation, where they learn how Seminoles once lived in chickees, cooked food over open fires, made their own canoes and weapons and made crafts such as sweetgrass baskets and clothing made from tiny piec-

es of cloth sewn into intricate patterns. The festival also includes wild animal exhibitions, alligator wrestling and native dances. In more recent years, the event expanded to invite Native Americans from all over the country to participate. On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is open to the general public.

The festival weekend also includes a rodeo and XTreme Bull Riding. On Saturday, gates open at 9 a.m., the parade is at 10 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 3 p.m.; on Sunday, gates open at 10 a.m. and XTreme Bullriding starts at 3 p.m.

The festival grounds are next to the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, off State Road 721 in Glades County. For more information, call 863-467-6039 or go online to www.REZRODEO.com.



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Animal attractions: Take a walk on the wild side

Looking for an educational place to take the family where they can see wild animals? South Florida's animal attractions offer a variety of choices. Meet the friendly deer at Arnolds Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. See lions and tigers at Animal Adventures. Hold an alligator egg while it hatches at Gatorama.

There are plenty of animals to see, photograph and even touch, in the Lake Okeechobee area.

Gatorama

Gatorama, one of Florida's original "roadside attractions" is a living piece of Florida history. Since 1957, visitors have come to Palmdale to see alligators and crocodiles sun, swim and interact in their natural habitat—as well as jump out of the water at the feeding stations.

In addition to the gators and crocs, visitors who wander along the wooden walkways can see panthers, bobcats, raccoons, peacocks and tropical birds.

The facility, home to thousands of alligators and hundreds of crocodiles, was built in 1957 by Cecil Clemons. At that time, U.S. 27 was a two-lane road. Cecil decided that tourists visiting Florida wanted to see three things: the beach, orange trees and alligators. Alligators were already living in the area so Cecil bought the land, fenced the gators in and built a walkway so tourists could watch them from a safe vantage point. Alligators can live up to 70 years in captivity, and some of the big gators have been there since the park opened.

The first crocodiles were brought into Gatorama in 1968 before they were an



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Crocodiles get some sun on their own island at Gatorama. One of Florida's original "roadside attractions," Gatorama has been thrilling visitors since 1957.

endangered species. The natural range of the American Freshwater Crocodile is from Sanibel Island south. Gatorama has the only productive breeding colony of American Crocodiles in the United States and is one of few facilities permitted to accept nuisance crocs from the wild. The park is now home to seven spe-

cies of crocodiles, including the rare Cuban Crocodile.

David Thielen was raised in Lakeport. After a career as an army officer he retired and purchased Gatorama. At about the same time it became legal to farm alligators in the state of Florida. The park has remained in the family since.

The combination of tourism and aquaculture has been a successful one.

Allen and Patty Register moved to the farm in 1989 and began managing it for her parents, Marietta and David Thielen. The Registers purchased the farm in 2006. Both are native Floridians. Patty's family has been in Glades County since 1920. Allen's family settled in North Florida around 1850.

Their children, Benjamin and Erica are also involved in the business. Erica is a schoolteacher and is Gatorama's education/and field trip coordinator and writes the curriculum for school groups. Benjamin is a certified fire fighter, EMT and is the park's head trainer/entertainer.

The Registers' dream was to enhance the entertainment and educational opportunities offered to guests and to begin special events at the park. In 1998 they began offering two shows a day (previously one a week on Sunday had been offered for 42 years) and offered every guest the opportunity to hold a live gator. In 2004 they began offering Gator Night Shinings and in 2006 they held the

first ever Hatching Festival, giving visitors a chance to hold an alligator egg as it hatches.

While the park has been updated with new walkways and enclosures, the Registers have been careful to maintain the original look and character of the attraction.

Photographers find the park offers a unique chance to photograph alligators and crocodiles in their native habitat. Gatorama is often used as a backdrop for commercial films and photography. Gatorama's animals have been seen on National Geographic, The Discovery Channel, The Outdoor Channel, BBC World News, The Today Show, Animal Planet, Food TV and more.

The attraction is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Easter, when they open from noon to 5 p.m. They are closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Alligator shows are 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The park offers discounts to seniors, military service members and teachers. There are also group rates and special education presentations.

For more information online, go to www.gatorama.com. (Cover photo is from Gatorama show.)

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Visitors to Gatorama can observe wildlife from the safety of covered walkways

ANIMALS

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Animal Adventures

Animal Adventures, 5001 S.W. Rucks Dairy Road in rural Glades County (off State Road 70 just west of the Kissimmee River Bridge), is home to tigers, lions, and a Tigon (cross between a tiger and lioness), as well as numerous other wild creatures including snakes, coatamundi and land tortoises.

All of the animals are "rehomes" from other facilities and private owners. In many cases they started out as someone's pet and the owner could no longer control—or afford to feed—the wild creature.

Sue Pearce, who calls the big cats, "my babies," runs the facility which is located on her family's 1,100 acre ranch.

These animals must live in captivity in part because they were born and raised in captivity and don't know how to fend for themselves in the wild. And for some, there simply is no "wild" left.

"We, as rescuers, did not choose for them to be in captivity, but only to give them a good life and lots of love since they can't ever be released into the wild," she explained.

"There has been a lot of controversy over the captive big cats. People are saying they should be left in the wild and be allowed to roam free. I totally agree with this, but if there is no wild, then where

are they supposed to run wild? Man continues to destroy the natural habitat of the wild animals, and continue to poach and leaves no choice but to take care of the ones that are already in captivity. This is the only way to preserve the species."

Animal Adventures has special rates for groups of 10 or more. They also offer parties at the facility or transport animals to your party. For more information, call 863-447-6050 or go online to animaladventureslive.webs.com.

The Talkin' Monkeys Project

The Talkin' Monkeys project in Hendry County provides a life-long home for animals that have been rescued from abusive private homes or released from research laboratories and breeding facilities. The main focus is to provide a home for these forgotten apes and monkeys while striving to connect people to earth-friendly lifestyles.

At the heart of their mission is the desire to educate children and adults in the care required to provide these animals with a quality environment where they can thrive and enjoy the rest of their lives in comfort and security. Talkin' Monkeys is a 501c3 nonprofit sanctuary. For more information online, go to www.talkin-moneyproject.org or call 863-983-2335.

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The Florida panther is one of the many big cats who have found a home at Animal Adventures in Glades County.

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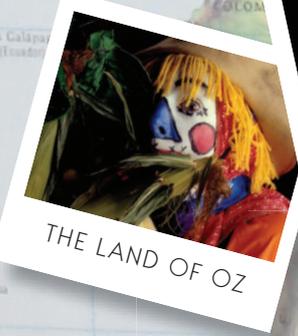
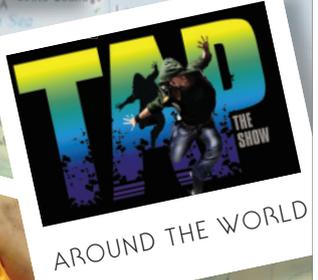
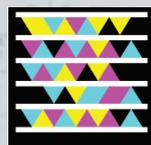
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Wildlife

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Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc., (AWRC) is a non-profit 501(c) educational-based wildlife care facility in Okeechobee County. They are dedicated to bringing people and wildlife together to develop a community awareness of the value of Florida wildlife. The ultimate goal is to rescue, rehabilitate, and return recovered animals to their natural habitat when possible.

The facility is also now home to 13 endangered species. The non-native species find a permanent home at AWRC thanks to donors who have provided special habitat enclosures to meet their needs. The newest residents, Black Ruffed Lemurs, are victims of the economy, said Sue Arnold. They came to AWRC from a Gainesville facility that went out of business.

Also new to AWRC are Fishing Cats from Southeast Asia.

While some exotic animals come from other facilities that can no longer care of them, others are dropped off by their owners or brought to AWRC after being confiscated by the Florida Wildlife Commission. Mrs. Arnold said when animals are confiscated, they try to work with the owners and sometimes the owners can reclaim their exotic pets. However, more often when the owners find out the strict regulations that Florida requires for ownership of exotics, "they decide they'll just visit them." Florida law requires 1,000 hours of training at a licensed facility over at least a one-year period before a person can obtain a license to keep an exotic or wild animal.

Some native Florida animals are also permanent residents. Some had injuries that left them unable to fend for themselves. Others were born in captivity and now lack the skills they would need to survive.

AWRC currently rehabilitates over 1,000 animals each year. Visitors can see more than 50 different species of animals. Special events include star gazing, the annual open house and the annual butterfly count.

Arnold's Wildlife Center, 14895 N.W.



Rare birds also find a home at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

30th Terrace in Okeechobee, offers special programs for students and also hosts camps in the spring and summer.

For more information online go to www.arnoldswildlife.org.

Billie Swamp Safari

Glide effortlessly along the Airboat Trail through cypress domes, see alligators, turtles, fish, birds, raccoons and other animals in their natural environment.

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Billie Swamp Safari is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation at 30000 Gator Tail Trail, Clewiston in Hendry County.

The 2,200 acres of untamed Florida Everglades is preserved in its pristine condition by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

For more information, call 800-GO-SAFARI or 863-983-6101. Online go to safari@semtribe.com.

Lion Country Safari

Lion Country Safari offers a unique and affordable opportunity for visitors to take a wild African safari without having to leave the country. Since 1967, the park has educated and entertained 22 million guests. With more than 900 animals from six continents, Lion Country Safari is home to the largest herd of zebras and rhinos in the country.

"We have animals from six of the seven continents here, and they all do pretty well in the warmer climates," said Jennifer Berthiaume, Director Public Relations & Marketing for Lion Country Safari. "However, when the weather is cooler, the animals are more active—and our guests know this, it seems, because we are busier on cooler days."

Lion Country Safari has more than 900 animals roaming free within inches of your vehicle including giraffe, zebra, rhinos, lions, wildebeests and more. Admission includes entry to Safari World Amusement Park with animal encounters (giraffe feeding, bird feeding and petting zoo) and demonstrations, rides (ferris wheel, kid's train, carousel, paddle boats, water sprayground and more), games, shopping, food and thrills. The park is located on Southern Boulevard (SR80) (15 miles west of I-95/10 miles west of the turnpike in Palm Beach County). The park is open daily. For more info call 561-793-1084.



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Endangered Black Ruffed Lemurs have found a home at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Okeechobee County. A special habitat will be constructed for them thanks to volunteers and donations.



A serval relaxes at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Florida State Parks offer special events and activities

Highlands Hammock State Park

• Music in the Park, Feb. 23: Bring lawn chairs or blankets & flashlight-concerts are outdoors in picnic area. Proceeds benefit park improvements via Friends of Highlands Hammock. Concert admission is \$5.00 per person (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.) Park entrance fee of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 people per car) is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Food vendors will be on site with refreshments for sale.

• The Real Florida Run Series, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.: Age categories for this race are: 0-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+. or runners who participate in all seven runs of the race series, there will be a Grand Prize awarded to the top three men and women overall. There will also be a trophy for the top three boys and girls, ages 17 and under. For registration information, go to <http://www.3dracinginc.com>.

Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring. Call 863-386-6094 for more information.

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

• Feb. 16, 1 p.m., Introduction to Kayak Fishing: Ranger Bill Wilson instructs kids and adults of all ages on the basics of kayak fishing. Lessons will be on land. Come and learn what equipment, tackle and gear are necessary to catch the big one. For more information and reservations, please call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. Free with park admission.

• Feb. 17, 1 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass Music: The Untold Riches bring their foot-stompin' and hand-clappin' bluegrass music to the park's amphitheater. Just sit back and enjoy the music in Palm Beach County's most beautiful setting. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, please call



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Highlands Hammock State Park

the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

• March 2, 11 a.m., Geology of the South Florida Coastline: Dr. Ed Petuch will give a presentation on the geology of the South Florida coastline. The cost for the program is \$5 per person and reservations are required. Please call Janice Kerber, Education Director, at 561-776-7449, ext. 104 for reservations and more information.

• March 3, 10 a.m., Learn to Kayak: Representatives from Adventure Times Kayaks will teach a land-based course that gives beginners the skills necessary for kayaking. Reservations are recommended. The program is free with park admission. For information and reservations call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

• March 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Sand Around the World: Education Director Janice Kerber instructs children and their families on interesting aspects of sand. There will be sands from all over the world to look at plus hands-on activities. Reservations required, please call 561-776-7221, ext. 104. Free with park admission.

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

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park

• Feb. 23, 9 -10 a.m., Preserving the Real Florida Hike: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Pierce Inlet State Park will offer a ranger-guided - "Preserving the Real Florida" - walk to highlight why and how the Florida Park Service manages the park's natural resources on Saturday, Feb. 23. Participants will see exotic plants and learn how invasive species alter the natural landscape. Learn how park rangers use different methods to maintain the native plants and animals. Also tour parts of the park not normally open to the public. Program is free with regular park entry fees of \$4 for individual and \$6.00 for 2 to 8 people in a vehicle. For

additional information or to reserve your place, please contact the park office at 772-468-3985.

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park is located four miles east of Fort Pierce, via North Causeway.



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Fort Pierce Inlet State Park



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Johnathan Dickinson State Park

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• March 2, 10a.m. to 4 p.m., Florida Scrub Jay Festival: Join the fun on Saturday, March 2 for the 2013 Florida Scrub-Jay Festival. There will be kid's activities, music, hayrides, exhibitors, and scrub-jay walks. Admission is free.

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

To Johnathan Dickinson State Park from the north: On I-95 - take Exit 96 - go east on Bridge Road to US 1. Turn right (south) on US 1. Johnathan Dickinson is 3 miles on your right.



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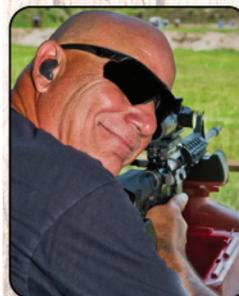
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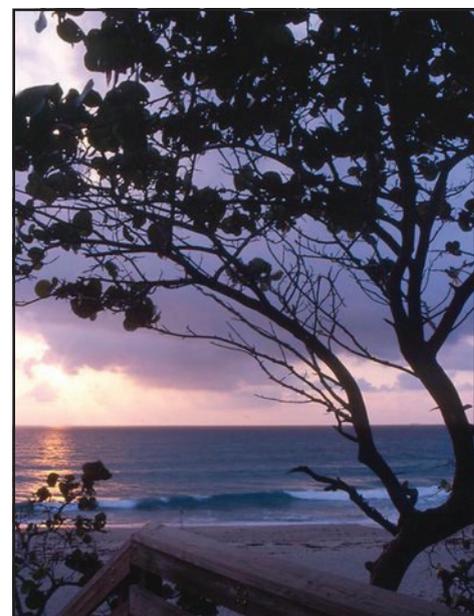
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Area festivals and special events ...

Second Annual Love the Lake 5K-10K

CLEWISTON—The Second Annual Love The Lake 5K-10K and half marathon will take place on Saturday, Feb. 16, starting at the Roland Martin Marina Resort in Clewiston. For more information, call 863-983-7979.

Hendry County Fair

CLEWISTON—The Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show celebrates local agriculture. The event features a parade, livestock show and midway entertainment. The activities also include a beauty pageant and exhibits. The fair will be held this year from Feb. 15-23 in Clewiston. For more information, please call 863-983-9282 or go online to www.hendrycountyfair.com.

South Florida Ag Expo and Equipment Show

CLEWISTON—The South Florida Ag Expo and Equipment Show will be held Feb. 15 at the old airstrip at 610 San Luis Ave. in Clewiston. The expo opens at 8 a.m. and will include a speaker forum, vendor demonstrations, a community luncheon, prize drawings and food vendors. Admission is free. For more information online, go to www.sflagexpo.com.

Swamp Cabbage Festival

LABELLE—The 2013 Swamp Cabbage Festival is set for Feb. 23-24. The festival is LaBelle's hometown blast and it's open to everyone! The town goes a little wild with a huge parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by two days of great entertainment, booths of unique items for sale and - of course - great food. Look for the boiled swamp cabbage, raw swamp cabbage salad and swamp cabbage fritters. If you have an adventurous palate, you can also find gator meat and other special treats. Saturday begins with a 5K Swamp Stomp run along a lovely route with glimpses of the Caloosahatchee River. The Swamp Cabbage Festival has something for everyone. Saturday: a bike show, car show, kiddie rides. On Sunday morning you can take part in nondenominational worship at Barron Park, with

entertainment and festivities picking back up again after noon. There is also a fishing tournament, lawnmower races and a rodeo. Check out more information at swampcabbagefestival.org.



This Blue Planet

FORT PIERCE—The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning will present "This Blue Planet" with Alexandra Cousteau on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at Indian River State College 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. A National Geographic "Emerging Explorer," filmmaker and globally recognized advocate on water issues, Alexandra Cousteau continues the work of her renowned grandfather Jacques-Yves Cousteau and her father Phillippe Cousteau, Sr. She has mastered the remarkable storytelling tradition handed down to her and has the unique ability to inspire audiences on the often weighty issues of policy, politics and action. Alexandra is dedicated to advocating the importance of conservation and sustainable management of water in order to preserve a healthy planet. Her global initiatives seek to inspire and empower individuals to protect not only the ocean and its inhabitants, but also the human communities that rely on freshwater resources. For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at 1-800-220-9915.



Okeechobee County Fair

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Fair will be held March 12-17, at the Agri-Civic Center Fairgrounds, with entrance of State Road 710. The fair includes a carnival midway, livestock shows, cooking competitions, fruit and vegetable competitions, sewing and arts and crafts competitions and more. There is even a Lego building competition and a Duct tape creations event.

The Okeechobee 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be during the fair with the livestock sale on Saturday, March 16.

Fairgrounds opens at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment will include the a petting zoo, Okeechobee Idol contest, racing pigs, horse shows, a strongman contest and more.

Opening night on Tuesday, March 12, is dollar night, with \$1 entrance, \$1 rides and \$1 items at the food vendors.

Opening night entertainment will include a fireworks show.



Big Cypress Shootout

BIG CYPRESS—The Seminole Tribe of Florida will present a re-enactment of the Second Seminole War at the Big Cypress Shootout at Billie Swamp Safari located between Fort Lauderdale and Naples, on the Big Cypress Reservation just north of I-75 (Alligator Alley) Exit 49. The event is planned for Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3. The battle reenactments will take place at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Friday is an educational day (no reenactments). The battle reenactments honor the Seminole's struggle and sacrifice to remain in their homeland and will feature authentic weapons, soldier and warrior attire and tactics typical of the Second Seminole War. In the 1800s, a total of three wars were fought by the U.S. military against the Seminoles. These campaigns were the longest, costliest, and bloodiest of all the Indian wars. Although many Seminoles were killed or removed to present-day Oklahoma, they were never defeated, and to this day, more than 3,000 Seminoles are known as "The Unconquered" Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The three-day event will also include music, Seminole food, Seminole and pioneer artisans, tomahawk throws, primitive archery competition, authentic Seminole and soldier camps, venomous snake shows and alligator wrestling. "Period settlers" from around the country will hew wood, iron and silver crafts and depict trading techniques from the Seminole war era. For more information, go to bcshoot.com or call 800-949-6101 ext. 12125.

Chalo Nitka

MOORE HAVEN—2013 will mark the 65th annual Moore Haven's Chalo Nitka Festival. Chalo Nitka is one of the state's oldest continuing festivals. The festival grounds are located at Chalo Nitka Park (across from the Glades County School Board Office). The festival includes midway games, rides, and vendor booths selling food, crafts and jewelry. Events also include a rodeo and the Glades County livestock show. This year the festival is planned for March 1 and 2. The Chalo Nitka parade will be Saturday morning, March 2. For more information online go to www.chalonitka.com.

Speckled Perch Festival

OKEECHOBEE—The Speckled Perch Festival, sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street, will be held in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee on the weekend of March 9 and 10. The festival starts around 9 a.m. The Speckled Perch Festival Parade will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. The festival began as a fish fry fundraiser for the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce. When the original chamber folded, Okeechobee Main Street took over the traditional event. Over the years, the festival has grown and changed, adding arts and crafts vendors, games for children and entertainment. Due to state health laws, speckled perch—which is a game fish and not commercially harvested—cannot be served at public events. So the fish dinner served at the Speckle Perch Festival is catfish.

Big O Birding Festival

LABELLE—The Big O Birding Festival, the largest bird-themed event in South Central Florida will be held March 12-16. The four-day event will have a registration "roost" at the Port LaBelle Inn off State Road 80 in LaBelle. From there, visitors will explore Hendry and Glades Counties, which are home to more than 400 species of birds, including Wood Storks, Everglades Snail Kites, Limpkins, Painted Buntings, and others who are resident in the area from October through April as well as species that live in Florida year round. Visitors can choose a single bird tour or opt for all-inclusive four-day passes. The festival offers exclusive bird tours led by prestigious experts, workshops with a prestigious bird photographer, birding activities, meals and transportation to and from birding sites. For more information online, go to www.BigOBirdingFestival.com or call 863-675-0125.

Megacon

ORLANDO—MegaCon, the largest comic book, anime, science fiction, fantasy, gaming and multimedia event in the southeastern United States, will take place March 15-17, at the Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr. in Orlando. The annual event attracts around 50,000 visitors—many of them come dressed as a favorite character from a comic book, movie or video game. Visitors can meet stars from movies and television, writers and artists. At the 2013 Megacon, the original cast of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" will provide a special event on Saturday, March 16, in Hall F, at the Orange County Convention Center. For more information online, go to www.megaconvention.com.