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The Dairy Overall Grand Champion was shown by Kelsey Ahern the Overall Reserve Grand Champion was shown by Chloe Ahern, at the Glades County Livestock Show.



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Swine Show Grand Champion was shown by Kyle Hubbard (left). The award was presented by Chalo Nitka Junior Miss Jesse Espinosa (right).

2013 Glades County Youth Livestock Show successful

From the Glades County Youth Livestock Show
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The Livestock Shows and Sale are part of a busy week leading up to the Chalo Nitka Festival.

This year will go down as another success for all the exhibitors involved.

The announcer for the week was our very own Tommy Hare. Tommy definitely made it fun for the exhibitors because he has taught most of them and they never knew what interesting detail he might tell the audience about them!

One of the crowd's favorite events of the week is always the Pee Wee Show, which start-

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Steer Show Grand Champion was shown by Ellie Goodwin (left). The award was presented by Chalo Nitka Queen Amy Perry (center) and Chalo Nitka Junior Miss Jesse Espinosa.

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County Coalition Criticizes SFWMD

BY PETE GAWDA

It was "pick on South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Day" at the Friday, March 8, meeting of the County Coalition for the Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and the Lake Worth Lagoon.

The coalition is made up of representatives from Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Lee, Palm Beach, Hendry, Glades, Highlands and Osceola counties. In the past, coalition meetings have often been marked by differences of opinion between the coastal and interior counties. This time the coalition was united in their displeasure with SFWMD.

Glades County Commissioner Russell Echols, who chairs the coalition, urged that SFWMD not keep purchasing and selling properties and that SFWMD complete projects they have started.

"I'd like to see more transparency," he added. "They are not spending their money, they are spending our money." He suggested an appeal to the governor if SFWMD does not become more responsive to the needs of the residents of the 16 county area it serves.

"They buy land on whims and figure out later what they are going to do with it," Commissioner Echols charged.

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall suggested the counties in the coalition coordinate lobbying issues on common causes such as displeasure of SFWMD policies.

"We need to get projects completed," was the opinion of Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard who said SFWMD does not have consistent plans for finishing projects.

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner said he was tired of being criticized for SFWMD projects in his county that were not completed.

"We need to see dirt turned. We need to see

"I'd like to see more transparency. They are not spending their money, they are spending our money."

— Russell Echols, coalition chair

progress made," he asserted.

Daniel O'Keefe, of the SFWMD Board of Governors, responded to some the issues addressed. He said he and Commissioner Echols had spoken the day before.

"He may have been surprised that I agree with a lot of his thoughts and concerns and frustrations," Mr. O'Keefe said. He added that he wanted to make SFWMD more responsive the counties served. He said he was working with SFWMD staff to find funding for dredging Moore Haven Canal. He said that while the C43 Canal is a very expensive project, SFWMD staff is looking to break that project down into doable segments.

"We are going through our land assessment right now to look at what lands can be surplus," Mr. O'Keefe said. He said SFWMD is looking at lands not being used and deciding what lands can be put back on the tax rolls. He pledged this would be a transparent project. After an extensive public review process he said any lands declared surplus must be sold at fair market value.

"I will follow up directly with the chairman," he asserted. Mr. O'Keefe also said he would respond to individual coalition members. "I serve on a volunteer basis and I am here to serve you and your constituents."

Turning to other action, Lt. Col. Tom Greco, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' deputy commander for South Florida, gave the coalition an

update on COE's work. He said that 21.4 miles of cutoff wall, a wall built in the dike to strengthen it, has been constructed between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade. That project will be officially completed this year. The ongoing culvert replacement project will be completed by 2018. Aging metal culverts will be replaced with concrete structures that have a life span of 50 to 100 years.

A contract will be awarded this year for a seepage management test. The colonel said the Dam Safety Modification Study would include the entire 143-mile embankment and structures. Multiple alternatives will be developed and analyzed to reduce risk. The study should be ready for public comment the summer of 2014 and it should be approved in 2015. Because of the priority of the levee, he said most levee projects receive adequate funding. In the next fiscal year three additional contracts will be awarded on the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.

At 14.27 feet the colonel said the lake was higher than it has been on this date for the last two years. He said he would like to come back and address the coalition during the rainy season and give a detailed presentation of water management.

Commissioner Echols asked when the lake could be held at higher levels. The colonel said it would be several years before the lake regulation schedule would be changed. In the meantime his organization is trying to manage the lake the best it can with the existing schedule.

During public comment time, Paul Gray of the Florida Audubon Society reminded the coalition that there is \$25 million in the current state budget to acquire conservation easements. He said these easements will keep land in agriculture while protecting the environment.

Ed Fielding asked that releases to the St. Lucie be stopped and releases to the Caloosahatchee be reduced.

Martha Musgrove of the Florida Wildlife Federation urged coalition members to lobby their congressmen for more funding for Everglades restoration projects.



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Looking Back to the Future

BY BUTCH WILSON
Clewiston Museum

An elderly man sat motionless in the airboat as his fathomless, dark eyes glazed across the green, placid Everglades to a small distant island.

A slight smile slowly crept across his lean, mahogany face as brief, joyous memories rose within him, igniting and kindling images of a small boy and mother sitting by a Chickee. Then suddenly, as if a mirage, the memories vanished, leaving the island as the guardian to the man's past.

For some people it is indeed a stroll down memory lane as forgotten memories are stirred by old and familiar places. Historic landmarks and structures reconnect people and communities with their past in a warm and memorable

way. It is regrettable that many of these endearing places are lost each year to disrepair or development.

The Florida Public Archeology Network (FPAN) is hosting a program at the Clewiston Museum, Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker, Dr. Paul Backhouse is the "Tribal Historic Preservation Officer" for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Director of the Big Cypress Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. He is presenting "Community Engagement, Heritage, and the Seminole Story in South Florida and Beyond."

His presentation will focus on a different conception of archaeology, one that prioritizes community participation and the protection of important cultural resources.

The recent nomination of the Red Barn on the Brighton Reservation to the National Register

of Historic Places and the community's celebration of this commendable deed is just one example of how Mr. Backhouse will demonstrate a new perspective on archeology.

The evening program will be very informative, so make plans to come and learn. For more information, please call Clewiston Museum Director, Butch Wilson, at 863-983-2870 or email him at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com.

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Glades at a Glance

American Red Cross hosts new member class

Serve your Glades County community—join the American Red Cross. A new member introductory class will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Doyle Connor Building, 900 U.S. 27 S.W. in Moore Haven. Call 239-278-3401 to register.

Spaghetti dinner in Ortona

The Ortona Community Association will hold its final spaghetti buffet dinner of the winter season on Saturday, March 16, from 5 until 7 p.m. at the OCA Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A). This popular all-you-can-eat buffet features delicious pasta and meat sauce, and includes garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea for \$7.00 (advance purchase) or \$8.00 at the door. For advance tickets or reservations, contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or email franwayrn@aol.com.

Friends of the Library meet

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on March 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Glades County Library. The presentation will be video pictures from London, England to Switzerland. Meetings are open to the public and new members are welcome. The Friends of the Library is an organization that meets only four times a year to plan various activities and events that are sponsored by the library such as Art in the Park, children story hour and computer services. Membership dues are only five dollars per year. The Friends of the Library also maintain a history room providing information about Moore Haven's local history.

Church to host Gospel sing

Point of Light Fellowship Church, 15399 East Hwy. 78 in Lakeport, invites all to a Gospel sing with The Walkers. Their current radio single "Waiting For The Son to Rise" from their latest album "Twenty," has garnered strong airplay nationwide. It peaked at #12 in December 2012 on Power Source Magazine's Top 100 for Inspiration/Christian Country Music. Come out and enjoy the music and fellowship Sunday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Conservative Alliance to meet

LABELLE—A new club, Southwest Florida Conservative Alliance will meet Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m. at Forrey's Restaurant meeting room in LaBelle. CFRW will meet in conjunction with the SWFCA. The business meeting will be members only to elect SWFCA officers. There will be membership applications available. Keynote speakers will be Duncan MacDonald and Fred Ford. Duncan is Director, Corporate Strategy and Business Development for United States Sugar Corporation. Fred Ford is the President and CEO of Airglades International Airport (AIA). This organization requires membership to attend meetings. Please e-mail Marianne, organizer of SWFCA, at ladymarianne@comcast.net if you want a membership application e-mailed to you.

BHR VFW Auxiliary to host Sunday breakfast

Buckhead Ridge Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW 9528 will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, March 17, starting at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, sausage, home fries, eggs any way you want them, toast, juice and coffee, for a donation of \$5. The event is open to the public. For more information, please call the post 863-467-2882.

VFW Auxiliary to host dinner

On Wednesday, March 20, the Buckhead Ridge Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 9528 will host a dinner at 5 p.m. They will serve BBQ country ribs, baked beans, potato salad, roll and strawberry shortcake prepared by Karen Charest for a donation of \$7.

Glades County Tobacco-Free Partnership to meet

Glades County Tobacco-Free Partnership will hold their quarterly meeting. Thursday, March 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Moore Haven High School Library, 700 Terrier Pride Drive, Moore Haven. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) progress and tobacco prevention goals; tobacco cessation marketing ideas will also be explored. Please plan to attend, light refreshments will be served.

LaBelle Kiwanis Club plans egg hunt on March 23

LABELLE—Calling all kids from ages 12 and under! "Hop" on over to the Kiwanis Thrift Store on March 23 starting at 10 a.m. for the LaBelle Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt! And of course the Easter Bunny will be there too! Additionally this year, the LaBelle Kiwanis Club will be giving away free books to all kids who participate in the activities. Lots of fun and lots of surprises! The egg hunt is free and the hunt will be separated into three age groups: Ages 3 & 4, ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 10. No parents will be allowed on the "hunting grounds" with the kids, but Kiwanis Members and Key Club Members will be on hand to assist with the smaller kids. Kids are asked to bring their own basket. There will be other fun activities (scavenger hunt) for ages 11 to 12. Additionally, ALL ages are welcome to come and take their photo with the Easter Bunny! The LaBelle Kiwanis Thrift Store is located at 155 S. Bridge Street in LaBelle.

Fish fry dinners at church

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church will host a fish fry in Parish Hall, 24065 U.S. Hwy. 27 in Moore Haven on Fridays through March 22 from 5 – 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 from the dinners will be used to support St. Joseph Food Pantry.

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Inland Birding Fun: American Redstart (AMRE)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

In April many of the wintering warblers, flycatchers and songbirds will return to their breeding grounds. One of the late returning migratory birds in Florida is the American Redstart, which has been reported in inland Florida as late as June or early July.

These small songbirds winter in South Florida, the Bahamas, northern South America, southern California, and Mexico. American Redstarts are a common breeding bird throughout most of the United

States except the Pacific Coast, Southwest and Great Plains. These birds are rare breeders in northwest Florida.

Adult males are black with orange patches on the sides of their chest, wings and in the tail. They have a black hood, back wings, tail, and chest and a white belly.

The adult female and young males have a light gray head with a gray to light green back and are whitish below. There is a yellow patch in their wing and a yellow base of the outer tail



PHOTO / GREG CORNETT

Male American Redstart.

feathers. Immature birds have plumage similar to the adult female, but the immature male has a darker tail and may have irregular patches of black on the head, breast or back.

They have a variety of songs, which usually include a number of sweet high-pitched notes with an accented ending note. Some songs in-

clude a slow buzzy "zi zee zee zee zee" ("I am so lay-zee"). A common call is a hard "tek."

They prefer living in deciduous woods, usually in damp areas under the canopy. These warblers often flash their orange and black wings to flush insect prey from foliage.

Their diet consist mainly of flying insects, but

they will sometimes eat small fruit, berries and seeds.

These birds are rare breeders in northwest Florida. The nest often built in the fork of a low tree is a tight woven open cup made of grasses, bark strips, hair, leaves, twigs, and mosses, which are glued together with spider silk.

The female lays one to five white eggs with dark speckles around the large end. The eggs are incubated for 12 days with the young fledging when they are nine to 10 days old.

Join Hendry-Glades volunteers as they search for American Redstart and other wintering birds during trips to STA5. Go to the Hendry-Glades Audubon website for information about the Stormwater Treatment Area 5 driving trips. There are openings for the April 13th and April 27th and monthly trips scheduled from May through October.

Reservations are required. Send an e-mail to Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Include your name and contact information with an emergency cell number, the date you want attend the STA5 trip and the number of participants in your party.

Meet at the east end of Deer Fence Canal Road at 8:30 a.m. For a schedule of STA5 trips through Jan. 4, 2014 visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.

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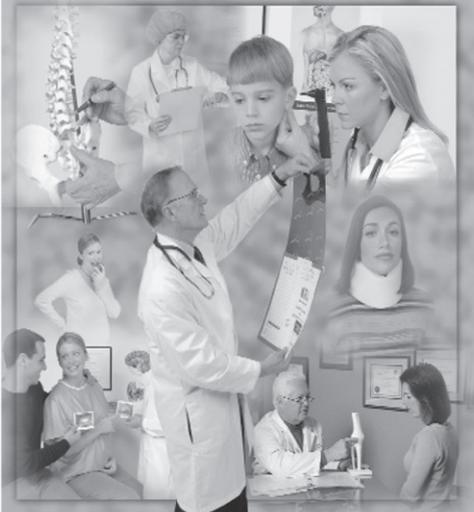
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- 15 Combustible mineral
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- 21 Rio greeting
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- 29 Anticipate
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- 32 Calendar abbr.
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- 43 Best Actress winner for "The Queen"
- 44 Sushi topping
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- 48 Arise
- 52 First Amendment subj.
- 53 Epic poet-left-behind film?
- 56 Composer Khachaturian
- 58 Pin cushion?
- 59 Miami's Marino
- 60 References, often
- 62 Shakespearean holiday film?
- 67 Modern read
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- 71 Tend
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- 3 Life-changing promise
- 4 Fictional donkey
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- 13 Higher in rank
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- 24 Whiskey order
- 25 Diagram with relatives
- 26 Exclude
- 27 Mean business
- 29 Org. providing arrangements
- 31 Cry of disgust
- 34 Elephant tail?
- 35 Seller, presumably
- 37 Nice friend
- 38 Entrée
- 39 1983 Keaton film

- 40 Turkey is always next to it
- 41 Do, for example
- 42 "Wow"
- 45 Like the five films in this puzzle's theme?
- 46 Oxygen-consuming organism
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- 49 Memorable telestrator user in NFL broadcasts
- 50 Sighed word
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- 55 Military camp
- 57 "Is it just ___ ..."
- 61 Shade of blue
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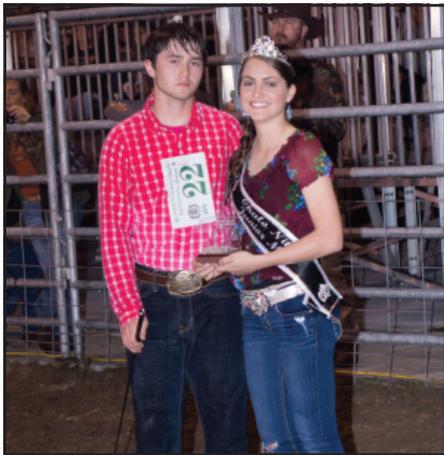
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Swine Show Senior Showmanship
Champion was Blake Ridgdil.



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Swine Show Senior Showmanship
second place was Tanner Mathis.



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Swine Show Junior Showmanship
second place was Ashton Powers.



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2343-Swine Show Senior Showman-
ship third place was Amy Perry.



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2289-Swine Show Junior Showman-
ship third place was Katelynn
Barnes.

McRoy enters plea; gets 43 years

By Eric Kopp

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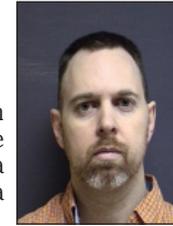
MOORE HAVEN -- An Ortona man will spend the next 43 years of his life in a state prison after he entered a plea of guilty to sexually molesting a 4-year-old girl.

Shannon Samuel McRoy, 42, Ortona Locks Road, was adjudicated guilty of one count of capital sexual battery in Glades County Circuit Court last week.

McRoy's trial was in its second day when he elected to enter the plea to Judge Jack Lundy.

Detective Sergeant Ronnie Baker, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), arrested McRoy in November of 2010.

GCSO arrest reports indicate that Sgt. Baker actually arrested McRoy on two counts of capital sexual battery by a perpetrator 18 years of age or older on a victim under 12 years of age. But one count was



Shannon
S. McRoy

dropped, as were pending charges in Lee County, in exchange for the plea, said Sgt. Baker.

Capital sexual battery carries a minimum-mandatory sentence of 25 years and a maximum sentence of life. This means McRoy will serve the first 25 years of his sentence day for day, and then 85 percent of the remaining 18 years. Upon his release from prison he will be clas-

sified as a sexual predator.

McRoy still has to answer to charges in St. Lucie County, where he was arrested in 2009 by Detective Kristin Meyer of the Port St. Lucie Police Department on two felony counts of lewd and lascivious molestation on a victim under 12 by a perpetrator over 18 years of age.

According to the St. Lucie County Clerk of Courts the docket call for those cases is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, in front of Circuit Court Judge Dan Vaughn.

The Glades County case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Chris Klink.

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ed our week off this year on Monday night, and ended it on Thursday night just prior to the Livestock Auction. On Monday night the Pee Wee exhibitors paraded their animals around the ring for the judge and all in attendance to see. There were 32 exhibitors altogether. We had four chickens, seven rabbits, five pigs, three goats, three dairy calves and 10 beef calves. They all did a wonderful job and received blue ribbons and medallions for their efforts.

Amanda McRoy is the leader of the "Little Rascals" Pee Wee group. The Dairy Show followed the Pee Wee's. There were 11 exhibitors displaying 18 animals. These



Special to the GCD/Picture This Photography! Swine Show Reserve Grand Champion was shown by Katelynn Barnes (left). The award was presented by Chalo Nitka Junior Miss Jesse Espinosa.



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animals were classed according to age. The judge for the evening was Mr. Ben Butler from Okeechobee. He praised all of the exhibitors and awarded all of their entries with blue ribbons. The Junior Calf Grand Champion was awarded to Chloe Ahern with her Holstein, "Beezus."

Kelsey Ahern took Junior Calf Reserve Grand Champion with her Brown Swiss, "Disa."

Senior Calf Grand Champion was awarded to Kelsey Ahern with her Holstein "Snickers."

Chloe Ahern took the honor of Senior Calf Reserve Grand Champion with her Brown Swiss named "Toodles."

The Overall Grand Champion was Kelsey Ahern with "Snickers" and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion was Chloe Ahern with "Toodles."

Collin Ahern won Jr. Showmanship; second place, Jayla Ramos; and third place, Sierra Hart.

Senior Showmanship was awarded to Kelsey Ahern; second place-Cooper Bartley; and, third place, Chloe Ahern.

The Dairy Exhibitors are members of the "Udderly Unique" 4-H Club led by Tycee Prevatt and the Moore Haven FFA Chapter led by Phillip Cosby.

On Tuesday night Feb. 26, the Swine Show was held. The exhibitors showed their hearts out and did a great job even through the rain. The swine were classed according to their weights, and there were six classes ranging from 228 lbs-306 lbs. There were 40 entries, including one swine for the 4-H Chapter raised by Tanner Mathis (and shown by Madison Corwin) and one swine for the FFA Chapter raised and exhibited by Kaleb Langdale.

Mr. Ed Jennings of Pasco County was the Show Judge for the evening.

Kyle Hubbard was awarded Grand Champion Swine with his 271-pound Yorkshire X.

Katelynn Barnes was awarded Reserve Grand Champion for her Yorkshire X weighing in at 264 pounds.

Mr. Kenneth Arnold was the Showmanship Judge for the evening. Darcie McRoy won Junior Showmanship; second place-Ashton Powers; third place, Katelynn Barnes. Blake Ridgill received Senior Showman-

ship; second place, Tanner Mathis; third place, Amy Perry. The exhibitors are members of the 4H Club "Rooters" led by Ragen and Laura Mathis, and the Moore Haven FFA led by Phillip Cosby.

Wednesday night, Feb. 27 was the Steer and Commercial Heifer Show. Twenty steer exhibitors proudly displayed their animals. The steers ranged in weight from 935 to 1,370 pounds and were divided into five classes according to their weights.

Mr. Dale McQuillen from Highlands County presided as judge over the show. He awarded all the entries blue ribbons for their great looking animals.

Ellie Goodwin won Grand Champion with her 1,205 pound steer.

Lacy Green was awarded Reserve Grand Champion for her 1,100 pound steer.

Home Grown Grand Champion went to Alexis Story with her 1,130 pound Lykes Brothers, Inc. bred steer.

Home Grown Reserve Grand Champion went to Haley Stephens with her 1,255 pound steer bred by Byron Storey.

Lacy Green also received the Junior Showmanship award; second place, Alexis Story; third place, Camden Rhymes.

Kathleen Barfield won the Senior Showmanship award; second place-Tom Barfield; third place-Alaina Lee. Alaina Lee's steer had an average daily weight gain of 3.75 pounds, which earned her the Weight Gain buckle.

The Commercial Heifer Show followed with six exhibitors and their seven great entries.

Grand Champion was awarded to Lacy Green.

Reserve Grand Champion went to Collin Ahern.

There was a Showmanship competition in the commercial heifer division and those awards went to Lacy Green for Senior Showmanship. Junior Showmanship went to Jaime Hingson. These exhibitors are members of the 4-H club "The Beefmakers" led by Calinda Chapman and the FFA Chapter led by Mr. Phillip Cosby.

Throughout the week the show was graced with the presence of our 2013 Chalo Nitka Royalty. The Chalo Nitka Queen Amy Perry, Jr. Miss Chalo Nitka Jesse Espinosa and Chalo Nitka Princess Taylor Dane Martin did an excellent job presenting all the exhibitors with their ribbons and the winners with their ribbons and belt buckles. Glades County Youth Livestock would like to thank all of those who helped make the 2013 Livestock Shows a great success!

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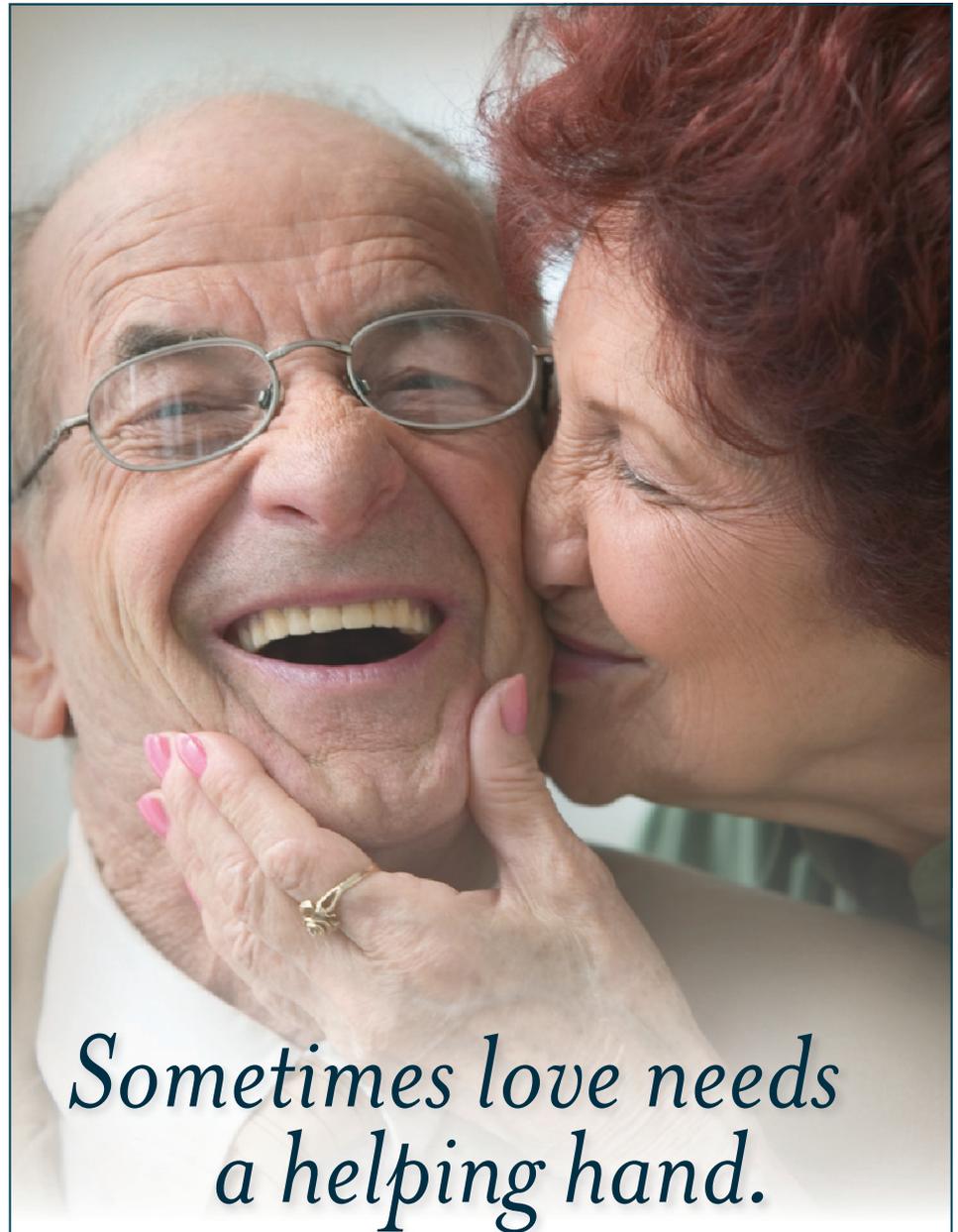
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CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2012-CA-000137

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC Successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff

-VS-
Julio C. Hernandez and Selinda M. Herrera-Hernandez, Husband and Wife; International Fidelity Insurance Company; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000137 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC Successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff and Julio C. Hernandez and Selinda M. Herrera-Hernandez, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, BARBARA S. BUTLER, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to me on Danilo Caballero whose address is 239 Margaret Street, Clewiston, FL 33440, and file the original with the clerk of this Court before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. 437580 CN 2/28/3/7,14,21/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2009-CA-000966

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for ABFC 2007-WMC1 Trust Plaintiff

-VS-
Miguel A. Neira and Lorena Neira, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for GP, Money Bank, a Federal Savings Bank; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000966 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for ABFC 2007-WMC1 Trust, Plaintiff and Miguel A. Neira and Lorena Neira, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, BARBARA S. BUTLER, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 9, WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 1 AND 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida
/s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk of Court
437400 CN 3/7,14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 12-163-DR

Danilo Caballero,
Petitioner
and
Donna Watt,
Respondent

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Florida Softball Events, LLC conducting an Athletic Organization business at Labelle, Florida, under the fictitious name of Florida NSA and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Florida Softball Events, LLC
Ownership of Florida NSA is as follows:
100% Florida Softball Events, LLC
It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Florida NSA under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Melissa Culbreth
DATE: 3/8/2013
438603 CN 3/14/2013

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Florida Softball Events, LLC conducting an Athletic Organization business at Labelle, Florida, under the fictitious name of NSA and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Florida Softball Events, LLC
Ownership of NSA is as follows:
100% Florida Softball Events, LLC
It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of NSA under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Melissa Culbreth
DATE: 3/8/2013
438602 CN 3/14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2009-CA-000740

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP Plaintiff,

-vs-
Sonia Margarita Alvelo a/k/a Sonia M. Alvelo; Unknown Heirs, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors and Trustees of Zoraida Ojeda, Deceased, and all other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against the Named Defendant(s) Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000740 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff and Sonia Margarita Alvelo a/k/a Sonia M. Alvelo are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, BARBARA S. BUTLER, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 17, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 9, WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 1 AND 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida
/s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk of Court
437582 CN 3/7,14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-13CP
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELSWORTH SEALES
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Elsworth Seales, deceased, case number 2012-13CP pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Probate Division, the address of which is Hendry County, Clerk of Courts, PO Box 1760, Labelle, Florida, 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. Elsworth Seales, deceased, died on 10-28-11, D.O.B.: 10-25-56 and S.S. # xxx - xx - 4834.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is March 7, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Thaddeus Seles
for
Per-
sonal Representative:
THE PAIGE LAW FIRM, P.A.
D. Riccardo Paige, Sr.
257 Milk Blvd SE
Belle Glade, Florida 33430
(561) 996-9255 Fax: (561) 996-9337
Florida Bar No.: 0539406
437623 CN 3/7,14/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 03/22/2013, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1997 Dodge
2B3HD4676H2028
438236 CN 3/14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2013-CP-25

IN RE: **CHARLES RONALD REYNOLDS**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the estate of Charles Ronald Reynolds, deceased, by the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, Labelle, Florida 33975; that the decedent's date of death was December 24, 2012; that the total value of the probate estate is \$28,000, and that the names and addresses of those to whom non exempt property has been assigned by such order are:

Thomas Reynolds
401 SE 19th Lane
Cape Coral, FL 33990-2240

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this Court, WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CREDITORS CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: MARCH 14, 2013.

Person Giving Notice:
GLENN REYNOLDS and
THOMAS REYNOLDS
Petitioners
401 SE 19th Lane
Cape Coral, FL 33990-2240
438272 CB 3/14,21/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-13CP
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELSWORTH SEALES
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Elsworth Seales, deceased, case number 2012-13CP pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Probate Division, the address of which is Hendry County, Clerk of Courts, PO Box 1760, Labelle, Florida, 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. Elsworth Seales, deceased, died on 10-28-11, D.O.B.: 10-25-56 and S.S. # xxx - xx - 4834.

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All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is March 7, 2013.

One killed in traffic crash

GLADES COUNTY—A Moore Haven man was killed in a traffic crash at the intersection of CR 74 and CR 731 in Glades County Wednesday, March 6 around 8 p.m. according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Robert David Ezell, 35, was killed in the crash.

According to the FHP report, Mr. Ezell, driving a 2006 Malibu, was southbound on CR 731. A 200 Peterbuilt truck with a towed trailer, driven by Luis Eduardo Cuervo, 47, of North Port, was westbound on CR 74. According to the report, the Malibu failed to

yield to the oncoming westbound traffic on CR 74. The Malibu proceeded into the intersection. As a result, the left front of the Malibu struck the right side of the trailer axle.

Post collision, the Malibu came to rest partially on the south grassy shoulder and partially in the eastbound lane of CR 74, the FHP report continues. The truck and trailer came to a controlled stop.

Mr. Ezell was not wearing a seat belt, according to the FHP report.

Mr. Cuervo was wearing a seat belt. The accident is still under investigation.

Talent Fest

Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Moore Haven Junior Senior High School, the Drug Free Hendry County Coalition hosted a talent fest. The top three finishers of this event are expected to perform on April 19 at 6 p.m. in Clewiston on the Sugar Festival main stage to compete for the grand prize of \$500 and the chance to perform on Saturday, April 20. We would like to congratulate the three qualifiers for Glades County. Jordon Drayton, our first place winner, a junior at Moore Haven High school and Lacy Green, our second place winner, a 6th grade student at Moore Haven Elementary School. Lane Prevate a member of the 4-H Glades County has Talent club our third place winner. Come out and support our final contestants on their outstanding performance. Pictured: Jordon Drayton, Lane Prevate, Lacy Green and Theresa Coco swat advisor.



Special to the Glades County Democrat



Star Staff

Mrs. Jean Prowant is one of our Star Staff members! She is being acknowledged as our star staff because of her dedication to the literacy of our school. She spent countless hours to Celebrate Literacy Week. Her hard work and dedication is well deserving of being recognized as our Star Staff! Ahern's BP has partnered with the school and will give each recipient one of their delicious lunch specials.

Letters to the Editor

Traffic safety

Dear Citizens of Okeechobee and Glades Counties .

I love each and every one of you but, I have a few things against you.

To Motorcycle Riders:

Please turn your hi-beams down at night. Believe it or not your lights are as bright as my van. If I turn my lights down - please turn yours down, you are blinding me. Cars also, I notice more and more people in cars are refusing to dim their lights and you need to do so before you cause someone to run off the road.

To Little Itty Bitty Scooter Drivers:

Get on the road with traffic!!!! If you are that scared to drive your scooter on the road, and obey the law, then park that thing. You are dangerous on the side of the road with loose dirt and gravel. In most instances you are not in a bike lane, you are on the side of the road riding the white line and I am afraid of hitting you with my mirrors. I have almost hit several scooter riders who come up on the shoulder faster than traffic and try to pass me at the Treasure Island bridge on 441 SE, jump in front of me to get on the road to get across the road, do you not understand my 3,000 pound vehicle will crush you like a bug. You need to be on the road where we can see you, and you need to be going with the flow of traffic. You need to obey the rules of the road as if you are driving a car. If I cannot see you until it is too late, then I

am going to hit you. I will repeat myself, if you are too afraid to drive that scooter on the road then you have no business driving that scooter and you need to park it.

To the lady riding her scooter in the bike lane on 441 North at about 50 miles an hour - against traffic, at least you were wearing a helmet. You looked like you were having a good time and really enjoying your new scooter. Please lady get on the road and drive with traffic, and, yes I am a motorcyclist and personally I would be scared to death to ride against traffic. I do not want to see the car or truck that is about to send me into next Tuesday. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Robert Hare

Lakeport festival

I would like to personally thank everyone for participating in our Sour Orange Festival this year. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and your support added more than \$4500 in profits that help fund senior scholarships, 4-H livestock events, and any catastrophic happenings in our community.

You become part of our "Lakeport family" during this time and we look forward to seeing you again next year! The Sour Orange Festival is scheduled for Feb. 8, 2014. Please mark the date!

Have A Great Day!
Dori

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Public Notice

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2008-CA-17JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Plaintiff,-VS-
Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, his Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated March 5, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-17 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, his wife are defendant(s), Clerk of Court, Sandra H. Brown, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 on April 4, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK A, MOORE HAVEN RIVER GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 130, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 2123, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

SANDRA H. BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Glades County, Florida
Tina Espinosa
Deputy Clerk of Court
438616 CN 3/14,21/2013

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

CASE NO. 2013-DR-011

In re: Marriage of:
WADE PATRICK TABOR
PetitionerAnd
LUCINDA SUE PALMER
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: LUCINDA SUE PALMER
Last known domicile or residence:
RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for uncontested dissolution of marriage has been filed against you in this action pending in Glades County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses or answer if any, on Petitioners attorney:

JOHN R. COOK P.A.
PO Box 515
Okeechobee, Florida 34973

Within thirty (30) days of first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, PO Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, either before service on Petitioner's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief sought in the petition.

FIRST PUBLICATION the 28th day of February, 2013.

John R. Cook
PO Box 515
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 467-0297
Florida Bar 0262951

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AT THE LEE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 1700 MONROE ST., FT. MYERS, FLORIDA 33901 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, DIAL 711.

437334 CN 3/7,14,21,28/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2012-000474-CAJPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,VS.
MARCOS J. STROUD; AMANDA N. STROUD; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; HENDRY COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., and any 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:
MARCOS J. STROUD
410 E PALOMAR CIRCLE
LABELLE, FL 33935 OR
3753 HANOVER ST.
FORT MYERS, FL 33901 OR
7925 PRESERVE CIR., APT 332
NAPLES, FL 34119
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED,
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:
Lot 6, Block 2164, PORT LABELLE, UNIT 4, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, 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 an Alexander J. Fumagalli, Butler & Hosh, PA, 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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 1st day of March, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. 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 Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33953, at whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.SANDRA H. BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Glades County, Florida
Tina Espinosa
Deputy Clerk of Court
438616 CN 3/14,21/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Andrea Williams conducting a Bail Bonds business at 210 E. Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, Florida, under the fictitious name of A & B Bail Bonds Enterprises and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Andrea Williams
Ownership of A & B Bail Bonds Enterprises is as follows:
Andrea Williams

It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of A & B Bail Bonds Enterprises under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida of 1991.

Andrea Williams
DATE: Feb 13, 2013
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Clewiston, FL 33440
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2013CP18IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANKLIN LINN SHAW
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANKLIN LINN SHAW, deceased, whose date of death was November 15, 2012; File Number 2013CP18, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: March 14, 2013.

DEBRA ANNE WOODARD
Personal Representative
4193 Tangerine Lane
LaBelle, FL 33935Derek B. Alvarez, Esquire -
FBN: 114278
dba@gendersalvarez.com
Anthony F. DiCicude, Esquire -
FBN: 146528
afd@gendersalvarez.comGENDERS • ALVAREZ •
DIECUDUE, P.A.
2307 West Cleveland Street
Tampa, Florida 33609
Phone: (813) 254-4744
Fax: (813) 254-5222
438171 CN 3/14,21/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6pm at the Montura Ranch Estates Clubhouse. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the following positions, Engineer, Manager, Mechanic and any other business that may come before the Board.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE.
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
438601 CN 3/14/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR
SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

Take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the position of Information Technology Director for Hendry County for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, at its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Karon Turner, Chairman
438079 CN/CB 3/7,14/2013

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Public Notice

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000381ML BANK & TRUST,
Plaintiff,
VS.
SYLVIA EDMONDSON, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SYLVIA EDMONDSON
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
4024 S Edgewater Circle
Labelle, FL 33935
CURRENT ADDRESS:
56 Montague Crescent
Northampton, England NN5 7RH
Labelle, FL 33935KEITH VINCENT EDMONDSON
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
4024 S Edgewater Circle
Labelle, FL 33935
CURRENT ADDRESS:
56 Montague Crescent
Northampton, England, NN5 7RH
Labelle, FL 33935**ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LOT 9, BLOCK 2168, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 86, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with 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.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Clewiston News.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 1st day of March, 2013.Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Court
By: /S/ J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk
Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
CENDANT-COBY-cpadilla-Team 4 -
F11040607-F11040607****See Americans with Disabilities Act-In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.**

438073 CN 3/7,14/2013

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

437440 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR
SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

Take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the position of Information Technology Director for Hendry County for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, at its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Karon Turner, Chairman
438079 CN/CB 3/7,14/2013

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS
OF
GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICTNOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, A DRAINAGE AND WATER CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 298, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL HOLD A MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013, AT 10:30 A.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE, AT THE DALLAS B. TOWNSEND AGRICULTURAL CENTER, 1085 PRATT BOULEVARD, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTION THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE. ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY ACTION TAKEN AT THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING IS RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE A VERBATIM RECORD MADE WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IF AN INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS SOUD AT (863) 675-3903.
437460 CN 3/14/2013

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:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1913	2009	1274432-A000200000	Antonio H. Beltran Est. & Janie J. Beltran

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road over the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 803 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 First Thursday in the month of April, 2013, which is the 4th day of April, 2013.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2013

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

437461 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

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:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1826	2009	1254432-A0002660000	Florence McIvaine

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4955 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013

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

437440 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2148	2009	1364432-A0001180100	Jivani Amirbano /E

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4755 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013

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

437443 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

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Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

Public Notice

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 March 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, 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
438607 CN/CB 3/14/2013

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Clewiston at City Hall, Attention: 2013 Driveway Apron Construction and Rehabilitation Project, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 until Wednesday March 27, 2013, 2:00 p.m. The Bids will be opened immediately following the bid submitted deadline at City Hall.

The project is titled 2013 Driveway Apron Construction and Rehabilitation Project. The work consists of installing approximately 1,290 square yards of one inch (1") AP-9.5 asphalt overlay, and construction of another 980 square yards of driveway aprons consisting of a minimum of one and one-half inch (1-1/2") asphaltic concrete of FDOT type S-III and a six inch (6") limerock base.

All materials furnished and all work performed, shall be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents pertaining thereto, which may be examined at the office of Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Inc., 850 West Ventura Avenue, Post Office Box 1029, Clewiston, Florida 33440. The documents, plans, and blank bid forms may be obtained from this office for a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$20.00 per set.

A certified check or cashier's check on a National or State Bank or a bid bond in a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Clewiston, shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that the bidder will not withdraw from the competition after opening of the bids, and in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will enter into contract and furnish the required performance and payment bonds, failing which, he shall forfeit the bid deposit as liquidated damages. The performance and payment bonds shall be executed by a fully authorized surety, acceptable to the owner and licensed by the State of Florida.

The owner reserves the right to hold all bids for thirty (30) days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid in its judgment that serves the owner.

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk
City of Clewiston
438588 CN 3/14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2147	2009	1364432-A0001170100	McKay Properties, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot No. 4789, 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 First Thursday in the month of April, 2013, which is the 4th day of April, 2013.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2013

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

437439 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

REQUEST FOR BIDS
HENDRY COUNTY
OVERHEAD ROADWAY LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION ON SR 80
AT COLLINGSWOOD PARKWAY AND FORREY DRIVE
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBER: 416230-1-58/68-01

BID NO. 2013-15

OPENING DATE AND TIME: March 21, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Overhead Roadway Lighting Construction on SR 80 at Collingswood Parkway and Forrey Drive. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. 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

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00A.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2013, for the following Proposals:

Legal Notice
Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay, Florida, will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two Commissioners to fill the unexpired terms of two Commissioners.

The first day for qualifying begins March 26, 2013, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is April 09, 2013, at noon.

City of South Bay
Jessica Figueroa
City Clerk
437818 CN 3/7,14/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
LABELLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be a LaBelle Municipal Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 20th, 2012 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Chambers, located at 481 West Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
438104 CN 3/7,14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1820, 2008, 1224432-01000800070, Julia Gomez

Lot 7, Block 80, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, 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 First Thursday in the month of April, 2013, which is the 4th day of April, 2013.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1831, 2008, 1224432-01000850060, Angel Manuel Cruz

Lot 6, Block 85 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, First Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

437461 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

Public Notice

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, March 27, 2013 at 7 pm at Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING FOR GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT A DRAINAGE AND WATER CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 298, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE DALLAS B. TOWNSEND AGRICULTURAL CENTER, 1085 PRATT BOULEVARD, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935.

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000539 S-129 AND S-131 TRASH RAKE UPGRADES AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, GLADES COUNTY, FL

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to 2:30 p.m. opening time on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 for the S-129 AND S-131 TRASH RAKE UPGRADES AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, GLADES COUNTY, FL.

An OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013 AT 10:00 AM, at the District Okeechobee Field Station, 1000 N.E. 40th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972. For directions call (863) 462-5280.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov; (3) by calling (561) 682-2715. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2116, 2009, 1364432-A000020000, Kenneth & Geneve Henry

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, 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 4905 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2153, 2009, 1364432-A0001250100, Mitzi S. Crews

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4760 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

437450 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

Public Notice

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3135, 2008, 2024329-670000B0223, Willie Ruth Williams

Lot 35, Block B, SUNSET PARK, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1810, 2009, 1254432-A0002250000, Pedro Angel Crespo Rios

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast 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 East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5002 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.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1869, 2009, 1264432-A0001500100, Raul J. Carrasquel

The North one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, 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 340 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.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2161, 2009, 1364432-A0001540000, Luis F. Martinez

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 3985 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

437456 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Clewiston City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
Travis Reese, Community Development Director

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1846, 2009, 1264432-A000450100, Luis F. Viera Lourido & Christina A. Delgado

The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the South-west one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1014 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.

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2013
Barbara S. Butler
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Religion Column

Be The Donkey

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

A Sunday School teacher asked her students where God lived. After the usual answers of heaven and in my heart, Bobby spoke up and said, "God lives in the bathroom at our house!"



John Hicks

"Why the bathroom?" inquired the teacher. "I don't know," replied Bobby. "I only know that my Dad gets up every morning and beats on the bathroom door where my sister is taking forever to get ready for school and exclaims, 'My God, are you still in there?'"

Where does God live at your house? Is He on the front porch looking in or locked in the bathroom trying to get out? How close are you to God?

I ask these questions because I wonder myself as we approach Easter and the Palm Sunday event. I remember what Corrie Ten Boom shared when asked if it was difficult remaining humble while hearing so much acclaim about her testimonies of God's grace in her Nazi concentration camp experiences.

She replied immediately, "Young man, when Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments in the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" She continued, "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in His glory, I give Him all the praise and all the honor."

I would like to think that I could say the same, but then I start thinking about the guy who gave the donkey for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and what he was thinking.

We don't know his name or what he looks like. We only know that Jesus told His disciples that "If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, say that the Master has need of them, and he will send them at once." (Matthew 21:3)

Did this guy just give his animals to someone in need, or did he know it was Jesus who needed the donkeys? Did he worry about getting the donkeys back? Again, I ask these questions because these are questions that would come to my mind if the donkeys were mine.

Realistically, there are times that I want to keep my animals to myself for my own use or for those I know and trust. Sometimes I rationalize not giving by wondering if my giving would really make a difference in the long run. Sometimes I don't give because I'm not sure what to give or how to give, or I get busy and put things on the back burner.

And then there are the times God calls to my heart and I respond, feeling honored that a gift of mine would be used to carry Jesus forward and make a difference in the life of another.

The reality is that all of us have a donkey. You and I each have something in our lives which,

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— Corrie Ten Boom

if given back to God, could move Jesus and His story further down the road.

Maybe you could reach out and help a friend or a neighbor, or encourage a child. Maybe you can sing, hug, teach a class, or speak a foreign language. Maybe you can give a cold glass of water to someone who is thirsty. Maybe you can write a check. Whichever you choose, that is your donkey.

It could be that God wants to mount your donkey and enter into another place, another situation or another heart. On an even more personal note, like Corrie Ten Boom, you could be the "donkey" on which Christ rides in His glory!

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 4.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.75/g on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.66/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 11.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 10.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 8.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Relief at the pump has continued for motorists in a majority of the United States during the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"I would caution motorists, however, not to sound the all clear. Refineries will be continuing their switch over to cleaner burning gasoline, and there certainly is the possibility that one mishap could send prices racing higher, much to the disappointment of motorists nationwide," DeHaan said.

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Moore Haven Garden Club enjoys BBQ and meeting

By Austin Moorhouse

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Moore Haven Garden Club meeting for the month of March was hosted by Larry Lucky and his wife at their home in southwest Glades County. Larry provided a very excellent barbecue of chicken and pork in their beautiful backyard gardens where 20 members of the Garden Club enjoyed a covered dish luncheon before the short business meeting.

The officers of the newly-formed Garden Club are Sarah Ross, President; Kathy Lucas, Vice President; Dianna Winiecke, Secretary; Betty Walters, Treasurer and Larry Lucky, Chaplain. Our thanks to Judge Kirby Sullivan for his efforts in reorganizing the Garden Club.

The garden club meets at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of each month between October and April of each year. The public is invited to join us. Dues are \$10 per year per member. A presentation is arranged for each meeting and members usually bring a covered dish. Our next meeting will feature a review of Bok Tower Gardens near Lake Wales, Fla. This meeting will be held in the New Hope Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at

638 Yaun Rd. S.E., Moore Haven. The location of future meetings will be announced.

There will be a special meeting of the Garden Club hosting a presentation by Margaret English of the Audubon Society about the relationship between certain species of birds and plants. This meeting is open to the public and will be held on Monday at 10 a.m., April 1. Once again, the location to be announced.



Special to the Glades County Democrat
Host Larry Lucky provided a barbecue meal for the Garden Club.



Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Moore Haven Garden Club met this month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lucky and very much enjoyed their lovely gardens.

Health departments post hours

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments have a variety of services to offer in the communities of LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven. The three Health Department sites have changed the hours of clinical service.

Clinical hours at the three sites are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stop by or call the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments to meet the staff and to learn about the many services the health department can offer to you and your family.

Hendry County Health Departments: LaBelle: 863-674-4041 and Clewiston: 863-983-1408.

Glades County Health Department: Moore Haven: 863-946-0707.



Special to the Glades County Democrat / Bobbi Poole

First base hit

Hitting a first base hit is Trevor Thomas of Pemayetv Emahakv Charter school. The opposing traveling team came from the Storm Grove Middle school in Vero. Final score was 9-9. The game was played Tuesday, March 5, at the Okeechobee High School field.

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Area festivals and special events...

Okeechobee County Fair

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Big O Birding Festival

LaBelle—The Big O Birding Festival, the largest bird-themed event in South Central Florida, is underway through March 16. The event has a registration “roost” at the Port LaBelle Inn off State Road 80 in LaBelle. From there, visitors 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 reside in the area from October through April as well as species that live in Florida year round. 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, go to 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. For more information, go to megaconvention.com.

Silver Palms RV Resort Classic Car Show

okeechobee—The Silver Palms RV Resort, 4143 HWY 441 S. in Okeechobee, will host its first Classic car show on Saturday, March 16. Registration at 10 a.m. Judging will be from noon to 3 p.m. Awards will be at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Wounded Warriors Project. For more information, contact Butch at 307-743-1969 or Jim at 209-601-2000.

Junior Cypress Annual Cattle Drive and Rodeo

Big Cypress Seminole Reservation—The annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive, planned for March 23, is a recreation of historic Florida cattle drives. Natives often bartered cattle with immigrants, and they traded cattle with Spaniards as far back as the 1600s. “We wanted to hold some event that would make people remember the impact Junior Cypress had on the tribe,” Paul Bowers, Former Board Representative said in explaining the symbolic drive.

“This annual cattle drive was started in memory of my uncle, Junior Cypress,” said Former Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress. “Cattle ranching was his business 24 hours a day. When I think of him, I see him on the back of a horse with his hat pulled down, sheltering his eyes from the sun or driving around the Rez with a pickup truck load of kids, heading for the cow pens or the swimming hole. Big Cypress Indian Reservation is located between Ft. Lauderdale and Naples. Take 1-75 to exit 49 north. For more information, go to floridaseminoletourism.com.

10th Annual LOST Bike Ride

okeechobee—Rotary’s 10th Annual L.O.S.T. (Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail) Bike Ride will be on April 20, starting at 8 a.m. The L.O.S.T. is a great trek for people of all ages, skills and abilities. With rides of 12, 20, 40 and 54 miles as well as a 5K walk, there is something for everyone. The L.O.S.T. trail itself is world-renowned for its stunning vistas and numerous forms of wildlife. It has become a worldwide destination for bird watching and world class fishing. This great fundraising event promises to be fun for all. All entrants are provided a goody-bag with a commemorative t-shirt and much more. Also, there is a BBQ meal provided afterwards for all entrants as well as a 50/50 and a raffle with a ton of great prizes. All proceeds benefit the charities of the Rotary Club of Okeechobee. For more information, email OkeechobeeRotary@live.com or call Center State Bank at 863-763-5573.

Balloons Over Paradise

Immokalee—Seminole Casino Immokalee will bring its 2nd Annual “Balloons Over Paradise” Festival to the Seminole Tribe Youth Ranch Immokalee on April 20-21, starting at 6 a.m. daily. This celebration of flight features more than 40 custom hot air balloons and plenty of fun for the whole family including tethered balloon rides, live music by award-winning performers, food vendors, art showcase, children’s activities, carnival games, acrobatic kite demonstrations, classic car show, demonstrations by agility dogs and more. Admission is free to the all-ages festival. The Seminole Tribe Youth Ranch is located at 1195 SR 29 in Immokalee. The colorful balloons kick off each morning with an illuminated light show to orchestral music. Festival goers can walk among the balloons as they inflate for a mass ascension into the sky. Specialty balloons include Sugar Bear, Ella “phant” and a flying globe.

Attendees will enjoy a great line-up of activities, all to the sounds of a variety of bands. On Saturday, April 20, pop-rocker Eddie Money will perform his greatest hits. During the late ’70s, Money had a handful of album rock hits and wound up crossing over into the Top 40 with songs like “Baby Hold

On” and “Maybe I’m a Fool.” During the early ’80s, he began to make funny narrative videos, which became staples on early MTV and made “Shakin’ and “Think I’m in Love” hits. 1986’s Can’t Hold Back featured the hit “Take Me Home Tonight” and “I Wanna Go Back,” making the album a Top 10 smash. In 1988, Money followed the album with Nothing to Lose, which featured the Top 10 “Walk on Water.” Two years later, “Peace in Our Time,” taken from the 1989 Greatest Hits: The Sound of Money, reached No. 11.

Children will join in on the fun with storytelling, bounce houses and a climbing wall. Food vendors will be on hand with Amish donuts, kettle corn, crepes and great grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage. Attendees will also enjoy funnel cakes, cotton candy and other treats. Parking is free. Pets and coolers are not permitted. For more information, go to seminolecasinoevents.com.

On the cover

An angler in an FLW tournament on Lake Okeechobee is shown in the cover photo by Shane Baker. FLW Outdoors (named for Forrest L. Wood) is a tournament fishing organization that provides fishing resources and entertainment to anglers, sponsors, fans and host communities. For more on FLW, go to flwoutdoors.com.

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Josiah's Restaurant is serving up Irish specialties in honor of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17. Diners will enjoy corned beef, cabbage and red potatoes. The restaurant will also offer its Honey Glazed Ham Easter Dinner Special on Sunday, March 31.

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

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

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About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 412 slot and gaming machines, live action blackjack e-tables, a six-table poker room, and 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 in the Brighton Indian Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, (State Road 721) in Glades County, FL 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998 or visit www.seminolecasinobrighton.com.



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Anglers, biologists agree—the Big ‘O’ is back!

The fishing is good on Lake Okeechobee

By Eric Kopp

If Lake Okeechobee could talk she would likely quote Mark Twain and say: “The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated.”

In recent years the Big ‘O’ has been through periods of exceedingly high water, droughts and at least three major hurricanes. And it was thought those anomalies, along with increased fishing pressure, had killed off the lake’s largemouth bass and black crappie populations.

But, with a little help from her friends, the lake is on her way back to being one of the top angling lakes in the nation.

“The lake looks as good as it’s been in 15 to 20 years, ecologically,” said Don Fox, a biologist who heads up the Florida Wildlife and Freshwater Fish Commission’s (FWC) office in Okeechobee. “It’s still turbid out there, but it’s getting better. I’m very optimistic. We’re turning the corner.”

And, he added, the fishery is living proof that the lake is healing.

Fox said the black crappie (speck) population is rebuilding and he described the largemouth bass population as “fantastic.” He went on to say the bluegill and shellcracker fishery has rebounded and is “as good as they’ve ever been.”

“There’s lots of small forage out there. We had a good forage base out there along the shoreline,” he said, in reference to the panfish populations.

As for the bass fishery, for which Lake Okeechobee has often been referred to as one of the best in the nation, FWC fisheries biologist Alyssa Jordan said electrofishing studies done in October of last year indicated the popular gamefish has a bright future.

“We’ve found in terms of bass, the population seems about the same as in the last couple of years. They (the fish) are running a bit bigger, but we also have a lot of bass in the 10 to 18 centimeter range which is good for the future,” she said.

She said last year’s data peak for bass was 26–30 centimeters, while this year’s peak is at 30 to 32 centimeters. A 26-centimeter fish would be approximately 10.2 inches in length, while a

fish 32 centimeters long is about 12.6 inches in length.

Some of the better areas for bass around the north end of the lake have been Little Grassy and Eagle Bay islands.

“They were doing pretty good in the Indian Prairie area also,” added Jordan.

“The lake looks as good as it’s been in 15 to 20 years, ecologically.”

Don Fox, FWC biologist

Around the south end of the lake, she said her sampling has shown that bass seem to like cattails. In the Observation Shoal area, she’s found bigger bass like to hang around “little points of vegetation.”

In regard to the speck population, Jordan said she did a lake-wide shocking in December of 2012 and “found a pretty big jump” in the numbers of fish. Although a lot of the fish were small, she said the amount of fish shocked was almost triple that of the year before.

“Quite a few of them were fairly young, which was good. Size-wise, it’s probably pretty similar but with a few more big fish,” she added.

Jordan explained that in last year’s project she got 516 fish in 540 minutes of sampling, which comes out to .96 fish per minute. This year, she said they got 2.51 fish per minute and had a larger group of 8- to 10-inch fish.

As for big papermouths, she said January of this year saw a lot of really large specks being caught.

“Larger than normal,” she continued. “Some of them were the biggest I’ve seen. Still, the population is not where it used to be, by any means. But it seems to be coming back.”

The larger specks and the rebounding of their population is due, in part, to good forage. Jordan said her studies have shown a spike in both threadfin and gizzard shad.

Jordan said her samplings have also indicated that the panfish population is doing well.

She said she’s been getting about 1.5 fish per minute while electrofish-

ing, with quite a few big fish. The majority of the bluegill are running 7 to 8 inches in length.

“We had quite a few in that range, but we definitely had quite a few of the larger ones,” she said.

Speaking of larger, Jordan said while the numbers of redears aren’t as good as the bluegill, they do appear to be doing

better than they were. She said she’s been getting a lot in the 7- to 8-inch range, but have had some of the feisty panfish topping 9 inches in length.

While Jordan has been using elec-

tricity to catch fish, the ordinary angler isn’t allowed to do that. FWC wildlife officer tend to frown on that.

So, just where can fishermen find their favorite species and what types of baits are working?

Cory Lee, another fisheries biologist with FWC deals with creels and indicated that fishing, overall, is good. The bass fishing has begun to really pick up and their population has rebounded well.

“The 2007-08 drought really decimated the bass and crappie populations. There was no place to reproduce,” he said.

But, as Jordan’s shocking study has indicated, those two species are again causing a lot of excitement for anglers. “The lake is just chock full of fish right now,” said Lee. Around the north end of the lake, he said, the fishing has been very good around King’s Bar and Little Grassy. Area fishing guides, using wild shiners for bait, have caught quite a few



Photo by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Lake Okeechobee fisheries are in good shape, according to the Florida Wildlife Commission.

largemouths 8 pounds and over this year.

Along the east side, he said the J&S area is holding a lot fish but there isn’t much size to them.

“We saw a lot of numbers, but not

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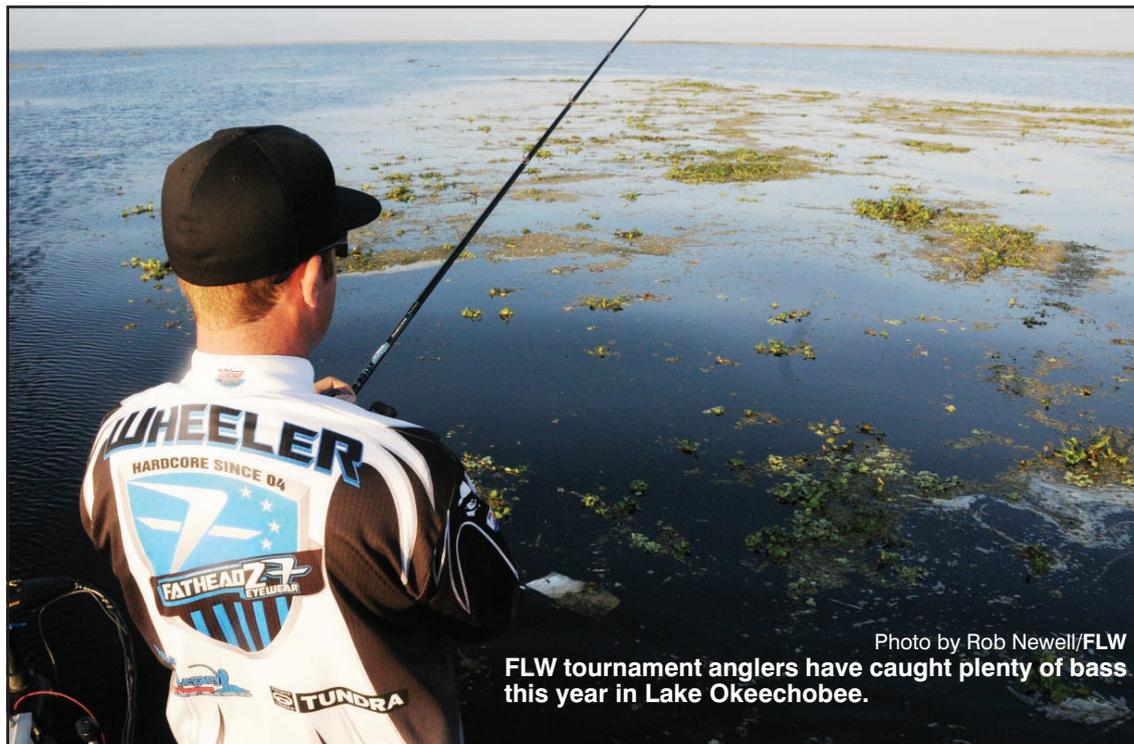


Photo by Rob Newell/FLW
FLW tournament anglers have caught plenty of bass this year in Lake Okeechobee.

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a ton of size. We saw a lot of 2 to 4 pounders but nothing huge," he said of recent samplings at J&S.

On the south end, the South Bay area has been producing fish around the tips of the islands and bass are being caught at Boy Scout Cut.

Around Clewiston, he said a lot of 6- and 7-pound fish are being caught in the West Wall area. However, he cautioned, this can be a rough area to fish when the wind shifts and blows directly into it.

Coming on around the lake, Lee said the Fisheating Bay area is "a really good area" for bass.

As for artificial baits, Lee said some anglers have told him they're catching bass on spinnerbaits. But, he added, most are catching fish on jigs tipped with a crawdad.

"That can be moved slowly, especially in the cooler water," he offered.

The recent cold weather has created a fishing bonanza for speck anglers, said Lee. Both live minnows and jigs have been producing a lot of limits in the Kissimmee River. He said some are also being caught on grass shrimp.

During a recent shocking of the J&S area, Lee said a lot of 11- to 13-inch crappie were found.

Around the Belle Glade area, speck anglers are doing very well in the Rim Canal.

"I've been hearing reports of 15-inch crappie there," he said.

The Clewiston area, he said, does all right but it doesn't get as much fishing pressure by speck anglers as other portions of the big lake.

Although a few bluegill and shell-

cracker are being caught, Lee said it will likely be the end of March or the beginning of April before they really get active. Lee said he has seen quite a few bluegill in the shallower areas of Fisheating Bay and the western marsh.

"Once you get past the cattails and get to the sandy bottom areas you'll find them," he offered, adding that some are being caught there now on grass shrimp.

We also contacted area guides and fish camps to see if they would be willing to divulge even more information into where fish can be found, as well as the hottest baits.

And, here's what they had to say.

OKEECHOBEE

Okeechobee guide Larry Wright said the recent cold snaps have caused the bass fishing to cool down, but the speck fishing has been hotter than a late August day in South Florida.

"The fishing is fantastic, as long as the weather stays warm," he said of the bass angling outlook. "When it warms up, the fish act like it's summertime."

Around the Okeechobee area he said a lot of bass are being caught on a mouse-colored spinnerbait in The Pass, and on Little Grassy and the southwest side of King's Bar. Another good producing bait has been a white Big EZ made by Gambler Worms.

Elsewhere, some good fish are being caught in the Henry Creek area on soft plastic swim baits as well as blue/silver chug baits.

"They're behind the cattail wall, up close to the dike," he offered, adding that the fishing here slows dramatically when strong winds blow into the area.

In the North Shore area, Wright

said anglers have been successful chunking a watermelon/red Speed Worm and retrieving it slowly and just beneath the surface.

But if you're strictly hunting for lunker largemouths, wild shiners are the way to go. Wright explained that when the water is cold set the shiner about 5 feet deep. When the water warms, bring them up to a depth of about 3 feet.

As for papermouths, Wright said they "are running really big."

"There are a lot of good ones being caught on minnows at night, and on jigs," he said.

The most popular jig is simply known as a #17C in white. Pink, he added, runs second.

When it comes to bluegill and shellcrackers, Wright said he's been seeing them in the boat trails from Third Point out to the Indian Prairie Canal.

BELLE GLADE

When asked about the bass fishing, Pat Stevens at Slim's Fish Camp simply said "everybody's bangin' them!"

He went on to say anglers competing in recent tournaments have been weighing in stringers nearing the 30-pound mark. Winners in two recent cast-for-cash events weighed in five-fish limits topping the 29-pound mark. And, he added, both stringers were caught in the same area.

Stevens said the hottest bassin' areas have been Pelican Bay, East Wall and the west side of Ritta Island. If you're planning on dunkin' a wild shiner, he suggested fishing the Barge Canal or Long Point areas.

Two of the better producing artificial baits have been white spinnerbaits with gold willowleaf blades, and Gambler's Big EZ soft plastic swim bait. The top colors for the Big EZ have been copperfield, watermelon/red and the 49er. When skies are cloudy, Stevens suggested switching to a black/blue Big EZ.

Also producing fish is the topwater angler's favorite standby lure—a white flash Zara Spook.

Stevens also suggested flipping or pitching a black or brown jig, tipped with

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Like the wind in your hair? An airboat ride may be for you. Airboats are designed to travel through areas that are too shallow or too clogged with vegetation for traditional boats to navigate. Riders sit up high, giving you an excellent view of the lake and the lake area wildlife ... without getting "too" close. The view will depend on what time of year and what time of day you go out. Area airboat tour guides can help you choose a trip that is perfect for your family.

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kayak and canoe experience? Try a canoe trip on Fisheating Creek. The creek is the only free-flowing tributary that runs into Lake Okeechobee. While paddling the entire 52-mile distance to the lake isn't possible, the Fisheating Creek Outpost offers two trip options. Burnt Bridge has a put-in located 8 miles upstream from the campground. Ingram Crossing is 16 miles upstream and recommended for advanced paddlers or for those looking for an overnight trip.

If you own your own boat and want a transport to Burnt Bridge or Ingram Crossing, the Outpost can shuttle you and your boats. The Outpost also has canoes and kayaks available for rent.

Fisheating Creek is narrow for much of the distance. Banks are surrounded by towering cypress trees, wonderful for providing shade on hot summer days. Alligators and turtles are a common sight, as are Great Blue Heron, egrets, ibis, hawks and many more species of birds. Keep a sharp lookout—you might spot a wild hog, turkey or deer along the waters edge. During the fall you're likely to see thousands of colorful butterflies. There are plenty of panfish for the anglers in your group. The clean tannin-stained water ranges from a golden to

deep brown depending upon time of year and your viewing angle. The water gets its color from decaying plant matter. Sit back and enjoy listening to birds singing and watch the reflections of clouds and trees as you drift through cypress swamps and hardwood hammocks along Fisheating Creek. *For more information, go to fisheatingcreekoutpost.com.*

Basic rules while paddling:

- It is Florida state law that a child under the age of six must wear a U.S.C.G. approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device while onboard a vessel under 26 feet in length while the vessel is underway. This includes canoes and kayaks.

- Bring plenty of water or other drinks in non-disposable containers.

- Don't litter—take a trash bag or other receptacle for collecting your trash. If you see trash while paddling, kindly pick it up.

- It is always a good idea for safety to let someone know where you are paddling and when you expect to return. You can download a float plan at MyFWC.com.

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either a Little Swimmer or Creature Bait.

Much like the north end of the big lake, Stevens said a lot of the slabsides being caught are "huge!" He said anglers are getting fish topping the 15-inch mark around Tree Island, House Boat Cut and in the Rim Canal.

If fishing in the daytime, he suggested using a jig while nighttime anglers are having the best luck using live minnows.

Stevens said the bluegill really aren't showing up much yet, but expects that fishing to get hot and heavy later in March and around the first of April.

Unlike the bluegill fishing, Stevens said panfish anglers are already catching shellcrackers on red worms. He said they're fishing 4- to 5-feet deep around the Airport Hole and the Dynamite Hole.

"And they're bigger than usual—like over a pound," he added.

CLEWISTON

Captain Mike Balon, fishing out of Roland and Mary Ann Martin's Marina, said the cold winter temperatures and blustery winds have slowed the bass fishing somewhat in that area. He de-

scribed it as fair, even though he had just come off the water with his guide party who had just boated a bucket-mouth that topped the 7-pound mark.

Artificial bait fishermen having the most success are pitching 3/4-ounce black/blue jigs into cover that are tipped with a blue crawdad or twin-tailed grub trailer. White spinnerbaits with gold blades are also producing fish, while chrome/blue rattlin' crankbaits are also putting bass in the boat.

The hottest areas, he said, have been Ritta Island, the East Wall and the West Wall.

Unlike Belle Glade and Okeechobee, Balon said the speck fishing "has not been real good." He suggested using either live minnows, or a green or chartreuse jig in the Rim Canal or around Horse Island.

So, even though we've covered a lot of water and talked to different anglers, we've learned fish are being caught on a variety of baits and in several different areas. And despite the differences in areas and baits there's still one common denominator—the Big 'O' is back.

Regardless of what species you prefer, these anglers and biologists all agree there are some real tackle testers lurking in the blackwater confines of Lake Okeechobee.

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During its Feb. 13 meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) selected Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, Sept. 1, as the 2013 saltwater license-free fishing days. On these days, the requirement to have a recreational fishing license is waived for Florida's residents and visitors while they are saltwater fishing.

The FWC offers four license-free fishing days a year: two saltwater and two freshwater. While the Commission selects new saltwater license-free fishing days on an annual basis, freshwater license-free fishing days are set to the first Saturday in April and the second Saturday in June.

This year's freshwater license-free fishing days are Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, June 8. Use these days to catch the big one and get rewarded for it. Sign up for an FWC freshwater angler recognition program in advance at www.TrophyCatchFlorida.com and you will be entered into a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat powered by Mercury. If you catch, photograph and release a largemouth bass heavier than 8 pounds, you'll be eligible for great rewards or certificates for catching qualifying freshwater fish from among 33 exciting species in the program. The FWC will honor license-free freshwater fishing days as a legal exemption for fish caught on these dates.

To make these events accessible to as many people as possible, the FWC plans these dates around holiday weekends and national events.

This year's June 1 saltwater and the June 8 freshwater license-free days are during National Fishing and Boating Week. Highlighted by significant national media coverage and public events, this week promotes boating and fishing across the country as fun and healthy outdoor activities. In 2012, 37 states had at least one license-free fishing day during this annual event.

The Sept. 1 saltwater license-free day falls on Labor Day weekend, when many families will be out on the water, enjoying one of the last big fishing weekends of summer. The ever-popular bay scallop season is also open to harvest on this date.

License-free days not only introduce new anglers to the lifetime sport of fishing, they also economically benefit the state as those 3 million anglers cited by the American Sportfishing Association's "Sportfishing in America" report, shop at tackle stores, purchase boat fuel and bait and travel to their favorite fishing hole. Some of this money even finds its way back to the FWC via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program specifically to create more fishing and boating opportunities.

Go ahead and plan your fishing experience in advance. Ask friends to show you their favorite fishing spot. Get out the fishing poles for the kids (children under 16 are not required to have a fishing license year-round). Get ready to get into fishing in 2013.



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Lake Okeechobee is popular with tournament fishermen and with those who just enjoy a Saturday on the lake.

But don't forget, all other regulations such as seasons, size limits and bag limits still apply on these days. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing to learn more about saltwater and freshwater fishing in Florida - from current regulations to fishing hotspots.

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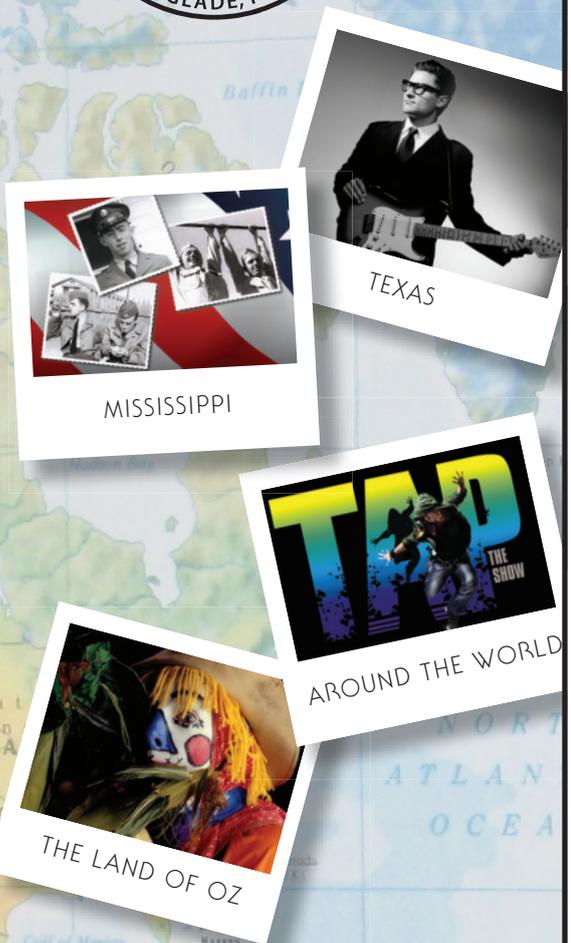
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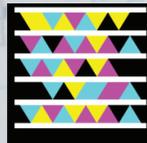
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OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Community Theatre wraps up its 34th year with a performance of “The Odd Couple,” March 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at the Freshman Campus Auditorium on Southwest Second Street (behind Golden Corral

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