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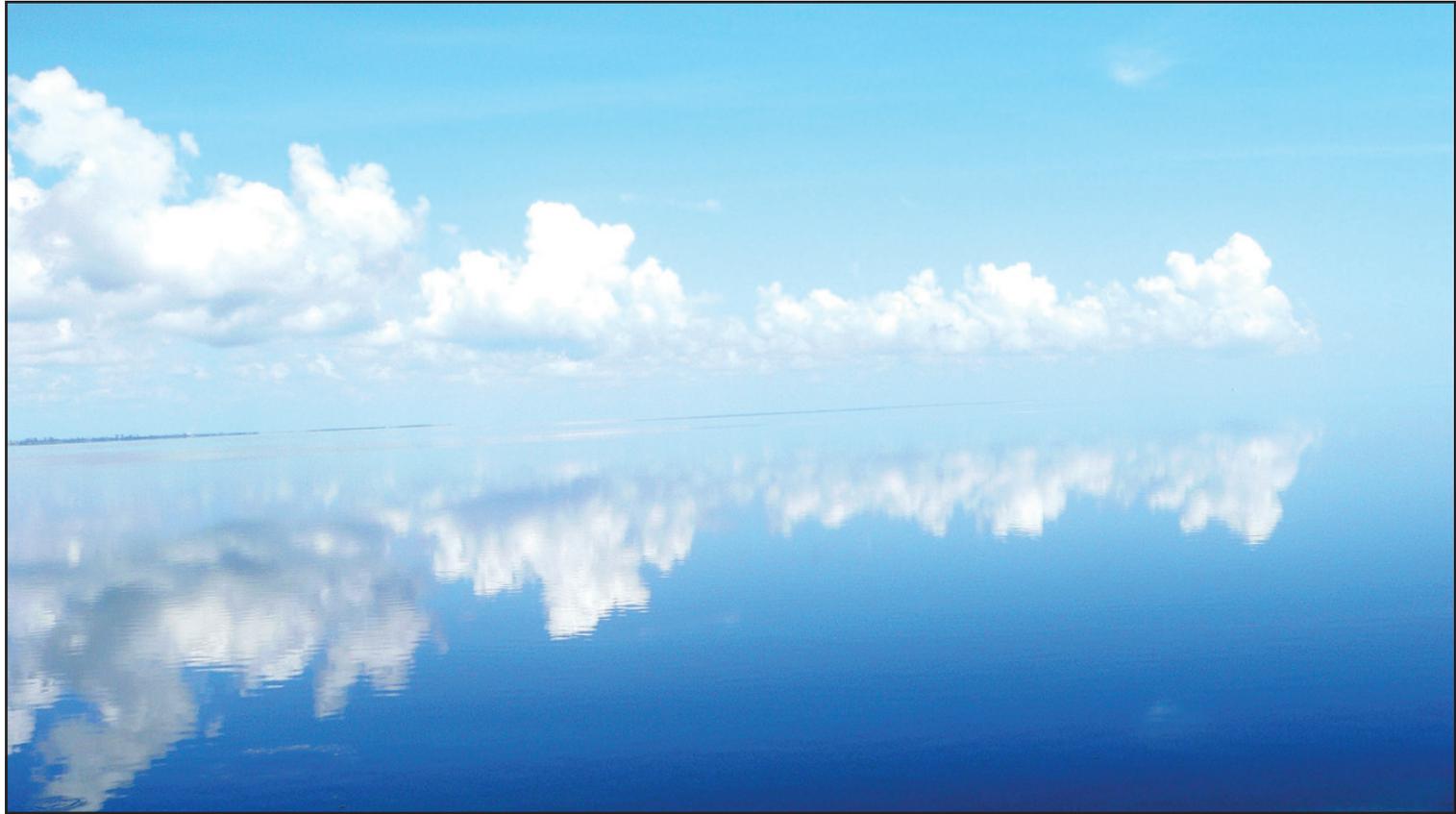
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## Where the lake meets the sky

On a clear day, it can be hard to tell where the sky ends and Lake Okeechobee begins, as evidenced by this photo from the Army Corps of Engineers. Due to heavy waterfall throughout the watershed, the level of Lake Okeechobee continues to rise. For more on the story, see page 11.



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## Ethics violation settlement negotiated

By Katrina Elsken

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter Long reports that her negotiated response to the Commission on Ethics Advocate has been accepted for settlement of the complaint filed against her last September.

The settlement is expected to be on the agenda for the July 26 meeting of the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Commissioner Storter Long admits she made a mistake when she failed to abstain from voting on a matter that indirectly involved the firm her son works for.

On Sept. 12, 2013 the commissioner was accused of an ethics violation after she ranked and voted to negotiate with an architect firm for the design of Glades County's Emergency Operations Center building. The architect firm she ranked as number one "may have been negotiating a contract with an engineering firm

at which my son is an employee and is president," she explained.

At the time, she stated, she did not fully understand the language of Florida Statutes 112.3143 (3)(a), "No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss; which he or she knows would inure to

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# Religion Column

## Being Neighborly

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church

Few things enrich life like a good friend. To have someone with whom you can share your deepest thoughts, feelings and longings; someone who can ask anything of you and of whom you can ask anything, provides a wonderful encouragement to the meaning and joy of life.

Most people don't have many close friends. It takes time, trust, and work to develop meaningful relationships. To have friends, you must be a friend. Making and sustaining friendships can be difficult, but the benefits are tremendous.

Being a true friend is much more than being neighborly, but friendship starts by being neighborly with those God has placed in our path. What does being neighborly mean?

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, how the man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She then asked, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" One girl answered, "I think I'd throw up."



John Hicks

There are many adults like this girl who would not respond well to such situations. In New York City, a mailman shot by a sniper was ordered to leave a building lobby because he was dripping blood. In Oklahoma City, a woman gave birth unexpectedly on a city sidewalk. Bystanders turned their faces and ignored her. A taxi driver looked, then sped away. A nearby hotel refused to provide her a blanket.

In Dayton, Ohio, a dozen people saw a woman drive her car into the Miami River. They watched and some even took pictures as the woman climbed on the car's roof and screamed that she couldn't swim. The woman drowned.

What has happened to us? One of our greatest concerns should be that these aren't isolated incidents. They are happening all around us.

In the Gospel of Luke, an expert in the law asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus responded, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

The expert answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But this man wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

In reply, Jesus shared this story: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell amongst robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But when a Samaritan came by and saw him, he took pity on him. The Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn to care for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the

innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three," Jesus asked, "do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the

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hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

To get a friend, we must be a friend. Friendship starts by being neighborly with those God has placed in our path. Who knows what true friendships might develop if we also "go and do likewise?"

## FWC Officers Rescue Men from Water

Albritton, McDonald, Yates, and Lt. Lee save three lives

Three Georgia men were rescued by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers on July 4 at the mouth of the Econfina River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Another FWC officer rescued two people whose boat stopped running and was filling with water, after they attempted to assist the men in the water.

Ryan J. Hall, 22, of Pavo, Ga.; Blake E. Bynum, 26, of Moultrie, Ga.; and Daniel E. Powers, 27, of Thomasville, Ga., were in the water after their boat capsized in rough weather. The Taylor County Sheriff's Office asked for assistance with the three men in the water and FWC officers Chad Albritton, Randy McDonald and Jerry "Lee" Yates, under the leadership of Lieutenant Scott Lee, responded.

Albritton was on water patrol in an 18-foot, open-patrol vessel in the Keaton Beach area, approximately 25 miles away.

McDonald and Yates were en route to water patrol with a 22-foot boat. Lee, the Taylor County supervisor, was preparing for both a holiday weekend on the water and managing boating safety enforcement efforts for the opening week of scallop season.

Albritton headed to the Econfina River through rough two- to three-foot seas in his small, open boat. McDonald and Yates launched their vessel at the Econfina River boat ramp

in search of the three men. Lee coordinated communication efforts with the men from the capsized vessel and the officers involved in the rescue.

McDonald and Yates arrived first in the area and began searching the rough seas. They quickly located Hall in the water, clinging to a marker, and Bynum and Powers with the capsized vessel. The three were rescued with minor injuries.

Another vessel had attempted to rescue the Georgia men, but it also ran into trouble. Alan Ray Hendricks, 51, of Crawfordville, Fla., and his passenger aboard a 15-foot open boat, began taking on water when their engine broke down.

Albritton located Hendricks' vessel near the other capsized boat and these two boaters were also rescued and towed back to the boat ramp.

"Due to the quick action and teamwork of Lieutenant Lee and officers Albritton, McDonald and Yates, I firmly believe that three lives were saved that day," said FWC Captain Marty Redmond. "By exceptional ability, personal initiative and total dedication to duty, these four FWC law enforcement officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement."

Redmond has nominated the three officers for the FWC's lifesaving award.

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## Glades at a Glance

### Football practice under way

Pop Warner football practice is at 4:30 p.m. at Washington Park Field. For more information, contact Coach Cedrick at 863-227-0761 or Coach Tim at 863-265-0560.

### Archery contest planned

The Glades County 4-H 3D Archery Contest will be Aug. 24 at Fishheating Creek Outpost. 4-H registration is \$18 per archer. Participants must be a member of a 4-H Club, 4-H Archery Club, 4-H Shooting Sports Club, or a County 4-H Shooting Sports Program where, during the club year, they have received archery instruction from a certified Florida 4-H Archery Instructor. There will also be an open-shoot category with a registration fee of \$20. Registration deadline is Aug. 16. For more information, contact the Glades County Extension Office at 863-946-0244.

### FCAT scores available for pick up at Jr./Sr. High School

Parents and/or students may come to the school office to pick up their 2013 FCAT Scores for Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School. The office hours during the summer are Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 863-946-0811 for assistance.

### Historical Society has T-shirts for sale

Glades County Historical Society (GCHS) has T-shirts for sale displaying the organization's logo of the 200-year-old Cypress Tree located on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River. These shirts can be purchased for \$5 each at 805 U.S. 27 in the Moore Haven Mall. The GCHS will feature a summer luncheon in July. A meeting will be held late in June for the planning. Dates will soon be announced. For more information, phone 863-946-2060 or 863-801-5199. Memberships are \$15 per year.

### ACT offers counseling and related services

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

### Mobile Mammogram visits to Moore Haven planned

The Glades County Health Department encourages women to be proactive and schedule regular mammograms. The Mobile Mammogram bus will be in Moore Haven at 1021 Health Park Dr., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 21, Oct. 16 and Dec. 18. Call 239-936-2316 for appointments or more information.

### Veterans outreach program available to area veterans

The VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach has started an outreach program to assist veterans being treated by the Medical Center in West Palm Beach, to become enrolled in the VA Health Care System. Their purpose is to come out to the Glades on a regular basis to enroll those who are interested. They will also assist those who have lost/misplaced their DD214 certificates. You do not have to be a combat Veteran to qualify, or if you have been previously denied, you may be eligible under the newer relaxed rules. For those that are interested or for any questions, please contact James Harrington, at the Glades County Veterans' Affairs Service office 863-946-1281. Please watch this newspaper for future information.

### Westergaard House available

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

### Narcotics Anonymous meets

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

### Register for Special Needs Shelter before storm hits

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## Looking Back

At Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation Mary Parker was photographed at work at her sewing machine in 1941 by Jim Alexander. Do you have an old photo to share? Email it to [gcdnews@newszap.com](mailto:gcdnews@newszap.com).

# Working To Cure Cancer and Tobacco-Related Diseases

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) has awarded funding for nine research projects that are focused on finding cures for cancer and tobacco-related diseases. Cancer is the leading cause of death in Florida, claiming 41,696 Florida lives in 2012. The funds support research on diseases that relate to tobacco use, including heart disease, which is the second largest cause of death in Florida.

"High-quality, innovative research is key for a healthier Florida," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "The Department is pleased to make these research awards that will focus on helping Floridians live free from cancer and tobacco-related disease."

Ninety-one original applications from twelve universities and research institutions were submitted. From these competitive applicants, grant awards were provided to researchers at the University of Florida, Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Miami, the University of South Florida, Florida International University and the Sanford-Burnham Research Institute.

The negative health impact of tobacco use is an agency priority and, therefore, four grants were awarded to research tobacco-related disease. One of the grants will support a smoking intervention program for low-income Hispanic women to help mothers with newborns stop smoking. One study will explore how tobacco use may result in loss of vision and will study a new drug to help those impacted in this way. Another grant will research ways a patient's own immune system reduces the severity of stroke, and yet another will explore therapy for patients experiencing difficulty swallowing after a stroke.

As these awards are intended to advance the cure for cancer, the remaining five grants were

allocated to recipients researching diverse cancer projects. One study explores an innovative approach to discovering drugs that may prevent arsenic exposure-related cancers.

To support a cure for one of Florida's most common cancers, another project strives to determine whether a patient's immune system may be used to treat lung cancer.

One grant funds research that may lead to therapy for currently therapy-resistant breast cancers, and another study will work to determine why certain cancers resist treatment and spread throughout the body.

Funding for the awards comes from programs established by the Florida Legislature. The James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program supports initiatives addressing tobacco-related diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke and pulmonary disease. The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program provides grants to further the search for a cure to all types of cancer.

State Senator Anitere Flores said, "I am pleased to see the Department of Health continuing to award research funding to strategic projects that offer hope to Florida's families who are struggling with cancer. Through collaboration, world-class research and targeted resources, we will see improved treatments and lives saved."

Dr. James F. Howell, assistant dean for profes-

sional relations at Nova Southeastern University and member of the Tobacco Advisory Council, said, "Prevention, treatment, and research are essential elements to address the addiction and diseases associated with tobacco products. Research discovers new prevention and treatment

Ralph DeVitto, executive vice president for American Cancer Society Florida Division, said, "We support the state's continued commitment to providing grants to the most promising cancer research through a competitive, peer review process. These research grants are critical to finish-

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knowledge so needed to address the complex cancer issues we are all so aware of. The Florida Department of Health is to be commended for its leadership addressing tobacco addiction and related diseases."

Dr. Thomas J. George Jr., chair of the Cancer Collaborative Research Advisory Council (CCRAB), said, "The commitment demonstrated by the State of Florida to support cancer-related research represents a key investment in our collective futures: The future of the health of our cancer patients in Florida, the future of innovative cancer advancements which originate or are developed in Florida, and the future where the burden of cancer is eliminated from our Florida families."

ing the fight against cancer, and offer hope to all Floridians dealing with a cancer diagnosis."

Dr. Mark Brantly, vice-chair of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council, said, "On behalf of my colleagues with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council, I want to thank the Department of Health for moving forward expeditiously with these grant awards. The Bankhead-Coley and King Biomedical Research Programs remain a testament to the Legislature's vision for answering relevant research questions to improve the lives of people with cancer and tobacco-related diseases."

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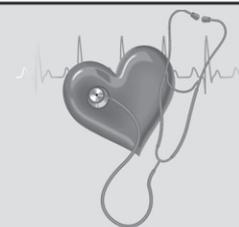
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# Female Mosquitoes Become Savvy about Other-Species Suitors

BY TOM NORDLIE  
IFAS News

Talk about meeting Mr. Wrong.

Female yellow fever mosquitoes sometimes contend with the courtship and mating efforts of males from another competing species -- the Asian tiger mosquito.

She's naïve, he's sneaky. Both species spread dengue, a viral disease and a major human health threat.

In an ironic turnabout, Florida dengue cases may rise in the near future due to female yellow fever mosquitoes becoming savvy about the false-flag suitors, leading to increased yellow fever mosquito populations, says an expert with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

When male Asian tiger mosquitoes successfully deceive yellow fever females, their mating efforts are fruitless -- the two species cannot produce offspring together, said Phil Lounibos, a distinguished professor of entomology with UF's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach. Instead, chemicals transferred during mating render the yellow fever female sterile for the rest of her short life.

Scientists believe this phenomenon, called satyrization, helps explain how the Asian tiger mosquito quickly became established throughout the Southeastern U.S. in the 1980s.

If satyrization happens hundreds or thousands of times in a place where both species share habitat, the net result is fewer yellow fever mosquito eggs being laid. Ultimately, satyrization reduces yellow fever mosquito populations, leaving more ecological "space" for the Asian tiger to



Entomologist Phil Lounibos checks for mosquito larvae in water from a tire at UF's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach.

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occupy, Lounibos said.

Both mosquitoes are container-nesting species that seek water trapped in old tires, flowerpots, cup-shaped plants and the like. Both eagerly prey on humans and are long associated with human communities. Both are invasive and annoying to Florida residents.

And, because they can transmit human disease, both species are public-health concerns. But yellow fever mosquitoes are believed to be more efficient than Asian tigers at transmitting pathogens to people.

A paper published in the Feb. 19 issue of the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* describes laboratory experiments suggesting that female yellow fever mosquitoes may develop an ability to spurn advances from Asian

tiger males.

"We don't know that they are better able to discriminate between males of their own species and Asian tigers," said Lounibos, one of the paper's authors. "What we can say is, females from colonies that have a history of exposure to Asian tiger males are less likely to mate with Asian tiger males."

The exact reason the females manage to avoid deception is unknown, he said.

"It may be that some subtle nuance in the behavior of the yellow fever females is involved," said Lounibos at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach.

He also noted that if female yellow fever mosquitoes can rapidly evolve an aversion to Asian tiger males in the wild, then perhaps diminished

yellow fever mosquito populations would gradually rebound.

Lounibos said he has received anecdotal reports of greater yellow fever mosquito presence in some South Florida locales.

Currently, the major health concern associated with the yellow fever mosquito is dengue. It causes severe flu-like symptoms, including fever, muscle and joint pain, headache and possibly gastrointestinal issues. In the past few years, dengue has become a significant public health issue in South Florida, particularly the Keys.

Resurgent populations of yellow fever mosquitoes could lead to more dengue cases, Lounibos said, so one of his objectives for the near future is to investigate some of the areas where yellow fever mosquitoes are said to be making a comeback.

In the study, Lounibos and colleagues set up laboratory experiments in which various male/female pairings of mosquitoes could mingle and possibly mate.

The results showed that, on average, mating was about three times as likely between female yellow fever mosquitoes and male Asian tigers, compared with female Asian tigers and male yellow fever mosquitoes.

Yellow fever females from colonies that had never encountered Asian tiger mosquitoes were tricked about 25 percent more often, compared with females from colonies that had a history of co-existing with Asian tiger colonies.

The other research team members were post-doctoral associate Irka Bargielowski and doctoral student Maria Cristina Carrasquilla, both with FMEL.

## FWC Asks Public to Report Mink Sightings

Mink are rare in Florida, and wildlife biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are hoping to learn more about this small mammal. But they need the public's help to find out where it occurs. People can report evidence such as mink sightings, photos and road-killed specimens online.

Adult mink weigh two to three pounds and measure about two feet in length. Fur can be dark chocolate or light rusty brown. Sometimes there is a patch of white along the chin and under the throat.

"We know that mink are more likely to be found in and near salt-marsh habitat on both coasts of Florida but the reports people provide will help us pinpoint where we do research," said Chris Winchester, wildlife biologist with the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. Winchester said there are



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three known subspecies of mink in Florida -- Atlantic salt marsh mink, Gulf salt marsh mink and Everglades mink. Although there is a scarcity of information about the three subspecies, only the Everglades mink is listed as threatened.

Some people confuse mink with other species, such as otters and weasels, but whereas

mink are quite small, otters typically weigh 10 to 30 pounds and are three feet or more long. Weasels look similar to mink, but are smaller and have brown fur along their backs and pale yellow fur along the entire belly.

Mink are strictly carnivorous, eating fish, frogs, crayfish, crabs and various birds and small mammals.

For more information about this study and to submit sightings to the FWC, visit [MyFWC.com/Research](http://MyFWC.com/Research), click on Wildlife and select "Public Asked to Share Mink Sightings" under "Terrestrial Mammals."

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# Mosquito borne diseases pose health threat

By Austin Moorhouse

Special to the Glades County Democrat

It is important to understand that mosquitoes do not "bite." They sting by injecting their stinger or proboscis into the skin of the victim and injecting an anticoagulant to keep the blood from clotting in order to extract the needed blood for reproduction. It is during this process that diseases are spread. Mosquitoes are responsible for more deaths than any other living creature. Over the world, more than 700 million people are infected annually and as many as 4 million die. These cases are mostly in tropical countries. In the temperate climates, and with a mosquito control including North America, mosquito bites are now mostly an irritating nuisance: but still there are a few cases

each year. There are commonly for diseases the six legged insects are known to spread in humans; 1) The West Nile Virus, 2) St. Louis Encephalitis, 3) Dengue Fever, and 4) Malaria.

West Nile Virus was first found in 1999 on the East Coast and spread across the United States in forty-one states and Washington, DC. Late-summer and early fall are the highest risk times for being stung by mosquitoes carrying this disease. In most cases, this virus can be successfully treated; however, severe forms of the disease can be fatal.

St. Louis Encephalitis is the most common type of encephalitis in the United States. There are an estimated 200 cases of St. Louis Encephalitis reported each year. As with the West Nile Virus, the mild symptoms of this encephalitis are similar to the flu.

Dengue fever is the third disease that is carried by mosquitoes. In 2002 only four cases were reported in Maui. Otherwise, most cases were reported by persons who already had the disease.

Finally, Malaria is not a major problem in the United States. In Africa, Central America, India, the Middle East, Oceania, South America and Southern Asia three to five million people are infected with the Malaria and over 1 million of these people will die of it. Most cases in the United States are imported by people who have traveled in one of those areas where Malaria is present. If you are planning to travel to one of those areas where Malaria is prevalent, talk to your doctor about prevention.

## Obituaries

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### Elton Lee Kirkland, 76

DONALSONVILLE, GA. — We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Elton Lee Kirkland who passed away Mon., July 8, 2013 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. Kirkland was born in Grady County, Ga. on Mar. 30, 1937 to Troy Lee Kirkland and Sadie Lou Kirkland. He worked as a welder for Quaker Oats in Clewiston, Fla., and was also a member of Sopchoppy Congregational Holiness Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Troy Lee Kirkland and Sadie Lou Kirkland; a brother, Leroy Kirkland; and a sister, Wanda Kirkland.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Joan Kelley Kirkland of Donalsonville, Ga.; a beloved cat, Garfield; one brother, Joe Lavon Kirkland (Diane) of Ochlocknee, Ga.; three sisters, Lyndal Mathews (Ron) of Pavo, Ga.; Diane Bryant (Gerry) of Thomasville, Ga.; Elizabeth Maddox (Mark) Ochlocknee, Ga.; brother-in-law, Donald Kelley of Clewiston, Fla.; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Sat., July 20, 2013, 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Murphy officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston. Visitation will be Fri., July 19, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

# Florida orange crop forecast drops 9 percent

LAKELAND—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued its final forecast Thursday pegging the 2012-2013 Florida orange crop at 133.4 million boxes, down 9 percent from last season.

To arrive at the total, the USDA cut Valencias by 700,000 boxes to 66.3 million boxes while early-mid varieties climbed 100,000 boxes to 67.1 million.

"This year's crop really shows the devastating effects of HLB, or citrus greening disease," said Michael W. Sparks, executive VP/CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual. "We had severe fruit drop and a lot of citrus from stressed trees with HLB ended up on the ground."

"If anything, this season provides stark evidence that growers, scientists and the state and federal governments need to work together to beat this disease and save the \$9 billion Florida citrus industry and the 76,000 jobs it supports."

"The ongoing research looks positive and I'm optimistic it will ultimately find a solution to HLB but at this time there is no cure."

The USDA makes its initial estimate in October of each year and revises it monthly as the crop takes shape until the end of the season in July. The USDA's initial October orange estimate for 2012-2013 was 154 million boxes. During the 2011-2012 season, Florida produced 146.7 million boxes of oranges.

Visit [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/cpfp.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/cpfp.htm) for the complete USDA estimate.

The 2012-2013 Florida grapefruit crop stayed at 18.4 million boxes. Tangerines and tangelos also remained steady at 3.35 million and 1 million respectively. The yield for from concentrate orange juice (FCOJ) decreased slightly to 1.59 gallons per 90-pound box.

The Florida citrus industry creates a \$9 billion annual economic impact, employing nearly 76,000 people, and covering about 550,000 acres. Founded in 1948, Florida Citrus Mutual is the state's largest citrus grower organization. For more information, visit [www.flcitrusmutual.com](http://www.flcitrusmutual.com).

# Pets at risk of heat injury as temperatures rise

As people brace for the heat wave that is forecasted to blanket the U.S. this week, doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners' specialty and emergency hospitals are urging pet owners to take precautions for their pets during the sweltering days ahead.

Simple steps can help prevent your pet from taking a trip to the emergency room:

- Avoid physical activity during the heat of the day; keep exercise to the cooler mornings and evenings.
- Ensure your pet has access to plenty of water throughout the day and during times of exercise.

• Spray your pet down with room temperature or cool water, but never ice water. Ice cold water causes a decrease in blood flow to the skin and heat can't escape the body properly, which actually makes heat exhaustion symptoms worse.

• Make sure pets are kept inside of air-conditioned spaces to avoid excess exposure to heat.

• When walking or jogging with your pet, try to avoid asphalt as your pet's paw pads can burn. Instead, stick to concrete, dirt or grass, as those surfaces are less hot.

• Never leave your pet in a car unattended,

even with the air conditioning running. If the air conditioning fails, your pet could easily over-heat in as little as a few minutes.

• Don't give sports drinks or electrolyte supplements to pets. Dogs cool off by panting and they do not sweat like people. Supplements like sports drinks can actually harm animals and make pets sick.

Most importantly, be familiar with your pet and know when they aren't acting right. Lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea and dark red gums are all signs of heat related distress. If your pet is panting uncontrollably or collapses, take the animal to your veterinarian immediately.

## Red Cross needs volunteers

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# Inland Birding Fun: Northern Bobwhite

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry Glades Audubon

Northern Bobwhite, popular game birds, are also known as Bobwhite Quail. Their range in the United States extends west to eastern Texas, Colorado, and the Dakotas.

They are found north in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario and Maine. Two subspecies of this bird breed in Florida.

This medium-sized, chicken-like bird has a round body, very short tail, small head and slight chest. Their plumage is reddish brown with streaking on the sides.

Males have a black and white face pattern, but the female's face is black and buff colored. The juvenile's color is similar to the females, only duller.

They have a life span of about five years, but most live less than one year.

Northern Bobwhite are more often heard than seen. Males make a loud ringing "b, Bob white!" or clear "hoy-poo" call. Females will answer with a four-syllable whistle.

It is not uncommon to be surprised by a sudden explosion of flying quail when a covey (flock), made up of eight to 25 birds, is flushed from brushy areas.

Northern Bobwhite are found throughout upland Florida in fields, meadows, overgrown pastures, roadsides and even vacant lots. They prefer areas without excessive weed control or regularly burned mature pine forests. These birds hunt on the ground for fruits, seeds, grain, plant parts and in-



Pictured above is the male Northern Bobwhite.

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sects.

They usually build their well-hidden nest on the ground near a clearing.

This shallow nest is lined with plant material and is concealed with live plants that are pulled over the nest. Females normally lay 12 to 16 eggs, but some clutches have been reported with as many as 28 eggs.

The unmarked, white, cream, or buffy eggs are laid at one-day intervals with the female, and occasionally the male, incubating the eggs for about 24 days.

The young are able to walk and follow their parents almost immediately after hatching. Adults with chicks will perform distractive displays, such as fluttering and wing-dragging, when they encounter predators.

The young develop flight feathers quickly and can fly short distances when they are only a week old.

At six weeks, the chicks are fully feathered and at eight weeks, the chicks are fully grown.

Northern Bobwhite begin nesting as early as mid-February and may raise two broods per season.

These broods may stay together throughout the winter and break up the following spring.

For information about the free trip to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) on July 20 go to: [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) Reservations are required for these escorted driving trips.

## Ringling Ears Sign of Serious Hearing Problem?

In a world full of noise -- from city traffic and lawnmowers to hairdryers and earbuds on personal music devices -- hearing problems are a growing issue. Chief among these problems is tinnitus, a medical condition affecting 50 million Americans.

Tinnitus is the sensation of hearing sound when no external sound is present and is most commonly caused by exposure to loud noises. Typically, those suffering describe it as "ringing ears," though others describe it as hissing, buzzing, whistling or chirping. For some, it's a minor annoyance. For others, it can be debilitating, causing hearing loss, sleep disruption, changes in cognitive ability, anxiety and depression.

With this in mind, Starkey Hearing Technologies is helping educate about tinnitus and related hearing issues. If you're concerned you may have tinnitus, consult a hearing professional to discuss treatment options. To learn more, visit [www.Tinnitus-Hearing.com](http://www.Tinnitus-Hearing.com).

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# Keenagers celebrate Fourth of July

By Bobbi Brown

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Okay, so the weather lately has not been very conducive for picnicking, the Keenagers did not let a thunderstorm keep them from celebrating Independence Day in the traditional manner. The grill was lit, the ribs and chicken were becoming a lovely shade of tan, and the clouds started becoming a lovely shade of grey. The barbecue/picnic was scheduled to begin at noon on July 4th, so instead of taking a chance that a shelter might blow away and leave the diners at the mercy of Mother Nature, hostesses Bobbi Brown and Liz Devinney put an extra leaf in the dining table, set up card tables in Bobbi's living room, and voila, an "inside picnic." Of course tables were covered with red, white and blue and centered with "Star Spangled Happy Birthday, USA" and American flags. The traditional BBQ was completed in the oven and side dishes contributed by Keenagers made the picnic complete—and without ants—also traditional at an outside picnic. Margaret Brown led the group in singing the National Anthem, flag salute, and prayer, and following the meal they were told to look under the plates for a flag—indicating winners of door prizes. These were won by Liz and Pastor Sherrill Tillery.

In keeping with the "Freedom" theme, each person was asked for what freedom they were most thankful. A majority said the freedom to be themselves, and worship as they wanted to, was what they were thank-



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The Keenagers celebrated Independence Day with an indoor picnic.

ful for. Kirby Sullivan's "Freedom to travel" brought laughter and applause, as he has traveled all over the world, and recently returned from a trip to Peru.

This is the last meeting of Keenagers until September. Don't forget if you are over 50

YO, you are a Keenager, and are welcome to attend, no matter what church you belong to, or even if you don't belong to a church, and just want to get together with people who call themselves "seniors." Have a wonderful summer, and join us in September.

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# Gatorama plans annual gator hatching festival

Gatorama, on U.S. 27 near Palmdale in Glades County, is preparing for their annual Alligator Hatching festival. Gatorama staffers are monitoring the eggs on a daily basis to determine exactly when they will start to hatch. The festival usually starts around the second or third week of August.

Through a partnership with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Gatorama is one of the alligator farms allowed to collect alligator eggs from the wild. The eggs are placed in incubators. Farmers pay FWC a fee for each egg, which helps support the FWC alligator management and research efforts.

During the two-week hatching festival, more than 3,000 alligators are expected to hatch at Gatorama. Visitors have the opportunity to sign up for the "Hatch and Hold" program which allows them to actually hold an egg and let the baby alligator hatch in their hands. Depending on how many eggs are hatching that particular day, Gatorama will offer 20-30 eggs on a first-come, first-served basis.

The festival also includes activities for children such as building gator tooth necklaces and catching baby gators at the Baby Gator Round Up Pond.

Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the popu-

lations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing. Alligator farming is an important part of the program.

For more information online, go to [www.gatorama.com](http://www.gatorama.com).



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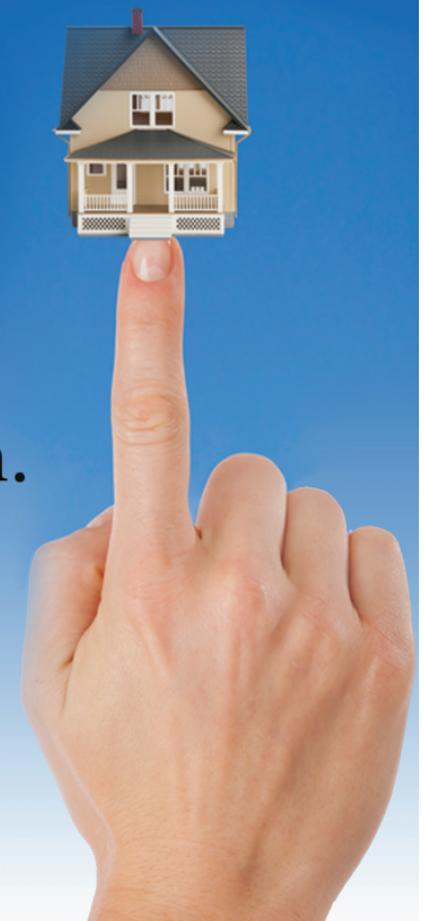
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# Lake Okeechobee continues to rise due to rainfall

By Katrina Elskan

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Lake Okeechobee continues to rise as water comes in faster than water managers can let it out.

At the Thursday, July 11, meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission, Gary Ritter of the South Florida Water Management District said the lake was at 14.80 feet above sea level.

He said due to heavy rainfall in the watershed last week, they had 14,000 cubic feet of water per second coming into the lake.

On July 5 the Army Corps of Engineers increased the flow to 4,000 cubic feet per second to the Caloosahatchee Estuary and

1,800 cubic feet per second to the St. Lucie Estuary.

Even with increased flows, more than twice as much water was coming in as being released.

"Today (July 11) the inflows to the lake decreased significantly," he said with about 8,000 cubic feet of water per second coming in.

The lake is expected to continue to rise, he continued.

"There is about 1.3 million gallons of water per minute going into Lake Okeechobee," said Mr. Ritter. "Most of that water is coming from the Kissimmee River and Fisheating Creek.

On Tuesday, the lake level was 15.01 feet. Total inflows into Lake Okeechobee on Monday were 13,030 cubic feet per second.

The wet season so far has brought above average rainfall throughout the 16-county region. Since June 1, the South Florida Water Management District has received 16.47 inches of rain, which is nearly 5 inches more than the historical average. Heavy rainfall has resulted in higher water levels in water conservation areas, groundwater and surface water throughout the area. The District is storing as much water as possible and maintaining canals at seasonally appropriate levels.

The freshwater releases have drawn criti-

cism from coastal communities, and complaints have been heard by Florida lawmakers.

Florida Senate President Don Gaetz announced July 10 that Sen. Joe Negron, will chair a Senate Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin to study the policies, spending and any other governmental activities involving the water management.

"The purpose of this select committee is to determine what progress has been made and what changes in policy, if any, should be recommended to the Legislature and the Congress," Sen. Gaetz stated. A report from the committee is due Nov. 4.

## Native American Youth Organization tournament this week

Special to the Glades County Democrat

OKEECHOBEE--The 2013 Native American Youth Organization Girls Fast-Pitch and Boys Baseball Tournament will be held at the Okeechobee Sports Complex, the Okeechobee Adult Ball Fields, the Okeechobee High School Baseball Field and the Okeechobee High School Softball Field, July 18-20. This NAYO regional tournament will include approximately 50 Native American teams from throughout the Eastern United States.

Spectator admission is free.

On Thursday, July 18, games start at 9 a.m. with boys teams ages 7-8 playing at the Okeechobee Sports Complex. The first games of the day will be Cherokee playing the Choctaw on field one; and Native Giants playing the Seminole Warriors on field 2. Both games start at 9 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the Mississippi Stars will play Poarch Creek on field 1. The Iroquois team will play the winner of the Cherokee vs. Choctaw game at noon on field 1. Other games throughout the day will depend on the results of those games. Game time limit is 1 hour 15 minutes. The last game of the day will be at 9 p.m.

The boys division ages 9 and 10 will start their games on July 19 at 9 a.m. on the Okeechobee Sports Complex field 2 with the Cherokee team playing National 1 at 9 a.m. and the Seminole Warriors playing MBCI Krushers at 10:30 a.m. Other games will depend on the results of those games.

Games will continue through Saturday with the final game for this division on Saturday at 1 p.m. Time limit for these games is one hour 30 minutes.

The boys division ages 11-12 will start their games at 9 a.m. on Friday on field 1 of the Okeechobee Sports Complex with Indians playing the Seminole Warriors at 9 a.m. The Cherokee team will play the winner of that game at noon. Poarch Warriors will play the Road Warriors at 10:30 a.m. Games will continue through Saturday with the last game of the division at 1:30 p.m. Time limit for these games is one hour 30 minutes.

The boys division 13-15 will start their games on Friday at 9 a.m. with the Cherokee team playing Poarch Creek at the Okeechobee High School Baseball Field. The winner of that game will play the Choctaw Warriors at 3 p.m. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game of this division will be Saturday at 5 p.m. Time limit for these games is 2 hours.

The boys division ages 16-18 will also play at the Okeechobee High School Baseball Field. On Friday, the Cherokee team will play the Indian Outlaws at 11 a.m. The Warriors will play the Seminoles at 1 p.m. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game of this division will be on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The girls division ages 7-8 will play on field 3 of the Okeechobee Sports Complex on Thursday, July 18. At 9 a.m. the Lil' Seminoles will play the MBCI Elite. At 10:30 a.m.,

Poarch Creek will play MBCI RES GURLS. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game of the day will be at 6 p.m. Time limit for these games is one hour, 15 minutes.

The girls division ages 9-10 will play on the Okeechobee Adult Fields. On Friday, July 19, the Lady Seminoles will play the N8TV Brats at 9 a.m. on field 1. Seminole Lightning will play the Native Elite on field 2 at 9 a.m. Lil' Creeks will play MBCI Elite at 10:30 a.m. on field 1. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game of the division will be Saturday at 1 p.m. on field 1. Time limit for each game is one hour 30 minutes.

Girls division ages 11-12 will play on the Okeechobee Sports Complex field 3 on Friday and the Adult Sports Complex field 2 on Saturday. The Seminole Sluggers will play the MS Choctaws on Friday at 9 a.m. The winner of that game will play Poarch Creek at noon. Other games will depend on the re-

sults of those games. The last game for the division will be at noon on Saturday. Game time limit is one hour and 30 minutes.

The girls division 13-15 will play at the Okeechobee Sports Complex, field 3. On Friday, the Poarch Creek will play the Independents at 10:30 a.m. The winner of that game will play the Native Stunners at 3 p.m. The Native Intensity Team will play the Lady Seminoles at 1:30 p.m. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game for the division will be Saturday with the game time to be announced. Time limit for each game is one hour 30 minutes.

The girls division ages 16-18, will play on the Okeechobee High School softball field on July 19 and 20. The Lady Seminoles will play Poarch Creek at 10 a.m. The winner of that game will play the Cherokee team at noon. Game time limit is one hour and 30 minutes. Other games will depend on the results of those games. The last game for this division will be 3 p.m. on Saturday.

## ETHICS

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*the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, other than an agency as defined in s. 112.312(2); or which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the public officer. Such public officer shall, prior to the vote being taken, publicly state to the assembly the nature of the officer's interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining from voting and, within 15 days after the vote occurs, disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes."*

"I have only a high school diploma so my vocabulary at that time did not include the word 'inure,' and I did not know my action would 'inure' to the benefit of my son. I was ranking/voting an architect, not any engineering firm," she explained.

"When I was informed on Sept. 20 that I should have declared a conflict of interest, I contacted County Attorney Richard Pringle and he approved my suggestion that I rescind my vote. I also sent an email to my constituents on Sept. 21, 2012 admitting that I had ignorantly made a mistake when I ranked and voted. At the next commissioners' meeting which was Sept. 24, 2012, I publicly admitted my mistake and moved to rescind my prior rank and vote, and the Board of County Commissioners accepted and approved my rescission," she continued.

"My ignorance does not negate the fact that I had a voting conflict," she stated.

As part of the investigation conducted by the Florida Commission on Ethics, Commissioner Storter Long provided copies of documents showing that she had abstained from voting every time her son's company made presentations before the commission.

"This matter has been very humiliating for me, but also very educational. I don't consider myself more 'ethical' than I was before this matter, because I always have and will adhere to strong moral values and ethics; however, I certainly am more ethically aware of possibilities that can or may present conflicts in my public actions in local government," she added.

## Roadwatch

The Florida Department of Transportation warns motorists to take care in areas where road work is under way. Work planned this week in Glades County includes the following:

- Harney Pond Road from Park Area to S.R. 78, Construction project: Crews will construct one mile of bike path and sidewalk near the parking area at Harney Pond. There are no anticipated lane closures during the project, however, motorists are advised to use caution in the parking lot. Work is anticipated to be completed, by end of August 2013. Dickerson Florida, Inc. is the contractor.

- U.S. 27 from Moore Haven to north of S.R. 78 (Ortona Road), Maintenance project: Crews continue placing sod in the median from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motorists can expect lane closures and should use caution and watch for vehicles entering and exiting the work area.

- S.R. 29 at the intersection of U.S. 27, Maintenance project: Crews continue placing sod in the median from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motorists can expect lane closures and should use caution and watch for vehicles entering and exiting the work area.

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**Manager Student Learning Center - Belle Glade Campus**

The Student Learning Center Manager will provide leadership and supervision for a multi-disciplinary Student Learning Center which focuses on supporting students in course-related skill development. Must have knowledge of developmental education, instructional design, and the principles of teaching and learning.

**Responsibilities include:** coordination of lab services, staff selection and supervision, facilitating the use of curriculum development and instructional design tools to support students, faculty, courses and programs. Must be able to prepare and manage the department's budget.

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**Employment Full Time**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting July 31, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the County Commissioners Board Chambers, at Hendry County Courthouse 25 East Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board  
448131 CN/CB 7/18/2013

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

A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles 24 de julio de 2013 a las 6 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia del Condado Central ubicado en 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación.

447033 CN 7/11,18/2013

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000396**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,  
VS.  
**VERONICA P. RUIZ AKA VERONICA RUIZ, et al**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 8, 2013 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000396 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and VERONICA P. RUIZ AKA VERONICA RUIZ; VICTOR M. RUIZ; ALEXIS L. RUIZ; XAVIER RUIZ; ANDREW T. RUIZ, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**THE EAST 261.50 FEET OF THE WEST 286.50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 425.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 450.00 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS THE WEST 10 FEET THEREOF.**

**TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 2000 REDMAN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN#FLA14614955A AND FLA14614955B.**

**A/K/A 3951 NORTH RIVER ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935**

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 9, 2013.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

Ronald P. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
F09036086 WELLSPL-FHA-R-kelley-Team 1 - F09036086  
\*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.  
447894 CN 7/18,25/2013

**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, July 24, 2013, at 6 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.  
447032 CN 7/11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Devil's Garden Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

Devil's Garden Water Control District Meetings begin at 3:00 P.M. and are held at the Office of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226-2000 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of proceeding.  
DATED this 8th day of July 2013.  
DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
447815 CN 7/18/2013

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 FOR COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Collins Slough Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

Collins Slough Water Control District Meetings begin at 3:30 P.M. and are held at the Office of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226-2000 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of proceeding.  
DATED this 8th day of July 2013.  
COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
447810 CN 7/18/2013

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Curtis Blocker (B and L Farms) P.O. Box 970, Immokalee, FL 34143, has submitted Application 130627-8 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00245-W to irrigate 355 acres of agricultural and nursery lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Section 23, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.  
447919 CN 7/18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, LLC**, the holder 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
1016	2010	1344529-A0000020400	Faustino Hernandez-Antonio

A parcel of land in the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 45 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 34 and run N 89 degrees 36'20" E, along the North line of said Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, a distance of 834.45 feet; thence S 00 degrees 23'40" E, a distance of 60.00 feet to the South right-of-way line County Road No. S-830-A and the Point-of-Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00 degrees 00'19" W, a distance of 291.74 feet; thence N 86 degrees 03'32" E, a distance of 139.47 feet; thence N 89 degrees 36'20" E, parallel to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A, a distance of 166.48 feet; thence N 00 degrees 00'19" E, a distance of 283.11 feet to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A; thence S 89 degrees 36'20" W, a distance of 305.62 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
446362 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
2595	2010	1364432-0100000120	Manuel A Marrero

Lot 12, THE WOODLAND II SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 12, 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.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, LLC**, the holder 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
1049	2010	1044430-01000050020	Santos M & Irene Perez

The East 1/3 of Tract 3, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

The West 2/3 of Tract 2, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, 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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
446356 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
3041	2010	1144334-07000000060	Victor L Perez

Lot 6, MIDSTATE SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in a portion of unsurveyed Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 132 and 133, 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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
446366 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
615	2010	1174329-07000000020	Agustin Atunex + Eusebia M Sanchez + Humberto Mendoza

Lots 82, 83 and 84, SOUTH LABELLE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 49, 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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
446362 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**      **Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder 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
1823	2008	1224432-01000810030	Celia Rubin + Ruth Czukeberg + Dallah Czukeberg + Vivian Goldikener

Lot 3, Block 81, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446367 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder 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
3176	2008	2054329-A0000360200	Ruth W Stevens TR

Begin at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5; thence N 00 degrees 31' 15" W, 1215.41 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; continue 31.71 feet; thence N 56 degrees 56' 49" W, 42.48 feet; thence S 33 degrees 03' 11" W, 23.32 feet; thence S 43 degrees 30' 32" W, 16.19 feet; thence N 46 degrees 29' 29" W, 44.01 feet; thence S 44 degrees 14' 42" W, 44.55 feet; thence S 79 degrees 51' 08" E, 124.72 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446378 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE**

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **July 31, 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 insure 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  
 447922 CN 7/18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2326	2008	1364432-A0001470000	Carlos A Alvarez

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4014, 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 **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446374 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**      **Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITIONS FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS**

Take notice that the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the positions of Chief Deputy, Human Resources Director and Finance Director for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, to take effect August 1, 2013.

Comments may be made by mail or in person to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at: 101 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
 HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Steve Whidden, Sheriff

448134 CN/CB 7/18,25/2013

**IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**  
**Case No. 22-2009-CA-000014**

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, f.k.a. WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB  
 Plaintiff

vs.  
 BELKYS JIMENEZ, ERIKA FELICIANO, ROLANDO JIMENEZ, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 9, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida described as:

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF GLADES, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT:**

**A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2 AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN N 01 DEGREES 27' 48" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 264.31 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 01' 36" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF TRACT 46, A DISTANCE OF 451.44 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 46; THENCE S 02 DEGREES 00' 53" W A DISTANCE OF 264.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 46; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 12' 06" W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF TRACTS 35, 34 AND 33, A DISTANCE OF 786.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 33; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59' 45" E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF TRACT 33, A DISTANCE OF 450.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 25' 53" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 786.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACTS 33, 34, 35 AND 46 AND A 33 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, IN CALOOSA ESTATES UNIT NO. 4, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE FLAT THEREOF, AS SHOWN IN O.R. BOOK 42, PAGE 186, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**WITH THE APPURTENANCES THERETO**

and commonly known as: 1385 SUMMERALL ROAD SW, MUSE, FL 33938 including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales held on the front steps of the Glade County Courthouse, on 9-12-13 at Thurs @ 11AM.

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

Dated this 11th day of July, 2013.

SANDRA H. BROWN  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Tina Espinosa  
 Deputy Clerk

448079 CN 7/18,25/2013

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS,**  
**AGENTS/BROKERS, SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS AND**  
**DIRECT WRITING INSURERS FOR PROPERTY**  
**AND CASUALTY INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

**RFP NUMBER: 2013-20**

**OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.**

Hendry County is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by staff for recommendation. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by email at [jmcclane@hendryfla.net](mailto:jmcclane@hendryfla.net), or by calling 863-675-5220.

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

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Karson Turner  
 Chairman  
 446661 CN/CB 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

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**Askey Murphy - Unit J-69**  
 Misc. baby items

**Edvado Romero - Unit J-27**  
 Misc. items

**Gabriel Blandon - Unit J-52**  
 Tools, small refg. water cooler & misc. items

**James Louk - Unit J-7**  
 Misc. items

**Matt Berry - Unit D-19**  
 Sofa, loveseat, chair & tables

**Jeremy & Charity Howell - Unit #12**  
 Piano, tables, large AC, desk & misc. items

**Wendy Valadez - Unit A-7**  
 Furniture, Christmas items & misc. items

447671 CN 7/11,18/2013

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on July 29th, 2013 at 10 am @ Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston Fl 33440:

**1992 Olds, VIN: 1G3NL5437NM420921**

\*\*\*We have the right to refuse any and all bids\*\*\*

447923 CN 7/11,18/2013

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 12:00 pm in Suite 1 at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The public is invited to attend.

448132 CN/CB 7/18/2013

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/02/2013, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to submission 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**2004 FORD 1FMYU03134KB41100**  
**2004 BMW WBANA73514B804866**

448157 CN 7/18/2013

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Garcia Farms located in Hendry County, State of Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Clewiston, Florida, this 10th day of July, 2013.

McDaniel Reserve Holdings, LLC  
 3333-24 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
 447983 CN 7/18/2013

**Public Notice**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1862	2008	1224432-A0000710000	Juan Perez

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Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

44639 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**      **Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION**

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to transfer and/or issue Water Use and Environmental Resource permits with conditions to McDaniel Reserve Holdings LLC, 3333-24 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452 as follows: Permit Number 26-01136-W, Application Number 130507-11; Permit Number 26-00707-W, Application Number 130507-13; Permit Number 26-01141-W, Application Number 130507-22; and Permit Number 26-00623-P-02, Application Number 130507-10. The existing permits (originally issued for the project known as McDaniel Ranch) are being subdivided into three separate parcels with separate permits for the continuation of existing agricultural practices. The permits being noticed herein, as listed above, are for the project known as Property East (Garcia Farms) with a total project area of 9,454.4 acres in Hendry County, Sections 1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36 Township 47, Range 33. No change in water use allocation, withdrawal facilities or sources, and no modifications of the previously permitted and constructed surface water management system are authorized for the project.

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding each permit, including proposed limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Jun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 682-6911, by e-mail at [permits@sfwmd.gov](mailto:permits@sfwmd.gov) or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

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

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

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

**Filing Instructions**

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

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

**Initiation of an Administrative Hearing**

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

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

**Mediation**

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

**RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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

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# Glades County Commission Notes

Provided by Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter Long

Glades County Board Of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 - 9 a.m.

## Public Hearings

1. Case COMP 13-01SS Madrigal Board approved change to future land use from commercial to residential for one acre in Lakeport

2. Case RZ 13-02 Madrigal Board moved to change zoning from Commercial General to Residential General on one acre in Lakeport

3. Consent agenda approved

Approve payment of county warrants.

Approve minutes of the June 11, 2013 regular meeting.

Approve minutes of the June 24, 2013 regular meeting.

## Business Agenda

4. County Manager Position. (Commissioner Griffin)

Attorney Pringle outlined four options for the board to consider about filling the county manager position: 1) go back to the original short-list of applicants previously interviewed; 2) re-interview candidate previously ranked 2 Noah Powers; 3) evaluate again all applicants that responded to prior recruitment; 4) start over with the formal process of advertising. Commissioners Stanley and Griffin also indicated they'd like the option of appointing an interim county manager.

At the prior meeting, Commissioner Beck had the board's consensus to invite Noah Powers to this meeting; Mr. Powers was introduced and answer questions from Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Echols. Commissioner Beck moved to offer Mr. Powers the position but the motion died for lack of a second.

Board moved to start over with the formal process of recruitment with specific changes to the requirements that the successful applicant must have local government management experience, bachelor's degree preferred, and county residency to be encouraged (but not required) and to advertise only 30 days.

5. Industrial Park

Attorney Pringle stated he had conferred with Aim Engineering and Dale Milita and determined that the contract with Aim could be revised to expand the scope of services to design and permit the industrial park interior roadway in Concept 3 as previously approved by the board, and the City County Public Works Authority would use their contracted services with Craig A Smith and Associates for the engineering, design and construction of the wastewater infrastructure. Plans for other utilities (power, telephone, cable) would be included in the road design.

6. EOC Update

Attorney Pringle informed the board that Ajax Building Corporation had approved with request for three minor revisions, the contract for construction management of the new EOC facility. Pringle stated they were all reasonable requests, the most serious one that Ajax would reserve the right, along with the county, to also disqualify subcontractors who may have little or no experience with construction of emergency facilities.

Pringle will enter the revisions and bring to the board at the next meeting for final approval. If the contract is not executed, the county will pay \$40,000 for preconstruction services to Ajax, and then begin negotiations with the next ranked contractor.

7. Consider RFQ for Engineering Services

Road Superintendent Avant Brown's request was granted to advertise RFQ to prequalify engineering firms for county services such as road paving, infrastructure, etc.

8. Roads considered for SCOP and SCRAP projects.

Board approved Road Superintendent Avant Brown's request to provide FDOT with list of recommended county roads for resurfacing to be funded under the state Small County Outreach Program and Small County Road Assistance Program.

CR 74 from SR29 to the Charlotte County line and CR 721 (Reservation Rd) from SR78 to the Highlands County line were requested again as they did not make the state's previous priority list; added were Riverside Drive in Moore Haven from Avenue J to the end of existing pavement, and Bakers Highway from River Rd to US 27.

Mr. Brown listed the following roads previously accepted by FDOT for resurfacing: CR720 from SR78 to Moore Haven locks; CR721 Loop Road in Lakeport; CR733 in Palmdale from 3rd Avenue to US 27; Old Lakeport Road, Kirby Thompson Rd, Aspen Boulevard, and Birchwood Parkway.

9. Deputy County Manager Position

Board 3-2 approved the promotion of Road Superintendent Avant Brown to include title of Deputy County Manager with commensurate salary increase effective in the next pay period. Mr. Brown is currently assisting Public Safety Director Deputy County Manager Bob Jones with the duties of interim county manager. Commissioners Beck, Griffin and Storter voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney Pringle was excused to conduct the foreclosure sale of the Sanford property; the court had given final judgment to include our code enforcement violations lien covering clean-up costs, accrued fines and court costs.

Commissioner Echols was excused having previously informed the Chairman he would need to leave at 11 a.m.

10. Hiring Freeze

Board discussed the history and reasoning for the current hiring freeze in place and gave consensus to Deputy County Manager Jones suggestion that a hiring freeze should be reflected in the Personnel Policy stating that department heads would not create new positions without coming to the board, or fill a position that has been vacant for more than six months without coming to the board.

Budgeted positions may be filled by a department head within first six months of vacancy. Deputy County Manager Jones reminded the board that the Personnel Policy is currently under review for updates and revisions and this change would be part of the changes. When all revisions are complete and reviewed by department heads, the Personnel Policy will come before the board for review, discussion and approval.

11. Payment In Lieu of Taxes Update

Commissioner Beck reported on his discussion with the director of the Small County Coalition concerning alternative methods of acquiring more equitable PILT.

12. Consider purchase of lands on List of Land Available

Board declined to purchase any of the five lands on the Clerk's List of Lands Available. The list includes properties that were for sale for tax deeds and no bids were received.

13. Appoint members to Value Adjustment Board

Board moved to appoint Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Griffin and Citizen Jerry Peavey to serve on the Value Adjustment Board.

14. Notice of Fisheating Creek Wildlife Area Management Plan

Board moved to acknowledge announcement of a Public Hearing for Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Ares Management Plan to be held Thursday August 1, 2014, 7 p.m. in the commission chambers.

15. Nomination of board vice-chairman

Board approved nomination of Commissioner Griffin to serve as Vice Chairman until the board reorganizes Dec. 10, 2013.

## Constitutional Officers

### County Attorney

Attorney Pringle reported that he had conducted the foreclosure sale of the Sanford property and it drew no other bids, so the property will belong to the county when the final paperwork is recorded. He stated adjoining landowners have already asked when the county is going to mow it. The 3.62-acre property is located at 1055 Riverside Drive Moore Haven.

Pringle stated he will be attending the night meeting to finish up the agreements for Aim Engineering and he will notify the City-County Public Works Authority regarding the industrial park infrastructure decisions.

Chairman Storter inquired of Attorney Pringle about the revisions of the matrix associated with the tax abatement application. He stated the next step is to prepare an ordinance that would adopt the procedure that included the matrix and he will get it advertised for public hearing at the Aug. 13 meeting.

Chairman Storter inquired about the status of the previously discussed Purchase Procurement Policy, that the board had made several proposed changes for the county manager to make corrections and revisions. Chairman Jones said she will work with Deputy County Managers Jones and Brown to bring this back along with an updated list of vendors.

Chairman Storter inquired of Attorney Pringle about the matter of prohibiting smoking at the courthouse entrances, that it has been brought to her attention more than once by constitutional officers, the main issue being that on "court day" during breaks, some of the jury pool gather on the south entrance portico and smoke and create a health hazard for others who use that entrance to come into the courthouse.

Storter said she had reviewed the Clean Indoor Air Act and would like the board to consider a resolution to designate a smoking area away from the entrance and post signage prohibiting it at the doorway entrance. Mr. Pringle stated that would be appropriate. Chairman Storter agreed to prepare a draft resolution along with Deputy County Managers Jones and Brown and submit to Mr. Pringle for review and comment before bringing it to the board.

### County Manager & Department Heads

Deputy County Manager Jones had reported to the board on several items.

1. Larry Hilton will be training fellow employees Tosha Heiss, Terri Anascavage and Earl Cline about the phone system and control of air-conditioning temperatures; Jones stated that CenturyLink had inspected the phone system and will be reporting

2. Buoys are in place at Buckhead Ridge locks; reflective bands are placed on all lights on the lake and signage is on order

3. HR Director Mary Ann Whitney is working on the proposed revisions to the Personnel Policy and it will be brought to the board

4. Tables (10) and chairs (60) have been ordered for the new Washington Park Community Center

5. Okeechobee Utility Authority will be upgrading fire hydrants and water lines in Buckhead Ridge and county will remit \$65k from franchise fees

Jones stated she had reviewed a proposal for exterior painting of the courthouse and found some items in the scope of work that could be done in-house. He told the board he is soliciting other cost proposals. Jones stated there is \$20,000 in the maintenance fund and depending on the prices, contingency funding may be needed.

Chairman Storter stated she had inquired of

Clerk Sandra Brown and the reallocation of courthouse funding may cover this after an architect assessment is made with priority expected to be for courthouse security and ADA requirements. The board's consensus was to review all proposals before the job is performed.

Jones stated he had spoken with Supervisor of Elections Holly Whiddon concerning the redistricting maps and she is to get with Larry Hilton and will bring back some options at the Aug. 13 meeting.

Jones inquired and Chairman Storter assured him that he and Deputy County Manager Avant Brown would continue serving as county manager during the interim until new manager is hired.

Chairman Storter inquired about getting a report from the Veterans' Service Officer concerning the veteran assistance he has been able to provide to how many clients, and would like to review his contract.

Chairman Storter commented on the effectiveness of the lapel microphone used today by Commissioner Beck; a visitor from the back of the room stated they were not able to hear her. Commissioner Griffin expressed satisfaction with the mikes in use. Commissioners Beck and Stanley objected to the costs.

Nancy Dean reminded everyone of the Budget Workshop to be held Thursday, July 11, at 9 a.m.

Jones provided the board with an invitation to attend a special session Wednesday, July 17, 6 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Building to hear Rick Rochford from the Florida State Fire College Safety Division explain state statutes and mandates concerning volunteer firefighters.

## Public Input On Non-Agenda Items

Commissioners items and comments

Commissioner Beck reported on the progress of the improvements at Harney Pond Canal Park despite the afternoon rains. He also stated that a grant application from three years ago had been approved to provide some funding for Curry Island to help develop the park including restroom facilities, signage and improvements on the trail.

Commissioner Stanley inquired on how the county communicates; that he is unable to access the calendar on the county's website and would like announcements to be posted and available as he was not aware of the scheduled Budget Workshop. Larry Hilton stated he had removed the password requirement some months ago and Angie was keeping it updated. (Access at [www.myglades.com/calendar](http://www.myglades.com/calendar)) Chairman Storter asked each commissioner to plan on reporting to the board on a regular basis after they have attended meetings per the board assignments list, e.g. Regional Planning Council, FHREDI, Tourism Development Council, Economic Development Council, Glades Youth Livestock, Nine County Coalition, Heartland Library, Lee Memorial Trauma, etc.

She said the Community Traffic Safety Team meets monthly and Aug. 14 will be sponsoring a Bike Rodeo at the Florida Community Health Center's back-to-school event.

Commissioner Beck commented on the problem with the current microphones that an extension from the base would help, because now they are too short to reach the speaker when books are spread on the dais.

## Adjourn

*These notes are not verbatim, may not be in chronological order and are prepared by Donna Storter Long who is solely responsible for their content.*

# Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1 Manhunt msg.
- 4 Facebook exchanges, briefly
- 7 Put up a fight
- 13 Nose-dives
- 16 Frozen, maybe
- 17 Toy mentioned in "The Chipmunk Song"
- 18 Shade at the beach
- 19 "This will get better, I promise"
- 21 Executes
- 22 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
- 23 Moves a bit
- 27 Prepare for chewing
- 30 PC hookup
- 31 "That's surreal!"
- 37 Calculating
- 38 Military fleet
- 39 Substance usually abbreviated
- 43 "Microsoft sound" composer
- 44 Arkansas River city
- 45 "Star Wars" title
- 48 Detriment to team performance, maybe
- 49 Master of \_\_\_
- 53 Surveillance device found in 19-, 31- and 39-Across
- 57 Not widely understood
- 60 Air, mostly
- 61 Where lizards hang out?
- 62 Mocking
- 63 Lifted (up)
- 64 '70s kidnappers: Abbr.
- 65 "Star Wars" title

- 6 Self-named Fox Business show
- 7 New addition of a sort
- 8 Big dos
- 9 Rainbow \_\_\_
- 10 Shade at the beach
- 11 Songwriter Phair
- 12 Back of a stamp?
- 14 Viking landing site
- 15 On-again, off-again
- 20 Vintage pop
- 24 Of a hip bone
- 25 CNN journalist
- 26 1984-2002 honorary Masters starting group member
- 27 Dot on a map
- 28 Turn out
- 29 Virus carrier, at times
- 31 "The East \_\_\_": 1960s anthem in 32-Down
- 32 Nepal neighbor
- 33 Place out of the sun
- 34 Revival prefix

- 35 \_\_\_ Arena, former Sacramento sports venue
- 36 "Today" rival, initially
- 40 Signaled
- 41 Daniel Boone, e.g.
- 42 Black keys
- 46 Show appreciation to
- 47 Swinging joint?
- 49 Big name in cookies

- 50 Longtime morning co-host
- 51 Eternal City fountain
- 52 Less likely to lose it
- 54 Legal document
- 55 Shortcut key
- 56 Solo delivery
- 57 Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 58 Canapé topping
- 59 Blackguard

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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# Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 11.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.53/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida.

This compares with the national average, which has increased 11.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.62/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 25.0 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 0.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 19.5

cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Nationally, gasoline prices have begun moving upward yet again. I suspect that the unrest in Egypt is playing a significant role in pushing crude values higher, and thus, retail gasoline prices higher, as well," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"The market is seemingly quite sensitive to the situation in Egypt, as the Energy Information Administration has reported two consecutive weeks of large declines in crude oil inventories, drawing concern that a loss in Middle Eastern crude would mean continued declines in inventories stateside," DeHaan said.

# Woman faces theft charges

By Eric Kopp

Special to the Glades County Democrat

OKEECHOBEE—An Okeechobee woman has been arrested on several felony charges that stem from an alleged theft of a diamond tennis bracelet in Glades County.

Kristie Nell Courson, 34, N.W. 35th Ave., was arrested July 11 on local felony charges of dealing in stolen property, giving false information to a pawnbroker and possession of a controlled substance (percocet) without a valid prescription. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$17,500.

Courson was also arrested Thursday on a Glades County warrant charging her with grand theft. Her bond on that charge has been set at \$10,000.

According to arrest reports, Courson's charges in Glades County stem from the alleged theft of a 14 karat ladies tennis bracelet with diamond chips and rubies. The bracelet has a total of 30 stones, stated an arrest report by Detective Mark Shireman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

That bracelet, continued the report, was sto-

len from a home in Glades County then pawned at a pawn shop in Okeechobee.

Detective Shireman's report indicated Courson pawned the bracelet for \$125.

The OCSO detective went on to state that he and Detective Sergeant Steve Harris, from the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), met with Courson about the theft. Sgt. Harris then arrested her on the Glades County warrant. After that, Detective Shireman arrested her on the local charges.

Courson was also arrested by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force when she was found to be in possession of three percocet tablets, stated another arrest report. Courson, stated the task force detective, does not have a prescription for the painkiller.

Detective Shireman explained Courson was charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker because she signed a transaction form on which she stated that she owned the item being pawned, and that the item was not stolen.

Prior to Courson's arrest, Sgt. Harris photographed the bracelet while at the pawn shop then had the owner identify it.

# BHR man jailed for swearing at judge

By Eric Kopp

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OKEECHOBEE—A Buckhead Ridge man is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a contempt of court charge after he apparently swore at the judge and prosecuting attorney during a first-appearance hearing.

Kenneth J. Wilson, 45, Chobee St., went before County Judge Jerald Bryant Wednesday, July 10, to learn what his bond would be following his arrest the day before on a misdemeanor charge of trespass on property.

When Judge Bryant set Wilson's bond at \$10,000, the man became unruly and began to swear at the judge and Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright.

"The judge told him to stop and be quiet, but he continued," said Mr. Albright of Wilson. "The judge found him in contempt of court and sentenced him to 90 days in the county jail."

Mr. Albright said Wilson swore at both he and the judge personally.

Wilson apparently became irate over a bond of \$10,000 being levied on the misdemeanor charge.

But, explained Mr. Albright, Judge Bryant had good reason for handing out such a high bond. Mr. Albright said Wilson has been arrested twice in Okeechobee County for indecent exposure.

According to the prosecutor Wilson had been arrested Tuesday evening at the children's soccer fields on N.W. 10th Terrace after a woman had called the sheriff's office and complained. That woman, a mother of one of the children playing soccer there,

was concerned about a man she had seen "hanging out" at the soccer fields the last couple of days, said Mr. Albright.

"She said he was watching the kids and had his hands in his pockets," said Mr. Albright.

An arrest report by Deputy William Jolly, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that when he went to the soccer fields he found Wilson sitting in his blue pickup truck. The deputy also stated that Wilson had been trespassed from those same soccer fields on Nov. 18, 2011.

A check of Wilson's criminal history revealed that he has been arrested several times for exposing himself to women.

Sergeant Bob Martin of the Wilmington, Ohio, Police Department said Wilson was arrested in 2005 for exposing himself to a woman at a Kroger grocery store. He was arrested again the next week for doing the same thing at another store. Both public indecency charges are fourth-degree misdemeanors, said Sgt. Martin.

Shortly thereafter, Wilson apparently moved to the Okeechobee area because in April of 2005 he was arrested by OCSO Deputy Michael Hazellief after he reportedly exposed himself to a woman in a local department store. Wilson was charged with the misdemeanor of exposure of sexual organs.

Then, on Feb. 26, 2006, Wilson was arrested by the Sebring Police Department on a misdemeanor charge of lewdness after he reportedly exposed himself to a woman at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was later found guilty and was fined.

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## Hendry Regional announces FHIMA Scholarship Award to Kathy Counts

Hendry Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA) recently selected Kathy Counts as a recipient of the 2012-2013 FHIMA Graduate Scholarship Award.

This scholarship, which will be awarded at the FHIMA Membership luncheon on July 23rd, will assist Kathy in pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Information Management at the University of Central Florida (UCF). FHIMA provides scholarships to students enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate studies related to the Health Information Management field.



Kathy Counts has been at Hendry Regional Corporate Health Services for the past 6 years as a National Registered Certified Medical Assistant (NRCMA).

On July 22nd, Kathy will be moving into the HIM (Health Information Management) department at Hendry Regional. There she will work under the direction of Christine Irwin, the HIM Director and Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), who has over 40 years of experience. Christine will train Kathy on all aspects of HIM processes. Kathy's long-term goal is to become an HIM Director.



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