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Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Laura Mathis**

Youth Alive!

First Baptist Baptist Church in Moore Haven was the location for the Youth Alive! lock in last weekend. The event attracted approximately 60 young people from Moore Haven, Clewiston and Naples. Above, special musical guests 'Confidence Beyond Chaos' Aaron Mercer and William Mercer of Moore Haven and Brandon Walker of Clewiston performed for appreciative fans. At right, Emry Denson and Jesse Espinosa competed in a "circle run" game.

DEP probes diesel spill

By Eric Kopp
Special to the Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN -- Two state agencies have taken the lead and are in the process of investigating and cleaning up a diesel spill that has spread from a Moore Haven canal into the Caloosahatchee River this week.

According to a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) report, the spill was reported Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 8:25 a.m.

The spill apparently originated in a canal on Indian Mound Road.

"We responded, assessed the situation and hired a contractor to handle the clean up," DEP

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Glades County Tax Assessment Roll approved

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Lorie Ward

Lorie Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser certified the Preliminary Tax Assessment Roll to the Department of Revenue and all Taxing Authorities on June 26.

State Statute mandates the tax roll certification occur on July 1 of each year.

On July 17, 2013 the Department of Revenue notified Ms. Ward that the 2013 Tax Assessment Roll had been approved.

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Glades at a Glance

West Glades preparing for new school year

Attention West Glades School parents! It is important to get your child registered for school as soon as possible. Summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. West Glades School will be implementing organizational binders in grades 5th through 8th. This is an AVID strategy that teaches students organizational skills. In order to assist with the cost, the office has purchased binders with dividers and pencil pouches required for this notebook at the cost of $6. This will allow students to have uniform organizational notebooks that they will be encouraged to personalize in their class. PLEASE be sure to get a copy of the revised supply list for grades 5th through 8th before purchasing your student supplies. New supply lists are available in the front office and at our website. Get Acquainted night is Thursday, Aug. 15. First day of school is Monday, Aug. 19.

Back to school Kids Expo planned

Back to school Kid's Expo will be held at Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. at the Moore Haven Center, 1201 Health Park Drive on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. This is a free event. Kids can have free eye screening, hearing screening, dental screening, free school shots, free school supplies and so much more. For more information, please contact Stephanie or Traci at 863-946-04050.

Get Acquainted Night for area schools

Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School Get Aquainted Night will be Aug. 15 at the Doyle Conner Building from 6 to 8 p.m.

Open House for Moore Haven Elementary School will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

West Glades Open House will be Aug. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Benefit bass tourney slated at C. Scott Driver Boat Ramp

OKEECHOBEE—The Fallen Peace Officer Bass Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, at the C. Scott Driver boat ramp on S.R. 78 W. Tourney hours will be from safe light until 2 p.m. Payout will be 80 percent and 10 percent of the field will get a check. The entry fee is $110, which includes the big bass pot. Registration will be held at the boat ramp beginning at 5 a.m. on the morning of the event. Boat position will be determined by your entry.

All donations will benefit the families of fallen law enforcement officers. The event is being sponsored by Crappy Jack's Bait & Tackle as well as local, county and state law enforcement agencies.

For information or to pre-register, call Jack Fulce at 863-763-7753.

FCAT scores available for pickup 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. For more information, phone 863-946-2060 or 863-801-5199. Memberships are $15 per year.

Mobile Mammogram visits

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

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. For those that are interested or for any questions, please contact James Harrington, at the Glades County Veterans' Affairs Service office 863-946-1281.

Westergaard House available for events

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

Register for shelter

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Inland Birding Fun: European Starling

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry Glades Audubon

European Starlings are native to Europe and Asia. About 100 Starlings were released in New York's Central Park in the late 1890s by a group who wanted America to have all of the bird species Shakespeare mentioned in his works. There are now over 200 million descendents of these original birds, which are found as far north as Alaska and Canada and south into Mexico, as well as the Bahamas, and Cuba. They occupy most of Florida and will have up to three broods annually from March through July.

These chunky blackbird-sized birds have a short tail and long, dark, slender beak. In the spring, breeding adults will have yellow bills. They are called Starlings because, in flight, their short and pointed wings make them look like small four-pointed stars. In the winter, they will form large, tight flocks. These flocks are often made up of thousands of birds who can reach speeds up to 48 miles-per-hour in flight.

Adult European Starlings turn from spotted and white to glossy and dark each year without shedding their feathers. The bold, white tips on their brown, winter feathers wear away leaving dark purplish-green iridescent feathers. This change is called a "wear molt". Juvenile birds are a drab gray-brown, but molt into adult plumage. The oldest recorded wild European Starling lived to be 15 years and nine months old.

These noisy relatives of the Mynah birds have impressive vocal abilities and can imitate songs of Killdeer, Meadowlarks, Northern Bobwhite, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Flicker, Blue Jays and other bird species. They warbler, whistle, chatter, rattle, make harsh trills and smooth, liquid sounds. Male and female Starlings use about 10 kinds of calls to communicate with each other. They make a purr-like call when they take up flight, a rattle call when they join a flock on the ground and scream when agitated.

Starlings usually live around people where they forage mainly on the ground on lawns, city streets, fields and other open areas with short vegetation. They prefer eating insects and other small invertebrates, but will eat fruit, grains, seeds, livestock feed and garbage.

Males choose the nest site and will aggressively drive other species out of this nesting area. This site is almost always in a cavity of a building, tree, street light, or nest box, which can be up to 60 feet above the ground. After the male fills the cavity with grass, twigs, feathers and trash, he will sing near the nest site in order to attract a mate.

His mate will oversee the final nest building and may discard some of the material her mate added.

They both often add fresh green plants to the nest during laying or incubation.

Most nests contain four or five pale, blue eggs which both sexes incubate for 12 to 14 days.

The hatchlings are born helpless, with sparse, grayish down and their eyes are closed for six to seven days. The young fledge when they are 21 to 23 days old.

For information about the free, escorted driving trips to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) August 17 or September 21, go to: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or call 863-674-0695. Reservations are required for these escorted driving trips.

PHOTO/KENNETH COLE SCHNEIDER
Pictured left is the European Starling.

Reduce the Cost of Owning a Car

The cost of car ownership is on the rise again this year, according to a new report from AAA, but savvy drivers can take practical steps to make driving a more economical mode of transport.

Shop around for better insurance rates. Car owners with good driving records can talk to their insurance company about reducing their premium. And seniors who take a refresher course in driver safety specifically designed for seniors may be able to negotiate lower insurance rates.

Make sure tires are inflated to the correct pressure as indicated on the sticker on the inside of the car door, not the number on the tire sidewall. Under-inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by up to three percent.

Preventive maintenance, such as changing the air filter, can go a long way toward smooth, efficient performance. A clogged air filter can increase fuel consumption by as much as 10 percent.

Take a deep breath. Aggressive driving is not only unsafe and stressful to health, it can also reduce fuel economy -- as all that stop-and-go uses more gasoline than smooth braking and acceleration does.

Handy car owners may be able to do some regular maintenance work themselves, but for those jobs that are beyond their know-how, hiring a reputable mechanic is a must. Car owners should not be afraid to get quotes, as knowing the going rate for the service performed and parts replaced can help car owners from paying unnecessary costs.

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18 Need after a bank job
20 Partner of true
22 Veg (out)
23 Business that cuts locks
26 Change People, say
30 Just manage, with "out"
31 The Brewers, on scoreboards
32 Gal pal of Jerry and George
34 Church get-together
37 Sikorsky and Stravinsky
38 "Know what I mean?"
41 Blender setting
42 Paste back together
43 8-Down, to Mexicans
45 Ben-__
46 Spot for a shot
49 Tabloid twosome
50 Jamaican resort
54 Ancient Aegean region
56 Kind of question with only two possible answers
57 Classic Hitchcock film, and a hint to the end of 18-, 23-, 38- and 50-Across
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63 Paddled boat
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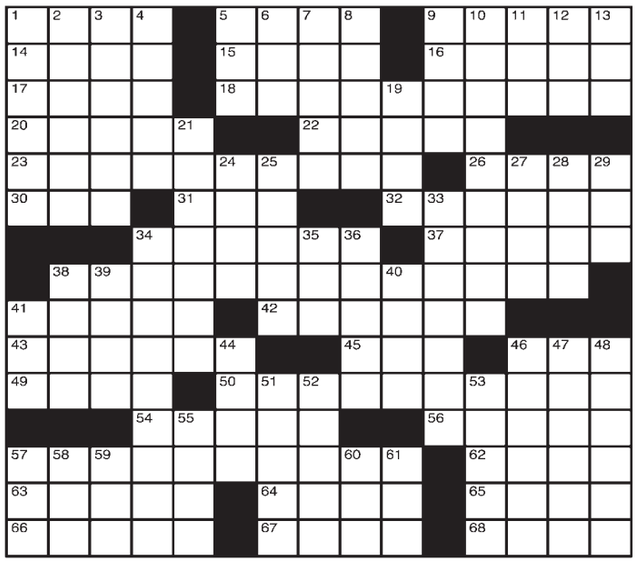

By David Poole
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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 2.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.56 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida. This compares with the national average that has fallen one cent per gallon in the last week to $3.63 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.6 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 15.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 14.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 3.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Over the last week, the national average has continued to see an ever so slow downward trend," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "But the downward trend got a shot in the arm last weekend, as we saw the biggest daily drop since April. From July 25 to July 26, the average dropped 1.5 cents. Back on April 13, the U.S. average dropped 1.7 cents from the previous day. Further illustrating the downward trend, five percent of the country was over four dollars per gallon Friday. Last week, seven percent of the country was over four dollars per gallon," DeHaan said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION HENDRY COUNTY

RESCHEDULED LPA HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on **August 28, 2013** at **6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to consider the Preliminary Plat Application of River Landings (PL13-0001), a subdivision of a portion of Sections 21 and 28, Township 43 South, Range 28 East. The subdivision is located north of SR 80, south of the Caloosahatchee River, and is adjacent to the west side of the Riverbend Motorcoach RV Resort.

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

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

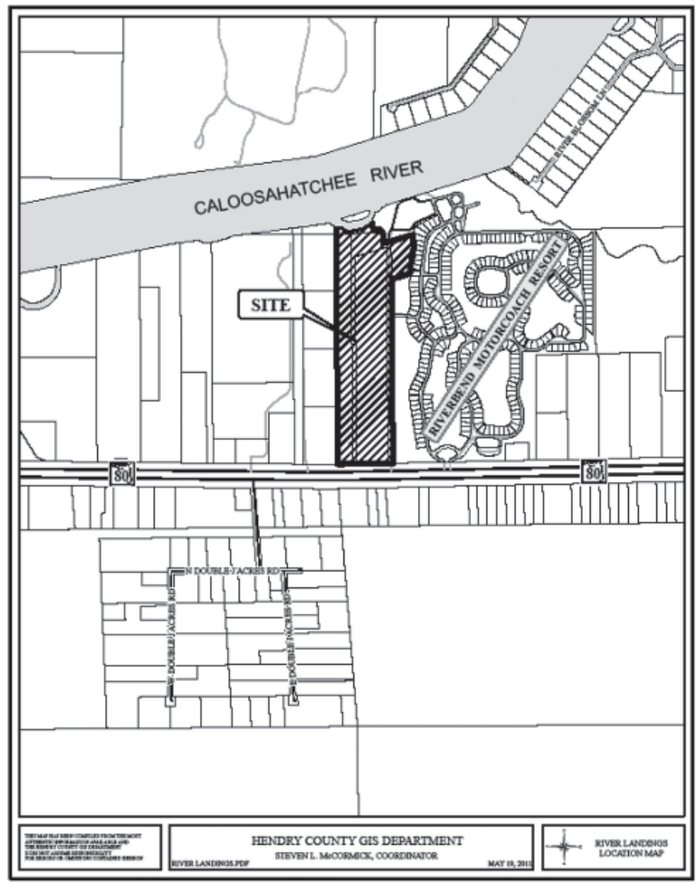
Petition Number: PL13-0001

Applicant: Tice Street, LLC, represented by Davidson Engineering

Location: 5992, 5970, 5942 West SR 80, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 30.20 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is seeking approval of a preliminary plat for a RV motorcoach development in accordance with RZ12-0007.



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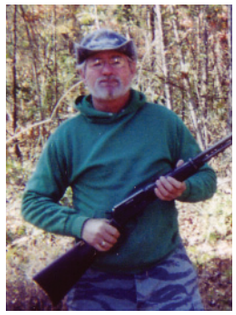
Jay Jeffrey Mercer, 56

CLEWISTON — Jay Jeffrey Mercer passed away July 31, 2013 in his home surrounded by his loving family.



He was born Jan. 20, 1957, in Belle Glade to Jerry and the late Mary (Hyslope) Mercer. Mr. Mercer married Emily Joyce Lynn. He was a truck driver for many years. He was a member of Turning Point Church of God in Flaghole.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce; daughters, Jessica Ann and Lana Gayle; sister, Elizabeth Dean and husband Jim; four grandchildren; and numerous family members and friends.

Funeral services celebrating Jay's life were held Sat., Aug. 3, 2013 at 2 p.m. in Turning Point Church of God in Flaghole with Rev. Troy Ezell officiating. Visitation was one hour before services also in the church.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Sammie M. Perry, 77

LABELLE — Sammie M. Perry passed away Aug. 5, 2013 in Fort Myers.

She was born Sept. 16, 1935, in Etowah, Tenn., to the late "Mac" and Opal McCormack. She attended Carson-Newman College and received her Masters Degree from Vanderbilt University, coming to Florida in 1958 to begin her career as a high school science teacher at Clewiston High School. She also prepared taxes for over thirty years and greatly enjoyed catching up on the lives of her tax clients.

Sammie loved reading trashy novels, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, dogs, and her family. She tolerated shopping, fishing and camping trips. She made the best fried chicken, biscuits, and cheesecake on the planet.

Survivors include, Michele Barnard (Joe) of Gaithersburg, Md., Jeff Perry (Hannah Mary) of LaBelle, William G. Perry, Jr. (Karen) of Cullowhee, NC, Frank Perry (Carol) of Port Charlotte, and Cathy Perry of Astatula; and many beloved grandchildren. She also believed that Chris Bruno and Rene Ibarra were her children as well.

Visitation will be Thurs., Aug. 8, 2013, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church in LaBelle. A memorial service will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the church with Pastor Sammy Co officiating.

Donations can be made to Florida United Methodist Children's Home, the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

Cremation arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

It's Time to Think About Vaccinations

BY PAT DOBBINS
Florida Department of Health

Now is the time to get your children vaccinated for the next school year! Parents can take their children to the health department now to receive the shots they need for school, but they can also take them to their private health care provider. If parents decide to wait until just before school starts, they might have to wait in line if there is a "rush" of folks waiting until the last minute to get their children vaccinated. "It is important for parents to make sure their children are vaccinated," said Pat Dobbins, administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties. "That's how individual children are protected, as well as the entire school."

The first day of school will approach quickly. Parents need to make sure their children have received the proper immunizations as required by law. Health Departments can provide school vaccinations (free of charge) for children from infants through the age of 18.

Students entering kindergarten are required to have the following vaccinations: DTaP or Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (If the fourth DTaP vaccine is administered on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth DTaP is not required); Polio (if the fourth dose is administered on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required); MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella); Hepatitis B; Varicella (Chickenpox).

Students entering 7th grade must receive a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster.

Immunizations are available at the following locations:

Hendry County Health Department

Clewiston - 1100 South Olympia St, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LaBelle – 1140 Pratt Blvd, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Glades County Health Department

Moore Haven - 1021 Health Park Drive, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

If your child has received immunizations at a different location or in other cities or states, it is very important that you take all shot records for your child to your health department or health care provider. This will help to avoid delays or unnecessary duplicated immunizations.

Happiness Could be Key to Good Health

Everyone knows that proper diet, regular exercise and avoidance of bad habits, like smoking, are crucial to great health. However, some experts say that a truly positive outlook on life can be just as powerful a factor in improving overall wellness.

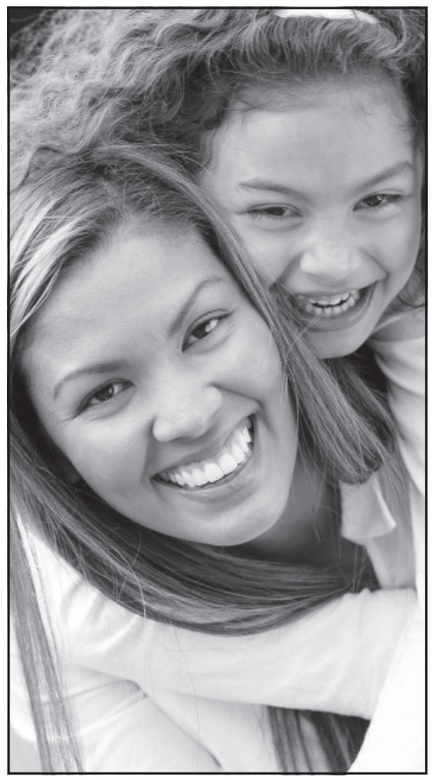
In fact, possessing "emotional vitality" and a sense of hopefulness was found in a Harvard School of Public Health study to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Many other studies have yielded results with similar implications.

"An internal dialogue that is filled with negative, judgmental or self-defeating thoughts can be a self-fulfilling prophecy," says Sean Meshorer, a spiritual teacher and author of the new book "The Bliss Experiment: 28 Days to Personal Transformation." "Bringing bliss into your work, relationships, family and service, no matter what your personal struggles may be, can help you live a more focused, stress-free, fulfilling life."

Meshorer, who sustained an injury seven years ago that left him with severe, disabling and incurable chronic pain, believes your circumstances in life do not need to define your happiness. In his new book, he offers readers science-based spiritual solutions to changing the way one thinks.

With that in mind, Meshorer shared a few ways to get started.

Have compassion: You can't be genuinely happy while you're indifferent to the pain of others. Compassion reinforces our feeling to the world around us and breaks down barriers of loneliness. Make a conscious decision to act compassionately toward others -- including strangers and enemies -- without the expectation of receiving anything in return.



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Dispute negative thoughts: Don't suppress your negative thoughts or paint them over with pretty colors. Running from reality can be counterproductive. Instead, recognize that not all your negative thoughts are rational or justified.

Analyze your thoughts for how they began and why they may not be entirely accurate. Attempt to think about the people or things that are making you unhappy in the most objective light possible.

Be optimistic: Optimism is a practical and effective life strategy. Let go of your fears that being positive leads to disappointment.

Don't place material conditions on happiness: To place your happiness at the whim of complex economic conditions out of your control is like playing Russian roulette with your soul. Don't let your bank account define your happiness.

Practice affirmations: Our words are extremely powerful. What we say to ourselves and how we say it are vitally important, impacting our bodily health and mental well-being.

While often viewed as dubious New Age musings, there is scientific evidence that doing affirmations can avert depression, according to a study by the American Psychological Association. Other studies have found affirmations can substantially improve body image, bolster business success and reduce stress. Sit somewhere quiet and repeat your affirmation out loud.

By pursuing your happiness, you can live a more functional, fulfilled life.

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Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING
Roland Martin's Marina and Resort

It's only the beginning of August and Lake Okeechobee is already seeing high levels of water, with the lake level hovering around 16 feet above sea level. Yes, this means we have a lot of water everywhere on the lake and the Clewiston locks are no longer open at all times. Boaters are required to "lock through" if they use the public boat ramps. It is strange to be able to run almost anywhere on the lake in the middle of summer. Normally, we don't have much water in the lake at this time of year.

This summer has brought some good fishing, even with the high water levels and high water temperatures. As of right now, live bait fishing has been better than the artificial lure bite, but as more fish move back into the grass from open water, the lure bite should really pick up. The wild shiner and live bait bites have worked well all summer, and I see no reason for it to slow down.

I have been fishing a lot of different areas on the lake trying to find the best spot, but most of the areas seem to be about the same. I have been fishing from Kramer Island to the Blue Hole area and the only reason I am moving around is because the fish are not concentrated in any one area right now. It is typical summer fishing: get out as early as you can, fish for four hours or until the fish stop biting, then get off the water.

It has been really hot out on the lake and, on most days, by ten o'clock the fish are no longer biting. I have been catching a few bass quite early out on the reef with lipless crank baits, then the bite stops and move in to the outside grass line in areas like Long Point, Ritta Island and around the lake-end of Uncle Joe's cut.

It is summertime here on Okeechobee, so be sure to drink lots of water and use that sunscreen you brought with you on the boat. Now is also the time to start booking those fishing trips for the prime season here on Okeechobee, which starts in November and goes through the month of May. I think it is going to be an awesome season here on the Big 'O,' and I am starting to fill my calendar up. Good luck, tight lines and I hope to see everyone on the water soon.

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Religion Column

When I Want to Help and Things aren't so Simple

BY REVEREND SAMUEL S. THOMAS, PH. D.+
Saint Martin's Church

One young clergyman spoke of his experiences as he began ministry and wanted to help people. He spoke of the training he received in seminary and then added, "None of the people I see have problems like the ones in the books we used in school!"

If life were only, "If this happens, do that!" But it's not that way. Many "simple solutions" aren't so simple after all. We want to help, but can't come up with the best answer for our friends or ourselves. The other night on TV, there was a drama about a man who was asked to falsify information by his boss. He needed his job and losing it would have meant drastic consequences for his family; but he also knew it was wrong to lie.

After thinking about it, he told his boss that he could not lie, even if it meant losing his job. The boss replied that he was the employee sought for the job; he had too many losses and problems with people not telling the truth and needed someone he could trust to be truthful. Unfortunately, things seem to end up better on TV than in everyday life. (The news we see on TV seems to be an exception to the happy ending, as I've observed!) How, then, can one be of help when someone is faced with a dilemma where there seems to be no happy answer? I looked to Biblical models and there were lots of them.

The Lord didn't always begin by making a pronouncement when He was asked to help someone with a choice or what to do in life. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25ff) begins with an expert in the law testing Jesus and asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life (v.26)?" Jesus answers with another question; the man is an expert in the law and Jesus uses things he will readily understand, saying to him, "What is written in the law (v.26)?"

Likewise, Jesus is challenged for His authority by the chief priests and elders of the law (Mark 11:27ff). They ask Him, by whose authority does He exercise His ministry and, "Who gave you authority to do this (v.28)?" He in turn asks them about the baptism of John. Was it from men or Heaven? They admit that they really don't know.

Their challenge of His authority is left for them to decide for themselves. No simple or direct answer has come. My experiences have led me to see that the work of helping -- really helping -- is allowing people to come to their own answers, rather than to impose my views on them. The parable of the Good Samaritan follows from the question about eternal life, and the answer becomes apparent to the questioner. Being the good neighbor and loving one's neighbor is a key. Work on your own relationship with God and determine for yourself the authority of His Word and His ministry.

The sources are there to help, both human and printed, but you must determine and decide for yourself. Jesus points out to the Pharisees, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, or will people say 'Here it is' or 'There it is' because ... the Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21). Many times that's where the best answers are to be found: within us. Those are the answers the best helpers ask each of us to find!

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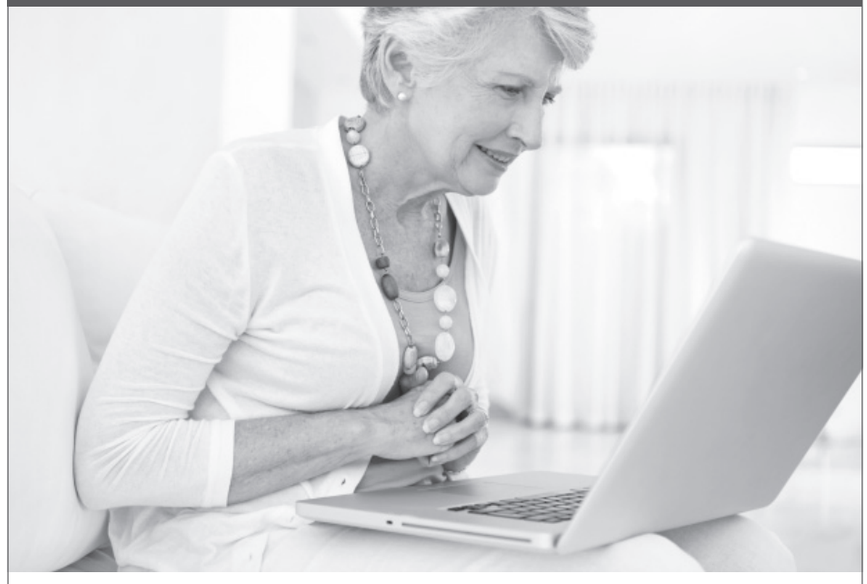

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SFWMD reviews future uses for public lands

On July 26, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) released draft staff recommendations for use of its fee-owned lands in the West Coast region, which includes parts of Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. The draft recommendations are available for review on the district's land assessment website at www.sfwmd.gov/landassessment.

Stakeholders and the general public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft recommendations at a public workshop next week. Public comments may also be submitted on the land assessment website through Aug. 12. In addition, the draft recommendations will be presented at the Aug. 8 meeting of the Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC).

Final recommendations for the West Coast region will be presented to the full Governing Board at its Aug. 15 meeting.

The purpose of the land assessment is to ensure that each parcel owned by the district supports the agency's core mission of balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply. The first phase of the assessment is a review of 750,000 acres of fee-owned lands — properties in which the agency has full or shared-ownership rights. More than 97 percent of the nearly 272,000 acres assessed in the first three regions of the assessment were recommended to remain in their current use.

The fee-owned lands phase is scheduled for completion by September 2013. A comprehensive review of non-fee-owned lands is scheduled to start later this year.

Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Clint Walker**

Boat fire at Port LaBelle Marina

The LaBelle Fire Department responded to a boat fire at about 7:20 p.m. Sunday evening at the Port LaBelle Marina. LaBelle FD responded with a total of four fire apparatus and 10 personnel, as this fire occurred in Glades County, Ortona FD also responded with one fire apparatus and two personnel. The boat was fully involved upon the firefighters' arrival and a column of smoke could be seen from the LaBelle fire station. The fire was extinguished in under 39 minutes with major damage to the boat. No one was injured during the fire.

School district offers Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program

The Glades County School District announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting Eloyna Valerio, P.O. Box 459, Moore Haven, FL. 33471, 863-946-0202 ext. 119.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application can not be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP/TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive free benefits regardless of the child's personal income or the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison Janet Harris at 863-946-2083.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members – check the "no income" box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy Supervisor of Support Services will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to Michael Carter, P.O. Box 459, Moore Haven, Fl. 33471, 863-946-0202 ext. 113.

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

FLORIDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
Effective from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014

FREE MEAL SCALE

Household Size	Annual income	Monthly income	Twice per month income	Every 2 weeks income	Weekly income
1	14,937	1,245	623	575	288
2	20,163	1,681	841	776	388
3	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489
4	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589
5	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690
6	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790
7	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891
8	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991
For each additional family member, add	5,226	436	218	201	101

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

Household Size	Annual income	Monthly income	Twice per month income	Every 2 weeks income	Weekly income
1	21,257	1,772	886	818	409
2	28,694	2,392	1,196	1,104	552
3	36,131	3,011	1,506	1,390	695
4	43,568	3,631	1,816	1,676	838
5	51,005	4,251	2,126	1,962	981
6	58,442	4,871	2,436	2,248	1,124
7	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
8	73,316	6,110	3,055	2,820	1,410
For each additional family member, add	7,437	620	310	287	144

To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.
- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
- If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.
- If you receive the income monthly, multiply the total gross income by 12.

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South Florida offers plenty of rodeo action

South Florida's pioneers brought cattle ranching to the area, and with it, the cowboy skills required for rodeo. Continuing that pioneer spirit, rodeo still thrives in Florida.

Rodeo fans find plenty of rodeos to choose from, including junior events for the youngest rodeo competitors, high school rodeo athletes hoping for college scholarships, working cowboys competing in ranch rodeos and full-time professional rodeo cowboys earning points for national championships in PRCA events. Mexican rodeo, more a social event than a sport, has also found a home in South Florida.

All of the rodeos encourage the fans to make a lot of noise and have fun.

Ranch Rodeo

Ranch rodeos, which have become more popular in recent years, attract working cowboys who work on South Florida ranches. The events in a ranch rodeo are based on the actual skills the cowboys use to work cattle. Unlike PRCA events, ranch rodeo is a team sport. Just as the cowboys work together on a ranch, they work together and help each other in the arena events.

Another difference is the equipment used. While PRCA cowboys use special rodeo saddles and equipment, those in ranch rodeos use the same equipment and tack that the cowboy uses in everyday work.

In addition to events such as calf roping and bronc riding, events in a ranch rodeo may include team doctoring, team sorting, wild cow milking, calf branding, relay race, double mugging and colt riding (sometimes called the wild horse ranch.) In these events, the team works together to perform a task similar to those done on ranches. There are a few differences. The "brand" in the rodeo is covered with chalk or paint. "Doctoring" is indicated by dabbing a bit of paint on a cow to indicate giving it medicine.

Ranch rodeo rules vary from state to state and even from rodeo to rodeo according to Dusty Holley, Florida Cattlemen's Association director of field services. For those new to the sport, the announcer explains the rules to the spectators as the rodeo unfolds.

Bronc riding is similar to that seen in other rodeos, but closer to what actually

happens on a ranch when a horse decides to start bucking. For colt riding, instead of starting with a bronc in a chute, a haltered horse is in the arena, held by one member of the team while the others attempt to saddle it and then one team member must mount the horse and ride it to the end of the arena. This is no easy task and it is not unusual for this event to have no successful rides. This event is also sometimes called the wild horse race.

In the double-mugging event, one person will rope a yearling calf and other team members will help take the yearling to the ground and secure the animal with rope.

PRCA

According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA), legend has it that American rodeo was born on July 4, 1869 when two groups of cowboys from neighboring ranches met in Deer Trail, Colo., to settle an argument over who was the best at performing everyday ranching tasks. That competition is considered to be the first rodeo which evolved into rodeo as we know it today.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) was created almost by accident in 1936 when a group of cowboys walked out of a rodeo at the Boston Gardens to protest the actions of rodeo promoter W.T. Johnson, who refused to add the cowboys' entry fees to the rodeo's total purse.

The promoter finally gave in to the cowboys' demands, and the successful "strike" led to the formation of the Cowboys' Turtle Association. The cowboys chose that name because, while they were slow to organize, when push finally came to shove, they weren't afraid to stick their necks out to get what they wanted. In 1945, the Turtles changed their name to the Rodeo Cowboys Association, and in 1975, the organization became the PRCA.

Florida High School Rodeo & Junior High School Rodeo

The Florida High School Rodeo Association hosts competitions for rodeo teams from Florida High Schools. Rodeo contestants travel around the state competing in a series of high schools earning points toward their state rankings. The top 15 in each event competes in the state finals, and the top four finishers in each event at the state level go on to compete in the National High School Rodeo Finals. Contestants must be enrolled in high school and be in good standing. Report cards must be turned in every nine weeks.

The Florida Junior High School Rodeo Association is a division of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The top 20 in each event at the end of the season move on to compete at the Florida State Finals. The top four in each event after state finals then have the option of moving on to compete at the national finals.

For current rodeo schedules go online to http://fhsra.homestead.com.

Professional Bull Riding

The rules are simple: Place a wiry cowboy on the back of a hulking, snorting temperamental 2,000 pound bull and see if he can stay on for an eternal eight seconds ... with one hand strapped to the bull. Headquartered in Colorado, the Professional Bull Riders, Inc. was created in 1992 when a group of bull riders broke away from the traditional rodeo scene seeking mainstream attention for the sport of professional bull riding. They felt that, as the most popular event at a rodeo, bull riding deserved to be in the limelight and could easily stand alone.

More than 1,200 bull riders from the U.S., Australia, Brazil, Canada, and Mexico hold PBR memberships. They compete in more than 300 bull riding events per year on either the elite tour, the Touring Pro Division, or the PBR International circuits. The ultimate goal for PBR athletes each year is to qualify for the prestigious PBR World Finals in Las Vegas where the coveted title of PBR World Champion is decided.

Mexican rodeo

Mexican rodeos or charreadas include some familiar rodeo events, such as bull riding (although instead of riding for eight seconds, the contestant tries to stay on until the bull stops bucking), and some events that are not seen in traditional rodeos in the U.S. such as trick riding. Mexican rodeos are also known for colorful traditional costumes and pageantry. Music plays a big part in Mexican rodeos, which are as much a social gathering as a sporting event.

South Florida Rodeo Calendar

There's plenty of rodeo action within driving distance of communities in the Lake Okeechobee area. Rodeos range from kids trying their skills in youth competitions to professional rodeo riders competing for prize money and points toward national championships at events sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Area rodeo venues:

• The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is often the venue for horse shows, barrel racing competitions and Mexican rodeos. To check the current schedule, go to co.okeechobee.fl.us/Agri-Civic. The Agri-Civic Center hosts recreational riding on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and barrel racing practice on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

• Florida High School Rodeos are scheduled throughout the school year at arenas throughout the state. Last year two high school rodeos were held in Okeechobee. The schedule the for 2013-2014 school year should be posted shortly after the school year starts at http://fhsra.homestead.com/.

• The Fred Smith Arena on Brighton Seminole Reservation, on Harney Pond Road, off State Road 721 in Glades County, hosts Extreme Bull Riding, Barrel Racing and other rodeo and horsemanship events. For a current schedule, go online to www.rezrodeo.com.

• The Junior Cypress Entertainment Complex on Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation is a state-of-the-art facility with a newly-renovated rodeo arena. Rodeos and other events are scheduled throughout the year. The facility is only 18 miles north of I-75 between Naples and Fort Lauderdale. For more information, online go to jrcarena.com or call 863-983-8923.

• Gethsemane Ranch, 22845 S.W. Martin Highway in Okeechobee hosts rodeo events. For more information, call 772-597-0380.

• The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo Arena on U.S. Highway 441 N. hosts rodeos in March and September. For more information online, go to www.okeechobeecattlemensassociation.com.

Events on the calendar for the coming year include:

AUGUST

• The Brighton Seminole Fred Smith Arena hosts barrel racing practice on Mondays, from 6 to 9 p.m. On Tuesdays, the arena hosts team roping practice from 7 to 9 p.m. Charge for most practices is $15 For a current schedule, go online to www.rezrodeo.com. The arena is off State Road 721 on Brighton Seminole Reservation in Glades County. For information online, go to www.rezrodeo.com.

• The Ocala Shrine Rodeo is planned for Aug. 30-31 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2200 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. (CR 200A), in Ocala. For more information online, go to http://www.ocalarodeo.com.

• A Kids Summer Rodeo Series Event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, at 10:30 a.m. at the Junior Cypress Entertainment Complex on Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. The facility is only 18 miles north of I-75 between Naples and Fort Lauderdale. For more information, online go to jrcarena.com or call 863-983-8923.

• Brighton Seminole Reservation's Fred Smith Arena will host a Ranch Rodeo Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Teams from these rodeos will also compete in the Labor Day weekend rodeo in Okeechobee.

SEPTEMBER

• The 2013 Okeechobee Cattlemen's Labor Day Rodeos will be ranch rodeos with teams competing on Saturday, Aug. 31, Sunday, Sept. 1, and on Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day). Rodeo finals will be held including top ten teams overall from the Okeechobee and Brighton rodeos. Rodeos will be held at the old Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo Arena on U.S. Highway 441 North. Rodeos will start at 2:30 p.m.

• On Sept. 21 the Arcadia Rodeo Arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) in Arcadia, will host a Youth Rodeo. It starts at 10 a.m. For more information, go to http://www.arcadiarodeo.com.

• The 2013 Statewide Ranch Rodeo Competition and Cowboy Heritage Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 27, and Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane in Kissimmee. Rodeo action begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Cowboy Heritage Festival offers crafts, cowboy artwork storytelling, beef cook-off, whip cracking and more from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact the Florida Cattlemen's Association at 407-846-6221.

OCTOBER

• Youth Rodeo will be held Oct. 19 at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) and starts at 10 a.m. For more information, go to http://www.arcadiarodeo.com.

• A PRCA/WPRA Rodeo will be held at the Timer Powers Park in Indiantown on Saturday, Oct. 26. Gates open at 5 p.m. Timer Powers Park is located at 20652 S.W. Citrus Boulevard, Indiantown. For more information, call 772-597-2184.

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You never wanted to be picked last on the playground, but you do during our Progressive Drawings on Saturdays, Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. We will announce the winners every two hours from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Be sure to pay extra close attention to the time and have your eyes on the drawing board because if the money isn't collected within three minutes it will roll over into the next drawing. The last winner could go home with $2,500.

Please contact the casino or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com for information on bus transportation and group packages.

See the Player's Club for promotion details. Must be at least 21 years old and a Seminole Player's Club member to participate. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1.888.ADMIT.IT.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 419 slot and gaming machines, live action blackjack e-tables, a six-table poker room, and high-stakes bingo action, and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere, and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located in the Brighton Indian Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road (State Road 721), in Glades County, 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

PERFORMING ARTS

Plays, concerts and more...

Okeechobee Community Theatre

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Community Theatre will hold open auditions for roles in its first two shows of the season on August 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Auditorium, one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant. The shows are the Tony award-winning comedy-musical "The Drowsy Chaperone," scheduled for performance in November, and the holiday radio play, "It's a Wonderful Life," to be presented in December. Participants may try out for either or both shows at the sessions. There are roles available for ten or more adult males and two to four young men from early to late teens. Female roles include at least seven adults and two young ladies from early to late teens. For information on audition procedures, call 863-763-1307, or visit www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com.

Jazz Market, Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society hosts a Jazz Market in historic downtown Fort Pierce on the waterfront of Indian River every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Every Tuesday, the Sunrise Theatre at the Black Box, 1117 South Second St. in Fort Pierce, features Jazz Jams from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday. Jazz Jams are every other Wednesday at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Folk and Bluegrass concert

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—Willie Allen and Jerry Axelrod will perform in a Folk and Bluegrass concert on Aug. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. The program is free with park admission of $5 per vehicle. Please call 561-776-7449, ext. 109 for more information. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

Conch Stomp Band

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—On Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m., come on down to the park and listen to the Conch Stomp Band play some bluegrass. Free with park admission. Call the Nature Center for more information, call 561-624-6952. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

Area special events...

Art show at Dolly Hand Center

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's spacious Grand Hall often plays home to visual art exhibits by local artists. Exhibits take place in conjunction with Guest Artist Series performances. The Grand Hall is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon and one hour before all performances. Other viewing times available upon request. To inquire about exhibiting artwork in the Grand Hall, contact Leigh Woodham at 561-993-1160.

Boat tour and photography class

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK—On Aug. 10, learn how to create interesting and creative images focusing on landscapes and scenes. Join professional photographers on a guided river tour along the Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River to Trapper Nelson's Interpretive Site. Program cost is $70 and includes park entry, guided boat tour, class instruction, photo shoot, photo critique, and light refreshments. For more information, contact the Kimbell Center, 561-745-5551, email libby.reinert@dep.state.fl.us or visit www.floridastateparks.org/jonathandickinson.

Labor Day Festival

OKEECHOBEE—The annual Okeechobee Labor Day Festival will be held Aug. 31-Sept. 2, in downtown Okeechobee, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Flagler Park will host arts and crafts and food vendors as well as local entertainment. The Labor Day Parade will be Monday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. in downtown Okeechobee. The parade route starts at the old U-Save supermarket on U.S. Highway 441 (aka Parrott Avenue) travels north to the intersection of State Road 70 and then west on State Road 70 to the end of Flagler Park. For more information online, go to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com. For vendor applications, call Sharie at 863-357-6246. At 2:30 p.m. each day, the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association will host a ranch rodeo at the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Arena on U.S. Highway 441 N.

Learn to kayak

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—On Sept. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m., representatives from Adventure Times Kayaks will teach a land-based course that gives beginners the skills necessary for kayaking. Reservations are recommended. The program is free with park admission. For information and reservations, please call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

Nature Underwater Art Exhibition

JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK—In recognition of the essential role water plays in our environment, The Kimbell Center Gallery at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, is presenting a show of underwater art. All work including 2D and 3D is welcome and must follow a natural theme, but can include people, structures, and objects at the discretion of the artist. Artwork will be juried for compliance with the show's theme, Nature Underwater, and selected work will be displayed in the parks' gallery. Artwork can be for sale with 20 percent of the proceeds benefitting the Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Proceeds are considered a donation toward park programs and improvement projects. The Friends are a nonprofit, volunteer based organization promoting the historical, educational, and ecological enhancement of the park. The cost of entry is $10 for up to five entries. The exhibit takes place from Sept. 28 – Nov. 17. The Exhibition Reception will be Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and will include an announcement of "Best of Show" and a special guest speaker from Florida International University. Dr. Michael Heithaus will speak about the behaviors and interactions of bull sharks in the Loxahatchee River and other estuarine systems. To enter artwork, or for more information, contact Libby Reinert at Libby.reinert@dep.state.fl.us or call 561-745-5551.

Luna family fights to keep land

By Eric Kopp
Special to the Glades County Democrat

OKEECHOBEE—When the Kissimmee River was transformed from a 103-mile meandering body of water to a 56-mile long ditch, life for the Luna family was changed just as drastically as the river.

During testimony heard Friday, July 26, members of that family told Circuit Court Judge Elizabeth Metzger how the river was everything to them, and how they used to swim in the clear water and play in the white sand.

Then, in the 1960s, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channelized the Kissimmee there was no more swimming or frolicking on the sandbars in the middle of the river.

"It was just nasty," testified Bonnie Luna Byars. "You couldn't swim in it and you couldn't fish in it."

The testimony came about as part of a continuing trial (case number 2012CA000251) in which the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is trying to take 373 acres of property belonging to the Luna family. The district says it needs the property for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project that will return the river to its natural, meandering state.

"I don't know how they're going to do it—not the way God did it," said 84-year-old Leah Joyce Luna, the family matriarch, from the witness stand. "That (the river) was part of our life. You used to be able to drink the water out of the river."

There are a number of issues being argued by Luna family attorneys against the SFWMD being able to take the property through eminent domain proceedings. Those issues include: the district trying to take more land than they need for the project; the petition submitted by SFWMD attorneys in this case does not match the resolution passed by the SFWMD governing board; the appraisal of the property was flawed; and, the property was not surveyed.

"Any of these errors are sufficient for dismissal of this case," said Orlando-based attorney Bruce Harris, who represents Bonnie Luna Byars, in earlier trial proceedings.

The Luna family is willing to grant the district easements across their properties, but the SFWMD wants to take about 263 acres in fee simple. This means the district would own the property outright and could do whatever it wants with the land.

Mr. Harris has also pointed out during the trial that the district is wanting to take 7 more acres than it needs, and that the legal description of the property had been altered in that a line was added that not only put in an access easement but increased the acreage that would be taken.

For Bonnie Luna Byars, she's fighting to hold onto her property because it's her home and she doesn't want to leave the river, her family's property or all the wildlife that also call the Luna property home.

"I spend all my time out there because I don't like to live around a lot of people," she told her attorney, Tim Wright, during her time on the witness stand. "I don't like to be confined. I like to open my door and see the world."

Archery contest planned

The Glades County 4-H 3D Archery Contest will be Aug. 24, at Fisheating 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.

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Summer Youth Employment

Lorie Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser, presents Moore Haven High School graduate Akkua Hallback with a certificate of appreciation as a participant in the Southwest Florida Works Summer Youth Employment Program. "It was a pleasure working with Akkua this summer and I am confident that he will be successful this fall as he attends the University of West Alabama."

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Defendant(s).

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LOT 18, BLOCK 2150, FORT LABELLE UNIT 4, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 86, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 4025 Albany Road, Labelle, FL 33935.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a cop[y of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Circuit and County Courts
By: S. Miller
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator;1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
449524 CN 8/8,15/2013

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-001350

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.
FAISAL SHAFIULLAH, et al,
Defendants

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 18, 2013, and entered in Case NO. 26-2009-CA-001350 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and FAISAL SHAFIULLAH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FAISAL SHAFIULLAH N/K/A JOHN DOE; VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE HOA, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 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 11th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 24, VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 199, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
A/K/A 492 LOPEZ PLACE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 23, 2013.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 336225018
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****Sec 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 (81.3) 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.
448896 CN 8/1,8/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/23/2013, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1997 FORD
2FTDF0720VCA05397
2003 CHEVROLET
2G1WF52E739252085
1997 NISSAN
JN1CA21D6VT816310
449677 CN 8/8/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom it May Concern,
The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded a horse from the Muse area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horse.
449403 GCD 8/8 & 8/15/2013

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on August 19th, 2013 at 10 am @ Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston Fl 33440:

1988 BMW
VIN#WBABB2302J8858676

*****We have the right to refuse any and all bids*****
449226 CN 8/8/2013

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, August 16th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L. Belle Glade, Florida.

- **Property of: Curtis Brown,** TV , speakers, A/C, miscellaneous boxes.
- **Property of: Sharanda Davis,** Bedroom Suite, Matt & Box Spring, Headboard, miscellaneous boxes
- **Property of: Johnnie Dent,** Bedroom Suite, Microwave, Refrigerator, Matt & Box, TV's miscellaneous boxes.

449034 SUN 8/8,15/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 09-00055

CITIBANK NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-11E4 TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JILLIAN SANTIESTEBAN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 10, 2013, and entered in Case No. 09-00055 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which Citibank NA, as trustee for WAMU Series 2007-HE4 Trust, is the Plaintiff and Ethan Santiesteban, Luis Santiesteban, Source Mortgage, Inc" are defendants, the Glades County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front steps of the Glade County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, in Glades County, Florida on the 15th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 7, OF RIVERVIEW, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 128,OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 2155 RIVERSIDE DR, MOOREHAVEN, FL 33471

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

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 26th day of July, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Glades County, Florida
BY: Tina Espinosa
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate its a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance, Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Garde, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call I-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL, 35471.
449183 GCD 8/1,8/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY DIVISION
CASE NO. 13-DR-119

IN RE: **CARLOS MARTINEZ,**
Petitioner,
vs.
YADIRA L. ZUNIGA,
Respondent,

PAULA TOVA,
Third Party Respondent/ Grandmother.)

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY

TO: Yadira L. Zuniga,
1550 Old US Hwy 27,
Clewiston, FL 3340

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, Carlos Martinez or his attorney, whose address is 1617 Hendry St. # 311, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, on or before (date), before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 7/15/2013
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /S/ R. Delacruz
Deputy Clerk
448764 CN/CB 8/1,8/2013

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board of Supervisors for the Port LaBelle Community Development District has scheduled a Budget Workshop for August 19, 2013, at 5:30 PM at the District office located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Nancy Imhoff
Chairman

449675 CN/CB 8/8 & 8/15/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clewiston City Commission will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013 in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 115 W Ventura Avenue to consider the following:

•Variance requests from Clean Cuts LLC for lot area and lot width at 402 East Trinidad and 414 East Sagamore Avenues

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the P&Z Board meeting and the City Commission public hearing. City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to a meeting. Please contact the city clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance.

CITY OF CLEWISTON

Travis Reese
Community Development Director
449680 CN 8/8/2013

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
3130	2008	2024329-670000B0090	Mary Culliver Est c/o Brenda K Kendrick

Lot 17, Block B, Sunset Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013,** which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013.**
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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

448376 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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
2743	2008	1214334-010000P0140	Daisy W. Hill

Lot 22, Block P, HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449622 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
3411	2010	2024329-12000100030	Dorothy Rose Rebele c/o Frank Williams

Lot 6, Block 10, BELMONT SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 9, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida AND the East one-half of the following: Begin at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence East 1120 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence South 72.03 feet to ditch; thence Easterly 200.59 feet; thence North 61.78 feet; thence West 200 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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013.**
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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

448395 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY NOTICE OF WORKSHOP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT REVISIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Local Planning Agency (LPA) will hold a workshop on August 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of discussing revisions to the Economic Development Element in the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

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

Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency
449681 CB/CN 8/8/2013

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
3333	2010	2014329-01000410060	Sabitree Bhagwandin

Lots 15 and 16, BUSH SUBDIVISION of LaBelle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 7, 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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013.**
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013**.

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

448397 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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
3431	2010	2024329-250000B0050	Daniel M. Vasquez

Lot 5, Block B, CROSS-TIE MOBILE ESTATES, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 103, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449624 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN & PERMITTING SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING/INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTING A 12-FOOT WIDE TURN LANE FROM SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND CR 835 TO THE PROPOSED MAIN ENTRANCE OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HENDRY COUNTY

RFQ No. 2013-24

Opening Date and Time: August 29, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services for constructing a 12 foot wide turn lane from southbound and northbound CR 835 to the proposed main entrance of a commercial development known as Southeast Renewable Fuels in Hendry County, Florida. **Two** firms will be selected, one for the design & permitting services and one for the construction engineering/inspection services of the project. Firms submitting must have expertise in roadway and drainage design permitting services, and construction engineering/inspection services. The County will not allow the same firm to perform the design & permitting services and the construction engineering/inspection services for this construction project. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. 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 2:00 p.m., August 29, 2013, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, by email at jmcelhaney@hendryfla.net or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, 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 RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
449187 CN/CB 8/1,8,15,22/2013

Public Notice

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
1136	2010	1224331-010000L0010	Silvya Hinojosa

The Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. (Lot 8, Block L, Pioneer Plantation, 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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013.**
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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

448388 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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
2686	2008	1214334-01000050100	Daisy Bell Williams c/o Lois Gray Prof Bus Svc

Lot 10, Block 5, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 4 TO CLEWISTON, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449621 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
3412	2010	2024329-12000110032	Dorothy Rose Rebele c/p Frank Williams

Lots 11 thru 14, Block 11, BELMONT SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 9, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449623 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
2343	2009	1314433-A0000260000	Ismael Fernandez & Omar Fernandez

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31. Township 44 South, Range 33 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 6026, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449616 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
2595	2009	1214334-010000Q0280	TN Hill c/o Tasha Hill-Henry

Lots 36 and 37, Block Q, HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449618 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
3408	2010	2024329-05000080090	Ervin A Kelting Jr and Kandis M Kelting

Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 8, ANDREWS ADDITION TO LABELLE PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 47, 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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013**.
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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

448393 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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
2965	2009	2024329-670000B0230	Mary Culliver Est c/o Brenda K. Kendrick

Lot 26, Block B, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2013,** which is the **12th** day of **September, 2013.**
Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

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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
1960	2008	1254432-A0001760000	Luis D. & Marta Sardinas

The South one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to a canal easement over and across the South 30 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 561, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Hendry County, Florida

449620 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2396	2009	1314433-A0003380000	Lou's Properties Inc

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5865, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2056	2008	1264432-A0001950000	Ana Von Buren Wenzel

The North one-half of the West one-half of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 293, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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Hendry County, Florida

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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
3195	2010	1214334-01000130100	Leroy & Lynvetta A Myers

Lot 26, Block 13, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 4, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Hendry County, Florida

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1995	2009	1344432-A0000060000	Manuel & maritza Gonzalez & Edgar Gonzalez

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4392, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

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Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4068	2008	4104329-06021940140	Ray A Flores

Lot 14, Block 2194, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1862	2008	1244432-A0000710000	Juan Perez

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5295, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Hendry County, Florida

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
802	2009	1274329-01000G10380	Leon + Isidora Gonzalez

From the intersection of the North line of Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of SR 29, run South 03 degrees 45' East along said centerline 2899.3 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence North 86 degrees 34' East, 450 feet; thence South 03 degrees 45' East, 50 feet; thence South 86 degrees 34' West, 450 feet; thence North 03 degrees 45' West, 50 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. LESS the Westerly 50 feet for R/W of SR 29. Also known as Business Lots 38 and 39, Section G-1, LABELLE RANCHETTES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2362	2009	1314433-A0001350000	David & Yasmin K McGee

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5847, 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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013,** which is the **29th** day of **August, 2013.**
Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013.**

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2498	2009	1144334-A0000470200	Dwight Hatfield & Carrol C. Redish & Leroy Hare Est

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence North 89 degrees 28' 25" East, 390 feet to Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 29' 43" West, 158.66 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29' 24" East, 110 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29' 43" East 158.71 feet; thence South 89 degrees 28' 25" West, 110 feet to Point of Beginning, Excluding Right of Way.

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

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Dated this **31st** day of **July, 2013.**

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

449617 CN/CB 8/8,15,22,29/2013

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
701	2009	1264329-02000020030	Larry Dewayne Perkins Est + Dennis A Perkins

The South one-half of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, less the South 25 feet and the East 20 feet for the road Right-of-way, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Being Lot B-13, LABELLE ACRES, an unrecorded subdivision. LESS the following: Beginning at a point 25 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, thence West 208.91 feet; thence North 208.71 feet; thence East 208.71 feet; thence S 208.71 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, a portion of that tract also described as B-13, LABELLE ACRES, all lying and being in Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1310	2009	1134432-A0002010000	Ruth Mercedes Reynolds Remudo

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3069, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4028	2008	4104329-060000D0010	Praim Gagraj & Margha Mahabir

Tract D, Block 2196, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of G-2, S 00 degrees 40' 08" E, along East right-of-way of Birchwood PKY1013.9 feet to Point-of-Beginning; thence S 68 degrees 15' 26" E, 220 feet; thence S 32 degrees 48' 48" E, 220 feet to North right-of-way of Garden Road, West along right-of-way on curve, delta 03 degrees14'56", radius 4850 feet, length 275.01 feet to point of compound curve to right, delta 90 degrees 06' 50", radius 46.36 feet, length 72.92 feet to the East right-of-way of Birchwood PKY; thence N 00 degrees 40' 08" W, along East right-of-way 230 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.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to "The Water Rights Compact Among the Seminole Tribe of Florida, The State of Florida, and The South Florida Water Management District", the **1st Amendment to the 27th Annual Work Plan** of the Seminole Tribe of Florida has been submitted to the South Florida Water Management District (District).

The Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe), 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024, has submitted, on July 19, 2013, the **1st Amendment to the 27th Annual Work Plan.** The Work Plan describes existing and proposed activities on Seminole land. The work proposed by the 1st Amendment to the 27th Annual Work Plan includes: **Brighton Reservation** - 1) Harney Pond Road (60% Plans) Construction - the Tribe is proposing to widen Harney Pond Road to provide a center two-way left turn lane to improve access to the adjacent properties and side streets. The proposed drainage system will use interconnected swales to provide water quality and will drain into existing outfall pipes and ditches located along the project site. 2) Danette Bowers Home Site and Access (NWP) - construction of a 1.5-acre home site located along Jones Road within the Brighton residential community area. 3) Drinking Water Wells (7 - 4") for Cattle - the Tribe is proposing to construct seven (7) drinking water (4") wells and several feedlots in addition to seven (7) 40' wide x 50' long x 5' deep cooling ponds. The Brighton Reservation is located in Glades County, Township 40 South, Range 32 East; Township 39 South, Range 32 East; Township 39 South, Range 33 East; Township 38 South, Range 33 East. The Immokalee Reservation is located in Collier County, Section 11, Township 47 South, Range 29 East. The Big Cypress Reservation is located in Broward County, Township 48 South, Range 35 East, and, in Hendry County, Township 47 South, Ranges 32-34 East. The Hollywood Reservation is located in Broward County, Townships 50-51 South, Range 41 East. Coconut Creek Tribal Trust Land is located in Broward County, Section 18, Township 48 South, Range 42 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the Work Plan or submit a written request for a copy of the Staff Report containing proposed agency action regarding the Work Plan by writing to: Regulation Division, South Florida Water Management District, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680; such comments or requests must be received within 30 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this Work Plan. A copy of the Staff Report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an Administrative Hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request therefore after reviewing the Staff Report.
449498 GCD 8/8/2013

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Woman accused of having sex with teen

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee woman is being held on bond in the Glades County Jail after her arrest for allegedly having sexual relations with a young boy.

Jennifer Marie Eastman, 34, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Aug. 1 on a felony charge of lewd and lascivious battery on a person 12-16 years of age. She is being held on $50,000 bond.

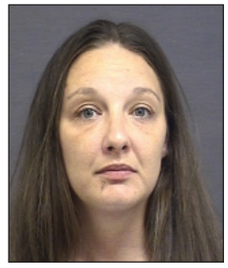
An arrest report by Detective Sergeant Steve Harris, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), indicates the alleged abuse occurred this spring.

According to the detective's report the woman was well aware of the victim's age.

"I asked the victim if Jennifer ever told him not to talk about having sex with her and he told me they both knew it was against the law due to his age," stated Sgt. Harris.

Eastman was arrested in Okeechobee on a Glades County warrant by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

The detective's report also indicated that GCSO Deputy Richard Ermeri handled the initial complaint in this case.



Jennifer Marie Eastman

Lehigh Acres man dies in crash on U.S. 27

GLADES COUNTY—A Lehigh Acres man was killed in a one-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 27 in Glades County Monday afternoon.

Lonnie Sampson, 33, was driving a 1976 AMC Jeep eastbound on U.S. 27 in the outside lane around 5:17 p.m. "Suddenly the front of the vehicle began to yaw to the right," according to the Florida Highway Patrol report by Trooper T. Parks and homicide investigator Cpl. R. Ellis.

The driver lost control of the vehicle, the report continues. The Jeep left the roadway and overturned on the south grassy shoulder of U.S. 27. The driver was ejected from the vehicle in the accident.

He was transported to Hendry Regional Medial Center and died from his injuries, according to the report.

Congratulations Carl Hankins on your retirement from United States Sugar Corporation after 42 years. You are amazing and we love you so, so much.

Love Always,
Mildred, Andre, Kareem, and a host of other family and friends

SPILL

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Press Secretary Patrick Gillespie in Tallahassee explained Wednesday morning, Aug. 7.

He said the clean up will be handled by SWS Environmental Services, which has offices in several Florida cities as well as several other states.

The investigation into just how the spill occurred is being handled by the Florida Wildlife and Fresh Water Fish Commission (FWC).

The DEP report states that someone called in a report of a "diesel sheen emanating from a vessel in Moore Haven. Caller states the entire waterway is covered in diesel."

It was not known as of newspaper deadline what caused the spill, how much fuel entered the waterway or if there was any threat to wildlife or fish.

DEP's office in Fort Myers responded to the scene.

Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Laura Mathis**

Youth Alive!

The Youth Alive! Lock in held last weekened at First Baptist Baptist Church in Moore Haven attracted approximately 60 young people from Moore Haven, Clewiston and Naples.

TAX

Continued From Page 1

The Property Appraiser will send each property owner a Notice of Proposed Property Taxes also known as a TRIM notice (Truth in Millage) on Aug. 16. The notice will contain the property's value on Jan. 1, 2013, the millage rates proposed by each local government, and an estimate of the amount of property taxes owed based on the proposed millage rates. The date, time, and location of each local government's budget hearing will also be on the notice. This provides the property owner the opportunity to attend the hearings and comment on the millage rates before final approval.

Lorie Ward asks that everyone please review their notice carefully.

"It's important for the property owners to check to be sure they are receiving all of the exemptions that they are entitled to. If they have concerns or questions about the notice, I encourage them give me a call or send me an email. My door is always open and I welcome their visits," stated Ms. Ward.

WEDDING

CARISSA MORRELL MATTHEW SIMMONS

Mr. and Mrs. Arturo I. Morrell of Clewiston, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carissa Danielle Morrell to Matthew Floyd Simmons, son of Mr. Floyd Simmons of Moore Haven and Mrs. Karen Schmidt Simmons of Riverside, California.

The bride is the granddaughter of Ms. Constance Wright, formerly of West Palm Beach, the late Mr. Dennis Gus Gostomski, formerly of Moore Haven, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Arturo "Coco" and Perla Morrell of Clewiston. The groom is the grandson of Ms. Shirley Barone of San Jacinto, California, Mr. Bill Schmidt of Riverside, California, Ms. Susan Turner of Groveland, Florida and the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd and Betty Simmons of Frostproof, Fla.

The wedding took place at the beautiful Sentinel Beach in Yosemite National Park in California on June 12, 2013 at 4 O'clock in the afternoon. Miss Alicia Morrell, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, along with bridesmaid, Miss Heather Simmons, sister of the groom, Mr. Nathan Simmons, the groom's brother, was the best man. Miss Haleigh Graham of Albuquerque, New Mexico, niece of the groom, was the flower girl and Mr. Alex Morrell, brother of the bride, was the ring bearer.

After returning from their honeymoon to Alaska, the couple now resides in Clewiston. A quaint reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on July 13, 2013.

The bride holds her A.A. Degree from Palm Beach State College and is seeking her Bachelors in Radiology and Imaging at Edison State College. She is employed at John Perry Insurance in Clewiston. The groom is an engineer at South Central Florida Express Railroad in Clewiston.

Public Notice

Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue the following permits modifications with transfers and transfers with conditions for lands formerly known as the McDaniel Ranch which lands in their entirety were located in Sections 1-27, 29-30, 34-36 Township 47 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County Florida, west of CR 837, south of the Deer Fence Canal bisected by CR 833. The permits result from the sale of properties such that the permits are requested in the name of the owner. No changes to the land use, irrigated acreage, crop types, sources or allocation is requested. J. W. McDaniel Sr., Inc., 32800 CR833, Clewiston, Fl 33440 was issued permit 26-01061-W (application 130507-21) for the watering of 500 head of cattle with an annual allocation of 2.19 million gallons (0.1824 MG month) and Corrected Permit 26-00623-P (application 13057-18) for the remaining 3,980 acres consisting of 408.9 acres of active agriculture, 3,551 acres of non-active agriculture, and approximately 20 acres of borrow pit. The following permits were issued or transferred for lands no longer owned by J. W. McDaniel Sr., Inc.: Permits 26-00623-P-02 (application 130507-10); 26-01141-W (application 130507-22); 26-01136-W (application 130507-11); 26-00707-W (application 130507-13) 26-00623-P-03 (application 130507-7); 26-01135-W (application 130507-14); 26-00938-W (application 130507-16); 26-01142-W (application 130507-23).

The Staff Report(s) and Notice of permit(s) modification with transfer and transfer(s) setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the 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 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website (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 e-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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BP#1A Survey	BP#2A Earthwork
BP#2B Demolition	BP#2C Fences
BP#2D Site Utilities	BP#2F Irrigation & Landscape
BP#3A Concrete & Masonry	BP#5A Structural and Miscellaneous Steel
BP#5B Handrails and Railings	BP#6A Rough and Finish Carpentry
BP#7A Roofing	BP#7B Waterproofing, Dampproofing, Joint Sealants & Firestopping
BP#7C Insulation	BP#7D Exterior Finish System
BP#8A Steel Doors and Frames	BP#8B Wood Doors
BP#8E Overhead Coiling Doors	BP#8D Aluminum Storefronts, Windows and Mirrors
BP#9A Wood Flooring	BP#9B Metal Framing & Gypsum Board Assemblies
BP#9C Tile	BP#9D Acoustical Ceiling & Acoustical Wall Treatment
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BP#9G Final Cleaning	BP#10A Visual Display Boards
BP#10B Toilet Compartments & Urinal Screens	BP#10C Fire Extinguishers, Cabinets and Accessories
BP#10D Aluminum Walkway Covers	BP#10E Operable Panel Partitions
BP#10F Toilet Accessories	BP#10G Metal Lockers
BP#10I Identifying Devices	BP#10J Corner Guards
BP#10K Cubicle Curtains and Tracks	BP#10L Defibrilator Specialties
BP#10M Flagpoles	BP#11A Stage Curtains
BP#11B Food Service Equipment	BP#11C Laundry-Residential Appliances
BP#11D Gymnasium Divider Curtain	BP#11E Projection Screen & Projection Mounts
BP#11F Theater and Stage Equipment	BP#11G Athletic Equipment
BP#11H Safes	BP#12A Millwork and Casework
BP#12B Telescoping Bleachers	BP#12C Auditorium Seating
BP#12D Window Treatments	BP#12E Floor Mats
BP#13A Sound Conditioned Rooms	BP#14A Elevator
BP#15A Plumbing	BP#15B HVAC
BP#15C Fire Sprinkler System	BP#16A Electrical

All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted.

Bidders shall submit a complete "Bidder Pre-Qualification" form to Manhattan Construction (Florida), Inc., two days prior to the time designated for bid receipt. A copy of the Pre-Qualification form is bound within the Bid Documents

Access to our virtual plan room on isqft.com with all bidding information, can be obtained by contacting Lyn Ross via email at lross@manhattanconstruction.com. Bids must be submitted on an exact reproduction of the bid forms supplied on our plan room. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked as to Bid Package and Subcontractor's Name.

The Owner and Construction Manager reserve the right to waive any or all irregularities and informalities and to reject any or all proposals for any reason. The Construction Manager will evaluate all proposals received and will award the Subcontract in accordance with its best interests, based upon such evaluation in its sole discretion.

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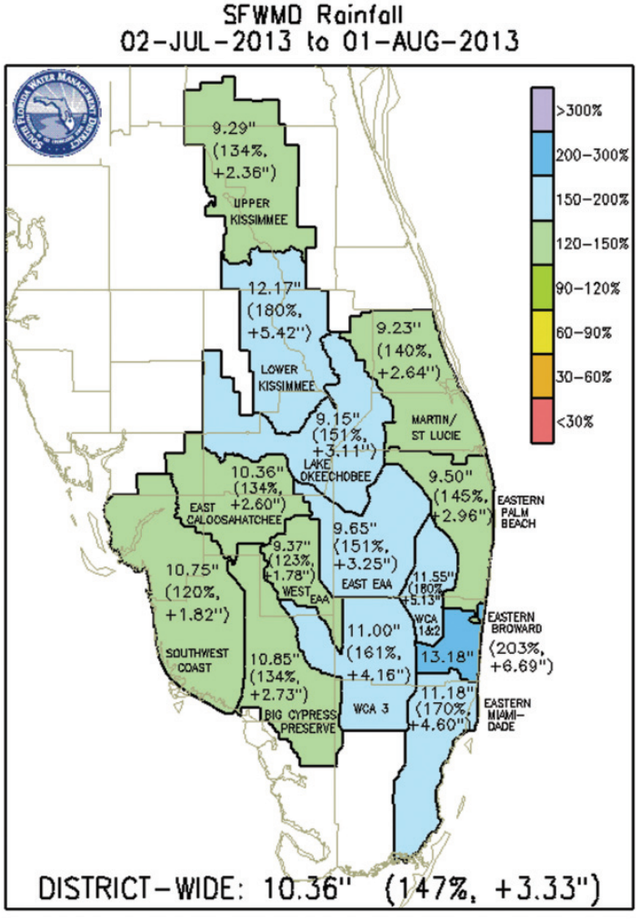
Florida wet season rain is the most in 45 years

July's soaking of South Florida capped the wettest start to the wet season since 1968, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) reported Aug. 1. District meteorologists also reported the wettest April-through-July period on record in South Florida since 1932.

"South Florida is saturated, leaving very few places to move water as we work to keep the system prepared for the peak of the hurricane season," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "Our continual challenge with heavy rainfall is balancing flood control for 7.7 million residents while protecting the region's wildlife and natural systems, including the Everglades."

District-wide, 10.36 inches of rain fell in July, representing 147 percent of average, or 3.33 inches above average. All 16 counties in the district saw above-average rainfall for the month, with the central portion of South Florida, including Lake Okeechobee, receiving the highest totals.



Early wet season rainfall topped recorded amounts, including:

- Wettest July since 2001;
- Wettest June since 2005;
- Combination of late May through July led to the wettest start to the wet season since 1968, or the wettest in 45 years;
- Wettest April-through-July period on record in South Florida since 1932.

Water Levels

Following several months of above-average rainfall, water levels are currently at or above scheduled levels in key areas, such as some lakes in the Kissimmee region and the Everglades Water Conservation Areas.

This included 9.15 inches of direct rainfall over Lake Okeechobee and its immediate area, representing 151 percent of average, or 3.11 inches above average for the month. The lake stood at 15.86 feet NGVD today. This is 2.09 feet higher than its historic average for this date. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the lake level with input from stakeholders including the district, has been making regulatory releases.

South Florida Wet Season Facts

- On average, South Florida's wet season begins around May 20 and ends around Oct. 13, lasting for about 21 weeks.
- Typically, about two-thirds of annual rains fall during the wet season, or approximately 35 inches out of 52 inches.
- June is usually South Florida's wettest month.
- Since 1932, virtually all wet seasons have produced 2 to 4 feet of rainfall.
- South Florida's wet season has three general phases:
- Memorial Day weekend through July 4 weekend, which are typically the wettest six weeks of the year.
- Early July through mid-August, which are hotter and often drier.
- Late August through October, which are characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly due to tropical activity and cold fronts.

Mortgage Assistance available

The federal government has allocated funding to help qualified Florida families pay the first mortgage on their homes through the Hardest Hit Help program. You can register by calling Okeechobee Non-Profit Housing at 863-467-5525.

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