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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Dale Conyers

Ortona building dedication

Glades County Board of County Commissioners Chairperson Donna Storter Long addressed the crowd at the new Ortona Community Building dedication on Tuesday, January 14.

3 men accused of smuggling fake pot into prison

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Sheriff Stuart Whiddon is pleased to announce the arrests of Jay Thomas Michaels, 66, Michael Gillen, 46, and Christopher Dettmar, 36, after an investigation conducted by the Glades County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and the Moore Haven Correctional Facilities inspector.

All three men have been arrested and charged with two counts of Smuggling Contraband into a Prison.

The trio had schemed to introduce tobacco and synthetic marijuana (also known as K2 or Spice) into the Moore Haven Correctional Facility where Dettmar is currently incarcerated and from where Gillen had been recently released.

Dettmar was arrested and later released back to the custody of Moore Haven Correctional Facility. Michaels was released from the Hendry County Jail after posting his \$15,000 bond. Gillen is still in custody at the Glades County Jail with

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BHR fire chief helps save burning home

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An estimated \$35,000 in property damage was done after a fire broke out on the porch area of a two-story home at 1020 Fourth St. in Buckhead Ridge early Thursday, Jan. 9.

Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue received

the alarm at 3:55 a.m. and was on the scene 15 minutes later.

The fire report from Lieutenant Everette Wooten said the Buckhead Ridge Fire chief was alone battling the blaze when they arrived with one water line. Glades County deputies were also assisting.

Two units and four firemen from Okeecho-

bee provided mutual aid until other volunteer fire companies could arrive at the scene.

"There was a large amount of smoke as we crossed over the Kissimmee River," Lt. Wooten wrote in this report.

The majority of the fire was contained to

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Trio found with explosives face more charges

By Eric Kopp
Special to the Glades County Democrat

OKEECHOBEE--A Moore Haven man is one of three people facing additional charges related to explosive devices.

Emette Howard Miles, Michael Ronald Holmes and Faith Marie Kahn were arrested

Jan. 6 on several felony drug and weapons charges, following a traffic stop. A search of the vehicle uncovered 17 explosive devices.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, they were each charged with 17 felony counts of possession of an explosive device which also changed their total bond amounts. The changes came about because Miles, Howard and Kahn all

had to go back for a first-appearance hearing on the explosives charges.

Miles, 29, Indian Mound Road, Moore Haven, is now being held on a total bond of \$207,000; Holmes, 22, S.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, is being held on a total bond

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Crossword Puzzle

Recall HP Chromebook 11 Chargers

- ACROSS**
- 1 In short supply
 - 6 Basics for Dick and Jane
 - 10 XT computers
 - 14 Mandel of "America's Got Talent"
 - 15 Actress Lollobrigida
 - 16 "La maja desnuda" artist
 - 17 Primary artery
 - 18 First name in advice
 - 19 Baseball's Hersher
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 - 24 Mugs, e.g.
 - 25 Old British coin
 - 26 Clinic helper
 - 31 Big concert setting
 - 32 Gambler's IOU
 - 33 Lawyers' org.
 - 36 Peer pruriently at
 - 37 Kermit's color
 - 39 Coffee-brewing choice
 - 40 Boozer
 - 41 High-fiber food
 - 42 Longtime "Masterpiece Theater" host
 - 43 Decree that spells things out
 - 46 Nighttime shindig
 - 49 TV warrior princess
 - 50 One's toughest critics, often, and, literally, three different words hidden in 21-, 26- and 43-Across
 - 53 Internet letters
 - 56 Uses a straw
 - 57 Fairy tale start
 - 58 D-Day beach
 - 60 Promote big-time
 - 61 Slangy turnarounds
 - 62 Poe's "ebony bird"
 - 63 Tiny hill builders
 - 64 Criteria: Abbr.
 - 65 Trapped on a branch
- DOWN**
- 1 Cager-turned-rapper O'Neal, familiarly

- 2 Old grump
- 3 Haywire
- 4 "Picked" complaint
- 5 Olympians in red, white and blue
- 6 Andre of tennis
- 7 Netanyahu of Israel, familiarly
- 8 "Squawk on the Street" airer
- 9 "Huh?"
- 10 Outfielder's cry
- 11 B in chemistry
- 12 "Poppycock!"
- 13 Doritos scoopful
- 22 "What can Brown do for you?" shipping co.
- 23 Manhattan's ___ Theatre
- 24 Mr. Peanut prop
- 26 Vietnam neighbor
- 27 Golden Fleece vessel
- 28 Suspenders alternative
- 29 What a hound follows
- 30 With 53-Down, stadium fans' rhythmic motion
- 33 Yankee infielder, to fans
- 34 Ride the Harley
- 35 Copycat
- 37 Heartrending
- 38 Scavenging pest
- 39 Cartoon explorer
- 41 Uncle Remus's ___ Fox
- 42 Monarch's spouse
- 43 Tears (away) from
- 44 Superabundance
- 45 Maiden name intro
- 46 Slangy sibling
- 47 Bulb in a garden
- 48 Addition to the conversation
- 51 Attending to a task
- 52 Like some coffee or tea
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- 59 Vandalize

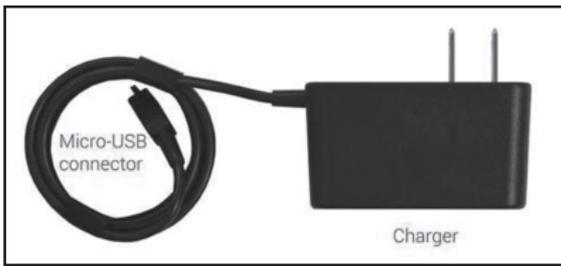
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Recall Date: December 17, 2013.
 Recall Number: 14-061
 Google and HP recalled HP Chromebook 11 chargers due to fire and burn hazards.

on the end. The model number of the charger is MU15-N1052-A00S, which is stamped on the face of the battery charger that has the outlet pins. Incidents/Injuries: Google has received

The charger can overheat and melt. Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product. The company has agreed to replace the defective product. Please call Google toll-free at 866-628-1371 between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), seven days a week or online at <http://chromebook.com> and click on the Chromebook link at the top of the page, then click on Support for more information.

Recall Details
 HP Chromebook 11 charger; Units: About 145,000 units; Description: This recall involves chargers that were sold with the HP Chromebook 11. The charger is black with outlet pins, measures 1.75 inches by .75 inches and has a six-foot long cord with a micro-USB connector

nine reports of chargers overheating and melting during use. There is one report of a small burn to a consumer and one report of minor property damage to a pillow from an overheating charger.
 Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled charger for the HP Chromebook 11 and contact Google for a free replacement charger.
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Glades at a Glance

MHES to host bingo

The Moore Haven Elementary School Safety Patrol is having a bingo night at the school cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 16. Hot dogs, chili and desserts will be available for purchase beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the first bingo game begins at 6 p.m. The community is invited to come out and support the Safety Patrol students who are continuing to raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C., in the spring.

MHHS Scholarship dinner set

The Moore Haven High School Scholarship Organization will hold the annual BBQ on Friday, Jan. 17, at the Doyle Conner Building from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinners will include half BBQ chicken, two sides and a roll. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased in advance from any MHHSS Board Member, Wayne Aldrich, Scott Bass, Paul Beck, Rogel Brown, Sandra Brown, Gordon Bryant, Bonita Drayton, Ellen Geake, Anthony Htyatt, John Huysman, Larry Luckey, Michelle Thomas, Lorie Warad, Bob Way, and Susie Woodward. For more information, contact mhhs.scholarship@yahoo.com or call 863-946-2083. The MHHSS Organization is a 501(C)3 and all donations are tax deductible. Donations for scholarships can be mailed to MHHSS Organization, P.O. Box 795, Moore Haven, FL 33471.

Holder Family concert in BHR

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church 1731 Hunter Rd., Buckhead Ridge, would like to invite everyone to the church on Sunday, Jan. 19, to hear the Holder Family in concert at 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Classes are for all ages, with morning services at 11 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m. Pastor Arlen Cook will bring the message. Everyone is welcome.

Storm program at library

On Monday, Jan. 20, Friends of the Moore Haven Library present a program on the "1926 & 1928 Storms," with guest speaker Butch Wilson. Program starts at 5:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

BMAP meeting planned

OKEECHOBEE—The next Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) meeting will be held on Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. Ninth Avenue, Okeechobee, 34972.

Car Cruise-In planned

LABELLE—The South Central Florida Car Club starts off a new year with it's monthly Cruise In on Jan. 21 from 5-7 p.m. in Barron Park on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle. The Cruise In is open to all area auto lovers. The public is welcome to come out and enjoy the rides. Come and enjoy a fresh grilled hot dog served up with all the fixings. New members are always welcome. More info call 863-634-9875 or 863-234-8343.

BHR catfish festival planned

The 20th annual Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival will be held Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department on State Road 78. The festival features fried catfish dinners, using Fire Chief John Wilkinson's own recipe. The VFD Ladies Auxiliary will also sell hot dogs and other treats. Visitors will be entertained by local bands. Arts and crafts will be for sale at the vendor booths. Festival organizers are taking booth reservations now. For more information, call 863-447-6585 or 863-467-8220 or email bhrvfd@yahoo.com.

Art in the Park set for Jan. 25

The Glades County Public Library and its Advisory Board invite area artists and craftsmen to exhibit and sell their work at the ninth annual Art in the Park event in Moore Haven, Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This popular free event, centered in and around the library, brings artists and the public together in a wonderful setting by the Caloosahatchee River. Painters, sculptors, photographers, and handcrafters are encouraged to contact the library now and reserve their place. Exhibiting and parking are free. Exhibitors are responsible for their own setups. The Glades County Public Library is located in the city park across the street from the river in Moore Haven's Historic District. The address is 201 Riverside Drive. For more information or to reserve a place, contact Mary Booher, Director of Libraries at 863-946-0744 or mbooher@myhlc.org.

Homecoming at Church

New Hope Baptist Church, at 1057 Yaun Road, Moore Haven, will host a homecoming with many guest speakers and singers for praise and worship. Come out and partake with us on Jan. 26 at 10 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste collection set for Jan. 25

Glades County will host a Household Hazardous and Electronics Waste Collection day on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon beside the Doyle Conner Building on U.S. 27 in Moore Haven. Hazardous waste generated from households, small businesses, farmers and government agencies will be accepted during this scheduled event. Leave products in their original containers. DO NOT mix different or unknown materials together. Label or leave labels on all containers. Check containers for leaks; transport in a sturdy box or tray. Examples of Household Hazardous Materials accepted include oil-based paint or latex paint thinners, stains, varnishes, strippers, wood preservatives, solvents, spot removers, brake fluid, anti-freeze, flammable liquids, kerosene, stale gasoline, metal and furniture polish, engine degreasers, unknown chemical & aerosols, used oil (limit 5 gallons), unbroken fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, chemistry sets, poisons, household cleaning fluids – bleach, ammonia, drain openers, oven cleaners, all batteries EXCEPT alkaline.

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Inland Birding: Yellow-rumped Warbler

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Yellow-rumped Warblers breed from northern Alaska across Canada and Newfoundland, south to northern California, Colorado, Oklahoma, northern Louisiana, and South Carolina. They winter in California, Texas, Florida and in the Tropics. Their winter range varies with the availability of food and weather conditions. There are two subspecies of Yellow-rumped Warbler, the eastern Myrtle Warbler and the western Audubon's Warbler.

Yellow on their sides. During breeding season, adults also have yellow crown patches and white tail patches. Wintering birds are duller in color than the breeding birds. Females, fall males, and young are streaked gray-brown, but they always have a yellow rump and white spots in their tail.

Their voice is a buzzy warble of five or six high-pitched notes, or two-note phrases ending with an upward or downwards inflection, "chewy-chewy-chewy" or "chew-chew-chew." During winter, they make a constant chirp or "contact call" to help keep the flock together. The oldest known Myrtle Warbler lived to be eight years and nine months old. The oldest recorded Audubon Warbler was 10 years old.

This highly adaptable bird can be found in small flocks in a variety of habitats, including forests, bogs, forest edges and openings. In winter, they are often found in bushy thickets where they are capable of assimilating 80 percent of wax-coated berries, such as bayberry and wax myrtle. Its ability to use the wax-coated berries allows

it to winter farther north than other warblers. They feed mainly on insects in the summer and berries and fruit in the winter. They will also come to feeders for fruit, suet and seeds.

The breeding male will sometimes help carry materials for the nest that is built by the female in the fork of a sapling, far out on a branch of a tree or next to the tree trunk. It takes about 10 days to build the three- to four-inch cup of grass, bark, plant fibers and spider webs, which are lined with fine grass and hair. One to six white speckled eggs are laid and incubated for 12 to 13 days. The young fledge when they are about two weeks old.

Anyone who would like to participate in upcoming driving trips at STA-5 on Jan. 18 or 25 should email Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. The schedule of STA-5 trips through December 2014, and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs, are available on the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



Yellow-rumped Warbler

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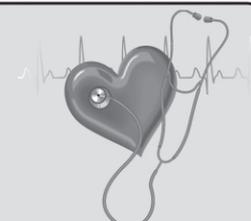
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RELIGION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Growing Older

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church



John Hicks

When I was young, I made faces in the mirror. Now that I'm older, the mirror's getting even. I heard people my age should start thinking about the hereafter. I already do. There are many times I go somewhere and ask myself, "What am I here after?"

Every January, I face the reality of waking up and finding myself a year older, as well as facing subtle hints of mortality. Someone compared it to being like an automobile. As it gets older, the differential starts slipping and the u-joints get worn, causing the drive shaft to go bad. The transmission won't go into high gear and sometimes has difficulty getting out of low. The carburetor gets fouled with pollutants and other matter, making it hard to get started in the morning. It's hard to keep the radiator filled because of the leaking hose. The thermostat goes out, making it difficult to reach operating temperature. The headlights grow dim, the horn gets weaker and the battery needs constant recharging.

So what are we to do? Just because we are near the top of the hill doesn't mean we've passed our peak. The wisest are not the ones with the most years in their lives, but the most life in their years. I've always been amazed at the discoveries science has come up with that add vitality and longevity to the life we live. Research has revealed close relationships help extend our lives. Men who kiss their wives every day are shown to live five years longer than men who don't. Science has also shown that we need the equivalent of 17 affirming touches or verbal affirmations a day in order to thrive.

Our world around us is starving. In the name of God, let's help each other thrive by making sure that we share at least 17 affirming hugs, touches or verbal affirmations each day with others.

Also, pet your pets. Pet all your loved ones: your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your animals. Petting animals and loved ones lowers blood pressure.

In addition to reaching out and touching someone, studies have shown that variety does add spice to life. Use as your motto Isaiah 42:16: "Along unfamiliar paths I will guide them." Try some new food. Take a new route to work. Try a new book of the Bible. Break your daily routine in some small way. Do something wild. Just let

go and let God.

And go barefoot. A study reported some years ago in USA Today revealed that Americans who habitually kick off their shoes tend to live three years longer than the average American.

In the Benedictine Monastic Order, the monks take off their shoes constantly. Whenever shoes are not an absolute necessity, they go barefoot. Why? Bare feet are aware feet: aware of the earth, aware of holiness, aware of life. Feet that are bound for too long begin to stink. Souls that are bound up and cooped up for too long begin to stink, as well. Let some fresh air into your soul. Go barefoot.

And don't forget to laugh. A lot. A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (Proverbs 17:22) Take a break and do something silly. There's holiness in humor. Laughter helps keep us from taking life too seriously. One research study revealed that over 50 percent of all illnesses in the test group were stress-related. Laughter really is good medicine, especially when stress is concerned. The joy of the Lord is our strength!

So, hug frequently, go wild, go barefoot and laugh often. Do so, and you will find that you will not only add years to your life, you'll have life in your years! This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Women's Night Out

CLEWISTON — "Let The Games Begin!" WINGS (Women IN God's Service) is hosting a night of Christian fun and fellowship open to all women in the community on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Life Enrichment Center of First United Methodist Church of Clewiston.

There will be board games, card games and even some "Minute to Win It" type games! Bring a favorite finger food and a couple of friends. Childcare will be provided. Call Alice at 983-5269 with questions.

Defending Your Faith

CLEWISTON — How can an individual defend his faith in a world that casts doubt? How can an individual answer the doubter, the skeptic and the atheist?

A special Sunday night series will be presented at Community Christian Church, located on 201 N Francisco Street in Clewiston. The series begins Jan. 12 at 6 p.m., with each session being about one-hour in length.

Subjects to be covered are:

- What is Christian Apologetics?
- How can we answer the doubters?
- Is the text of the Bible accurate and trustworthy?

• How do we know the people, places, and events of the Bible are true?

• How can God be in all places at the same time?

• How can God hear millions of prayers at the same time?

• What is the Nature and Reality of this world and universe?

• Can we know for sure that Jesus did rise from the dead?

The session will be led by Mr. Jon Loftis and Dr. E. Arlin Bolejack.

Church Announcements

CLEWISTON — United M. B. Church, Pastor James White 15th Anniversary

Jan. 13 through 17 and climaxing on Sunday,

Jan. 19.

Pastor James White Anniversary Agenda for the Week

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, South Bay Rev. Lawrence Epps, interim Pastor; Mt. Calvary Clewiston, Rev. Dwayne Brown, Pastor

Friday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Ministries Night
Sunday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m.: General Church Messenger, Rev. E. Smith; Greater Friendship Rev. Gary McNealy, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m.: New Bethel LaBelle, Rev. Alonzo McKenzie
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Art Fest has Chalk Walk

Special to the Glades County Democrat
OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Main Street is preparing for the Top of the Lake Art Fest and Chalk Walk, set for Feb. 8-9. The main event will be a juried fine art show. This year we will again feature a "Chalk Walk" which will include street painters using a chalk medium. For additional information and applications contact Bridgette Waldau at bridgette.art@gmail.com. During this event, Main Street is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Battle of the Bands on Saturday, Feb. 8, in Park 4. They are looking for bands that are interested in playing and competing for a cash prize. The band must pre-register by supplying the band name, # of musicians (must have at least three musicians, must have vocals, no tracks), contact information and genre. Main Street would also like all pet owners to think about the pet event that will

take place at the Top of the Lake Art Fest. Paws in the Park, previously known as the Puppy Pageant, will take place on Sunday, Feb. 9. There will be four categories that will include all the fun and talent your pets can bring. Pet owners will be asked to pre-register at a cost of only \$10 per pet through Thursday, Feb. 6. You may register your pet at the park the day of the event but the registration fee will then be \$15. Registration will begin in Park 4 at noon on Sunday, Feb. 9. Each pet will be able to compete in only one category. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to places first through third of each category. Sponsorships will be requested for each of these great events. You may apply online for the Battle of the Bands or Paws in the Park at www.okeechobeemainstreet.org or at the Main Street office located at 55 S. Parrott Ave. For information, contact Sharie at 863-357-6246.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Betty A. Boyette Praytor, 74

LAKELAND — Betty A. Boyette Praytor passed away on Monday, December 30, 2013. She is survived by her son, Michael Boyette, wife Vivian; daughters, Jan and Valerie Boyette, Shelley Crowe and husband Greg, Beverly Crater and husband Bruce; three grandchildren, Van, Michael and Amanda; sisters, Mary Edith Pullen and husband Curtis of Clewiston; numerous nieces and nephews. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister. We will miss her deeply.



Jamone 'Bombe' Forde

CLEWISTON — Jamone "Bombe" Ford passed away on January 6, 2014. Viewing will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at True Vine Church, 2100 10th St., Clewiston, Fla. Family and friends gathering at the Harlem Pavilion. Service will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 at 11 a.m. at True Vine Church. Immediately following services the Repast will be at Harlem Civic Center.



Frederick Arthur Green, Sr

CLEWISTON — Frederick Arthur Green, Sr. passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at the age of 76 at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach. He was born in Rochester, N.Y., on May 6, 1937. He was the fourth of five children of Samuel Green and Dorothy (Efrige) Green. He spent his childhood in Southbury, Conn., graduated from Seymour High School, attended the University of Connecticut, and moved to Miami after a spring break trip made him fall in love with South Florida. He married Ethel B. Gibbon in November 1964, becoming a step-father to her three sons, Keith, Gregory, and Kevin Smith, and having another son, Frederick Jr., in 1970. His job as a marketing manager for the convenience store U-tote-M/Circle K took him from Miami, to Kansas, to Colorado, to Oklahoma, and finally back to South Florida. After retiring he moved to Clewiston, where he later joined the Elk Lodge. He became a widower with the passing of Ethel in 2003. He came from an old New England family that traced their roots back to the Puritan migration in the 1630's. He is survived by a sister, Marilyn Talarico; a sister-in-law, Elinor Green; and a brother-in-law, Joey Steward, and he was predeceased by two other sisters, Mari Steward and Dorothy Manville; a brother-in-law, Richard Manville; and a brother, Samuel Green.

In addition to his four sons, Fred had six grandchildren, Jeanne and Andrew from Keith and Helen Smith, Kari and Emily from Kevin and Deborah Smith, and Emma and Connor from Fred Jr. and Vikki Green. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He truly loved and enjoyed his family and friends, and he lived life to the fullest. Services were held at the Akin-Davis funeral home in Clewiston, Fla., at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 with a viewing for family and close friends from 12:00 to 1:00. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to the charity of your choice. At a future date he will be buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Southbury, Conn.

Conservation stewardship application deadline extended

GAINESVILLE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the deadline for new enrollments in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to Feb. 7 for fiscal year 2014.

Through this program, NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to conserve and enhance soil, water, air and related natural resources on their land. Producers earn higher payments for higher performance. CSP is available on Tribal and private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land.

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 - Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

A CSP self-screening checklist highlights eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods. To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date. Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website or the Okeechobee USDA Service Center at 863-763-3619 ext 204, 452 U.S. Highway 98 N., Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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NOTICE OF MEETING HENDRY COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, the 2013 HENDRY COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD will convene its final public meeting on TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, 33935 for the purpose of making final decisions based upon evaluations of the findings and recommendations of the duly appointed Special Magistrate on petitions duly filed with the 2013 Value Adjustment Board regarding 2013 property tax assessments, exemptions, deferrals, classifications and transfers of homestead assessment difference and to certify the 2013 tax roll. The VAB may consider other items as may be appropriate or timely.

Anyone who appeals a decision made thereat will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk,
 Hendry County Value Adjustment Board

Fels Wins Rayovac FLW Event on Lake Okeechobee

Keith Fels, of Ocala, weighed four bass totaling seven pounds, 15 ounces on Saturday, Jan. 11 to win the Rayovac FLW Series Southeast Division event on Lake Okeechobee, presented by Power-Pole, with a three-day total of 14 bass weighing 54 pounds, 15 ounces. For his victory, Fels earned \$40,000 and a Ranger Z518C with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard motor.

Fels notched his seventh career top-10 FLW finish on Lake Okeechobee in grand style, banging out a 10-pounder on the second day of the tournament, building an insurmountable lead over the rest of the field.

"I figured out something on Okeechobee, I guess," said Fels. "It's something different I do with it. I don't know, it's kind of a secret. ... I was just pitching to holes in the hydrilla. It was probably a foot or a foot-and-a-half deep -- really pretty shallow. The fish moved in there yesterday; they weren't in there today. The wind changed directions. It moved them, I guess."

Fels continued, saying, "She (the 10-pounder) hit it and I missed it. I thought it felt like a good one, so I flipped back in and she got it. Then she got down in the hydrilla and I was pulling up like 50 pounds of hydrilla, and I got it right to the boat and my line broke right by the reel. The line fell down and coiled up by the hydrilla, so I reached down and wrapped it around my hand and pulled it in. My co-angler was freaking out. He said, 'Oh my God, that's a 12-pounder!'"

Fels finished with some words of advice: "Slowing down was the key. I wasn't getting bit during practice. I was probably fishing too fast. I slowed way down and let the bait sit and the fish just came and picked it up."

Fels said he caught most of his big fish on a jig with a Gambler MegaDaddy or a Why Not on it. Fels also did some punching with those same

baits and a two-ounce weight.

The top 10 pros on Lake Okeechobee were:

- First: Keith Fels, Ocala, Fla.; 14 bass, 54-15, \$40,000 + a Ranger Z518C with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard motor
- Second: Jared McMillan, Belle Glade, Fla.; 15 bass, 52-11, \$15,500
- Third: Randy Haynes, Counce, Tenn.; 13 bass, 49-2, \$12,000
- Fourth: Val Osinski, Pompano Beach, Fla.; 15 bass, 46-7, \$10,000
- Fifth: Keith Pace, Monticello, Ark.; 15 bass, 45-3, \$9,000
- Sixth: Brandon McMillan, Clewiston, Fla.; 15 bass, 44-8, \$8,000
- Seventh: Joseph Kremer., Osteen, Fla.; 15 bass, 44-4, \$7,000
- Eighth: Miles Burghoff, Guntersville, Ala.; 15 bass, 43-1, \$6,000
- Ninth: Thomas Helton, Charleston, Tenn.; 15 bass, 42-3, \$5,000
- Tenth: Kent Ware, Wadmalaw Island, S.C.; 14 bass, 40-6, \$4,000

Complete results can be found at FLWOutdoors.com.

Fels caught the biggest bass of the tournament in the pro division on Friday, Jan. 10 – a 10-pound, nine-ounce bass – that earned him the day's Rayovac FLW Series Big Bass award of \$300.

Rex Jaeger, of Hamilton, Ohio, won the co-angler division and a Ranger Z117C with an Evinrude or Mercury outboard motor with a three-day total of 15 bass weighing 31 pounds, seven ounces.

The top 10 co-anglers on Lake Okeechobee were:

- First: Rex Jaeger, Hamilton, Ohio; 15 bass, 31-7, Ranger Z117C with an Evinrude or Mercury outboard motor

- Second: Ronnie Green, Sebring, Fla.; 15 bass, 30-12, \$5,000
- Third: Aaron Richardson, Destin, Fla.; 14 bass, 29-5, \$4,000
- Fourth: Tim Fox, Meridian, Miss.; 12 bass, 29-4, \$3,500
- Fifth: Don Lewis, Jacksonville, Fla., 14 bass, 27-13, \$3,000
- Sixth: Alphonso Taylor, Kennesaw, Ga.; 12 bass, 26-9, \$2,500
- Seventh: Dean Harcourt, Sebastian, Fla.; 13 bass, 25-1, \$2,000
- Eighth: Mitch Reynolds, Petal, Miss.; 11 bass, 24-10, \$1,750
- Ninth: Ty Solis, Albany, Ga.; 12 bass, 24-8, \$1,500

- Tenth: Dwight Griffith, Somerset, Ky.; 12 bass, 23-3, \$1,250

Mike Evans caught the biggest bass of the tournament in the co-angler division on Thursday, Jan. 9 – a 10-pound, eight-ounce bass – that earned him the day's Rayovac FLW Series Big Bass award of \$200.

The Rayovac FLW Series consists of five divisions – Central, Northern, Southeast, Texas and Western. Each division consists of three tournaments and competitors will be vying for valuable points in each division that could earn them the Strike King Angler of the Year title, which allows them to fish the 2015 Forrest Wood Cup.

This was the first Rayovac FLW Series event of the 2014 season.

Descuentos en Servicios de Teléfono e Internet Disponibles para Clientes de CenturyLink

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Florida (Florida Public Service Commission) designó a CenturyLink como Proveedor de Telecomunicaciones Elegible (Eligible Telecommunications Carrier) para proporcionar servicios universales dentro del área donde brinda su servicio. Las tarifas de CenturyLink para servicios básicos locales son de \$19.99 al mes en líneas de voz residenciales, y de \$29.00 a \$33.50 al mes en servicios para negocios. Por favor solicita más información acerca de tarifas específicas.

CenturyLink participa en un programa de beneficios del gobierno (Lifeline) que ofrece servicio telefónico residencial más accesible a los individuos y familias de bajos ingresos que califiquen. Los clientes elegibles son quienes cumplan con los estándares de elegibilidad definidos por la FCC y las comisiones estatales. Los residentes que vivan en Tierras Tribales reconocidas federalmente podrían calificar para recibir beneficios Tribales adicionales si participan en ciertos programas de elegibilidad federales adicionales. El descuento de Lifeline está disponible solamente para un teléfono por hogar, ya sea una línea telefónica terrestre o inalámbrica. Para los propósitos del programa Lifeline, un hogar se define como un individuo o un grupo de individuos que viven juntos en un mismo domicilio y que comparten sus ingresos y gastos. El servicio de Lifeline no es transferible y sólo los clientes que sean elegibles se podrán inscribir en el programa. Los clientes que hagan falsas declaraciones intencionalmente con el objeto de obtener el servicio telefónico Lifeline podrían ser sancionados con multas o encarcelamiento, y se les podría negar la participación en el programa.

Los suscriptores elegibles a Lifeline también podrían calificar para servicio residencial de Internet de Alta Velocidad confiable de hasta 1.5 Mbps por \$9.95* al mes durante los primeros 12 meses del servicio. Visita centurylink.com/internetbasics para obtener más detalles.

Si vives dentro de un área de servicio de CenturyLink, por favor llama al 855.954.6546 o visita centurylink.com/lifeline para resolver tus dudas o solicitar un formulario para el programa Lifeline.



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Keith Fels, of Ocala, won the Rayovac FLW Series Southeast Division event on Lake Okeechobee, presented by Power-Pole, with a three-day total of 14 bass weighing 54 pounds, 15 ounces.



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Jared McMillan, of Belle Glade, finished runner-up at the first Rayovac FLW Series event of the 2014 season on Lake Okeechobee, with a three-day total of 52 pounds, 11 ounces.

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Lady Seminoles get 35-28 hoop win over YMS

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Pemayetv Emahakv jumped out to an early 18-2 lead and held on to defeat Yearling in a physical and competitive middle school girls basketball game, 35-28, Jan. 9, in Okeechobee.

Cade Osceola had five points, six steals and four rebounds while Aleina Micco added 11 points for the Lady Seminoles. Sunni Bearden chipped in with nine points, four assists, two steals and six rebounds. Yearling was led by Diamond Wiggins who had 15 points, 14 rebounds and seven steals.

Camryn Thomas had four points, four rebounds, three blocks and three steals for the Seminoles. Mariah Spelts had five points, six steals and three rebounds for the Lady Bulls. Percint Wiggins pulled down seven rebounds for Yearling.

Brighton coach Tim Thomas said his team was pumped all week for this game and really played hard.

"We always get up for Yearling and play our best game," he said. "I told the girls we don't know what Yearling has this year so play good defense."

It was a physical battle throughout. There were a few technical fouls due to the rough play in the second half.

Thomas said his team really shot the ball well in the first quarter and they needed the big lead in order to win in a rivalry game, "Micco had her shot on today. She really gave us the lead and we needed that to sustain the win at the end."

Micco scored eight points in the first six minutes of the game. Brighton took advantage of some turnovers and really was intense on defense as they grabbed a 16-point lead.

Yearling chipped away at the lead in the second quarter behind Diamond Wiggins. She changed the momentum with some field goals off steals in the second quarter. Pemayetv Emahakv led, 25-14, at the half



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Pemayetv Emahakv girls beat Okeechobee's Yearling Middle School on Jan. 9.

and led, 29-22, after the third quarter.

Yearling's chances slipped when Wiggins fouled out with three minutes left to play. Yearling was able to control play in the second half but shot poorly from the field. Brighton played tight defense and neither team had open shots near the basket.

Pemayetv Emahakv has had a strong season with only two losses. Yearling could get no closer than five points in the fourth quarter as both teams played scrappy and physical defense.

Thomas said in the end his team lost their composure a little bit but he couldn't fault his girls will to win and the effort they put in.

"It's a rivalry game and everybody was pumped up and ready to go, the momen-

tum had switched to Yearling down the stretch but Micco hit a big shot and we really needed that to get the win," he added.

In the boys game, YMSI beat the Pemayetv Emahakv Seminoles, 53-14.

Lucas Osceola led Brighton with four points and four steals.



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Malcolm Chambers (in white) races after the ball as Lucas Osceola (in red) defends for Pemayetv Emahakv during Thursday's game in Okeechobee.



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Long-sleeve black Terrier shirts are on sale now at Moore Haven Elementary School. The shirts have a Terrier Paw on the front left chest and Terrier Life down each sleeve and across the back. Stop by and preorder yours today with Kristi Hingson. All sales will benefit the seventh grade class. Shirts are \$15 each through adult XL. Larger sizes will be \$18 each. Sales will continue through the month of January.

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- *411 E. Trinidad Ave 2/1 \$44,900
- *623 Gratton Rd 3/2/2.5 ac\$130K
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- *502 Sun N' Lakes Blvd \$55,000

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- *Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease/Sale
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BOMBS

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of \$206,000; and Kahn, 19, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, has seen her bond increase to a total of \$83,000.

Besides the new charges Holmes and Miles are charged with possession of a short-barreled gun, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of an electronic weapon by a convicted felon, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Holmes is also charged with trespass, which explains why his bond is \$1,000 more than Miles'.

Kahn is charged with possession of methamphetamine, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and the explosives charges.

All three remain in the Okeechobee County Jail on bond.

The three were arrested by Officer Jeremy Larue after the 2006 Chevrolet pickup truck they were driving was stopped for a malfunctioning headlight. In his report, the officer stated that when he stopped the truck the headlights were set on high beam and the passenger-side light was not working.

However, when the lights were put on low beam both headlights worked, added Officer Larue.

During a subsequent search of the truck, the officer found: a face mask; two syringes; a hand-held stun gun; a 12-gauge shotgun; a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun with a 17-inch barrel; a Kevlar bulletproof vest with groin and neck armor; shotgun shells; and, the 17 explosive devices.

According to Detective James Pickering, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), 14 of those devices were handmade M-80 style contraptions; two were handmade tube-type devices; and, once of the devices was a CO2 canister with a green fuse.

The detective explained that sometimes people will fill a CO2 canister with gunpowder and then attach a fuse. These devices are known as "stingers," he added.

Officer Larue's report stated that once the devices were found in a tool box in the bed of the truck, the search stopped and the bomb squad from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office was called. That squad safely removed, and kept, those devices.

One of the syringes found in the truck contained a clear liquid that, when field tested, indicated a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine, stated the officer's report.

In a phone interview Thursday, Detective

Pickering said he still doesn't know what the trio planned to do with the explosives. It's also still up in the air if the case will remain his, because there's a possibility it will be turned over to the federal government.

"If they take the case, I'll turn everything over to them. If I take the case, they'll help me with whatever I need," he said.

Along with trying to ascertain what Holmes, Miles and Kahn were going to do with the explosives Detective Pickering is also tasked with determining who owns the pickup being driven by Kahn.

"The supposed owner, he's yet to prove he has the title to the truck," the detective said.

He said Chad Edward O'Connor, 39, S.W. 13th St., Okeechobee, claims to be the owner of the truck. But, no paperwork can be found to prove his claim.

"His story is: He bought a fishing company and the vehicle came with it. Prior to the transfer of the paperwork he went to jail on a driving charge and spent 20-some days in jail. Before he got out, the man (who owned the company and truck) died," explained the detective. "He's trying to get it straightened out, but I won't release the truck."

Detective Pickering was quick to point out that while there is still some doubt as to who owns the truck, there is no doubt at this point that O'Connor knew nothing about the explosives or the guns.

"Mr. O'Connor said he had two bags of clothes in the back seat. He doesn't know where the other stuff came from," offered Detective Pickering.

Apparently, said the detective, he loaned the truck to Kahn to get some cigarettes but she didn't make it back.

Jail records show that O'Connor has been arrested a number of times — primarily for failure to appear for court following arrests on traffic charges. Those records show he was arrested on failure to appear charges in December, March and April of 2010 and on April 8, 2011. He was also arrested in December of 2010 on a Seminole County warrant charging him with failure to appear.

O'Connor also had failure to appear arrests in 2005 and 2006, but those were later dismissed.

He was also arrested June 8, 2013, on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He was eventually released from the county jail after posting a \$2,500 bond.

tective Sergeant Mike Pepitone at 863-946-1600.

You may also contact Moore Haven Correctional Facility Inspector M. Chamberlain at 863-946-2420, should anyone have any information regarding any additional contraband being smuggled into the prison.

There were no injuries reported. There was approximately 1,000 gallons of water used by Okeechobee firemen. Firemen were on the scene for over two hours.

The State Fire Marshal will determine the actual cause of the blaze.

FWC: 2013 saw fewer Florida panther deaths

In the world of the endangered Florida panther, 2013 brought less mortality, a female panther successfully released back into the wild, and significant public participation in reporting panther sightings.

Twenty panther deaths were documented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in the past year, compared with the 27 panthers that died in 2012. Vehicle strikes continue to be the primary cause of mortality, with 15 panthers dying last year because they were hit while crossing highways compared with 18 in 2012. The birth of 21 panther kittens also was documented in 2013.

A brother-and-sister pair of panthers, rescued as kittens in 2011 and raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, was returned to the wild in 2013. The female, released in January in Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County, was documented last June to have given birth to a kitten. However the male, released last April in the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area in Palm Beach County, died Jan. 4 due to unknown causes after being located a day earlier in a very lethargic state and then taken to a veterinary clinic. That was the second panther death recorded in 2014, after another panther was killed Jan. 2 due to a vehicle collision.

Meanwhile, a 9-month-old female pan-

ther kitten, found in Collier County last May with a fractured rear right leg probably caused by a vehicle collision, is recovering at White Oak and scheduled for release later this year.

Additionally, more than 1,100 panther sightings have been reported statewide since the FWC launched an online site in August 2012 enabling the public to report when and where they have seen a Florida panther or its tracks and upload photos: MyFWC.com/PantherSightings. Though only 5 percent of the sightings as of last August were verified as panthers, the FWC's panther team considers public reports of panther sightings vital to the management of this species brought back from the brink of extinction.

"Forty years ago when the Endangered Species Act was passed, some people wondered if any panthers remained in Florida," said Carol Knox, head of the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section. "Where once a sighting of a panther was almost unheard of, today, more and more Floridians and visitors are having the thrill of seeing and even photographing this elusive cat in the wild. This demonstrates the great progress Florida has made in conserving its panthers and the effectiveness of our partners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and others that work with the FWC on these efforts."

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of General Election

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "A" and one commissioner elected representing Seat "B". Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Belle Glade for at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The first day for qualifying begins January 28, 2014, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 11, 2014, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) until said date and time. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

Registered voters in Precincts 6022, 6024, 6028, 6032, and 6036 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 10, 2014.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the particular office that such candidate seeks in this election, a Run-Off Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat. To qualify as a registered voter for the Run-Off Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 24, 2014.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
DEBRA R. BUFF, MMC
CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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a bond amount of \$30,000.

Anyone having any additional information regarding this case may contact De-

FIRE

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the back porch of the home according to Glades County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Employment Full Time



SENIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST

Coordinates, develops and prepares operating and capital budgets and forecasts. Prepares monthly financial performance reports including variance analyses, cost/volume variances, labor reports, etc. Analyzes results and trends and communicates concerns to management. Performs ad hoc analyses such as capital budgeting and other ROI models

REQUIREMENTS

Three plus years of previous financial analysis experience Bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting Strong Excel skills including Pivot Tables, V-lookup, MS Query, macros, etc. Experience in financial ERP systems (SAP/BPC/BW preferred) Previous experience in developing and implementing operating and capital budgets Experience in manufacturing environment highly preferred

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Recreation

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Public Notices

Public Notice

AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL. A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 22 de Enero de 2014 a las 7 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia del Condado Central ubicado en 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación. 459253 CN 1/2,9,16/2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments, 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 4289 2010 4104329-06021900220 Allen C Derrick, Kevin A Derrick and Jon L Derrick

Lot 22, Block 2190, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision 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.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459864 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000931

OCVEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, v. RAFAEL RUIZ; VOGDALINE RUIZ A/K/A VIGADALINA RUIZ A/K/A VIGDALINA RUIZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

LOT 6 AND EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 207 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 423 W. PASADENA AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, on January 22, 2014 beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from, the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 20th day of December, 2013.

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

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South Florida Water Management District PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680 permits@sfwmd.gov NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that the application(s) for permit described below has been received for project(s) in Glades County. The application(s) and future additional application documents can be obtained by any of the following methods: 1) Accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and clicking on Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page; 2) Submitting a written request to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680; or 3) Submitting an electronic request at permits@sfwmd.gov.

Warr Farm LLC (Warr Farm) 2243 River Oak Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33905, has submitted Application 140103-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00248-W to irrigate 244 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from SFWMD C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 15,22, Township 42 South, Range 32 East. 459912 GCD 1/16/2014

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay, Florida will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three Commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "1", one commissioner elected representing Seat "3", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "5". Candidates must be a resident and qualified elector of the City of South Bay.

The first day for qualifying begins January 28, 2014, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 11, 2014, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) until said date and time. Each Candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

City of South Bay Jessica Figueroa City Clerk 459473 CN 1/16/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 13-CP-000118 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ORBEN CALDERON Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Orben Calderon, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 9th, 2014.

Personal Representative: Iga Vazquez Calderon 4510 Bragg Court LaBelle, Florida 33935

Attorney for Personal Representative: Steven A. Ramu Attorney for Olga Vazquez Calderon Florida Bar Number: 396702 KAHLE & RAMUNNI, P.A. 1533 HENDRY STREET, SUITE 101 FORT MYERS, FL 33901 Telephone: (239) 791-3900 Fax: (239) 791-3901 E-Mail: ec@kahleramunni.com 459470 CN 1/9,16/2014

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014, at 11:30 A.M., in Conference Room # 1, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Board of County Commissioners Hendry County, Florida 460118 CN/CB 1/16/2014

South Florida Water Management District PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680 permits@sfwmd.gov NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that the application(s) for permit described below has been received for project(s) in Glades County. The application(s) and future additional application documents can be obtained by any of the following methods: 1) Accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and clicking on Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page; 2) Submitting a written request to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680; or 3) Submitting an electronic request at permits@sfwmd.gov.

Warr Farm LLC (Warr Farm) 2243 River Oak Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33905, has submitted Application 140103-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00248-W to irrigate 244 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from SFWMD C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 15,22, Township 42 South, Range 32 East. 459912 GCD 1/16/2014

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay, Florida will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three Commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "1", one commissioner elected representing Seat "3", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "5". Candidates must be a resident and qualified elector of the City of South Bay.

The first day for qualifying begins January 28, 2014, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 11, 2014, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) until said date and time. Each Candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

City of South Bay Jessica Figueroa City Clerk 459473 CN 1/16/2014

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, may attend and speak at a Community Values Workshop, at 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2014, at the Harlem Civic Center, 2000 7th St., Clewiston, Florida. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida Karson Turner, Chairman 460099 CN/CB 1/16/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on January 27th, 2014 at 10 am at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:

1993 Toyota, VIN: 1NXAE09E2P2032788

We have the right to refuse any and all bids 460096 1/16/2014

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 10:00A.M. January 28, 2014, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports. Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Mark D. Colbert, Chairman 460098 CN/CB 1/16,23/2014

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1090 2010 1144331-01000000130 Efrain A Salas

Lot 13, GREENWOOD FOREST, UNIT 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 123 and 124, 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 this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459860 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4281 2010 4104329-06021870170 Jean Wesler Desvesin

Lot 17, Block 2187, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision 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.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459863 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3622 2010 3014334-01003600130 Smith Properties City Walk LLC

Lots 40 and 41, in Block 360 of the GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 71-78, inclusive, 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 this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459861 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3364 2010 2014329-01000710050 Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock I

Lot 5, TALL PINES SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 162, 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 this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459867 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1090 2010 1144331-01000000130 Efrain A Salas

Lot 13, GREENWOOD FOREST, UNIT 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 123 and 124, 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 this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459860 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments, 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4281 2010 4104329-06021870170 Jean Wesler Desvesin

Lot 17, Block 2187, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision 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.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in this certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014. Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 459863 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Broward County, Florida, Case number: FMCE07007734 41/91 on November 18th, 2013 in the matter of Americo R. Betancourt and Vilma G. Miranda, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:
Americo R Betancourt's undivided one half interest in the following property described hence forth: The North one-half (N 1/2) of the Northwest one-quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast one-quarter (N 1/4) of the Southwest one-quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, HENDRY County Florida. A/K/A LOT 3886, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES
and on February 20th, 2014, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.
In accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-900-955-8761 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
Steve Whidden as Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lt. Andy Lewis
459846 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
1089 2010 1144331-0100000120 Efrain A Salas
Lot 12, GREENWOOD FOREST, UNIT 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 123 and 124, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459858 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
3365 2010 2014329-01000710060 Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock 1
Lot 6, TALL PINES SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 162, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459868 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv 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 WHICH ASSESSED
87 2010 1214328-0300000050 Hernandez Property Investments
Lot 5, OLD FORT DENAUD SUBDIVISION, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 153 through 156, inclusive, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, 2014, which is the 30th day of January, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459888 CN/CB 1/16/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
822 2010 1274329-01000021020 Elizabeth Carolyn Thompson
The South one-half of Tract 64 of LaBelle Ranchettes, an unrecorded subdivision, being more particularly described as follows: The South one-half of the following described property: The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, less the North 30 feet thereof, reserved for perpetual road right-of-way purposes, being in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida.
Together with an easement across the West 20 feet of the North one-half of the East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459857 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

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 WHICH ASSESSED
3374 2010 2014329-0100077C010 Daniel Isias Delacruz + Isaias Delacruz + Romly T Delacruz
Lots 1 and 2, Block C, LaBelle Terrace, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-01-010-0077-C01.0
Property Address: 275 E. Seminole Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33975
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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459852 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tlenc & Jon Klasfeld Co Tr, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
2498 2006 4104329-04021410030 CHL Holdings Inc
Lot 3, Block 2141, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459866 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefia Investments, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
4332 2010 4104329-06021980220 Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Tim Rawson IRA FBO Tim Rawson IRA
Lot 22, Block 2198, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision 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.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459865 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 22-2013-CA-000041

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY L NASON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 12-10-2013, and entered in Case No. 22-2013-CA-000041 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Mary L. Nason also known as Mary Nason, are the 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 Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, Glades County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 20th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, AND RUN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 1015.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 1732 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 78 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 183.14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 182.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 178.50 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 78; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 167.87 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF THE CURVED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE (SAID CURVE BEING CURVED CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, WITH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 40 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 2914.79 FEET, AND HAVING A CHORD LENGTH OF 22.61 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST) A DISTANCE OF 22.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
A/K/A 9951 W STATE ROAD 78 MOORE HAVEN FL 33471-5675
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 of the sale.
Dated in Glades County, Florida this 16th day of December, 2013.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Glades County, Florida
BY: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in 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 Gorda, 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 1-800-955-8771.
458724 GCD 1/9,16/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262010CA000281CAAXMX

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff(s),
vs.
JAY MERCER, et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2013, and entered in Case No. 262010CA000281CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and JAY MERCER; EMILY JOYCE MERCER AND JANE DOE N/K/A CYNTHIA LAFOLETTE are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash are held in the second floor lobby Clerk of Courts Office C.E. Hall Building, at Hall Building, at 11am on the 12th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 13, TOWER LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 143 AND 144, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 1813 MATTHEW LOOP, CLEWISTON, FL 33440
IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.
DATED AT HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, this 11th day of October, 2013.
BARBARA S. BUTLER, Clerk
HENDRY County, Florida
BY: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, HENDRY COUNTY, 25 EAST HICK-POCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935- County Phone: 863-675-5204 MD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
Apre ako ki fat avek Americans With Disabilities Act, tout moun kin ginnyin yun bezven spesyal you akomodasyon you you patisip nan pwogram sa-a dwe, nan yun tan rezonab an ninpot aranjman kapab fet, you dwe kontakte Administrative Office Of The Court i nan mimdro, HENDRY COUNTY, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935, County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 ou byan 1-800-955-87701 pasan nan Florida Relay Service.
"En accordance avec la Loi des "Americans With Disabilities". Les personnes en besoin dune acommodation speciale pour participer a ces procedures doivent, dans un temps raisonable, avante d'entreprendre aucune autre demarche, contacter roffice administrative de la Court situe au, HENDRY COUNTY, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935, County Phone: 863-675-5204 TOD 1-800-955-8771 ou 1-800-955-8770 Via Florida Relay Service."
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454784 CN 1/16,23/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
879 2010 1274329-01000E20340 Juan Esquivel
From the intersection of the South line of Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of SR 29, run N 03 degrees 51' W, along the centerline of SR 29, a distance of 400 feet to the P.O.B. Thence N 86 degrees 26' E 450 feet; thence S 03 degrees 51' E 125 feet; thence S 86 degrees 26' E 450 feet; thence N 03 degrees 51' W 125 feet to the P.O.B. Less the Westerly 50 feet for the right-of-way of SR 29. More commonly known as Business Lotes 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, Section E-2, 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.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459856 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2014
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Central County Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida, 33440 on the following dates and times:
Meeting Date Time
Workshop 01/20/2014 2:00 P.M.
Workshop 01/22/2014 2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 01/27/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 02/26/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 03/26/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 04/23/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 05/28/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 06/25/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 07/23/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 08/27/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 09/24/2014 7:00 P.M.
Annual Landowner Will be advertised
Board Meeting Will be advertised Following LO
Board Meeting 11/26/2014 7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting 12/17/2014 7:00 P.M.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special Accommodation to participate in these proceeding should contact the District at (863) 983-5797 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.
Dated this 2nd day of January 2014.
BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
459726 CN 1/2,9,16,23/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Ameribank c/o Kingery/Crouse Magnolia TC2 SA, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
4230 2010 4104329-04021600180 Pedro C & Rosalia Pereiro
Lot 18, Block 2160 PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459854 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the TC 10U, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
3668 2010 3014334-01004270080 MTAG Cust for Amherst Asset Mgmt, LLC
Lots 10 thru 12, Block 427, of the General Plan of Clewiston, Florida, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 71 through 78, inclusive of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Parcel Identification Number: 3-34-43-01-010-0427-008.0
Property Address: 340 W. El Paso Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440
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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 20th day of February, 2014.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
459853 CN/CB 1/16,23,30;2/6/2014

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Glades County Commission meeting notes

The following notes were provided by Glades County Commission Chairman Donna Storter Long

Tuesday, Jan. 14
PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Company Specific Tax Abatement Ordinance for Greencore, LLC: Board adopted ordinance and executed agreement for Greencore LLC, to allow 10 years' tax abatement on improvements to property located in Ortona (next to Ortona Sand across from Ortona Cemetery on SR78). First eight years will have 100 percent tax abatement; ninth year will have 90 percent and tenth year 80 percent. Greencore will manufacture, sell and distribute pre-blended mortar, stucco and grout building products investing \$5.7 million capital with more than 42 employees.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Adopt Safety Manual: Chairman Storter introduced new County Manager Paul Carlisle and welcomed him to the meeting. He explained that the Safety Manual prepared by HR Director Mary Ann Whitney and the county's Safety Committee will complete the requirements for safety credits both in insurance premiums and from Florida Division of Workers' Compensation. Board adopted the Safety Manual.

4. Glades County Other Postemployment Benefits Program: Board approved hiring consultants Foster & Foster to prepare the annual Actuarial Valuation of Other Postemployment Benefits as required by Florida law.

5. Consider Purchase of Property Places on the List of Lands Available For Taxes: The Nov. 21, 2013 Tax Deed sale concluded with nine parcels for which no bid was made. Board moved to waive its right of "first option to purchase" on all but one parcel, Black A Lot 17 Moore Haven River Gardens. The City of Moore Haven had contacted the Clerk expressing interest in obtaining this parcel and the Board agreed to allow the City to exercise its right as a governmental agency to purchase the parcel at the opening bid price of \$6,045.41 within 90 days. Property Appraiser's valuation of the parcel is \$6,500.

6. Director of Planning and Development Position: County Manager Carlisle stated the position of Director of Planning and Development was vacant when he arrived and he has prepared a job description and salary range, and is now seeking Board approval to advertise the position. Commissioner Griffin stated we could save money by contracting the work out as there had been few planning/zoning applications in the last year and \$2,000 per month was cheaper than the salaried position. The county is currently using planning services of Alexis Crespo with Waldrop Engineering. Commissioner Echols expressed desire to approve the job description and authorize the County Manager to advertise, interview and hire. Chairman Storter pointed out the job description includes more than just reviewing applications and staff reports. Board approved 4-1 the job description and advertising/hiring for the position of Director of Planning and Development. Commissioner Griffin dissented.

7. Vacant Land Lease: Board postponed until the night meeting the decision of selecting uses of vacant county lands, directing County Manager Carlisle, Commissioner Echols and Road Superintendent Brown to meet to consider options and bring back ideas to the Board. Discussion followed including possible agriculture uses and lease

terms including reclamation and improvements by lessees.

8. Clerk of Courts Storage Building: County Manager Carlisle stated the bids for multi-phase construction of the Clerk of Courts Storage Building were opened January 3 with the bid prices entered on the provided spreadsheet indicating lowest bid for each item/phase. Clyde Johnson had lowest bid on 9 items, Brian Sullivan had 4 items, and Marmar had 2 items. Combination of the lowest for each phase totaled \$162,890. Board approved all the lowest bids except the soffit and fascia bid was given to Johnson at \$2,322 over Marmar's \$2,300. The Road Dept. has already completed the building pad, sited behind the County Fire Dept building in Moore Haven. Commissioner Griffin abstained from voting declaring conflict of interest.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

COUNTY ATTORNEY's report to the Board.

1. Impact Fees: Suspension of collection of impact fees will expire in February. Board consented to notice a Public Hearing for extension of the suspension at which time a decision could be made for the next expiration date and possibility of having a study done to determine applicable rates to reinstate the collection of impact fees for roads, parks, schools and emergency medical services.

2. AEM: Attorney Pringle has been contacted again by AEM concerning submission of paper work required for the County to make the final payment on the contract for dredging Harney Pond Canal. AEM has not provided the revised paperwork to Aim Engineering nor to Pringle; payment of the final invoice will ultimately be offset by compensation for damages to the county-per the contract-which include legal and engineering fees. Chairman Storter requested Finance Clerk Brenda Choban to determine amount unpaid (withheld for final draw) on the contract and the costs incurred by the County because of AEM's contract default and delays.

3. Property Management Agreements: Pringle requested and was given approval to prepare five-year contracts with community entities now operating county facilities; Pringle noted that the current years' Budget as adopted excludes county payment of telephone, pest control and alarm systems for the community buildings; the county will continue to pay for other utilities such as electricity, propane gas, water and waste collection.

4. Wright contract for EOC: Pringle stated he has negotiated with officials of Wright Construction and they are close to reaching a final version of the contract, at which time Pringle will submit the contract to Mr. Kilcolins (with the state as required for grant fund distribution) then bring back to the Board for final approval and direction to execute. He stated Wright preferred no compensation for work performed before the GMP (gross maximum price) portion of the contract was signed, and were examining plans and the site preparing bid documents seeking subcontractors. Board discussion included using the local vendor ordinance in the selection process when using grant funding and also the availability of fill material for the demucking/backfill site work.

5. Cypress Knee Museum lease: Pringle stated DEP had just supplied a revised version of the lease document and he noted need for minor changes and will submit to DEP and bring back final version at the night meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Carlisle reported he has been meeting with commissioners and the staff, has found them very supportive, noting we have a great staff. He said he has met with our lobbyists Dale Milita and Connie Vanassche and with EDC's Exec Director Tracy Whirls concerning America's Gateway and sewer grant funding. He will be attending a TPO meeting in Highlands County and has conferred with Hendry County's Manager concerning shared interests.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS AND COM-

MENTS

Commissioner Stanley commented there is a parcel off Lake Drive (in Buckhead Ridge) that needs mowing, noting need for code enforcement.

Commissioner Echols stated he has met twice with County Manager Carlisle and "it was refreshing", noting we have found the "right man".

Commissioner Beck offered his welcome to Mr. Carlisle, that he found him to have good ideas, and he looks forward to working with him. Beck also stated he has fundraiser tickets for the MHHS Scholarship Foundation's BBQ dinner to be held Friday January 17, and raffle tickets.

Chairman Storter inquired about the Code Enforcement position vacancy and confirmed that is being handled part-time by an EMS employee. Mr. Carlisle stating he has been getting other options and will bring back some possibilities at the next meeting.

Chairman Storter stated she has prepared the Board assignments:

1. Community Traffic Safety Team: Commissioner Griffin

2. County Coalition for Lake Okeechobee: Commissioner Beck; Alternate, Commissioner Echols

3. Economic Development Council: Commissioner Storter; Alternate, Commissioner Stanley

4. Enterprise Zone Development Agency: Commissioner Stanley

5. Fisheating Creek Settlement Agreement Advisory Board: Commissioner Storter

6. Florida Association of Counties: Commissioners Beck & Stanley

7. FHREDI Florida Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative: Commissioner Griffin; Alternate=Commissioner Echols

8. GCDC Glades Correctional Development Corporation: Commissioner Echols

9. Canvassing Board 2014 Elections: Commissioners Beck & Stanley

10. Glades County Youth Livestock Show/Doyle Conner Building: Commissioner Griffin

11. Heartland Library Cooperative: Commissioner Storter

12. Lee Memorial Health Systems Trauma Advisory Council: Commissioner Storter

13. Liaison to Tallahassee/Legislature: Commissioners Beck & Stanley

14. Moore Haven Canal Moonshine Marsh Project: Commissioner Echols

15. Public Risk Management: Commissioner Griffin

16. Research/Development Land Lease(s): Commissioner Echols

17. Seminole Tribe of Florida Brighton: Commissioner Storter

18. Small County Coalition: Commissioners Stanley & Beck

19. SWFRPC Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council: Commissioner Griffin; Alternate Commissioner Echols

20. Tourism Development Council: Commissioner Beck

21. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board: Commissioner Storter

Chairman Storter invited all in attendance to attend Ortona Community Association's building dedication and luncheon at noon in their new facility.

ADJOURN

Florida celebrates reading

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Recently Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry & Glades attended an "introductory meeting" with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to promote the "Barbara Bush Foundation For Family Literacy, Florida Celebration of Reading" event.

Former Governor Jeb Bush and his wife will host this event in Southwest Florida to help raise funds for programs that help teach parents and children how to read together through innovative family literacy programs. The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is now in its 24th year. According to its website, over 30 million Americans cannot read and low-literacy skills are directly linked to higher unemployment, less earned income and poor health.

The Florida Celebration of Reading event includes several New York Times bestselling authors who will read from their works and sign books. Among the well-known folks to attend includes: Teri Hatcher, actress and author who wrote "Burnt Toast

and Other Philosophies on Life," however, she is probably best known for her role on "Desperate Housewives" and "Lois & Clark The New Adventures of Superman." Mary Pope Osborne is award-winning children's author of the "Magic Tree House" which is a series of children's books that started in 1992. Another well known name is Debbie Macomber. She is the author of the "Cedar Cove" novels that are currently being presented as a television series on the Hallmark Channel. Eric Draper is the author of "Front Row Seat: A Photographic Portrait of the Presidency of George W. Bush." The event will be held on Feb. 14 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Estero at 6 p.m.

For more information about the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, visit www.BarbaraBush.org. For tickets to attend this event, you may contact the event coordinator: Tina Matte at 239-277-6295 or visit www.celebrationofreading.org and click the link for the Florida Celebration of Reading.

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HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

Selection Committee Meeting for RFQ 2014-05

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. to review and short list the submittals to three for Design and Permitting Services for Replacing/Widening a Drainage Conveyance Crossing of Whisper Creek on Old CR 78 in Hendry County, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administrative Conference Room, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The selection committee will meet on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. for presentations from the short listed firms. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administrative Conference Room, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. All interested are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863)-983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the 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.

Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
459911 CN/CB 1/16/2014

Public Notice **Public Notice**

**NOTICE BY THE CITY OF CLEWISTON
OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD
OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the City of Clewiston that the City intends to use the uniform method of collection for such non-ad valorem assessments as may be levied by the City, with said method of collection to be carried out in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

The City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 17, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at the City Hall, located at 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, the purpose of which is to consider the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City of Clewiston to use, in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments as may be levied by the City.

In 2014, the City may adopt and levy new non-ad valorem assessments for the City's fiscal year 2014/2015, some or all of which may continue for more than one year, with said assessments being upon some or all of the lands located within the City's boundaries. The non-ad valorem assessments which will be adopted for the City's fiscal year 2014/2015, will be levied by the City in order to provide necessary funds for the following reasons:

(a) Providing recreation and related facilities and services to all residential property located within the boundaries of the City for the purpose of participating with Hendry County in the East Hendry County Recreation Program, and/or

(b) Such other lawful obligations and purposes which the City is empowered to provide as authorized by law.

Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing to be heard regarding the City's use of the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the Public Hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the City at (863) 983-1484 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

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Key Land Exchange to Improve Everglades Water Quality

Property enables expansion at a strategically located Stormwater Treatment Area for cleaner fresh water

As part of its comprehensive plan to achieve stringent Everglades water quality standards, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will consider approval of a land exchange necessary for the expansion of a highly effective water-cleaning wetland on Thursday, Jan. 16.

With the land exchange, Stormwater Treatment Area 1 West (STA-1W), just west of Wellington, will grow from 6,700 acres to 11,300 acres of aquatic plants that remove phosphorus and other nutrients from water flowing south into the Everglades. Science has proven that Stormwater Treatment Areas are among the most effective tools for cleaning water before it reaches the Everglades. The project is one of 10 components in the state's Restoration Strategies plan to improve Everglades water quality.

Key benefits of the land exchange include:

- Increasing the size of the treatment area used for cleaning water flowing to the adjacent Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

- Saving approximately \$32 million by using lands adjacent to STA-1W, eliminating the need for additional major construction projects that connect to the STA from a remote location.

- Providing the optimal acreage necessary to allow the District to remain on schedule to meet state and federal discharge limits.

Under the terms of the exchange, the District will acquire a total of 4,604 acres of land in an agreement with Florida Crystals and Gladeview Holdings company. Details include:

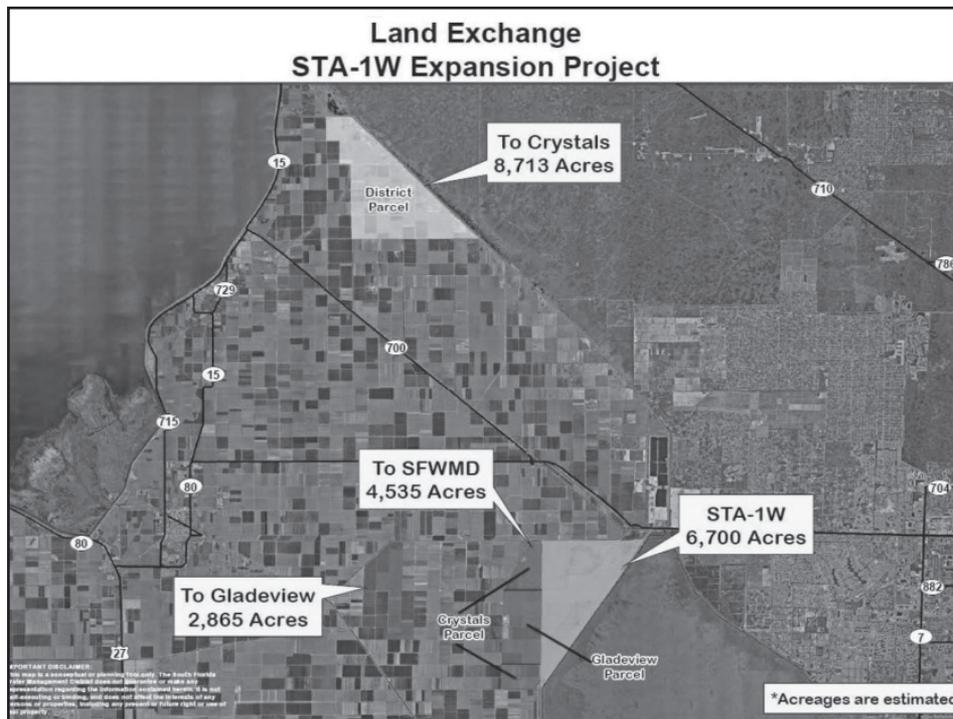
- Florida Crystals will convey 2,003 acres to the District and Gladeview will convey 2,600 acres to the District.

- The District will convey to Florida Crystals approximately 8,700 acres of land, and the company has the option to acquire an additional 55 acres of land.

- Gladeview will acquire approximately 2,865 acres from Florida Crystals.

- The District will provide \$5,978,474 to Gladeview for the company to relocate its agricultural operations on that site.

- The District will receive \$450,000 from Florida Crystals for environmental restoration.



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- The District will lease back the 4,604 acres to Florida Crystals on an interim basis consistent with construction on the STA-1W Expansion Project.

- The District will extend two existing leases with Florida Crystals containing approximately 1,691 acres until 2019 at the current lease rate.

Closing of the land exchange is targeted for mid-2014.

Restoration Strategies Progress

The STA-1W expansion is the latest project to move forward under the state's Restoration Strategies plan.

Construction is already underway on the 15-billion-gallon L-8 Reservoir in Palm Beach County. With enough water to fill 34,000 football fields one foot deep, the storage project will deliver consistent flows needed to optimize the District's STAs, including STA-1W, that clean Everglades-bound water.

In addition, a contract was approved in October to start construction on the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin south of Lake Okeechobee. With the capacity to hold 60,000 acre-feet of water, the project is designed to capture and store peak stormwater flows during the wet season or heavy rainfall events, and also deliver consistent flows to the STAs.

A science plan has also been developed and nine key studies are underway.

Trail Hike and Picnic

Make time to enjoy a leisurely hike on the Knobby Knee Trail and a covered-dish dinner with the Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Association Sub-chapter. Hikers, birders, photographers and families are invited to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 in the Screen Room at the Fisheating Creek Campground in Palmdale. Everyone will need to check in at the Camp Store. The day-use fee will be waived for Florida Trail Association members.

Non-members will need to pay the campground day-use fee. Bring a covered dish to share, chair, hat, closed-toed shoes, water and insect repellent. For Information, contact Betty Loomis at 863-532-9339 or Margaret England at 863-517-0202. Visit the Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Association Sub-chapter on Facebook for activities.



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