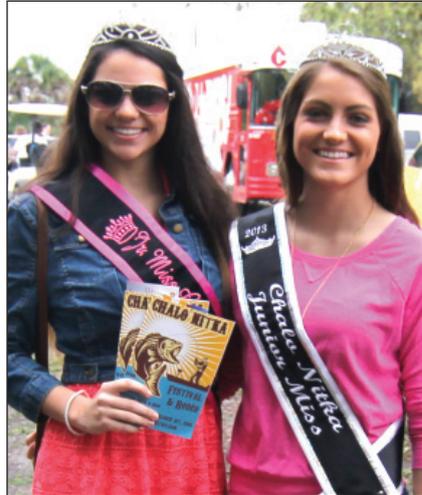


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Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Janet Harris**  
The 2014-15 Glades County School District Teacher of the Year is Tina Castano (right), a science teacher from West Glades School. Pictured with her is Superintendent Scott Bass (left).

## Glades County teachers honored at annual banquet

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Glades County School District held their annual Golden Apple Banquet on Feb. 5 to recognize and honor the School Related Employees of the year and the 2014-2015 Teachers of the Year.

This year's banquet was unique in that it was the first time the District Teacher of the Year was announced at the banquet.

In years past, the District Teacher of the Year was announced well in advance of the Golden Apple Banquet.

As always, the night was very special as

each Teacher of the Year designated one of their students to introduce them before they were recognized.

The District Teacher of the Year for the 2014-2015 school year is Tina Castano. Ms. Castano teaches middle school science at West Glades School. Ms. Castano is a "second career" educator who had previously been employed in the computer field. In 2009, she graduated from FGCU with her education degree and started working at West Glades School that same year.

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## 66th Annual Chalo Nitka Festival set

## Representative Pigman named Grand Marshal

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Representative Cary Pigman, District 55, Florida House of Representatives, has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2014 Chalo Nitka Festival and Parade.

According to Glades County Economic Development Council executive director and Chalo Nitka Committee member Tracy Whirls, the Chalo Nitka Festival Committee voted to honor Representative Pigman for his assistance in securing funding to build the new Moore Haven Junior Senior High School as well as his distinguished military service.

"Representative Pigman may be new to the legislature, but he's already demonstrated a keen interest in issues and projects that impact Glades County," Ms. Whirls said, noting that he is a frequent visitor to Glades County and is very engaged in efforts to promote economic development in Glades County and the Heartland region since his election in 2012.

District 55 encompasses Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee, and part of St. Lucie Counties.

Representative Pigman is a residency trained and board certified Emergency Medicine physician practicing at Florida Hospital in Sebring. Born and raised in rural Ohio, he began his medical career as a doctor in the US Navy, attached to infantry units of the 2nd



Dr. Cary Pigman

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# A Full Moon Valentine's Night Hike

## Full Moon Hike to Ft. Center Archaeological Site

Hikers and families are invited to a Full Moon Valentine Night Hike at Fisheating Creek Ft. Center Wildlife Management Area, lead by Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Association volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14.

Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Ft. Center parking lot for a leisurely four-mile, round-trip hike to Historic Fort Center and the Ft. Center Archaeological site.

After hiking two miles, participants will eat dinner at the center picnic table near Fisheating Creek before returning to the parking lot by the light of the full moon.

Bring dinner, water, insect repellent and a flashlight. Wear closed-toed, comfortable shoes.

Anyone interested in attending should notify a leader.

Location: Fisheating Creek WMA. Meet at the Fort Center Trailhead on Banana Grove Road. From Moore Haven, at junction of U.S. 27 and S.R. 78, go North (toward Okeechobee) on S.R. 78 for approximately eight miles. There will be a brown sign for Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. Turn left on Banana Grove Road. Come to the trailhead and parking area, about one mile. Restrooms are available in the parking area.

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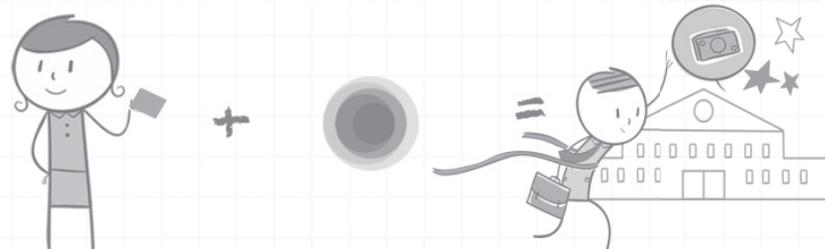


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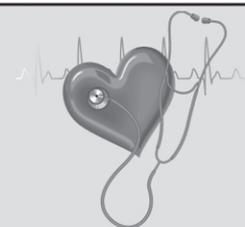
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## Glades at a Glance

### Glades County Public Library Book Sale

The Glades County Public Library is having its annual book sale in the conference room at the library this week through Friday, Feb. 14. Books (hard back and soft cover), magazines, audio and video tapes will be sold at \$1 per pound. Don't miss this opportunity to get those books and tapes that you have been looking for.

### Gospel concert planned

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church on Hunter Road in Buckhead Ridge would like to invite everyone to a concert by Forgiven on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy some good gospel music.

### AMVETS host Valentine dinner

AMVETS Post 200, at 8591 S.R. 78 W. will host a Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. for a donation of \$7. On Friday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. there will be a bar bingo and Gator races at 7 p.m. For information, call 330-556-1576.

### Valentine night hike at Fisheating Creek

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### Spaghetti dinner planned

The Ortona Community Association will host its popular spaghetti buffet dinner on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 until 7 p.m. The dinner will be held in Ortona's spacious new building located in Ortona Community Park, 2086 Ortona Locks Road (S.R. 78A). The park is approximately 500 ft. (four drive-ways) beyond the Ortona Firehouse.

The all-you-can-eat buffet features delicious meat sauce and pasta, and includes garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea, all for \$7 (advance purchase or reservation) or \$8 at the door.

For advance tickets or reservations, contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or e-mail franwayrn@aol.com.

### Muse Community Assoc. meets

Thursday, Feb. 20, will be the regular monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Special guest will be Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter Long. Refreshments will be served. MCA meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. All of the events are open to the public. All of the events will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road, (Hwy. 720). For information, call 863-674-0467. There will be no jam session on the fourth Saturday night this month. Jam sessions are usually the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

### Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross needs volunteers in Glades County to help provide services to county residents. American Red Cross services include Disaster Services, service to the Armed Forces, Health and Safety Services, International and Diversity Services. Your community needs you! If you are interested, contact John Cain at 239-278-3401.

### Lakeport Community Center hosts activities and events

Lakeport Community Center, 1239 Red Barn Rd., Lakeport, upcoming events include:

- Monday and Friday Yoga at 12:15 p.m. (exception Thursday Night @ 6 p.m. Fe. 6)
- Wednesday Bible Study at 10 a.m.
- Line Dance Classes meet Wednesday at

1 p.m. For more information, please contact Jean at 608-345-1324. Cost is \$5 per person plus \$10 for a one-year family membership in the Lakeport Community Association. (Association Angels, no charge.) If you have just arrived for the winter season, you are encouraged to attend. Singles are welcome and will be partnered with other singles.

The Lending Library is open during any of the above times.

Lakeport residents plan to attend events at the Dolly Hand Theatre in Belle Glade in February. Call Debbie for tickets at 561-993-1160. All performances are 7:30 p.m. The Dolly Hand schedule includes: Feb. 15, Valerie Tyson Band, Free Outside Concert (bring your lawn chair); Feb. 20, Celebrating the Genius of Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder; Feb. 28, The Church Basement Ladies.

### Legion building available

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# Arizona Pro Goes Wire-to-Wire to Claim \$125,000 Prize

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Brett Hite sealed up his second win on the Walmart FLW Tour this week in dominating fashion. Though his weights slipped every day, Hite still pulled away with six-pound, six-ounce margin of victory. The best part for Hite was that he did it his way. He is known to be one of the best with fishing a vibrating jig and he proved it this week after hauling in 88-14 from the Big O.

Getting off on the right foot is key in any tournament and Hite had hopes of catching a decent limit to put him in the pack on day one.

"I had no idea I would catch nearly 35 pounds on the first day," said Hite, who has been tournament fishing since he got out of high school. "I thought I could do maybe 20 (pounds) when I was driving to my first spot. As I got closer, I saw there were two shiner boats on where I wanted to be. I made a loop around them to start on the other side and when I pulled up it was on."

It was on to the tune of 34-15 to take a commanding lead and grab the record for the second-largest single catch in FLW Tour history. From there, he would add 23-8 to his total after day two to take over a 12-pound lead. He kept that lead coming into the final day with his catch of 15-12 and with his smallest limit yet – 14-11 – Hite would place his hands on the title and the \$125,000 check.

"To win you have to have a flawless tournament. You don't get the opportunity to win too often so when you do you need to cherish it. I fished with a ton of confidence all week and got to fish a style that I love."

It started for Hite when he checked the same area he usually inhabits when the FLW Tour comes to Okeechobee, located around the Monkey Box and Fisheating Bay area. Most of the field rushes towards the bank, while Hite prefers the wide open water away from there.

"I checked that area on the first day of practice, which is normally where I fish down here. Usually, in the past, there has been less grass and I'll catch them there good one day but not the next. This year, there was more hydrilla than I have seen and it got my wheels turning and I knew this tournament would play to how I like it.

"I started out fishing in Arizona around structure. I have always considered myself good on structure, and over the years, consider grass a strength, as well. Fishing an outside grass edge like I did is just like fishing structure. I knew that with more grass those areas would hold a ton of fish, and they did."

Hite stayed focused on what he called "salad bowls," or places that hold multiple types of vegetation. Where you found those, you would find big numbers of bass. The large flat outside the Monkey Box and Fisheating Bay area contained these sweet



Brett Hite gives the thumbs up.

PHOTO/ROB NEWELL

spots and Hite had them dialed in. He focused on the clumps of grass, hard bottom within the grass, grass points or any other change in the grass line that would concentrate bass. Most of these areas he knew from years of fishing the area.

When he fished the grass, Hite used two different vibrating jigs, depending on the conditions. He had a black and blue one tied on with a Yamamoto Swimming Senko for a trailer (same color) for early in the morning. When the sun would get higher in the sky, he switched over to a green pumpkin vibrating jig with matching Swimming Senko. As the wind would get calm, he mixed in a quarter-ounce swim jig with a Swimming Senko – also in green pumpkin. He had those tied on with 20-pound Sunline Sniper and Shooter fluorocarbon. Hite also utilized a new rod he helped design in the Hercules-series Evergreen rods (one of his title sponsors), specifically for fishing vibrating jigs.

The vibrating jig and swim jig made a devastating combination on days one and two, but the third day of competition forced Hite to make a change.

"I can tell you right now that I would not have won if it wasn't for my decision to change to my back-up pattern on day three. I didn't get the bites I was looking for on my primary pattern, so I made the call to go flipping. I made sure that I had two different patterns and that they were in the same area. Using your time wisely makes all the difference to maximize your time fishing."

Hite flipped a 1.5-ounce Reins tungsten weight with a Yamamoto Flappin' Hog on 60-pound SX1 braid

from Sunline. He also caught his biggest fish of the tournament on a six-inch Yamamoto Senko (black and blue color), and noted some key fish on an Evergreen Combat Crank 60.

## Bohannan Rallies to Second

Kellogg's Pop-Tart pro Greg Bohannan had a phenomenal week on Lake Okeechobee. He started the tournament with the biggest bag of his career – 27 pounds, two ounces – and ended it with the largest bag of the day – 23-7. That put Bohannan's total to 82-8 on the week and earned him a check for \$30,000.

"I really thought I was going to catch 18 to 20 pounds on the north end on the first day with a gold War Eagle spinnerbait," said Bohannan. "I got to my spot in the Monkey Box and I didn't have a bite for two hours. I ended up running to a spot that I knew had a bunch of fish over by the West Wall."

Bohannan fished behind the main reed line in an area with a hard bottom and shelter from the prevailing winds. He fished a Zoom Fluke and pitched on Yamamoto Senko for a while on the first day, but when the wind laid down he knew it was time to fish on top. After making the switch to a Gambler Big EZ, Bohannan caught a six-pounder on his 10th cast and knew he had to stick with it.

"After catching that big one on the first day I knew I might be on something. I didn't know that spot had that potential, but I caught three more six-pounders on day one from there and knew that was what I needed to do.

The area seemed like it had fish replenishing throughout the week and I bet there was over 200 pounds of bass pulled from there over four days."

Bohannan knew with the amount of tilapia in the area, and prime bedding places, that the fish would continue to flock to him. He stuck with what got him to the final day and it continued to pay off.

Cashing checks on Okeechobee hasn't been much of an issue for the Rogers, Ark., pro. However, putting in some extra practice over the winter on the Big O really helped him understand how things work on Okeechobee.

"I came down this winter to stay with my good friend who has a place on the west side of the lake. I just really wanted to drive around and get a feel for the lake. That, combined with my experience from over the years, really made a difference this week."

The Pop-Tarts pro has been underpowered in past years when he came to tango with Okeechobee largemouth, so this year he made sure to come prepared. He used a seven-foot, nine-inch Denali Kovert rod with an Ardent Apex reel. He spooled 65-pound Sufix braid on the Ardent to handle the big girls. When he threw the Big EZ's, he used both McMillan Magic (cloudy conditions) and Copperfield (sunny conditions). Bohannan did mix things up on the final day and pulled his two bigger fish while flipping a black/blue Missile Baits D-Bomb.

Bohannan credits a lot of his success to his Typhoon sunglasses for helping him see the empty beds and tilapia that covered the West Wall area giving him the confidence to fish there.

## Watson Finishes Third

Following your instincts on the water pays off, and James Watson was the poster child for that this week. He started with a limit worth 20-13 at the beginning of the week to get things rolling. He added 17-1 on day two and a whopping 22-4 on day three. On the last day of the tournament, his 20-15 limit was enough to keep him in third place with a tournament total of 81-1.

"I have been randomly lucky this week," laughed the Waynesville, Mo., pro. "I fished from the mouth of the Monkey Box to the end of Harney Pond and everything in between. I shot from the hip and it worked out."

Watson started the tournament throwing a Junebug Zoom Speed Worm around hydrilla and eel grass. By day two he wasn't feeling the faith with that bait. He picked up a half-ounce War Eagle spinnerbait (gold shiner colored) and never looked back. Watson continued fishing it around the same cover and had some of his best success during calm, sunny conditions – basically the complete opposite of what you want to chuck a balde.

"I didn't fish any new water today, I just stuck with the few areas I had confidence in. I started my big motor three times today, otherwise I just kept the trolling motor down and went fishing." The fish Watson pursued were both in pre- and post-spawn stages.

For his efforts, Watson walked away with a check for \$25,000.

## Tharp Drops to Fourth

Randall Tharp seemed to start the week with a fire in his eyes. Though the fire burned throughout the event, unfortunately, his spots didn't remain as intense.

The first two days saw limits weighing 23-13 and 22-1, respectively. He says he should have had close to 30 pounds on day two and felt like he could get after them again. Things just never fell into place and his catches stumbled on the final two days to end with a total weight of 79-3.

"There was no secret to what I was doing this week. I put a seven-foot, 11-inch Halo extra heavy flipping stick in my hand with a 1.5-ounce Reins Tungsten weight, a VMC heavy cover flipping hook and a Trigger X Goo Bug and went fishing."

Tharp spent his week up around the Bird Island area flipping the thickest cover he could find. In between prime flipping cover, he would cast a swim jig across the vegetation just outside the thick cover.

The reigning Forrest Wood Cup champion added \$20,000 to his career earnings this week thanks to his performance.

# FLW

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## Meyer Fifth

Cody Meyer laughs as he tosses back a three-pound bass that won't help him. Steadily climbing the ranks this week was Repel pro Cody Meyer. The Auburn, Calif., resident started his week with 19-pounds and nine-ounces worth of Okeechobee largemouth. On Friday, he caught his smallest limit of the week – 16-3 – to barely slip into the top-20 cut. Day three found Meyer with 18-15 to boost him up to eighth place.

He wrapped the event up with his best performance of the tournament by bringing 23-3 to the stage.

The Repel pro sacked 77-14 over the week to cash a check for \$19,000. "Today was an unreal day," said Meyer. "I bet I caught around 40 fish and I'd say 20 of them were three-pounders which I had to throw back because they were too small." Meyer spent the entire week in Harney Pond fishing a variety of cover. The California pro spent the first day targeting reeds with hyacinth mixed in by flipping a Jackall Sasuteki Craw (black/blue color) on 65-pound PowerPro.

He made a change on day two to throwing a swim jig and Chatterbait on 50-pound PowerPro. That pattern prevailed through day three, as well, but for the final day he had to make another adjustment.

On the last day of the tournament, he started with a Chatterbait and caught a four-pounder, but didn't feel the confidence in it. He switched back to flipping the Sasuteki Craw and a few flips later had four- and 4.5-pounders. "I got a 118th place on Okeechobee last year at the tour event. It was the worst finish in my entire FLW career. It put me in a major hole I had to climb out of the rest of the season, so I am very thankful to have a much better start. I came into this event just wanting to get through Okeechobee, but I ended up having a great time.

"I used to have no confidence down here (Okeechobee), but now I feel pretty good. It was a huge learning curve for me this year. One thing that I think really helped me was my Typhoon sunglasses. I could see all the subtleties that I wanted to flip to much better thanks to them."

Rounding out the top 10 pros at the FLW Tour event on Lake Okeechobee:

Sixth: Matt Herren of Trussville, Ala., 77-7, \$18,000

Seventh: Scott Canterbury of Springville, Ala., 73-13, \$17,000

Eighth: Stetson Blaylock of Benton, Ark., 69-14, \$16,000

Ninth: Leon Williams of Fairdale, Ky., 69-8, \$15,000

Tenth: Larry Nixon of Bee Branch, Ark., 67-3, \$14,000

The next FLW Tour event is slated for Lake Hartwell in Seneca, S.C., March 6 to 9, for the second of six qualifiers.



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Brett Hite dealing with a bass that refuses to get in the net.



PHOTO/BRETT CARLSON

Brett Hite pumps his fist as his day-four weight is called.



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Second-place finisher Greg Bohannon holds up a good Lake Okeechobee largemouth.



PHOTO/BRETT CARLSON

James Watson holds up the kicker that anchored his 20-pound, 15-ounce day-four stringer.



PHOTO/BRETT CARLSON

Randall Tharp fires out a cast with a swim jig.



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Cody Meyer laughs as he tosses back a bass that won't help him.

# Florida Students Surpass 2014 Reading Goal



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## Fla. students read more than three million more minutes than anticipated

Schools across the state are celebrating student reading success. Students and teachers committed to reading more than 33 million minutes combined on Jan. 13 as part of the sixth annual Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida's Million Minute Marathon. With a final total of more than 35 million minutes read, students shattered the 2013 record of nearly 30.1 million minutes -- a number that allowed them to surpass the original goal for this year.

"This achievement proves students and teachers in Florida can get excited about literacy," said Florida First Lady Ann Scott. "I hope teachers and parents use this momentum to instill a lifelong love of reading in children across the Sunshine State."

"Children who learn to enjoy reading are proven to be more successful in the classroom, making them more likely to graduate high school, college and career ready," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "I want to thank our teachers for taking the time to participate in the Million Minute Marathon and Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! in an effort to foster the love of reading in our students."

An estimated 1.2 million students from 59 school districts and three early learning coalitions participated in the competition. Students were encouraged to read an extra 20 minutes during the day beyond their regular schoolwork in celebration of literacy. The program is used as a tool to motivate students to find enjoyment in reading. They are allowed to choose a book, magazine, blog site or newspaper article that interests them to rack up their minutes.

"The results from this year's Million Minute Marathon prove that our Florida students can rise to a challenge," said Just Read, Florida! Executive Director Wendy Stevens. "The overwhelming participation confirms the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida's theme, 'Reading Accelerates Success!'"

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### Robert Bailey 'Sam' Kidd, 42

CLEWISTON — Sam Kidd passed away in Athens, Ga. on Feb. 4, 2014. He was born in Clewiston on Feb. 11, 1971.

His loving parents, James Rhea Kidd and Joy Waldron Kidd, are mourning the loss of their son. Also missing him with all their hearts are his brother, Clifton Waylon Kid; his nephew, Kyle James Kidd; maternal grandmother, Mable Bailey Kidd; aunt, Sondra Westberry Snow and her husband, Thomas John Snow; and many loving cousins.

Sam was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, A. Rhea Kidd, maternal grandmothers, Elsie Waldron Westberry and Lily Merle Waldron, and maternal grandfathers, Lawrence C. Westberry and Robert E. Waldron.

Sam graduated from Clewiston High School in 1989, attended Palm Beach Community College from 1989-1990, and continued his education at South Technical Education Center from 1991 to 1994. What Sam truly enjoyed was people; he was happiest when interacting with others. He leaves a legacy of personal warmth and humor—a man of simplicity who showed a love for music from an early age. In Sam's life, there were no strangers; he loved and was loved by all who knew him. A graveside service will be conducted by Akin-Davis Funeral Homes of Clewiston on Feb. 12, 2014 at 4 p.m. Interment will follow at Ridgelaawn Cemetery, also in Clewiston. In lieu of flowers, tax deductible donations may be made to the Sam Kidd Memorial Fund at South-Tech Academy. To donate, go to <http://southtechacademy.org/about-southtech/donations> proceeds will be used to support the SouthTech Rock and Roll Academy.

LOVE IS THE CONDITION IN WHICH THE HAPPINESS OF ANOTHER PERSON IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR OWN.

### ANNIVERSARY

### CAROLE MICKLER A.J. MICKLER

A .J. and Carole Mickler, of Clewiston, celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary, June 21, 2013.

They were married in Brandford, Fla. on June 21, 1958. They traveled west, spending two months in their RV Bus, taking in Custer State Park, Walls Drug Store, cruising many states, Badlands, Black Hills, Crazy Horse, Mt. Rushmore, and Devil's Tower.

The Children are Joey Mickler, married to Elena Mickler, of Clewiston, and Debbie Orina, married to John Orina, also of Clewiston. A.J. and Carole Ann have seven grandchildren, triplets, Alana, Alexa, Alyssa, and sister, Amanda Mickler, Julie Moore, of Okeechobee, Heather Gannorr, and Justin Orina, of Clewiston; and three great-granddaughters, Kameron, Kynall, and Khloe Moore of Okeechobee.

The Micklers are active members in the New Harvest Church of Clewiston. Joe Mickler also has a business harvesting and selling field corn. Their business in farming vegetables and sugarcane, and is a family owned and operated company.



# Extra Time for Healing: Swing Bed Program at Hendry Regional Medical Center

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## What is a Swing Bed Program?

Typically, after an illness, injury or surgery, a person may not have the ability to immediately return home to everyday living. The Swing Bed Program at Hendry Regional Medical Center (HRMC) gives individuals the opportunity to recuperate in a hospital setting under the supervision of HRMC's skilled physicians, nurses and staff. The focus of the Swing Bed Program is the PATIENT, and making sure that he/she receives the proper care to ensure a safe and sustainable return to home.

After an individual has been an inpatient at Hendry Regional Medical Center, or any other medical facility, he/she may be eligible for the Swing Bed Program.

Upon discharge from an acute hospital stay, some patients require further medical care to help them return to the level of functioning they had prior to their hospitalization. HRMC's Swing Bed Program helps patients achieve this goal through its hospital-based provision of skilled nursing care and rehabilitation.

HRMC's Swing Bed program provides rehabilitation and recovery services based on the patient's individual need. Below are some examples of those who would meet the required

conditions of HRMC's Swing Bed Program:

- The patient is in the hospital and has suffered a stroke or received joint replacement and no longer needs acute hospital care. This patient may need physical therapy or occupational therapy through the Swing Bed Program until achieving the optimal level of activity that he/she had prior to initial hospitalization.

- The patient is in the hospital for a particular illness, but needs IV antibiotics while recovering.

- The patient is in the hospital, but still needs additional care and rehabilitative physical or occupational therapy because he/she is too weak to go home.

## What makes this one different?

What are the benefits of Hendry Regional Medical Center's Swing Bed Program?

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- Emotional, physical and spiritual healing

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Each patient makes progress based on individual medical care needs and rehabilitation potential. Following discharge from an acute care hospital, the length of stay depends on the patient's medical condition and rehabilitation needs; typically, the time needed is about 14 days.

HRMC's multidisciplinary team will continu-

ously monitor, record and formally review the patient's progress. As patients heal and are able to participate more in the program, the team will add, monitor and evaluate new goals.

## Does Insurance cover the expense?

Many insurance companies will cover the expense of this program, and Medicare will also pay for costs associated with the Swing Bed Program.

For additional information regarding Hendry Regional Medical Center's Swing Bed Program, call 863-902-3020.

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## RELIGION NEWS AND INFORMATION

### How's Your Love Life?

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church



John Hicks

GOD WANTS TO HAVE A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND WITH ME, AND GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER. COMMUNICATING LOVE IS KEY TO A GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

- CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Whether fair or unfair, Valentine's Day is a day when the male species is called to step up for their significant other, for the "love" in their life. Love ... just think about the word. That one word can make a heart flutter uncontrollably. It can make the toughest man blush. It can make a grown man cry and women jump for joy.

Sometimes, however, men forget to use their internal editor. There was a husband who made two terrible mistakes in one day. First, he forgot his wife's birthday.

Then he tried to cover his oversight without thinking through the consequences of his excuse. He said, "Honey, I just want you to know I didn't forget your birthday, I just didn't get you anything."

As Tim Hawkins sang, "If you're a man who wants to live a long and happy life, there are the

things you don't say to your wife." Other things you may want to avoid saying, "Have you gained some weight in your rear end?" Or, "That dress

reminds me of my old girlfriend." As an added word of advice, no good conversation ever began with the words, "Those jeans make you look like your mom."

Psychiatrists say that three of the greatest needs of a human being are: The need to be wanted, the need to be needed and the need to be loved.

When we think of our love life and the need to be loved, most of us think in terms of romance. We think in terms of a special someone, another human being. It's sad, however, that when many people think of God, they don't think of love. What many think of when they think of God is religion.

They think of rules. They think of ritual. Although the Bible does include a lot of these, they all pale in comparison to relationships. God is

into relationships. God wants to have a love relationship with you and with me, and God wants us to have a love relationship with each other.

Communicating love is key to a good relationship.

Try this! Put your fingertips from your right hand up against the fingertips of your left hand. You have just made a bridge. But if you bend your fingertips together and let your joined thumb tips drop a little downward, your hands create a heart.

How you formed this heart with your hands is what Heart Love is all about -- it joins together and bends a little to meet the other. Heart Love is a love that gives of itself to another person, then forgets the favor rendered. It is a love that finds something to love in the seemingly unlovable. Heart Love states, "I love you and I want you to be happy and to achieve the fullest stature of your being." Heart Love is what God has given us, and Heart Love is what we are called to give the world.

Make the heart again with your hands and put it up to your face. Take a look around and imagine taking a snapshot through your hand heart of everything and everyone around you. Now imagine going around every day doing that.

The challenge before us is to continue to look at the world and people around us through our Heart Love perspective so that others might know and experience God's Heart Love through us.

Remember, we are not necessarily called to like everyone, but we are called to love them. (Check out 1 John 4:7-8!)

The ones we love are not supposed to be perfect, but it is the choice to love others and give

love away that matures and perfects each one of us as Christians.

### Barbecue for Ministry

CLEWISTON - Come to First United Methodist Church of Clewiston on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a special BBQ chicken dinner, which includes a half-chicken, Captain P's baked beans, Ken and Glo's homemade slaw, Pastor John's yeast rolls and a home-made dessert. Donation is \$10. All meals are takeout.

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## Hunter Safety Course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host two free hunter safety courses on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Palm Beach County.

Participants who successfully complete the online portion of the course prior to this class only need to attend the Feb. 23 session, but must bring the final Web report to the FWC course. The report does not have to be notarized.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and hunter ethics/responsibility, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The class is at the Everglades Youth Camp in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area,

12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, West Palm Beach, 33412. (GPS will not work in helping you find this location.) Participants can sign up at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's South Region Office at 561-625-5122. Links to the online part of the course and a state-wide schedule of hunter safety classes are available at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes. To participate in live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised).

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# Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1 Elevates
- 6 Nearly
- 15 Reaction to flatness
- 16 Not predestined
- 17 1975 Pulitzer winner for criticism
- 18 Early German fliers
- 19 Whiskey purchase
- 20 Jolts
- 21 Substantive part
- 22 Sanskrit term of respect
- 23 Old Spanish bread
- 25 Safe investment choices
- 28 Bad mark
- 33 "Monster" Oscar winner
- 34 Court service
- 35 Accessory
- 36 "Shirt Front and Fork" artist
- 37 Drum accompanying a fife
- 38 Team nicknamed the Halos, briefly
- 40 Risk
- 41 Five-time 30-game winner of early baseball
- 42 Got tight
- 43 Moisture overload results, in plants
- 45 Manhattan part
- 47 Door support
- 51 Source of a cc
- 52 "Lolita" co-star, 1962
- 54 Side unit
- 56 One way to think
- 57 Court expert
- 58 "The Liberty Bell" composer
- 59 Made more attractive, as a deal
- 60 Serf

**DOWN**

- 1 Gripes
- 2 Event celebrated in "Through the Looking-Glass"

- 3 When "you're gonna want me for your girl," in a 1963 hit
- 4 Mongolian dwelling
- 5 Jedi foes
- 6 Spices (up)
- 7 Eye parts
- 8 Absorbed
- 9 Adviser of a sort
- 10 Cannon attachment
- 11 Soother
- 12 Drama Desk relative
- 13 Prismatic bone
- 14 Lab work
- 23 Parker product
- 24 "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 26 Campus town near Bangor
- 27 Shoe part
- 29 Semi-hard cheeses
- 30 Album that includes "Michelle"
- 31 Disbeliever's comeuppance
- 32 London flat?

- 33 It's 1 on the Mohs scale
- 34 Some coll. students
- 36 Constantine native
- 39 Back
- 40 Some microwaves
- 42 Caught stealing, say
- 44 Chop up

- 46 Stop by
- 47 Little bits
- 48 Fresh
- 49 Place for a rock group?
- 50 Something to pick?
- 52 Plymouth potato dish
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- 55 Young louse

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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## HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CHANGES TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROTECT USE OF COUNTY AIRPORTS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-53, ZONING, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-6.13 AIRPORTS, SECTION 1-53-3 ZONING DISTRICTS, TABLE 53-1, AND SECTION 1-53-4 DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS, TABLE 53-2; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on February 25, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency and to discuss the ordinance. A second public hearing on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on March 11, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency, to discuss the ordinance and to consider adopting the ordinance.

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

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

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

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# More dike repairs planned this year by ACOE

**By John H. Campbell**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is putting the finishing touches on a risk assessment report for the 143-mile dike that surrounds Lake Okeechobee. The report is expected to be the source of much conversation in light of huge water releases last summer from the lake due, in part, to the poor condition of the dike.

"This is the most comprehensive analysis that's ever been done on the risk associated with Herbert Hoover Dike," said Tim Wil-

ladsen, project manager for rehabilitation at the dike. "This report identifies the challenge, which helps drive discussions on the remaining solutions needed to reduce the risk at the dike."

2014 is shaping up to be a very busy year for rehabilitation at the dike. Jacksonville District continues to press on with construction projects, and will move closer toward completing a study that will provide options on the remaining measures needed to reduce the risk of dike failure.

The completed risk assessment will be

## Report shows wading bird population is improving

WEST PALM BEACH — Federally endangered wood storks, white ibis and great egrets led a moderate improvement in overall wading bird nesting efforts in 2013, according to the 2013 South Florida Wading Bird Report released last week by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

"Along with being icons of Florida's Everglades, wading birds represent key indicators of ecosystem health," said SFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory. "The construction projects we have underway will help achieve restoration targets that focus on cleaning water and improving wildlife habitat."

An estimated 48,291 wading bird nests were documented throughout South Florida in 2013. This represents 57 percent above the average for the past three years and is similar to the average of the past eight years. Highlights of the report include:

- Wood stork nests increased by 97 percent over the three-year average.
- White ibis nests increased by 90 percent over the three-year average.
- Great egret nests increased by 46 percent over the three-year average.

Scientists attributed the increase in nesting for these species to multiple years with above-average rainfall, which promoted the production of prey for the birds. Further, rapid drying leading into March 2013 helped concentrate prey for feeding.

Nesting numbers also increased in the Water Conservation Areas and the mainland area of Everglades National Park. An estimated 35,580 nests were documented in these areas, representing 74 percent of all nests in South Florida. This is a moderate improvement over the 24,191 nests in 2012 but similar to the 10-year average of 34,732 nests.

Other findings in the report include:

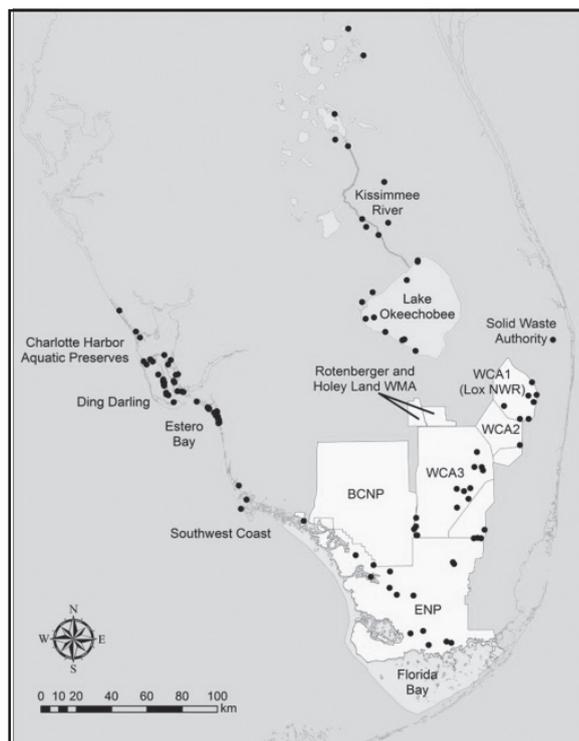
- Everglades National Park has become more attractive to nesting wading birds in recent years.

• The Lake Okeechobee marsh had the fourth highest nesting numbers in 33 years.

- Snowy egrets and tricolored and blue herons experienced steep declines in 2013.

- For six of the past seven years, wood storks failed to breed in the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades. Nesting numbers also increased in the Water Conservation Areas and the mainland area of Everglades National Park. An estimated 35,580 nests were documented in these areas, representing 74 percent of all nests in South Florida.



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**Nesting numbers increased in the Water Conservation Areas and the mainland area of Everglades National Park.**

used to develop and formulate solutions through a process known as a Dam Safety Modification Study (DSMS). The goal of the DSMS is to identify and prioritize the remaining measures necessary to finish rehabilitation. It is anticipated that the final Dam Safety Modification Report (DSMR) will be ready in 2015.

Rehabilitation work has been ongoing since 2007. However, previous risk analyses weren't as comprehensive as the current effort.

"When we started work, the intent was to fix Reach 1, and then move on to Reaches 2 and 3 on the south side of the lake," said Mr. Willadsen. "Now, we want to make investments in dike repairs that will lower the risk across the entire system, not just one portion of the system."

One measure that's already known is addressing the 32 federally owned water control structures, commonly known as "culverts." These structures currently pose the greatest risk of dike failure.

"The culverts were identified as the greatest risk to failure due to loss of material into and around them," said Mr. Willadsen. "Replacing these structures is the current priority."

Culvert replacement construction began in 2012. By the end of 2013, contracts had been awarded to replace 16 of the 32 culverts needing attention. Culvert 11, located south of Port Mayaca on the east side of the dike, is furthest along in its replacement.

"These structures aren't like driveway culverts," said Mr. Willadsen. "To replace

a culvert, we have to install a cofferdam to hold back the lake while crews do their work, remove the old culvert, and pour the concrete to install the new culvert. It sounds simple, but it's a very complex and time-consuming process."

Jacksonville District anticipates awarding additional contracts to replace culverts later this year. Those opportunities will be advertised on the FedBizOpps website ([www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)) when solicitation packages are ready.

While culvert construction presses ahead, Jacksonville District continues to work through the DSMS process. Staff from nearly every district organization as well as other corps offices across the nation have been developing and reviewing options for the next phase of dike rehabilitation.

"We started off with a lot of ideas," said Mr. Willadsen. "Now we're narrowing the large number of ideas into a suite of alternatives that we believe are worthy of further investigation."

Mr. Willadsen said the district would like to present a tentatively selected plan this summer, so environmental reviews can begin. Public participation will be a key part of the process.

"For various reasons, there's a lot of interest in what is going on with the dike and the rehabilitation," said Mr. Willadsen. "Our goal is to ensure we are reducing the risk of dike failure by making appropriate investments on behalf of the nation's taxpayers. Rehabilitation of the dike is necessary to protect lives and property in the adjacent communities."

## 54th anniversary Big Bass tournament set for Feb. 22

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Moore Haven will host the 54th annual Chalo Nitka Big Bass Tournament Saturday, Feb. 22 at Alvin Ward Park.

Purported to be the oldest fishing tournament in Florida, according to Florida Sportsman magazine, the Chalo Nitka Big Bass Tournament harkens back to the days before the "catch and release" rules were established, when strings of bass an arm length's across were displayed during the Chalo Nitka Festival itself and live bait was not a dirty word among professional anglers.

The tournament will get underway Feb. 22 from safelight until 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 per person. There is no age limit, anyone can fish, but each person on the boat must pay the entry fee. Cash pay-outs are guaranteed. First place is \$1000, Second \$500, Third \$300, down to \$50 for seventh place. There's a mystery gift for Lucky 13th place. The angler weighing in the biggest bass and wearing a 2014 Chalo Nitka t-shirt will win an additional \$100. A Critter Division is sponsored by Ahern's BP, giving the angler who brings in the largest Mudfish, Garr or Catfish a chance to win \$100.

All of the money received for this event is used for event prize payback, polygraph testing, and a portion of all entry fees will be donated to help fund projects for the youth of Glades County.

Special thanks to platinum level sponsors, including the City of Moore Haven, Glades County Sheriff's Office, M RV Resort and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Check out these other great sponsors: AAA Self Storage, Inc., Adams Anglers Reef Package and Lounge, Ahern's BP and Deli, Brian & Susan Prowant, Chalo Nitka Committee, Country K Drive Thru, Custom Lures by Sam, First Bank of Moore Haven, GTEFX Sportscars, Griffin A/C & Electric, Jolly Roger Marina, Laundromat of Moore Haven, Mickey's Bait and Tackle, Mike & Debbie Pressley, Moore Haven Development Company, Inc., Ogletree Enterprises, LLC, Sharon's Boutique & Salon, and Stor-More Storage.

Entry forms for the Chalo Nitka Big Bass Tournament are available at the EDC Office, (the old Chamber building) 998 US Hwy 27 South, Moore Haven. For more information, contact the EDC at 863-946-0300.

# Cracking Down on Hit-and-Run Drivers

Attorney General Pam Bondi, legislators, law enforcement and road enthusiasts promote legislation cracking down on hit-and-run drivers

Attorney General Pam Bondi joined Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami), Rep. Bryan Nelson (R-Orlando), other legislative leaders, law enforcement officers and road enthusiasts to announce a legislative proposal that will crack down on the growing problem of hit-and-run drivers and remove the incentive for drunk drivers to flee the scene of an accident. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, three people were killed every week by a hit-and-run driver in 2012.

Under current Florida law, there is a minimum mandatory sentence of four years in prison for killing someone while driving under the influence. In contrast, a driver who leaves the scene of an accident that kills someone faces a much lighter sentence. In the case of cyclist Aaron Cohen, the driver who killed Cohen and left the scene received less than two years in jail.

"Floridians deserve to feel safe when enjoying their communities, and this legislative proposal will crack down on all hit-and-runs," stated Attorney General Bondi. "I thank Senator Diaz de la Portilla and Representative Nelson for their leadership on the Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act, and I applaud Patty Cohen for her bravery in transforming her tragedy into action to protect others."

"Aaron Cohen was a member of my commu-

nity. The outrage that followed the light sentence his killer received brought attention to the punishment gap in sentencing laws, and we, along with his family and friends, decided to take action," stated Sen. Diaz de la Portilla, sponsor of SB 102.

"This bill is about protecting people," said Rep. Nelson, sponsor of HB 183. "Those who are not protected by the metal exoskeleton of a car should feel just as safe on the road as someone who does have that protection."

This legislation will:

Create a minimum mandatory sentence of four years for leaving the scene of an accident which results in death (with an allowance for downward departure by the court when mitigating factors exist).

Increase existing minimum mandatory sentence from two to four years for leaving the scene

of an accident resulting in death with DUI.

Increase the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

Define "Vulnerable Road User" (VRU) and create a VRU enhancer in the criminal punish-

ment code. Require a three-year revocation of the offender's driver's license and, prior to reinstatement, a driver's education course on the rights of vulnerable road users.

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- REP. NELSON

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"As Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, I believe it's time to close the penalty gap for hit-and-run drivers in Florida. This legislation will make our roads safer for everyone -- pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists," stated Sen. Greg Evers (R-Pensacola), a bill co-sponsor.

"How do you explain to grieving families that the person who struck their loved one chose to leave rather than call for help? I want this legis-

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lating to motivate people to do the right thing," said Rep. Dennis Baxley (R-Ocala), a bill co-sponsor and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. "Too many lives have been lost; too many families, just like mine, have been devastated," said Patty Cohen, Aaron Cohen's widow. "The Florida Sheriffs Association strongly supports legislation that would create proportionate penalties for drivers committing the crimes of DUI Manslaughter and Leaving the Scene of an Accident resulting in death," said FSA President and Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd. "We should not have laws that encourage drivers to leave the scene of an accident." Senate Bill 102 unanimously passed its first two committee stops. The first committee hearing for HB 183 will be in the House Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by Ordinance. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **February 25, 2014 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to adopt amendments to the Economic Development Element, Future Land Use Element (specifically Goal 2, Objective 2.1, Policies 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 1.1.10, and 1.1.11), and adding the definitions of an Economic Engine Project and Target Industry to the Definition Section.

ORDINANCE 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT (SPECIFICALLY GOAL 2, OBJECTIVE 2.1, POLICIES 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 1.1.10, AND 1.1.11), AND ADDING THE DEFINITIONS OF AN ECONOMIC ENGINE PROJECT AND TARGET INDUSTRY TO THE DEFINITION SECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance and amendment is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

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

Karson Turner, Chairman  
Hendry County Board  
of County Commissioners

## PUBLIC NOTICE - FINAL CERTIFICATION -

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 193.122(2), FLORIDA STATUTES, HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE COMPLETE 2013 HENDRY COUNTY TAX ROLLS, INCLUDING PROPERTIES REVIEWED BY THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD, WERE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014.

PHILLIP L. PELLETIER  
HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

# Lakeport hosts annual Sour Orange Festival



Special to the Glades County Democrat/ Alyssa Rawlings  
Square dancers enjoyed the Lakeport Sour Orange Festival on Feb. 8 at the Lakeport Community Center.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/ Alyssa Rawlings  
Cloggers were among the entertainers at the Lakeport Sour Orange Festival on Feb. 8 at the Lakeport Community Center. The festival also featured the traditional sour orange cookoff and a rib dinner.



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A quilt show (above), a historical display, a photography display, children's games, a display by the Lakeport Fire Department were among the attractions at the Lakeport Sour Orange Festival.

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# Chalo Nitka Princess had a fun, eventful year

Taylor Dane Martin is currently serving as the 2013 Chalo Nitka Princess. She is the 10-year-old daughter of Dane and Linda Martin.

She is a fifth grade student at West Glades Elementary school where she is serving as a safety patrol and is on the straight "A" honor roll.

Taylor's hobbies include hunting. She states this has been her best year of hunting season. She shot her first buck, doe, duck and also shot her second turkey. She enjoys air boating, riding in the woods on her buggy, and playing softball, basketball, and volleyball. She also enjoys rode trips to Gainesville to watch the Florida Gators play football. She is a member of the Double H 4-H swine club of Felde, and a member of Community Harvest Church of Labelle. Taylor's favorite pastime is to spend time with her mom and dad in the woods.

Taylor's future plans are to attend college at the University of Florida to study Animal Science.

She also plans on becoming a professional hunter and having her own television hunting show with her daddy.

Taylor would like to thank Quail Creek Plantation located in Ft. Drum for sponsoring her.

Taylor would also like to thank the current Chalo Nitka Queen Amy Perry for watching over her like a big sister when they had to attend different events and parades. Thanks to Ronda Perry and Cameron Moss owner of Bella Vida Day Spa in Clewiston for always helping with her hair and making her feel and look like a true princess. And, thanks to Ms. Katrina Fey for helping her overcome being scared to speak publicly and helping her to deal with the loss of (Granny) Mrs. Pat Ringstaff. Taylor would also like to thank her mom and daddy for all of their love, support and encouragement.

Taylor said it was a true honor to serve on the Chalo Nitka court with Chalo Nitka Queen Amy Perry and Jr. Miss Chalo Nitka



Taylor Dane Martin

Jesse Espinosa. These girls are truly amazing young ladies and have been great role models.

Taylor said her fondest memories of serving as Chalo Nitka princess was getting to meet Troy Laundry of Swamp People, Alan Jackson, GatorBoys, FSU's Chief Osceola and Renegade, The Blues Brothers, and Confederate Railroad. Taylor would like to thank her mom for arranging these meet and greets.

Taylor wishes the 2014 Chalo Nitka Princess good luck. She is sorry that she will not be available to crown the new 2014 Chalo Nitka Princess on Friday, Feb. 14. She has another commitment that will not allow her to be present for the pageant.

Taylor will be selling her hog "Si" at the Labelle Youth Livestock Sale. Taylor hopes the new Chalo Nitka princess has as much fun as she did representing Glades County.

God Bless!

## In the Military

### Beck graduates basic training

Jarren Beck, of Moore Haven, recently graduated from the Marines basic training.

Jarren attended Moore Haven High School from kindergarten until graduating and went into the Marines.

He will be stationed in Pensacola.

Jarren's family includes parents, Glenn and Pam (Roberts) Beck; sister, Kira Beck; and grandparents, Ed and Nelda Harrelson and Eddie Roberts of Moore Haven.



Jarren Beck



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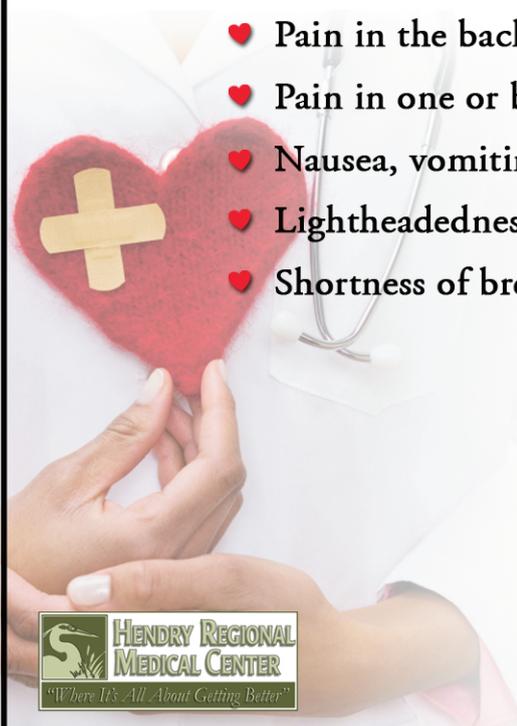


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When experiencing the symptoms of a heart attack, time is critical.  
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## Symptoms of a heart attack

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- ♥ Pain in one or both arms
- ♥ Nausea, vomiting or fatigue
- ♥ Lightheadedness or cold sweat
- ♥ Shortness of breath



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# February is American Heart Month

BY PAT DOBBINS  
Florida Department of Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Every 25 seconds, someone in the United States will have issues with their heart, and every minute, one person will die from some type of heart-related issue. This disease affects men and women!

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in Hendry County and the number two cause of death for Glades County.

Here are a few tips to help you to become "heart healthy":

care provider should test your cholesterol levels at least once every five years. Talk with your healthcare provider about this simple blood test.

- Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure has no symptoms, so be sure to have it checked on a regular basis.

- Manage your diabetes. If you have diabetes, closely monitor your blood sugar levels. Talk with your healthcare provider about treatment options.

- Take your medicine. If you're taking medication to treat high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes, follow your healthcare provider's instructions carefully. Always ask questions if you don't understand something.

dairy products.

- Cut back on foods with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet.

- Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Try to eat less than 300mg of cholesterol each day.

- Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars.

- Select and purchase foods lower in salt/sodium.

- If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation. That means no more than one drink per day if you're a woman and two drinks per day if you're

a man.

- Keep an eye on your portion sizes.

Physical activity in your daily life is an important step to preventing heart disease. You can take a few simple steps at home, at work and at play to increase the amount of physical activity in your life. Become a "Healthier You" in 2014! For more information on how to make healthier changes in your life, you can call the Florida Department of Health in Hendry or Glades Counties (LaBelle: 863-674-4041, Clewiston: 863-983-0707, Moore Haven: 863-946-0707). You can also visit the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/>.

EVERY 25 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES  
WILL HAVE ISSUES WITH THEIR HEART, AND EVERY MINUTE, ONE  
PERSON WILL DIE FROM SOME TYPE OF HEART-RELATED ISSUE.  
THIS DISEASE AFFECTS MEN AND WOMEN!

- PAT DOBBINS

- Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthier meal and snack options can help you avoid heart disease and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high blood cholesterol. Limiting salt or sodium in your diet can also lower your blood pressure.

- Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for heart disease. To determine whether your weight is in a healthy range, healthcare providers often calculate a number called the body mass index (BMI). Sometimes, your waist and hip measurements are used to measure your excess body fat.

- Exercise regularly. Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower your cholesterol and blood pressure. It is suggested that adults should engage in moderate-intensity exercise for at least 30 minutes each day.

- Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. So, if you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, quitting will lower your risk for heart disease. Talk to your healthcare provider about ways you can quit smoking.

- Limit alcohol use. Avoid drinking too much alcohol, which can cause high blood pressure.

- Prevent or treat your medical conditions: If you have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes, there are steps you can take to lower your risk for heart disease.

- Have your cholesterol checked. Your health

MORE...

Talk with your healthcare provider. You and your healthcare provider can work together to prevent or treat the medical conditions that lead to heart disease. Discuss your treatment plan regularly and bring a list of questions to your appointments.

Know your signs and symptoms. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, however, most heart attacks start slowly and you may only feel mild pain or discomfort. Many people aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are some signs that could mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- Shortness of breath. May occur with or without chest discomfort.

- Other signs. These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

A healthy diet and lifestyle are the best weapons you have to fight heart disease.

- Choose lean meats and poultry without skin. Prepare them without added saturated and trans fat.

- Select fat-free, one-percent fat and low-fat

## DEADLINE FOR 2014 EXEMPTIONS

Phillip Pelletier, Hendry County Property Appraiser, invites you to take advantage of your savings between now and March 1, 2014. We are located in LaBelle, in the Courthouse, third floor OR our Clewiston office at 100 E. El Paso Ave. Offices are open 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. **Special extended hours for LaBelle and Clewiston offices will be Thursday, February 20th and Thursday, February 27th from 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM.**

### YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS

1. Homestead Exemption \$25,000 / \$0 / \$25,000  
Applies to first \$25,000 of assessed value (all taxing authorities)  
Applies to \$50,000 - \$75,000 assessed value (non-school district)
2. Disabled veteran discount based on disabled %, age 65+ combat related
3. Disabled Veteran's Exemption based on % of disability (up to) \$5,000
4. Confined to wheelchair, service connected totally disabled (all taxes)
5. Service connected totally/permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse (all taxes)
6. Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty (all taxes)
7. Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty (all taxes)
8. Widow's or Widower's Exemption \$500
9. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption \$500(or more)
10. Additional Exemption 65 years of age or older w/an annual income of less than \$27,994 per household (documentation is required) (up to) \$50,000
11. Tangible Personal Property Exemption \$25,000
12. Agriculture Classification (Green Belt)
13. Homestead Portability
14. Deployed Military Exemption

If you have recently purchased your property, the previous owners' exemptions do not apply to you. New applications MUST be filed for new ownership or deed transfers. This would also include (name) changes in Agricultural Classified parcels.

Homestead Exemption renewal (white card) and Agricultural Classifications (green card) have recently been mailed. If you still qualify, keep your receipt; do NOT return it to our office.

### YOU NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION TO FILE FOR HOMESTEAD:

- Applicant must hold title to property and reside on the property by January 1, 2014
- If Recreational Vehicle Condominium Park, FL, registration of Motor Coach is required
- Florida Driver's License (if married, both husband & wife)
- Florida Vehicle Registration
- Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile
- Social Security Number (if married, both husband & wife required)
- Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen)
- Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker
- The mailing address of your bank statement and/or a copy of your utility bill at homestead address may be required.

For those who are unable to come to either of our offices, please call and arrangements will be made to assist you in filing your application.

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# Governor to appoint new county commissioner

By Charles M. Murphy

Special to the Glades county Democrat

Glades County continued debate with the South Florida Water Management District over land taken off the tax roll, continued their policy to suspend the collection of impact fees, and moved ahead with recruitment of a large Travel Center on U.S. 27 at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday in Moore Haven.

In other actions the commission approved an amendment to the county zoning map for land north of Moore Haven near U.S. 27 and route 78 east owned by Joe Marlin Hilliard. The zoning was changed from open use agriculture to industrial. The vote was 4-0.

Commissioners set a hearing on March 11 to consider the annual county wide burn ban. Recent rainfall in the county has improved the drought index and officials decided to wait another month before they consider the ban.

Commissioners also voted to extend their suspension of impact fees on roads, emergency medical services, park and recreation and public education. County Attorney Richard Pringle said the commission has the right to suspend it for any length of time. He noted a study would be required to update the impact fees. Commissioners extended the suspension to Feb. 9, 2016. A study would take about six months to complete.

Daughter of Commissioner Dennis Griffin, Nancy Ashley read a letter to the commission in memory of her father who passed away on Feb. 3. Applications for those interested in the open seat on the commission will be reviewed by Governor Rick Scott over the next several months. It is expected that several residents will be interested in the job. A selection of a new Vice Chairman for the commission was postponed until Monday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

The commission officially considered an

application for up to \$3 million for the community development block grant program. Fred Fox of Fred Fox Enterprises reported this money comes from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Glades County is eligible to apply for up to \$700,000, for housing rehabilitation, commercial revitalization and neighborhood revitalization. The plan is to use it to assist with infrastructure needed for a proposed travel center on U.S. 27 north of the city of Moore Haven. A waiver can be applied for in the economic development category that allows up to \$3 million. The business must create new long term jobs to qualify. The application is due on March 12, 2014. Citizens interested in service on a citizen's advisory board for this grant are requested to contact the County Manager Paul Carlisle.

The commission approved a resolution to accept \$350,000 from the Florida Environmental Protection Agency to continue wastewater improvements in Moore Haven.

The commission approved three agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation to fund and resurface County Road 720, Old Lakeport Road, and CR 721, under the small county road assistance program.

Mr. Carlisle asked the county to approve the development and management of a new website for Glades County. He said this will

be a marketing tool to help bring in business to the county. The commission approved a bid from a local vendor to do the work.

South Florida Water Management District offered to sell 237 acres of land known as the BOMA property on State Road 80. Commissioner Russell Echols said he was upset that 1,780 acres was purchased by SFWMD and Lee County. He said nothing is being done on the property and more could have been done with a bucket and a spoon. He said the partnership of the district and a county buying property in another county should not be allowed.

"Large counties can basically team up and buy out small rural counties," he said.

Commissioner Paul Beck said he wonders if SFWMD has ever completed a project to anyone's satisfaction. "It makes me wonder if this is a golden parachute and trade for the benefit of private companies. I'm still trying to make some sense out of this," he said.

Commissioner Beck said the county will have to do some real slicing and dicing to stay alive. He suggested a letter be given to SFWMD to state that Lee County decided to buy the property and should make a decision on what to do with it.

Attorney Pringle suggested language that Glades County respectfully decline to pro-

vide input on this property. "In our opinion, you never consulted or cared about us in the first place. It's one thing to listen and hear and it's another thing to put into a document and have it memorialized and read everywhere," he said.

Mr. Beck said the county needs to get some awareness of this issue and he encouraged state legislators to learn more about it and take some action. "If we don't get them to look at this, they certainly won't be concerned. That is the only way to get action," he said.

Chairman Donna Storter Long wanted the wording to be strong enough that the district gets the message.

Mr. Carlisle said if the property is back on the tax roll, it could generate property taxes for the county.

A lease extension for Alvin Ward Park is being worked on with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The lease proposal for the Cypress Knee Museum in Palmdale with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is also being negotiated. New flood plain maps will be created for Glades County and will mandate a change in the county flood plain ordinance. Bids for construction of the new Emergency Operations Center should be ready for action at the Feb. 24 meeting.

## Corps increases lake releases to river

By Katrina Elsen

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has increased the amount of water flowing from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River in response to changes in current and forecasted conditions.

This increase is welcomed by environmentalists who have been calling for an increase in freshwater releases into the river in order to keep the salinity levels in the river and in the estuaries at a healthy balance.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the Corps adjusted the target flow from the lake to the Caloosahatchee Estuary upward to a 10-day average of 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) near Fort Myers. Local runoff outside the lake into the Caloosahatchee River could cause flows to exceed this target.

No water is being released from the lake into the St. Lucie Canal, although local basin runoff from the St. Lucie Canal will continue to be allowed to pass through the St. Lucie Lock as necessary. No lake water has been released into the St. Lucie since October of 2013.

Since Oct. 21, 2013, the target flow from the Franklin Lock on the Caloosahatchee has been 650 cfs and the target flow from the St. Lucie Lock has been 0 cfs.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) continues to move water south through the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) to the Water Conservation Areas.

"The lake has seen a one-quarter foot rise in the past week and the most current analysis of forecasted conditions show an increase to projected lake inflows over the next six months," said Lieutenant Colonel Tom Greco, Jacksonville District deputy commander for South Florida. "We'll continue to work with stakeholders to assess conditions in order to make sound operational decisions."

On Friday, the lake stage was 14.02 feet and has been on an upward trend since Jan. 30.

The releases are being conducted in accordance with the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). The current LORS guidance allows for releases up to 3,000 cfs at Franklin Lock and 1,170 cfs at St. Lucie Lock. However, at this time the current target flows are being adjusted out of consideration for all project purposes.

Lake Okeechobee releases aren't always a bad thing, Jennifer Heckler explained on the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Facebook page. Environmentalists have called for more water from Lake Okeechobee to be released into the Caloosahatchee River during the winter dry season to help prevent saltwater intrusion.

John Campbell, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, said the increase in water releases was due to Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS).

"They request more water all winter," he said, adding that the increased releases will help them slightly with keeping the freshwater/saltwater mix in balance.

He said the USACE has a regular sched-

uled call-in meeting with scientists two to three times a month. Last Tuesday, during this call, they discussed increasing the releases from the big lake due to the heavy rainfall in January.

He said they use the LORS chart as a guide in an attempt to start the wet season as close as possible to the low end of the schedule of around 12.5 feet — leaving room in the lake to hold water from the wet season.

The goal is to keep the lake no lower than 12.5 feet and no higher than 15.5 feet in an attempt to balance the demands on the lake as a water supply, as well as maintain the environmental health of the lake itself and keep the lake low enough that it does not endanger the integrity of the Herbert Hoover Dike — an aging earthen berm that surrounds the Big O.

All winter, the Corps has been making releases from the lake into the Caloosahatchee, but those concerned about the river and the estuaries on the Gulf Coast wanted more lake water released.

Mr. Campbell said a reservoir planned near the Caloosahatchee, which could store excess water during the wet season and release it into the river as needed during the dry season, is in the planning phases, but is awaiting an act of Congress. The project is included in water resources bills in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, but those bills must be reconciled and approved by the President before any money can be spent on the project.

A reservoir project to collect and store water on the St. Lucie side is well under construction.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 26-09-CA-000244**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

v. ADRIAN SANCHEZ; JENNIFER MARTINEZ A/K/A JENNIFER H. MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ADRIAN SANCHEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER MARTINEZ A/K/A JENNIFER H. MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; 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, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; HENDRY COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PORT LABELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 06, 2014 in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

**LOT 12, BLOCK 2170, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 4010 BISHOP CIRCLE, LABELLE, FL 33935**

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Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Mary Ann Munoz  
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No: 11000214CAAXMX

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. CHRISTOPHER N. KWANGWARI, et al., Defendant(s)

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2013-CP-000061

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID WARD SIMONS, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of David Ward Simons, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was August 7th, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

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 ON OR BEFORE 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is February 13th, 2014. Personal Representative: LAURE E. SIMONS c/o P.O. Box 4009 Sarasota, Florida 34230 HENRY P. TRAWICK, PA Attorney for Personal Representative P.O. Box 4009 Sarasota, Florida 34230 Florida Bar No. 0082069 461778 GCD 2/13,20/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 13 CA 443

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. EMMA RAMIREZ GUARDO; ROGERIO GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 6, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13 CA 443, of the Circuit Court of and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and BARBARA MARSHALL; ROGERIO GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants.

I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by ELECTRONIC SALE AT WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 11:00 A.M., on the 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 112, HOLDAY ILES SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 115 AND 116, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH 1988 FLEETWOOD (FLEETCRAFT CORP) MOBILE HOME, VIN#GAF1J45A03720CT PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LAND

A 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 6th day of Feb., 2014.

BARBARA S. BUTLER As Clerk of said Court By: /s/ MaryAnn Munoz As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 461787 CN 2/13,20/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on February 20, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at The Greentree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before the Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc." 461812 CN/CB 2/13/2014

Public Notice

Hendry County School Board Patrick Langford, Chairman 461667 CN/CB 2/13/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom it May Concern, The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded a horse from the Buck Head Ridge area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horse. 461359 GCD 2/6 & 2/13/2014

Public Notice

To Whom it May Concern, The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded a horse from the Mue area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horse. 461360 GCD 2/6 & 2/13/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 262012CA000642XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. BARBARA MARSHALL, et al, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 11/21/2013 and an Order Resetting Sale dated January 27th, 2014 and entered in Case No. 262012CA000642XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and BARBARA MARSHALL; TY MARSHALL; COUNTRY VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on www.hendry.realforeclose.com 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK 9, PORT LABELLE HOLY PARK UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on February 4, 2014.

BARBARA S. BUTLER As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

SHD Legal Group P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO Box 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com 461600 CN 2/13,20/2014

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until February 25, 2014 for Bid #Q14-0008, Large Equipment, Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board Patrick Langford, Chairman 461667 CN/CB 2/13/2014

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Glades County Board of County Commissioners Deadline: February 28, 2014 at 3:00 PM

Glades County Board of County Commissioners is requesting proposals from interested parties for the lease of 42 +/- acres of agricultural land for non-invasive agricultural uses. The property is located next to the Glades County Road Department at 4883 E. State Road 78, Moore Haven, Florida. All proposals are to be submitted to the County Managers Office at P.O. Box 1527, Moore Haven, FL 33471. Submissions must include the intended use of the property, requested term of lease and amount of lease payment offered. For any additional information please contact the County Managers office at 863-946-6000.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposals or in the bidding process. 461780 GCD 2/13,20/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000068

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. NIURKA QUINTANA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 23, 2014 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000068 of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is Plaintiff and NIURKA QUINTANA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.hendry.realforeclose.com at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 2257, OF PORT LABELLE, UNIT 8, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 9002 E BROAD CIRCLE, PORT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 28, 2014.

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

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 461030 CN 2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, February 14, 2014 at 9:00 a. m. at 1233 N. W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida

- Property of: Henry Boyd-4 Tires, miscellaneous boxes.
Property of: Tamika Bradley-Microcrows, Freezer, Matt & Box Spring, Living room Suite.
Property of: Curtis Brown-Girls Bike, A/C TV Miscellaneous Boxes.
Property of: Rosetta Drummond-Mattress & Box Spring, TV, Head-board, Dinette table and chairs.
Property of: Angela Grant-Mattress & Box Spring, Refrigerator, Bedroom Suite, TV.
Property of: Ruby Mosley-Freezer, Bedroom Suite, Living room Suite, Miscellaneous Boxes.
Property of: Oseas Salas Mejia-BBQ Speakers, Miscellaneous Boxes.
Property of: Ronny Sylvain-TV, Bedroom Suite, Dinette Table, Miscellaneous Boxes. 460990 SUN 2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000897

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff

RUSSELL E. MCCOY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 06, 2014 and entered in Case No. 26-2012-CA-000897 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and RUSSELL E. MCCOY; GINETTE MCCOY A/K/A GINETTE D. MCCOY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR OC-VEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.hendry.realforeclose.com at 11:00AM, on the 12th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 9 AND ALL OF LOT 8, BLOCK 73, SUBURB BEAUTIFUL, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 26, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 FEET OF LOT 8. A/K/A 430 CALHOUN STREET, LABELLE, FL 33935-4860

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 6, 2014.

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

Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F12014890 WELLSLPS-FHA-R-budrosier-Team 1-F12014890 \*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 461794 CN 2/13,20/2014

Public Notice

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

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the CCWCD Conference Room, 475 S. Cabage Palm St, Montura Ranch Estates, State Road 833, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. 461316 CN 2/13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Ameribank % 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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 65, 2010, 1134328-A0000240000, Linda J Dekle

Commence at the Southeast corner of Government Lot 3 in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, and run S 88 degrees 16'30" along the South line of said Government Lot 3, a distance of 74.45 feet to the Point-Of-Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continue S 88 degrees 16'30" W, along the South line of said Government Lot 3, a distance of 64.66 feet; thence N 0 degrees 00'00" E, a distance of 203.93 feet; thence N 72 degrees 18'00" E, a distance of 181.65 feet; thence S 01 degrees 28'30" E, a distance of 243.55 feet; thence S 87 degrees 51'37" W, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence S 88 degrees 16'30" W, a distance of 65.48 feet; thence S 04 degrees 14'00" E, a distance of 10.00 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. LESS, however that part thereof lying with the County Road right-of-way. Bearings refer to deeds recorded in O.R. Book 236, Page 444 and O.R. Book 320, Page 512, Public Record of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of way 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461183 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No: 26-2012-CA-000528-CAAX-MX

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,

vs. JAIME MORALES, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property located in HENDRY County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HENDRY County, Florida, described as:

Lots 15 and 16, OKEELANTA PLANTATION COMPANY'S FIRST PLAT IN HENDRY COUNTY, FL, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 87, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Property address: 1670 Hookers Point Rd Clewiston, FL 33440

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, beginning at 11:00 AM on February 26, 2014.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 27th day of January, 2014.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 461084 CN 2/6,13/2014

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments 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, WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4351, 2010, 4104329-06023370150, Thelma Cherubin + Yves Augustin + Marie Sylvain

Lot 15, Block 2337, 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 way 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 460473 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION CASE NO.: 11-46-DP

IN THE INTEREST OF: NICHOLSON, JULIAN PAUL, DOB: 10/16/2008

Minor Child, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO: Joseph Burton Legal Father Current Whereabouts Unknown

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights which is delivered to you herewith, has been filed in the above styled Court in behalf of Julian Nicholson, a male child, born on the 16th day of October, 2008, at Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the State of Florida, Department of Children and Family Services, and you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable Jack Lundy, Judge of the Circuit Court in the above Court at: Glades County Courthouse 500 Avenue J Moore Haven, Florida 33471 at 1:30 p.m. o'clock, on the 13th day of March, 2014, for an Advisory/Adjudicatory Hearing, to show cause why said Petition should not be granted.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY/ADJUDICATORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Pursuant to Sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g) Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoptive entity, as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statute. WITNESS BY HAND as the Clerk of Said Court and the seal thereof, this 16th day of January, 2014.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT B. RHYMES, DEPUTY CLERK 460791 GCD 2/13,20,27;3/6/2014

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 ME DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is February 06th, 2014. Personal Representative: KAREN E. EISENHART 15 Wagon Wheel Place Palm Coast, Florida 32164 Attorney for Personal Representative: GAIL E. LAMPERT, ESQ. Email: gail@gaillampertlaw.com Florida Bar #789844 216 South 3rd Street Flagler Beach, FL 32136 386-439-0190 461065 GCD 2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments 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, WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4351, 2010, 4104329-06023370150, Thelma Cherubin + Yves Augustin + Marie Sylvain

Lot 15, Block 2337, 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 way 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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 5246 2010 4104329-12025110120 Amoakon E Thiemle & Rosette J Valle Lot 12, Block 2511, PORT LABELLE UNIT 12, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 560554 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 4338 2010 4104329-06021990060 Jacobo Jesus Faraj Lot 6, Block 2199, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 460470 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Ameribank % 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 391 2010 1314229-01000001860 Raul & Juana Aguilar Lot 186 and East one-half of Lot 187, NORTH LABELLE HEIGHTS, a subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 16, Public Records of Glades County, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461175 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CHANGE TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida proposes to adopt the following by ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 1-53-3.7, AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT; AND SECTION 1-53-4.1, TABLE 53-2, TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS; SPECIFICALLY TO DEMONSTRATE NONCONFORMING LOTS (IDENTIFIED ON OCTOBER 22, 2013) AS VESTED AND REMOVE THE VESTED RIGHTS DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on February 25, 2014, at 5:05 p.m. at Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL, to consider the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency, to discuss the ordinance and to consider adopting the ordinance. The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar un esta reunio, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240. Karson Turner, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 461813 CN/CB 2/13/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Jolene Funding 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2610 2006 4104329-04021460070 CHL Holdings Inc Lot 7, Block 2146, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 460481 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Jolene Funding 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2592 2006 4104329-04021450170 CHL Holdings Inc Lot 17, Block 2145, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 460480 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Ilene & 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2271 2006 4104329-04021440220 CHL Holdings Inc Lot 22, Block 2144, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, 2014, which is the 27th day of February, 2014. Dated this 15th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 460482 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

Public Notice 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: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2561 2010 1354432-A000170000 Betty Sue Pione Jordan And Paiali T Pione The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3843 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461173 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Jolene Funding 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2579 2005 4104329-03020950210 CHL Holdings Inc Lot 21, Block 2095, PORT LABELLE UNIT #3, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461168 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Richard III 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 NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2975 2007 4104329-03021140180 CHL Holdings Inc Lot 18, Block 2114, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461179 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice 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: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2224 2010 1254432-A0002600000 Ela III, LLC The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 4942 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461172 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice 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: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED 2673 2010 1364432-A0001910000 Ela III, LLC The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4086, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of March, 2014, which is the 13th day of March, 2014. Dated this 29th day of January, 2014. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 461174 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 2/25/14 SUBJECT AREA: 549 Fund Balance EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for fund balance. CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1011.051 F.S. CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1011.051 F.S. FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for fund balance. STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions. LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on February 25, 2014. Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request to the Superintendent of Schools. Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule. Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop. Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 460365 CN 1/30;2/6,13 CB 2/13/2014

Public Notice Public Notice

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Public Notice Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2011-CA-000813 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, Successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, -VS- Olguidia Granda; Capital One Bank (USA), National Association f/k/a Capital One Bank Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated 1/23/14, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000813 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, Successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff and Olguidia Granda are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Barbara S. Butler, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 11:00 A.M., on February 26, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 6, 7, AND 8, IN BLOCK 383, OF GENERAL PLAT TO CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 71-78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator:1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Barbara S. Butler CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Hendry County, Florida /S/ J. Bevis DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated 1/23/14, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000813 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, Successor by Merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff and Olguidia Granda are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Barbara S. Butler, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 11:00 A.M., on February 26, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 6, 7, AND 8, IN BLOCK 383, OF GENERAL PLAT TO CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 71-78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator:1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Barbara S. Butler CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Hendry County, Florida /S/ J. Bevis DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360 Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 461297 CN 2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

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

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3003	2007	4104329-03021240240	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 24, Block 2124, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **March, 2014**, which is the **13th** day of **March, 2014**. Dated this **29th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

461181 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2987	2007	4104329-03021190260	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 26, Block 2119, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **March, 2014**, which is the **13th** day of **March, 2014**. Dated this **29th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

461180 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222.

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

Karson Turner, Chair  
 Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County  
 461446 CN/CB 2/13/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 13000920CAAXMX**

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC.  
 Plaintiff(s),  
 vs.  
 BRENDA V. WILLIAMS, et al,  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY**

**TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, THE ESTATE OF VIOLET R. EASON DECEASED, WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 350 NORTH BRIDA STREET, CLEWISTON, FL 33440**

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown named Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property,  
 LOT 2, IN BLOCK 9, OF MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 37, 38 AND 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1994 SHADOW MASTER DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN: 146M8107A AND 146M8107B more commonly known as 350 NORTH BRIDA STREET, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110, Tampa, Florida 33607, on or before 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 27th day of January, 2014.

BARBARA S. BUTLER, Clerk  
 HENDRY COUNTY, Florida  
 By: S. Miller  
 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 HICKPOCHE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935-County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service".

461108 CN 2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Hope HealthCare Services at 475 East Cowboy Way in Labelle.

All meetings of the Local Coordinating Board are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Nichole Gwinnett at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 232 or by e-mail at ngwinnett@swfrc.org at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 (Voice) or 800-955-8771 (TDD).

The SWFRPC's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he/she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, Title VI Coordinator Robin Parrish at (863) 519-2675 or by writing her at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

461197 CN 2/13/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4512	2010	4104329-07022300170	Larisa Salniker

Lot 17, Block 2230, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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 **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **February, 2014**, which is the **27th** day of **February, 2014**. Dated this **15th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

460474 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
149	2011	1064428-A0000280000	Robert Mark & Dawn Foshay

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 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 **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **February, 2014**, which is the **27th** day of **February, 2014**. Dated this **15th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

460477 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1969	2010	1224432-01000740070	Denton II, LLC

Lot 7 in Block 74 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, at Page 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at **www.hendry.realforeclose.com**, at **11:00 A.M.**, on the **Second Thursday** in the month of **March, 2014**, which is the **13th** day of **March, 2014**. Dated this **29th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

461170 CN 2/6,13,20,27/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3762	2011	4104329-02020400140	Shay Azarya

Lot 14, Block 2040, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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

460479 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4482	2010	4104329-07022240040	Cabernet I, LLC

Lot 4, Block 2224, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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 **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **February, 2014**, which is the **27th** day of **February, 2014**. Dated this **15th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

460472 CN 1/23,30;2/6,13/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2931	2007	4104329-03020950450	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 45, Block 2095, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2932	2007	4104329-03020950460	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 46, Block 2095, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3473	2010	2024329-28000000710	Jerome Carter & Marcellina Mitchell

Lot 123 and 124, SECTION ONE, FORD PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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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 **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **February, 2014**, which is the **27th** day of **February, 2014**. Dated this **15th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Ilene & Jon Klausfeld 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2518	2006	4104329-04021420080	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 8, Block 2142, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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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 **Second Thursday** in the month of **March, 2014**, which is the **13th** day of **March, 2014**. Dated this **29th** day of **January, 2014**.

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

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Public Notice

IN THE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-000096-CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JORGE A. GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEX GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEXANDER GABOR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE A. GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEX GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEXANDER GABOR; MINNIE LEE ASHLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MINNIE LEE ASHLEY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed January 14, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-000096-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and JORGE A. GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEX GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEXANDER GABOR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE A. GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEX GABOR A/K/A JORGE ALEXANDER GABOR; MINNIE LEE ASHLEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MINNIE LEE ASHLEY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, are defendants. I will sell the following described property to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning 11:00 A.M. at the FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR of the Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, and as set forth in said Final Judgment, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 6th day of March, 2014, to wit:

**LOT 7, BLOCK C, UNIT 2, NORTH LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 107, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH A 2009 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, MAKE: LIVE OAK HOMES, MODEL: SOUTHERN OAK, SERIAL NUMBERS: LOHGA10810519A AND LOHGA10810519B, WIDTH AND LENGTH: 28.00 X 48.00, WHICH, BY THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES AND UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AS PROVIDED IN FLORIDA STATUTE 319.261 SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT. a/k/a 1434 Jordan Loop , Okeechobee, FL 34974**

Dated this 4th day of February, 2014.

SANDRA H. BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 BY: Julie Braddock, As Deputy Clerk

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 may file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4482	2010	4104329-07022240040	Cabernet I, LLC

Lot 4, Block 2224, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2012-CA-000524**

CHRISTINA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2013-9,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
KARAN S. ROACH, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 23rd day of January, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000524, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein CHRISTINA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2013-9, is the Plaintiff and KARAN S. ROACH, JAMES M. ROACH, SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK and KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, are the Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at [www.hendryrealforeclose.com](http://www.hendryrealforeclose.com), the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**A PARCEL OF LAND IN GOVERNMENT LOT 7, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 7 IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH 89°33'01" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF GOVERNMENT LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 851.81 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE CALOOSAATCHEE RIVER CANAL; THENCE RUN NORTH 18°54'51" EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 192.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 18°54'51" EAST, 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 71°05'09" WEST, 230 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18°54'51" WEST, 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71°05'09" EAST, 230 FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS TRACT OF LAND ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 15 OF CALLOSA ESTATES UNIT NO. 3, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.**

Property Address: 432 Caloosa Estates Drive, Labelle, Florida 33935

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

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on the form below, in another written format, or orally. Please complete the form below (choose the form for the county where the accommodation is being requested) and return it as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Please see contact information below and select the contact from the county where the accommodation is being requested.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2014.  
HOWARD C. FORMAN  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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2504	2006	4104329-04021410090	CHL Holdings Inc

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Dated this 29th day of **January, 2014**.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
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# 125 Years of Service

Hendry and Glades counties celebrates 125 years of public health.  
Heroes named: Martha E. Valiant, MD, MPH and Joanne Vorhees, ARNP

BY BRENDA BARNES  
PIO, Florida Department of Health

As part of the celebration and recognition of 125 Years of Public Health, each county in the state of Florida selected "Local Public Health Heroes." Votes were collected from leaders in Hendry and Glades counties and two women were selected as the Local Public Health Heroes. These ladies will also be honored in the 2014 Swamp Cabbage Parade and the Chalo Nitka Parade.

Martha E. Valiant, MD, MPH has been commonly referred to as the "Baby Doctor" by people in the community, but her colleagues know her as the "Voice of Rural Counties." Over the past 40 years, she has been a tireless advocate for the health-care needs and challenges of rural communities, not only in Hendry and Glades counties, but the entire southwest Florida area!

Since graduating from Duke University School of Medicine in 1972 with a specialty in pediatrics, Dr. Valiant has spent most of her medical career in the public sector. Her public health roots began in Palm Beach County, where she worked alongside of Dr. Carl Brumbach. Dr. Valiant said that Dr. Brumbach helped to "feed her passion" for rural health.

In 1991, she became director of the Health Departments in Hendry and Glades counties. She was instrumental in getting the health department buildings constructed in Clewiston and LaBelle in the late 1990s.

Both Health Department buildings were dedicated in her honor. Even though she is now retired, she still follows her passion of rural health by serving on several boards, such as Children's Advocacy, The Children's Hospital, Health Planning Council, and Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health.

Dr. Valiant said, "I absolutely loved my years at the Hendry and Glades Health Departments. It enabled me to fulfill my goals of tackling rural health issues." When asked how she would like to be remembered, she humbly stated, "I hope that I am remembered as a doctor who made a difference in the lives of children and their families in rural communities."

Over the years, Dr. Valiant has been recognized for her public health imprint on the world. In 1997, she received the "Outstanding Woman in Public Health" award from the College of

Public Health, University of South Florida. Over a span of years from 1997 to present day, she has

received the "FRHA Wendell Rollason Award," the "Sidney S. Chipman Award," the "Healthy Start Lifetime Achievement Award," and the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year Award." Most recently, she was named by WGCU to its list of "21 Southwest Florida Women Who Have Made a Difference." (WGCU is a PBS-member television station in



Martha E. Valiant



Joanne Vorhees

Fort Myers, owned and operated by Florida Gulf Coast University.) Pat Dobbins, administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties, said, "Dr. Valiant continues to be an inspiration to me; she is one of my personal heroes. This is a person who definitely encompasses every aspect of a Public Health Hero."

The second local Public Health Hero nominee is Joanne Vorhees, ARNP. Ms. Vorhees began her career in public health in 1968. For the last 45 years, Ms. Vorhees has been involved in all aspects of public health as an Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties.

Her specialty has always been women's health, which also includes adolescents. She is known for her efforts in promoting clinic schedules to encourage adolescents to enter family planning services, and for providing much-needed family planning education to the rural areas of Hendry and Glades counties. Early in her nursing career, Ms. Vorhees worked at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas, which had over 800 hospital beds and 17 operating rooms. Her fam-

ily decided to move to Florida in the 1960s and settled in Clewiston. Ms. Vorhees became an operating room and emergency room supervisor at Hendry General Hospital in Clewiston, where she assisted with labor and delivery.

After making the move to public health, she promoted the use of videos to educate women about their health and family planning choices, taught parenting classes at the local high schools and has assisted with prenatal and primary care in the clinical setting. She continues to be a patient advocate and believes in preventative services and education. Ms. Vorhees is a former board member of the Harlem Academy Daycare and is an active member of the local chapters of the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society.

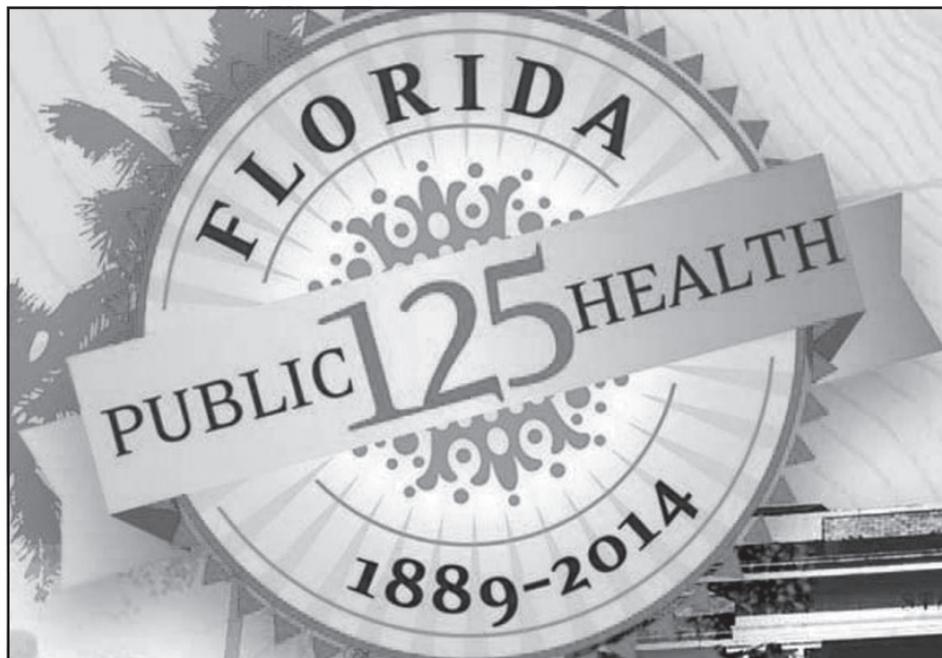
Over the years, Ms. Vorhees stated that she has seen lots of changes in public health, but was most happy to see changes in immunization requirements for school entry. Ms. Vorhees stated, "I love being part of a rural community. I now see the grandchildren of people that I remember giving school immunizations to. It's nice getting to know the whole family." Retirement is something that she does not want to consider. She loves the work she does and the communities that she serves. She hopes to continue her service in public health for several more years.

"It's amazing that Joanne has dedicated 45 years of her life to public health, and we are so happy that she chose to spend those years of service with us at the Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties. It truly is a remarkable accomplishment," said Dobbins. The Florida Department of Health has a rich history that began in 1889. Major programs have been developed through the years that improve and protect the health of Floridians. Although the name and

logo have changed, the mission and outcome of public health has continuously influenced the quality of life in Florida that is still enjoyed today. Much of the success of the Department of Health is due to the long-standing county and state partnership.

The Department has focused on building strategic working relationships with other agencies, organizations, healthcare professionals and community leaders.

For 125 years, public health professionals have served the people of Florida through dedication and concern for families, children and communities.



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# Battle Of Okeechobee Re-enactment coming soon

Special to the Glades County Democrat

KEECHOBEE—Once again, the re-enactment of the Battle of Okeechobee, of the Second Seminole War will return at the newly created Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park in Okeechobee County on Saturday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014. With each annual event, new entertainment and venues are added. This year Guy LaBree, historical artist will attend. The past six annual events drew large crowds.

The Okeechobee Battlefield Friends, Inc. are coordinating the upcoming event. Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Battle re-enactments will also be held at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per car. Seating is limited; it is recommended to bring your own chair.

This historic battle, fought on Christmas Day in 1837, was the largest and fiercest battle of the Second Seminole War. A talented cast of re-enactors will portray fierce Indian warriors such as the great Indian war

leaders Abiaca, Coacoochee, Halleck-Tustenuggee and Alligator. Some of these great warriors are portrayed by their descendants. As the drama unfolds, it depicts how the Seminoles, greatly outnumbered, battled the massive militia and U.S. Army troops led by Colonel Zachary Taylor and Colonel Richard Gentry of the Missouri Volunteers. The dramatic battle will be narrated by author and historian John Missall.

Experience Seminole and other artisans, Pow Wow Dancing, Military display, period vendors and exhibits, a Seminole Jacket Raffle, Seminole Indian food, living history, cannon demonstrations, 1800s Irish folk music, alligator demonstrations, children's horse rides, music, fun, food and more! Come and enjoy a fun-filled family day!

The Okeechobee Battlefield received designation by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the summer of 2000 as one of America's 11 most endangered historic lands due to encroaching develop-

ment. Dedicated state, county, city and tribal officials, organizations and individuals partnered together to preserve the land and after years of hard work and determination, the site was purchased by the State of Florida for a State Park in 2006. The park is located off U.S. 441 S.E. at S.E. 38th Avenue, on what was once cattle range and is not yet officially open to the public as the grounds are in the planning and development process.

From Glades County, take State Road 78 east to the intersection of U.S. 441, and then continue east on U.S. 441 S.E. to S.E. 38th Avenue.

The address and GPS are: 3500 S.E. 38th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 27.211601 – 80.789350

This event is sponsored by many agencies, organizations and individuals. Call 863-610-2333 or 863-763-8667 for information; or, visit [www.okeechobeebattlefield.com](http://www.okeechobeebattlefield.com).



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Re-enactors pose with the Battle of Okeechobee monument which is installed in the park. The monument was moved from its original site on U.S. 441 S.E., on Sept. 4, 2012, to the battle site of the Battle of Okeechobee State Park. The monument was the first permanent installation at the park.

## Through With Chew Week offers free oral screenings

Glades County is following the lead of other states concerned with the health of smokeless tobacco users. In an effort to decrease smokeless tobacco use in Glades County and increase awareness of the negative effects caused by using these products, the Glades County Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Community Health Center have collaborated to plan a public awareness campaign during Through With Chew Week from Feb. 16-22, 2014 with the Great American Spit Out on Thursday, Feb. 20. Through With Chew Week is an annual event designed to prevent and reduce chew/spit tobacco use; the Great American Spit Out is a day users can target as a quit date.

"Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking, as some may believe, and it is even more habit forming because it contains a higher concentration of nicotine than cigarettes," stated Teresa Coco, health educator consultant.

Florida Community's Dental Team is also well versed in the dangers of smokeless tobacco use and the health care problems it can cause. The team stated, "The use of smokeless tobacco can also lead to other oral problems, such as mouth sores, gum recession, tooth decay, bad breath,

and permanent discoloration of teeth. It is also strongly associated with leukoplakia, a precancerous lesion of the mouth."

Dental visits provide "teachable moments" and unique opportunities to support individuals who are interested in quitting tobacco use. As a part of the public awareness campaign, the Florida Community Health Center – Dental Team has offered to conduct free oral screenings on Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, in an effort to address the oral health concerns of smokeless tobacco users and help users quit. If you are interested in a free oral screening please call the Florida Community Health Center at 863-946-0405 to schedule an appointment; walk-in services are also available. The Glades County Tobacco Prevention and Control Program will provide information and resources to help users quit.

The public awareness campaign is not only about encouraging individuals to quit spit tobacco, but also about business communities committing to being tobacco free, if even for a day.

We are hoping you will help spread the word about this important health issue. It's time to be Through With Chew in Glades County! For information on Through With Chew Week contact Teresa Coco at 863-946-0707 ext. 404.

## Happiness helps lower blood pressure & stress

Ask Florence

News from the Visiting Nurses Association

"He who is of a calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him is of an opposite disposition, youth and age are equally a burden."—Plato

Health equals happiness. Or does happiness lead to health?

Eager to answer this chicken-and-egg question of the mind-body connection, researchers recently studied the attitudes and physical aptitudes of several thousand seniors.

Their findings will make you smile—or at least plan to a lot more.

The Canadian Medical Association Journal published a study conducted by University College London involving 3,200 seniors aged 60 and older over an eight-year period. The study covered many aspects of daily life, separating participants by age in groups of 60-69, 70-79 and 80 and older. Some questions/statements seniors rated included:

- "I enjoy the things that I do."
- "I enjoy being in the company of others."
- "On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness."

Turns out, surpasses risk more than extra wrinkles. They hazard an 80 percent greater chance of developing at least two physical impairments as they age.

Meanwhile, their Pollyannaish counterparts, lead author of the study Dr. Andrew Steptoe told the Daily Globe and Mail newspaper, "show links between positive well-being and reduced risk of impairments in activities of daily living."

Seniors with a sunny view reported fewer troubles performing daily acts and activities. And head-to-head, the mirthful lapped the melancholy, even walking faster and more smoothly.

Of course, the jubilant shared other qualities. The younger group, as well as wealthier, married and better-educated participants reported higher levels of happiness and ease of mobility. But in making adjustments that accounted for social, socioeconomic and marital status, researchers found participants with gloomy views were three times more likely to later struggle with bathing, dressing and other daily activities.

The power of positive thinking indeed. The researchers—who found in an earlier study that happiness helps blood pressure and stress levels—concluded a positive outlook triggers biological responses that contribute to healthier functioning.

Researchers issued a pretty simple prescription: Enjoy life.

Even if you've always been the glass-half-empty type, there's good news. A different, separate study of more than 10,000 seniors in two continents found people becoming happier as they age. Researchers theorized the seniors benefited from the development of keener coping mechanisms and more realistic life expectations—as well as dealing with diminished work pressures.

In fact, the findings showed trends in human happiness starting at a high in childhood, lowering later, cratering in the mid-40s and then rising with each successive year.

Now there's something to look forward to. And better to start now, so you can enjoy all the health and increased mobility that accompanies a life of looking on the bright side.

*Most medical inquiries are best served by consulting your physician or a qualified specialist and this "Ask Florence" is no substitute for professional exams and insights. To reach Ask Florence, please email Nicolette.Christie@vnaflorida.org.*

# Inland Birding Fun: Egyptian Goose



PHOTO/LARRY FROGGE

Egyptian Goose

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon



Margaret  
England

Make a note on the calendar for the March 9 to 13 Big "O" Birding Festival. To request the updated schedule of events, bus/van trips, carpool events and keynote speakers send an email to [bigbirdingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:bigbirdingfestival@gmail.com), call 863-675-0444 or visit the Clewiston or LaBelle Chambers of Commerce.

From Feb. 14 to 17, bird watchers, students and volunteers from more than 100 countries will be participating in the 17th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Anyone, anywhere in the world can count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the days of the count and enter their sightings at [www.Bird-Count.org](http://www.Bird-Count.org). Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers will enter data for participants who don't have internet access. Please contact Margaret England to request a copy of the tally sheet, which would need to be returned to Hendry-Glades Audubon before March 1.

## Egyptian Goose

One exotic bird species that is currently being seen in inland Florida is the Egyptian Goose. Egyptian Geese were first reported in Florida in the 1060s. These geese, native to North Africa and Syria, are probably the most commonly seen exotic goose species in the wild in Florida. This exotic bird rarely breeds successfully in Florida, and most sightings are believed to be escapees.

Egyptian Geese look like a cross between a

duck and goose and have broad, round, chestnut-colored patches around yellow eyes that make them look as if they are wearing sunglasses. They have gray-tan to ruddy-brown backs, black tails and pink beaks, legs and feet. They can live up to 15 years in the wild and 35 years in zoos. Both sexes look alike, but the female is slightly smaller.

Researchers identify males and females by their sound. Even though they are not very vocal, the males will make a raspy sound when they are stressed or during aggressive behavior. Females make a loud crackling sound, which sounds like, "honk-haah-haah-haah."

These Geese prefer almost any wetland in open areas where they forage for a variety of vegetation, including grasses, stems, seeds, berries and leaves of plants. They occasionally eat insects and small animals.

Egyptian Geese reach sexual maturity when they are two years old. These birds are very protective of their territory and nest. They usually breed in the spring or at the end of the dry season. The mated pair will nest alone in a variety of habitats, including dense vegetation on the ground, tree holes, or the vacated nests of other birds. Nest sites are usually not far from water. The nest is made of plant matter that is lined with down feathers where the female lays five to 12 yellowish-white eggs. The eggs are incubated for 28 to 30 days with the young fledging in about 70 days.

The community is invited to participate in the upcoming birding trips on Feb. 15, 16 and 17 and March 8 and 9 at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5). Birders and/or photographers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the STA5 Deer Fence Canal Trailhead.

To make a reservation, please email Margaret England at [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com) or by phone at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

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# FESTIVAL

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Marine Division. He left active duty in 1989 and remained in the reserves until 2000. During the Iraqi surge of 2009 he was asked to return to active reserve status in the US Army. Commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve in 2010, in 2011 he was mobilized to active duty serving in Mosul and later Kirkuk, Iraq. In 2012 he served at Camp Creompaz, Guatemala in operation Beyond the Horizons, a humanitarian mission. In 2013 he served his third deployment at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Representative Pigman is vice chair of the Select Committee on Health Care Workforce Innovation, a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Health and Human Services Committee, Healthy Families Subcommittee, Veteran and Military Affairs Subcommittee, and the Select Committee on PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).



Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Janet Harris Pemayetv Emahakv Elementary Charter School Teacher of the Year Heather Dobbs (center) is pictured with Superintendent of Schools Scott Bass (left) and student Jenna Brown (right).**



Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Janet Harris Pemayetv Emahakv Charter Middle School Teacher of the Year Kelly Bass (center) is pictured with Superintendent of Schools Scott Bass (left) and student Rudy Juarez (right).**

Representative Pigman's biography and photo appear in the 2014 Chalo Nitka program which is available at the EDC office at 998 U.S. 27 South (the old Chamber building at the intersection of U.S. 27 and 10th Street).

Coupons for \$20 discount fair armbands, and ride tickets are also available. Armbands will be \$25 at the midway. Advance ride tickets are available for \$15 a sheet/24 tickets per sheet.

T-shirts, with the new 2014 logo, are on sale in sizes 2T and 4T. Short sleeve T-shirts Ladies French Cut and adult long-sleeved shirts are available while supplies last.

To avoid waiting in line gate bracelets for admission to the festival are available for \$5. As always, anyone wearing a 2014 T-shirt or Seminole Indian attire the day of the

festival gets in free of charge. T-shirts, ride wristbands on sale now

Parade applications are being accepted from church groups, civic groups, individuals, community associations, and any others interested in participating in the 66th annual Chalo Nitka parade. There is no fee to enter. If you or your group are interested in participating, you may submit an entry form online at [www.chalonitka.com](http://www.chalonitka.com). You may also call (863) 946-0300 or e-mail Emily at [erigdon@gladescountyedc.com](mailto:erigdon@gladescountyedc.com).

Vendor booth applications are now available and can be filled out online at [www.chalonitka.com](http://www.chalonitka.com). You can also pick up an application at the EDC office, located at 998

U.S. 27 South (the old Chamber building), or e-mail Emily at [erigdon@gladescountyedc.com](mailto:erigdon@gladescountyedc.com).

Nonprofits which are selling drawing tickets, T-shirts or other fundraising items may rent table space for \$50. There will be no charge for nonprofits to set up tables to supply information items. Organizations interested in taking advantage of the reduced rates for nonprofits are urged to get their reservations in quickly as space will be limited.

Pricing for vendor booths and spaces begins at \$125. Water and electricity is available for additional cost. For information about rates, call 863-946-0300; or, e-mail Emily at [erigdon@gladescountyedc.com](mailto:erigdon@gladescountyedc.com).



Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Janet Harris Moore Haven Elementary School Teacher of the Year, Brittany Rhymes (center) is pictured with student Wyatt Browning (left) and Superintendent Scott Bass (right).**



Special to the Glades County Democrat/**Janet Harris Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School Teacher of the Year Nicole Davis (center) is pictured with Superintendent of Schools Scott Bass (left) and student Bronson Bass (right).**

## TEACHERS

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"I love my job and the great people I'm surrounded by," Ms. Castano said. "Teaching is not always easy. It's actually harder than I thought it was going to be, but it is very emotionally rewarding. I learn just as much or more from the children than they do from me."

Glades County 2014-2015 Teachers of the Year are:

- Tina Castano, West Glades School, District Teacher of the Year;
- Kelly Bass, Pemayetv Emahakv Middle School;
- Heather Dobbs, Pemayetv Emahakv Elementary School;
- Nicole Davis, Moore Haven Jr.-Sr. High School; and,
- Brittany Rhymes - Moore Haven Elementary

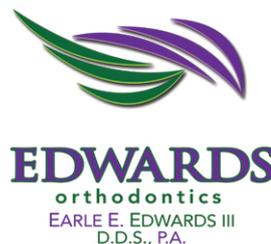
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Other employees who were recognized as 2014-2015 employees of the year are:

- Dale Hall, Moore Haven Elementary School, District School Related Employee of the Year;
- Yessica Gonzalez, West Glades School;
- Sylvia Hernandez, Moore Haven

Jr.-Sr. High School;

- Holly Sheffield, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School;
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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

**Car shows popular around the Big Lake**

**Brighton Casino to give away Harley-Davidson Trike**

**Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center presents 'Rhythm of the Dance'**

**Field Day celebrates Seminole culture**

# Car shows popular in South Florida

Automobiles are part of the American culture. For some, a car represents the freedom of the open road and the adventure of travel. For others, a classic car is a piece of history or a work of art. The American automobile culture includes car clubs—groups of individuals who gather to share their love of the automobile with other enthusiasts and host car shows. Car shows are popular in South Florida as area residents and visitors enjoy the mild winter climate while sharing their love of automobiles. Because of this, many area festivals now include car shows.

## Party Under the Bridge

MOORE HAVEN—The Fifth Annual Party Under the Bridge, planned in Moore Haven on Feb. 15, will include a car show as well as motorcycle events. Sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles Riders Group #4523, the event will take place at 101 Avenue J in Moore Haven. The event starts with flag raising at 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit veterans. For more information, call 863-946-0017.

## South Central Florida Car Club Show

LABELLE—The South Central Florida Car Club Car Show will be held on Fort Thompson Avenue in downtown LaBelle from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, as part of the Swamp Cabbage Festival. The show will feature classic American muscle cars and other noteworthy



**The first Silver Palms Classic Car Show, held in 2013 (above), was such a success that it is now an annual event. This year's show will be March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Silver Palms RV Resort, 4143 U.S. 441, in Okeechobee.**

Courtesy photo

vehicles. The festival is free and fills the city's waterfront Barron Park on North State Road 29 at the Caloosahatchee River. The parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

## Blood, Sweat N' Gearz

PALM BEACH GARDENS—Blood, Sweat N' Gearz Blood Drive Show is set for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amara Shriners Center, 3650 RCA Blvd., in Palm Beach Gardens. The show will include awards, tattoos, one-

of-a-kind artwork, food and beverage, vendors, DJ Donnie, and live entertainment. Registration fee is \$25 for the driver and guest, spectators are \$10, or free with a blood donation. All military, firefighters, and police are admitted free with proper ID.

## Auto Show of the Palm Beaches

WEST PALM BEACH—The Auto Show of the Palm Beaches is set for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Presented by Northwood University, and held on campus, 2600 North Military Trail, where manufacturers and dealers will unveil their latest makes and models. The various displays will be located throughout Northwood's tropical 100-acre campus along with a variety of international food trucks and family activities. There's no charge for visitors or spectators. For more information, call 561-681-7972.

## Silver Palms Classic Car Show

OKEECHOBEE—The Second Annual Silver Palms RV Resort Classic Car Show is set for Sunday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the resort, 4143 U.S. 441 S. in Okeechobee. There is no charge to enter and spectators will be admitted free. They will, however, collect donations for the Wounded Warriors Foundation. Class trophies will be given by year category as well as trophies for the best paint, best interior and people's choice. Anyone who enters a car will be given a ticket for lunch. Everyone is invited to

come out and enjoy live entertainment and help raise money for a great cause. The First Silver Palms classic car featured 28 vintage classic cars from 1900 to 1975. This year they hope to attract more than 100 vehicles. For more information, call Butch at 304-743-1969, Butch or Jim at 209-601-2000.

## O.L. Raulerson BBQ Car & Bike Show

OKEECHOBEE—The O.L. Raulerson Jr. Scholarship Fund BBQ Cook Off and Airboat, Buggy, Truck, Car & Bike Show is planned for March 22, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center, with entrance at 4601 SR 710 in Okeechobee. Time: noon to 5 p.m. The show is open to cars, trucks, bikes, airboats, and buggies. It benefits the Big O Scholarship Fund, and in addition to the BBQ cook off, there will be several vehicle classes, and cash awards to the winners of each class. Registration opens at 7 a.m. An operational fire extinguisher is required in each vehicle. Pre-registration before March 7 is \$15, day of show is \$20. For more information, call Noel at 863-634-0650.

## Sugar Festival Rod Run

CLEWISTON—The Sugar Festival Rod Run is the annual fundraiser for the Big Lake Cruisers. Most of the proceeds fund a scholarship program at Clewiston High School. The next Sugar Festival is scheduled for April 12, 2014. Since the Sugar Festival Rod Run is not a car show but rather a rod run as stated, the event is open to any classic, collectible, antique or unique automobile or truck. If you are proud of it and want to show it off, it can be registered in the Rod Run.

Individuals or clubs are welcome to participate in the Rod Run. If you are a member of a club and want to park together as a club unit, simply have a representative contact the Big Lake Cruisers with the number of parking spaces that you would like reserved. This needs to be done prior to the day of the event. The club will hold the spaces as long as possible, but if you have late arrivals or stragglers, the club can not guarantee that they will get to park with their club. Participants are asked to arrive in the park at 8 a.m. or after. Prior to 8 a.m., is a very hectic time in the park with everyone trying to set up as well as off-loading supplies and equipment. As long as you get there before noon when registration closes, you will be eligible for a trophy. If you arrive after noon, you will still have to pay a registration fee, but you will not be eligible for any trophies. For more information on the Sugar Festival, go to [www.facebook.com/SugarFestival](http://www.facebook.com/SugarFestival).



Courtesy photo/Eleni Marie Wetzel

**The Clewiston Sugar Festival hosts the Sugar Festival Rod Run, which is the annual fundraiser for the Big Lake Cruisers. This photo and cover photo were taken at the 2013 Sugar Festival by Eleni Marie Wetzel.**



# Valentine's Day activities planned at Seminole Casino Brighton

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION — Cupid will definitely be the featured "performer" at Seminole Casino Brighton in February.

On Friday, Feb. 14, ten (10) lucky Seminole Player's Club Card guests will have the opportunity to walk away with \$1,000 worth of love. Cardholders get one free swipe per day through the 14th.

After collecting your winnings, Josiah's Restaurant will be the place to be with your sweetheart. A special Valentine's Day dinner for two comprised of a 10-ounce Prime Rib with potato, honey-glazed carrots and chocolate dessert will be offered for \$19.95 from 3 to 10 p.m. A lobster tail could be added for \$7.95 each.

After absorbing Cupid's best arrow shot, there's Easy Money to be pocketed on Saturday, Feb. 15. Between 4 and 8 p.m., guests will have a really good shot at winning "Easy Money Progressive Cash." Win your share of \$2,500 in cash!

"Party Bingo" will once again hit Seminole Casino Brighton on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Participants can enjoy dancing (with music provided by DJ Mike), glow products, games and giveaways. There will be a \$10 door pack and up to \$1,500 in cash prizes available.

If motorcycles get your motor running, then you had better be at Seminole Casino Brighton on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. when a Harley-Davidson Trike is given away via a grand prize drawing. Earn entries all month for a chance to win the three-wheel bike that gives you comfort and confidence in unmistakable Harley-Davidson style.

Everyone likes to "Break the Bank" occasionally. On each Tuesday in February, players can break Seminole Casino Brighton's piggy bank by winning a share of \$10,000 in cash and free play. One winner will be selected every hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. for a chance to earn their share of the casino's bank.

While February may be the shortest month of the year, it will clearly go out with a bang at Seminole Casino Brighton. On Friday, Feb. 28, the casino will offer "Happy Hour Hot Seats" where two lucky players every hour between 3 and 7 p.m. can win \$500 in free play.

And, before the calendar page turns to March, casino guests should wander over to the Cash Cage or call 800-360-9875 to purchase tickets to the John Anderson concert on Friday, March 14. Tickets are \$35 each or \$50 for two tickets to see the American country musician who has been performing for more than 30 years.

Please contact the casino or visit [www.seminolebrightoncasino.com](http://www.seminolebrightoncasino.com) for information on bus transportation and group packages.

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

## About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 419 slot and gaming machines, live action blackjack e-tables, a six-table poker room, and high-stakes bingo action, and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere, and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment. The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Indian Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, in Glades County, FL 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998.



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**A Harley-Davidson Trike will be given away via a grand prize drawing at Seminole Casino Brighton on Sunday, Feb. 23.**



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# Guest list growing for 2014 MegaCon

ORLANDO — MegaCon, the largest comic book, anime, gaming and multi media event in the southeastern U.S., has exciting guests planned for the 2014 show. MegaCon will take place March 21 -23, 2014 at the Orange County Convention Center Hall SB in the North/South Building in Orlando.

Comics legend Stan Lee will be among the special guests at the convention.

Karl Urban, one of the stars of the new *Star Trek* movies and *Lord of the Rings* and TV's *Almost Human*, is also on the guest list.

Confirmed comic book guests also include: J. Scott Campbell, Frank Brunner, Neal Adams, Bill Sienkiewicz, Mark Waid, Ron Marz, Greg Land, Michael Golden, Dennis Cale-ro, George Pérez, Brandon Peterson, Amanda Conner, Jimmy Palmiotti, Cully Hamner, Karl Story, Renee Witterstaetter, Billy Tucci (20th anniversary of Shi) and Brian Pulido (15th anniversary of Lady Death), Nick Bradshaw, Adam Kubert, Dan Jurgens, Mike Miller, Joshua Ortega, Digger, Bart Sears, Ethan Van Sciver, Mike McKone, Frank Tieri, Mike Mayhew, Chuck Dixon and Skottie Young.

Confirmed media guests will include:

- *Torchwood* – John Barrowman, Eve Myles, Burn Gorman, Gareth David-Lloyd, Eliza Dushku and James Marsters;
- *Smallville* – Michael Rosenbaum, Allison Mack, John Glover, Laura Vandervoort and Aaron Ashmore;
- *Napolean Dynamite* – John Heder;
- *Battlestar Galactica* – Richard Hatch, Dirk Benedict, Herbert Jefferson and Anne Lockhart;
- *Star Wars* – Peter Mayhew and Tom Kane;
- *Comic Book Men* – Mike Zupic, Ming Chen, Bryan Johnson;
- *Star Trek* and *Big Bang Theory* – Wil Wheaton; and,
- *Walking Dead* - David Morrissey, Lauren Cohan and Steven Yeun.

Voice Actors will include: Rob Paulsen, Jim Cummings, Quinton Flynn, Phil La-Marr, Rich Horvitz, Vic Mignogna and Jennifer Hale.

A new addition to MegaCon this year is the Friday evening Comos Dance Party for ages 18 and up. The party, planned from 9 to 11:30 p.m., will include a costume contest, drinks, dancing, a spectacular laser show and visuals by Empire Visuals; and entertainment by Nelson Flux and Evolv 3. The party will be hosted by Nick Wolfe. Admission is \$10.

The Ghost of the Robot Band with James Marsters will perform on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Other events include:

- MegaCon video gaming and the Supercon 2K series provided by National Video Gaming Association and Vibras Five.One;
- RPG (Role Play Gaming);
- LARP (Live Action Role Play);
- Card and miniature gaming events;
- Children's events provided by the Skiffytown Heroes;
- Speed Dating;
- Anime events; belly dancing;
- Indy Film Festival;
- Movie trailers screening room;
- Saturday evening dance;
- Late night adult only dance; and,
- Professional panel rooms.

MegaCon sponsors include 101.1 WJRR, The am 740 Game, 104.1 Real Radio, Certi-fied Guaranty Company, Central Florida Mensa and Students of the Unusual.

The MegaCon guest list is constantly growing. Check [www.MegaConvention.com](http://www.MegaConvention.com) frequently for more updates. Tickets are available online. Groups of 25 people are eligible for group discounts.



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Wil Wheaton, right, was one of the guests at the 2013 MegaCon and will be back this year. Wheaton, an actor, blogger and writer, is known from his television roles in *Star Trek, The Next Generation* and *The Big Bang Theory* and his film roles in *Stand By Me* and *Toy Soldiers*.

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# Car clubs popular in Florida

Car clubs are a way for car owners to get together and share a common interest. They may go on cruise-ins or meet for meals. Many clubs host an annual car show or go as a group to area shows. Many clubs raise money for a favorite charity.

## South Central Florida Car Club

LABELLE—The South Central Florida Car Club (SCFCC) was started in 2006. The idea of the club was a collaboration of Tom Corbitt and his son and a few others from the Hendry and Glades County area. The club has grown over the years. Members come from LaBelle, Moore Haven, Lehigh, Alva, Ft. Myers, Clewiston and Cape Coral along with many part time residents.

The club is a very diverse group of car enthusiasts. Members certainly run the gamut. Owners have rat rods, vintage, muscle car, foreign, classic, concept cars, trucks and new, modern, showroom-fresh cars. Both men and women enjoy being involved in this club.

There are no age limits for the group. You don't even have to own a car — all you have to do is like cars. CFCC meets the third Tuesday of each month from Sep-

tember through June, in Barron Park on State Road 29 N. in LaBelle. The park is tucked in alongside the Caloosahatchee River, near the base of the draw bridge. It is filled with many grand old live oaks. The club hosts what it calls Hot Rides & Hot Dogs in the Park from 5-8 p.m. They grill up some pretty great hot dogs, served with all kinds of fixings, along with drinks, chips and usually some kind of sweets. Everyone is welcome to come out and join them under the covered pavilion. Bring your ride, bring a friend and enjoy a night of great food and conversation. For more information, call 863-674-0128.

## Monarchs

WEST PALM BEACH—The Monarchs are part of a club that started in Long Island, N.Y. It is open to all automobiles and has no dues ... just good car talk and fun. For more information, call 561-635-9982.

## Big Lake Cruisers

CLEWISTON—The Big Lake Cruisers is a group of classic car enthusiasts who meet once a month to discuss any business and talk about cars. They host the annual Sugar Festival Rod Run, and

donate most of the profit from this event to local youth charities. The club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 708 East Alverdez Ave., Clewiston, Fla. The club hosts monthly Cruise-Ins on the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sonny's Barbecue on U.S. 27 in Clewiston. For more information, call club president Doug Cooper at 863-228-0117,

## Florida Edsel Club

FORT MYERS—The Florida Edsel Club was founded in 1990 with seven members, and has grown to about 70 members. For more information, contact The Robert Mayer, Event Chairman at 239-731-8027.

## Forever Pontiac

The Florida chapter of Forever Pontiac, an online forum where members relive the good days of Pontiac, ask questions, compete in a Pontiac of the Month and enjoy the heritage that is Pontiac! The only requirement is that you live in Florida and own, or used to own a Pontiac! We do meets up and down all of Florida and attend car shows. Find them online at <http://foreverpontiac.com/>.

## Motorcycle racing available in area

Fans of motorcycle racing can find a variety of events in the Lake Okeechobee area.

- **The L-Cross facility**, 27531 E. State Rd. 78, Okeechobee, offers 1200 acres of wilderness with 10-miles of hare scramble routes. There is a motocross track and Pee-Wee track. The facility hosts other events such as mud bogs. For more information, call 863-763-0569, or online go to Website: [www.l-cross.com](http://www.l-cross.com).

- **Palm Beach International Raceway**, 17047 Beeline Hwy. Jupiter, was formerly known as Moroso. Palm Beach International Raceway has a 2.034-mile state-of-the-art road course featuring fast and challenging corners. PBIR offers a full sportbike trackday schedule. For more information, call 561-622-1400 or go online to [www.morosomotorsportspark.com](http://www.morosomotorsportspark.com).

- **Thunder MX Park**, 7543 N.E. 48th St., Okeechobee, has a 1.9 mile track. They also offer a Pee Wee track and trails throughout the park. For more information, call 863-634-2742 or go online to [www.seminoletribe-motocross.com/thunder.html](http://www.seminoletribe-motocross.com/thunder.html).

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# Motorcyclists enjoy area shows, rides and gatherings

**H**alf a million motorcyclists pour into Daytona Beach, Florida each year for Bike Week, a ten-day event that includes motorcycle shows, concerts, stunt shows, vendor events and even a treasure hunt. This year's Daytona Beach Bike Week is planned for March 7-14. (For more information online, see [www.daytonachamber.com](http://www.daytonachamber.com))

You don't have to brave the crowds of bike week to enjoy a motorcycle rally or show. There are plenty of events right here in the Big Lake area. Most of these events are fundraisers for local charities.

## Party Under the Bridge

**MOORE HAVEN**—Moore Haven will host the Fifth Annual Party Under the Bridge on Feb. 15. Sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles Riders Group #4523, the event takes place at 101 Avenue J in Moore Haven. The fun starts at 11:00 am. and includes a ride-in bike show, bike games, music, games, food, 50/50 raffle and more. There is no charge to enter the bike show and awards will be given to winners.

Proceeds will benefit veterans. For more information call 863-946-0017.

## Bike Night

**WEST PALM BEACH**—On the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m., Harley-Davidson of Palm Beach, 2955 45th St., West Palm Beach, hosts Bike Night. The next event is Thursday, Feb. 20, Bike Night, which benefits area charities, features live concerts showcasing the area's best local bands, as well as displays by area vendors. For more information, call 561-659-4131.

## Bike Fest Okeechobee

**OKEECHOBEE**—Bikefest Okeechobee, set for Saturday, April 12 through Monday, April 14, will feature a motorcycle show and a classic, custom and antique car show. Bikefest activities will include chicken drop bingo, a slow ride, balloon toss, 50/50 drawings, poker runs and more. Vendors and exhibitors may call 863-634-6300. For more information online, go to [www.bikefestokeechobee.com](http://www.bikefestokeechobee.com). Bikefest is sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles #4509. The event will be at 4701 U.S. Hwy 441 S.E. in Okeechobee.

Southwest Florida HOG and Harley-Davidson of Ft. Myers will host their 11th Annual Easter Bunny Toy Run on April 19, in Fort Myers, Florida. The ride starts at Harley-Davidson of Fort Myers, 2160

Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers. Registration is from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Motorcycles go out at 11:45 a.m. The ride fee is \$10 for the rider and \$5 for a passenger. The ride fee includes a ride pin. Participants are also asked to bring a toy. The event also includes entertainment, food and door prizes. The escorted ride benefits Galisano Children's Hospital at Health Park. For more information, call 239-590-0513.

## Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day

You don't have to go far to participate in Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day 2014 on the third Monday in June. This year it will be on June 16. Ride your motorcycle or scooter on this day to demonstrate the number of motorcyclists in your community; that motorcyclists are from all occupations

and all walks of life; that motorcyclists can reduce traffic and parking congestion in large cities; and, that motorcycles are for transportation as well as recreation.

The first Ride to Work Day event was proposed in Road Rider magazine in the May 1992 issue. It caught on and became an annual event. Ride to Work is a 501 c4 nonprofit, all-volunteer effort.

Other motorcycle gatherings, rides and poker runs are organized throughout the year by local clubs and organizations. For updates, watch future editions of *Going Out*, distributed

monthly in the *Okeechobee News*, *The Clewiston News*, the *Glades County Democrat* and *The Sun* (in Belle Glade/Pahokee/South Bay), and available online at [Florida.Newszip.com](http://Florida.Newszip.com).



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# Plays, concerts, dancing & more...

## *"Lend Me a Tenor"*

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 N Bridge St, LaBelle, will present "Lend Me A Tenor" on Feb. 21, 22, 28 and March 1, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 23 and March 2 at 2 p.m. This musical comedy includes mistaken identities and unexpected romance. It's 1934, and the world's greatest tenor Tito Merelli has come to Cleveland, Ohio, to save its Grand Opera Company by singing Otello. When he is unexpectedly incapacitated, Max, the Opera Director's meek assistant, is given the daunting task of finding a last-minute replacement. Chaos ensues — including a scheming soprano, a tenor-struck ingénue, a jealous wife and the Cleveland Police department. For tickets, go online to <http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com>. For more information, call 863-675-3066.

## *"Send Me No Flowers"*

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Community Theatre will present "Send Me No Flowers," March 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 8 p.m. plus a 2 p.m. matinee on March 15. In the comedy, a model husband mistakenly learns that he has but weeks to live, and sets out to find a suitable second spouse for his wife. Everything goes wrong from there. This Broadway hit became a cherished Doris Day-Rock Hudson film. It's pure fun from start to finish. OCT performances are held in the Okeechobee Freshman Campus auditorium, on Southwest Second Avenue at Southwest Seventh Street in Okeechobee (behind Golden Corral Restaurant). For ticket information, go online to [www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com).

## *The Valerie Tyson Band in concert*

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will present a free concert by the Valerie Tyson Band on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. With a line-up that features all styles of music from the 50s to today's top 40 radio hits, there's sure to be something for everyone with the Valerie Tyson Band! The band has appeared in concert with Earth, Wind, and Fire, Al Green, Spyro Gyra, and Al Jarreau. Food trucks will serve from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy! No coolers or alcohol permitted.



## *"I Wish for All Time"*

BELLE GLADE—"I Wish for All Time: Celebrating the Genius of Michael Jackson & Stevie Wonder" featuring M-Pact with special guest Duwende will be presented Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade. Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson are two of the greatest names in pop music. Their unique vocal qualities would take ten voices to recreate — so that's exactly what will happen when M-Pact and special guest Duwende take to the stage. Two of the hottest acts in New York's a cappella scene will join forces to pay tribute to two men who left their indelible marks on both American music and American culture — and they'll do it without a single string, key or drumstick.

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/theatre/dollyhand/> or by phone at 561-993-1160.



## *"A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement"*

BELLE GLADE—The Church Basement Ladies return to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade, in "A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement" on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. They're cookin' again at East Cornucopia Lutheran! It's 1960, and a reformation is underway. Beverly's getting her first high heels, Mrs. Engelson's getting her drivers license. Through it all, these "bulwarks never failing" stand strong in their faith and in their friendships. With more great new songs and more lessons reluctantly learned, the Church Basement Ladies are at it again in their new musical comedy. Before the play, a covered dish dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sample all of your favorites at this traditional covered dish dinner which will feature food prepared by the finest cooks in the Glades!

## *Rhythm of the Dance*

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade, will present Rhythm of the Dance on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

This two-hour dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of talent derived from all areas of Irish life, including the Celtic Sopranos and a seanos dancer. The show is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish Celts throughout history. Using the traditional and modern arts of dance (ballet, modern dance, jazz) and music, this richly costumed show marries the contemporary and the ancient. Combining traditional Irish dance and music with the most up-to-date stage technology, the show is a thousand year old story executed with all the advantages of the modern day stage show.



# Area special events...



## Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment

**OKEECHOBEE** — The Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment and Festival, set for Feb. 21, 22 and 23, commemorates the largest and fiercest battle of the Second Seminole War. The original battle was fought Christmas Day, 1837. Part of the original battleground has been preserved as a state park on 3500 S.E. 38th Ave. (off U.S. Highway 441 S.E.) in Okeechobee. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Re-enactments are at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. In addition to re-enactments of the battle, the two-day festival will include alligator wrestling, a living history camp, artisans, Seminole arts, horse rides for the kids and folk music. Entry is \$10 per car. For more information online, visit [OkeechobeeBattlefield.com](http://OkeechobeeBattlefield.com), or call 863-763-2121.

## Hendry County Fair

**CLEWISTON** — The Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show celebrates local agriculture. The event features a parade, livestock show and midway entertainment. The activities also include a beauty pageant and exhibits. The fair will be held this year from Feb. 14-22 in Clewiston. For more information, please call 863-983-9282 or go online to [www.hendrycountyfair.com](http://www.hendrycountyfair.com).

## Brighton Seminole Field Day

**BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION** — The 76th Brighton Seminole Field Day & Rodeo, set for Feb. 13-16, originated in 1938 as a day of sporting events and arts and crafts competitions for members of the Seminole Tribe. Over the years, the event evolved into a festival that is open to the public and showcases Seminole and other Native American arts, crafts, dances and traditions. On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is open to the general public. The festival weekend also includes a rodeo and XTreme Bull Riding.

On Saturday, gates open at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 3 p.m.; on Sunday, gates open at 10 a.m. and XTreme Bullriding starts at 3 p.m. The festival grounds are next to the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, off State Road 721, in Glades County. For more information, call 863-467-6039 or go online to [www.REZRODEO.com](http://www.REZRODEO.com).

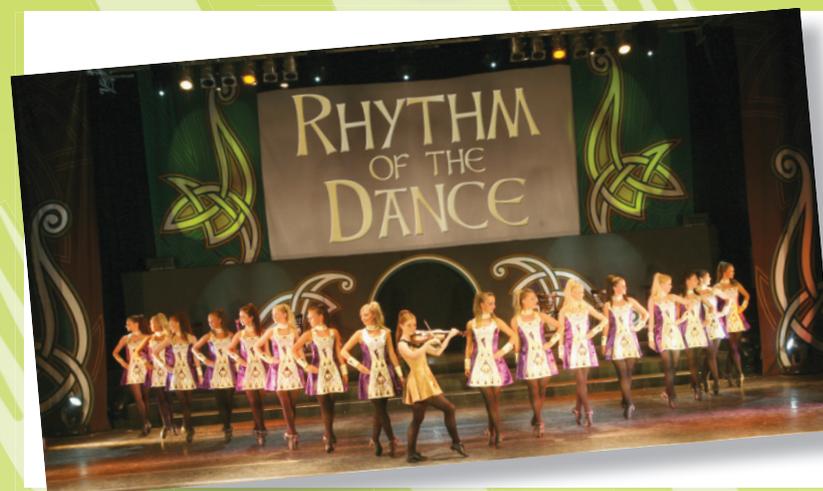


## Swamp Cabbage Festival

**LABELLE** — The 2014 Swamp Cabbage Festival is set for Feb. 21-23. The festival is LaBelle's home in LaBelle. The town goes a little wild with a huge parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by two days of great entertainment, booths of unique items for sale and, of course, great food. Look for the boiled swamp cabbage, raw swamp cabbage salad and swamp cabbage fritters. If you have an adventurous palate, you can also find gator meat and other special treats. Saturday begins with a 5K Swamp Stomp run along a lovely route with glimpses of the Caloosahatchee River. The Swamp Cabbage Festival has something for everyone including a bike show, car show, and kiddie rides. On Sunday morning you can take part in nondenominational worship at Barron Park, with entertainment and festivities picking back up again after noon. There is also a fishing tournament and a rodeo. Check out more information at [swampcabbagefestival.org](http://swampcabbagefestival.org).

## Spring Fling in the Woods

**OKEECHOBEE** — On Saturday, March 1, the Spring Fling Festival in the Woods will be held at Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. Highway 441 S.E. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy buggy rides, live music, arts and crafts, food vendors and a cake walk. Entrance is \$1. For more information, see the ad on page 5.



**SOLD OUT!** **Rhythm of the Dance**  
Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm

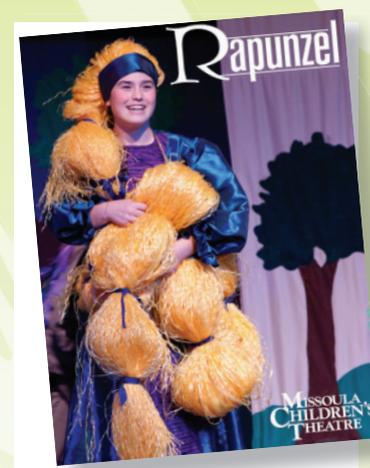


**The Doo-Wah Riders**  
Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 pm

## Rapunzel

Saturday, May 17, 2014  
at 11 am & 7 pm

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