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## Alligator Hatching Festival



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Gatorama is hosting its annual "Alligator Hatching Festival." Pictured: winner by secret choice. See page 12 for full story.

## County Now Considers Raises

### Glades County BOCC Meeting on August 12

By Charles M. Murphy  
The Glades County Democrat

Whether to present a salary hike to county employees was the highlighted item on Tuesday's agenda of the Glades County Board of County Commissioners.

A raise of 38 cents per hour for all employees would cost the County \$858.81 per employee.

There are 121 employees in the system. The projected total cost for one year is \$96,000 for wages, \$7,400 for insurance for all employees, both of the county and constitutional officers.

Commissioner Paul Beck and Chairman Donna Storter-Long supported the lump sum payment. Commissioner Crystal Drake and Tim Stanley supported an hourly raise.

County employees have not had a raise since 2009.

Commissioner Beck said the county had a near \$1 million shortfall and he predicted the County will be broke in a couple of years, "You can't fund salary hikes from reserves, that will come back to bite you."

With the absence of Russell Echols, the commission vote ended in a stalemate on the raise. They opted to table the matter until the next meeting on August 25.

Drake said it would help with morale and the county must keep its employees happy, "The bonus would be nice but the hourly rate would be a better motivator for our employees."

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**Smoky the Bear**

Chairman Donna Storter Long honors Smokey the Bear for his 70 years of service to fighting wild fires in the United States at the Glades BOCC Meeting, August 12.

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**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Get a Kick Out of Reading!**

West Glades School is encouraging students to continue to read throughout the summer by sponsoring some reading incentives. The front office will be open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to allow students to drop by and take AR quizzes. At the end of the summer, the student in each grade level who has successfully tested on the most books will receive a prize.

All students are being given a new book to take home for the summer. On the first day of school, all students who bring a book to school and successfully test on it will be given a free slushie. Parents, please encourage your child to read throughout the summer!

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# DHSMV Promotes Child Safety Awareness in August

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

August brings the end of the summer break and the beginning of a new school year in Florida. It's an ideal time for focusing on child safety, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will do just that by launching its Child Safety Awareness Month. The theme of this inaugural awareness campaign is "Every Child is a Human Caution Sign."

"Whether playing in the yard, riding in the backseat of a vehicle, or waiting at a school bus stop, a child is a human caution sign," said Captain Nancy Rasmussen, Chief of Public Affairs for the Florida Highway Patrol. "They are living reminders that we need to slow down, pay attention, and abide by traffic laws for their safety as well as our own."

This month DHSMV will focus on different traffic related safety issues involving children, such as seatbelts and child restraints, bicyclist and pedestrian tips, school bus safety, and making sure a child is not behind the vehicle when backing up. The Department, in partnership with other state agencies, will be distributing safety reminders.

### Be Alert While Backing Up

- Walk around your vehicle to check for children playing.
- Turn off your radio to better hear your surroundings.
- Keep your foot on the brake until you com-



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Every child is a human caution sign.

pletely shift into reverse.

- Back out slowly.
- Teach children to never play in, on, around, or under vehicles.
- Know your vehicle's blind spots and look again before backing up.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

- While on a bicycle, ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings.
- Always use a headlight and taillight at night.
- Pedestrians should use the sidewalk if there is one; if not, walk on the side of the road facing

traffic.

- Always cross streets where pedestrians are expected, such as corners and crosswalks.
- And be visible. Wear bright and reflective colors on your clothes, shoes and/or wristbands.

### Bus Safety

- Motorists are required to stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing and STOP arms extended.
- The only time traffic approaching an oncoming school bus does not need to stop, is if there is a raised barrier such as a concrete divider or at least five feet of unpaved space separating the lanes of traffic.

- Motorists should be alert and watch for children especially near schools, bus stops, school buses, and in school parking lots.
- At bus stops, children should wait in a safe place away from the road.
- Children should never walk behind a bus.
- Remember: Stop on Red, kids ahead!

### Seatbelts and Child Restraints

- Buckle up. A seatbelt is your vehicle's most important safety feature, but it only works if you use it.
- Florida law requires the use of seat belts by drivers of motor vehicles and all children riding in a vehicle under the age of 18.
- Keep children in the back seat, at least through age 12, if possible. Front seat air bags, when deployed, can be dangerous to children.
- A new law taking effect in January 2015 will require children 4 and 5 years of age to ride in a booster seat.

For more information on this and other safety campaigns sponsored by the DHSMV visit [www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/), or contact the DHSMV Communication Office at (850) 617-3102.

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# Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Capital of Qatar
  - Invertebrate's lack
  - Former Cubs slugger Sammy
  - Stale smell
  - Controversial topic
  - Greek boy with a bow
  - Allot, with "out"
  - \*Naval cereal icon sporting a Napoleon-style hat
  - Nuclear \_\_\_: social unit
  - City in Honshu's Kansai region
  - Academic URL ending
  - Stately tree
  - Like most pies
  - \*Nearly none, in slang
  - Summer, in Paris
  - Nosed (out)
  - Eggs on
  - Christmas carol
  - Forest clearing
  - Feet pampering, briefly
  - Bridal party rides
  - Anglo-\_\_\_
  - Giant slugger Mel
  - \*Venue for self-publishing
  - Shingles or slate, e.g.
  - "Isn't \_\_\_ bit like you and me?": "Nowhere Man" lyric
  - 39-Down unit
  - Brown Betty fruit
  - Beantown basketball player
  - \*Arc-shaped, finger-staining snack food
  - 5,280 feet
  - Erie or Huron
  - Myanmar, once
  - Yard sale sign phrase
  - Expected landing times, briefly
  - Ply with drink
  - Formally turn over

- DOWN**
- \_\_\_ Pérignon
  - Poem of celebration
  - Sundae topping
  - Region
  - Mount Etna's island
  - Biblical songs
  - '60s espionage show
  - Religious sister
  - Continental trade org.
  - Grinch creator
  - Elaborately decorated
  - Light bulb's place
  - Slightly
  - Google Maps offering
  - Pinochle declaration
  - Genesis garden
  - Prank
  - Bean \_\_\_: tofu
  - Fierce anger
  - "The Farmer in the \_\_\_"
  - Resembling
  - Practice in the ring
  - Fed. agent
  - Like the "o" in "no"

- Beneficial activity that ends the answers to starred clues
- Two teaspoons, say
- Gadget's rank: Abbr.
- Wall-climbing vines
- Lovers' clash
- Ancient soothsayer
- Astaire headwear
- Capital of Kansas
- Heat: Pref.
- Chew out
- Makes tracks
- Mangy mutts
- 1998 Apple debut
- Go out, like the tide
- Pool shark's stick
- Jar topper
- Opposite of WNW

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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#### What should I do?

**You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**

However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

**Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.**

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with our treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately.**

#### What happened? What was done?

**System lines were flushed, proper sampling taps were installed and samples were collected and tested. Further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**

For more information, please contact Palm Beach County Water Utilities Communications section at 561-740-4600 and select option #1, or write to PBCWUD Regulatory Compliance Division, 8100 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33413.

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# Graco Recalls Certain Faulty Child Car Seats

Graco Children's Products is recalling several of its car seats due to a faulty buckle. The buckle can get stuck in the latched position, making it difficult to remove your child from the seat and increasing the risk of injury in an emergency.

Visit the Graco website to look up affected models. If your car seat is included in the recall, you can order a free replacement harness buckle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Admin-

istration (NHTSA) encourages parents and caregivers to consider using an alternative car seat until the buckle is fixed.

If you need more information about the Graco recall, or recalls for any other car seat, you can look up car seat recalls over the past ten years, or call the NHTSA hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Be sure to register your car seat so that you are notified in the event of a recall.

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### John Henry Schnell, 85

OKEECHOBEE — John Henry Schnell passed away Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, with his family at his side.

Born Feb. 6, 1929 in Scottsbluff, Neb. to E. George and Pauline Aschenbrenner Schnell, John was a devoted Christian and family man. John worked in construction until his retirement and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church in



Lakeport. He came to Okeechobee in the early 1960s and loved to play jokes on others, fish, hunt, tinker on old cars, shop local markets and spend time with family, especially his grandchildren. John served our country during the Korean War as an Army Sergeant (Hq. Btry 76AAA BN (SP) APO 301) and received the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. He was a quiet man who took pride in his service to others. His presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and thirteen brothers and sisters, Conrad E. Schnell (Rosie), George Schnell (Fern), David "Dave" Schnell (Edna) all of Neb., Henry Schnell (Pauline) of Bronson, Fla., Alex Schnell (Leota), William "Willie" Schnell, Peter "Pete" Schnell (Betty) all of Neb., Mary Schnell Heins (Henry) of Colo., Eva Schnell Merrigan (Bert) of Neb., Pauline Schmidt Schnell (Henry), Elmer Schmidt of Texas, Edward (Ed) Schnell (Angela) of Kissimmee, Fla. and Robert Schnell (Pat) of West Palm Beach, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Lola Brown Schnell; daughters, Vanessa (Steve) McAllister and Pamela Schnell; grandson, Johnathan McAllister; granddaughters, Myranda McAllister, Sierra Story and Madison McAllister; great-granddaughter, Jaina Whirls all of Okeechobee; four sisters, Alyce Schmidt of Citrus Springs, Fla., Ruth Schnell Todd (Leamon) of Citrus Springs, Fla., Alvina Schnell of Plant City, Fla. and Janice "Judy" Schnell Jenkins (Dave) of Ft. Langley, British Columbia, Canada; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 at Maple Grove Baptist Church in Lakeport, Pastor Scott Garvin officiated. Interment followed at Ortona Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton, Bass and Conway families of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

### Adelaida Suarez Ortega, 109

CLEWISTON — Adelaida Suarez Ortega passed away August 5, 2014 in Clewiston.

She was born July 14, 1905 in Santa Clara, CUBA, to the late Bonifacio and the late Jenoveba (Torrez) Suarez. She was a member of Saint Margaret Catholic Church in Clewiston.

Survivors include two sons, Gerardo Ortega, Quirino Ortega both of Clewiston; and five daughters, Marta and Husband, Alberto Palau of Miami, Ana and Husband, Eulogio Machado of Clewiston, Zenaida and Husband, Argelio Jimenez of Miami, Deisy and Husband, Nelson Rojas of Clewiston, Maria and Husband, Martin Cuellar of Clewiston; twenty-nine grandchildren; forty-nine great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

The family of Adelaida would like to thank Yuneisy Arcia and her husband for the wonderful care they gave her.

Funeral service celebrating her life was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2014 in Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston, where Father Jobani Batista officiated. Visitation was held from 6-10 p.m. on Friday evening in the funeral home. Burial took place in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston



### Timothy Martin Stahl, 30

CLEWISTON — Timothy Martin Stahl passed away August 6, 2014 in Clewiston.

He was born Dec. 24, 1983, in Pahokee, Fla., to Martin and Ellen (Parham) Stahl.

Survivors include his loving parents, Martin and Ellen Stahl; his precious daughter, Madisyn Riley Stahl and many other family members and friends.

He was a heavy equipment operator for Southern Gardens.

Memorial service celebrating his life was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dale Stahl officiating, visitation was held 30 minutes before the memorial service at the church. You may view the online obituary and leave your condolences to the family of Tim at [www.akin-davis.com](http://www.akin-davis.com)

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston



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For additional information please contact **Hendry County School Board, Attention: Darrell Harris, Food Service Manager, Food Service Department, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, Florida 33975, Phone: (863) 674-4113, E-mail Address: [harrisd@hendry.k12.fl.us](mailto:harrisd@hendry.k12.fl.us).**

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### Dorothy Roland Moore, 75

ALAMONTE SPRINGS — Dorothy Roland Moore went to be with her Heavenly Father on August 6, 2014.

A 1956 graduate of Clewiston High School. Dorothy loved spending time with family, her extended church family, and was dedicated to mission work.

She is survived by her loving husband, William A. (Bill) Moore, with whom she celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary the day before; her children, Jeff (Ruth) Moore, Donna (Kevin) Vreeland, Melinda (Gary) King; brother, Phillip D. Roland; grandchildren, Will, Phoenix, Lilly, Kevin, Hunter, and Shaiyena.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, August 9, 2014.

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# RELIGION NEWS AND INFORMATION

## Ebola and God's Love

BY DR. TODD BUCK  
First Baptist Church of Clewiston



**Dr. Todd Buck**

Watching the news of the two missionary doctors infected with the Ebola virus raises questions in the minds of the watching world. What kind of God would allow such horrendous disease and misery to strike not only these two volunteers, but thousands of others? And of course this intersects with the larger themes of God's justice and life in a fallen world.

Why would God create bacteria and viruses? The fossil record says that these have been around since before the beginning of animal life. Where did these come from and why do they exist? Bacteria: A healthy human body contains a few pounds of bacteria. There are many good strains of bacteria, and we would be in deep trouble without any bacteria — especially in regard to our digestion. Bacteria are not inherently bad. However, we all know and fear the bad ones. Some of them are deadly. Were these accidents or intentionally created? There is increasing evidence that bacteria are related to the mitochondria of cells. Somehow, mitochondria in some ancient cells became increasingly independent from the rest of the cells, as more genetic code got transferred from the nuclei to the mitochondria. Eventually, one or more of these mitochondria broke free from the main cell and became the first bacteria. Was this an accident? Nothing is ultimately an unforeseen and unplanned for accident from God's perspective. But it may have been the natural result of decay, disorder and randomness. In that sense, it may have been an accident. No one can say for sure. But even if bacteria were born of decay, God used many of them for good in the design of animals and humans.

As for viruses: Most viruses are harmful to humans. The exception is bacteriophages that infect bacteria. These may indirectly help humans in the case where they attack harmful bacteria. Indeed, some bacteriophages have been intentionally utilized to help fight off bacterial infections.

Recently, it has been found that giant viruses — which are nearly as large as bacteria and are more complex than typical viruses — appear to be related to cells. This means that viruses may be the result of devolving cells, in much the same way as bacteria. Perhaps another part of the cell became independent, or bacteria devolved further into viruses.

In a world vastly affected by the Fall, many detrimental things have occurred. But even with this, scientists discovered in May of last year that many viruses are more helpful to animals than previously known. In humans and animals, apparently phages (a type of virus) are continually fighting off bacteria, protecting creatures from harm. From this we see an example of how God

made something we generally think of as harmful to be helpful to creatures.

Pain, suffering, diseases and animal death are to remind us of the consequences of sin. And that should always point us back to our Creator, a kind and loving God ready to save and offer peace to all who call on Him.

**If readers would like to comment on an article or suggest an idea for one, feel free to email Dr. Buck at: toddbucks@gmail.com.**

## Gospel Concert

CLEWISTON — Community Christian Church invites the community to attend a gospel concert extravaganza! On Friday, Sept. 5, beginning at 7 p.m., the Simple Faith Quartet and the Gulf State Quartet will give two hours, back to back, of music at Community Christian, located at 201 N. Francisco Street, Clewiston. This event is free to attend, with food and beverages included. The last gospel concert was "an inspirational evening for all who attended," said one of the event's spectators.

## BHR Baptist Church

OKEECHOBEE — Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to attend its services throughout the week. Buckhead Ridge is a God-fearing church with good fellowship, good gospel singing and salvation preaching. The church has received six new members in the last two weeks. Pastor Arlen Cook brings the messages. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., morning service follows at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service start at 6 p.m.


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ABE	9900000-111	Mon&Wed	08/18/14	12/17/14	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30		Linda Mosely	Day Lab
ABE	9900000-112	Tues&Thurs	08/19/14	12/18/14	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30		Kimberly Scruggs	Day Lab
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GED Prep	9900126-112	Tues&Thurs	08/19/14	12/18/14	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30		Kimberly Scruggs	Day Lab
ESOL	9900040-111	Tues&Thurs	08/19/14	12/18/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30		Cynthia De Las Salas	Montura's Club House
ESOL	9900040-112	Mon&Wed	08/18/14	12/17/14	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30		Danielle Jean	C.A.S.
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Course		Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition		Teacher	Bldg/Rm
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- Dr. Todd Buck

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# Warning: Largest Outbreak of Fatal Disease

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Recently, there has been news coverage regarding Ebola Virus Disease.

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is one of the Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers. It is a severe, often fatal disease in humans and nonhuman primates (such as monkeys, gorillas and chimpanzees). The first Ebolavirus species was discovered in 1976 in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo near the Ebola River. Since then, outbreaks have appeared sporadically.

Symptoms of Ebola - When infection occurs, symptoms usually begin abruptly. Symptoms of EVD typically include fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and lack of appetite. Some

patients may experience the following: rash, red eyes, hiccups, cough, sore throat, chest pain, difficulty breathing and swallowing and bleeding inside and outside of the body. The most common occurrence of signs of infection is eight to 10 days, while symptoms may appear two to 21 days after exposure.

Transmission - When an infection does occur in humans, there are several ways in which the virus can be transmitted to others. These include:

Direct contact with the blood or secretions of an infected ill person

Exposure to objects (such as needles) contaminated with infected secretions

Participation in funeral rites that includes direct exposure (contact) to human remains in the

geographic area where the outbreak is occurring

EVD is often spread through close contact with infectious secretions when caring for ill persons. In order for the virus to be transmitted, an individual would have to have direct contact with an individual who is currently experiencing symptoms or with their bodily secretions.

Ebola Outbreaks - Ebola virus is typically initially spread to humans after contact with infected wildlife and is then spread person-to-person through direct contact with bodily fluids. Patients can transmit the virus through all stages of the illness, including postmortem (after death), if a person comes in contact with the body during funeral preparations. Precautions should be taken to limit virus transmission, through adequate

sterilization of instruments and wearing appropriate protective equipment, such as masks, gowns and gloves.

As of August 2014, according to the World Health Organization, a total of 1,603 cases and 887 deaths had been reported across the three affected countries.

This is the largest outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) ever documented and the first recorded in West Africa.

For more information: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html> The World Health Organization (WHO): <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/> and <http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/en/>.

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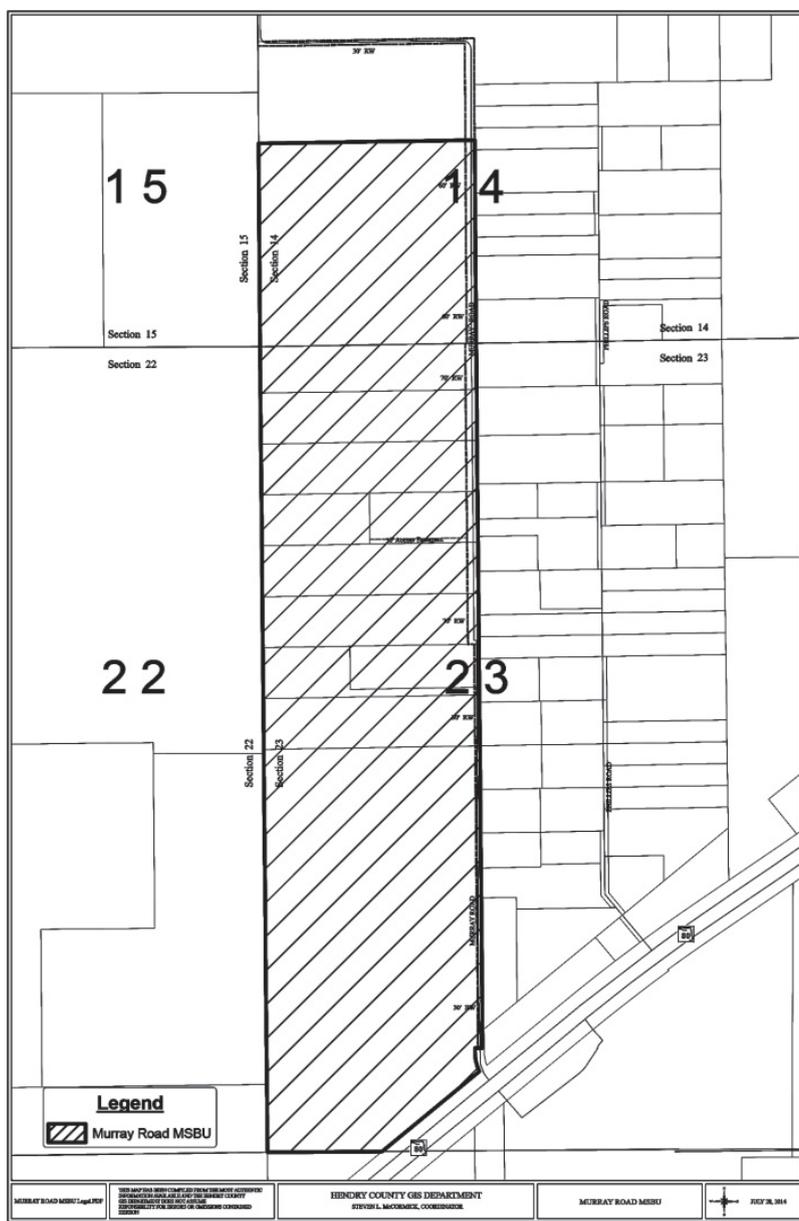


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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVY OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR MURRAY ROAD MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at 5:30 p.m. on September 10, 2014, at the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the purpose of considering the levy of a non-ad valorem assessment within the Murray Road Municipal Service Benefit Unit. The proposed assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected annually until terminated. All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the Hendry County Administrator, Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975, at anytime within 20 days from the date of this publication.

The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to cover the costs necessary to perform minimal maintenance on Murray Road and related drainage within the Murray Road Municipal Service Benefit Unit assessment area. The amount of the proposed assessment is \$800.00 per Parcel per year. The parcels subject to the assessment are depicted on the map herein.



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

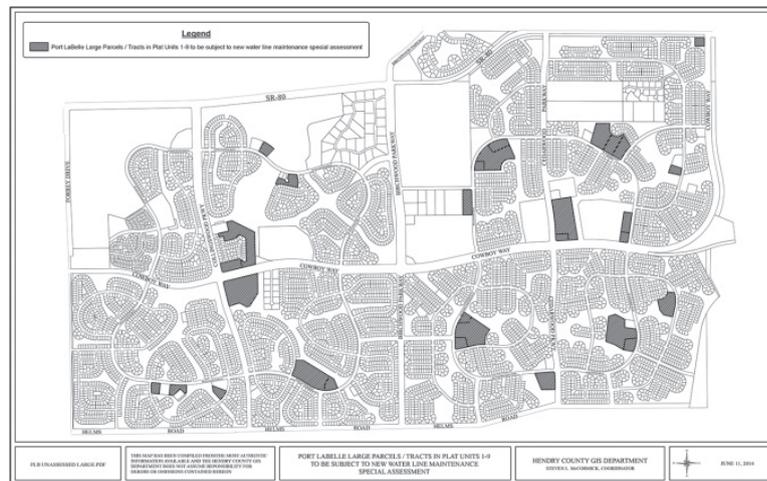
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Karson Turner, Chairman

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVY OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

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The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to maintain water lines within the Port LaBelle Utility District Municipal Service Benefit Unit. The amount of the proposed assessment is \$0.0375 per Front-foot per month, not to exceed \$11.25 per tract per month. The tracts subject to the assessment are depicted on the map herein.



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# FWC supports 'Operation Dry Water' for 6th Year

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Last year, nine people died from boating accidents related to alcohol and drug use in Florida. That represents 15 percent of the state's boating fatalities for 2013.

"Alcohol- and drug-related boating accidents are preventable," said Capt. Tom Shipp of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Boating and Waterways Section. "Even one death is too many. We want all boaters to enjoy the freedom to get out on the water and the opportunity to do it safely."

That is why law enforcement agencies around the state and country are participating in "Operation Dry Water" this weekend.

This nationwide, public education effort is designed to prevent alcohol-related accidents and fatalities. FWC officers, along with local law enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard, will be on the lookout for boating under the influence (BUI) violations.

"While our officers always look for BUIs," Shipp said, "this weekend, they will be making a special effort to stop this dangerous activity."

Boaters who have had too much to drink or who are impaired by drugs are a great danger to the boating public.

"If you're caught boating under the influence, you may be fined and jailed, your boat may be seized, and you could lose your boating

privileges," Shipp said. "But most importantly, you are risking your life, the lives of your passengers and the lives of other people out on the water."

Saving lives is what "Operation Dry Water" is really all about.

Law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and several U.S. territories typically participate, interacting with tens of thousands of boaters throughout the weekend each year and taking hundreds of impaired operators off the water before they could kill or injure themselves or someone else.

"Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs impairs a boat operator's vision and reaction time," Shipp said. "Sun, wind, fatigue and other conditions can intensify the effects alcohol or drugs have on a boater."

Intoxicated boaters are also susceptible to injuries or falling overboard because of impaired coordination and balance.

The FWC reminds boaters to be careful and that they are responsible for making decisions that keep themselves and others safe.

"We want everyone to have a great time and stay safe on the water," Shipp said. "Carelessly choosing to operate a boat while impaired is a decision that can result in a tragic ending to an otherwise wonderful day on the water."

For more information, please visit [www.operationdrywater.org](http://www.operationdrywater.org) or [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating).

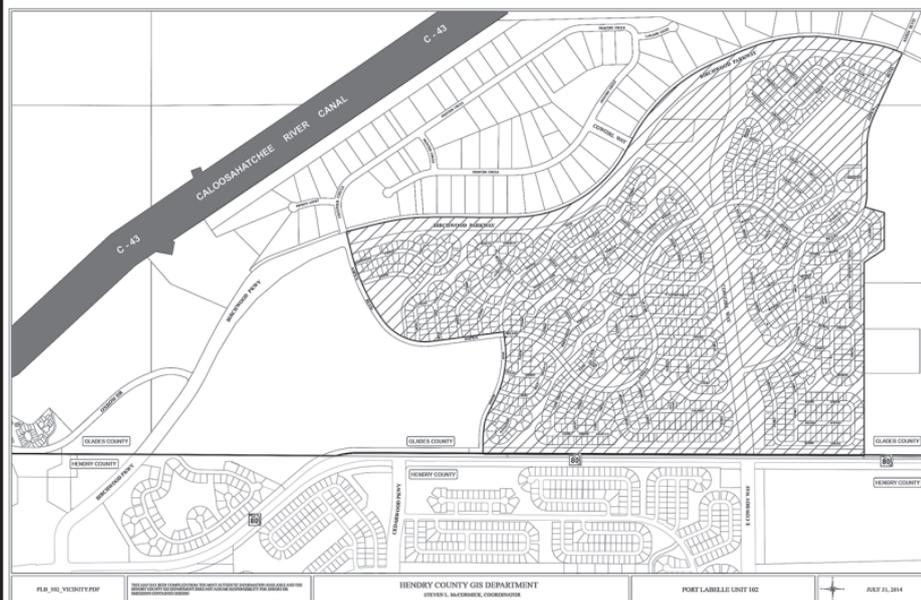
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVY OF AN INCREASED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, at 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014, at the Commission Room, 500 Avenue J, Room 201, Glades County Courthouse, Moore Haven, Florida, for the purpose of considering the levy of an increased non-ad valorem assessment on vacant residential lots within the Port LaBelle Utility District Municipal Service Benefit Unit depicted below.

The purpose of the increased non-ad valorem assessment is to maintain water lines. The amount of the assessment is proposed to increase from \$24 per vacant lot to \$36 per vacant lot per year.

The proposed assessment will be collected by the uniform method (on the tax bill) by the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected annually until the lot connects to the water system.

All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the Glades County Manager, Post Office Box 1527, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, at any time within 20 days from the date of this publication.



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

If any individual requires special assistance or services as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for their attendance at the public hearing, please contact the County Manager at (863) 946-6000 at least two (2) days prior to the public hearing, so that the needs for the specific disability may be addressed.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

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# FWC, Partners use Internet to Protect Wide Variety of Wildlife

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recently concluded a joint operation with partner agencies designed to protect the environment, lawful businesses and public safety.

During the four-day "Operation Wild Web" operation, officers and investigators used the Internet to find those intentionally selling fish and wildlife illegally, as well as committing other crimes.

Cases involved the unlawful sale of pythons, bearded dragons and many other reptiles; freshwater and saltwater fish; native migratory birds and many exotic birds; as well as businesses operating without licenses and the illegal sales of vessels.

"Licensed facilities and legal business can be checked to ensure animals are handled safely and humanely," said FWC Capt. Rett Boyd, who supervised the operation. "But unlicensed facilities go without inspections for safety and cleanliness. And without a record of where they got their animals, these facilities could potentially

spread dangerous diseases through their transactions, without any way to track the source of the problem."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Law Enforcement, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources also participated, addressing issues in their own states or subject matter areas.

"We designed this operation to more efficiently protect our resources," Boyd said. "Some people may think operating online is a way to get away with taking advantage of protected species, but we are dedicated to working with our partners to stop that."

Written arrests (notices to appear) and warnings were issued in 24 counties from Polk to Escambia. Most were second-degree misdemeanors, punishable by up to \$500 in fines and up to 60 days in jail.

Remember - If you see or suspect a fish, wildlife or boating law violation, report it to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline. Call 888-404-3922, text Tip@MyFWC.com, or visit MyFWC.com/WildlifeAlert.

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**- FWC CAPT. RETT BOYD**

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Books are closed for new registrations and party changes for the Primary Election.

**EARLY VOTING**  
 Will be August 11 - August 23 for the Primary Election at the: LaBelle Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave. and Clewiston Elections Office, 1100 S. Olympia Street; Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Weekends 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**ELECTION DAY**  
 The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for voters to cast their ballot. Please bring a photo and signature ID with you to the polls.

**POST AUDIT**  
 The Canvassing Board will convene for the Post Audit on September 2, 2014 at 3:00 pm and September 4, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

# Glades Air Conditioning receives 2014 President's Award from Carrier

## Special to the Glades County Democrat

Glades Air Conditioning formerly Glades Gas Co. has been honored with the 2014 President's Award from Carrier in recognition of being an outstanding dealer in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry.

Dealerships were honored at a ceremony held in Nashville, Tenn., on March 21.

One of Carrier's highest honors for its dealers, the President's Award is given to Carrier® Factory Authorized Dealers who achieved excellence in product promotions and delivered superior customer satisfaction. Recipients of this award exemplify Carrier's model for operational excellence, business effectiveness and delivering the best in cutting-edge technology to consumers.

Glades Air Conditioning demonstrates technical expertise, while also serving as a leader in promoting the Carrier brand and raising the standard for equipment sales. Moreover, the dealership is committed to service excellence and provides exceptional customer care. Glades Air Conditioning specializes in HVAC installations for residential new construction and custom homes, as well as commercial buildings and complete



Submitted Photo  
Glades Air Conditioning was recently honored with the 2014 President's Award from Carrier. From left to right are Pedro Guerrero, Matt Robbins, Monica Clark, Veronica Arana, Gustavo Fernandez (Carrier Enterprises district manager), Kevin Coronato (Carrier Enterprises sales representative) and Billy Farrenkopf.

building restorations.

"This year's recipients achieved their business goals while successfully representing Carrier to their communities and continually focusing on customer satisfaction," said Chris Nelson, president, residential and commercial systems, Carrier. "Winners will be able to continue to grow their business-

es through publicity, marketing and merchandising opportunities that are unique to President's Award recipients."

The President's Award is designed to encourage self-analysis and reward dealers who have excelled in customer satisfaction. This award presents the opportunity for recipients to serve as role models, share

best practices and offer peer mentoring to help cultivate excellence across the dealer group.

To learn more about Glades Air Conditioning and its heating and cooling products and services, call 800-763-2114 or visit our website [www.gladesac.com](http://www.gladesac.com).

## The Baby Alligators Are Popping Out All Over!

### Gatorama

It is the time of year that chirping, grunting and snapping baby alligators emerge from their shells to meet the world. Gatorama is hosting its annual "Alligator Hatching Festival" August 23 to Sept. 1 at their animal park at 6180 U.S. Highway 27, Palmdale, Florida.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about one of nature's fascinating life cycles," says Allen Register. "For the next couple of weeks we will welcome over three thousand alligators into the world at Gatorama. Guests will actually be able to see these little baby alligators wiggle out of the eggs."

Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the populations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing.

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# Rodeo excitement returns to Big Lake area

**B**ull riders call it “the luck of the draw.”

At the rodeo, bucking bulls are assigned to riders randomly. Since 50 percent of a rider’s score is based on how well the bull bucks, riders hope for one that bucks well enough for a top score, but not well enough to unseat them or injure them. They all know being thrown is something to expect, and being injured is not a matter of “if” but “when.” That’s what makes the sport so dangerous and so exciting.

Rodeo fans will find plenty of excitement at South Florida rodeos.

Labor Day weekend, rodeo fans are invited to the roughest-and-toughest professional bull riders and bullfighters event at Florida’s Cowtown Rodeo, at the Okeechobee Cattlemen’s Rodeo Arena. The renovated grandstand arena provides covered outdoor seating, giving spectators an up-close-and-personal rodeo viewing experience while keeping them shaded from the Florida sun.



Rodeo action is back at the Okeechobee Cattlemen’s Rodeo Arena on U.S. Highway 441. The next rodeo will be over Labor Day weekend.

Rodeo contestants of Florida’s Cowtown Labor Day Rodeo have their sights set on prize money and points to



A bull fighter distracts a bull so the rider can get out of the arena safely. There is plenty of action – and danger – in the rodeo sport of bull riding.

advance their careers on the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association circuit.

On March 8, 2014, Florida’s Cow Town Rodeo began in bloody horror as rodeo fans watched the first bull rider out of the chute, Jeffrey Ramagos, suffer serious injuries from a head-to-head collision with the rodeo bull, Big Deal. Ramagos, from Zachary, La., was airlifted to the ICU trauma unit at Ft. Pierce’s Lawnwood Medical Center.

“We want the Labor Day rodeo to be thrilling for our rodeo fans,

and without witnessing injuries like those in our spring rodeo. We are happy to say that Jeffrey Ramagos, the bullrider

injured in our spring rodeo, has already healed and is currently competing in the PRCA,” said Todd Clemons, president of the Okeechobee County Cattlemen’s Association.

The historic Okeechobee Cattlemen’s rodeo arena is located in the heart of Okeechobee County on 441 North.

Advance tickets for Florida’s Cow Town Rodeo can be purchased online at [www.okeechobee Cattlemens Association.com](http://www.okeechobee Cattlemens Association.com); at Eli’s Western Wear in Okeechobee; or in-person at the rodeo grounds. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children six and under. For information on Florida’s Cow Town Rodeo, please visit [www.okeechobee Cattlemens Association.com](http://www.okeechobee Cattlemens Association.com) or Facebook. More information on lodging or other offerings in the city of Okeechobee, please visit [www.okeechobee-tdc.com](http://www.okeechobee-tdc.com).

Events on the calendar for the coming year include:

- The Brighton Seminole Fred Smith Arena hosts barrel racing

practice and team roping practice. For a current schedule, go online to [www.rezrodeo.com](http://www.rezrodeo.com). The arena is off State

Road 721 on Brighton Seminole Reservation in Glades County. For information online, go to [www.rezrodeo.com](http://www.rezrodeo.com).

- On Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17, the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center will host the **All Florida Junior Rodeo Association 2015 season kickoff**. Youth from ages 5 to 14 from all over the State of Florida will compete in 11 rodeo events. There is no charge for the public to attend, and the concession stand will be open, with the proceeds going to 4-H. Rodeo starts at 9 a.m. Saturday. Cowboy Church will be at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. The entrance to the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is off State Road 710.

- The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center will host the **Turnin’ N Burnin’ Summer Buckle Series Jackpot Barrel Race** on Friday, Aug.

Special to Going Out  
22. Exhibition runs start at 5 p.m. Barrel racing starts at 7 p.m. There is no charge for spectators.

- The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center will host the **NBHA District 5 Barrel Race** on Saturday, Aug. 23. Exhibition runs will start at 11 a.m.; Barrel race starts at 1 p.m.; A concession stand will be open. There is no charge for the public to attend.

- On Sunday, Aug. 3, Kaza Productions will present a **Mexican Rodeo** at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center from 1 to 8 p.m.

- The **Ocala Shrine Rodeo** is planned for Aug. 29-30 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2200 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. (CR 200A), in Ocala. For more information online, go to <http://www.ocalarodeo.com>.

- A **Kids Summer Rodeo Series** event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Junior Cypress Entertainment Complex on Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. The facility is only 18 miles north of I-75 between Naples and

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Fort Lauderdale. For more information,

online go to [jrcarena.com](http://jrcarena.com) or call 863-983-8923.

• The **Miss Rodeo Florida Association** pageant will be held in Okeechobee Sept. 25-27. Contestants from around the state of Florida will

participate in the three-day event that selects four new rodeo queens ranging in age from 7 to 25. All contestants compete in horsemanship, speech, appearance, personal interview, modeling and impromptu questions. The winner

of the Miss Rodeo Florida title (age 19 - 25) wins a \$1,000 scholarship and goes on to compete for the title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas, Nev. For additional information, please visit [www.MissRodeoFlorida.com](http://www.MissRodeoFlorida.com), or contact Tracy Clements at 407-908-2182.

• The **Florida Cowboy Heritage Festival** will be Sept. 26-27, 2014 at the Silver Spurs Arena at the Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee, presented by the Florida Cow Culture Preservation Society in conjunction with the Florida Ranch Rodeo Finals. For more information online, go to [http://www.thecrackertenor.com/Florida\\_Ranch\\_Rodeo\\_Finals.html](http://www.thecrackertenor.com/Florida_Ranch_Rodeo_Finals.html),

• The **77th Annual Brighton Field Days**, featuring PRCA Rodeo and Xtreme Bulls, will be held Feb. 13-15, 2015 at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation. For more information online, go to [www.rezrodeo.com](http://www.rezrodeo.com).

• The **Swamp Cabbage Festival Rodeo** is held the last full weekend in February each year, at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on S.R. 29 in LaBelle. For more information online, go to [www.swampcabbagefestival.org](http://www.swampcabbagefestival.org).

• The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo Arena is the site for the spring **Florida's Cowtown Rodeo** in March. For information, go to <http://www.okeechobecattlemensassociation.com>.

• The **Raising Cane Rodeo** is held in Clewiston in March in conjunction with the Hendry County Fair. For more information online, go to [www.hendrycountyfair.com](http://www.hendrycountyfair.com).

• The **86th Annual Arcadia All Florida Championship Rodeo** will be held March 13-15, 2015, at the Arcadia Arena, 124 Heard Street (two blocks off U.S. Highway 17) in Arcadia. For more information online, go to [www.arcadiarodeo.com](http://www.arcadiarodeo.com).

• The **22nd Annual Southeastern Pro Rodeo** returns on March 27 and 28, 2015, at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2200 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. (CR 200A), in Ocala. For more information online, go to <http://www.ocalarodeo.com>.

## Types of Rodeo

### Ranch Rodeo

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PRCA

According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA), legend has it that American rodeo was born on July 4, 1869 when two groups of cowboys

from neighboring ranches met in Deer Trail, Colo., to settle an argument over who was the best at performing everyday ranching tasks. That competition is considered to be the first rodeo which evolved into rodeo as we know it today.

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

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

### Florida High School Rodeo & Junior High School Rodeo

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

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

For current rodeo schedules go online to <http://fisra.homestead.com>.

### Professional Bull Riding

The rules are simple: Place a wary cowboy on the back of a hulking, snorting temperamental 2,000 pound bull and see if he can stay on for an eternal eight seconds ... with one hand strapped

to the bull. Headquartered in Colorado, the Professional Bull Riders, Inc. was created in 1992 when a group of bull riders broke away from the traditional rodeo scene seeking mainstream attention for the sport of professional bull riding. They felt that, as the most popular event at a rodeo, bull riding deserved to be in the limelight and could easily stand alone.

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

### Mexican rodeo

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

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



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# Country legend Joe Diffie brings chart-topping hits to Seminole Casino Brighton

## Tickets on sale now

**BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION** – Country music legend Joe Diffie, known for such chart-topping hits as “Third Rock From the Sun,” “John Deere Green” and “Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox,” will bring his talents to Seminole Casino Brighton on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. Special guests include comedy and musical duo Williams and Ree. Tickets are on sale now at the Casino Cash Cage or order by phone at 800-360-9875. Tickets are \$35 for General Admission and \$25 for Player’s Club Members.

Adding to the excitement, Las Vegas male revue sensation and Australia’s hottest export, “Thunder From Down Under,” are coming to Seminole Casino Brighton on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Since their performance debut, nearly seven million people have watched them perform. Hailed as one of the Top 12 Sexiest Shows in Las Vegas, “Thunder From Down Under” will get your pulse racing as you witness these sexy Aussies strut their stuff. Tickets go on sale Monday, Sept. 1, at the Casino Cash Cage or order by phone at 800-360-9875.

End the summer with a vacation to your favorite destination anywhere in the world! Swipe your Player’s Club card daily for a free entry, earn additional entries each time you play and you could win a \$2,000 Travel Certificate. Drawings will be held Fridays in August at 10 p.m.

Take your golf game to the next level with a brand new golf cart. Earn entries every time you play and swipe your Player’s Club card daily for a free entry. Drawings will be held Saturdays in August at 10 p.m. Arrive at your next golf game in style!

Lawn mowing could be a breeze with a new lawn tractor. Swipe your Player’s Club card daily for a free entry and earn additional entries each time you play. Drawings will be held Sundays at 8 p.m.

Seminole Casino Brighton is bringing the fun this month with two exciting nights of Party Bingo! On Friday, Aug. 15, at 11 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., it will be time to turn down the lights and turn up the fun! Party Bingo par-

ticipants can enjoy dancing, glow products, games and giveaways. There will be a \$10 door pack and up to \$1,500 in cash prizes available. One must be 18 to party and 21 or older to drink.

Drive away a winner on Aug. 30 with a fun 2014 Chevy Sonic. Visit the casino every day and swipe your Player’s Club Card for a free entry, and earn more each time you play.

Play in our \$10,000 Deep Stack Free Roll Poker Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 31, for your chance to win big. Play daily in August to earn your way in or play in a Qualifier Tournament on Sundays, Aug. 17 and 24. See the Brush Stand for complete details.

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 421 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, Okeechobee, FL 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998.



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# Plays, Concerts & More...

## OCT plans new season

OKEECHOBEE — Season tickets for the 2014-2015 Okeechobee Community Theatre will go on sale in August. The plays this season will include, “The Service at Rocky Bluff” in November; “The Wizard of Oz” in December; and, “Egad, It’s Rotten Rodney” in March. For ticket information, see the website at <http://www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com/season.html>.

## Jazz Market in Fort Pierce

FORT PIERCE — Every Saturday during the summer, the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society hosts a Jazz Market “featuring creative arts & crafts,” 101 Melody Lane, in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce on the waterfront of the Indian River from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Original handmade crafts, stained glass, Highwaymen paintings, hand-painted glassware and much more are available for purchase. Funds raised support education programs and area scholarships. For vendor information, please email: [TheMarket@jazzsociety.org](mailto:TheMarket@jazzsociety.org).

## Firehouse Community Theatre

LABELLE — The Firehouse Community Theatre is selling season tickets for their 2014-2015 season online at [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com). The season will include “Marrying Walt” in November, “Drinking Habits” in December, “Little Shop of Horrors” in January, “Up Close From a Distance” in February and “Back on Broadway” in March. For more information, call 863-675-3066.

## Area special events...

### Labor Day Festival in Okeechobee

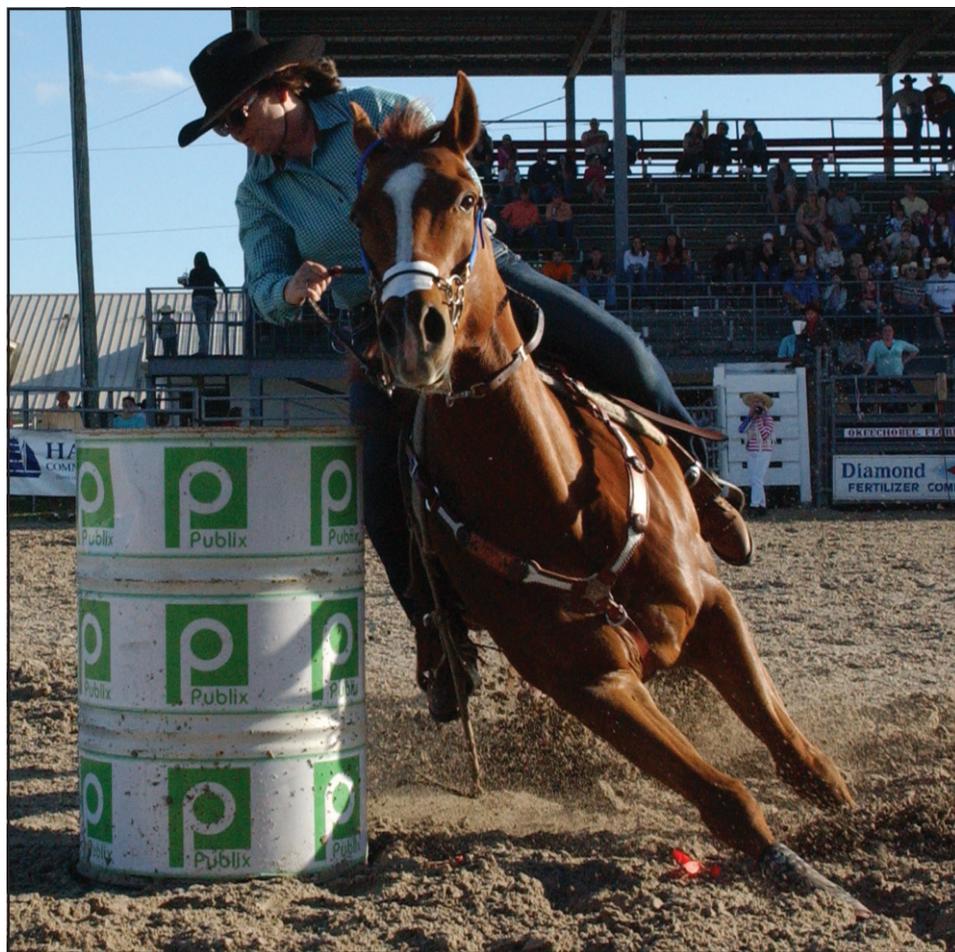
OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee’s annual Labor Day Festival, sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street, will return Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. The festival will include a variety of arts and crafts and food booths. Bring your own folding chair to sit back and enjoy entertainment by local performers. On Monday, Sept. 1, the B.R.A.T. Club Labor Day Parade will be held at 10 a.m., following the usual parade route from the old U-Save parking lot on U.S. 441 (Parrott Avenue) north to State Road 70, and then west on State Road 70 to the end of Flagler Park. For more information, call 863-357-6246 (MAIN).

### Alligator Hatching Festival

PALMDALE — Gatorama will host the annual “Alligator Hatching Festival” Aug. 23 to Sept. 1 at the animal park at 6180 U.S. Highway 27, Palmdale, Fla. Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the populations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing. Alligator farming is an important part of the program. For more information about tickets, and directions, call 863-675-0623 or visit [www.Gatorama.com](http://www.Gatorama.com).

### Repticon

WEST PALM BEACH — Repticon, the West Palm Beach Reptile Show, will be held Aug. 30 and 31 at 2231 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. in West Palm Beach. Reptile vendors will offer reptile pets, supplies, feeders, cages, and more. The event will include educational live-animal seminars and frequent free raffles. For information, call 863-268-4273.



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## Glades at a Glance

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### City Council Meets

The Moore Haven City Council meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Moore Haven City Hall. Come and be a part in making decisions about the future of your city.

### Mighty Terriers Football

Moore Haven Mighty Terriers football is open to kids between the ages of eight and 12. Practice is held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Washington Park Community Center. Contact Tim Jones at 863-265-0560 or Cedrick Tullock at 863-227-0761 for more information.

### Legion Building Available

The American Legion Building in Moore Haven is available for rent. Please call 863-946-1616 or 863-946-1313 for information and details.

### Florida Forest Service

#### Events and Announcements

Aug. 14: Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioner's Proclamation for Smokey Bear's 70th Birthday. Smokey will receive the proclamation at the meeting.

General news: Even though Florida is in

its wet season, wildfires can still occur. All the area needs is two weeks without rainfall and the dead litter quickly dries out and is easily ignitable.

The Florida Forest Service is always vigilant and ready to respond. Dry season begins again in October and the area will see an increase in size, complexity and frequency of wildfires. That means there are only a few months to train, teach and mitigate!

### Lakeport News

There are several activities going on at the center. Bible study is held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Tuesday's feature a craft class at 10 a.m.; and Yoga class is held every Monday and Friday at 12:15 p.m. The Community Center building is also available to rent for any resident's upcoming events.

### Church Invites to Services

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, located on Hunter Rd, would like to invite everyone to worship services. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., with morning worship following at 11 a.m. Evening services begin at 6 p.m., with Wednesday services beginning with supper at 6 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m. Pastor Arlen Cook will be giving the message.

### ACT Offers Counseling

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) is a non-profit agency serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Hendry, Glades and Lee counties.

ACT offers individual and group counseling, safe emergency shelter, a 24-hour hot-

line and forensic examinations for survivors of rape.

For more information, please call 239-939-3112 or 1-888-956-7273.

### Narcotics Anonymous Meets

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

### 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.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact John Cain at 239-278-3401.

### The Muse Community Association Events

Saturday, Aug. 23: Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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). Come out for a fun evening and meet your neighbors. Refresh-

ments will be served. For further information, call 863-674-0467.

### 60s Reunion Party

Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge #2417 is hosting a 60s reunion party at 7 p.m. on August 23. Come see musical performances on big screens, along with 60s-era music from DJ John Gallagher. Also there will be a \$25 bar tab for best Women and Men outfits along with 60s TV theme trivia. Hamburgers and fries will be served for a donation. For information, call John Gallagher at 954-592-3111. Lodge is located at 1016 Linda Road Okeechobee, FL 34974, Phone#863-763-2250. All proceeds goes to Moose Charities.

### Westergaard House Available

The Glades County Historical Society reminds community members that residents can use the historic Pieter Westergaard House for their meetings, showers, parties and political party get-togethers seven days a week.

Non-profit organizations may use the facility for free; residents will be charged \$25 for each event. Residents are welcome to use the inside and the lawn areas.

The Westergaard House is located at 270 Ave. L in Moore Haven, near the Methodist Church. Phone Anne Coffey at 863-801-5199, Julie Wigton at 863-946-2060 or Donald Miles at 239-560-8448 for more information.

# Corps Adjusts Target Flows from Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District adjusted the target flows to the Caloosahatchee River as part of its efforts to slow the rise in water levels at Lake Okeechobee.

The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary has been a 10-day average of 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) near Fort Myers. However, this change will likely have little impact as local runoff into the Caloosahatchee River has regularly exceeded this target in recent days. Runoff will continue to be allowed to pass through Franklin as necessary.

No water from Lake Okeechobee is being released into the St. Lucie Canal, although local basin runoff from the St. Lucie Canal (C-44) will continue to be allowed to pass through the St. Lucie Lock as has been the case for much of the past month.

"The increased target flow to the west allows us to release lake water when the opportunity presents itself while attempting to keep discharge rates below the high-flow harm threshold of 2,800 cfs at S-79

(Franklin Lock)," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida.

The lake is currently in the Operational Low Sub-Band of the Corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). In the Low Sub-Band, under current conditions, LORS authorizes the corps to discharge 3,000 cfs to the Caloosahatchee and 1,170 cfs to the St. Lucie.

"The lake is a foot-and-a-half lower than it was at this point last year, however, it has continued to rise for over a month and has risen over a quarter foot just in the last week," said Lt. Col. Greco. "The target adjustment is appropriate given current and forecasted conditions although we will continue to monitor conditions and make adjustments as necessary based on LORS guidance."

For information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the water management web page at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/WaterManagement.aspx>.



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# Governor Rick Scott: We Must Stand with Israel

## GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

On August 12, Governor Rick Scott released the following statement in the wake of violence in the Middle East: "As the crisis continues in the Middle East, Florida stands with Israel and specifically recognizes Israel's right to defend all Israelis against acts of violence from Hamas. "Israel's fight to end the senseless terrorism and violence of Hamas should unite all Americans. We must not pretend that this issue is 'complicated' as many pundits suggest. One thing here

is not complicated at all: Hamas wants to destroy Israel. Hamas are the perpetrators. "Support for Israel is a moral issue, above politics. I agree with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's assessment that there are 'way too few, lone voices around the world criticizing' the continued violence from Hamas.

"Violence against Jewish people and any act of anti-Semitism have no place in Florida or any part of the world that values freedom and democracy, without which there can be no peace."

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# National Immunization Awareness Month is Here

## Avoid the back-to-school immunization rush

### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties recognizes August as National Immunization Awareness Month and encourages parents to have their children immunized now to avoid the back-to-school immunization rush.

Department of Health offices statewide are provide free immunization services for eligible children who are entering school for the first time and those who are returning to class in the upcoming school year.

Parents of kindergartners and 7th graders are encouraged to review their children's immunization record to ensure they are ready for the upcoming school year.

Students entering college are also encouraged to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines can help develop immunity to infectious diseases by enabling the body to recognize and fight vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Vaccinations can help protect children and

families in our communities from the spread of infectious diseases. Please take time now to review your child's immunization records," said Pat Dobbins, Administrator and Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties. "If your child is due for their school shots, please take your child to their health care provider or to the health department before the "back to school rush" begins."

The following vaccines are required for children entering pre-school and grades K-12: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, rubella, polio, varicella (chickenpox) and hepatitis B. Students entering college should check with their college health services office regarding any immunization requirements. Visit the Florida Department of Health's website to learn which immunizations your child may need. You may also call the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties for more information. LaBelle: (863) 674-4041, Clewiston: (863) 983-1408, Moore Haven: (863) 946-0707.

# Promoting Awareness During National Breastfeeding Month

### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and Healthiest Weight Florida, in collaboration with WIC, Healthy Start, the Florida Child Care Food Program and the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention, is announcing its own August Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to promote breastfeeding as a vital health activity as well as encourage breastfeeding friendly communities throughout the state of Florida. Each week a new component will be announced which will introduce new and exciting resources for women and families, employers, child care facilities, hospitals and healthcare professionals.

"Breastfeeding plays a critical role in the health of both mother and child," said Dr. Celeste Philip, Deputy Secretary for Health and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services. "Educating and supporting new and expecting parents helps create healthy and sustainable practices that benefit Florida's infants and families." Infant feeding is one of the most important decisions a family can make. Research shows that babies that receive only breast milk for the first six months of life are less likely to develop a wide range of chronic and acute diseases including ear infections, diarrheal diseases, asthma, obesity and respiratory illnesses. They are also less likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). In addition, breastfeeding for nine months reduces a baby's odds of being overweight by 30 percent.

Mothers benefit from breastfeeding with a decreased risk for breast and ovarian cancers. The Florida Department of Health, as well as medical organizations such as the World Health Organization and the American Academy of Pediatrics, strongly recommends that babies exclusively breastfeed for about the first six months of

life and continue to breastfeed for at least one to two years to achieve optimal health.

Based on 2013 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only 71.8 percent of women in Florida have ever tried breastfeeding compared to the national average of 76.5 percent. The Department of Health offers a variety of programs, materials and resources to encourage breastfeeding friendly environments throughout the sunshine state.

The Florida WIC Program offers counseling and breastfeeding materials to pregnant and breastfeeding clients. WIC also participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) breastfeeding peer counseling program.

Florida's Healthy Start promotes healthy behaviors and provides services to pregnant women, women in between pregnancies, infants and children to obtain the support needed to reduce the risks for poor health outcomes.

The Florida Child Care Food Program (CCFP) awards recognitions to breastfeeding friendly facilities and provides education to child care providers through workshops, online modules, and educational materials.

The Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention supports the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, a recognition established by Baby-Friendly USA promoting human milk as the best source of nourishment for new babies. Evidence shows several specific practices in birth facilities can significantly affect breastfeeding initiation, duration and exclusivity.

For more information, visit [www.Healthiest-WeightFL.com/bf](http://www.Healthiest-WeightFL.com/bf). Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.

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Independent Newspapers will never accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is. If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 772-878-2010 for previous complaints.

Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

When doing those chores is doing you in, it's time to look for a helper in the classifieds.

## Services

### Photography



**Weddings, Engagements, Family, Maternity, Newborns, Seniors, Boudoir, Quinceaneras, Events.** Moore Memories Photography, www.moorememoories-photos.com find me on Facebook fb.com/moorememooriesphotos (863)233-6300

### Real Estate Services

**Condo for rent - 2 BR, 2 BA overlooking pool, marina and Tiki bar. Boat ramp available. Fully furnished unit available immediately. Cable included. Call for pricing and lease details. (863)517-1376**

## Merchandise

### Musical Instruments

**Cable Piano - GUC, Full Keyboard, Modern Light wood color. Asking \$200 Call 863-674-0349**

## FOR RENT Rentals

### Apartments

**1bed/1bath Wildwood apts.**  
863.983.3151

**BELLE GLADE - 661 SE 4th St., 2BR, 1BA, with lg, bonus rm. that can be used as 3rd br, Central Air, W/D hook-up. 305-487-2850.**

**M. Haven - Furnished. Efficiency w/utilities, Ceramic tile floors. \$165 week. Furnished room w/private entrance, \$75 week. 863-509-0096.**

**MOORE HAVEN - For Sale, 4 duplexes (8 units) Rentals. All are 2br./1ba. Central AC, Tiled throughout. Good location & good tenants. Owner financing w/\$50,000 down. Asking price \$389,000. Call Joe 305-720-3322.**

**Moore Haven Apartment- 2br 1ba, cent a/c, good location, Rent \$575/mo 305-720-3322**

How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

## Houses - Rent

**Lrg. 3BR/2 BA** Block house. 2,000 sq. ft., Tile floors on double lot. w/ Workshop \$825 month. Call (863) 509-0096

## Real Estate

### Commercial Property Sale

**Commercial Property For Sale:** 501 S. San Pedro St. in Clewiston. Open for Offers. 2 Buildings on property. Formerly a car lot. Corner lot. (561)715-7840

## Houses - Sale

### MONTURA

5ba./3ba. 2004 Model. 1.25 acres, 2100 sq. ft. Pool, surveillance system. Fireplace, fenced. \$94,500. Sugar Realty 786-709-3917

## Mobile Homes

### Mobile Home Rent

**2010 3BR, 2BA, Double-wide, Manufactured Home in Tower Lake Estates, 1822 Matthew Loop. \$750 mo. + sec. Call (863)599-2632**

**CLEWISTON: 1½ BR, Singlewide, W/D, CAC, & Storage shed. On dead end road. \$600 mo., plus security. (954)495-5244.**

### Mobile Home Rent

**Moore Haven Mobile homes for rent \$425 & up Call 863-509-0096**

## Mobile Home Sale

**Mobile Home Sale 10x35 ft. Ready to move in! Park Model Completely renovated w/ all new appli., including water heater & a/c units. Needs relocated, some financing avail. with dep. Asking \$8,450 obo. Call William 954-495-5244 for appointment.**

## Recreation

### Campers/RVs

**Wanted all Travel Trailers, Motor Homes and Fifth Wheels. Any Condition, Cash paid on the spot. Call 941-347-7171**

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Turn your trash to treasure with an ad in the classifieds.

## Public Notices

### 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, August 27, 2014, at 7 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. NOTICE monthly meeting will be held every fourth Wednesday of each month in the year of 2014. UNLESS otherwise advertised.  
466470 CN 8/14,21/2014

### HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE Selection Committee Meeting for RFQ 2014-17

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.** to review and select the submittals for Designing and Permitting Services and CEI Services for construction of a 12' wide turn lane from southbound and northbound CR 835 to the proposed private access road serving the main entrance of an Industrial development in Hendry County. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administrative Conference Room, located at 640 Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33905. All interested are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863)-983-1588.

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

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

Karson Turner, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County  
466709 CN 8/14/2014

## Mobile Homes

### Central County Water Control District

#### Request for Proposal- 2005 or newer Water Truck

Central County Water Control District is accepting sealed proposals for a year 2005 or newer Diesel water truck, any make, with the following specifications:

Diesel engine, air brakes, at least a 2000 gallon water tank, PTO driven pump, rear spray assembly with ladder and hydrant fill, cab controls, air controls, slotted hold down system, front spray and rear spray.

Proposals are to be submitted on the District's Proposal Form that may be obtained from the District, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "PROPOSAL FOR WATER TRUCK". Sealed proposals will be received by the District, at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, FL 33440 until 5pm. on August 27, 2014. The sealed proposals shall be publicly opened and read at 7:15 p.m. on August 27, 2014, during the regular meeting of the District, at the District's meeting room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, FL 33440.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, waive technicalities and make award(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

Please direct questions and requests for proposal forms to Carolyn Hester, Manager for the District, at (863) 983-5797.  
466725 CN 8/14,21/2014

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **SKW Prep 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
242	2009	1184428-A0001160000	Winsome Building Concepts LLC

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 18, 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 the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **September, 2014**, which is the **18th day of September, 2014**.  
Dated this **6th** day of **August, 2014**.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
466693 CN 8/14,21,28;9/4/2014

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

Take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the positions of Budget Director and Planning and Community Development Director for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, at its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Karson Turner, Chairman  
466759 CN/CB 8/14/2014

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2693	2011	1074433-03000190010	Ela III LLC

Lot 1 in Block 19 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, page 1 thru 2 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **September, 2014**, which is the **18th day of September, 2014**.  
Dated this **6th** day of **August, 2014**.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
466694 CN 8/14,21,28;9/4/2014

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1142	2010	1224331-01000000120	Winder VI LLC

Lot 12, Block 0, the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2014**, which is the **28th day of August, 2014**.  
Dated this **16th** day of **July, 2014**.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
466376 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1575	2011	1144432-A0002470000	Verona A LLC

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2896, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2014**, which is the **28th day of August, 2014**.  
Dated this **16th** day of **July, 2014**.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
466382 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Glades County, Florida, Case number: 2013-CA-1770n 06/27/2014 in the matter of James Lawson, as plaintiff and D. BRENT HAINES, as defendant, I Stuart Whiddon, as Sheriff of Glades County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:

**The undivided one half interest in the following property described hence forth: Lot 66, Caloosa Estates, Unit 4, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in O.R. Book 46, Page 182, Public Records of Glades County, Florida.**

**And the North ½ of lot 67, Caloosa Estates, Unit 4, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in O.R. Book 46, Page 182, Public Records of Glades County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: the Southwest corner of said tract is 131.99 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 67**

and on August 28, 2014 at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Glades County Sheriff's Office, located at 1297 E State Road 78, Moore Haven, Florida, offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Stuart Whiddon as Sheriff  
Glades County, Florida  
By: Leslie Smith  
466342 GCD 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014



Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1456, 2009, 1154432-A0001740100, Leovirdo & Frances Abad + Jorge Diaz + Ana Diaz

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2530, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of September, 2014, which is the 18th day of September, 2014.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466702 CN 8/14,21,28;9/4/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1581, 2011, 1144432-A0002590100, Argelio A & Magaly G Rivas

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2869, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of August, 2014, which is the 28th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466384 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1513, 2011, 1144432-A0000820000, Lou's Properties Inc

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3441, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of August, 2014, which is the 28th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466379 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the TC Tampa 1, LLC PNC C/O TC Tampa 1, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3117, 2011, 1214334-040000E0080, Riley B Lewis

Lot 8, Block E, of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 8, a subdivision of the City of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 136 and 137, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of August, 2014, which is the 28th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466713 CN 8/14/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance granting an ad valorem tax exemption to ALTAIR Training Solutions, Inc. entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY FOR ALTAIR TRAINING SOLUTIONS, INC., A NEW BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR A FINDING THAT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EXEMPTION GRANTED TO ALTAIR TRAINING SOLUTIONS, INC.; GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ALTAIR TRAINING SOLUTIONS, INC.; PROVIDING FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; REQUIRING THE BUSINESS TO ENTER INTO A TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 8:30 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Karson Turner, Chairman. 466737 CN/CB 8/14/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2189, 2010, 1254432-A0001950100, Luis Angulo & Paola C Dalmasso c/o Luis Angulo

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to a canal easement over and across the North 30 feet thereof and subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof.

TOGETHER WITH a 1963 WOLVERINE single-wide mobile home having Identification No. GAW1729, Title No. 1289726 and RP Decal No. 12119048, which is permanently affixed to real property, (Lien Holder: Wachovia Bank, NA)

Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-25-A00-0195.0100 Property Address: 415 S. Trebol Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of August, 2014, which is the 28th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466370 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 9/9/14

SUBJECT AREA: 340 Bullying and Harassment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for bullying and harassment.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1006.147, 784.048(1)(d), 1006.09(6), and 1006.07(2) F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1006.147, 784.048(1)(d), 1006.09(6), and 1006.07(2) 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 bullying and harassment.

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, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on September 9, 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. 466616 CN 8/14,21,28 CB 8/28/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2130, 2010, 1254432-A0000570000, Pinot IV LLC

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 5068, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.)

Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-25-A00-0057-0000 Property Address: 260 S Zambria Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of August, 2014, which is the 28th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466369 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3022, 2010, 1144334-040000F0190, Oscar Carranza + Jackie Carranza

Lot 19, Block F, of SHERWOOD SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 127 and 128, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH a 1991 HOMES OF MERIT double-wide mobile home having Identification Nos. FLHMB44031361A & FLHMB44031361B, Title Nos. 61033638 & 61026745 and RP Decal Nos. 12597829 & 12597831, which is permanently affixed to real property.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-14-040-000F-019.0 Property Address: 1230 Liberty Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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

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Dated this 16th day of July, 2014. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida. 466371 CN 7/24,31;8/7,14/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3163, 2010, 1214334-010000U0030, Daisy Bell Williams

Lot 5, Block U of Harlem Addition No. 3, according to the plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH a 2001 FLEETWOOD double-wide mobile home having Identification Nos. FLFL170A29004AV31 & FLFL170B29004AV31, Title Nos. 83363325 & 83364006 and RP Decal No. 24064646 & 24064950, which is permanently affixed to real property.

(Lien Holder: Conseqo Finance Servicing Corp.) Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000U.003.0 Property Address: 1218 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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Public Notice

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Florida Development Finance Corporation ("FDFC") will hold a public hearing on September 3, 2014 at 2 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 S. Main Street, Conference Room #1, LaBelle, Florida 33935 to consider adoption of a resolution approving the issuance by the FDFC of its Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC Project). Series 2014 (the "Bonds") in an amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 in one or more series of tax-exempt and taxable bonds. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the FDFC to Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC, and/or one or more affiliates (collectively, the "Borrowers").

The Borrowers will use a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to (i) finance or refinance the cost of (or reimburse themselves for prior expenditures for) acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of a sweet sorghum bio-refinery and co-generation plant on a 100 acre site, located at 18400 County Road 835, in Hendry County; (ii) finance or refinance the cost of the acquisition of property and related site improvements; (iii) fund necessary debt service reserves; (iv) fund capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (v) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued under the authority of the Florida Development Financing Corporation Act of 1993, as amended (the "Act"). The Bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from a loan and other financing documents to be executed between the FDFC and the Borrowers prior to or contemporaneously with the issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds and the interest thereon shall not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit or taxing power of the State of Florida or any political subdivision or agency thereof.

By order of the FDFC. 466770 CN 8/14/2014

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 806, 2010, 1274329-01000020461, Artemis Development Group LLC

A parcel of land lying in Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast one-quarter of the one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 4, run South 89 degrees 40'39" East, 331.66 foot along the South line of said Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter to the Point-of-Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 19'21" East, 682.98 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40'39" East, 333.55 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19'21" West, 682.98 feet to the said South line of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter; thence North 89 degrees 40'39" West, 333.55 feet along said South line to the Point-of-Beginning. SUBJECT to and together with a 30 foot roadway easement over and across the South 30 feet thereof and contiguous to the North boundary described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the herein described parcel; thence South 89 degrees 40'30" East, 333.55 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19'21" West 30.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40'39" West, 243.55 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left; thence run 57.92 feet along the arc of said curve, with a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 36 degrees 52'12" and a chord of South 71 degrees 52'15" West, 56.92 feet, to a point of reverse curvature to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right; thence run 38.61 feet along the arc of said curve, with a radius of 60.00 feet, a central angle of 38 degrees 52'12" and a chord of South 71 degrees West, 37.95 feet to the tangent end of said curve; thence North 80 degrees 07'30" East, 60.00 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
SUPPLY AVIATION FUELS TO AIRPORTS IN HENDRY COUNTY
BID NO. 2014-12
OPENING DATE AND TIME: August 21, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for the supply of aviation fuels to airports in Hendry County, Florida. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by August 21, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2014CA-000084
PARCEL NO.: 117
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Petitioner,

NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE AND NOTICE OF SUIT
STATE OF FLORIDA TO:
Florida Hendry Land, Inc., a Florida corporation
SERVE: Joel B. Hendry, as last known Director
1585 NE Darlich Avenue, Jensen Beach, FL 34957
Parcel 117

SECTION 07010-000 STATE ROAD 80 GLADES COUNTY DESCRIPTION
PARCEL 117 FEE SIMPLE - RIGHT OF WAY
A) That portion of the southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, Glades County, Florida.

AND
Each defendant is hereby required to serve written defenses, if any, and request a hearing, if desired, to said Petition on:
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830
c/o Andrew DeNering, Assistant General Counsel
(863) 519-2623

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2010-CA-000113
ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 12, 2014 and entered in 2010-CA-000113 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and ARMANDO VILLA, MONICA VILLA, A/K/A MONICA MENDOZA, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s).

IMPORTANT
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 14CP62
IN RE: ESTATE OF CALVIN MONROE, SR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CALVIN MONROE, SR., deceased, whose date of death was March 23, 2014; File Number 14CP62, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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## Around the Lake

# From Amateur to All-Star

Glades Central athlete chosen by former NBA stars to attend basketball all-star camp in New Jersey

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
Staff Writer

BELLE GLADE — A Glades Central High School student is receiving the chance of a lifetime after being personally selected to attend a basketball all-star camp in Paterson, New Jersey.

The camp began on Monday, Aug. 11 and continues until Friday, Aug. 15. Soon-to-be senior Geoffrey Brown was chosen to attend the camp after participating in the Ball Stars Youth Camp, a program that promotes not only basketball, but teamwork, leadership and respect.

The camp made a stop at Glades Central High School in June, where 200 kids participated in the program. It was there that Geoffrey caught the eye of former NBA all-stars Otis Birdsong and Michael Ray Richardson, who led the camp and saw something special in the 17-year-old student.

"The pros saw something in Geoffrey and said if you can get him to New Jersey we'd love to have him there," said Rick Seymour, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps underprivileged children through programs ran in partnership with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Foundation donated \$1,500 to Geoffrey and his coach, Kenneth Torrence, to cover the travel expenses associated with the trip up north and presented the check to Geoffrey and his coach at the Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium in Belle Glade on Aug. 8.

This trip would be the first time Geoffrey ever stepped foot on a plane.

"I'm nervous," said Geoffrey. "But I'm just going to try to sleep the whole time."

Geoffrey may be nervous about the plane ride, but as for the camp, he's ready to show the all-stars what he's made of.

"I want to gain exposure and put my name out there," said Geoffrey eagerly. "It's an opportunity to showcase my talents."

Amazingly, Geoffrey has only been playing basketball for two years.

"I started my 10th grade year. I liked football really, but I wasn't eligible to play because of my grades," explained Geoffrey.

As fate would have it, Geoffrey picked his grades up in time to join the basketball team. "I fell in love with basketball," he said.

As Geoffrey stood in front of the camera for yet another interview, two of his older sisters stood off to the side admiring their baby brother. "We're so proud and overwhelmed," said Geoffrey's oldest sister Zyneshia Walker. "He's so deserving. He doesn't seek attention, he's always humble and he's very smart. He's even nice on the court."

The two sisters spoke fondly about their younger brother, who chose not to work this summer in order to work at basketball with Coach Torrence. "Geoffrey said he could always find a job," said sister Jeffanekia Brown.

Geoffrey's mother, Debra Snead, was also there to support her son.

"I'm excited. Very excited. I'm really proud of him. He's excited, but he won't let you know that," said Debra. "And we thank God for his coach, too."

"He's truly been a blessing," chimed in Zyneshia. "Coach picks him up to work out every day before camp. He's very involved."

"I thank God for him," said Debra.



PHOTO/MELISSA BELTZ

Geoffrey Brown was personally chosen to participate in an all-star camp in New Jersey.

# Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness

The best defense is prevention

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
NCEH'S HEALTH STUDIES BRANCH

Here are some prevention tips:

- Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your healthcare provider generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask them how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

- Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

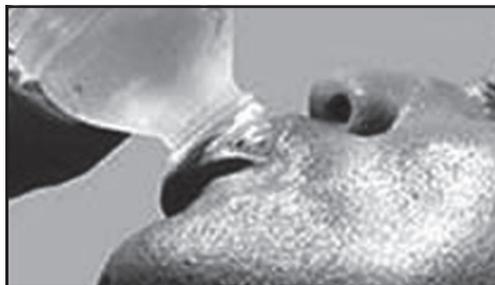
- Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the grocery store or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when

you go back into the heat.

- Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

- Never leave anyone (or a pet) in a closed, parked vehicle.



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- Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on: infants and young children, people aged 65 or older, and people who have a mental illness

- Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

Visit "at-risk adults at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of

course, need much more frequent watching.

**If you must be out in the heat:**

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

- Cut down on exercise in the hottest parts of the day. When you exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your healthcare provider before drinking a sports beverage.

- Try to rest often in shady areas.

- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).



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# Chikungunya Fever

## Florida Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties wants to raise awareness about chikungunya (chik-un-gun-ye) fever, a disease spread by bites from infected mosquitoes that has made its way to the Caribbean countries from Africa, Asia and islands in the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific. Travelers to these countries could carry the virus back to the United States and infect local mosquito populations.

If a person is infected and bitten by a mosquito, that mosquito may later spread the infection by biting another person.

**“AVOIDING MOSQUITO BITES IS THE KEY TO PREVENTING INFECTION WITH CHIKUNGUNYA AND OTHER MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES... PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO HELP REDUCE THE CHANCE OF BEING BITTEN. REMEMBER TO DRAIN AND COVER.”**

**- PAT DOBBINS**

“Avoiding mosquito bites is the key to preventing infection with chikungunya and other mosquito-borne diseases,” said Pat Dobbins, Administrator and Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties. “Please take precautionary measures to help reduce the chance of being bitten. Remember to drain and cover.”

Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Cover skin with clothing or repellent.

Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeves.

Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are effective.

Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

Symptoms of chikungunya usually begin 3 to 7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito and can include fever and severe joint pains often in hands and feet. Other symptoms can include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling or rash. Chikungunya fever does not often result in death, but some individuals may experience persistent joint pain. There is currently no vaccine or medication to prevent chikungunya fever. If you feel that you may have contracted chikungunya, see your health care provider. People at increased risk for severe disease include newborns exposed during delivery, older adults (older than 65 years), and people with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or heart disease. A person infected with chikungunya should stay indoors as much as possible until symptoms subside to prevent further transmission.

If you experience symptoms of chikungunya fever, consult with your health care provider immediately and protect yourself against further mosquito bites.

Avoiding mosquito bites while you are sick will help to protect others from getting infected.

# S. Brown Earns New Court Clerk Certification

The Honorable Sandra Brown, Glades County Clerk of the Circuit Court, recently completed 240 hours of initial New Clerk training to earn the FCCC Clerk Certification. Clerks are required to have 240 hours of training for the initial certification. After the initial certification, Clerks are required to attend 36 additional hours per year to maintain their certification.

“This training was an invaluable process in preparing me for the duties I perform each day as Clerk,” Clerk Brown said of the training. “The Clerk's job spans a wide range of duties, each area bringing its own unique challenges. I believe this training will serve me well in making the best decisions in serving the citizens of Glades County.”

Clerk Brown began her New Clerk training following her election as Glades County Clerk of Court in 2013. The training includes six, 40-hour weeks of training comprised of a well-rounded curriculum helping prepare Clerks to perform their duties. Topics for the training included: Technology, Finance, Administration, Records, Courts and other Clerk-related material. A wide variety of experienced speakers and presenters was provided during the extensive training.

Clerk Brown had worked in the Glades Clerk's Office for 34 years prior to election,

serving as the Clerk's Chief Deputy and Office Manager.

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The association is comprised of the Florida Clerks of the Circuit Court and Comptrollers. The association provides education and accreditation for Clerks of the Court and Comptrollers, information and technical assistance to local governments.



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## Fire Service Tabled for 2014

The effort to have expanded fire protection in the County remains on the table. Mr. Beck said there is a movement among conservation groups to put more land into conservation for the Everglades. He noted the county could lose more tax base making it more difficult on the taxpayer. "A tax is a government service without your approval. It is a tax. Next year our shortfall will be much worse. We have to look long term on our finances before we enact this."

Beck said all residents will want improved fire service if they are paying more taxes.

Mrs. Long said there is a possibility of five fire districts. She admitted different communities would have different views about the need for this service.

Glades County spent \$30,000 on a fire service study and at least one resident in Muse said taxpayers paid for that and they should follow the advice given that paid firemen are needed.

Tommy Perry of Moore Haven said he was not in favor of the new tax and he urged the county to live within their means. He said one third of the cost was to collect the tax which he inferred was a waste of money. He also questioned the data the county used in the study.

"We have no idea on these calls if it was a fire call or an ambulance call, there is a distinct need for ambulance, but we already have worked out that issue," he explained.

Even with the two new firemen, the vast majority of firemen in the county would still be volunteers.

Bob Murray of Port LaBelle said service should be provided to residents south of the Caloosahatchee River, "If we're going to pay for something we want the service." He noted they get fire protection from LaBelle.

Resident J.C Long said residents pay taxes for roads and some don't get their roads repaired. He said he didn't think people would move here and build expensive homes if there is not adequate fire protection. "We do need to look at this. We have volunteers but they are only available at night."

Mr. Long said he also worried about the loss of life in a fire. "I know we are a poor, poor County but we need service. We don't want to throw away \$30,000."

Carl Perry said people have lived and moved to Glades County for many years and will continue to do so whether or not there is fire protection. He said government might have gotten too big in the county. "Let us live within our budget, will this come up again? We would like to be prepared."

Mrs. Long said she felt the people didn't want the county to impose a tax on various services that weren't specific and most didn't object to fire protection per se.

She suggested a private company provide fire protection. She noted it would

show the County is performing this service inexpensively.

Fire Chief Bob Jones admitted there is no perfect world in Glades County when it comes to fighting fires. He noted the EMS service provides more drugs and techniques to patients because the County is further away from a hospital. He noted the state requires training for firemen. The County offers these classes for free. 30-percent of the students flunked the course. It requires 360 hours of training to become a

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volunteer firemen in Florida.

Mrs. Drake said she didn't oppose hiring firemen. She said she didn't support the MSBU way of taxation for fire service. She proposed a new career academy for fire fighters at Moore Haven High School to train firemen. She said EMS and animal control workers could be cross trained to fight fires.

"I'm not sure we have exhausted all of the methods we have to accomplish this," she added.

Mr. Jones said the MSBU tax is paid for by all taxpayers and is the fairest way to

fund services.

Drake said they must first take care of county government and services before they send money to non-profit agencies.

Storter said this board has agreed to lower the millage and implement the MSBU for fire service, but that position might be changed by future boards. She noted much of the funds that go to non-profit agencies go to fund services the county couldn't afford to pay.

County Attorney Richard Pringle said

there is no mechanism for residents to vote at referendum on creation of an MSBU for fire service. The county could get a sense of the public's feelings on the issue but their vote would be non-binding.

He said the legislature can create fire districts in the county with an independent board that is elected separately.

Commissioner Stanley said they didn't waste money on a study because eventually the study will be used to make the proper decision.

He noted he felt the county was not ready at this time for a fire tax. He suggested

the tax be tabled for another year. In the end no action was taken and no fire tax will be implemented for the time being.

## Other Actions

The Commission drafted a letter to have Institute St. Onge voluntarily terminate their lease at the Glades County Business Park.

A no wake zone is ready for implementation at Harney Pond Canal in Lakeport. The county spent over \$8,000 on a survey to make the no wake zones legally enforceable.

The Commission approved a noise ordinance that provides civil fines of up to \$500 per offense. The earlier draft had criminal misdemeanor penalties but they were deleted.

The ordinance was approved 4-0. A designee of the county manager will conduct the tests on noise complaints and not county deputies.

The Commission also congratulated Smokey Bear on his 70th birthday. The Florida Forest Service, Okeechobee District, in the past five years, have responded to over 240 wildfires in Glades County that burned 16,991 acres.

They also provided 5,338 burn authorizations to farmers and ranchers to remove exotics and reduce the threat of wildfires in the past five years.

Commissioner Stanley reported a cell phone tower is being constructed on private property in Buckhead Ridge and has received the necessary permits. He said that will improve cell phone coverage to the community.

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