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New officer on the street

Chief Don Gutshall congratulates Matt Beatty on completing his officer certification exam and recruit academy. Officer Beatty graduated as president of his class, having been elected by the students in the class. He has been on the force for some months now, and intends to continue serving the residents of Clewiston.

2010 Candidate Questionnaires

Editor's Note: The following candidates will be featured in the Aug. 24 primaries and Nov. 2 general election. Listing in the order received.

Name: Ron Zimmerly

Age: 46

Occupation: Hendry County Grants and Special Projects Director until July 30, 2010. Finance Director for the City of LaBelle effective July 1, 2010.

Family: Wife of 27 years, Flora. Four children: Christopher (26), Jonathan (24), Angela (21) and Gregory (19).

Seat you are seeking: Hendry County Commissioner, District 4.

What motivated you to run for office? The incumbent decided not to run. I've had a successful career as a county employee. When I originally went to work for Hendry County I did so because I firmly believed I could make a difference. I believe I have made a big difference and I believe I can make an even bigger difference from the other side of the podium.

Why are you the best candidate? I know the issues Hendry County is facing. I have an excellent working relationship with the other four Commissioners. I believe I can build a consensus and help lead the board in the direction it needs to take to address the challenges and opportunities the county faces in the upcoming four years. With my experience as a county employee, my experience in private business and my work with a private, non-profit international mission organization in a third world country, I believe I am the best candidate.

What is the biggest issue facing our community and how do you intend on addressing it? The economy is the largest single issue the county currently faces and the high annual unemployment is an integral part. I believe we need to continue to support our agriculture as the largest single contributor to our local economy but I also think we need to think outside the box and attract other industries by promoting economic development. I think we need to streamline the entire process related to

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**1 in 6
Hendry
residents
jobless**

Newly released
unemployment figures
sees Hendry at top of the
list

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
The Clewiston News

Of the approximately 17,000 people in Hendry County's labor force, nearly 3,000 are without a job, the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation revealed this week.

With the state mounting what look to be the early stages of a recovery, posting for the third straight month slightly improved figures, Hendry County continues hurting more than any other county in Florida.

With a 16.1 percent unemployment rate locally, the takeaway is that one out of every six "employable" residents is without work in Clewiston and LaBelle and their outer-lying areas.

Figures show the unemployment rate dropping by .3 percent this month across the state. This has brought the unemployment number in Florida to 11.7 percent, down from its peak above 12 percent in

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Thursday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 79. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Friday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 78. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Saturday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 80. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Monday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Monday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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attracting new business and the expansion of existing businesses. We need to be more aggressive in seeking out other businesses and resolve any issues that would hinder a business from locating in the county. We also need to address any current needs of existing businesses to help keep them in business.

Who do you consider the "role model" public servant and why? The ultimate role model for any public servant is a man who lived over 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ. He demonstrated humility and yet was a powerful leader. The world as we know it has been changed due to his life and death. I am a firm believer in the completed work of Jesus Christ and seek to emulate Him in my daily life.

Name: Laura Smith

Age: 47

Occupation: Real Estate Broker

Family: Married for 25 years to Neil, 3 children, Nigel, Emily and Trevor (all in college) and 1 grandson - Aiden.

Seat you are seeking: Hendry County BOCC District 4

What motivated you to run for office? I am deeply concerned about the chal-

lenges that face Hendry County in these difficult economic times and know I have the skill and ability to make a difference. I love a challenge, and sincerely believe I can make a difference in our community. I want to be involved in the future of Hendry County and to be a part of the decision-making process that affects the quality of life of its residents.

Why are you the best candidate? I am a confident personable leader with a strong financial background.

I am fair and open-minded, and a financial conservative, who believes if you need it we'll find a way to get it, but if you want it you'll have to wait until we can afford it. I respect the value of a dollar whether it is mine or somebody else's. I commit wholeheartedly to my goals and as a Clewiston Chamber of Commerce Board Member never missed a meeting in 5 years. I have also attended the Board of



Laura Smith.

County Commissioners Meetings (BOCC) for the past 18 months to familiarize myself with the issues in order to provide seamless transition to the BOCC once I am elected. I will work to support a "needs-based" budget rather than a "wants-based" budget that provides a high level of service to residents.

What is the biggest issue facing our community and how do you intend on addressing it? This would have to be the decreasing revenues from property devaluation and the resulting shortfalls in the budget, a scenario all too familiar to many other counties. My goal would be to find creative ways to minimize spending and still maintain a high level of service to residents, and to encourage new and diverse business to Hendry County that would add to the tax base and provide existing residents more employment opportunities and less taxes.

Who do you consider the "role model" public servant and why? State Representative Denise Grimsley - she is a dedicated and loyal supporter of the smaller and "forgotten" counties in our area. She is tenacious and stands up for what she believes in and does not forget her supporters. She is focused and does not waiver from the goals she sets for herself and the District. She is always available to listen and give feedback to voters.

Candidates Al Perry and Dwight Hatfield to be featured in next week's edition of The Clewiston News.

Community News and Information

Hendry County DEMS to meet in Clewiston

The Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet in the Harlem Community Public Library at 1010J Harlem Academy Avenue in Clewiston on Monday, July 26, at 6 p.m. This will be the last Hendry County DEC meeting before the August 24 Primary Election.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting and all Hendry County Democratic Party meetings.

Not all precincts currently have committee members, one male and one female, on the Hendry County DEC. Interested Hendry County Democrats are invited to become members whenever their precinct has a vacancy.

All Democrats registered to vote in Hendry County can participate in discussion,

but only Hendry County DEC members may vote on issues presented for consideration.

For information, call Hendry DEC Chair Joe Thomas at 863-612-0413 in LaBelle or Vice Chair Carol Griggs at 863-228-4210 in Clewiston.

Benefit for Tom Smith and Family

Benefit will be held at the Elks 5 Acres on S. Fransisco on August 1 at 11 a.m. The benefit will be hosted by Big Lake Cruisers Car Club and the Clewiston Elks Lodge #1853. There will be a classic car and collectible show.

Buckshot, Downtime, and other area bands will be performing from 12 p.m. on. Plates of BBQ chicken, beans, coleslaw, and bread for \$10.

advance tickets are available. For more information call Clewiston Elks at 863-983-7471.

Special July Worship Times

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A.A. and N.A. meetings are being held regularly on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m. at the Clewiston Gospel Ministries on 6800 Flaghole Rd. For further information please contact Gene at 863-983-4437.

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Lake O residents warned about destructive lightning

Precautions advised for Lake O communities

As insurers and homeowners keep a close watch on the Atlantic Basin for hurricane activity this summer, the Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) cautions people in the Lake O area not to underestimate the destructive and deadly force of thunderstorms and lightning, which occur far more often and directly affect more of the U.S. than hurricanes.

According to the National Weather Service, every thunderstorm produces lightning. On average, 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year in the U.S. by lightning.

Thunderstorms are a dangerous weather event and their destructive capabilities should not be taken lightly. Property losses related to lightning strikes exceed \$1 billion annually, according to insurance industry data. These losses can range from damage to expensive electronic equipment fires that destroy an entire house or business.

For lightning protection, a whole-house/building surge protector is the best starting

point for reducing the risk of damage.

It is important to make sure that it is either a secondary surge arrestor tested to IEEE C62.11 or a transient voltage suppressor that has been tested to UL 1449, 2nd Edition.

A number of power companies have programs to provide and install the whole-building surge protection. If this is not available in your area, consult a licensed.

However, for best results, the protection should extend beyond the whole-

building surge protection. IBHS strongly recommends the following:

Install additional protection for important or expensive electronic equipment. This should include localized surge protection for power cords to the equipment and any telephone and cable/satellite TV lines connecting to the equipment. These devices are available at most home improvement and electronics stores.

Have a licensed electrician or competent home/building inspector review the power, telephone, electrical and cable/satellite

TV connections to your building. Have them check to make sure that you have adequate grounding of the power line connection and your power distribution panel.

All of the utilities should enter the structure within 10 feet of the electrical service entrance ground wire and be bonded to that grounding point.



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Link-Up America es un programa patrocinado por el gobierno federal que ofrece descuentos en los cargos de instalación del servicio a clientes de bajos ingresos que reúnan los requisitos. Proporciona un descuento del 50%, hasta un máximo de \$30, en los cargos de nuevas instalaciones residenciales para servicio telefónico. El saldo de los cargos de instalación puede pagarse, sin interés, durante un período de 12 meses. Además, se anulará el cargo mensual por el servicio para la restricción de llamadas interurbanas para los clientes que lo soliciten o que requieran el servicio.

Lifeline Assistance es otro programa patrocinado por el gobierno federal para los clientes de bajos ingresos. Proporciona un descuento en el cargo mensual para el servicio telefónico residencial básico. Se han reducido los precios del programa Lifeline Assistance y se modificaron sus pautas para permitir su uso por parte de más clientes de bajos ingresos.

Para reunir los requisitos para ambos programas, los clientes pueden inscribirse en el programa CenturyLink Lifeline, para lo cual deberán proporcionar verificación de que cumplen con los requisitos de elegibilidad de bajos ingresos del estado. Además, está disponible Tribal Telephone Assistance para aquellas personas que viven en tierras tribales de los indios americanos reconocidas por el gobierno federal.

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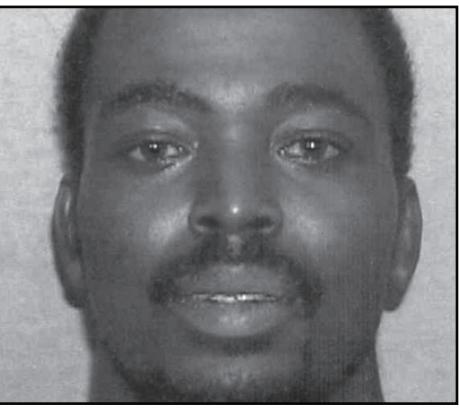
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The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating wanted fugitive Derrick Best AKA Laven-ski Walker as of July 15, 2010.

Best, 31, is a 6'1" black male with black hair, brown eyes and weighs approximately 186 pounds. His last known address is Parkview Ct., Pahokee.

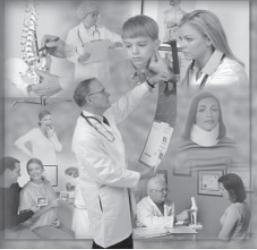
Best is wanted under a felony warrant for violation of probation (resisting officer with violence).

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Dengue Fever makes its way into South Florida

Residents should be mindful of mosquito-borne illness

By Pat Dobbins

Florida Department of Health

You've probably heard stories in the news lately about Dengue fever. Dengue fever has re-entered the United States after an absence of 65 years. There have been reported cases in Key West and now a suspected case is being investigated in Miami-Dade.

This potentially serious, mosquito-borne illness had once disappeared from the United States.

Locally transmitted cases haven't been reported in Florida since the 1930s. Any cases in Florida since then have been found in people who traveled outside the United States, but more recently, the new cases

have been found in people who haven't left our borders.

The Florida Department of Health says that in 2009 there were 27 confirmed cases of dengue fever in Key West. Then in May 2010, dengue fever reappeared in Key West and so far there are 16 confirmed cases.

The disease causes symptoms similar to the flu, including a sudden fever with headache, joint and muscle pain, severe pain behind the eyes, and skin rashes. Nausea and diarrhea can also occur.

Dengue fever is not spread from person to person and is seldom fatal except to the very young and the elderly who may have other health conditions.

Additionally, people need to avoid mosquitoes by avoiding being outdoors just before sunrise and just before sunset, wear light clothing that covers most of your skin, use insect repellent containing DEET, and

get rid of any standing water such as old tires, buckets, etc. where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Empty and refill bird baths, pet water dishes, etc. on a weekly basis, because most mosquitoes only need a week to breed!

There is no specific medication for dengue but the CDC says people who think they may have dengue should consult their healthcare provider, use pain relievers with acetaminophen and avoid pain relievers which contain ibuprofen, naproxen or aspirin.

They should rest, drink plenty of fluids and avoid mosquito bites to prevent spread of the disease.

Outbreaks of dengue occur primarily in areas where certain types of mosquitoes live. This includes most tropical urban areas of the world.

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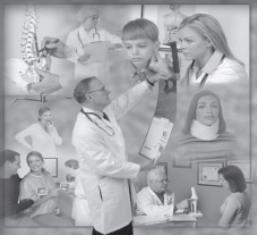


Aedes aegypti mosquito



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Religious Columns

Repentance!

Jackie Miller, Evangelist

First Christian Church

Most everyone knows the story of the prodigal son as related by Jesus. This young man took his inheritance and left home to spend it his own willful way. He squandered it on sin and finally ended up living with the pigs and even wanting to eat their food. But one day he came to himself and decided there must be a better way. So he picked himself up and went back home to ask his father's forgiveness. The father forgave him and welcomed him back home.

The story well illustrates true repentance. But there is a different version today.

Instead of people leaving the filth of sin and going to their heavenly Father and home, they want God to move into the pig pen with them! They want to be Christians, sons of God, but they want to continue in sin, too. While they know that home is better in the long run, they want to enjoy sin as long as they can. And, of course, if God is there with them, it almost seems like home.

This may be a crude comparison, but it is true.

There are too many people who want to "join" some church or make some religious profession without forsaking all sin to follow Christ. They think to be able to continue living with at least some of their old sins, they can still be Christians. But you forget one thing, if such thoughts have crossed your mind.

The prodigal's father didn't go to the pig pen to wallow with him, and neither will God come down on your sinful level. You must change your mind about sin and get out of it before you can be restored to the household of God! That is God's plan for the backslider (See Acts 8:22).

God's plan for the non-Christian is for him to hear the "good news" (Gospel) that Christ has died for your sins, was buried, and arose from the dead, and is alive forevermore. The next step is to repent, die to

the practice of sin, i.e. regret that you ever sinned and decide to restrain yourself from sin in the future.

The next step is to Confess faith in Christ, like the Ethiopian Eunuch, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

The final step in becoming a Christian is to be baptized (immersed) in water for salvation (Mark 16:15-16); for remission of sins to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38); to obey the Gospel (Romans 6:3-5, 16-18); to put on Christ by faith (Galatians 3:26-27); The Lord adds you to His church (Acts 2:47); and you are to continue faithful (Acts 2:42); wearing only the name "Christian" (Acts 11:26). This is God's one and only plan of salvation as taught by Christ and His Apostles.



Jackie Miller.

Compound Probabilities

Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

Science has developed a method of studying odds called the science of compound probabilities. Using this method, a study was done to determine the odds of one man in history fulfilling all the prophecies recorded in the Scripture that point to the Jewish Messiah.

There are over 300 Messianic prophecies in the Scriptures. For the study, eight clearly defined and specific Messianic prophecies were chosen that were totally beyond the human control of Jesus: (1) His place of birth (Micah 5:2); (2) Time of birth (Daniel 9:25); (3) Manner of birth (Isaiah 7:14); (4) Betrayal (Zechariah 11:12, 13); (5) Manner of death (Psalm 22:16-18) Notice the detail even down to the gambling for His robe; (6) Piercing of hands, feet, and side (Zechariah 12:10); (7) People mocking (Psalm 22:7,8); and (8) Burial (Isaiah 53:9).

The compound probability of just these eight prophecies being fulfilled was found to be 1 in 10 to the 17th power.

To better understand what this number really means, take that many presidential golden dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They would cover the entire state almost two feet deep. Then, mark a single golden dollar and drop it somewhere in the state as you fly over it. Blindfold someone and let him or her parachute in anywhere they want. Allow them only one attempt to try to find and pick up the coin you marked.

What chance do you think they would have of getting the right one? It would be just about the same chance that the proph-

ets had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man. Yet, Jesus fulfilled them all!

Now let's raise the odds using 48 prophecies. If my math is correct and my zero count accurate, the chances of one person fulfilling 48 of the Messianic prophecies to be 1 in 10 to the 157th power.

And to think, Jesus is reported to have fulfilled over 300 prophecies! It would seem to me that if you ran the numbers, it would take more intestinal fortitude (my wife doesn't like me to use the word "guts") for someone to defend that Jesus is not the Messiah, than to accept the fact that He is! The science of probabilities speaks for itself!

Joseph Beecher McCrary

CLEWISTON — Joseph Beecher McCrary, Jr. was born on Dec. 21, 1922, and died on July 17, 2010.

Joseph, known simply as Joe, grew up the oldest of 8 children in Molena, Ga. In 1943 during his senior year of high school he was drafted into the Army and earned a position in the 515th Paratrooper Infantry Regiment and served in France. For his service in World War II, Joe was awarded a Purple Heart. After his discharge from the Army, Joe attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia, and then transferred to the University of Georgia graduating in 1950 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Joe began his career in agriculture as a Regional Salesman for Case Tractor Company. Then went to work for Lovett & Sharpe and picked Florida to be his territory.

In 1970 Joe assumed responsibility as Manager of Clewiston Drainage District in Clewiston, Florida until his retirement. Joe was passionate about his work for the Clewiston Drainage District. He also served as a member and Chairperson of the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Board.

Joe obtained his private pilot's license in 1979 and loved flying. Joe also enjoyed reading and began learning about the history of the "Glades" area. This led to his serving as Director for the Clewiston Museum. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Clewiston, Florida.

Joe is survived by his wife, Eleanor Giddens McCrary whom he married in 1982. He is also survived by step-children, Carol Ann Brannon (Mark), grandchildren, Sarah, Emily, Todd and MaryEllen; Morris Giddens (Patricia) granddaughter Natalie; Lynn McGahee (David) grandsons Zane, Caleb, Cody, and Dillon; and Stan Giddens (Heather), granddaughter Miranda. He is also survived by his two sisters, Mima Jane Smith and Mary Jo Shealey, and eighteen nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of thirty years, Evelyn Thornton McCrary and is survived by their two children, son Bruce McCrary (Julie), grandson Bryan and daughter Jan McCrary Adams (John).

Funeral Services for Joe were held at the First Christian Church, Clewiston, Fla., on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at 10 am. Interment followed at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. Visitation was held at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice at 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

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Napoleon Garcia-Valdez, 67

BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION — Napoleon Garcia-Valdez, 67, of Big Cypress Reservation, died Monday, July 12, 2010, at Avow Hospice in Naples. He was born Jan. 2, 1943, in Matamoros, Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa (Delgado) Garcia; two daughters, Lesley Garcia-Billie of Big Cypress Reservation, Virginia Carmen Garcia of Plantation; one son, Wesley Garcia of Cherokee, N.C.; brothers, Natividad (Olga) Garcia of Clewiston, Francisco Garcia of Chicago, Ill.; step son, Abelardo E. Garcia; step daughters, Fredona Fries, and Delois G. Garcia; and 15 grandchildren, Michael J. Garcia, Eric Garcia, Jessica Lesley Osceola, Isabella Garcia, Gabrielle Garcia, James E. Billie, II, Cypress Lesley Billie, Redheart L. Billie, Analysse Stockton, Antillis N. Stockton, II, Kingston Sanders, Hali Yesenia Garcia, Karlito Wargolett, Gigi Wargolett, and Alonso Wargolett.

Christian Prayer Vigil was said Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 16, 2010, 11 a.m. at Saint Margaret's Catholic Church in Clewiston. Interment followed in the Ridgelawn Cemetery.

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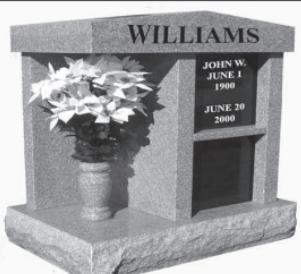


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Accused offender arrested

By Juan Lopez
The Clewiston News

Anthony Smith, 42, of Clewiston, was arrested on July 4th on charges of battery and lewd and lascivious behavior, victim under 16. The case was brought to the attention of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office when a relative of the victim placed a phone call to the Sheriff's Office after receiving a text from the victim that she had been inappropriately touched by the suspect the night before.

The relative then confronted the suspect and a fight ensued.

The suspect was taken to Hendry Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Sgt. Herrera was contacted and advised by Sgt. Davis of the case and began to investigate further. He discovered that the suspect was closely related to victim and that they both lived in the same residence along with other relatives. The victim stated that the suspect had repeatedly touched her in the past and had done so in the days leading up to his arrest. Sgt. Herrera asked for and received



Anthony Smith.

permission from the victim's guardian to place the victim in the care of relatives while the case was being sorted out. The guardian stated that that she could and advised that the victim does lie quite a bit. When the suspect was interviewed, he stated that he had never touched the victim at anytime and that what was he was being accused of was not true and claimed ignorance as to why the victim's relative had beaten him.

The Department of Children and Families was notified by Sgt. Herrera and the Children's Advocacy Center sent a representative to interview the victim. The victim advised that representative of multiple instances of being touched by the suspect. After the interview was conducted, DCF advised Hendry County Sheriff's Office that there were indications of abuse in this case and that the victim's statement was consistent with her interview with DCF and Sgt. Herrera. As a result, the suspect was arrested and is now being held in the Hendry County Jail. No bound amount was given.

Department of Transportation road closings for Hendry County

C.R. 832 (Keri Road): From S.R. 29 to east of S.R. 29 (approx. 9 miles): Construction project consists of milling and resurfacing and drainage improvements. Crews placed silt fencing for erosion control and construction signs along the project corridor. Milling and paving operations are underway. Work will occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Nighttime work is not anticipated, but during the job, motorists should expect temporary, alternating one-lane closures. Flagmen will be on site directing traffic. Please use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

S.R. 80: From Clark Street to Birchwood Parkway: Construction project is widening the roadway from two to four-lanes. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures to allow vehicles and equipment to enter and exit the work area. The contractor has shifted traffic on Collingswood Parkway to the east. Please be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

S.R. 29/LaBelle Drawbridge: Rehabilitation project work is underway to make electrical, mechanical, and structural repairs to the bridge. This project will extend the service life of the bridge 15 to 20 years with continued routine maintenance. The project is expected to finish early 2011. The contractor is Coastal Marine Construction.

Hendry County deputy quits following incident

Implicated in Lee County DUI case, Hendry deputy resigns from post

By Patty Brant
INI Florida

Former Hendry County Deputy Timothy Niedert has resigned from the sheriff's office after being arrested in Lee County for a DUI on July 7.

It was his second.

His first was in the early '90s.

He had worked for Hendry County for six years.

Coming on as a certified corrections officer and eventually becoming a road pa-

trol officer.

HCSO policy dictates that any officer arrested or even receiving a citation is required to notify the sheriff by memo of the situation.

In a criminal case like DUI, which is a misdemeanor, the officer is placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the case as well as an internal investigation.

"He was a good deputy who made a big mistake," Chief Deputy Kevin Nelson said, adding that it was a shame.

Had he not resigned, the chief deputy said he would have been dealt with severely. Fired, in fact, according to policy.

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By Glenda Wilson

Hendry Family Care Center

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Snakes invade Library

Library staff member Shirley Reynolds is seen here giving a Summer Reading Special Program on snakes and exotic pets to the children and staff of Camp Fun-a-Rama. With her is her pet ball python "Nemis." We had 45 children and 15 staff members for this fascinating and educational program. Shirley's talk kept the audience rapt, and questions continued long after the presentation was over. Topics included how to keep a pet snake, everything you ever wanted to know about reptiles, and a little bit about a wide variety of exotic pets.

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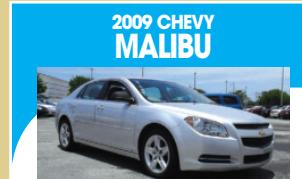
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Olde Cypress fails, acquired by CenterState

Local bank assumed by the government, transferred to winning bidder

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Clewiston News

CenterState Bank found out it had acquired Olde Cypress Bank and its branches just two days before its president and a room full of FDIC representatives came down to Clewiston and delivered the news to employees.

What had occurred is simple: Olde Cypress was taken over by the federal government, more specifically by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Office of Thrift Supervision, and was just as quickly transferred over to CenterState.

In an event that is happening more and more around the country, the bank had failed, and here was another coming in to assume all of that former company's assets and liabilities.

At 6 p.m. last Friday, the change was official, and CenterState representatives met with their new employees, assuring them they would all keep their jobs, and explaining the transition. The next day, employees answered calls with: "Good afternoon Olde Cypress Bank, a division of CenterState Bank, how may I help you?"

CenterState

CenterState bank is based in Winter Haven and has locations in Leesburg, Lake Wales, Okeechobee, and now Clewiston. John Corbett, its president and CEO, describes the company as a "small town community bank."

"You won't find us in downtown Miami, or Orlando, or Jacksonville," he said.

As far as the company's plans to expand to Clewiston, Mr. Williams said it just made sense and follows the company's mission in catering to those smaller communities

around the state.

Additionally, the company recently brought in John Williams, who will be heading the Olde Cypress locations in Hendry County from Okeechobee.

Addressing questions of whether depositors doing business with Olde Cypress should be concerned about the acquisition, Mr. Corbett and Mr. Williams both pointed to CenterState's five-star superior rating by Bauer Financial as proof that the new venture will not fail any time soon.

"We're a very strong bank financially," said Mr. Corbett. "Not a single deposit will lose a penny. I think people understand this now."

This is not the bank's first acquisition of a failed bank. According to the CEO, CenterState acquired the Ocala National Bank in January of 2009, as well.

How locals will be affected

According to Mr. Corbett, there was very little activity on Saturday once word got out that Olde Cypress had been acquired by another bank. People were not rushing to pull their accounts from the bank.

The transition from one bank to the other should be a seamless one for both customers and employees, the leadership team assured. No employee lost his or her job as a result of the change, and though there may be some structural changes made later -- Mr. Williams said he will focus on those possibilities at a later point -- customers will continue banking the way they have been.

"It's a lot simpler than people realize. They'll keep writing checks, using their debit cards like they do, everything stays status quo," said Mr. Corbett.

No changes will be made until October 1, promised Mr. Williams. That is when he expects CenterState to begin implementing changes once it has had a chance to properly review the company's operations.

"I don't have any idea how many people we'll have October 1," Mr. Williams said.

The CEO could not say when or if the

Olde Cypress name will be changed, and said that the focus now was on continuing operations. He said CenterState didn't have the luxury of time in planning a careful acquisition and did in two or three days what would normally take months.

CenterState had bid on the prospect along with other banks, after the FDIC issued the prospect, but did not hear back on the bid until a few days before the acquisition was to be done.

According to Mr. Williams, early reservations on the part of employees were eased after the announcement.

"They've been under a lot of stress the

last several months," said Mr. Williams of the employees. "As hard as it is to have your bank fail, now that it has, we can say, we are a five-star bank."

Mr. Williams is looking forward to CenterState delving more into broad-based commercial banking, offering more incentives to local businesses to come on board as clients.

"I think the response has been great," said Mr. Williams.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262008CA000676XXXXX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FRS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRS, Plaintiff

vs. TRANQUILING JIMENEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, MIN. NO. 1001944-6000162448-5; PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8SL; BELEN CARDENAS DE JIMENEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoche Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 15, 2010, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000676XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM H. SCARBROUGH; GLENDA BUENDIA; TANGLEWOOD OAKS, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 75, TANGLEWOOD OAKS SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 176, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, VIN FLHMBCL1707506994 AND VIN FLHMBCL1707506998, TITLE 0091236753 AND TITLE 0091236802, RP 12201493 AND RP 12201494

A/K/A 503 E PASADENA AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 8, 2010.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000040

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
ISABEL RIPOLL, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 30, 2010 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000040 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and ISABEL RIPOLL; JESUS CRUZ; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LEBELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 4th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 5, WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 1 AND 2, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 757 WOODLAND BOULEVARD, CLEWISTON, FL 33440-0000

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 6, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25108
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 359729 CN 07/15/2010

Public Notice

City of Clewiston Public Meeting August 3, 2010 - 8:30 a.m.

An informational meeting on the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project, for Reach 2, in the City of Clewiston area will be held on August 3, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the John Boy Auditorium, 1200 S. W. C. Owen Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. Participants will include the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, other agencies and the City of Clewiston.

There will also be a brief tour of the Dike after lunch beginning around 12:45 p.m. (this time may vary) at the City boat ramps as accessed from N. Francisco from US27. Please contact City Manager Steve McKown for more information at 863-983-1484. 360446 CN 7/22/10

Public Notice**Public Notice**

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF OLDE CYPRESS COMMUNITY BANK, CLEWISTON, FL
Your Institution Has Been Closed

YOUR DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION

On July 16, 2010 (the "Closing Date"), the Office of Thrift Supervision closed OLDE CYPRESS COMMUNITY BANK, CLEWISTON, FL, 33440 (the "Failed Institution"), and appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("the FDIC") as Receiver (the "Receiver"). The FDIC, which insures your deposits in its corporate capacity, arranged for the transfer of your insured deposit(s) ("deposits") at the Failed Institution to another insured depository institution, CenterState Bank Of Florida, N.A., Winter Haven, FL, 33880 ("the New Institution"). This arrangement should minimize any inconvenience the closing of the Failed Institution may cause you. Although you may leave your deposit(s) in the New Institution, you must take some action to claim ownership of your deposit(s).

1. How to Claim Ownership of Your Deposits

Under federal law 12 U.S.C. Section 1822(e) you must claim ownership of your deposit(s) at the New Institution within eighteen (18) months from the Closing Date. If you do not claim your deposit(s) at the New Institution by January 16, 2012, your deposit(s) will be returned to the FDIC by the New Institution, and you may not be able to claim the deposit(s), except as described below in Section 2.

You may claim your deposit(s) at the New Institution by taking any of the following actions within 18 months from the Closing Date. If you have more than one deposit account, your action in claiming your deposit in one account will automatically claim your deposits in all of your accounts.

- a. Making a deposit to or withdrawal from your account(s). This includes writing a check on any account or having an automated direct deposit credited to or an automated withdrawal debited from any account;
- b. Executing a new signature card on your account(s), entering into a new deposit agreement with the New Institution, changing the ownership on your account(s), or renegotiating the terms of a certificate of deposit account;
- c. Providing the New Institution with a completed change of address form; or
- d. Writing to the New Institution and notifying it that you wish to keep your account(s) active. Please be sure to include in this notice the name(s) on the account(s), the account numbers, and the signature of an authorized signer on the account(s), with name and address.

You should know that bank drafts issued by the Failed Institution, including officer's checks, cashier's checks, money orders, dividend checks, interest checks, and expense checks, are all considered deposited and must be claimed within 18 months from the Closing Date.

2. Failure to Claim Ownership of Your Deposits within 18 Months

If you do not claim ownership of your deposit(s) at the New Institution within 18 months from the Closing Date, federal law, 12 U.S.C. Section 1822(e), requires the New Institution to return the deposit(s) to the FDIC and the FDIC to deliver the unclaimed deposit(s) as unclaimed property to the state listed in your address in the Failed Institution's records. If your address is outside of the United States, the FDIC is directed to deliver the unclaimed deposit(s) to the state in which the Failed Institution had its main office. If the state accepts custody of your deposit(s), you will have ten years from the date of delivery to claim your deposit(s) from the state in accordance with its unclaimed property laws. If you do not claim your deposit(s) from the state within the ten years, the funds will be returned to the FDIC, and you will be permanently barred from claiming your deposit(s). If the state declines to accept custody of your unclaimed deposit(s), you will be able to claim your deposit(s) directly from the FDIC until the receivership is terminated. However, please note that a receivership may be terminated at any time. Once the receivership is terminated, you will not be able to claim your deposit(s).

3. Your Deposit Relationship with the New Institution

The New Institution needs your correct address. If the address to which this notice has been addressed is no longer your current address, contact the New Institution to ensure that it has your correct address. Similarly, if you have not been receiving account statements, or you have changed your address, you should contact the New Institution. Remember, supplying a completed change of address form to the New Institution will serve to claim your deposit(s).

Your deposit agreement with the Failed Institution is no longer in force. The New Institution will determine the interest rate it will pay on your deposit(s) and will notify you of its rate structure and the terms of your new deposit agreement.

If you choose not to keep your deposit(s) at the New Institution, you may withdraw your deposit(s). As stated above, if you have more than one account, withdrawing money from any one of the accounts will serve to claim all of your deposits. If you have time deposits, such as certificates of deposit, please note that, in order to avoid interest penalties for early withdrawal, contact the New Institution immediately for information regarding withdrawals from your account(s).

If you have a loan with the Failed Institution, and you would like to discuss offsetting your insured and/or uninsured deposit(s) against the loan, you must contact the FDIC immediately.

4. Challenging Your Final Insurance Determination

In the event you disagree with the FDIC's determination of your insurance coverage as represented by the account(s) made available at the New Institution, you may seek a review of the FDIC's determination in the United States District Court for the federal judicial district where the principal place of business of the Failed Institution was located. You must file your request for this review no later than 60 days after the date on which your deposit(s) became available to you at the New Institution. Filing a request for review will not prevent you from using the funds in your new account.

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

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd, Clewiston, FL 33440.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

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

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
360732 CB/CN 7/22/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****South Florida Water Management District
Notice of Agency Action**

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for the following Water Use Permits.

Permit 50-00031-W, issued on September 3, 2009, and Corrected Permit issued on June 21, 2010, to TITTE DEPT OF CORRECTIONS (3900 Commonwealth Blvd, MS 108, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6575) pursuant to application 090204-24 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from the SFWMD Canal (L-12) for agricultural irrigation use serving 2109.81 acres with an annual allocation of 129.3 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 199.60 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in S8,17,22/T43/R39E; S31-34/T43/R34E; S3,10,15,22/T46/R34E; S3,10,21,23,26/T45/R34E; S22,27,35/T45/R34E; S1,12/T44/R33E. The permit is subject to 18 limiting conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Letter Modification to Permit 26-00034-W, issued on May 20, 2010 to United States Sugar Corporation (111 Ponce De Leon Ave., Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 100401-15 to clarify certain provisions of the original staff report. There were no changes to the allocation. The project is in Hendry County in S36/T43/R33E; S31-34/T43/R34E; S3,10,15,22/T46/R34E; S3,10,21,23,26/T45/R34E; S22,27,35/T45/R34E; S1,12/T44/R33E. The permit is subject to 21 limiting conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Letter modification to Permit 26-00495-W, issued on May 27, 2010 to Marlin W. Hilliard Revocable Trust (5500 Flagpole Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 100405-10 to clarify that sugar is a rotational crop. There were no changes to the allocations. The project is in Hendry County in S7,8,17,18,20/T43/R32E. The permit is subject to 20 limiting conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Modification to Environmental Resource Permit 26-00094-S issued on May 24, 2010 to Southern Gardens Groves Corporation (1820 Country Road, Unit 833, Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 070919-27 for the operation of structure L302-OTW into the L-3 Borrow Canal to replace the existing gravity outfall to the L-28 Borrow Canal (known as the USO Structure) for the previously permitted agricultural project known as U.S. Sugar-Southern Division Citrus Unit 1. The project is in Hendry County in S31-33/T45/R34E; S13,24,25,36/T45/R33E; S4,9,16,22,26-36/T45/R34E; S1/T48S/R33E; S1-11/T48S/R34E, located west of the L-3 borrow canal and Stormwater Treatment Area 6. The permit is subject to 19 general conditions and 23 special conditions. The project complies with the provisions of Part IV of Chapter 373 and applicable rules, is not harmful to the water resources of the district and is not inconsistent with the overall objectives of the district.

The above Permits and Staff Reports, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Viguila, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 686-8800 extension 6739.

The District's agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below, followed by the procedures for pursuing mediation.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of the Clerk at the SFWMD Headquarters at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, any documents received after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. A copy of the Petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the persons named above at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days of publication of notice, or other receipt of the written notice, whichever first occurs, constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57 Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 28-106.11(4) Fla. Admin. Code.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the District's action is based must contain the information set forth in Rule 28-106.201(2), Fla. Admin. Code, including:

- (1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
- (2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
- (3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
- (4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
- (5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
- (6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.

(7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.

(8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.

(9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the District's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

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

359670 CGS 7/15/22/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on July 26th beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the 2010-2011 county budgets. The workshop shall continue until adjourned and may be recessed from time to time.

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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

360541 CB/CN 7/22/10

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Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF CLEWISTON DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of the Clewiston Drainage District, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of the Clewiston Drainage District, for the year 2010, will be held in the office of the District, 350 West Arroyo Avenue, Hendry County, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 2:15 P.M. in the afternoon, for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action there to As the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business that may come before the landowners.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLEWISTON DRAINAGE DISTRICT
/s/ James Pittman
Supervisor
360449 CN 7/22,29/10

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **ELLA III LLC** 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
1196 2007 1-15-44-32-A00-0087-0000 Jorge H. Daniel, Julio J. Daniel, Olga C. Daniel and Josefina B. Daniel

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, 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 Lot 3194, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of AUGUST, which is the 5TH day of AUGUST, 2010.

Dated this 23RD day of JUNE, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
359039 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1179 2007 1-15-44-32-A00-0004-0000 Eustacio Leon, Virginia Vazquez de Leon & George Leon

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, 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 Lot No. 3288 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of AUGUST, which is the 5TH day of AUGUST, 2010.

Dated this 23RD day of JUNE, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
359037 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1359 2007 1-22-44-32-010-0053-0100 Silvia Villar c/o Anna Francisco

Lot 10 in Block 53 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

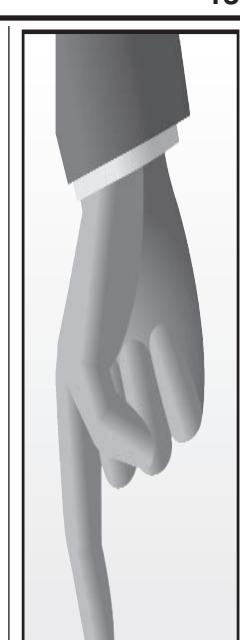
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All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of AUGUST, which is the 5TH day of AUGUST, 2010.

Dated this 23RD day of JUNE, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
359041 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **DENTON II, LLC** 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
1414	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0072-0070	Josef Sacha

Lot 7 in Block 72, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FIRST THURSDAY in the month of AUGUST, which is the 5TH day of AUGUST, 2010.**

Dated this **23RD** day of **JUNE, 2010.**

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

359032 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **VERONA A LLC** 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
1329	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0039-0110	Pedro E. Bonetti & Blanca Garcia Munoz

Lot 11, Block 39, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Dated this **23RD** day of **JUNE, 2010.**

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

359040 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III, LLC** 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
1107	2007	1-14-44-32-A00-0089-0000	Eduardo E. Alvarado

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast 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 Lot No. 3472 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

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

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360511 CN 7/22/10

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1446	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0085-0030	Jose Angel Ochoa & Margarita Ochoa

Lot 3 in Block 85 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38, and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **23RD** day of **JUNE, 2010.**

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

359042 CN 7/8,15,22,29/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., on August 16th, 2010 by the Purchasing Department of Hendry Regional Medical Center at 524 West Sagamore Ave., Clewiston, Florida 33440 and at the offices of Hendry Regional Medical Center's Construction Manager, DeAngelis Diamond Construction, Inc. Healthcare Group, at 6635 Willow Park Drive, Naples, Florida for furnishing materials, labor, supervision, equipment, supplies, fees, expertise, and services necessary for the construction of the various scopes of work specified in:

**AN ADDITION TO:
HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
VOLUME II and III
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF RECORD:
DAVID E. JOHNSON**

Work being bid in this Package includes drywall, metal studs, stucco, roofing, glass and glazing, painting, flooring, caulking, mechanical, electrical, fire protection and other interior/exterior work. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on August 17th, 2010 in the main conference room at Hendry Regional Medical Center.

Late bids will be rejected. At the time of bid submission each bidder must possess current professional licenses or certifications required as required by the State of Florida for the purpose of performing the specified work per the qualifications. Bids must include the completed **Bidder Information Qualification** form provided in the Contract Documents. Failure to submit complete and accurate information is grounds for disqualification of the Bid. All conditions and requirements for bid submission, consideration, and award are contained in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consists of plans and specifications dated June 7, 2010 plus Addendums the Architect may issue thereto, bidder information qualification, site utilization plan, schedule and bid instructions. Contract documents will be available for review and downloading beginning July 21, 2010, and a CD may be obtained at the DeAngelis Diamond, Construction, Inc. Healthcare Groups' Corporate Office.

Bidders have the option to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid conference scheduled for July 27th, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the main conference room at the hospital. If you have any questions, please contact:

Jason Sain,
jasons@deangelisdiamond.com / 239-594-1994 and/or
Amanda Jarbo,
amanda@deangelisdiamond.com / 239-594-1995.
360734 CN/CB 7/22/10

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to H & H Liquid Sludge Disposal, Inc. to construct and operate a Residuals Management Facility (RMF). The facility will be located at latitude 26°42'25" N, longitude 80°54'15" W on 3013 Evergreen Road, Clewiston, FL 33430 in Hendry County, The Permit Application Number associated with this project is FLA072544-001-DW15.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at South District Office, Department of Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 2549, Ft. Myers, FL 33902-2549.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request enlargement of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any; the Department permit identification number and the county in which the subject matter or activity is located;
- (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department action;
- (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department action;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A statement of facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action;
- (f) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wants the Department to take.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for this proceeding.

360603 CN 7/22/10

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1091	2007	1-14-44-32-A00-0033-0000	Eloy Gonzalez c/o Norma Chahedad

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast 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 Lot No. 3533. Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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No tournament fees help set Bass Busters apart

When Chris Fickey launched Bass Busters Florida in 1987, he had no idea that the organization would still be active 23 years later.

"We like doing it, but we didn't know it would last this long," Fickey said. "Now that it has lasted this long, I think we'll do it for another bunch of years. Our mission for the Bass Busters Team Tournament Trail has always been to promote the positive experience of competitive tournament fishing, good sportsmanship and professionally run, economical tournaments, while providing ample cash payouts for excelling anglers."

Tournaments are open to all ages, and there are no membership fees. Competition for the Gold and Silver divisions runs from January through October, with the championships held in November. The Super Bucks Division runs from May through September.

Gold Division team standings

First Place – H.B. Chambliss and Andy Matusevich; Second Place – Jeff and Jared McMillan; Third Place – Howard Kleman and Keith Perron; Fourth Place – Jessie Allen and Mike Jones; Fifth Place – Jim Wrabel and Lou Liptak; Sixth Place – Durand Locke

and Don Brown; Seventh Place – John Burke and Kazuki Kitajima; Eighth Place – Allen Walls and Tony Bennett; Ninth Place – Rex and A.J. Hysell; Tenth Place – Bob Campbell and Moses Wilson.

Silver Division team standings

First Place – Jared McMillan and Chris Kelly; Second Place – Durand Locke and Don Brown; Third Place – Jeff Justice and Danny Shelton; Fourth Place – H.B. Chambliss and Andy Matusevich; Fifth Place – Jim Wrabel and Lou Liptak; Sixth Place – Bob Campbell and Moses Wilson; Seventh Place – John Bechtold and Bob "O"; Eighth Place – Skip and Terry Simmonds; Ninth Place – Jeremy and Jason Young; Tenth Place – Jim Ashbacher and Joe Lemarhey.

The Bass Busters organization was formed in Titusville in 1987. The group began running competitive fishing tournaments that year, as well as organizing and promoting the "Florida Fishing Show" on WAYK-TV (Ch. 56), hosted by Fickey. In 1988, Bass Busters sponsored tournaments from Tallahassee to Cocoa to Clewiston. The following year, Clewiston was claimed as the home base for the majority of Bass

Busters' tournaments. Tournaments have been conducted in Clewiston every month for the past 20 years. To date, Bass Busters has run more than 800 fishing tournaments in Florida, with more than 320 of them held in Clewiston on Lake Okeechobee.

The Toys 4 Kids 20th Annual Team Bass Tournament will be held Dec. 11 from safelight to 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 plus two unwrapped toys, and 95 percent is paid back in cash and prizes. Sponsors include Roland and Mary Ann Martin's Marina, Hendry County Tourist Development Council, Bruiser Baits, Charlie's Worms, Equalizer Scales, Eagle Claw Hooks, Storm Boats and Gambler/Bang. Toys are distributed by the



Submitted photo

Some of the winners that Bass Busters has awarded.

Clewiston Police Department to needy children in the area.

Those interested in learning more about Bass Busters or becoming a sponsor may visit www.bassbustersflorida.com or call Fickey at 941-232-9539.

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President, The King's Academy

The King's Academy (TKA) is pleased to announce the construction of a new multi-purpose assembly and classroom building generously donated by the Diocese of Palm Beach. TKA is planning to open the 12,800 square foot building in time for the start of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

When completed, the new building will house a 5,000 square foot, 400-seat auditorium, providing space for classes, chapel programs, and small event performances. The new facility will also house offices and storage.

TKA is a nationally recognized private Christian school serving approximately 1,200 students from preschool through 12th

grade and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, and the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

The King's Academy serves students and their families across Palm Beach and Hendry Counties at its main campus at Belvedere Road and Sansbury's Way in West Palm Beach, Florida, its Clewiston, Florida campus on Caribbean Avenue, and its satellite preschool campuses in Greenacres, Palm Beach Gardens, and Royal Palm Beach, Florida. The King's Academy also provides remote learning at TKAOnline.net.

More information about The King's Academy is available online at www.TKA.net and www.TKAClewiston.net.



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CMS student grapples top spot

Matthew Johnson, an 8 eighth grade student at Clewiston Middle School, won First Place at the NAGA (North American Grappling Association) Tournament in the 14-15 year old Novice Division. He was awarded an engraved samurai sword. He also placed Second in the Advanced Division for the same age group. The tournament took place June 26 and 27 in Boca Raton, Florida. Matthew represented Clewiston Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

Jobless

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January.

It is the third consecutive monthly decline in the state's unemployment rate and the lowest rate since October 2009, reports AWI.

But the battle isn't won yet. While ranking at the top of the list, Hendry County is by no means alone in high ranking, with Flagler and St. Lucie counties rounding out the top three, at 15.4 and 14.3 percent respectively.

Neighboring Glades County reports that 12.1 percent of its workforce is without a job -- a nearly full percentage point improvement from the month before.

Nearby Palm Beach County reported an 11.8 unemployment rate, although indications from the Palm Beach County Economic Development Office, which conducted an independent study last year, are that the Glades cities of Belle Glade, South

Bay and Pahokee see unemployment rates between 30 and 40 percent -- which means that roughly one out of every three residents are without a job.

The reporting agency finds that the counties affected by the highest unemployment figures experienced "seasonal declines in agriculture and related industries."

This seems to be the case around the lake area, with agriculture on uncertain terms with the potential purchase of U.S. Sugar by the state, as well as a focus from these industries to automate more and more jobs.

AWI reports that there are now 47 counties reporting double-digit unemployment rates in June, up from 44 the previous month -- only 20 counties are reporting single-digit rates.

"This continuing decline in Florida's unemployment rate is another strong indication that our economy is improving," said Cynthia R. Lorenzo, AWI director.

Hendry County, meanwhile, has less to be enthused about.

Audubon Society to go paddling at Fisheating Creek Outpost

Margaret England President

The National Audubon Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to "conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitat for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity."

The Hendry-Glades chapter will be paddling downstream for the Big Moon Paddle

on Saturday, July 24, at 7:45 p.m. at Fisheating Creek Outpost. Members will share the ancient beauty of Fisheating Creek and an incredible night life.

The cost is \$19.95 per person and includes snacks and ½ canoe rental.

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