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## Another Chance at Redemption

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW OF  
THE 2011 CLEWISTON  
TIGERS

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
The Clewiston News

No looking back.

For Clewiston Tiger's third year head coach Joe Roth and his players, that may be a necessary approach.

With an infused mix of youth and experience on this year's squad, a relatively positive vibe has been flowing through all of the program's players and coaches since the beginning of summer workouts.

Though it's pretty clear that Clewiston's offense will be a running team – Roth says it's best for the Tigers to stick to their identity – if one takes a look at how they've been practicing lately, it's safe to say this season could very well turn out better than the previous year, which resulted in a 4-6 final record and no playoff berth.

According to Roth, it's all about the team operating on the same page, with the players and coaches putting the team concept ahead of individual interests and stats. And so far, the Tigers head coach likes what he sees.

"The kids are stronger and in better shape than they were last year," Roth said. "They have an understanding of what our expectations are with our program."

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## Clewiston Tigers Prepare for New Season



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Clewiston Tigers assistant coach Vance Johnston, center, gives the players some nutritional advice on how to stay in shape for the upcoming season. According to Johnston, that includes eating lots of pasta and eliminating soda as a drink, among other things.

## Scott Martin: "Clewiston is the king of bass fishing"

*Candid interview following big win*

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA  
jzaragoza@newzap.com

Scott Martin is walking on air after his recent tournament win. For full story on event, see page 18. We caught up with him as he was making the trek back to Clewiston from the event in Arkansas.

*Q: So we hear you won a little fishing tournament somewhere?*

A: (Haha.) It was the Super Bowl of Bass Fishing. It was just a fantastic event, something that you dream about for so many years, the year-end championship. As an angler, you always dream about winning it. I focused hard and had a lot of deter-

nation this week and just focused in on winning this thing. Things started to go well on day one and I just had a good feeling. It's a big blessing more than anything that I was able to win this.

*Q: Psychologically, did you do anything differently to prepare for this tournament?*

A: Yeah, I did. Fishing is an interesting sport. Sometimes it's not about how you fish, but about the confidence you have while you fish. I had a great amount of determination for this tournament for a few reasons, but number one in honor of my father in law, Harold White, who lost his life a month and a half ago. That's been a tough loss for my family. He was one

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## Potrero, Industrial Park's First Tenant

### City hopeful for jobs

JUAN LOPEZ  
The Clewiston News

After years of failed starts at Clewiston's industrial park, a tenant is preparing to move in. The move represents a huge shift for the park and the especially the city, which after negotiating with PranaSleep some years ago for an ambitious project, saw the site stagnate. By partnering with the yogurt/fruit juice company, the city is meeting several requirements of an earlier grant that helped to build the infrastructure at the site.

"Overall, this plan has three important factors: a portion of the funds being forgiven, new jobs in a tough job climate, and a larger taxable base for the city," Don Gutshall, speaking

on behalf of City Manager Steve Mcrown, said. "Even the increase in the utilities being used would help."

In their latest meeting earlier this week, the city took another step in the plan for Hato Potrero Farms to install a juice plant in Clewiston. The plan had been under consideration for the past three months, with the commission deciding that the expansion would be highly beneficial for all parties. The commission voted unanimously for the city manager and city attorney to work with Potrero to draft an agreement that will not exceed an investment of \$400,000 on behalf of Clewiston. If approved, the city will construct a shell building on Lot 8 of its industrial park, which Potrero

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Friends of Lake Okeechobee

Friends of Lake Okeechobee will be hosting their first meeting on Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., in Lakeport, at the former site of Northlake Marine, 1205 S.R.78, Lakeport. Anyone with interest in the lake levels and how they are affecting local businesses are invited to attend. All local businesses are affected by low water -- from motels and gas stations, to restaurants and fishing guides.

The group will also be taking ideas to stop the over-spraying of the lake, and talk about dredging projects as well as lock closures. Call 937-728-1344 for questions or details.

### Moment of Truth Crusade

A "Truth Crusade" will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, Monday, Aug. 22, Tuesday, Aug. 23, and Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Harlem Civic Center.

For more information, please call Evangelist Elbert Allen, Jr. at 863-983-7381 or 863-233-2250.

### Hendry Tobacco-Free Partnership

The Hendry Tobacco-Free Partnership will hold Elections on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church in LaBelle at 4 p.m. Positions that will be voted upon are Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or for more information, please contact Valarie James at 863-674-4041 ext. 128 or via e-mail at valarie\_james@doh.state.fl.us.

### Drug Free Hendry County Elections

Drug Free Hendry County will be holding elections on Aug. 25, at 5 p.m. They will also discuss next year's activities. New members are welcome, and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

### Pageant Registration

The Miss US South Florida Teen Pageant will host its 2011 pageant registration on Saturday, Aug. 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at Roland Martin's Marina. Participants must be between the ages 14 to 19 years of age. The winner will proceed for her chance to win a \$40,000 scholarship. For further information, please call Ashley Smith at 863-254-7115.

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### Registration

The Clewiston Performing Arts Center is holding registration for dance, tumbling, and cheer on Monday, Aug. 29, and Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Beardsley Room in the John Boy Auditorium, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Classes start on Sept. 12 on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

### Puppy Adoption Drive

To promote adoptions, Clewiston Critter Care will offer two years of free vaccinations for any pups adopted in August. For more information, call 863-983-9145 or stop by the clinic at 901 W. Ventura Ave.

### Lupus Awareness

There will be a Lupus Walk on Sept. 24 in Miami at the Jungle Island. If you're interested in volunteering to raise money and awareness for Lupus, please contact Kenia Villatoro via e-mail at [kenia.villatoro@yahoo.com](mailto:kenia.villatoro@yahoo.com).

### Veterans Drivers License Update

Recently, Florida passed a law that provides veterans a "V" designation on their driver license or identification card after presenting a DD214. The driver license or tax collector agency places the designation on the driver license or identification card after the customer provides a DD214 indicating they were "honorably discharged" and collecting a fee along with other driver license or identification card fees.

The form DD214 was first issued to military veterans on January 1, 1950. Customers who served prior to this date were not issued a DD214 and subsequently under our current policy are not able to receive the "V" designation. The Department of Veteran Affairs has approved additional documents that can be utilized by customers desiring to receive a "V" designation. The following forms have been approved in lieu of the DD214: (scan the form in capture under the DD214 heading).

The Department of Veteran Affairs forms prior to 1950 will be accepted with or without the "honorable discharge" indicated.

### Driving Crackdown

There will be a national impaired driving crackdown from August 19 to September 4. Officers will be on the lookout for anyone driving while intoxicated. For more updates, visit the Clewiston Police Traffic Unit on Facebook.



Submitted Photo

### Taekwondo Students

On July 16, nine of Clewiston's Taekwondo Students participated at a Regional Tournament in Okeechobee. They brought home several trophies. Parents and staff are very proud of their accomplishments.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hats off and a great, big thanks to Lance Ramer, his staff and helpers at the youth center and city pool.

My grandson attended two sessions of Camp Fun-O-Rama and had a great time. They went to Billie's Swamp Safari at big Cypress and rode on

a swamp buggy. They then went to Gatorama at Palmdale to see the alligators and crocodiles. There were many interesting programs at the library as well.

*From an appreciative grandma, thanks.  
Lois H. Blount*

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# Apply for Florida KidCare

BY PAT DOBBINS  
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

As parents are getting their children ready to go back to school, it is important that they remember to add health insurance to their checklist.

Parents whose children are uninsured should consider applying for Florida KidCare (FKC). Through FKC, the state of Florida offers different types of health insurance coverage for children from birth through the age of 18.

Children may still qualify for this coverage even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different parts.

When you apply for the insurance, Florida KidCare representatives will check which part your child may qualify for based on the child's age and the family's total income.

FKC decides what plan your children are assigned to, based strictly on family income, but special consideration is made for a child with frequent and chronic medical illnesses by listing it in the appropriate box on the application.

FKC does not disqualify children with prior medical conditions. The program currently covers almost 1.3 million Florida children with exceptionally low or no premiums for low-income families who qualify.

There is a partnership with the Division of Children and Families/ FL Medicaid and Florida Kid Care. When you apply to FKC, you are automatically applying to both Medicaid and FKC.

- Medikids: children ages 1 through 5 (through Medicaid).

- Healthy Kids: children ages 5 through 18.

- Children's Medical Service Network: children birth through 18 who have special health care needs (Through Medicaid or the FKC Title 21 program)

- Medicaid: Usually ages 6 through 18. A child who has other health insurance may still qualify for Medicaid. (Please note: If your child had FL Medicaid and was recently denied renewal, make an application to FKC immediately!)

Some of the services Florida KidCare covers may include:

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There are several ways to apply for Florida

KidCare:

- If you applied for Florida KidCare before, call 1-888-540-5437 or 1-800-821-5437 to update your information by telephone, English, Spanish and Creole operators available. The best times to call are during the early mornings after 8 a.m. or from 5 to 7 p.m.

- You can request an application from your local county health department, Department of Children & Families Office, Family Health Center in LaBelle, Florida Community Health Center in Clewiston, and United Way.

- You can apply online at [www.floridakidcare.org/](http://www.floridakidcare.org/)

- Print an application and instructions online and fill out the form. Then you have several ways to submit the completed application:

- Mail it to: Healthy Kids and KidCare, P.O. Box 980, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0980

- Fax it to: 866-867-0054 (TOLL FREE)

- E-mail it to: [applyrenew.healthykids@acsinc.com](mailto:applyrenew.healthykids@acsinc.com)

Please note: The application form has space for three children. If there are more than three children, attach the information on another sheet of paper.

## Family Checklist

Have these following documents with you before you start the application:

- Your family's most recent tax return (Form 1040) and/or

- Your Wage and Earning Statement (W-2 Form) and/or

- Current Pay Stubs (covering the last 4 weeks)

- Your children's Social Security numbers or the date applied for if you have not received a Social Security card.

- Proof of Citizenship, (Legal residency, migrant worker programs can apply. Children do not always have to be born here in order to obtain FKC insurance).

Healthy Kids and KidCare now has year round open enrollment. It takes 4-6 weeks to process a complete application. Coverage only begins after your child's eligibility has been determined and the first month's premium has been received, if required.

Monthly premiums are based on your household size and monthly income. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 per family per month.

There are multiple ways to pay monthly premiums either on line, by mail, payment book, credit card by phone. You can go on-line to get more information about Florida KidCare at [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org).

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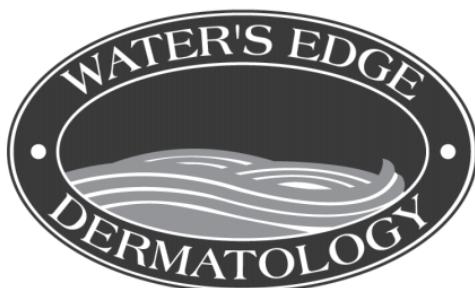
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# Phosphorus Reductions Improve Water Quality

**Improved farming techniques help EAA, C-139 achieve phosphorus reduction goals**

BY RANDY SMITH  
SFWMD

For the 16th consecutive year, water flowing from farmlands in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) achieved phosphorus reductions that were significantly better than the 25-percent reduction required by law.

With the continued implementation of improved farming techniques known as Best Management Practices (BMPs), results for the 2011 monitoring period show a 79-percent phosphorus reduction in the 470,000-acre EAA farming region south of Lake Okeechobee.

The C-139 Basin also met its goal for phosphorus levels. Located west of the EAA, the 170,000-acre C-139 farming region consists primarily of pasture land, row crops, citrus and sugarcane. Results show 20 metric tons flowed through the basin during the 2011 monitoring period, well below the limit load of 31 metric tons. The monitoring period covered May 1, 2010, to April 30, 2011.

"Improving water quality is a key component in the ongoing effort to restore and improve South Florida's ecosystems," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "This is an important commitment made by our region's agricultural community to help in achieving meaningful phosphorus reductions that will benefit the Everglades."

In the EAA, the most commonly used BMPs are more precise fertilizer application methods, refined stormwater pumping practices, and erosion controls to reduce the amount of phosphorus transported in stormwater runoff to the Ever-

glades and connected water bodies.

In the C-139 Basin, the District has worked with farmers in recent years to improve the effectiveness of BMPs and address the unique challenges of achieving phosphorus reductions in the basin.

Phosphorus can impact the Everglades ecosystem if stormwater runoff carries excess amounts into these unique wetlands. To meet the requirements of Florida's Everglades Forever Act, the amount of phosphorus leaving the EAA must be 25 percent less than the amount before phosphorus-reduction efforts started.

Data show that a 79 percent phosphorus reduction was achieved for the 2011 monitoring period. The average reduction from the implementation of BMPs over the program's 16-year history is 55 percent, more than twice the amount required by law.

When measured in actual mass, 173.6 metric tons of phosphorus were prevented from entering the regional canal system, which sends water into the Everglades, during the 2011 monitoring period.

Over the past 16 years, the BMP program has prevented 2,411 metric tons of phosphorus from leaving the EAA.

In the C-139 Basin, a BMP program has been in place for the past eight years with the goal of reducing phosphorus discharges to historic levels. In November 2010, the program requirements were enhanced to further control phosphorus levels.

The District uses a model to determine the phosphorus load that the agricultural region must achieve each year based on rainfall totals. For the 2011 monitoring period, the limit load was 31 metric tons.

Data show the actual mass of phosphorus discharged from the basin during that time was 20 metric tons.

Together with best farming practices, water leaving the EAA and C-139 Basins receive addi-

tional treatment in one of several Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) before entering the Everglades. These constructed wetlands are filled with aquatic vegetation and use "green" technology to further reduce phosphorus levels.

Since 1994, the network of six STAs south of Lake Okeechobee—with a combined treatment area of 45,000 acres—have retained approximately 1,470 metric tons of phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the Everglades. Through the end of April 2011, more than 3,800 metric tons of phosphorus have been prevented from entering the Everglades through treatment wetlands and the BMP program covering the EAA.

From May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011, the constructed wetlands treated more than 730,000 acre-feet of water. Overall, Florida has invested more than \$1.8 billion to improve Everglades water quality since 1994.

The District is currently expanding several water quality improvement projects to further enhance its water cleaning efforts:

- Construction is scheduled for completion in spring 2012 that will nearly double the size of STA-2 in western Palm Beach County to 15,140 acres. Known as Compartment B, the 6,817-acre expansion will help the STA achieve optimal performance.

- A 4,656-acre expansion of treatment wetlands in southeast Hendry County, also scheduled for completion in spring 2012, will further improve water quality flowing into the Everglades.

Construction of Compartment C, a \$47.5 million investment, will connect two existing Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA-5 and STA-6) in the EAA and more than double water treatment capability at the site.

- During the past winter, District staff continued to enhance STA performance by installing earthen barriers and planting bulrush in STAs where water depths have limited cattail growth.

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### James Davis Forbes, M.D., 78

CLEWISTON — James Davis Forbes, M.D., 78, passed away on Aug. 8, 2011, at his home in Clewiston. He was surrounded by his wife, Janice, of 59 years and family.

He was born Feb. 6, 1933, in Ocala. Dr. Forbes, "Jim", was the only child of Ima and Mary Laura Forbes. Upon graduating from Ocala High School in 1951, he matriculated at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He and Janice married in December of the same year and spent the next eight years in Atlanta as Jim continued his studies at Emory School of Medicine. After his training in Jacksonville, and a stint as a Flight Surgeon in the United States Air Force, Jim and Janice moved their growing family to Clewiston, Florida. Dr. Forbes spent the next 45 years caring for everyone from infants to seniors as one of the area's last rural family practice doctors. He also delivered babies and performed general surgery for 25 of those 45 years.

In 1993, Dr. Forbes was chosen by the City of Clewiston as the Honoree of the Sugar Festival, and in 1999 the Florida Rural Health Association honored him with the Wendell N. Rollason Service Award. In 2007, he received the Florida Hospital Association's Lifetime Heroic Achievement Award. Jim served the Lake Okeechobee communities as a board member of Dunklin Memorial Camp, Cross Training Ministries, The Agape Home, Hendry Regional Medical Center.

Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he spent much of his free time in Chokoloskee and later Stuart.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; his son, Davis; his daughters, Mary Edwards and Jenny White; eight grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

The memorial service was held on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, in the Evangel Assembly of God Church in Clewiston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation. Please contact Glenda Wilson for more information regarding donations (863)983-2735 or online at [www.hendryregional.org](http://www.hendryregional.org) under the foundation page.

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# Important Tips For Keeping Kids Safe

BY STATEPOINT

Being a parent can sometimes feel like your heart is walking around in someone else's body. And while your instinct is to protect your children from any and all harm, it is also important to give them an appropriate amount of freedom to prepare them for the real world.

"Parents will always have a lot to worry about," says Tony Pham, vice president at Life360, a company that uses technology to keep families connected everyday and during emergencies. "But having a plan can really help families be prepared for any type of safety situation."

As the new school year quickly approaches, parents should consider the following tips when talking to their children about safety:

## Emphasize Solutions Over Danger

Constantly warning your children, whether they're 8 or 18, about all the dangers of the world, can do more harm than good by increasing anxiety and feelings of powerlessness.

Instead, focus on presenting solutions to known threats.

For example, tell children that they have every right to yell, scream and kick if a stranger

grabs them.

More importantly, since the majority of abductions in the United States are by people children know, teach kids to check-in with you if their instincts tell them something is wrong.

For younger kids, this may mean telling you before doing something adventurous, while for older children this may mean sending a text message before heading off with a family friend.

## Get Mobile Help

Advances in mobile technology are making it easier than ever to keep children safe. For example, Life360 has created a mobile app that allows family members to request a "Check In" from another family member, along with a GPS location update.

This simple technology proved useful during the tornadoes in the Midwest earlier this year, when thousands of families were able to contact their loved ones to share location and status updates even though phone calls weren't going through.

But before it gets to that, make sure your family has a disaster plan in place. Kids and teens should know where to go in your home to stay safe during an earthquake, tornado or whatever disasters may hit your area.

You should also agree on a meeting place

away from your home (a neighbor or relative's house or even a specific street corner) where you will reconnect if separated in an emergency.

## Virtual Safety

Children need to know that strangers exist on the Internet, too. Parents should warn them about connecting with strangers or "friends" of friends on social networking sites.

Children should also not disclose any personal information such as a home address, social security number or bank account without first checking with an adult.

For more information on how to keep your children safe in today's busy world, visit [www.life360.com](http://www.life360.com).

Updating your safety plan as part of your back-to-school activities will keep your kids safe all year long.

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# Inland Birdwatching Fun: Limpkin

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

September 17 is the Florida Fall North American Migration Count (NAMC). The area of a count is not a circle, but the boundaries of a county. The idea is to have a contiguous interlocking set of non-overlapping counts across North America. The following returning teams need additional counters, compilers and photographers: LaBelle,



## Margaret England

organize a team or do home counts at Ortona, Dinner Island/833, Felda, Hwy 80, S.R. 27 or Lake Okeechobee. This is the sixth year that Hendry and Glades County have participated in the fall count. Volunteers are needed to organize new counts in Okeechobee County as well. Contact Margaret England if you would like to join a team of volunteers or survey birds at your home.

Volunteers, who will be citizen scientists for the day, will be counting common birds as well as those of special interest. One of the listed species of "special concern" in Florida is the Limpkin.

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVY OF AN INCREASED NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR WEST HENDRY COUNTY RECREATION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT**

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for the purpose of considering the levy of an increased non-ad valorem recreation special assessment on residential properties located within the West Hendry County Recreation Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The properties subject to the assessment are residential properties within the land area depicted on the map below.

The public hearing will be held on the proposed increase at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on September 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days from the date of this publication. The County's mailing address is P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975.

The proposed increased assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector and the assessment will continue indefinitely for subsequent years until the County Commission takes action to change it.

The purpose of the increased non-ad valorem special assessment is to complete the recreation complex currently under development off of Forrey Avenue in LaBelle and to operate the recreation complex. The amount of the special assessment is proposed to increase from \$75 per year per dwelling unit to \$100 per year per dwelling unit.

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

Florida is the only state in the U.S. where Limpkins breed (FWC Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail).

The Limpkin is a large dark brown bird with feathers on the head, neck, wings and much of the back and underparts marked with white, making the body look streaked and the head and neck light gray. It has long, dark-gray legs and a long neck. This bird has a long, heavy down curved yellowish bill with a dark tip. The closed bill has a gap just before the tip that makes the bill work like tweezers which the limpkin uses to extract snails out of their shells. They almost exclusively eat apple snails, but also eat other aquatic snails and bivalves that they find by sight or touch. Other less important prey includes insects, frogs, lizards, crustaceans and worms.

Limpkin, locally known as the "wailing bird" or "crying bird," are easier to hear than to see. Their most common call is a loud wild wail or scream which is most often heard at night, dawn or dusk. It has been used for jungle sound effects in Tarzan films and for the hippogriff in the film "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Other calls include "wooden clicking, clucks or a piercing "bihk. bihk."

**SINK, SINK.**  
Nests may be built on the ground, dense floating vegetation, in bushes or at any height in trees. A clutch will have three to eight eggs which can be gray-white to deep olive. Both parents incubate the eggs during the day, but only the female remains with the eggs at night. The young, which hatch at about 27 days, are covered with down and are capable of walking, running and swimming. Both parents feed the chicks who leave their parents at about 16 weeks.

Limpkin can often be seen sitting on snag



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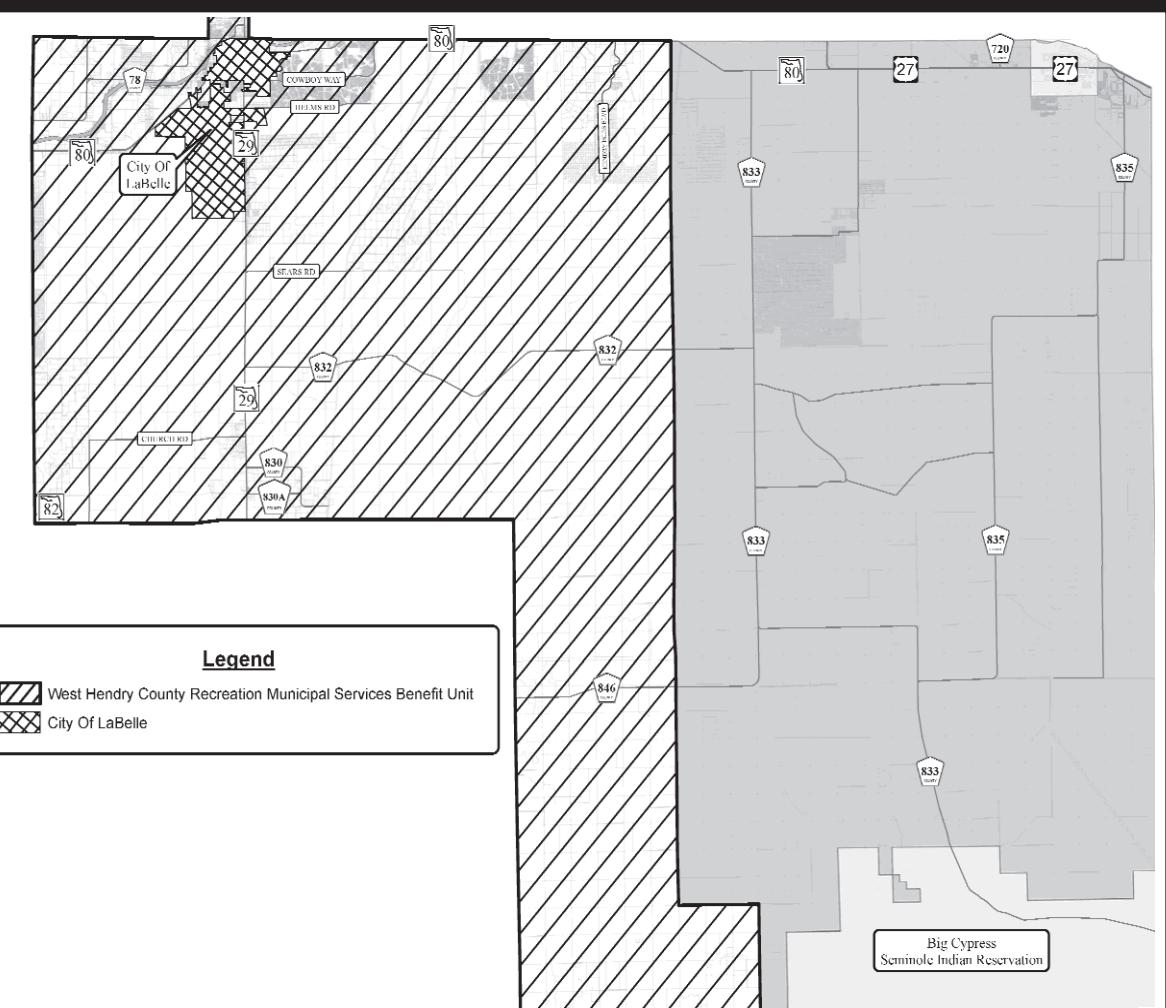
## Limpkins and chicks

or foraging near the waters edge. They are being reported in wetland areas, ditches and ponds in inland Florida.

If you would like to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers on the August 20th STA5 bird trip or September 17th NAMC send an e-mail to Margaret England, at [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com) with your name and contact information including an emergency cell number for the trip date.

the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 visit the HGAS website at: [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org)

You are invited to share your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



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# ESTATE BUYERS PAYING ON THE SPOT NEXT WEEK FOR YOUR VALUABLES!

**David Morgan**

STAFF WRITER

If you have a jewelry box with bling from an old fling, you may want to haul it down to the **Holiday Inn Express** this week. You may be sitting on a small fortune, explains IPEB show coordinator Gary Denomme, "Today's gold & silver prices are at an all time high and it's definitely a seller's market." One broken gold chain or an old class ring could be worth a week's salary, said Denomme. "People are just amazed at what these types of items are worth in today's market. I urge anyone with gold or silver in any form to sell it right now." For the past 25 years gold has been trading at levels below \$350.00 per ounce and silver at \$4.00 per ounce. Currently, gold and silver is trading at many times that price. IPEB professionals will test any of your gold or silver jewelry for free, so bring it in even if you are not sure what it is.

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Other items they will be looking at include dental gold, flatware sets, tea pots, silver platters, and anything marked .925 or sterling. Even if you're not sure what it is, bring it in and IPEB reps



*Family cashes in on inherited sterling silverware set and walked away with a check for \$1,746.00*

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Silver coins made before 1970 including Silver Dollars, Half Dollars, Quarters and Dimes are highly sought after as well. These coins are 90% silver and worth many times their face value. IPEB's head company, THR & Associates hosts over 4000 shows each year throughout the US, Canada and Europe. They are one of the largest companies in the country that buys directly from the public. Their shows are held in all size markets and anyone can sell directly them. "We pay on the spot," said Denomme. "It's a fun experience and you can bring in your items and leave with cash in hand just a few minutes later. Other items the group will be buying this week include pocket and wrist watches, all old coins and currency, vintage guitars and musical instruments, war memorabilia, train sets, toys, pottery, dolls, diamonds, costume jewelry. If it's old we want to see it.

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### BROKEN JEWELRY

New or Old: mismatched earrings, bracelets, loose diamonds, all gem stones, etc.



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# Arrest Blotter

## All For Scraps

A man was charged with stealing and selling scrap metal from his former employer: a mechanic shop. Hendry County Sheriff's Office responded to a call at 1814 on Matthew Loop, on Apr. 19, where the former employer, Steven Imhoff, was waiting.

Imhoff rents the property at 1814 to the suspect, 30-year-old Troy McLendon, and his girlfriend.

Imhoff had gone to Matthew Loop to confront the suspect, he told Ofc. Krause, because he alleged the suspect had been stealing scrap metal from his shop while working as a mechanic.

The scrap was being sold to an unknown site in LaBelle and word came back to him about what the suspect had been doing. A witness also stated to Krause that he had seen the suspect load several pieces of metal into the back of his pickup truck. However, he could not give a description of the items but did say that the items were taken when Imhoff was not there.

On Aug. 1, a witness stepped forward and gave explicit details as to what the suspect had taken. The suspect had recruited his help to load a custom vehicle rear end onto a utility trailer that was hooked up to the suspect's truck. The witness stated that the suspect did say that the vehicle rear end belonged to him.

The rear end was valued at \$1,300. The suspect took the item to be sold in LaBelle and received cash for the stolen property. He is facing two felony charges including, larceny/grand theft \$300 but less than \$5,000 and dealing in stolen property.

## Safe Cracker

A concerned citizen flags down a sheriff's officer after seeing a guy walking down the street with a safe in his hand. The incident happened on Aug. 12 on Davidson Rd. The officer, Deputy Hainley investigated and soon found the guy, 18-year-old Randy Blyth, on the side of the road sitting on the safe.

Hainley noticed that Blyth was extremely talkative, hyper, sweating profusely, and erratic in behavior. His eyes were also glassy and bloodshot.

Hainley asked him to sit down and tell him about the safe. Blyth said that the safe was his and that his mother gave it to him.

Deputy Brooks, arrived and watched Blyth as Hainley spoke with Blyth's mother. His mother

told Hainley that he had been living with her but had kicked him out due to his meth use.

She had given him the safe to use but not keep. Incidentally, the suitcase with his clothes was still sitting beside her front door steps. Hainley went back to Blyth and Deps. Garcia and Bolt had also arrived on the scene as well.

Blyth was asked multiple times what was in the safe. He responded that he didn't know nothing, and finally if there was something, it wasn't his. He gave the safe over to the deputies after being read his rights and said that they could have it. Garcia stuck the tip a pocket knife blade into the lock and was able to open the safe.

What they found was: Blyth's wallet, IDs, credit cards, birth certificate, and social security card with his name on them and a black cardboard box. In the box they found assorted drug paraphernalia, lighters, marijuana, a 30 mg. Continin pill, a barbel toungue ring, a flash drive, and other various items.

Blyth was then taken into custody and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, misdemeanor marijuana possession of less than 20 grams and six counts of misdemeanor possession/use of drug paraphernalia.



Troy McLendon



Randy Blyth

## ARREST REPORT

This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

### Curtis Lee Robinson, 51



- Possession of cocaine
- Petit theft
- Possession/use of narcotics equipment
- Arrested Aug. 14 by CPD Ofc. M. Beatty

### Tracy Flo Ortega, 39



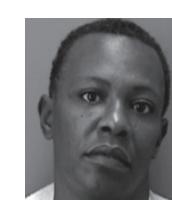
- DUI, alcohol/drugs
- Possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested Aug. 13 by Ofc. L. Beckford

### Wilson Georges, 21



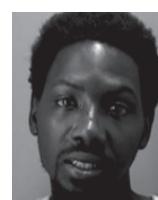
- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested Aug. 11 by Ofc. R. Steed

### Candy L. Odom, 39



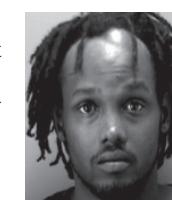
- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Trespassing of a structure or conveyance
- Arrested Aug. 11 by Ofc. D. Bolt

### Jeremiah Terrell Johnson, 25



- Corruption by threat public servant or family
- Resisting an officer, obstruction w/o violence
- Arrested Aug. 9 by Ofc. L. Brooks

### Ceneilian Eugene Dozier, 32



- Warrant w/ obstructing justice, intimidating, threatening and eye witness, victim or informant
- Arrested Aug. 10 by Ofc. A. Lewis


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ABE	990004-112	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Way	Day Lab
Ged Prep	9900026-111	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	8:30am-11:30am	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Way	Day Lab
Ged Prep	9900026-112	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Way	Day Lab
ESOL	9900040-111	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	8:30am-11:30am	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Way/Mrs. Rentas	C.A.S.
ESOL	9900040-112	Tues/Thur	08/23/11	12/08/11	1:00pm-4:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Way/Mrs. Santana	Montura's Club House

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ABE	990004-113	Mon/Wed	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mrs. Mosely	Day Lab
ABE	990004-114	Tues/Thur	09/13/11	12/08/11	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	Day Lab
Ged Prep	9900026-113	Mon/Wed	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mrs. Mosely	Day Lab
Ged Prep	9900026-114	Tues/Thur	09/13/11	12/08/11	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	Day Lab
ESOL	9900040-113	Mon/Wed	09/12/11	12/06/11	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mrs. Jean	C.A.S.

### Continuing Workforce Education Classes

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
Sub Teacher	E91010P-111	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$63.50	\$153.50	Mrs. Way	C.A.S.
Basic Computer	E91010B-111	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$63.50	\$153.50	T.B.A.	C.A.S.
Conservational Spanish	E91010P-112	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$63.50	\$153.50	T.B.A.	C.A.S.

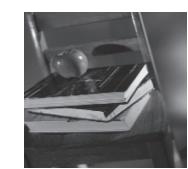
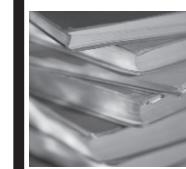
Registration fees will be collected at time of enrollment and are non-refundable.

Other classes may be offered provided sufficient enrollment. Counseling and tutoring are available.

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The Youth Center wants to greatly appreciate their Head Summer Camp Counselors Maranda Berner, Meredith Kane and Brittani Barnes. Thanks for all your hard work!



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Fish Camp getting ready to go fishing out on Lake Okeechobee.



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Maribel Sanchez holding a baby alligator on the Summer Camp's trip to Gatorama.



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# FOOTBALL

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varsity and varsity teams, Clewiston fielded "less than 60 total players" toward the end of last season, according to Roth. However, Roth said he's seen a total of 75 players that seem ready to play this year for the Tigers program. The Clewiston Tigers varsity team finished out with approximately 25 players in last year's campaign, according to Roth. So far, the Tigers head coach/athletic director has seen an uptick in varsity participation, "somewhere around 30 players," he said.

"It's going to help our kids out tremendously," Roth said. "This will give the players some breaks during games, as opposed to the last couple of seasons. Most of the kids were playing both sides of the ball the last two years. It's tough to do."

With that said, Roth is focusing on putting out a quality product through the concepts of selflessness from all players, the minimization of costly mistakes in games and the maximization of effort, skill and determination from the entire program.

"In the past, some of our fans and coaches thought the kids weren't giving all the effort they could on the field," Roth said.

"Some of that had to do with the fact many of the players were young. We had some ninth and tenth graders on our varsity team the past couple of years, so they didn't really know what to expect. But I don't see this year's group of players having any quit in them. They're more experienced now and they know what to expect."

In fact, Roth says he's expecting to see a "much better" football team this season. Though the Tigers head coach stopped short of saying he expects this team to play for the Class 4A state championship in December, he does expect and hope that this squad can avoid missing the playoffs for the second straight season.

"I think we're going to put out a product the fans could be proud of," Roth said. "We're going to work real hard and fight to the finish on every play. We've had the best summer since I've been head coach. The kids are very respectful to our coaches and they want to learn all they can about the game of football. As a coach, I'm having a lot of fun right now. If the kids are having fun and our coaching staff is having fun, then we're creating an environment that I'm looking forward to have."

Here's hoping the Clewiston's seemingly favorable schedule will allow the team to continue its newfound excitement.

Below is a look at the Clewiston Tigers season schedule:

## Clewiston Tigers Varsity Team

Friday, Aug. 26 - Kickoff classic: Away at South Fork (Stuart)

Friday, Sept. 2: Home vs. American Heritage (Plantation)

Friday, Sept. 9: Home vs. King's Academy (West Palm Beach)



PHOTO / NAJI TOBIAS

A look at the 2011 Clewiston Tigers varsity squad.

Friday, Sept. 16: Away at Glades Day (Belle Glade)

Friday, Sept. 23: Home vs. Gateway Charter

Friday, Sept. 30: Away at Booker (Sarasota)

Friday, Oct. 7: Away at Avon Park

Friday, Oct. 14: Home vs. Dunbar (Fort Myers)

Friday, Oct. 21: Home vs. Lake Placid

Friday, Oct. 28: Open date

Friday, Nov. 4: Away at LaBelle

Friday, Nov. 11: Away at Okeechobee

## Clewiston Tigers Junior Varsity Team

Thursday, Sept. 1: Home vs. Okeechobee

Thursday, Sept. 8: Home vs. LaBelle

Thursday, Sept. 15: Open date

Thursday, Sept. 22: Away at Gateway Charter

Thursday, Sept. 29: Home vs. King's Academy

Thursday, Oct. 6: Open date

Thursday, Oct. 13: Away at LaBelle

Thursday, Oct. 20: Away at American Heritage (Plantation)

For the first time in years, Clewiston's varsity team will not be playing Glades Central, typically the program's biggest draw for its fan base and ticket revenues, Roth said he wishes that the Raiders could have been on the schedule.

If the classes and districts hadn't changed – Clewiston was in Class 2B, District 6 the past two seasons and has now been moved up to the newly formed Class 4A, District 6 with Gateway Charter, Booker (Sarasota), Avon Park, Dunbar, Lake Placid and LaBelle – Clewiston and Glades Central would have faced off against each other on Sept. 30 in Belle Glade.

In fact, due to the FHSAA reclassification changes, Clewiston will not be playing Glades Central next season either. The two traditional powerhouses will not compete against each other until the 2013 season – if the schedule permits, of course. Roth said that the lack of a Clewiston-Glades Central matchup will have an adverse effect on the Tigers revenues for the season, but hopes the money to be lost will be made up by putting out a better quality product on the field.

"In my 16 years here, it's the first time we haven't been able to put Glades Central on our schedule," the Clewiston head coach/athletic director said. "The state dictates who we play in our district and where we play them at. We wish we could have played Glades Central because it's a close travel with good fan support and a great gate for both schools. Hopefully after this two-

year stint, we'll get them back on our schedule."

In actuality, not having Glades Central on the schedule could be a plus for the team, as Clewiston has suffered blowout losses the past four seasons to the Raiders.

In the last two seasons alone, Clewiston has been blanked 55-0 (last season's home game against Glades Central) and 46-0 two years ago (a road game against the Raiders).

With the schedule looking good for Clewiston, don't be surprised if the Tigers finish with a winning record and a trip to the Class 4A playoffs in November.

"If we put out a good football team, our fans will come out and support us for all of our games," Roth said. "The more we win our games, the more fun our environment will be here in Clewiston. That's what we want to see with our program."

Coming in next week's Clewiston News: An in-depth look at the makeup of the Clewiston Tigers varsity starters on offense and defense, plus more observations from Roth and some of his players.

# BUSINESS

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Farms will fill with its juice equipment.

Gutshall discussed the major components of the deal and what it will mean for the area.

"This project has been in making for a few months and will greatly affect the area with new jobs," he said.

He explained that a contract has not been signed yet but plans are being ironed out for the city to obtain loan funds to build the facility and have Potrero lease the building until it is paid off.

He described this as being a win-win situation for both parties since, in the unlikely event that Potrero were ever to default on the building, the city would retain ownership and be able to lease out the property or convert it for other means.

The reason for the expansion was one of necessity. Currently, the processing center makes yogurt but can be refitted to make and bottle juice. The problem is that it takes too long to refit the equipment and such a move would cut into profits. With a new plant that solely produces juice, both operations would be able to work simultaneously. The need for this comes out of the deal that Potrero made with the Miami-Dade school system to distribute their yogurt to all

schools in the county. Another aspect of the deal is that Potrero has the right of first refusal to the adjacent lots on either side of the site of the new plant. The hope for this is that a water bottling plant may be undertaken.

The Clewiston Business Park was chosen as the site for its proximity to the water plant and for another reason: the park was built with funds from a state grant that contains certain requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to have the funds forgiven. A major requirement is that there is an increase in the number of jobs locally. This project will help the city have a portion of those funds. For Hato Potrero Farms, this deal further cements its position in the community.

Marlen Perez, of Hato Potrero Farms, commented that Gustavo Perez, owner of Hato Potrero, is excited about this deal going through.

"He is very excited and this has been on his list since 2006," she said. "But the economy was not right then for his project to proceed."

She continued, saying that the idea that the plant could be completed within three to six months of signing the agreement is faster than they were expecting, which is a good thing.

The juice plant will be producing six to seven flavors of juice when it comes online and will need anywhere from 15 - 20 workers to man it.

# Imported Dengue Fever



SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Areas in the Western Hemisphere where Dengue exists according to the CDC.

BY PAT DOBBINS  
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Dengue fever has been reported in the United States over the last couple of years. This year, there have been reported cases in several counties within the state of Florida. Hendry County had one "probable" (not confirmed) "imported" case of Dengue Fever in May of this year. An "imported" case means that a person traveled outside of the United States and contracted the virus. In 2010, there was one confirmed case of "imported" Dengue Fever in Hendry County. The virus has not been transmitted in our area.

Dengue viruses do not have animal hosts but spread between humans and mosquitoes. Common symptoms of disease are similar to the flu and can include headache, fever, muscle and joint pains, nausea and vomiting, and rash.

Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments wants to remind folks that dengue fever is not spread from person to person and is seldom fatal except to the very young or the elderly (those who may have other health conditions). Additionally, Ms. Dobbins warns people to avoid mosquitoes by wearing protective clothing, use insect repellent, avoid being outdoors just before the sun goes down and just before the sun comes up.

Additionally, to prevent mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business:

### Drain standing water:

- Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots

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## Hendry County School Board

### Announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students under the NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting  
Darrell Harris, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, FL 33975, Telephone (863) 674-4113

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

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

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

Foster children will receive benefits (i.e., free, reduced-price, or paid) based on the child's personal income regardless of the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison Jodi Bell at (863) 674-4108.

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

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

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

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

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy

**Darrell Harris, Food Service Manager**

will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to

**Gordon Swaggerty, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (863) 674-4113**

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

### FLORIDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Effective from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

#### To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.

FREE MEAL SCALE					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	14,157	1,180	590	545	273
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941
For each additional family member, add	4,966	414	207	191	96

### REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional family member, add	7,067	589	295	272	136

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

Remember: The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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Fax resume to:  
Judith Reissman  
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(863)509-0096

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 10-CA-885**

SANIBEL CAPTIVA COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff vs. NORTH RIVER VILLAGE OF LABELLE, LLC and THOMAS M. DYSON Defendants

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 04, 2011, entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-001219 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and LOUIS MARY TELUSNOR, MARTHA TELUSNOR; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; are the Defendants, Plaintiff will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public sale on August 31, 2011, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, Second Floor Administrative Side, Labelle, Florida 33935, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

**EXHIBIT "A"**

A Parcel of land in Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1 in Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, and run N 89° 36' 10" W along the North line of Government Lot 1, a distance of 914.12 feet; then thence S 00° 25' 19" W, 35 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78, and point-of-beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00° 25' 19" W, 866.72 feet to the North right-of-way line of the Caloosahatchee River Canal; thence Southwesterly, along the arc of the curved canal right-of-way line (said right-of-way line being curved concave to the Southeast), with a radius of 3600 feet, central angle of 04° 15' 51" and a chord bearing of S 64° 03' 20" W, 267.93 feet, thence N 00° 25' 19" E 985.58 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78; thence S 89° 36' 10" E, along said right-of-way line, 240 feet to the point-of-beginning.

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. DATED: August 5, 2011.

Hendry County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /S/ J. Bevis FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690 Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 445-4826

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, telephone (863) 675-5217, TDD 1-800-955-8771, oubyen 1-800-955-8770 1 pasan pa Florida Relay Service."

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CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY LLC, WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY AUCTION @ 340 N. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES DUE TO NON PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, PURSUANT TO SUB SECTION 713.78 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE. CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS.

**08/28/2011 @ 8:00AM**  
2007 NISS VIN#1N4BA41E77C13292  
393951 CB/CGS 18/11

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on August 29, 2011 at 10:00a.m.

**1996 Dodge 2B6HB2V1Y0TK179886**  
**1996 Ford 1FALP2U4TA288308**  
**1993 Mazda JM2UF31XPM0379265**

394643 CN 8/11/2011

**Public Notice****NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will conduct a Board of Supervisors Meeting at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle.

The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct routine business.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark Colbert, Chairman  
394910 CB/CGS 8/18/2011

**Public Notice**

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DATED: August 5, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: /S/ J. Bevis

Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

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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 3132, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-995-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-995-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

394833 CN 8/18/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at

public auction at Clewiston Towing

600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston Fl

33440 on August 29, 2011 at

10:00a.m.

1996 Dodge

2B6HB2V1Y0TK179886

1996 Ford

1FALP2U4TA288308

1993 Mazda

JM2UF31XPM0379265

395174 CN 8/18/2011

**Public Notice****NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. The public is invited to attend.

395185 CN 8/18/2011

**Public Notice****NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will be holding a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday August 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm, at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street. The purpose of this workshop/special meeting will be to discuss and amend the District's Policy and Procedure Handbook and any other business which comes before the Board. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Board with respect to any matters considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and that for such purposes, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

394682 CN 8/18/2011

**Public Notice****NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**

On July 25, 2011, the Glades County Sheriff's Office seized the following property:

UNITED STATES CURRENCY IN

THE AMOUNT OF \$1,926,333.00

and intends to seek forfeiture under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

394433 GCD 8/18/2011

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-001007**

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. LILLIE MAE BIERS, et al, Defendants.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of WILLIE JAMES BROOKIN, deceased, whose date of death was June 10, 2009; File Number 201 201-040-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box

**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**Highlands County HOME Consortium  
Sixth Program Year Action Plan  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Heartland Rural HOME Consortium (which includes DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida) is applying to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2011-2012 allocation under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This Sixth Program Year Action Plan is submitted under a new Consolidated Plan for 2011-2016.

The preliminary activities, with the estimated dollar amount for which the Consortium is applying are:

**Funding Source**

HOME Investment Partnership	<b>Budget</b>
Total	\$589,290

**Planned Activities**

HOME Homeownership	<b>Budget</b>
Community Housing Development Corporations (15%)	\$441,968
Administration	\$88,293
	\$58,929

Each County in the Consortia has adopted a single anti-displacement and relocation plan before submission of the Consolidated Plan. The Consortia will assist displaced persons with grant funds, as indicated in the budget and policy. A required 25% match will be covered by on-going activities in each County under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

Two Public Hearings to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the Sixth Program Year Action Plan and Consolidated Plan 2011-2016 will be held at 198 6th Street, Moore Haven, FL beginning at 10:00 a.m. on August 17, 2011, and at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL, on August 18, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

A draft copy of the Annual Plan will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Highlands County Housing Department, 7205 S. George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875 on August 30, 2011 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Sixth Program Year Action Plan will be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before August 14, 2010. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearings contact Jeannie DuBenton, Highlands County Community Service Program Interim Director, at (863) 402-6626.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Jeannie DuBenton at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should also contact Jeannie DuBenton at (863) 402-6626 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Jeannie DuBenton at (863) 402-6626 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant 91.225, the following certifications will be submitted to HUD with the Sixth Program Year Action Plan. The certifications will be made available by Highlands County Housing Department and HUD for public inspection upon request. These certifications will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

- 1. Affirmatively furthering fair housing;
- 2. Anti-displacement and relocation plan;
- 3. Drug-free workplace;
- 4. Anti-lobbying;
- 5. Authority of Jurisdiction;
- 6. Consistency with Plan;
- 7. Acquisition and Relocation; and
- 8. Section 3.

**A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following vehicles and equipment are available for sale by the City of Pahokee by sealed bid. Vehicles may be viewed at the City of Pahokee Motor Pool area, 1501 McClure Rd., Pahokee, FL, beginning Monday, August 29, 2011 through Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 8 am to 4 pm, excluding weekends. You must notify staff that you are on the property. The bid items may also be viewed on the City website at [www.cityofpahokee.com](http://www.cityofpahokee.com). Sealed bids are due by 12:00 pm on Monday September 12, 2011 and will be opened at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, FL 33476. Buyers do not need to be present. Winning bidders must make full payment by Thursday, September 15, 2011 or the vehicle or equipment will be awarded to the next highest bidder. All vehicles are sold "as is" and must be removed from city property by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011. Vehicles not removed, will be towed from city property. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**Bid Item # Description VIN or Serial Number Minimum Bid**

Bid # 1 1999 Ford F-150 1FTZX1726YNA89009	\$ 800.00
Bid # 2 1994 Ford Econoline Van 1FBJS31H2RA73930	\$ 800.00
Bid # 3 2003 Chevrolet Blazer 1GNC513X5K194838	\$2500.00
Bid # 4 2002 Ford Taurus 1FAFP522X2A198073	\$2000.00
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**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Everglades Farms Inc. (Felda) PO Box 5101, Immokalee, FL 34143, has submitted Application 110707-10 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00520-W to irrigate 77.5 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer and the project is located in Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 33 East.

Tropical Oaks Farms Inc. (Tropical Oaks Farms F/K/A Hansen Grove), 2633 Fort Denau Road, Labelle, FL 33935, has submitted Application 110715-18 for modification of Water Use Permit 26-00062-W to irrigate 38 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Floridan Aquifer and the project is located in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**NOTICE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice that a variance has been granted to Mr. Mark F. Lapp, County Attorney, Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975-2340, to provide monitoring relief from Rule 62-610.865(8), F.A.C., for the Port LaBelle Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hendry County blends the effluent from said plant with the demineralization concentrate from Port LaBelle's reverse osmosis drinking water treatment plant prior to disposal in Hendry County's on-site restricted public access rapid infiltration basin. Rule 62-610.865(8), F.A.C., requires continuous monitoring of the blend for specific conductance and weekly monitoring for TSS, fluoride, TDS, chlorides, pH, and sodium adsorption ratio. This variance reduces the monitoring frequency for these parameters to quarterly. Only the monitoring frequency has been relaxed. No applicable effluent or ground water standards have been relaxed.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 of the 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.

Mediation is not available.

If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

In accordance with Rules 28-106.111(2) and 62-110.106 (a) (4), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or receipt of written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time will toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Upon motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect, the Department may also grant the requested extension of time.

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 for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that right.

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

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interest are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department'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, F.A.C.

Under sections 120.569(2) (c) and (d) of the Florida Statutes, a petition for administrative hearing shall be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

Complete copies of all documents relating to this determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Ft. Myers, Florida 33901. The contact person is Brandon Ivy at 239-344-5653.

395187 CN/CH 8/18/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. **The meeting and public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2011 in the Golden Gate Community Center, Room A/B, 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples, Florida 34116.** The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the Golden Gate Utility System and Lehighton Utility System and the FGUA General Fund annual operating budget. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA.

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**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Winder VI LLC**, the holders 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
1537	2007	1254432-A0000780000	Jimmy & Betty Osceola

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest 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 Tract 1214, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of September, 2011, which is the 8th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2011.

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

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**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Glades County:

Lykes Bros Inc (Thistle Pen Pond and Brighton Grove 6 Pump Station) 106 SW County Road 721, Okeechobee, FL 34974, has submitted Application 110711-12 for modification of Surface Water Management Permit 22-00019-S for 8,396 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the C-40 Canal and the project is located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, Township 38 South, Range 42 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding this application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days of the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

394944 GCD 8/18/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida, Case number: 11-1705-005 on May 9th, 2011 in the matter of First Union National Bank of Florida as plaintiff, and Erleidys R. Zapalla a/k/a Erleidys Zapalla and Diego Rodriguez a/k/a Diego R. Rodriguez as defendant(s), I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s), to-wit:

**2005 MAZDA 6, vehicle identification number: 1YVFP80C055M36642, title number: 92588406 issued 07/19/2007.**

and on September 8, 2011, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. 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.

Steve Whidden As Sheriff  
Hendry County, Florida  
By: Lt. Andy Lewis

392454 CN 8/11,18,25/9/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III LLC**, the holders 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
1043	2007	1134432-A0001740000	Pilar Home Developers

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3026, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of September, 2011, which is the 8th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2011.

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Hendry County Administrative Offices, 165 South Lee Street, Suite A, Labelle, Florida.

All meetings of the Local Coordinating Board are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Brian Raimondo at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 211 or by e-mail at [braimondo@swfrpc.org](mailto:braimondo@swfrpc.org) at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

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

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## Public Notice

## Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Verona A LLC, the holders 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
	1356	2007	1224432-01000520130	Cecelia Braunstein

Lot 13, Block 52, 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.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of September, 2011, which is the 8th day of September, 2011.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
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# RELIGION COLUMNS

## Life is a Journey

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church

This summer, Kathy and I went on a road trip out west that netted over 4,000 miles on the road. Hours together in a vehicle can really test a relationship. When you're driving, the real you comes out to play.

At least that's the case for me and I would venture to guess for a lot of others, too. The good news is that our marriage not only survived, but thrived. What made our trip special was that while we had our destination, we were able to go with the flow and enjoy the journey and points of interest along the way.

That's not to say there weren't some trying moments. The love of my life and self-appointed director of my driving had some doubts about my decision to leave Georgia and travel north to Tennessee in order to go to west Texas. We traveled unfamiliar roads and encountered spaghetti layouts of roads and loops that increased our prayer lives.

Through all of these, we relied on our GPS to direct us as to which way to turn and what direction to go. Did we always know exactly where we were? No. But we were not lost, even when we made wrong turns, because we knew our GPS would help direct us back to where we needed to go. That took away a lot of worry.

I have to admit that there have been times in my life when I have felt lost. My human tendency is to take control of the wheel and navigate through everything myself. Faithful logic tells me to turn on my spiritual GPS (God Positioning System), trusting that God will direct and redirect me in the way I need to go, even when I make a wrong turn or decision. That also takes away a lot of worry.

Life is a journey. How much we enjoy the ride is determined in large part by our attitudes and the kind of preparations and decisions we make. One of the best decisions we can make is to activate our spiritual GPS and follow God's direction.

## A Fish Doesn't Know it's Swimming in Water

BY REV. SAM S. THOMAS, PH.D.  
Saint Martin's Church

We seem to rely on old habits and patterns of doing things. When things change around us and the old ways don't work, frustration and gloom set in. I realize that if I want to lose weight, I will have to change my diet; the old one will no longer work if I am going to be thin.

An Indian chief spoke to me one day about the problems with young people in his community and asked "Why can't the elders speak to them about their (substance abuse) and get them to stop?" I explained that there were other factors involved that have come from outside of their usual experiences; something new encountered from a different culture.

Our Everglades is being invaded by foreign species of snakes; the ecological system is being changed and nature's former balances are being threatened. We could talk about a global economy and how what is going on a half-world away affects us here at home when it never used to be that way.

On and on; so many potential areas where the old, habitual ways of doing things aren't working as they used to once keep us safe. There is

a living witness in my household; my 97-year old mother, who has lived through more changes than I can imagine or really comprehend. World War I, World War II, the Depression of the 1930's, the coming of radio and the telephone-antiquated by many of today's means of communicating, the changes in our national demographics, the advances in medicine, and on and on.

Each required new adjustments, new shifts in thinking, new ways of doing things. There are many Biblical analogues as I read them.

A man born blind who is healed by the Lord; but the Pharisees are worried about just how He did it and if He is really one of them (John 9:1ff), a Centurian who carries out the orders of an oppressive and occupying army, but Jesus heals his servant in spite of it (Luke 7:6ff), a Canaanite woman who has a sick daughter and is rebuffed, but keeps coming back even though not being of the "faithful," and her daughter is healed (Matthew 15:21ff); a crippled woman who is healed on the Sabbath; something known to go against God's Law as it was understood (Luke 13:10ff)- and on and on.

How quickly we seem to overlook that one of the greatest gifts given to us is Jesus' examples of working and thinking "outside of the box."

Perhaps one of our greatest limitations is our inability to see that there are other ways of doing things, other worlds to know and understand, other ways of finding and knowing God. A fish doesn't know he's swimming in water; it keeps him from knowing so much more.

Our great heritage of faith gives us directions to look beyond ourselves and what we've taken for granted. The Lord opened doors; He can open up lives. That certainly is among His greatest gifts to us.

## The Perfect Counselor

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST  
First Christian Church

It was a sordid story of immorality, unfaithfulness and twisted relationships. I felt sorry for her as she poured out the horrid details which has turned her life into a nightmare. She concluded by saying, "I don't think anyone could straighten out this mess."

I was inclined to agree. The wisdom of Solomon could not have untangled the web of people and circumstances, but I was reminded of the help our Lord offers even when the wisdom and skills of human counselors have been exhausted. For various reasons human counselors are often ineffective.

1. If they haven't personally experienced the problem, they may be unable to identify with it. And if they can't identify with it, their advice -- while well-intended, may be shallow.

2. If they wonder how anyone could be so unfeeling, immoral and foolish as to become involved in the confessed sin, they will be aloof, perhaps self-righteous and without sympathy.

3. Even if they extend valuable support and advice, there comes a time when they can go no further. They've given all the help they can, and additional meetings, while perhaps supportive, are redundant.

But Jesus has none of these limitations. He knows every situation completely and is able to help from beginning to end (Heb. 4:15; 2:18). His knowledge is unlimited.

He never comes to the point where "there is nothing left to say." And He is always available. His counsel is perfect. His grace inexhaustible.

# Martin Claims Championship Title at Forrest Wood Cup on Lake Ouachita



SUBMITTED PHOTO

National Guard pro Scott Martin of Clewiston wins Forrest Wood Cup in Hot Springs, AR.

National Guard pro Scott Martin of Clewiston, crossed the stage with a five-bass limit weighing 14 pounds, 5 ounces Sunday to claim the title of Forrest Wood Cup champion on Lake Ouachita. Martin, with a four-day total of 20 bass for 61-1, won by a 4-pound, 10-ounce margin over Ever-Start pro Randall Tharp of Gardendale, Ala., who caught five bass weighing 15-1 for a four-day total of 20 bass weighing 56-7, which was good for \$100,000.

Sunday's final weigh-in marked the finale of the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup, which featured 58 of the world's best professional bass anglers. Martin won \$600,000 plus a \$1,000 Power-Pole bonus.

"A four-day event of this magnitude is stressful to deal with, especially when you're close to the top most of the days," said Martin, who boosted his FLW Outdoors earnings to more than \$1.8 million with the win. "I had to play a mind trick on myself and pretend like tomorrow was the final day and today was the cut day I was going to try to catch a big bag."

"I think the biggest factor when you win a tournament is confidence," Martin added. "The first day of the tournament I caught a couple of real big fish right off the bat and I told my partner, 'I can win the tournament in this spot.' Lo and behold, that's exactly what happened."

Martin said he fished main lake areas around Bird Island, Pollard Creek and Mountain Harbor to claim his title. Martin keyed in on an area that was holding 4- and 5-inch shad in 23 to 27 feet of water.

The area featured brush piles, but Martin said the key was the wind that was keeping the shad near the brush piles for the feeding bass.

He said any brush piles that he found that didn't have baitfish in the area didn't produce the healthier bass he used to fill his limits.

"If you looked at this particular spot on a map you would never think it would be a fantastic place," Martin said. "As a matter of fact, I found it by accident. I was graphing and looking for bait,

and as I went through this area and not really thinking I was going to find anything, my graph lit up real well and I saw all the bait. I turned around and started fishing through it."

Martin said he used three main rigs during the tournament, all of which were anchored by Kistler rods. On his swimbait rig, Martin used a 7-foot, 10-inch Z-Bone model rod and an Abu Garcia Revo Premier reel with 10-pound-test Seaguar line. The bait was a Gary Yamamoto swimbait on the back of a Sworming Hornet Fish Head Spin or a hollow belly swimbait on a 7/16-ounce head slow-rolled in deep water.

"Any time you fish a swimbait, the size of the line makes a big difference," Martin said. "If the diameter's too thick, the bait's not going to get down to the proper depth and stay there."

Martin's 10-inch ribbontail worm setup was a 7-foot, 6-inch Z-Bone model rod and an Abu Garcia Revo Premier reel with 12-pound-test Seaguar line. Martin fished the worm with a 3/8-ounce weight and 5/0 worm hook.

Martin said he caught a few fish during the first three days of competition on a drop-shot rig consisting of a 7-foot Z-Bone model rod and a Shimano Stradic reel with 10-pound-test Spiderwire line and an 8-pound-test Seaguar leader. The hook was a 1/0 with a 5/16-ounce tungsten weight, and Martin tipped the rig with a Morning Dawn-colored RoboWorm or a watermelon candy-colored finesse worm. Martin said he dyed the tail tips chartreuse.

Overall there were 39 bass weighing 81 pounds, 1 ounce caught by pros Sunday. The catch included five five-bass limits.

Coverage of the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup will be broadcast in high-definition (HD) on VERSUS. "FLW Outdoors" will air Sept. 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. ET. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow FLW Outdoors on Facebook at Facebook.com/FLWFishing and on Twitter at Twitter.com/FLWOutdoors.



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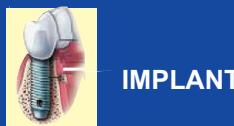
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of my biggest fans. He knew exactly how I did the tournaments, probably before anybody else. I just really wanted to honor him this week. It's funny that when you set your mind to something, when you really believe that you can do it, how successful you can be at anything in life. There were so many reasons to do well. I understood those reasons, focused, and did a lot of preparation, I fished literally from daylight to dark during practice. The temperatures were 100 degrees every day. I just stayed out there and really put in the time to find the best conditions and try to understand that lake. All that hard work and all the determination won that tournament.

*Q: Take me back to the moment when they announced that you had won it?*

A: Well, when I won the tournament and all the confetti was falling out of the ceiling there and I'm holding the trophy up and looking into the crowd, I'm going, "Is this really real? Is this really happening?" I'm standing on that stage and holding that trophy and it was a sense of relief. It was a very proud moment for me and my family. There were so many groups of our friends and family that were all huddled around computers all over the town watching, hoping and praying that I would be successful. That right there was a fantastic feeling. I did it for everybody. That's exactly what I was thinking, "I did it."

*Q: Who do you have to thank for your success?*

A: My wife has been a huge part of my success over my career. It's such a whirlwind and I have

to travel so much and she's had to stay home over these 11 years and hold down the fort and raise our children. We have to sacrifice, she has to sacrifice so much while I'm gone. It makes me feel really good and really proud as a father and a husband to be able to provide for her and my children with this victory – hopefully provide them with a better life and a better situation for all of us. I thank her for her support.

*Q: As far as recognition for the area, you being from Clewiston, what is your hope?*

A: Well, you know I think being successful over the years at fishing like I have been, and so many other people who live in Clewiston, like Steve Daniels and my father, obviously, and some of these other people who live there, that this area of Florida is really pumping out some successful bass anglers. One of the things I'm noticing, and it's already started to happen, it's really spurring the interest of other anglers around the country to move to our community and area to enjoy the good fishing and hopefully get better themselves. Tom Mann has already done that. He's bought a place in Clewiston, he's a professional fisherman from Georgia. I know of three other anglers who will be in the area coming up for the next six months. If you're a professional fisherman, as far as practicing and going out and catching good fish and keeping your confidence level high, there's not a better place to live than Lake Okeechobee. I'm sure that's why the Clewiston area especially has been so successful in popping out tournament wins. I would say that Clewiston, Florida has more tournament earnings and tournament wins than any community in the country. That's a fact. Count up 19 victories that my father has had, five major victories that I've had, Steve Daniels has had a few ... Clewiston, Florida is the king of bass fishing.

*Q: Tell me how your family's background influenced you.*

A: I grew up in the fishing industry and growing up to a fishing family, my mother and my father. We lived right there on Lake Okeechobee and operated our marina, which is all about fishing. It was great to be around that as a young child growing up, getting to see not only the tournament side of fishing, but also the recreational side of fishing. I always wanted to go down that road and try to be successful in that sport.

*Q: Did you ever think of doing anything else?*

A: No, I've never thought about quitting fishing to do another job. I do have my fishing show which is a different type of job, but it's still in the fishing world. But my life is always going to be in fishing.

*Q: Who is the best fisherman in your family?*

A: You know, my dad probably has been the most successful, but mom is probably the smartest fisherman one out there.

*Q: What did your father tell you after you won?*

A: "I'm so proud. You did it. You did it."

*Q: And your mother?*

A: She just said this was one of the happiest days of her life.

*Q: What do you imagine Harold would have said?*

A: Oh, he would have just been emotional. I don't know if he would have been able to get words out, to be honest with you. He would have gotten choked up. His face would have been red as a cherry. He would have been very proud. I know he is right now. We can't see his red face right now, but I know it's pretty red.

## High School to Welcomes New Year

Dear Clewiston High School parents and students,

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Come join them at the CHS campus on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as we begin this year's journey together and open the CHS campus to all of our students. Freshman will meet in the Auditorium at 6 p.m. for their orientation, and the seniors will be briefed from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on their mission to success, as they receive information on how to be successful as a senior. Teachers will be in their classrooms awaiting your arrival, as you travel from room to room following individual student schedules. See you then!

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