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The Alabama Georgia Grocery store was closed after a shooting took the life of Jimmy McMillan. Today, the community will gather to remember McMillan outside of the store at 10 a.m. and as a show of unity against violence.

Jimmy McMillan: Friend, Father Remembered

Fishing legend gunned down on New Year's Eve

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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To hear them all tell it, a more genuine person could have not been found casting lures on the lake than Jimmy McMillan, Glades residents said.

He was the personification of a fisherman: experienced, cool, classy. He spent more than three decades learning the lake - its ins and outs, the hot spots, the migratory patterns of fishes, how weather and the sun affected the lake...everything. He understood the science behind it and the gut instincts that trumped it -- a quality that earned him the title of Angler of the Year.

A person might have been hard-pressed to find better fishing advice. Luckily for them, he was always available to talk fishing.

"I can remember times I would go over to his house and stand in his garage and he would give me tips and pointers about fishing," recalled

a friend, Curtis "Boo" Mosley. "I will miss our talks about fishing and will always be thankful for him inspiring me to tournament fish."

Everything for McMillan was hard-fought, which made his victories all the sweeter. His accomplishments were well-known in the fishing world, and especially on Lake Okeechobee.

And then Monday happened.

Not more than six hours after the New Year rang in, McMillan lay mortally wounded in his own store on Martin Luther King Blvd. in Belle Glade. The suspect, for reasons that are unknown, infiltrated the store with a gun in an attempt to rob the busi-

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Arrest in Death of 2-Year-Old Child

Child died on Christmas Day, one day before her birthday

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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A grisly discovery in the death of a two-year-old child: the mother's boyfriend confesses to her death.

Sources say the little girl was believed to have experienced a terrible asthma attack, and for days, the feeling was that the little girl suffered an unfortunate illness that led to her death. Until investigators, feeling that they might not have been told the whole story, interviewed Jarrell Johnson, 22, who said he was responsible for killing, Destinee Webber, his girlfriend's daughter.



Jarrell Johnson

In the wake of the news, the community expressed shock and anger, and hoped that justice would be served, even as questions linger about what re-

ally led to the death of the child.

According to information released by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, the call came in on Dec. 25 at 8:30 a.m. for assistance of a two-year-old child not breathing. The child was taken to Hendry Regional Medical Center, where she was pronounced deceased.

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Year in Review

Editor's Note: The following is Part 2 of our year in review highlighting the most interesting stories of 2011.

July

•July 7 - A troubling trend has been growing over the past few years and has reached a crisis point in Hendry County. Prescription drug abuse cases have been outnumbering the traditional drug cases as more and more drug users switch to what has been a legal way of acquiring the narcotics.

•July 14 - The Hendry County School District received a "C" Grade for the 2010-2011 school year, when rated as a sum of its schools in Clewiston and LaBelle. Administrators throughout the district are studying results recently released by the Florida Department of Education.

•July 21 - On every parents' mind as school prepares to start is, "What will my child be wearing to school?" It's an issue that Luan Walker, mother

of a recent graduate and another daughter who is beginning high school this fall, has thought about. Luan said she endured four years of dress code violations with her older daughter and won't be enduring another four. She is spearheading a proposal to have the schools in the area, especially Clewiston High School, adopt a school uniform policy.

•July 28 - A desperate battle against time is being fought here and in a hospital room in Miami. Darius Redd, 17, a local basketball and football player and soon to be senior high school student is on life support as he awaits a heart transplant.

August

•Aug. 4 - Clewiston Police Department responded to a report of a vehicular robbery in progress in the early morning of July 25 to find that the homeowners had chased off the

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Happy New Year

BY JILLIAN SPARKS
Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

New Year, New Resolutions! It's that time of year when we all give ourselves that internal pep-talk to do better. What better than a clean slate of a new year to do just that.

At the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, we not only encourage you to be the very best you, but offer a variety of ways for you to do just that. With our campaign, "Together We'll Grow," in full effect for 2012, we invite

you to become a member today. Either for your business or just for yourself, allow the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce to connect you to your community in ways that we are finding most locals didn't know were even possible.

Socials, monthly newsletters, weekly e-mail bulletins, Facebook, digital messaging sign, festivals, events, radio - Clewiston's Coffee Talk, brochure/business information display, www.clewiston.org, newspaper, and our Sugarland Tours enables the chamber's strong connection to our community. We are teaching our



membership every day how to utilize all the networking avenues to better themselves and the companies they are passionately trying to grow. We have found doing so really does ensure us "Together We'll Grow."

January has a full agenda all ready to go with events to entertain all ages. Events such as the Clewiston Museum's Speaker Series that starts on Jan. 5, the New Year Rave for our middle and high school ages at the Youth Center Jan. 7, to our next Chamber Social on the 17th -

hosted by Nurse On Call at The Tiki Bar.

We even have information about things that are up and coming such as Chalo Nitka and their program for advertising, the Inaugural Love The Lake, 5K • 10K Walk & Run - sponsorship and registration for February. The chamber newsletter and e-bulletins provide a calendar with the events we are privy to.

If you have something you would like to promote please let us know how we can help. Our newsletter is also provided via our web site as well. Get in the know and "Together We'll Grow."

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Westside Elementary

Calendar of events:

- Jan. 16: Martin Luther King's Birthday - No school
- Jan. 20: Report Cards go home

Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School will be holding their School Advisory Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room of the administration building.

All interested are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Tales of Big Cypress Swamp

BY BUTCH WILSON
Clewiston Museum

This Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m., Big Cypress National Preserve Specialist, Lisa Andrews, will be presenting "An Evening with Ed Guthrie."

Ole Ed is a fictional character, so don't let his crusty appearance and cranky disposition offend you. Remember, Ed is 110 years old! He will talk about his life (based on true events) of fishing, hunting and exploring the Big Cypress Swamp and the Ten Thousand Islands.

This presentation will bring lots of laughter, but also an insight into the lives and times of the Florida Gladesmen. There will be refreshments after the program, so plan on bringing your family to a fun and intriguing evening at the Clewiston Museum.

We do ask that you make reservations due to the popularity of this presentation and our limited theater seating. You can make reservations by calling our museum office at 863-983-2870 or e-mailing us at clewistonmuseum@embarq-mail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Community Big Read Kickoff

Come Monday, Jan. 9, to the Clewiston Library at 6:30 p.m. for this year's opening of the Big Read Program. This year's reading selection is Sun, Stone and Shadows and free books will be distributed. UCLA and Cultural Anthropologist Jessica Cattelino will make opening remarks at the event.

This year's funding support for the purchase of the books is provided by The Clewiston Museum's Journey Stories Project grant from the Florida Humanities Council and with support from the Smithsonian Institute.

Annual Fish Fry

First Christian Church will be having its annual Fish Fry, Saturday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 7 P.M., to welcome back their winter residents. The Fish Fry is Free but those who wish to may put a contribution in the "Hallelujah Hoedown" Contribution Box. There will be four serving sessions - at 4, 4:45, 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. Free tickets are available at the church during its services or you may call 863-983-1804 or 863-983-6704 to request tickets. Jackie Miller, Minister of the church, reports that last year over 300 were served.

Clewiston Cougars

The Clewiston Cougars will be having their monthly meeting on Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cougars locker room. There are looking for some dedicated board members. On Jan. 23, they will be voting for football and cheer coaches at 6:30 p.m.

Mini Health Fair

Free health fair for the public, including blood pressure, weight and oxygen checks. The mini health fair is conducted through Ace Homecare outreach program.

- Okeechobee Landings on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10:45 a.m.
 - Clewiston Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 11:30 a.m.
 - KOA on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 1:30 p.m.
- For more information call 863-233-1305.

January events at First Christian

The church sponsors two big events in January which they are planning again in 2012. The first is a Fish Fry.

This will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The second event is The Hallelujah Hoedown

which will be held Jan. 27 to 29 at 7 p.m.

The Senior Pageant is back

Ladies ages 63 and up from the surrounding lake area, if you're looking for some fun and excitement and a great group of women who love having a good time, we have the perfect place for you to come.

The Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show will be holding the senior pageant Thursday, Feb. 23. This pageant is held during the week of the fair, the sponsor fee is \$50 and the deadline to sign up is Jan. 15, you may pick up applications at Common Grounds Coffee Shop.

For more information, please call Sherry Lee at 863-228-2958, Niki Kelley at 863-599-9060 or Candace Sanchez at 863-228-2970.

AA Meetings

St. Martins Episcopal Church is holding AA meetings on Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. They will be held at 207 North W.C. Owen Ave. in Clewiston. For more information, please call 239-275-5111.

Worship Services

Artie and Dora Carnes are no longer associated with The Glades RV Resort.

They continue to direct "Christian Contender Ministries" and they are beginning a Worship Service at The Port Labelle Inn each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Those who are interested in helping with this effort should call Artie at 812-821-3037 or Dora at 812-821-3038.

Flea Market

The VFW Post #4185 is having a continuous indoor-outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., every weekend.

For more information, please call 863-983-9748 or 863-673-3130.

Future Hendry leaders for training

Hendry Democrats are looking to train prospective political hopefuls for roles in the community. Residents expressing an interest in running in the upcoming 2012 elections can utilize the group's services to be prepared heading into the election.

Interested readers should contact someone at DEC@hendrydemocrats.com.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Red-shouldered Hawk (RSHA)



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Red-shouldered Hawk.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Happy New Year! Join in the fun of reporting or submitting a photo of the first bird you heard or saw in 2012 by posting on the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society's Facebook Page. One popular FOY ("first of year) species is the Red-shouldered Hawk. They are probably the most vocal American hawk. Red-shoulder Hawks are often seen circling above their territories and repeatedly calling "kee-aah" three to four times.

Two of the five subspecies of Red-shouldered hawk breed in Florida. These common raptors are probably the most numerous and widely distributed Florida hawk. One of the two species which lives in South Florida is commonly referred to as the "pale race" because it is smaller and paler gray than other Red-shouldered Hawk subspecies.

The Red-shouldered Hawk is a medium-sized raptor with a robust body and broad wings. Adults have barred rusty-red underparts, brownish head and reddish chest. Their red "shoulders" are visible when they are perched. This hawk has a long black tail with four or five narrow white bands. When in flight pale crescents on the wings are visible from below.

These raptors are usually found in forests with open understory located near water. They will perch in trees or hop on the ground in order to forage for easily captured prey such as toads, snakes, frogs, rodents, and small birds. Their stick nests are usually located in large

mature trees with good canopy cover. The nest is lined with bark, mosses, lichens and twigs. The adults will return to the same nesting area repeatedly where they breed from January through May or June. Normally two whitish eggs with brown are laid in a bulky nest that is placed in a tree's fork. The eggs are incubated for about 33 days. Chicks are born helpless, with open eyes and covered with buffy brown down. The young birds fledge in 40 to 45 days.

They are often chased by American Crows, but will join forces with the Crows to chase Great Horned Owls out of their territory.

If you would like to participate in upcoming bird trips to STA5 or receive the Hendry-Glades Audubon digital newsletter, e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



Margaret England

Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

The New Year is here and the fishing here on Lake Okeechobee just keeps getting better by the day. The lake level is at 13.65 feet above sea level and is at a great level to allow us to fish almost anywhere on the lake including some places we have not had access to in a number of years. A cold front is moving through South Florida and after it warms up next week there should be a lot of bass moving in toward spawning areas. When the water cools off and then warms back up it triggers the bass to move in off the main lake toward spawning areas.

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. I do have some bad news to report, local FLW pro Jimmy McMillan was gunned down in his store during a robbery. Jimmy was loved by the fishing community around Okeechobee and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the McMillan family. The live bait bite on wild shiners has been off the hook the past week with five dozen shiners only lasting a few hours. The artificial bite has been off a little the past week but was really good up until then. Next week the full moon should push a lot of bass in to spawn and the artificial bite should be back in full force. The bass that I have been catching on artificial lures have been flipping in heavy cover, using a Charlie's Worms Flippin' Bug and a heavy one ounce tungsten weight. You will need a good heavy action rod to get these bass out of this heavy cover and braided line of at least fifty pound test is a must.

The bites are not one after another but the bites you do get are big bass. The only other way I was able to catch some bass last week was on a Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper fished slow. If the weather cooperates this next week we should be able to catch bass off the beds in a lot of areas around the lake. Areas like the East Wall, Long Point, Pelican Bay, and along the shoal should all be good. We are still in January and, with that, cold fronts move through the area and can really slow the fishing down. Starting with wild shiners and then going to artificial lures works great on these colder mornings here on Okeechobee. I haven't had a lot of reports of crappie being caught but I know there are some being caught out off the main channel from Clewiston, in the rim canal, a few around Bird Island, and in the Kissimmee River. Jigs and minnows are both working well to catch them.



PHOTO / MARK KING

Patty Dixon from Freeport, Ohio.

If catching a trophy largemouth bass is something that you have always wanted to do then Okeechobee will be the place you will want to come fishing this year. We have already seen some really nice bass being caught and as we move toward the next few months the fishing will only get better. If you think the bass last year were big wait till you see what is caught this year. Until next week good luck, tight lines, and hope to see everyone on the water soon.

Capt. Mark King is a full time guide out of Roland Martin's Marina and Resort in Clewiston. Give him a call at 863-677-0983 or go to www.markkingfishing.com to book a trip.

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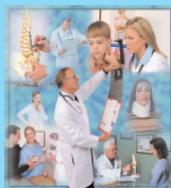
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Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

I have in my files a story that appeared years ago about Mary and her pet parakeet, Chippie.

Wanting to clean Chippie's cage, Mary stuck the open hose of a vacuum into the bottom of the cage. The phone rang, and she turned to pick it up. Mary had barely said "hello" when "fa-wumpa!"

Mary screamed, dropped the phone, turned off the vacuum and opened the bag. There was Chippie sitting up, somewhat dazed, but still alive, and completely



John Hicks

covered with dust.

Mary grabbed him, ran to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the running water. Then, realizing Chippie was wet and starting to shiver, she did what any concerned bird owner would do: she reached for the hair dryer and gave him a blast of hot air.

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him. One minute he was perched in his cage, happily singing. The next he was sucked up, dunked down, and blown over. The reporter who had initially written the story called a few days later to see how Chippie was doing. Mary told him that Chippie was doing okay, but shared, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares."

It's not hard to see why. Being sucked up, dunked down, and blown over will steal the song from the best of us.

We've all had days or weeks or years like that. There are times when life gets so tough that we just sort of sit and stare and wonder what's going to hit us next. If you've ever had a "Chippie" kind of day, or if you're having one right now, I have some good news that will fluff up your feathers, perk up your perch, and put a song back in your heart. At the point of our deepest need, we can be renewed, and our life situations can be transformed. I believe that God is in charge, and something good is therefore going to happen. It may not be what I want to happen. It may not be what I hoped would happen. Things may not go back to the way they were. But God gives new situations, new surprises, and new things that we may have never anticipated or imagined. God is with us and God will lead us to victory in our life.

Chippie doesn't sing much anymore, but we can.

Epiphany: A Manifestation and a Special Moment

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

The Christian season that follows Christmas is the "Epiphany." That Greek word means "manifestation" or "appearance."

It is commonly commemorated with the wise men who first visited Jesus and realized that indeed there was something very, very special about this infant (Matthew 2:1 and 7).

These astrologers were summoned by King Herod, who realized that something was afoot

in his kingdom. It seemed the world was going to welcome another king, and he sought to eliminate the new-born challenger. The wise men were commissioned to search out the babe, then report back. They didn't do it!

Those moments with Jesus moved them to give gifts instead of betrayal and scriptures tell us that they returned to their own country "by another route (Matthew 2:12)." They were those who first recognized the presence of the Lord with God using them (astrologers who interpreted the signs in the stars) to make His presence known in the world.

Herod would use these strangers to his kingdom for his own evil intents. Their discovery and their values would let them have no part in it. Those who encounter the Christ are changed and these three set a precedent that has changed humanity ever since.

They show that encounters with the Lord don't always come from expected sources or through expected ways. The vast majority of Jesus' followers have come from traditions and backgrounds other than those anticipated by Jesus' ancestors.

This is a time of year when I reflect on my own journey in faith; a grandmother who used to read me Bible stories, curiosity when the sciences didn't seem to have all the answers, finding a spiritual community that welcomed my search-

ing, realization that life meant more than just what was being presented in the media, searching for the one best way to invest my life... and on and on, pointing me to consider, search out, test, affirm, offer; each stage with affirmations along the way. An early mentor advised me to re-read each year my ordination vows and let them be a measuring stick for the past year and a guide for the year to come. I have done so most of the years afterward; January 5th being the date of that ordination to my ministry of 45 years now.

I've reflected with others on their special times of commitment, the promises made at baptisms, the services of confirmations, the vows taken at marriage, and to look back on the workings of the Lord in their lives. No doubt there were some unexpected twists and turns along the way, some hard spots and some unexpected joys but through it all seeing the hand of God at work.

In our own ways, when we seek God, we will find Him. May we have the wisdom of the Wise Men and pay Him homage, turn away from those who would do evil, use the gifts He has given us in the service of others, and realize what great gifts we all have received at His hands.



Sam S. Thomas

Will Anything Be 'New' For You?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

Jeremiah, the prophet, has reminded us that "the mercies of the Lord are new every morning." And Paul declares that for Christians "everything is new." "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creation; old things are passed away,

behold, all things are become New." (II Cor. 5:17). But are we experiencing this newness of life?

We can just consider I Thess 5:5-8, "For you are all children of the light and of the day, and do not belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Watch for His return and stay sober. Night is time for sleep and time when people get drunk.

But let us live in the light, keep sober, protected by the arm of faith and love, and wearing as a helmet the happy hope of salvation."

Renewed faith would make a New Year. How do you renew faith? Only by the Word of God. Go to Bible School each Sunday. Attend mid-week Bible Study each week. Read your Bible daily. Memorize important verses of scripture each week.

Renewed love would make a New Year. How do you renew love? By the fellowship with God's loving people. Be in Worship, faithful in fellowship around the table of love each Sunday.

Renewed hope would make a New Year. How do you renew hope? By looking up into the sky from whence the Lord Jesus is coming for you! By renewing the Holy Spirit attitude in your life. The expectant, the God is winning, upward, thankful perspective!

Let me conclude with a little recipe for PROGRESS: If you haven't been faithful every Sunday in church, start to be faithful. If you have been coming only Sunday Morning, start coming Sunday Night.

If you have been faithful all day Sunday, start to mid-week Bible Study. If you are doing all this there is still more, begin to memorize scripture. And don't forget, "The tithe is the Lord's!" "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse of the Lord!"

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2012 Retail Gas Prices Likely to Set Record Highs



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Gas prices could be as high as \$4 by Spring 2013.

Possible \$4 gallon price by Spring 2013

The U.S. average price of gasoline today, \$3.26/g, has declined significantly in recent months but still remains 21.3 cents per gallon higher than the U.S. average price recorded last year at this time.

"As 2011 has come to a close, that's cause for concern," says Gregg Laskoski, Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Why? For the past seven years, the average price movement from the beginning of the year to the peak price posted during the year has been \$0.93 cents per gallon, and as high as \$1.31/gallon."

"Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we've seen for the past seven years. 2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05 and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon," Laskoski said.

Florida average "start price" to peak retail gasoline prices:

2007

- Start Price: \$2.32/g on 1/1/2007
- Peak Price: \$3.13/g on 11/14/2007
- Difference: 81.2 cents per gallon

2008

- Start Price: \$3.08/g on 1/1/2008
- Peak Price: \$4.05/g on 7/15/2008
- Difference: 96.8 cents per gallon

2009

- Start Price: \$1.63/g on 1/1/2009
- Peak Price: \$2.71/g on 10/31/2009
- Difference: 108.1 cents per gallon

2010

- Start Price: \$2.66/g on 1/1/2010
- Peak Price: \$3.07/g on 12/29/2010
- Difference: 40.7 cents per gallon

2011

- Start Price: \$3.07/g on 1/1/2011
- Peak Price: \$3.92/g on 5/4/2011
- Difference: 85.8 cents per gallon

"In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon and only once in the past seven years was the spread below .82 cents per gallon.

And, while we typically anticipate "peak" prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009.

While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn't move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year's end, we could be paying over \$4/gal next spring," said Patrick DeHaan, another Petroleum Analyst with GasBuddy.

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Vicki L. Cox, 68

MOORE HAVEN — Vicki L. Cox, of Moore Haven, passed away December 31, 2011, at Raulerson Hospital.

She was born January 6, 1943, in Grand Coulee, Washington to Otto and Bessie Winnette. She came to Okeechobee from Massachusetts in 1985. She was a homemaker of the Catholic faith and member of the Lakeport Garden Club.

Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her father, Otto Winnette; mother, Bessie Fletcher Winnette; sister, Alura Barr; and brothers, Larry and Warren Winnette.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Billy Cox; sons, Terry Cox (Sierra), Todd Cox (Erin Christle); Siddhi Ramji (Katie Cook); granddaughters, Macy Cox and Caydence Cisneros; and sister, Colleen Cross.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Earl Cline of Palmdale Baptist Church officiating.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. Second Street, (863) 763-2111.



Roy D. Lundy, 84

MOORE HAVEN — Roy D. Lundy, of Moore Haven, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at his home in Moore Haven.

Roy was born March 23, 1927, in Moore Haven. He is the son of the late Paul Edger and the late Amy (Surgnier) Lundy.

Roy was the Sheriff of Glades County from 1956 to 1981. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven and a 50 plus year member of the Moore Haven Lodge 61 F. & A.M.

He is survived by his two sons, Roy D. Lundy, Jr. (Sandra) of Moore Haven, and Jack E. Lundy (Janice) of Moore Haven; grandchildren, Scott Lundy (Nicole), Brad Lundy (Leslie), Jaclyne Pollard (Dwayne); great-grandchildren, Garrett Lundy, Katelyn Lundy, Carolanne Lundy and Aubrey Pollard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Scott Lundy in 1989; and two grandchildren, Samuel David Lundy and Amy Elizabeth Lundy.

The funeral service was held on Friday, December 30, 2011, at First United Methodist Church Of Moore Haven, 300 Avenue L. S.W., Moore Haven, FL. Rev. Charlie Watts officiated. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

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Wild Hogs - Nuisance or Hunting Opportunity?



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Hunting dog.

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal pursued each winter by Florida's more than 200,000 hunters. But, there's another big-game species that's hunted quite a bit too and is especially popular with hunters in the southern and central parts of the state: the wild hog.

Wild hogs, also called wild boars or feral pigs, aren't native to Florida. They either were introduced by colonists or may even have been brought over by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. Hogs provided a major food source for the early settlers, and those pigs that escaped or were released adapted and prospered readily in Florida's mild climate and varied habitats. Though nonnative, you can hardly tell, because wild hogs are plentiful throughout Florida and can be found in all 67 counties. They live in various habitats but prefer moist forests, swamps and pine flatwoods. Abundant populations of wild hogs occur west of Lake Okeechobee, between the Kissimmee and lower St. Johns river basins, and farther north along the Gulf coastal marshes between the Aucilla and Withlacoochee rivers.

Wild hogs are omnivorous and feed by rooting up the ground with their broad snouts, leaving some areas looking like plowed fields. Because of this, they are considered by many agricultural producers to be nuisance animals. Their diet consists of grasses and flowering plants in the spring, fruits in the summer and fall, and they eat roots, tubers and invertebrates throughout the year.

As with all animals, it's against the law to release wild hogs on public lands. It's also not recommended on private lands either, unless the property is surrounded by adequate fencing.

Wild hogs have an annual home range of more than 10 square miles and are prolific reproducers. A healthy female (sow) can breed when only 6 months old and continue to breed every six months, producing four to 14 piglets per litter.

They're not listed as game animals by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) but are considered wildlife. And even

though wild hogs can have negative impacts on native vegetation and wildlife, they're an important food source for several native species, including the alligator, bobcat and black bear, as well as the endangered Florida panther and threatened American crocodile.

Wild hogs also make for a great hunting opportunity. This especially is true in the southern portion of the state where, in some areas, wild hogs actually have replaced deer as the preferred hunting species. Because of the abundance of hogs there and the fact these regions tend to have smaller-bodied deer with lighter racks, hog hunting has gotten pretty popular in those parts.

On private property with the landowner's permission, you may hunt or trap wild hogs year-round. Also, there are no size or bag limits. You may harvest either sex, and you don't even need a hunting license to do so. That goes for nonresidents as well. Now I do need to make you aware that when hunting one of the state's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you will need a valid Florida hunting license and a management area permit. On most WMAs, wild hogs may be hunted during all hunting seasons except spring turkey. But if it's during archery season, you must use a bow; during muzzleloading gun season,

you'll have to use a muzzleloader. Also, on some WMAs, daily bag limits do apply, and in some cases, there's a minimum size limit on what you can shoot.

During this time of year, many of the WMAs' small-game seasons are going on. The great thing about that is you never need a quota permit to hunt during a WMA's small-game season, and on most of them, hogs are legal game. The only thing is, you can't use a centerfire rifle during that season, but you can use a shotgun with buckshot or a slug, or a rimfire rifle like a .22 magnum, or even a pistol if you want.

In addition to still hunting for hogs from a stand or blind, there are those hunters who prefer to catch them with traps or by the use of dogs. Special pens with trap doors work well when baited with acorns or slightly fermented corn. Dogs, such as black-mouth curs and pit bulls, make good "catch" dogs because they can be trained to capture hogs, which they do by biting down on their ears and pinning them to the ground. So whether you think wild hogs are a nuisance or a hunting opportunity, they're a critter some of us are dealing with one way or another. Here's wishing all you hunters a great season and a wonderful new year!



PHOTO / JUAN LOPEZ

Wild hog.

**Public Testing of
Tabulation Equipment**

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 for the Testing of the Tabulation Equipment to be used in the Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on January 31, 2012.

**El público que Prueba del
Equipo de Tabulación**

El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio en el Supervisor de la Oficina de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Avda., LaBelle, a las 2:00 de la tarde el Jueves, 12 de Enero de 2012 para el Probar del Equipo de Tabulación para ser utilizado en la Eleccion de Preferencia Presidencial Primaria el 31 de Enero de 2012.

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Time-Saving Tips and Tools to Help You Multi-Task



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With today's busy schedules, most people wish they simply had more time. But while you can't add hours to the day, you can free up your time by streamlining your to-do list with time-saving tools.

From the kitchen to the office, people are looking for new technologies to help them become more efficient. In fact, according to a survey conducted by research firm Toluna, and cordless phone manufacturer VTech Communications, 81 percent of respondents rank devices that help you multi-task and get more things done as very important.

So if you are feeling strapped for time, stay up to date with these multitasking tips:

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The first step is to sign up for direct deposit at work. Likewise, you can set up direct debit for your monthly bills. If you need to access any of your statements, you no longer need to sort through your file cabinet. It's all easily searchable through your online account.

So stop sorting mail, filing, paying bills and visiting your brick and mortar bank, and go take a bubble bath instead.

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Hendry Regional Medical Center celebrated the opening of the new emergency room facility in 2011.

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robbers. That robbery was one of several that a group of teenagers made along West Crescent Dr. They had purposefully moved up along the area, trying several car doors to see if they were unlocked, police reported. They also rooted through two boats and took items from them as well.

•Aug. 11 - The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation issued a mutual consent order to First Bank of Clewiston and all its branches to make certain changes to its infrastructure in order to improve operations. This consent order was months in the making and was signed by First Bank and the FDIC on June 16.

•Aug. 18 - 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.

•Aug. 25 - Hendry County has made headlines in the past for ranking at the top of an unenviable list: highest unemployment in the state. If figures released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are any indication, Hendry County residents are also the most arrested people in Florida.

September

•Sept. 1 - Should the fact that Hendry County arrested a larger percentage of its people than any other county in Florida be viewed in negative terms? Don Gutshall, Clewiston's Police Chief, doesn't think so. After reading last week's article in The Clewiston News about the surprising fact, the man in charge of one of the handful of law enforcement agencies in the county defends the work of all Hendry officers.

•Sept. 8 - Three names have signed up to participate in the 2012 Sheriff race for Hendry County. While qualifying has not ended, the candidates are hoping to stir enough interest in their platforms early on to capture the all important voter's attention come next year.

•Sept. 15 - Feces on the wall of the women's bathroom. Lunch meat that was being used well past their seven-day period at the deli. Equipment used to prepare food not being cleaned properly and, in some cases, not at all. These reports and much more were discovered at one location: U-Save.

•Sept. 22 - Shortly after the fourth anniversary of the incident, a sentence was finally given in the murder of Jorge Rico. Four years ago, on Sept. 5, a fight had broken reportedly broken out between two families at Everglades Mobile Home Park. This argument led to shots being fired and two brothers being sent to the hospital. Soon one brother, Jorge Rico, would be pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to the chest. The other, Juan Carlos Rico, would survive and be flown to Lee Memorial Hospital for a gunshot to the abdomen.

•Sept. 29 - Last week, 217 animals were taken by animal control officers from a Montura property after officers received a complaint from a Palm Beach County resident who had seen the animals and decided to contact Clewiston Animal Control.

October

•Oct. 6 - Wanting to make sure that he honored his full-year commitment, the Vice-President of Tourism Lee Mc- Michael submitted his resignation and will be leaving Oct. 28.

•Oct. 13 - With hopes finally rising with each win that the Tiger football program is on its way to recovering from losing seasons, a scandal involving several players may threaten the resolve of both the school and the team. Last month, Clewiston High School facilities were broken

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TAX SAVINGS NOTICE FOR GLADES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012 - Filing period for tax exemptions can be made in the Property Appraiser's Office in the Glades County Courthouse, Room 202, during office hours (8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS:

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3. AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION (Greenbelt Exemption) RENEWAL RECEIPT HAVE BEEN MAILED. IF YOU STILL QUALIFY AND THERE ARE NO CHANGES KEEP THE RECEIPT. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

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2. Florida Vehicle Registration
3. Glades County Voter Registration, or Declaration of Domicile If Applicable.
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For those handicapped persons that are unable to come to the Courthouse please call and arrangements will be made for you to make an application for Homestead exemption.

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After his big wins on tour, Pro fisherman Scott Martin was awarded the key to the city of Clewiston.

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into on two separate occasions, Sept. 9 and Sept. 24, which resulted in a total of nine newly acquired iMac computers being stolen from the computer lab.

•Oct. 20 - "I'm happy I did it and I feel that I can do anything now." That was 13-year-old Laice Lyne Varnum's response when asked how she felt about being the first girl football player in the history of Clewiston Middle School.

•Oct. 27 - In an encompassing study done by the Health Council of Southwest Florida, several disturbing trends were found to exist in Hendry County. The study, published early this year, collected data going back to the early 90s and ending in 2009.

November

•Nov. 3 - An infant fights for his life at a hospital in West Palm Beach while his father is held in jail as the lone suspect in a sad and tragic case out of Clewiston.

•Nov. 10 - The Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida published a study earlier this year which stated that Hendry County had no mental health professional serving the area. Refuting that claim are the mental health workers who, according to the study, are not supposed to exist.

•Nov. 17 - A Florida Highway Patrol officer's routine stop turned into anything but when drivers on U.S. 27 failed to pay attention to the most basic road advice: keep your eyes on the road. The 23-year-old trooper was standing outside of his vehicle when a series of crashes propelled a boat into his patrol vehicle. When it was all said and done four vehicles (five if the boat is counted), two semis, a pickup truck, and the trooper's car had been involved with zero injuries reported.

•Nov. 24 - A man found to be drunk and in the possession of marijuana was responsible for

an accident that pinned an unsuspecting victim between a guardrail and a vehicle, according to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol. The accident happened last Wednesday, November 16 at just before 8 a.m.

December

•Dec. 1 - \$3,460 is the amount that local couponer Jennifer Strickland saved in six months. She donned a very satisfied smile as she related that fact, spreading out her file holder full of coupons on the table in front of her. She is but one of several other couponers in the area who relish the idea that a little time spent collecting coupons can make for a great deal of money saved for her family.

•Dec. 8 - In the days following the news of a gruesome murder in Cape Coral involving two Clewiston men, the community deals with lingering questions. In the middle of the tragic incident is a family coping with the death of John Drake, 84.

•Dec. 15 - In what had been heralded as a benefit to the community, the Clewiston Theater is now the center of a situation that has devolved into a war of words. At the heart of the matter: the owners of the Clewiston Theater, the Mann's, feel that the new operator, Russell Brannan, is misrepresenting himself. Over the course of nearly three weeks, several of Russell Brannan's new employees have quit. Dennis Mann, who leased the theater to Brannan, is wanting to make sure that this lease is voided as soon as possible. And other questions have arisen from a deeper look into Brannan's background.

•Dec. 22: What should have been a routine city commission meeting on Monday became an hour-and-ten-minute long debate on the performance of City Manager Steve McKown. Commissioner and former mayor Mali Gardner made the request that the review be discussed. Gardner came prepared with a list of concerns about McKown. She prefaced the discussion by saying that she gave McKown an above-average rating in her latest evaluation of the manager, but felt that some items warranted the review of the commission as a whole.

Clewiston Man Busted in Okee Burglary

Man stole \$1,625 worth
of items

BY ERIC KOPP
The Clewiston News

Fingerprints and an eyewitness have led to the arrest of a Clewiston man for his alleged involvement in a local home burglary last month.

David Lee Thomas, 20, of Clewiston, was arrested Monday, Dec. 26, on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$12,500 bond. An Okeechobee man, who allegedly partnered with Thomas in the break-in, was arrested Nov. 29 by a local detective and is currently being held in the county jail on a bond of \$110,500.

David Bernard Robinson, 29, N.E. 11th St., is charged with burglary of a dwelling and dealing in stolen property.

At the time of this arrest on the burglary charge, Robinson was incarcerated in the county jail on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. An arrest report by Detective Ted Van De-man, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that the men apparently broke into the home on Nov. 18 and took a variety of items. Those items included jewelry, a camera, an iPhone, an electronic gaming system and several games that go with that system.

The stolen items had an estimated value of \$1,625, the detective stated.

In his report, the detective stated that the camera and gaming system have been recovered.



David Lee Thomas



David Robinson

Detective Van De-man's report stated that a school-aged child returned home from school around 1 p.m. and found her home in disarray and the French doors in the back of the home open. Those doors, continued the report, were locked when the child left for school that morning. The child called her mother, who then came home and contacted law enforcement.

According to the report, the French doors were the apparent point of entry. The detective said a door knob was now loose and there were pry marks found around the doors.

OCSO Deputy Steven McKinley, who took the initial complaint, indicated in his report that he was able to lift four latent finger prints from a glass in one of the doors. OCSO Crime Scene Technician Jacqueline Moore then entered those prints into a computer system and was able to determine that they belonged to Thomas.

A witness reportedly told Deputy McKinley that they saw two men—Robinson and Thomas—running from the back of the victim's home. According to the witness, the men then jumped into a car and sped away, stated the deputy.

Three Arrested on Charges of Burglary and Theft

Hendry County Deputies
received a tip about the
whereabouts of stolen
property

Hendry County Deputies received a tip on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, about the whereabouts of some stolen property. After speaking with the caller it was determined that three individuals had broken into her home and stolen several items. The victim reported to deputies that her son had received information regarding the location of the some of the property as well as the identity of the suspects involved.

Deputies were told that Luis Angel Fundora was involved in the burglary and they responded to the residence of 19-year-old Fundora, 665 North Arboleda Street in Montura. Upon their arrival, they were met by 19-year-old Christopher Michael Province of South Bay and 19 year old Vincent Anthony Carreno, Montura. Both subjects denied knowing where Fundora was and stated that they had not seen him for about two weeks.

Deputies left the residence and later returned to find Fundora sitting on the couch inside the residence. Deputies then took Fundora into custody for questioning.

After interviewing Fundora it was learned that he was accompanied by Carreno and 21-year-old Gregory Phillip Rodriguez also of Montura during the theft. Some of the property taken during the burglary was recovered.

Luis Angel Fundora, 19, was arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Grand Theft and an additional charge of Probation Violations. Fundora is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$9,000 bond.

Vincent Anthony Carreno, 19, was arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief, Burglary, Grand Theft and Obstruction. Carreno was released on Jan. 2, on \$10,000 bond.

Gregory Phillip Rodriguez, 21, was arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief, Burglary, and Grand Theft. He is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$9,000 bond.

Christopher Michael Province 19, of South Bay, was arrested and charged with Obstruction. Province was issued a Notice to Appear and released from custody.

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.

Vincent Anthony Carreno, 19



- Criminal mischief under \$200
- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Arrested Jan. 1 by R. Garcia

Gregory Phillip Rodriguez, 21



- Criminal mischief under \$200
- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Arrested Jan. 1 by R. Garcia

Luis Angel Fundora, 19



- Criminal mischief under \$200
- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Arrested Jan. 1 by R. Garcia

Ali Naser Abueqab, 23



- Driving w/ suspended license, habitual offender
- Arrested Dec. 26 by CPD Ofc. Malloy

Evelio Diaz, 48



- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Arrested Dec. 24 by C. McVey

Arnulfo Mendoza, 28



- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Dec. 23 by CPD Ofc. M. Thomas

Rubio Sanchez, 26



- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Dec. 23 by CPD Ofc. M. Thomas

Alexandro Vazquez, 20



- Aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability
- Arrested Dec. 23 by Ofc. M. Thomas

Brian Ronald Meadows, 47



- Possession of heroine
- Arrested Dec. 22 by CPD Ofc. Blackman

Lisa Carmer, 41



- Expired motor vehicle registration, 6 months or more
- Driving w/ suspended license, second offense
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Dec. 1 by CPD Ofc. Blackman

Lori Ann Sherrell, 26



- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Arrested Dec. 21 by R. Garcia

Coy Dewitt Moore, 36



- Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, unarmed
- Arrested Dec. 11 by R. Garcia

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- 1/1 Fisheating Bay Condo #22 \$22,500
- 3/2 Lrg. Home, 784 Ave. N. \$185K

ACREAGE, LAND & LOTS

- 27.5 acres Pioneer Plantation \$70K
- Highlands Co. 10, 28, & 80 AC. Parcels, Owner Finance Avail.
- Sky Valley Lots: deeply discounted "Ready To Build"
- 1.25 Acre lots Montura Ranch Estates \$4500
- 20 Acre Ladeca \$150K
- E. Del Monte/N. Francisco, Res. Lot \$75K
- 185 Ac former shrimp/fish farm So. LaBelle \$4,500 per acre
- 918 Acre former shrimp farm So. Clewiston \$6,500 per acre
- N. Francisco Res. Lot \$25K, Owner Financing
- 2 Residential lots horseshoe acres \$5500 each
- 812 Maryland Ave. (Mobile Home Lot) \$11,000
- 10 acre Ladeca Center Ave \$55K
- 2.5 Acre Lots, Pioneer, w/imp Starting at \$24.9K

COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT/RENTALS

- Moore Haven Medical Office w/ Equipment for sale or lease
- Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 - \$350K
- Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835. Sale or Lease
- Hwy 27, 14,279 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$349K
- Hwy 27 Frontage-Former Sonny's Lot (1.9 ac) \$450K
- 525 E El Paso Office w/ apt. excellent condition \$105K
- Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
- .35 ac. Corner Lot- East of Bello's Jewelry \$65K
- Corner Lot, Hwy. 27 Frontage reduced \$155K
- Hwy. 27 Clewiston Auto Repair Shop \$350K
- 2bd/1BA Moore Haven \$500mo.
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- 909 Popash 3/2 \$300K
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- 1039 Anvil Way 3/2 2 acs \$139.9K
- 615 Ridgeview Circle 3/2 pool \$185K
- 1105 Haven PI MHE 2/2 \$109.5K
- 1068 Haven PI MHE 3/2 \$119K
- 1069 Haven PI MHE 3/2 \$119.5K
- Bass 'n Sun #235 \$102K
- 1011 W PENDING \$9.9K

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- 4275 Price PENDING \$4.9K
- 1268 Dublin Cir. 2/2 SWMH \$25K
- 618 Sabal Ave 3/2 DVMH \$49.9K
- 779 Evercane Rd 3/2 pool \$120K

VACANT LAND

- Montura lots - from \$6.5K
- Perimeter Montura 2.5 ac \$25K
- Moore Haven - 5 lots - \$50K
- Moore Haven - 2 lots - \$39.9K

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- 1972 Joshua Bl 3/2 DVMH \$42.9K
- 1572 Joshua Bl 3/2 DVMH \$29K

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1272	2007	1224432-01000130030	Estate of Benjamin A. Aruca And Estate of Martin Aruca

Lot 3 in Block 13 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1678	2008	1224432-01000220010	Francisco Ramos Mendez & Irma Maldonado Bermudez

Lot 1, Block 22, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1156	2007	1144432-A0002470100	Carlos Pelaez & Otto A Villamizar

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2895, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "C", one commissioner elected representing Seat "D", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "E". Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Belle Glade for at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The first day for qualifying begins January 31, 2012, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 14, 2012, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) until said date and time. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

Registered voters in Precincts 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6028, 6029 and 6030 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 13, 2012.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the particular office that such candidate seeks in this particular election, a Run-Off Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat. To qualify as a registered voter for the Run-Off Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 27, 2012.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
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PALM BEACH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD)
NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGE FINANCING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications from individuals seeking funding under the **Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)**. Pre-applications are available directly from HCD or may be downloaded from the HCD website at www.pb.gov/hcd. Applications must be submitted in person and will be accepted year-round until funding has been exhausted.

Activity Description:
 The NSP II First and Second Mortgage Loan Program was developed to provide first mortgage loan financing at 4 percent interest rate (4.9% APR) fixed for 30 years, and a second mortgage loan at zero percent interest, in the form of a forgivable loan to run concurrently to the first mortgage loan for 30 years. The first mortgage loan is amortized over 30 years and has mandatory escrow requirements for real estate property taxes and homeowners hazard insurance. The second mortgage loan does not have a monthly repayment requirement. The second mortgage loan provides "gap" financing. Eligible uses of the second mortgage are: down payment assistance, closing costs, and rehabilitation costs. Eligible dwellings must be foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant residential properties located within the Urban Redevelopment Area (URA) or the Glades Regional Target Area (GRTA). Eligible households earning up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI), who do not own a home are eligible to participate in the program (credit and asset provisions apply). The home must remain the principal residence of the applicant for the life of the loan.

Amount Available:
 \$11,865,400.00 is available for first and second mortgage loan financing.

Rate	Term	Points	Maximum after rehabilitation value
4% (4.90% APR)	30 years	0	\$211,375*

*HUD Median Purchase Price Guidelines

Eligible Applicants:
 Eligible applicants for the NSP II include individuals who are not current homeowners, have a middle FICO credit score of 600, and meet income and household eligibility guidelines. Eligible applicants are required to reside in the home as their principal place of residency.

Eligible Rehabilitation:
 Applicants may use up to \$50,000 to rehabilitate the dwelling. Rehabilitation funding will be deducted from the maximum award of the second mortgage loan.

Program Requirements/General Information:

- Affordability Guidelines:**
 Annual Income Limits for West Palm Beach and Boca Raton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) FY 2011 Area Median Income (AMI) \$63,300
- Eligible Program Areas:**
 All properties purchased must be located in either the County's "Urban Redevelopment Areas". The east area boundaries are generally described as: **Community Drive to the North; the Lake Worth Drainage District L-14 Canal to the South; I-95 to the East; and extends to various points West as far as Jog Road; or the Glades Region Target Area generally described as: the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point.**
- Other criteria:**
 The sales price (including any rehabilitation) cannot exceed \$211,375, which represents 95% of the median sales price, and must reflect at least a one percent (1%) discount of the "as is" appraised value. The home purchased must be used as the purchaser's primary place of residence. The first mortgage will be provided in the form of a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, with an interest rate not to exceed 4% (APR of 4.9%).

The second mortgage loan may also be provided to NSP II homebuyers to assist with rehabilitation, closing costs, and down payment assistance. The second mortgage loan provided shall not exceed \$100,000 for very low income applicants (0-50% AMI), \$65,000 for low income applicants (51-80% AMI), and \$50,000 for moderate income applicants (81-120% AMI). The second mortgage loan shall bear no interest and shall be forgiven after thirty (30) years if all affordability provisions are met. All mortgage financing requests are subject to funding availability.

Paper Copy Version: can be picked up at Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No alterations or deletions to the application formats are allowed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Map of Palm Beach County Urban Redevelopment Area



The Zip Codes which are located within the east "Urban Redevelopment Area" are listed below.

ZIP CODES	GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
33406	North of the L-8 Canal; East of Military Trail; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of I-95. (Palm Springs)
33409	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Military Trail; South of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Village Blvd.; and West of I-95 (West Palm Beach)
33413	North of Southern Blvd.; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of the E-3 Canal (Greenacres)
33415	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)
33417	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Florida's Turnpike; South of the M Canal; and West of Military Trail. (West Palm Beach)
33461	North of the L-14 Canal; East of I-95; South of the L-8 Canal; and West of Military Trail. (Palm Springs and Lake Worth)
33463	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Sherwood Forest Rd.; South of Lake Worth Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)



All the above listed zip code areas contain portions which are not within the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Some of the above listed zip code areas are mostly outside of the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Only properties located within the portions of the zip codes falling within the URA boundaries are eligible for NSP-2 assistance.

Glades Region Target Area:
 The target area encompasses the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point. The creation of the GRTA added nine census tracts to the NSP2 Program. These are census tracts 80.01; 80.02; 81.01; 81.02; 82.01; 82.02; 82.03; 83.01; and 83.02.

For additional information about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II, please call (561) 233-3655 or (561) 233-3688.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED CAN BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3660.

PUBLISH: December 18th, and 25th; January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

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987	2007	1134432-A0000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5665, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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1698	2008	1224432-01000310140	Myleen Barrera

Lot 14, Block 31, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405838 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Hendry County, Florida
 406480 CN/CB 1/5/2012

Employment Full Time

Assistant to the Foreman

Alico, Inc. is seeking an Assistant to the Foreman in our Citrus Division. This position is responsible for setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, herbicide, fertilize, disc, spray, hedge, etc., as well as checking irrigation systems. Position will perform duties with little or no supervision from foreman. Will be responsible to train others and fill in for others, including Foreman, as necessary.

Must have a thorough knowledge of the geographic make up of fields; must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions; must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment. Must have the ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently and to keep proper and adequate records.

Position requires an Agriculture related degree and a minimum of 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license, a valid pesticide license is preferred, and must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted.

Qualified candidates should submit their resume to hrdepartment@alicoinc.com or fill out an application at our Corkscrew Barn located at 4625 County Rd 850, Immokalee, FL 34142.

The Company maintains a drug free environment and is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment Medical

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST

Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks Healthcare Specialist. Responsibilities: Disease management programs, clinical evaluations, equipment set up & education. Be the doctor's eyes in the home setting. RN, RRT, CRT licensed as applicable. Great personalities with strong work ethic needed. Competitive salary, benefits & career paths. Drug Free Workplace, EOE. Please fax resume to Angel, 863-763-5191

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Employment Full Time

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Must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions. Must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment used. Ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently. Ability to keep proper and adequate records. Demonstrates safe operation skills of all equipment. General knowledge in repair and maintenance of all agricultural equipment assigned. Performs other duties as may be required from time to time.

Minimum 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted including, but not limited to, various attachments and related equipment parts.

Qualified applicants should complete an application at the Sugarcane Barn located at: 7515 Collins Slough Rd., Felda, FL 33930.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, 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
688	2007	1204529-A0000260100	Robert Dale Dunaway and Pamela O. Dunaway

The parcel hereon described is situated in the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 29 east, Hendry County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, being the Point of Beginning, thence N 05 degrees 25'10"W, (basis for bearing being the Sun Oil Company Plat, as prepared by Johnson & Hall Associates, Inc.), along the West section line of said Section 20, a distance of 1,486.38 feet; thence N 89 degrees 32'13" E, along the quarter-quarter section line a distance of 469.26 feet; thence S 05 degrees 25'10" E, a distance of 1,487.96 feet to the South section line of said Section 20; thence S 89 degrees 43'54" W, along said South section line, a distance of 469.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 30.00 foot road easement along and across the North boundary thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 1/24/12

SUBJECT AREA: 339 Homeless Students

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 F.S. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 F.S. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 24, 2012.

Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.

Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.

Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.

Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(f), F.S. 405624 CN 12/29/2011 1/5,12/2012 CB 1/12/2012

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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2011-111CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA LOU GRAHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EMMA LOU GRAHAM, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2011; File Number 2011-11 ICP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 5, 2012.

DEMETRIA ANN MARCUS
Personal Representative
1006 Empire Street
Plant City, FL 33563

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, 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 WHICH ASSESSED 1620 2008 1154432-A0002660100 Maria Egipca Martinez The East one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2648, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday in the month of January, 2012, which is the 26th day of January, 2012. Dated this 14th day of December, 2011. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 405826 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, for the following Proposals: E1K79- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Delivery, Placement & Maintenance of Sod until established in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$136,000.00 E1K80- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Delivery, Placement & Maintenance of Sod until established in Okeechobee County. Budget Estimate: \$136,000.00 E1K81- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide Application in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$49,833.00 E1K82- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Highway Lighting Maintenance in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$24,250.00 E1K83- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mechanical Sweeping of Bridges, Curbs & Gutters in Hardee, Desoto, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$40,000.00 E1K84- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide Strip Application in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00 E1K85- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Edging and Sweeping, Removal & Disposal of Vegetation from Curb & Gutter & Sidewalk Areas in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$110,152.00 E1K86- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal, & Chemical Vegetation Control using inside Mowing Deck Application in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$315,000.00 E1K87- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal, Under Deck Herbicide Application & Edging & Sweeping in Desoto County. Budget Estimate: \$342,000.00 E1K88- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal, Under Deck Herbicide Application & Edging & Sweeping in Hardee County. Budget Estimate: \$251,500.00 Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/ or by calling (863) 519-2559. 406104 CB/CN 12/29/2011 1/5/2012

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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 WHICH ASSESSED 769 2007 1224331-01000000120 Estate of Earl B. Miller and James R. Reynolds 43 Hastings C West Palm Beach, FL 30384-0736 Lot 12, Block O, the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday in the month of January, 2012, which is the 26th day of January, 2012. Dated this 14th day of December, 2011. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 405816 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS HENDRY COUNTY SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY, FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 BID No. 2012-04 Opening Date and Time: January 19, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on January 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935. A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Atkins, 1514 Broadway, Suite 203, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 239-334-7275. This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 405352 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/5/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000042 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff vs. CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, ET AL Defendants. RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 and subsequent Order entered Dec. 16, 2011 in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000042 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THO NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRUC THO NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THO NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; GARY VUONG; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY VUONG, IF ANY; GARY VUONG, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; CABBAGE WOODS RANCHES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s), whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in any other capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendant(s) are the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, of the GLADES COUNTY Courthouse, Florida, at 11 a.m. on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit: Exhibit "A" Street Address: Lot 76 - Cabbage Woods Ranches (Unrecorded) Being a parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 7, Township 36, South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 7; Thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E, along the north line of said Section 7, for a distance of 2071.75 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence continue N 89° 03' 08" E, Along said North line of Section 7, for a distance of 515.60 feet to a point; Thence bear S 00° 09' 20" E for a distance of 1732.09 feet to a point; Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 61.91 feet to a point; Thence bear N 82° 31' 02" W for a distance of 238.73 feet to a point; Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 217.06 feet to a point; Thence bear N 00° 09' 20" W for a distance of 1732.09 feet to the point-of-beginning. And being subject to any and all easements, Restrictions, Reservations and/or Rights-of-Way of record including, but not limited to, the following described easements: An easement for the purpose of utilities and drainage being more particularly described as the North 50.00 feet of the above described parcel. And; An easement for the purpose of Ingress, Egress, Utilities and Drainage being more particularly described as the south 50.00 feet of the above described parcel. An easement for the purpose of utilities being more particularly described as the east 5.00 feet and the West 5.00 feet of the above described property, together with that certain 60.00 feet ingress and egress easement as recorded in Official Records Book 226, Page 37, of the Public Records of Glades County, Florida. Together with and subject to easements for the purpose of ingress, egress, utilities and drainage, being more particularly described as follows: The West 100.00 feet of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, and the West 100.00 feet of Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, And lying in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, being 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. Thence bear S 00° 09' 20" E, along the West line of said Section 7, for a distance of 1538.15 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 60° 38' 32" E for a distance of 425.01 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 426.25 feet to a point; thence bear N 87° 21' 34" E for a distance of 695.26 feet to a point; thence bear N 03° 08' 08" E for a distance of 797.98 feet to a point; thence bear S 82° 31' 02" E for a distance of 238.73 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 400.00 feet to a point; thence bear N 77° 55' 39" E for a distance of 181.40 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of c 2779.79 feet to the intersection with the saw grass meander line & the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. And the South 100.00 feet to the West 1610.36 feet of Section 7, Township 33 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. And lying in Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, Florida, and in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the North line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the west line of said Section 18, for a distance of 1333.18 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 89° 24' 30" W for a distance of 2714.92 feet to the intersection with the west boundary line of the East one-half (1/2) of said Section 13, and the point-of-terminus of said centerline of Easement. and: lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the North line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18, for a distance of 3850.53 feet to the point of beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear N 89° 16' 55" E for a distance of 383.59 feet to a point; thence bear S 45° 43' 05" E for a distance of 210.67 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 16' 57" E for a distance of 4526.19 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 00' 40" E for a distance of 2215.95 feet to the intersection with the Sawgrass Meander line and the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 16th day of December, 2011. JOE FLINT BY: /S/ Julie Yarbrough, As Deputy Clerk

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT 500 AVENUE J, RM. 102, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33477. PHONE NO. (941) 335-2299 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OR PLEADING; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Service).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 22-2011-CA-000106 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN SNOW A/K/A STEVEN F. SNOW, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2011-CA-000106 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and STEVEN SNOW A/K/A STEVEN F. SNOW; KIMBERLY SNOW; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: LOTS 1-32, INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 12, SAN JOSE SUBDIVISION OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 50, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1063 DEBBIE LANE LABELLE, FL 33935 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 14, 2011. Joe Flint Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /S/ Julie Yarbrough Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 11/15/2015 *See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number: (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. 406121 CN 12/29/2011 1/5/2012

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CITY OF CLEWISTON 115 W. VENTURA AVENUE CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440 Notice is hereby given that the City of Clewiston City Commissioners will hold a Public Workshop on the Clewiston Boat Basin Improvements at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012 at the John Boy Auditorium. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. The John Boy Auditorium is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Anyone needing accommodation or interpretive services should call the City clerk's office at 863-983-1484 for information or assistance. 406110 CN 1/5/2012

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**NOTICE OF HEARING
WATER CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

To the owners and all persons interested in the lands corporate and other property in and adjacent to the Central County Water Control District, "the District".

You are notified that the District has filed in the office of the secretary of the District a resolution to consider approval of an amended water control plan, "WCP," to provide for the following elements making the District's WCP consistent with the District's Environmental Resource Permit with South Florida Water Control District; and, providing for a special assessment associated with the completion of the District's Reservoir Levee. Said amendments are summarized as follows:

- 1. Completion of Reservoir Levee Improvements** - Construction of the 2.5 miles of the levee that remains to be completed in order to allow water retention at design/permitted capacity;
- 2. Installation of Two (2) Additional Pumps** - The installation of two additional pumps upon completion of the Reservoir Levee thereby increasing the District's permitted pumping capacity from 250,000 gpm to 300,000 gpm, a net 50,000 gpm theoretical increase in pumping capacity;
- 3. Inclusion of Woodlands Subdivision in the District's Geographical Boundaries** - The District's legal description contains a scrivener's error thereby not closing the legal description of the Woodland's Subdivision as it relates to the geographical boundaries of the District;
- 4. Provision for a Special Assessment Funding the Reservoir Levee Completion** - The District intends to fund the Reservoir Levee Improvements referenced herein by a special assessment not previously authorized by law through the provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes; and,

On or before its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices, Montura Ranch Estates, 475 South Cabbage Palm Road Clewiston, Florida, 33440 written objections to the proposed plan amendment may be filed with the District at the aforementioned address. A public hearing on the proposed plan amendment will be conducted at the scheduled meeting and written objections will be considered at that time. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board of Supervisors may determine to proceed with the process for approval of the proposed plan amendment and direct the District Engineer to prepare an engineer's report identifying property to be taken, if any, assessing benefits and damages, and estimating the cost of improvements associated with the proposed plan amendment. A final hearing on approval of the proposed plan amendment and Engineer's report shall be duly noticed and held at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting within 60 days after filing of the engineer's report with the Secretary of the District.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hedrick Brothers Construction / Asset Builders (Construction Managers) for The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida; will receive 'Subcontractor Qualification Information' until January 13, 2012 for Phase Two - Gove Elementary School Modernization, Belle Glade, Florida.

Phase Two will consist of construction of a new 121,000 sf / 924 student station Elementary School.

The Project is scheduled to achieve LEED Silver Certification.

Phase One Site Remediation / Site Preparation work is not included within Phase Two.

Interested bidders that have been previously pre-qualified by the Construction Manager are required to complete Subcontractor Request for Invitation to Bid.

All other interested bidders are required to complete Subcontractor Qualification Statement.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a minimum goal of 9% Certified African American M/WBE participation for this Project. Only firms Certified by the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida or State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity or its successors are accepted for participation as an African American M/WBE Firm.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a goal of at least a 10% Local Vendor and Local Worker Participation. Local is defined as Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Canal Point and Lake Harbor.

Construction funding for the project is secured through a Federal Assistance Program for Qualified School Construction Bonds. All Subcontractors shall be required to comply with all applicable requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and Department of Labor regulations.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager reserve the right to reject any or all offers / proposals or to accept any offers / proposals which is in its best interest. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager also reserve the right to waive any informalities, irregularities and technicalities in procedure.

All cost incurred by Subcontractor / Proposer in preparing a proposal response shall be the sole responsibility of the Subcontractor / Proposer.

Interested Bidders, please forward your request for a 'Subcontractor Qualification Statement' by email to estimating@hedrickbrothers.com or fax to 561.681.5088.

All inquiries shall be by email or fax as indicated above.
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**CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES
ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY FROM AMANDA STREET
TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN
HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
FM# 428104-1**

RFQ No: 2012-08

OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Henry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Henry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Henry County Purchasing Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Henry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

The solicitation does not commit Henry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Henry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000128**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT M. SHEFFER, et al,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER; 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; TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD, and TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFNEY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**PARCEL 1
LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**PARCEL 2
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 3 INCHES BY 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 153.08 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE OF POLLYWOG CREEK AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING.**

THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. (REDM)(1997), I.D. #(FLA14611078A&B).

A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE COURT, LABELLE, FL 33935

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 14, 2011.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Julie Yarbrough
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.
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SFWMD Installs Deep Exploratory Wells in Florida



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One of the drilling platforms that will be exploring the lower Floridan Aquifer.

Test wells will help evaluate the aquifer 2,700 feet below ground

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

To support and sustain the water supply in Central Florida, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is currently drilling test wells up to 2,700 feet deep in previously unexplored portions of the Lower Floridan Aquifer.

"The Lower Floridan Aquifer in this area is largely uncharted territory, and its potential for boosting regional supplies is not yet known," said Terrie Bates, Director of the SFWMD Water Resources Division. "This could be a significant and viable alternative source to meet water needs in future years."

The SFWMD Governing Board approved a contract for additional well drilling and testing, a continuation of an overall exploratory program initiated earlier this year. Drilling sites include locations in Osceola and Polk counties.

Traditional water supplies, especially from shallow aquifers, are limited in many parts of the region. Alternative water sources, such as the deep Lower Floridan Aquifer, are being explored for potential use to meet future public water supply demands.

Data from the wells will be provided to the Central Florida Water Initiative, a partnership of utilities, stakeholders, the South Florida Water Management, St. Johns Water Management and Southwest Florida Water Management districts.

The goal of the initiative is to gather additional information on alternative water supply that will potentially increase regional water supplies and improve the ability to protect natural systems.

The drilling operation is a meticulous, time-consuming effort. When drilling half a mile below ground, it takes 50 minutes for the excavated rock to reach the surface.

Lower Floridan Aquifer

In Florida, much of the public water supply comes from groundwater. Florida's aquifers, which supply more than 8 billion gallons of water each day, are among the most productive in the world.

The Floridan Aquifer System is the main source of groundwater in the Kissimmee Basin. It is comprised of multiple layers of rocks overlain by unconsolidated sediments. Some of these rock layers are porous and hold water, while others impede its movement.

The permeable zones of the Upper Floridan aquifers are the main portions used for water supply. Much less is known about the deeper portions of the aquifer.

Research currently under way on the Lower Floridan will help determine the aquifer's depth, water quality and other factors that will help identify its potential, long-term sustainability as a water resource.

By compiling and evaluating data from the test wells, the SFWMD and partner agencies will have a clearer picture of how the Lower Floridan Aquifer operates and how to better manage and protect the region's water.

Twelve Resolutions for 2012

Florida Dept. of Health

The New Year is a time to reflect on past accomplishments and memories, but it is also a time to think about new goals and plans for the year to come.

1. Designate a "family night" every week. Having together time as a family is so important to a child's life. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) wants to encourage parents to select one night a week to spend together in the upcoming New Year. Cook a healthy meal and sit down to eat together.

Have a game night, or take the kids outside to exercise or play. A recent study showed that the more often children have dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Strive to make every night a family night to protect your children in 2012! For more information on how to make life better for all Florida's children, visit The Ounce of Prevention at www.ounce.org.

2. Eat Florida Fresh. Let Florida's Department of Agriculture (DACS) help you Eat Florida Fresh all year long with their Flavorful Seasons cookbook. Not sure what Florida fruit or vegetable is in season?

Use this tool to help you always stay fresh! Encourage healthy eating in your youngest family members with Fresh From Florida Kids offering recipes and tips for moms to stay on track as children grow. Create healthy eating habits and be positive role model for your children to imitate in 2012.

3. Quit smoking. Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Last year, about half of them tried to quit, yet few (6.2 percent) were successful. As 2012 approaches, Tobacco Free Florida is encouraging smokers in the state to use the program's free and convenient quit resources to start the year smoke-free and increase their chances of staying smoke-free for good. Evidence-based cessation counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies (NRTS) provided by the program can double to triple your chances of successfully quitting.

4. Resolve to be ready! FEMA and Florida's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) encourage you to make a resolution that is easy to keep and can save lives.

For 2012, Resolve to be Ready for emergencies by taking simple steps to prepare your family, your home, your business, and your community in the face of potential disaster. Get informed about the different types of emergencies that can happen in your area and the appropriate responses, make a family disaster plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved in community preparedness to be ready for anything in 2012.

5. Get back to nature! Participation in traditional outdoor activities is dwindling. Today's children are increasingly disconnected from nature and devote nearly eight hours a day to entertainment media and "media multi-tasking," while the number who spend time hunting and fishing continues to decline. Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN) is a statewide network that partners with schools, communities, youth organizations, volunteers, land owners, and donors, to enrich and expand participants' understanding of conservation and natural Florida by providing outdoor experiences for youth.

6. Spend more time with seniors in your life. Florida's 60-plus population of more than 4.45 million represents 23.6 percent of the state's population – almost one in four Floridians. But often there is a natural gap in understanding between people of different generations. This year, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs

(DEA) encourages you to take the time to find connections through intergenerational activities and programs that teach youth and elders how to relate to each other. It can be as simple as reading to one another, baking together, going fishing, playing card games or sharing music—anything that helps create opportunities for elders, mature adults, young adults, teenagers and children to spend time together in order to build and strengthen relationships.

7. Travel more—and travel green. If you vow to see more of the world this year, make sure you are viewing it through green-colored glasses. Traveling green helps the environment around you and is relatively easy to accomplish. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages travelers of the New Year to increase their environmental cognizance by staying at one of the 167,000 green hotel rooms in Florida, ranging from 4-room properties to 5,500-room resorts, including all Disney resort properties. DEP's Green Lodging program accounts for 681 designated facilities around the state, which have adopted numerous green practices that conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality and reduce waste.

8. Reserve time to read to a young loved one. Reading is healthy—for the mind, soul and imagination! Make an effort to mark allotted time each month to read to or with a younger one. Your quality reading time could have an overwhelming impact on their educational future. Research from the Florida Department of Education (DOE) shows that children who read just 20 minutes a day are more successful students and have a reduced chance of dropping out of school. In addition, one of the most consistent predictors of children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parents' expectations of the child's academic achievement. Venture out into different media – everything from magazines and newspapers to books and blogs count!

9. Plan ahead to bolster your future. In tough economic times, pledging to secure a job by an outlined deadline can be challenging. This New Year, refocus your time on familiarizing yourself with the available resources that can help you for years to come. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) boasts a variety of go-tos for seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, teachers, state government employees, and green-sector interests. Research job openings, create a great resume, apply for jobs, and research labor market trends in DEO's Job Search Resources and develop an awareness of the workforce world around you.

10. Volunteer in your community. Volunteering is a humble act of kindness that can have great magnitude on the community around you. Rather than viewing volunteerism as a good deed, volunteerism can be looked at as a way of life.

Volunteering can be as simple as planting flowers at a neighbor's house to as committed as visiting a foreign country to teach a language. No matter how you decide to volunteer—there are always people in need—and the world around you will benefit from your thoughtfulness. Begin your New Year with a fresh schedule of civic participation—Volunteer Florida is a great resource to help you get started. Locate a volunteer center, roll your sleeves up, and help your community!

11. Wear your seatbelt. The most important way to ensure safety while driving is to wear a seatbelt all the time, every time. Fortunately, Floridians are making headway on incorporating seatbelt-wearing into their driving habits. The Florida Department of Transportation's (DOT) newest Florida Safety Belt Use Final Report

showed that the statewide seat belt use rate for Florida is 88.1 percent, its highest level to date. Although this number is promising, it illustrates that a percentage of residents still aren't prioritizing their safety in the car. In fact, in 2010, Florida experienced 1,450 traffic deaths of drivers and passengers in safety belt equipped vehicles.

The tragic note of this is that 54%, or 777, of these people killed were not wearing seat belts. The best way to accomplish this continuously is to develop a routine and adhere to it.

Don't turn on your car until you have completely fastened your seatbelt, and remember that "sometimes" doesn't equal safety. To make sure that you do buckle up and drive safely, make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to get

to your destination. Buckle Up in 2012 – Every Time, Every Trip!

12. Find peace of mind with Florida KidCare. Start 2012 off with the peace of mind knowing that your child is insured with Florida KidCare. KidCare is a comprehensive insurance program that allows families to have access to health care for their children.

Most families pay as little as \$15 or \$20 per month and some pay nothing at all. Kids' health plays an important role in a child's success at school, on the ball field, in the dance studio and on the playground.

So don't wait until for an emergency before prioritizing health care and give yourself a year full of peace of mind.

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- Jan. 5 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 8 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 9 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 10 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 12 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 14 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 15 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 16 - City Holiday - Open. Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 17 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 19 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 21 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart; Jr. Golf 10 a.m. - Noon.
- Jan. 22 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 23 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 24 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 26 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 29 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 30 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 31 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m.; Swinging Golfers Mtr. Homes 10:30 a.m.

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Boat Basin Project Continues

'City has several options.'
says manager

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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An old vision is coming more and more into focus as the boat basin project continues.

Years ago, former city commissioner Frank Jones had envisioned several enhancements of the boat basin area. When City Manager Steve McKown began his term, one of his first-year projects was to continue what Jones had considered.

Currently, the project is in the design phase as the city and Forrest McMichael seek public input to aid them in assessing the needs of the community. McMichael pursued several grant options for funding.

After a successful meeting with Florida Wildlife Conservation, grant money was supplied to begin the design phase of the project.

The goal of the project is to increase the capacity of boats that can be launched from the area at any given time.

McKown cited several examples of need, including fishing tournaments and last year's low water levels that lead to the closing of the northern lake locks.

Such events left basin with a greater the normal influx of boaters and demonstrated a need for enhancement.

The current design plan has the boat basin

linked to the new basin by means of a canal. The canal would run through a portion of land owned by the U.S. Sugar Corporation. McKown stated that it will not be an issue.

"U.S. Sugar will be digging the canal. They have much to benefit from the canal," said McKown.

Since the plan calls for a canal, a bridge will have to be constructed on the current roadway. A bridge is less costly in this situation since it will provide a more direct access route to the basin parking and ramps.

McKown stated that, aside from avoiding having to construct a new road that would lead to a roundabout access of the basin, a grant could also be found to help with the construction of the bridge.

"The city has several options concerning this project," said McKown. "We are exploring them all as we gather community input."

The next chance for the community to weigh in on the project will be Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the John Boy auditorium.

Many boaters and residents have given their input, including residents that live near the basin. Their concern is that of any additional noise or traffic hassle that may result from the enhancements. Everything is being considered.

"We have received many compliments about the current boat basin and several ideas to consider," said McKown. "We encourage residents to come out and be heard at the upcoming meeting."

Woodson declined an interview, adding that she worried Johnson's right to a fair trial would be compromised. On Facebook, where the news was first announced, Woodson would step in to defend Johnson.

"I love you baby daddy!" one of her Facebook entries read. "I love my fiancé!" said another.

Johnson and Woodson have an infant son together, although the little girl was not his daughter. Johnson has a previous criminal history in Hendry County, including a case from February of 2011. In that incident, Johnson reportedly beat his pregnant girlfriend for not turning off a hall light. In the ensuing scuffle, the report mentioned Johnson pushing a one-year-old child (no confirmation was available on whether this was the same child who died on Christmas), down against her bed. She had tried to get out of the bed when she was forced back.

The charges associated with this incident — aggravated battery upon pregnant victim and cruelty toward child — are recorded as having been dropped by prosecutors.

According to Janet, the community has mounted a united effort and is doing what it can to help the family.

"It's really bad. It's so sad what happened," the commissioner said.

A funeral is being planned for Friday. The girl would have celebrated her second birthday on Dec. 26.

Jarrell Johnson was formally charged last week with homicide/negligent manslaughter. The severity of the charge against him makes the suspect eligible for the death penalty. Johnson is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$200,000 bond.

Trio Thwarts Abduction of Child

BY ERIC KOPP
The Clewiston News

The wife of an off-duty Clewiston police officer was injured as she, her husband and the child's father ignored their personal safety to prevent the abduction of a 4-year-old boy by his birth mother.

William Harvey Gulkis, of Vero Beach, and Nancy Lynn Smith, Okeechobee, were arrested Tuesday, Dec. 27, and charged in the case.

Gulkis, 24, was charged with the felonies of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, three counts of child abuse, two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

Smith, 26, is charged with three counts of felony child abuse and one misdemeanor count of driving while license suspended with knowledge.

Okeechobee County Jail records show that Gulkis is being held in lieu of \$233,000 bond, while Smith is being held on \$30,500 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Joe Gracie, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that Smith went to an Okeechobee home around 3:35 p.m. Tuesday to see her 4-year-old son who lives with his father and his stepmother. While there, she grabbed her son and jumped into a waiting van.

The van, it was learned later, was reportedly being driven by Gulkis. It was also learned that two other small children belonging to Smith were in the 2004 Nissan van.

As Smith jumped into the van, Officer Adam Baker, of the Clewiston Police Department (CPD), apparently ran to the driver's side of the vehicle and identified himself and showed Gulkis his badge. The officer then reached into the van and tried to turn off the vehicle's ignition.

Officer Baker and his wife, Roberta, were visiting with the child's father and stepmother.

With the both the large sliding door on the passenger side and the driver's side door open,

Gulkis then pressed the accelerator and tried to escape, stated the deputy's arrest report. As the Clewiston officer hung onto the steering wheel and was being dragged, Smith repeatedly hit him in the face in an effort to get him to turn loose, continued the report.

The report said Officer Baker was dragged about 100 feet.

After Gulkis allegedly ran into a mailbox, Officer Baker turned loose and jumped away from the vehicle just as Gulkis reportedly slammed the transmission into reverse. By this time, stated the report, the child's father had reached the van and grabbed on to the vehicle.

Deputy Gracie said it was at this point that Officer Baker saw his wife lying on the ground with serious injuries. The deputy's report stated that as Mrs. Baker was holding onto the sliding side door her shirt became entangled and she was dragged an undisclosed distance and then thrown from the vehicle while it was still moving.

As she lay injured, she saw the driver of the van begin to back up and she had to protect herself by rolling out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, Deputy Gracie stated.

According to the arrest report, Gulkis continued to back up at a high rate of speed until he ran into another mailbox, a fence and then backed into Mrs. Baker's 2005 Nissan pickup truck. Gulkis, stated Deputy Gracie, then jumped from the van and tried to flee the area on foot. He was apprehended by Officer Baker who held him until Deputy Gracie and OCSO Deputy Mark Margerum arrived.

The child's father was thrown from the van when it struck the pickup truck, added the deputy.

Both the child's father and Mrs. Baker were taken to Raulerson Hospital.

Deputy Gracie went on to state that the other two children in the van were turned over to one of their mother's family members, and the boy was returned to his father and stepmother.

The deputy's report does not indicate the amount of damage done to the van, fence, mailboxes or the pickup truck.

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Johnson was reportedly caring for the child during the mother's absence.

Sheriff Steve Whidden reported that the suspect confessed, but the specifics of the confession are not available, as the suspect's confession was not included on the arrest report released to the general public.

Janet Taylor, county commissioner representing Harlem, where the death occurred, helped the family in the wake of the tragedy. The county commissioner worked alongside representatives with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office and the Okeechobee

Sheriff's Office to help get the mother released from jail. The child's mother, Shaterah Woodson, who was in jail in Okeechobee on a grand theft charge when her daughter died, was released early on "medical gain time." Her scheduled release date was Jan 4.

Janet said she spoke with the accused suspect on Christmas, after the child had died. Johnson asked her for help, but in speaking with her offered information about the death.

"He said the child died in her sleep. He said he tried to wake the baby up. When she wouldn't wake up, he said he slapped her in the face and shook her. He said he took her to the hospital himself," said the commissioner who, after the arrest, could not help but look back at the man's statements. "It didn't even register what he said."



Destinee Webber

RoadWatch for Week of Jan. 2

Hendry County

•SR 80/US 27 Interchange Improvements: Construction project ---This project modifies the SR 80/US 27 interchange by constructing an overpass for SR 80 eastbound traffic to US 27 northbound and for US 27 northbound traffic to SR 80 westbound. The project also realigns US 27. Motorists are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area. Crews are placing fill dirt, installing drainage and constructing walls for the new overpass. Crews are working in the median. The speed limit on US 27 is 55 mph in the construction area. Additional improvements include a traffic signal at the overpass, lighting at the interchange and widening approximately 3/4 mile of SR 80 to four lanes. Project completion is at the end of 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

•SR 29: South from CR 832 (Keri Road) to A Road: Maintenance permit project --- Crews will

be placing power poles and fiber in this area. Motorists should expect possible lane closures, weather permitting with flagmen on site to assist with traffic.

Glades County

•US 27: From the Bridge to SR 78 east: Maintenance contract project --- Crews will be cleaning the sewers. No lane closures are anticipated and motorists should expect possible slow moving traffic.

•SR 78: Lakeport Road from US 27 to Fisheating Creek Bridge: Maintenance project --- Crews will be repairing and reshaping shoulders, with lane closure, flagmen will be on hand to assist with traffic.

•SR 78: Lakeport Road from Harney Pond Bridge to Indian Prairie Canal: Maintenance project --- Crews will be cleaning the ditches in this area, with lane closures, flagmen will be on hand to assist with traffic.

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ness. Faced with the possibility of leaving without taking any money with him, the assailant chose to fire a gun and take a life instead.

Emergency crews rushed in to provide aid to Jimmy, air lifting him to Delray Medical Center, where he later died as a result of his injuries. Jimmy would unfortunately become the first confirmed murder victim of the year for Palm Beach County.



Jimmy McMillan

Investigators report that a black male wearing a ski mask was seen fleeing from the scene.

Detectives are working diligently on the case, hoping that

someone with more information on what happened will step forward and help them to put the murderer behind bars.

What seems more longstanding is that McMillan's achievements will not be overshadowed by the details of his death as in the immediate days following the incident, the grocery store was shut down.

Someone had placed a row of red roses on the front doors, and two poster boards were hung where mourners wrote their final goodbyes. Friends had trouble making sense of the crime.

Mark King, who often stumbled into a smiling and talkative McMillan on the lake, wondered if McMillan's many years of service to the community was worth it in the end.

"Jimmy provided a service to some folks that most wouldn't even give the time of day to, and (he) did nothing against those people in Belle Glade," Mark said. "I know if they catch this guy they will only put him in jail and in my opinion that is not enough."

The sentiment echoed in responses from others.

"He was taken away so young in life; just when he has sons who need the father image during this time of their life," said Sara Phillips, a family friend. "They've been robbed."

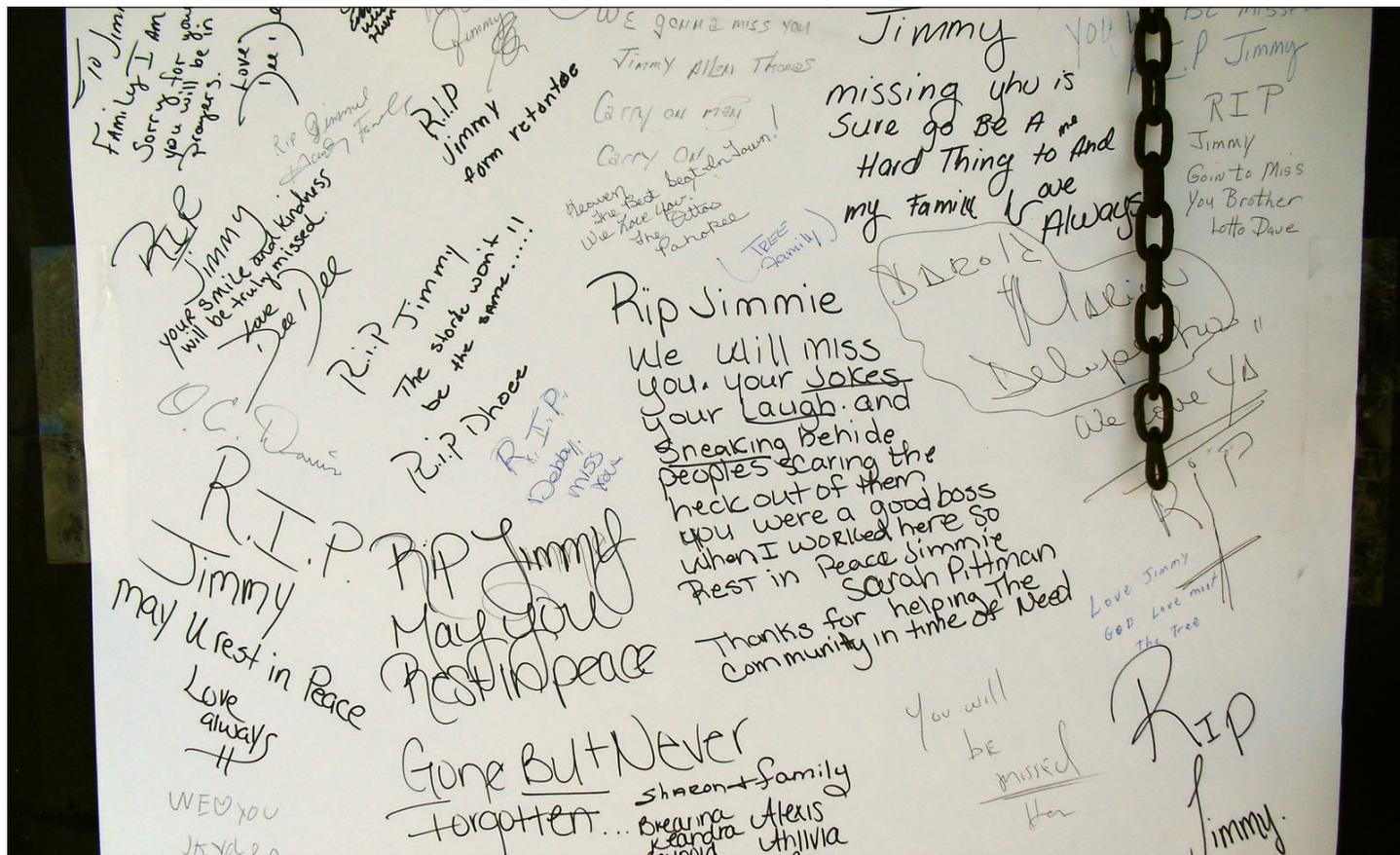
But despite what everyone else had to say about the man, few had more appropriate things to recount than Jimmy's own family.

An article written around this same time last year demonstrates the affection with which McMillan will be remembered most dearly by those who loved him. In January 2011, FLW Outdoors followed a hot story – that of a father and son who were quickly becoming legends on Lake Okeechobee.

The reporter asked the younger McMillan to explain the significance of his father on his own career as a fisherman:

Brandon McMillan can remember when he was seven years old and his dad would wrap him up in a sleeping bag on frigid winter mornings for a ride across Lake Okeechobee to his best fishing hole.

"Back then, tournaments were mostly two-man team events and you could bring in 10 bass per boat," McMillan said. "I can remember being huddled down in that warm sleeping bag watch-



Mourners fondly remembered Jimmy McMillan with signatures on a postcard on the door of the Alabama Georgia Grocery store in Belle Glade.

PHOTO / JEFF ENRIQUEZ

ing dad catch bass after bass and wanting to fish like him."

If you have any information, you are urged

to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS. A \$25,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect in the McMillan

murder case.

Brenda Bunting and Jeff Enriquez contributed to this story.

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