

# The Clewiston News

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## Early Sunday Pursuit Through Town

CHASE LEADS TO CRASH ON OSCEOLA

BY JUAN LOPEZ  
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Hendry Sheriff's officers chased down a driver that sped through Clewiston, narrowly avoiding hitting other drivers.

The chase happened just after midnight Sunday, Jan. 29, while

Hendry Sheriff's Dep. Kirk was on patrol in the area of Olympia and Georgia Ave. He was at a stop sign when he noticed to vehicles suddenly swerve of the road as they were heading north on

Olympia.

Kirk saw a set of headlights heading towards him at a high rate of speed. He moved his vehicle out of the way as a red Nissan Frontier, being driven by 19-year-old Courtney Billie-Cypress, blew through the



Courtney Billie-Cypress

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## District Champs Keep Moving



PHOTO / DEBBIE MCCARTHY

The Clewiston High School Tiger soccer team claimed district victory last week and their first regional victory this week against Benjamin. Their next game will be this Friday at Cane Field this Friday.

## Hendry County's Golden Apple Teachers of 2012

Presented are the 2012 Golden Apple Teachers for Hendry County. The award ceremony will be held Thursday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium.

### Nan Akin

**LaBelle High School**  
• AP Human Geography and World Geography  
• 14 Years  
• Stetson University  
• Edison Community College  
• Favorite Quote: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and will never be."

### Dena Weekley

**Central Elementary School**  
• Fifth Grade  
• 5 Years  
• Palm Beach Community College  
• Florida Atlantic University  
• Favorite Quote: "Teachers who inspire know that teaching is like cultivating a garden, and those who would have nothing to do with thorns must never attempt to gather flowers."

### Sarah Sanchez

**Eastside Elementary School**  
• 1st Grade  
• 5 Years

• Florida Gulf Coast University  
• Favorite Quote: "All children are gifted, some just open their packages later than others." by Anonymous

### Aaron Bach

**Clewiston High School**  
• 9th Grade Physical Science  
• 9th - 12th Grade AVID  
• 7 Years  
• Cumberland College  
• Favorite Quote: "It's not what you wish for, but it's what you work for."

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## FLW Tour Kicking Off 17th Season

*Mild winter could have anglers eyeing record weights*

BY FLW

For most people in the United States, February is when slightly warmer days begin to appear in place of fading winter. But for the best bass pros on the planet February means a hot bite, big bass and the beginning of another exciting FLW Tour season.

The Walmart FLW Tour on Lake Okeechobee presented by Evinrude will visit Clewiston, Fla., Feb. 9-12 for the first tournament of its 17th season.

Hosted by Roland & Mary Ann Martin's Marina & Resort, the tournament will feature a full field of the world's best bass pros and co-anglers casting for top awards up to \$125,000 cash in the Pro Division and up to \$25,000 cash in the Co-angler Division.

FLW Tour anglers haven't competed on Lake Okeechobee since the February 2011 season opener, and National Guard pro Scott Martin is eagerly anticipating this year's kickoff.

The Clewiston resident has fished these waters for years and knows them like the back of his hand. Martin also has some tournament momentum behind him, as well. He won the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup and \$600,000 in August on Lake Ouachita in Hot Springs, Ark.

"The fishing has been phenomenal since the day we left (last year)," said Martin, who owns five top-10 finishes and one victory on Lake

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### Gospel Sing

A gospel sing will be held at the big red barn at Swindle Farm, featuring the Simple Faith Trio on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. Swindle Farm is located at 7500 West Hwy. 27, Clewiston.

For more information, contact Judy Swindle at 863-983-7256.

### St. Martin's Annual Yard Sale

Annual Yard Sale on Feb. 4 at 8 a.m. It will be held at the Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Clewiston.

This annual event is a chance to stock up on after-Christmas housecleaning and "recycling" of used but useable items, including houseware, furniture, bric-a-brac, clothing accessories, appliances and other miscellaneous items.

### National Salute to Veteran Patients Week

Clewiston VFW Post 4185 Ladies Auxiliary, is acknowledging the week of Feb. 6 to 10, as "Salute to all Veteran Patients Week", by visiting Veteran Patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

They are encouraging everyone this week to go visit those men and women to show them that we care and love them for the sacrifices, they and their families, made while serving our great Country.

Consider being a VA Volunteer. It is so rewarding to see their smiles and listen to the stories that most of us could not even imagine.

Anyone interested is welcome to join during

this week as they show the appreciation to the Veteran Patients by notifying them at the Post at 863-983-9748.

### Annual Sweetheart Banquet

First Christian Church will be having its Annual Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

The meal consists of roast pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink. Tickets are available.

For more information or tickets, please call 863-983-1804.

### Mini Health Fair

These health fairs are free and open to the public. They will be doing free blood pressure, weight, pulse, and oxygen checks.

•Clewiston Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 11:30 a.m.

•Okeechobee Landings on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10:45 a.m.

•KOA on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Tabitha Yebba at 863-233-1305.

### The Senior Pageant is back

Ladies ages 63 and up from the surrounding lake area.

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.

### Hendry County Fair

Now accepting applications for Exhibit Hall booths. The deadline for applications is Feb. 8.

For more information, please contact Belinda Smith at 863-228-3498 or Tara Edwards at 863-673-1336.

### Hendry County Parade

The 2012 Hendry County Parade will be on Feb. 18 starting at 2 p.m. If anyone is interested in putting a float or truck of any organization or business, please call Niki at 863-599-9060 after 5 p.m.

The theme for the Hendry County Fair and Parade is "Salute to American Farmers." Deadline for the parade entry form is Feb. 3.

### 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.

### Golf, Food, Fun, Prizes and Help Fight Cancer Too

Clewiston Women's Golf Association host the 3rd Annual Rally for the Cure Mixed Scramble on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Clewiston Golf Course. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a shot-

gun start at 12 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded during an evening meal at the Clewiston Country Club.

Both men and women golfers are welcomed to participate. Teams are welcomed, but if you do not have a team we will assign you to one.

For over 25 years, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community based outreach programs.

Seventy-five percent of all proceeds from this tournament will remain with the local affiliate and twenty-five percent will go to the national headquarters.

Deadline for sign-ups are Feb. 15. If you are not a golfer, sponsorships and donations are welcome. For more information on pricing, please contact the Clewiston Pro Shop at 863-983-1448.

### Sugar Doll Classes

The Clewiston Sugar Dolls has new class days. The classes will be held every Thursday afternoon at the Clewiston Youth Center at 110 West Osceola Ave.

•Pee-Wees class: 3:15 to 4 p.m.

•Beginners class: 4 to 5 p.m.

•Advanced class: 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Jackie Tucker at 863-983-2298.

### Flea Market

The VFW Post #4185 is having a continuous indoor-outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, please call Kevin Rose at 863-269-4262.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Early Release

Hendry County Schools will be dismissed early on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Lunch will be served that day. School Bus Drivers will follow their regular schedules based upon early release times.

### Clewiston Middle School

•The Clewiston Middle School is looking for anyone who has pictures of CMS events and activities from the 2011-12 school year to be included in the yearbook. Please e-mail your pictures for the 2012 CMS yearbook to jempacheco08@hotmail.com. Please include descriptions of the events and people that are included in the pictures you submit.

•During the first semester of school, CMS students worked hard on their science fair projects, giving up television, music, gaming, and other leisure time activities. Their sacrifices paid off with an exceptional exhibit that dominated the school media center.

These budding scientists worked diligently to prove their hypotheses, some with success, and some with surprising results; however, it was a learning experience for all.

-6B winners: 1st- Jordan Potter, 2nd- Sicoya Chavers and Kayman Robinson, and 3rd- Jesus Almarez.

-6A winners: 1st- Aaron Adams, 2nd- Joshua Vladez, and 3rd- Tammy Medrano.

-7A winners: 1st- Joel McCray, 2nd- Katherine Mosely, and 3rd- Richard Perez.

-7B winners: 1st- Michael Kurtz, 2nd- Tylyn Tarter, and 3rd- Ethan Ridgdill.

-8A winners: 1st- Kyle Knaack, 2nd- Karen Velasquez, and 3rd- De'ondre Bailey.

-8B winners: 1st- Myles Polhill and Angel Lopez, 2nd- Alyssa Avant, and 3rd- Laice Lyne Varnum.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

•Students were selected to represent their peers as "students of the month" of January-February for outstanding behavior and positive classroom participation were:

-6th grade: Priyan Shi Patel and Joshua Valdez

-7th grade: Mariam Riveron, Jose Velasquez, Jessica Lopez, and Adrian Buschell

-8th grade: Jaquez Pugh, Stephanie Rodriguez, Aaron Johnson, and Inai Rojas.

### Clewiston Cougars

The Clewiston Cougars will be having early release sign up Feb. 4 and 11 at the locker room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The prices are \$100 for the first football player and \$90 for the second. Cheerleaders are \$130 for the first and \$120 for the second. You will need a small photo without headwear or sunglasses.

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# The Human and Natural History of Lake Okeechobee

BY HENDRY-GLADES AUDUBON

Dark swollen clouds filled the sky and began to swing ponderously low in a slow, pendulum motion before releasing their liquid burden.

Soon torrents of water plunged earthward in a grey deluge, flooding creeks and lakes that enveloped the Kissimmee River, turning it into a vast sheet of flowing water.

The cascading river moved ever southward to Lake Okeechobee, carrying a watery avalanche of grasses, scrubs and trees in its wet tentacles. Custard apple forest nestled along the lake's southern boundaries rapidly surrendered to the flowing fluid horde as it expanded and swept through the infamous Everglades to the sea.

Drainage of wetlands for agriculture and urban development would eventually bring an end to the prescribed water flow into Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades.

The citizens of yesterday that participated in the drainage and demise of this natural inland waterway, envisioned that their fruits of labor would bear future prosperity for all.

It is unfortunate that they had no way of seeing the results of their deeds through the passage of time.

Come join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society at the Clewiston Museum on Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Mary-Bird Hansen

of the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum and Boardwalk about an "Audubon Special."

Then the guest speaker, Dr. Paul Gray, will present "The Human and Natural History of Okeechobee," an historical insight into Lake Okeechobee's rich past as well as an environmental perspective to its future.

Mr. Gray will relate the lake's history through the eyes of a naturalist and expound on the many intricate environmental issues that currently challenge Lake Okeechobee.

Dr. Paul Gray is the Science Coordinator of Audubon of Florida's Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program.

He has been employed with Audubon for 17 years and worked around Lake Okeechobee with agencies and stakeholders on Okeechobee water management, water quality, aquatic plants and fire management since 1988.

Dr. Gray has also written numerous popular and technical articles on Okeechobee-related issues.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Lake Okeechobee's natural history and the environmental issues it faces today and learn about the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum and Boardwalk's "Audubon Special."

Please contact the Clewiston Museum at 863-983-2870 or e-mail us at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail for questions or reservations.

## Gas Prices Rise Again

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 7.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.54/g yesterday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.39/g, according to gasoline price website.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 45.7 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 24.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 13.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 30.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Late last week we saw wholesale gasoline prices rise dramatically on some refinery issues, which leads me to believe that retail gasoline prices will rise in response," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"We continue to also watch how Iran responds to EU sanctions- there are some concerns that they may cut oil to the European region before the sanctions are to take effect to cause these countries hardship when they can't find new sources of oil quickly enough.

That in itself could draw crude oil prices higher quickly at a moments notice," DeHaan said.



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Weather forecast for Hendry, Glades, and Western Palm Beach counties collected from the National Weather Service.

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#### Thursday:

A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. East wind between 6 and 10 mph.



#### Friday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with an east wind between 17 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



#### Sunday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.



#### Thursday Night:

A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind between 8 and 11 mph.



#### Saturday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with an east wind between 18 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



#### Sunday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.



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A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with an east wind between 13 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.



#### Saturday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with an east wind between 14 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.



#### Monday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.



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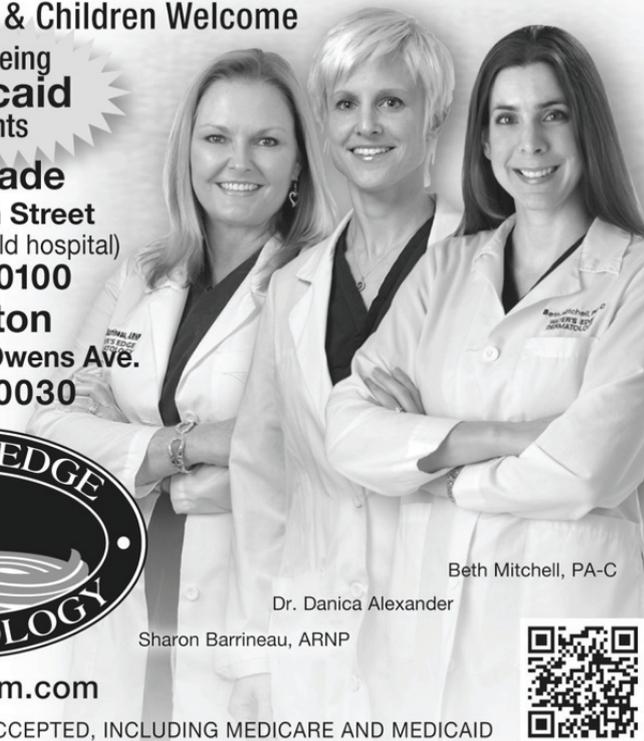
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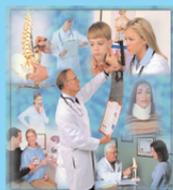
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# Florida, Hendry, Sweet on Corn

Starting in January and often ending in April, Central Florida sweet corn farmers are planting their seeds — roughly one inch deep, six to eight inches apart with approximately 30 inches between rows.

Two to three months later, it's time to harvest — most of it by hand. Garrison, Legion, Passion, Obsession and Supersweet, to name a few varieties, are ready to be picked.

Corn grows well in many places in the world. In fact, it grows on every continent except Antarctica. What corn needs most is fertile, well-drained, moist soil.

Corn is often planted after short season crops, such as sugar cane, green beans and rice.

The United States is the largest producer of corn in the world. It's also typically ranked as one of Florida's most valuable vegetable crops. Others include tomatoes, snap beans, bell peppers and cucumbers.

According to UF Extension, "Florida ranks No. 1 nationally in the production and value of fresh market sweet corn, typically accounting for approximately 20 percent of both national sweet corn production and of U.S. cash receipts for fresh sales."

Furthermore, 589 million pounds of fresh sweet corn, valued at \$189 million, was produced on 42,100 acres in Florida during the 2009-10 season (Sources: USDA and the Florida Sweet Corn Crop profile, 2011).

The Everglades area — Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee — has more than half of the state's sweet corn production, while Miami-Dade, Hendry and Collier counties have about a quarter.

Although sweet corn seems like the perfect crop to grow, as with any crop it has its challenges, such as insects, diseases and weather conditions.

"Insects are a big challenge, especially worms, and a relatively new pest: the corn silk fly," said Gene McAvoy, Hendry County extension director.

He explained that the fly feeds on the silk, while the larvae disrupt pollination and reduce kernel density.

"There are about 42 different insects of concern for corn growers, such as the corn earworm, the lesser cornstalk borer, aphids, wireworms and cucumber beetles — many of which can literally eat the crop to the ground or render it unmarketable," said McAvoy.

Insecticides are applied via airplanes and tractor-drawn ground sprayers.

"The fall armyworm that favors drought conditions is a worm we often have to contend with," said Pablo Sanchez, who has 1,500 acres in Hendry County, 500 of which are used to grow several varieties of white, yellow and bi-color corn, while the rest of the acreage grows green beans, squash and broccoli.

Besides pests, there are also diseases to worry about, such as the common and southern rust, and the Northern and the Southern corn leaf blight.

"We use fungicides when blights and rusts appear," said Sanchez who explained that with blight, kernels don't reach their potential, while with rust, the plants lose their greenness and become weak.

"In addition to fungicides, there's also sanitation and other cultural practices, as well as resistant varieties as available," said McAvoy.

However, what is impossible to control is the weather. Frosts and freezes — including the most recent in early January — and heat and drought can impact quality or ruin crops.

According to the National Oceanic and At-

mospheric Administration, La Niña is expected to continue through this winter. The condition brings on warmer than normal temperatures in the Southeast and cooler than normal temperatures in the Northwest.

"Drier weather can result in drought and water shortages, especially when Lake Okeechobee falls to critical levels and the South Florida Water Management District institutes water allocation reductions," said McAvoy.

Adequate water is important for the growth of sweet corn, especially during periods of silking and tasseling and of ear development.

"We use wells and other sources of water and pump it in," said Sanchez, who plants corn virtually all year long.

"Irrigation, primarily by furrow, a.k.a. 'seepage irrigation,'" is also used, said McAvoy, who mentioned that some growers in Homestead use big gun sprinkler irrigation.

Unfortunately, La Niña's warmer, drier temperatures may mean, especially for later planters, a disappointing yield.

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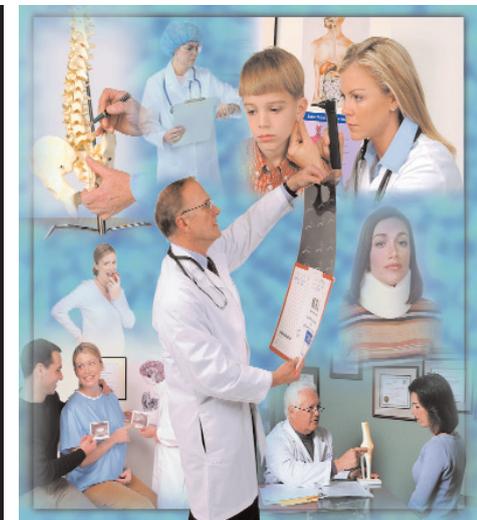
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BY ROBERT H. WELLS  
UF

Opportunities for jobs in agriculture abound, USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan told University of Florida students and faculty Thursday.

"We actually have a gap between the number of qualified graduates and the kind of jobs that we need to fill in American agriculture," Merrigan said. "And the need, from the projections I've seen, is only going to become greater."

Merrigan's speech was part of a Florida tour that includes promoting the USDA initiative Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food, which seeks to reconnect agricultural producers and consumers.

She spoke to a crowd of 200, many of them students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. CALS is a part of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Available jobs, Merrigan said, include openings for more young farmers.

"We know people are leaving the farm, and we need to repopulate it," she said. "Farmers are aging ... and they're not sure who to pass the farm on to."

"There are opportunities for all of you," Merrigan added.

She also addressed the disconnect between consumers and food producers.

"Sometimes when I talk to people, they're like 'agriculture? That's the farmers and the ranchers,'" she said. "And I say, 'No. It's everyone.'"



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USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan discusses the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative at the Straughn Extension Professional Development Center on the University of Florida campus Thursday evening, Jan. 26.

One way to reconnect producers and consumers, she said, is through a pilot project USDA participates in known as Farm to School that is being tested in Florida and Michigan. The project allows schools to buy local food for school meals.

With buying locally grown food a hot topic these days, Merrigan said she is optimistic about

the future of the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative.

"There's never been a time in my professional life when people were more interested in where their food comes from and how it was produced," she said. "We have a renaissance of interest in American agriculture."

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### Peggy Jo Morgan, 66

CLEWISTON — Peggy Jo Morgan, of Clewiston died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Hendry Regional Medical Center of Clewiston, FL.

Peggy was born Nov. 5, 1945, in Clarksville, Tenn.. She is the daughter of the late Luther and the late Bertha (James) Morgan.

She was employed as a waitress for many years.

She is survived by her one son, Christopher Morgan (Jennifer) Scott; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Cremation was completed and burial of remains will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville, Tennessee at a later date.

You can view the obituary and send condolences to the family at <http://www.akin-davis.com>

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Elaine Turner, an associate dean with CALS, said the federal initiative is one UF can support, and there may be ways UF can partner with USDA on its implementation.

"There's a lot of interest in local food here in Gainesville," Turner said. "But because we are statewide, we have the opportunity to help make this initiative even more visible."

After the speech in Gainesville, which was held at UF's Straughn Extension Professional Development Center, Merrigan continued her tour Friday with stops in Lake City and Jacksonville.

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# RELIGION COLUMNS

## Don't Follow the Course of Least Resistance

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST  
First Christian Church

Do you realize it takes more effort to go up than it does down? Try climbing a mountain, or even going up the stairs. Then think of it in reference to going down.

You hardly have to do anything to go down. In fact, you can slip, stumble or fall, then down you go! You fall down, not up. Contrariwise, considerable efforts and energy must be expended to go up and to continue to go up; going down, none.

Now transfer these thoughts to the realm of the spiritual. If we would go to Heaven it is an upward journey. To go to the other way is all down. Never forget this.

The Apostle Paul looked at initial obedience in baptism (Colossians 2:12), and continued to say, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1).

The Apostle Peter's admonition in 2 Peter 1:5-11 fits right in with what Paul said (and heeding it, we will eventually end up in Heaven.) "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The word "diligence" stands out here. We put forth a decided effort, as we grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, thereby seeking and moving toward those things that are above.

Peter definitely says that, "If ye do these things, ye shall never fall." However, Hebrews 2:3 asks the sobering question, which to ask is to answer, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" So the wise thing is to keep on going and growing!

## Pirates and Seals: And Why There is a Difference

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

There is well-earned praise for the Seal Team that freed two hostages from "pirates" in Somalia recently. Commentators spoke about heroes and "pirates" who were really just common criminals. Nine of them were killed, their hostages were returned to families and for needed medical treatment. I thought about that act of kidnapping. It was seen as a kind of "fund-raiser" for the lifestyle of the kidnappers; no regard for the sanctity of human life, people to be bought and sold, stealing people is all right, if your victim has medical needs – well, that's just too bad. The pirates-kidnappers had no respect for life, property, the feelings of others, what it takes to live beyond your own selfish whims. Somehow, somewhere they had never learned respect, the sacredness of life, the worth of human beings, their responsibility to their maker, that what we do on this earth has a purpose, and points the way to a greater life. Then, I thought about our society.

Each night, as I listen to the news, I also hear about the taking of life, violence, about people who mistreat the helpless and victimize the handicapped, of drug abuse leading to all sorts of crime. I see that we, too, have elements with no respect for life, property, the feelings of others, and what it takes to live beyond selfish whims. Then there are stories of those who risk their lives and well-being for the sake of others; digging someone out of an avalanche, rescuing kidnapped victims, feeding to the hungry, providing spare hours to build homes for the homeless; countless times when such activities never make the news.

It occurs to me there are those who have heard a message rooted in the values of the faith on which the country is founded and have seen the great triumphs faith can bring. They have not been stifled by fear of offending, by selfishness, by drifting aimlessly in an amoral atmosphere, by indifference to "being involved." They have learned values and the meaning of life.

When I saw immigrants, one of the questions they'd sometimes ask me had to do with the learning of the values on which the country is founded. Their children didn't seem to be getting them in school, their communities didn't celebrate the great holidays with roots in faith that they knew back home, there seemed to be reluctance to talk about things related to faith or belief. The book of Acts speaks of a world where

those who laid the foundations for our values "devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42ff)."

They shared, believed, acted on their beliefs, and "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved(v.47)." The opportunities still are with us; the Churches they founded give what we are really all about; why we're here and are the real antidote to what we need if life is to be abundant as intended.

## Granny's Letter

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church

Is that which I think I'm saying really saying what I want to say? It can get confusing. I may know what I'm saying, but do others? As Christians, it's easy talking "Christian" with other Christians, but the terms we use may be foreign to those around us. For example, there is this humorous story of Granny's letter.

Got a letter from Grandma the other day in which she writes: The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker. I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, I'm glad I did! What an uplifting experience that followed!

Stopped by a red light at a busy intersection, I got lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is and didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never

have noticed!

I found that LOTS of people love Jesus! Why, while I was sitting there, the guy behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of GOD! GO! GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a "sunny beach." I saw another guy waving in a funny way with one finger stuck up in the air.

When I asked my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back.

My grandson burst out laughing. Even he was enjoying this religious experience! A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking toward me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but then I noticed the light had changed. So, I waved to all my sisters and brothers, grinning, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again, and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks. Love, Grandma

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# Inland Birding Fun: American Coot (AMCO)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The most widespread and abundant waterfowl in Florida during the winter is the American Coot. They will gather in huge groups called "covens" or "rafts" for protection and socialization.

They seldom remain in Florida to breed. It takes a lot of effort for a Coot to fly.



Margaret England

They pedal across the water with their feet before lifting off. Once airborne they have enough stamina to make the long flight to their summer breeding grounds.

These birds have been called "marsh hen" or "mud hen" because they bob their heads when they walk or swim.

The adult is all black with a triangular chicken-like white bill with a black mark near the tip.

There is a white strip on the sides of their undertail. The downy young have a bald red head, but are dull gray instead of black with a light face and chest.

The American Coot swims like a duck, but doesn't have webbed feet. They have toes connected by webs. Each toe has lobes on the side of each segment. Their calls are scratchy clucking noises and "kuk-kuk-kuk" notes.

Inland Florida has reported some of the highest tallies for American Coots during nationally recognized bird counts over the past 5 years.

During the 2010 Christmas Bird Count (CBC), STA5 reported more than 70,000 Coots, which was the U.S. high count during the 111th CBC. Over 100,000 American Coots were observed during the Dec. 31, 2011 CBC at STA5.

American Coots are reported annually by adults and students at inland locations around Lake Okeechobee during the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) held President's Day weekend.

For the past five years, Clewiston has earned the recognition as one of the "Top Ten" cities reporting the most individual birds in the U.S. and Canada.

At least half of the birds reported at Clewiston

locations were American Coots. Become a "Citizen Scientist" and help report American Coots and other bird species during the 2012 GBBC.

Just submit your daily 15 minute or more observations for any or all days during Feb. 17-20 at the GBBC web site at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc).

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers in their search for American Coot and other birds during birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston.

For reservations for these free trips or to request information about the Feb. 17-20 Great Backyard Bird Count contact Margaret England at [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com) or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS web site at [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) or the

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### A/B

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### All A's

Daniela Desantiago-Zuniga, TyQwan Mills, Miguel Figueroa, Haylee Hayes, Jacinto Mendoza, Paige Roth, John Simmons, Trystan Hopper, Nicole Blanco, Zobeida Carreno, Gyleigh Pattison

### A/B

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### A/B

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## Fifth Grade

### All A's

Jon Basquin, Norma Chairez, Martin Paredes, Francisco Pardo, Diana Ruiz, Cassandra Whitehead, William Butler, Tariana Dhlwayo.

### A/B

Kale Knaack, Gloria Salmeron, Julianna Aleman, Jahmaira Bess, Breeanna Graham, Kenya Gutierrez, Naomi Millan, Montana Powell, William Ramirez, Janelly Rendon, Juvenal Velazques, JaMarkis Weston, Ashana Etwweiler, Nagianna Gary, Louis Roberts, Marcelina Mendoza, Jose Granados, Juan Hernandez Jr., Melissa Lopez, Randy Williams III.

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•Honorable Mention (All E's and S's) – Gumaro Martinez, Taliyah Doctor, Aubrey Louque, La'Naiya Myers

•Most Improved: Javaryn Harris, Kendall Kline

## 1st Grade

### Mrs. Iglesias

•Honor Roll (All A's) – Conner Harper, Tyra Whitehurst, Jayla Vallejo, Ryland Polhill

•Honorable Mention (All A's and B's) – Dylan Corley, Hilary Martin

•Most Improved: Conner Harper

### Mrs. Beck

•Honor Roll (All A's) – Shelby Stinson

•Honorable Mention (All A's and B's) – Nalani Aguila, Alexis Lusk, Devin Nguyen, J.C. Lopez, Kinley Garrett

•Most Improved: Alexis Lusk

## 2nd Grade

### Mrs. Davis

•Honorable Mention (All A's and B's) – Adrian Cordova, Christian Gerena, Lelani Hare, Andrea Marrero, Dustin Nguyen, Joseph Rourks

•Most Improved: Adrian Cordova

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### Mrs. Pelham

•Honor Roll (All A's) – Amanda Mickler, Julia Jessup, Stewart Cordero, Ethan Pelham

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## 4th Grade

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•Honor Roll (All A's) – Hannah Stowe, Jordan Sweet

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## 5th Grade

### Mrs. Chamblee

•Honor Roll (All A's) – Melissa Manning, Jessica Maxson, Emily Miller, Zinal Patel

•Honorable Mention (All A's and B's) – Grayson Brooks

•Most Improved: Jessica Maxson

## 6th Grade

### Mrs. Lee

•Honorable Mention (All A's and B's) – Bobby Adams, Jonathan Hatton, Ciara Iglesias, Dylan Patel, Cheyanna Pelham, Isabella Perez

•Most Improved: Dylan Patel



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## Literacy Week a Huge Success

Clewiston Middle School "took the lead and read" during the week of Jan. 23 to 27. A non-fiction book reading contest was held between homerooms, with Ms. William's sixth grade Reading Class coming in first for the second year in a row. The theme this year was Poetry Appreciation. Poems were read daily with poetic words introduced, a poetry writing contest was held, and the "Poet's Cafe" was open for poetry reading, poetry writing, and refreshments on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 26. Several hundred students and their families were present to celebrate literacy, enjoy the wonderful, creative efforts of the students, and even to receive a new book at the book swap table. Many students entered both the poetry and videography contests. Book clubs formed were met with enthusiasm and teachers and students alike were rewarded with their efforts to promote literacy within the school community.



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## Bass Anglers

Clewiston Bass Anglers, VP. Larry Patterson donated funds raised by the Clewiston Bass Anglers concession to the AYSO soccer organization. Receiving the check from Patterson is Carman Villarreal for the AYSO. The Clewiston Bass Anglers does fund raisers to help the community.

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# Tigers Wrestlers Capture 3 Team Wins at Seminole Ridge Duals



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Pictured from left to right: Coach Flynn, Joe Hernandez, Coach Derek and Coach Renaldy.

## Joe Hernandez takes fifth at Jupiter Invitational

The Clewiston Tiger wrestling team had a busy week traveling to Seminole Ridge High School on Wednesday, Jan. 25th to compete in the Seminole Ridge Duals and then traveled to Jupiter to on Friday the 27th to compete in the 2012 John Raigh Memorial Invitation. The Tigers enjoyed success at the Seminole Ridge Duals in which despite competing without a full lineup the team went 3-2 in the head to head duals against Glades Central, Seminole Ridge, Lake Worth, Royal Palm Beach and Palm Beach Lakes. Arelys Valles, Cristian Montes, Matt Johnson and Joe Hernandez lead the team each winning four out of their five matches on the evening. Nick Gamble and Nathan Adams each recorded three victories apiece.

First year wrestler Joe Hernandez took fifth place in the heavyweight division at the John

Raigh Memorial Wrestling Invitational held in Jupiter High School. The two day tournament is considered one of the toughest in South Florida every year. Among the 32 teams invited to compete are State Championship teams like South Date and Clay high school and state rated teams like Miami Belen Jesuit, Jensen Beach, and Key West. Hernandez won four out of six matches in the grueling 32 man bracket taking home 5th place honors by pinning his opponent in the second period in his final match on Saturday.

“Joe wrestled great in all of his matches and is improving every week, Coach Renaldy has been working with him, sharpening his technique and it showed this weekend,” stated Head Coach Robert Flynn. Joe has the second highest win total and the most wins by a freshman on the team this year with 18.

The Tigers will travel to Immokalee High School on Friday, Feb. 3rd to compete in the District tournament, top four finishers will advance to the Regional tournament the following week.

# District Sunshine State Scholar Runner-up, Casey Crawford

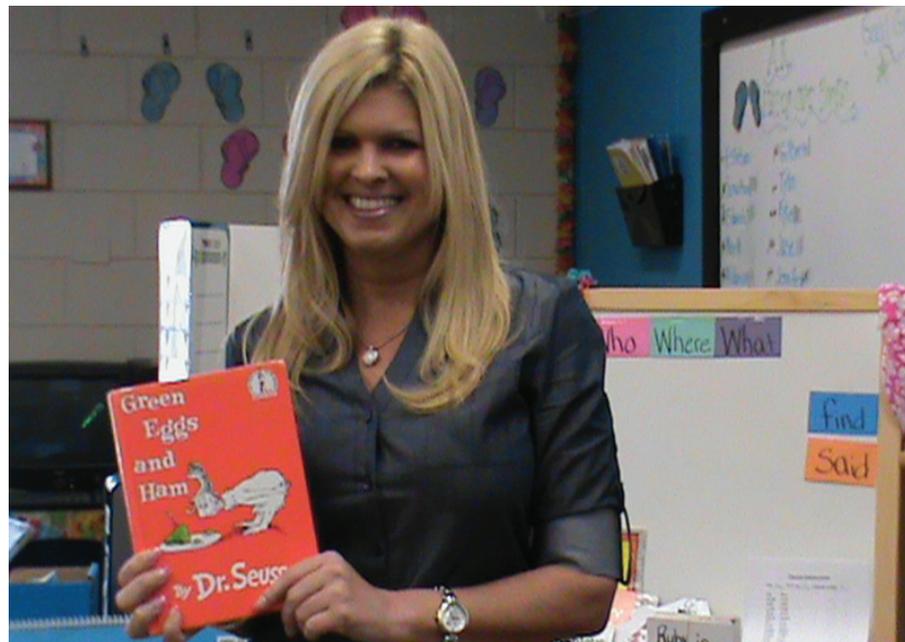
Superintendent Rick Murphy, Clewiston High School Principal Ms. Janice Lee and the Hendry County School Board recently recognized Clewiston High Student Casey Crawford as the District Sunshine State Scholar runner-up for 2012.

Casey is a great student and is in the top of his class of 2012. He plans to attend either a university or the Air Force Academy upon graduation. He is also a great student athlete and currently a member of the boys soccer team who won the District Championship and will be competing in the State Region 3 tournament.

Florida’s efforts to expand and enrich its focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and

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“The Sunshine State Scholars Program is what Florida needs to keep our STEM talented students here at home and lead the movement for thriving industries that will revitalize our state and national economies that will create new jobs,” said Superintendent Rick Murphy.



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## Literacy Week

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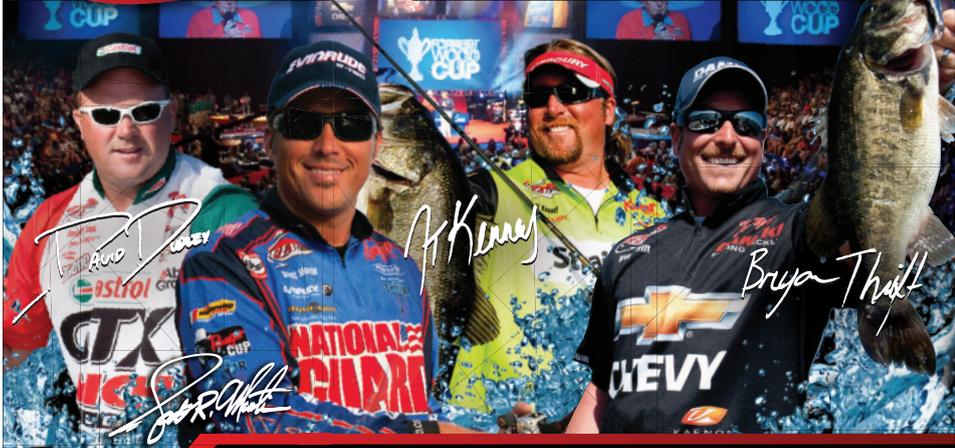


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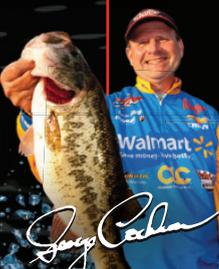
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**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**  
**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENRY COUNTY**  
Take Notice that the School Board of Henry County will conduct a workshop to discuss the School Board Attorney Search.  
This Workshop will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2012 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Sub-office, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.  
All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meeting.  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Sally Berg, Chairman  
408688 CN/CB 2/2/2012

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2011, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 11:15 AM, for the purpose of:  
1. Election of one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.  
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.  
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BY: Ruben Rifa, President  
408890 CN 2/2,9/2012

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritta Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritta Drainage District for the year 2011, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 11:30 AM, for the purpose of:  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
BY: Steve Stiles, President  
408897 CN 2/2,9/2012

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Disston Island Conservancy District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Disston Island Conservancy District for the year 2011, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., for the purpose of:  
1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BY: Sam Williams, President  
408895 CN 2/2,9/2012

**Public Notice**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.  
All interested parties are encouraged to attend.  
For Further information, please contact the Henry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.  
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Henry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
Tristan Chapman, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners, Henry County  
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**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of Pahokee Water Control District for the year 2012, will be held at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of:  
1. Electing one Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.  
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If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
BY: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie  
President  
407901 SUN 1/26;2/2/2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BY: Ruben Rifa, President  
408890 CN 2/2,9/2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
BY: Steve Stiles, President  
408897 CN 2/2,9/2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
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408895 CN 2/2,9/2012

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Tristan Chapman, Chair  
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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, February 16, 2012, for the following Proposals:  
E1K64- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Drainage Improvements in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$112,958.00  
E1K96- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Milling & Resurfacing, Base Work, Shoulder Treatment, Drainage Improvements, Guardrail & Pavement Markings in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$93,744.00  
E1K93- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Performance Turf in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$262,073.00  
E1K94- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mechanical Road & Bridge Sweeping in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00  
E1K95- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Ditch & Canal Cleaning & Grading in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$54,500.00  
E1K97- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Chemical Mowing Wet Blade Applications in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$150,000.00  
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.  
407988 CN/CB 1/26;2/2/2012

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
BY: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie  
President  
407901 SUN 1/26;2/2/2012

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Henry County, Florida, Case number: 10-175CC on November 14th, 2011 in the matter of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, as plaintiff and Marcos Martinez, as defendant, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Henry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:  
2005 Gray Ford F150, vehicle identification number: 1FTPW12585F803151.  
and on February 16th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Henry County Sheriff's office. In accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-8761 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.  
Steve Whidden as Sheriff  
Henry County, Florida  
By: Lt. Andy Lewis  
407061 CN/CB 1/12,19,26 2/2/2012

**Public Notice**  
**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  
2497 2008 1074433-03000230090 Manuel Gonzalez  
Lot 9, Block 23, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **1st day of March, 2012**.  
Dated this **18th day of January, 2012**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
408285 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2432 2008 1074433-0300010300 Leysa Rodriguez Ramos  
Lot 30, Block 1, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, 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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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2709 2008 1214334-010000K0130 Ursula K. Fuller  
Lot 17 and 18, Block K, Harlem Addition No. 1, to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **1st day of March, 2012**.  
Dated this **18th day of January, 2012**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
408010 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

**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  
2547 2007 2024329-4600000070 Park Investments Group, Inc.  
LaBelle, Millers Subdivision, Lot 11, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 88, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **1st day of March, 2012**.  
Dated this **18th day of January, 2012**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
408281 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

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Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
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Hendry County, Florida  
408285 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

**Public Notice**  
**DIET SALE BID**  
The Barron Water Control District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of about 280,000 cubic yards of dirt along several canals. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 AM, February 17, 2012, at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, FL.  
To inquire and receive detailed bidding specifications and instructions, call 863-675-0346 or email [BWCD12@embarqmail.com](mailto:BWCD12@embarqmail.com) or visit the office.  
The owner reserves the right to hold all proposals for sixty (60) days and to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.  
Lester B. Baird, Sr., General Manager  
Barron Water Control District  
408905 CN/CB 2/2/2012

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**Public Notice**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 11-CP-38**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF **EDWARD B. ROCK, III**  
Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Edward B. Rock, III, deceased, whose date of death was June 12, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is January 26, 2012.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Travis W. Trueblood, L.L.M.  
Attorney for Edward B. Rock III  
Florida Bar Number: 0417890  
P.O. Box 1270  
805 U.S. Highway 27, Suite 1  
Moore Haven, FL 33471  
Telephone: (863) 946 9160  
Fax: (888) 659 6339  
E-Mail: [ttrueblood@truebloodlawgroup.com](mailto:ttrueblood@truebloodlawgroup.com)  
Personal Representative:  
Fred W. Rock, Jr.  
5012 Greystone Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242  
407904 CN 1/26;2/2/2012

**Public Notice**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File Number: 11 CP 41**  
**Division: Probate**  
In Re The Estate Of: **SERAFINA GRIFFIN**, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of **SERAFINA GRIFFIN**, deceased, whose date of death was November 2, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, or whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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Personal Representative:  
**Dennis Griffin**  
P.O. Box 777  
**Moore Haven, FL 33471**  
Attorney For Personal Representative:  
**Jennie E. Poore, Esquire**  
**311 SE 10th Court**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316**  
(954) 763-3392  
Florida Bar Number: 466700  
407827 CN 1/26;2/2/2012

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2497 2008 1074433-03000230090 Manuel Gonzalez  
Lot 9, Block 23, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
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Dated this **18th day of January, 2012**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
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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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Verona A, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Blake Rodgers, 2455 Scott Rd., LaBelle Kenny D. Smith, Muriel Blvd., LaBelle Danielle Perry, 750 SR 295, LaBelle

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Seven K Estates Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, for assessments on properties for drainage purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County.

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1032	2007	1134432-A0001430000	Maria Perez

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road to the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3049, 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.

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 Dated this **18th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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**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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1938	2008	1254432-A0001070000	Carlos Alberto Salvat

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1168, 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.

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 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1647	2007	1264432-A0001880000	Leon & Corina Sacco

The South one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 269, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **February, 2012**, which is the **9th day of February, 2012**.  
 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1664	2007	1264432-A0002510100	Guillermo Rodriguez & Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

The North one-half of the West one-half of the North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an Easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof and subject to an easement for a canal over and across the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 417, 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.

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 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1711	2007	1274432-A0001540100	Elena E. Rodriguez

The North one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 114, 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.

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

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**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
1587	2007	1254432-A0002560000	Orelia Otero

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 516, 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.

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 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
787	2007	1274331-010000H0110	Derrick & Vonnette Douglas, Raymond & Barbara Dillon, Wesley & Pearl Gallimore, Errol C. Shim, Michael & Marjorie Gosley

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 11, Block H, of Diamond "J" Estates, Pioneer Plantation, 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.

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 Hendry County, Florida

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1775	2007	1344432-A0000960000	GAME Investments, Inc.

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, extending or shortening its East and West boundary line so as to terminate at the North boundary line of Providence City, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 29, 30 and 31, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4237, 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.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1494	2007	1244432-A0001150000	Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof and subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5239, 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.

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 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1957	2008	1254432-A0001620100	Antonio Pereira

The North one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 566, 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.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1965	2008	1254432-A0001830000	Teresa Rojas

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 516, 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.

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 Dated this **4th** day of **January, 2012**.

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to establishing a municipal services benefit unit entitled as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT KNOWN AS THE SEVEN K ESTATES MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 125, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DRAINAGE; PROVIDING CREATION OF THE UNIT AND BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING THE PURPOSE; PROVIDING GENERAL POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UTILIZING THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVEN K ESTATES SUBDIVISION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT FUND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
 408754 CB/CN 2/12/2012



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**NOTICE OF FILING ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Notice is given to all persons interested in the following described land and property in Hendry County, Florida, to wit: 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," that the engineer hereto appointed to determine benefits and damages to the property and lands situated in the District and to determine the estimated cost of the proposed water control plan or plan amendment, filed his report in the office of the secretary of the district, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida on the 22nd day of February, 2012, and you may examine the report and file written objections with the secretary of the district to all, or any part thereof, on or before February 15, 2012. The report recommends The Central County Water Control Plan be amended 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,

A final hearing to consider approval of the report and proposed water control plan or plan amendment shall be held at its regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
407529 CN 1/19,26 2/2,9,16/2012

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 2/28/12

SUBJECT AREA: 221 Terminal Pay

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for terminal pay.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for terminal pay.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on February 28, 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)(e), F.S.  
408690 CN 2/2,9,16 CB 2/16/2012

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 2/28/12

SUBJECT AREA: 221A Terminal Pay

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for terminal pay for administrative support, non-instructional bargaining and non-bargaining personnel.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for terminal pay for administrative support, non-instructional bargaining and non-bargaining personnel.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on February 28, 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)(e), F.S.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on **February 9, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.** at The Greentree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc." 408857 CN/CB 2/2/2012

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will conduct a Board of Supervisors' Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida.

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

This meeting is open to the public. Mark D. Colbert, Chairman  
408863 CN/CB 2/2/2012

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on February 6, 2012 at 2:00 PM at AAA Self Storage, 657 Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL, the undersigned, AAA Self Storage, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:  
**Cortney Porter #87**  
407845 GCD 1/26;2/2/2012

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT**  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Air Resource Section, South District Office  
Draft Minor Source Air Construction Permit  
Project No. 0430024-001-AC  
Site: Vulcan Materials - Witherspoon Sand Plant  
Glades County, Florida

**Applicant:** The applicant for this project is Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Richard G. Colyer, President, Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling, 2165 17th Street, Sarasota, Florida, 34234.

**Facility Location:** Golf Agronomics Supply & Handling proposes to construct a new Sand Dryer and Wet Sand Crusher system to be located in Glades County at 11655 SR 78 in Moore Haven, Florida.

**Project:** The project consists one (1) Vibrating Fluid Bed 25 ton/hr. Sand Dryer with air cooling chamber and Baghouse, Conveyors, Storage Silo and Truck Loadout System, (The facility also includes one (1) "Relocatable" 180 ton/hr. Sand Crusher that is permitted on a separate permit, No. 7774821-002-AG). The Sand Dryer is fired by LPG gas and the relocatable crusher is powered by a diesel engine. Emissions from the dryer are air cooled and are controlled by a fabric filter baghouse. The sand dryer is subject to NSPS requirements of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart UUU and the sand crusher is subject to NSPS requirements of 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO. Particulate (PM) emissions for the total project are estimated at 14.5 tons per year.

**Permitting Authority:** Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed permit is not an air permitting requirement and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the South District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida 33902. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: P.O. Box 2549, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-2549. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 239-344-6400.

**Project File:** A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site:  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit:** The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

**Comments:** The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

**Petitions:** A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 600 Commonwealth Boulevard, Main Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the proceeding; and an explicit explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petitioner does not dispute the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

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

**Mediation:** Mediation is not available for this proceeding.  
408909 GCD 2/2/2012

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Consolidated Case No. 08-149 CA

SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff

V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al. Defendants.

SALVADOR ESQUENAZ, Plaintiff Case No. 08-150CA

V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants.

ESTHER GREENSHER, Plaintiff Case No. 08-151 CA

V. BENITO LOPEZ, et. al., Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

TO: BENITO LOPEZ, LISSETTE LOPEZ AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH AND UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS and any and all persons who may claim an interest in the real property described below:

Notice is given that pursuant to Final Judgment dated December 20, 2011, in Case No. 08-149 Consolidated of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida in which Salvador Esquenazi is the Plaintiff and Benito Lopez and Lisette Lopez are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Second Floor Lobby, LaBelle, FL 33975 on February 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment:  
Dated January 18, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ J. S. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk  
408001 CN 1/26;2/2/2012

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 2011-118CP

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CLEOPATRA CONTRERAS, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of CLEOPATRA CONTRERAS, deceased, whose date of death was JUNE 12, 2011; is pending in the Circuit Court for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 2011-118CP; the address of which is P.O. BOX 1760, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33975-1760. 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 26th, 2012.

Personal Representative:  
Yvette Contreras  
1661 Sassy Road  
Clewiston, Florida 33440

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Andrew Dickman, Esq.  
LAW OFFICE OF ANDREW DICKMAN, P.A.  
Florida Bar No. 0238820  
Post Office Box 771390  
Naples, FL 34107-1390  
T: 239.434.0840 / F: 239.434.0940  
andrewdickman@comcast.net  
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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09-213-CA

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.

Plaintiff, VS. RICHARD J. MARQUITH A/K/A RICHARD MARQUITH; PATSY A. MARQUITH A/K/A PATSY MARQUITH; Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 18, 2012, August 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-213-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is Plaintiff and RICHARD J. MARQUITH A/K/A RICHARD MARQUITH; PATSY A. MARQUITH A/K/A PATSY MARQUITH; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURTHOUSE, at 25 EAST HICKPOCHEME, LABELLE in HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 57, TANGLEWOOD OAKS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 176, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale. Dated this 25th day of January, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: J. S. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

As Deputy Clerk Administrative Order No.2,065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935, Phone No. (941)335- 2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-9588771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).  
Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000  
Plantation, FL 33324  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
408625 CN 2/2,9/2012

**Public Notice**

**ORDER OF NOTICE STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT**

Judicial District of Hartford at Hartford, CT  
90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
January 20, 2012  
Giarratano, Linda A. vs. Giarratano, Frank M.  
Return Date: February 14, 2012  
**NOTICE TO: FRANK M. GIARRATANO**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice in Family Cases and the Complaint which asks for a Divorce (dissolution of marriage) based on irretrievable differences.

The Court finds that the defendant's current address is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him/her have failed. The Court also finds that the defendant's last known address was located at 285 Case Road, LaBelle, FL 33935.

THE COURT ORDERS that the notice be given to the defendant by placing a legal notice in the Caloosa Belle, a weekly newspaper circulating in LaBelle, FL, containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint on file with the Court.

The notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before January 27, 2012 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court.

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY  
Bruce Kaz, State Marshal  
County of Hartford  
State of Connecticut  
408272 CB 1/26;2/2,9/2012

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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY**  
Case #: 2011-CA-000865

Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff,

-vs- Marc Thomas Helfrich a/k/a Marc T. Helfrich; Rainee Dawn Landry a/k/a Rainee D. Helfrich; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY**

TO: Rainee Dawn Landry a/k/a Rainee D. Helfrich; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1691 Caloosa Estates Court, Labelle, FL 33935

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remained and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, licensees, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not suri juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, CALOOSA ESTATES UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 77, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 1691 Caloosa Estates Court, Labelle, FL 33935.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 26th day of January, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
Circuit and County Courts  
By: /s/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIVIL DIVISION  
Case #: 2009-CA-000741

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP  
Plaintiff,

-vs- Arnold Ellington; Mary A. Ellington a/k/a Mary Ellington; Robert C. Howarth; Financial Independence Services, Corp d/b/a Financial Independence Services Corp.; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 12, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000741 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff and Arnold Ellington are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 1:00 A.M. on February 29, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK L, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1984, MAKE: GREEN, VIN#: FFL2AE193205795 AND VIN#: FFL2BE193205795, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS, AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Hendry County, Florida

/s/ J. Bevis  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP  
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.  
Suite 100  
Tampa, FL 33614  
(813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800  
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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIVIL DIVISION  
Case #: 2010-CA-000818

BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P.  
Plaintiff,

-vs- Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A.; Unknown Tenants in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 12, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff and Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 18, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A LOT NO. 2802, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Hendry County, Florida

/s/ J. Bevis  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP  
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.  
Suite 100  
Tampa, FL 33614  
(813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800  
408151 CN 1/26;2/2/2012

## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000085

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
HECTOR CALERO, et al.,  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 20, 2012, and entered in Case NO. 26-2010-CA-000085 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and HECTOR CALERO; SUNI M. CALERO, are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 22nd day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 5, BLOCK B, GOLFVIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 90, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1115 W VENTURA AVENUE CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 25, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY**  
Case #: 2009-CA-000868

Citibank, N.A., as trustee for the Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE2  
Plaintiff,

-vs- Jose Antonio Herrera and Maria Theresa Herrera, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; Defendant.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure sale dated January 20, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000868 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for the Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE2, Plaintiff and Jose Antonio Herrera and Maria Theresa Herrera, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., February 22, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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# Black Crappie Fishing Hot in Florida's



SUBMITTED PHOTO

BY BOB WATTENDORF  
FWC

Many anglers target black crappie during the cooler months in Florida. Nonresident anglers avoiding the deeper chill up north congregate around these premier fisheries every winter to join Florida's own fishers who enjoy pursuing and harvesting the succulent panfishes.

Crappies are high-profile fish with their own enthusiasts. CrappieUSA kicked off its 2012 season with an event at Flagler County's Crescent Lake in January. Darrell Van Vactor, president of CrappieUSA, said, "The 2.63-pound crappie that won the big fish award on Crescent Lake was definitely a great crappie. In more than 25 years of crappie tournaments all over Florida, it is the best single fish weighed in, and the winning weight of 14.5 pounds for seven fish was also the best winning weight."

He went on to say, "Crescent Lake is truly the best crappie water we have found in your state, and your agency is evidently doing a great management job there."

Bass Pro Shops Crappie Master Tournament Trail will have its Florida State Championship in February on the Harris Chain of Lakes around Tavares. Anglers can find books, magazines, web sites and television shows dedicated to great crappie fishing. The fast action, once you have located a school, makes crappie a great fish for families and youth.

Black crappies are also known as "speckled perch" or "specks" and are silver-white, speckled all over with black blotches. The fish are deep-bodied with two symmetrical fins along the top and bottom of the body. The Florida state record is 3.83 pounds, and the Big Catch Angler Recognition qualifying size is 14 inches or 2 pounds.

Steward points out that reports from local anglers, as well as data from trawling, electrofishing and

creel surveys compiled by fisheries biologists, and knowledge of habitat trends all go into selecting these lakes. The list focuses on larger water bodies that have good access and can sustain more fishing effort, so even if your local lake isn't on the list, don't be afraid to try it. One of the best things about crappie fishing in Florida is that you can find them in almost all of our lakes.

Unlike many panfish, crappies spend much of their time offshore, feeding on small fish. Successful anglers drift through deeper water, fishing with small minnows or freshwater grass shrimp until they find a school. Try a light wire #4 hook and small split shot below a float. Speck anglers typically use several rods or poles, fishing at different depths until they pinpoint concentrations of fish. In the extreme, these are referred to as "spider rigs" for the way the rods look like spider legs sticking out from all sides of the boat. Specks move inshore to spawn during early spring, gathering in large numbers around heavy cover.

Crappie also strike artificial baits. Tipping a jig with a live minnow makes it especially effective. Night fishing for crappie with baits fished near a light can produce nice stringers, especially once it warms up.

After black bass, crappies are the second-most popular freshwater species in Florida, followed by bream, in terms of angler effort. Angler success rates over the past five years averaged approximately 1.2 crappie per hour statewide (compared with 1.9 for bream and 0.7 for bass).

Crappie provide a great fishing opportunity, especially this time of year, and can be an exciting way to introduce new anglers both young and old to the lifetime sport of fishing. Moreover, many anglers think they are one of the tastiest of freshwater fishes, so give them a try.

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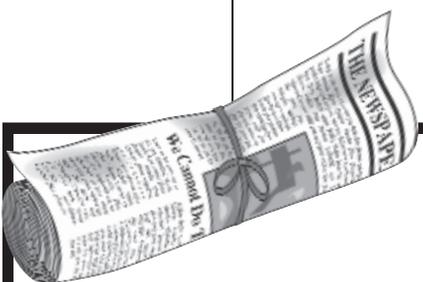
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- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Favorite Quote: "Life has no limitations, except the ones you make." by Les Brown

## Veronica Roquett

### Clewiston Middle School

- Library/Media Skills
- Reading Skills
- Research Skills
- 10½ Years
- Florida International University
- Favorite Quote: "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." by Frederick Douglass

## Karra Rivas

### Uptegrove Elementary School

- Kindergarten
- 9 Years
- Florida Gulf Coast University

•Favorite Quote: "It's not what you do once in a while; it's what you do day in and day out that makes the difference." by Jenny Craig

## Shelley Hegley

### Westside Elementary School

- Kindergarten
- 34 Years
- St. Petersburg Junior College
- University of South Florida
- Florida Atlantic University
- Favorite Quote: "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." by John Cotton Dana

## Jodi Higginbotham

### LaBelle Middle School

- Computer Applications/Business
- 23 Years
- Jacksonville State University
- Favorite Quote: "A child educated only at school is an undereducated child." by G. Santayana

## Kathy Meador

### LaBelle Elementary School

- 5th Grade Reading
- 12 Years
- NOVA Southeastern University
- Favorite Quote: "Something you must always remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." by Winnie the Pooh

# 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.

## Stanley S. West, 52



- Warrant w/ impersonation, use of false name for driver's license or ID application
- Arrested Jan. 20 by J. Mateu

## Esperanza Perez, 60



- Warrant w/ tax revenue attempting to evade or defeat tax subsequent offense
- Arrested Jan. 20 by J. Mateu

## Tanya Clark Reyes, 34



- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested Jan. 19 by N. Krause

## Robert Earl Payne Sr., 41



- Violation driving w/ suspended license, third or subsequent offense
- Arrested Jan. 9 by D. Bolt

## Luis Remberto Garcia Jr., 18



- Possession of marijuana w/ intent to sell, manufacture, deliver
- Arrested Jan. 18 by N. Krause

## Johnathan Trnka, 21



- Operating a motor vehicle w/o a valid license
- Possession of cocaine and trafficking
- Arrested Jan. 18 by N. Krause

# Loving Lake O

BY JILLIAN SPARKS  
Chamber of Commerce

As if the weather and fantastic fishing wasn't enough of a reason to be out there loving our lake, the Chamber of Commerce is going to give you some extra incentive for February!

February always makes us think of Valentine's Day and the sweet affections and confessions that we all share with our loved ones.

We have found a way to incorporate so many wonderful aspects into one event that encompasses love for the lake and love for the many sweethearts in our lives.

The Inaugural Love the Lake 5k / 10k will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 a.m. up at Roland and MaryAnn Martin's Marina & Resort.

This event does so much for so many, for starter's it helps bring awareness to our co-host: Rotary Club of Clewiston's fitness trail, on the outskirts of the boat parking area up at the lake.

We were surprised to find how few really knew or took advantage of this fitness trail in which we hope this raises the awareness about heart health.



A healthy heart should never be taken for granted and Darius Redd, a big part of our inspiration for the Love the Lake 5K / 10K knows this all too well.

Darius is a Clewiston teen that has been awaiting a heart-transplant since falling ill after coming home from football camp this past summer.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Darius Redd heart transplant fund.

Love the Lake 5K / 10K is also raising the awareness for the "Love the Lake" campaign that was first introduced to us by one of our neighbors the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

We couldn't be happier to be a part of it, by displaying the "Love the Lake" logo we are saying to all of our neighboring municipalities that border Lake Okeechobee that we are part of the same team.

This will encourage all of our neighbors around the lake to be better informed. When you know better you do better. Love your heart and come on out and Love the Lake Feb. 18.

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Okeechobee.

"The fishing got better. And it stayed better all throughout the spring and the summertime, and it never slowed down, and now we're back into the springtime again and the fish are just bigger. There seems to be more of them and more 30-pound bags weighed in at local events right now than I've ever seen. The potential for having some of the records fall is very likely.

"I'm in shorts and a T-shirt as we speak," Martin added. "The water temperatures have been very consistent. We haven't had a big cold front at all, so these fish are really going to start spawning and really be active this week."

Martin said he expects the tournament to focus on spawning bass and flipping baits, however, he added that anglers will be presented with opportunities to use a variety of techniques and baits.

When asked about the Alabama rig, the hot topic controversial bait system that took the tournament world by storm at last year's Lake Guntersville Tour event, Martin offered his opinion with no hesitation.

"I don't think the Alabama rig will be a factor," Martin said.

As the reigning Forrest L. Wood Cup champion, one might think that he has a target on his back and every angler in the field will be looking to dethrone him, but Martin doesn't think that's the case.

"This is Lake Okeechobee," Martin said. "There's so many good places to fish right now on this lake and so many different ways to catch them that I'm going to really have to put my thinking cap on and buckle down and find the winning pattern and the winning fish. There's going to be lots of guys catch them.

"Tournaments are tournaments," Martin added. "These guys aren't focusing on beating me. Fishing is fishing. You've got to beat the fish. That's what it always boils down to. I don't think I have a target on my back to say the least.

Everybody's going to be going against the fish. The guys who fish against the fish are the guys that are going to do well. The guys that fish to try to beat some other angler ... that's the wrong

attitude."

In FLW Tour competition, anglers are also vying for valuable points in hopes of qualifying for the 2012 Forrest L. Wood Cup, the world championship of bass fishing. This year's Cup will be in Duluth/Gainesville, Ga., Aug. 9-12 on Lake Lanier and anglers could win as much as \$500,000 – the sport's biggest award.

Anglers are also vying for the prestigious 2012 Walmart FLW Tour Angler of the Year presented by Kellogg's title that will be determined by the most points accumulated over the six Tour Majors.

Anglers will take off from Roland & Mary Ann Martin's Marina & Resort located at 920 East Del Monte Ave. in Clewiston at 7:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday morning and from the Clewiston Boat Basin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday morning.

Thursday and Friday's weigh-ins will also be held at Roland & Mary Ann Martin's Marina & Resort beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's final weigh-ins will be held at the Walmart located at 1005 West Sugarland Hwy. in Clewiston beginning at 4 p.m.

Fans will be treated to the FLW Outdoors Expo at the Walmart on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. prior to the final weigh-ins.

The Expo includes Ranger boat simulators, the opportunity to interact with professional anglers, enjoy interactive games, activities and giveaways provided by sponsors, and fans can learn more about the sport of fishing and other outdoor activities. All activities are free and open to the public.

As part of the FLW Tour's community outreach initiative, select FLW Tour anglers will be speaking to third grade students at Eastside Elementary School located at 201 West Arroyo Ave. in Clewiston from 9-10 a.m. Feb. 8. The anglers' wrapped boats and tow vehicles also will be on display at the school.

Coverage of the Lake Okeechobee tournament will be broadcast in high-definition (HD) on NBC Sports Network when "FLW" airs Mar. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. ET. "FLW" is hosted by Jason Harper and is broadcast to more than 559 million households worldwide, making it the most widely distributed weekly outdoors-sports television show in the world.

For complete details and updated information browse [FLWOutdoors.com](http://FLWOutdoors.com).

For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the FLW Tour on Facebook at [Facebook.com/FLWFishing](http://Facebook.com/FLWFishing) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/FLWFishing](http://Twitter.com/FLWFishing).

Sonny's BBQ, fishtailing in the process. She headed back into town and nearly crashed into another vehicle as she blew through Olympia Ave.

The chase continued down several more streets, she sped through neighborhoods faster than 60 miles per hour down Osceola Ave. She spun out and crashed as she attempted to make a turn and hit the guardrail near Esperanza.

Kirk saw that the suspect was attempting to bail out of the vehicle. He drew his taser and ordered the suspect to stop, who continued to try and escape. Kirk fired his taser and struck the suspect in the back, bring her down to be quickly cuffed. Kirk did noticed the strong smell of alcohol on her breath and her breathalyzer test came back as .146. She is being charged with DUI, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and fleeing police.

Cypress was released on a \$2,000 bond.



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# CHASE

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stop sign and make a screeching left onto Georgia Ave.

Kirk attempted to make a traffic stop, yet the suspect refused to stop. The chase continued down W.C. Owens towards U.S. 27.

The suspect had a hard time staying in her lane as her speed reached more than 60 miles per hour and blew threw the Ventura stop light and then slowed to run the red light as she turned on to U.S. 27 westbound.

She continued to speed and made a U-turn by

