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Parker Not Guilty of Murder

'MISTAKES MADE' SAID
VICTIM'S FAMILY

BY DON BROWNE
Southwest Florida Online

A 12-member jury in Hendry County found Ruby Yolanda Parker, 36, guilty of three counts of Culpable Negligence, and guilty of robbery in the five and one-half year old case of Florida vs. Parker. She stood accused of three charges of homicide in the murder of three Clewiston residents.

The elder brother of one of the murdered victims told the Judge there were "mistakes made in this court case."

An armed Richard Harker and girlfriend Ruby Parker visited the home of Joey and Carolyn Whitaker and Myrtle Cox, 80-year old mother of Carolyn at 231 Avenida Del Rio in Clewiston on Aug. 15, 2006. Hours later the Whitakers and Cox were dead, at the hand of Harker.

Harker killed himself with a gunshot to the head after he and Parker went through a police barricade at the Big Cypress Reservation in a truck stolen from the Whitakers.

The state charged Parker with three counts of murder and home invasion. Her defense had been of

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Ag Expo a Success



PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

This year's Ag Expo was a resounding success, with plenty of participants coming out to Clewiston to take in the heavy equipment auctions, display of new ag equipment, and even Adam Putnam, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, stopping by to see the show for himself.

Man Killed in Montura

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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Florida Highway Patrol is searching for witnesses after a man was struck and killed in Montura this past weekend.

The accident occurred on Feb. 17 around 7:09 a.m. A 2001 Dodge pickup being driven by 54-year-old Justo Luis Jimenez, of Orlando, was heading eastbound on Avenida Del Rio.

The official report states that Jimenez was driving above the posted 35 mile-per-hour speed limit.

Santiago Sejuin, whose age was listed as "unknown," was in the east-bound lane of Avenida Del Club.

It was unclear whether or not Sejuin was walking or standard in the lane. T

he front of Jimenez's vehicle struck Sejuin. Jimenez was able to bring his

vehicle to a controlled stop approximately 150 ft. from the area of impact. Sejuin came to rest in the east bound lane, nearly 10 ft. from Jimenez's vehicle.

Sejuin was pronounced dead at the scene. The Florida Highway Patrol requests that anybody with any information regarding this crash to contact Corp. Jeff Rongish at 239-344-1730 ext. 1192.

Gardner's Position Reinforced at Meeting

*Policies reviewed
at city meeting*

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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Mali Gardner was a vocal force at Monday night's city commission meeting, restating her position on a number of criticisms directed at Steve McKown, Clewiston city manager.

Seeking to avoid any public misconception, she once again offered a number of items for review that she found "concerning" about the city manager, or the way she believes he has handled city business.

"I don't want the public under the wrong impression," she said, prefacing her comments. She took the floor armed with documents, figures, and new information to point out just how she believes the city has faltered in its mission to serve its residents.

She called on her fellow commissioners to weigh in as she highlighted each item, including the transfer of \$168,000 dollars between two departments to recover a shortfall in the recreation department's budget, the use of city credit cards for personal use by the manager, an investigation into the city manager's behavior at a local bar, and his approval of a clothing allowance to employees.

Commissioner Julio Rodriguez found concern with the same issues. "Who's running the city? Is the manager running the city or are we running the city?" asked Rodriguez.

On the other side of the argu-

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Golf Course Holds Public Meeting

The Clewiston Golf Course will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. The course is located at 1201 San Luiz Avenue, Clewiston.

For more information call the golf course at 863-983-1448. The meeting will cover upcoming events and plans for the course.

Mini Health Fair

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

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

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

Miss Sugar 2012

A mandatory meeting will be held on Feb. 28, for both parents and contestants at the Clewiston Inn upper porch at 7 p.m.

Please bring your application, entry fee, copy of birth certificate, and proof of your GPA (3.0) to this meeting.

Gospel Sing

A gospel sing will be held at the big red barn at Swindle Farm, featuring the Trust Quartet on March 2 at 7 p.m. The Swindle Farm is located at 7500 West Hwy. 27 in Clewiston.

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

Ride Around the Lake Motorcycle Rally

Sheriff Steve Whidden and his community policing unit invite you to this community event to help raise money for the Youth Ranches.

Motorcycles, vintage cars and all others are welcome to participate. It will be held on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Tiki Bar.

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

•Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Port LaBelle Inn. Guest speaker is Keith A. Hanson, Director of Law Enforcement Training, On-Sight Tactical Training Institute, Inc.

•Tuesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at the Port La-

Belle Inn. Guest speaker is Rabbi Steven Bernstein.

•Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m. the Caloosa Federated Republican Women will commemorate the 62nd anniversary of 101 Republican Women from both coasts and central Florida who met in December of 1949 at the Clewiston Inn to initiate a state organization to encourage all Republicans to become politically active.

They will have a table for early registration prior to a welcome, meet and greet, cocktail party at the Clewiston Inn

•Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. the Sugar and Spice Room will be open for registration. A luncheon will be served at 1 p.m.

There will be ladies to assist all attendees with the Silent Auction items on Friday evening and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sugar Festival Seeks Vendors

The Clewiston Sugar Festival, set for April 13 and 14, is looking for vendors. Both arts and crafts and food vendors are needed for the Friday Fest and all the main day activities on Sugar Festival Saturday.

Businesses and organizations can also book information booths now as well. Booth space is limited in all categories and there are discounted rates for vendors reserving for both days.

Email at clewistonsugarfestival@yahoo.com for further information.

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.

AA Meetings

St. Martin's 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.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Clewiston Middle School

•The Clewiston Middle School Tigers are celebrating February in style. After lengthy deliberation, the winners of the Literacy Week Poetry Writing/Poster were announced. The top 3 winners in each grade were judged by 3 different judges who used a rubric to tally final scores.

-6th Grade: 1st Place - Brooke Jarvis, 2nd Place - Olivia Reyes, and 3rd Place - Eileen Sanchez

-7th Grade: 1st Place - Richard Perez, 2nd Place - Devon Jackson, and 3rd Place - Kyra Chute and Kathy Gomez

-8th Grade: 1st Place - Coretta Ewan, 2nd Place - Ross Mack, and 3rd Place - Tricia Honeycutt

Overall poetry winners for the school were: 1st Place - Brook Jarvis, 2nd Place - Richard Perez, and 3rd Place - Olivia Reyes.

The winner of the 'How To Video Contest' was talented Jared Escorcia. Heartfelt congratulations go out to all of these fine, young writers!

•Speaking of heartfelt, CMS is showing plenty of heart with several different organizations getting into the loving Valentine spirit.

The PTO has been busy selling tickets for Valentine's Day Red shirt and jeans Day, along with bracelets and beads to go with those Valentine shirts. The BETA club sold Lolligrams and silk roses. Unfortunately, they sold out of the roses the second day, enjoying a terrific success.

The Crop student fund raiser sold many red beaded necklaces that the students love to wear.

This year CMS is again participating in the Pennies for Patients in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of the Greater Palm Beach Area. They will be collecting money through Feb. 24, with the classroom with the most money collected being treated to a pizza party.

The FBLA sponsored dance was the climax of the week's activities. It was held on Saturday evening, Feb. 11.

•Clewiston Middle School will be holding their School Advisory Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room of the administration building.

All interested are encouraged and welcomed to attend.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

FLW visited Eastside Elementary

Eastside students were able to explore FLW Fishermen boats on Feb. 8. The participating anglers were Robert Behrle, Don DeMott, Shane Long, Shawn Murphy, Jacob Powroznik, Tommy Robinson, Brandon Rummel, and Jeremy York.

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Omission Leads to Commission

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

There is a maxim that we all need to acknowledge: "When you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, it leads you to do things that you're not supposed to be doing." Or: The sins of omission leads to the sins of commission!

For example: In 2nd Samuel we read of the exploits of King David. He was experiencing victory after victory over the pagan nations. Before this, when Saul was king, the women began to sing: "Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands."

In 2nd Samuel chapter 11 it says it was spring-time when the kings went off to war. But while his soldiers were out fighting the battle, David was napping in the afternoon, and got up in the evening to stroll on the roof of the palace. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop!"

As David strolled he saw Bathsheba, and to make a long story short, he lusted, committed adultery, had Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, murdered, and thought he had cover up his sin so no one would know. But God knows all things.

Nothing is hidden from his view and he was displeased with David. David suffered greatly because of his sins and caused his family to suffer even more. The Bible tells the Christian: "Forsake not the assembly" and says when we do "We trod Jesus under our feet, count His blood as unholy, and do despite to the Spirit of God." (Heb. 10:24-31). When we fail to obey this command, this sin of omission leads to sins of commission. We fail to arm ourselves with the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15). We fail to commune with the Lord, and thus become weak, sickly, and die spiritually (1 Cor. 11:23-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-18). We fail to bring our Tithe and Offering into the storehouse of the Lord and thus become God robbers (Malachi 3:10; 1 Cor. 9:13-14). We fail to pray with the saints of God and thus lose our defense against Satan and temptation. We begin to use profanity, commit substance abuse, commit sexual immorality, practice idolatry and sins that damn the body, soul, and spirit of man.

The sins of omission always lead to the sins of commission. It happens every time without fail!

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

An anonymous writer shared what I consider a desirable "shopping list" for leaders in our nation, our communities, our churches, and our lives:

"The world needs men and women who cannot be bought; whose word is their bond; who put character above wealth; who possess opinions and a strong will; who are larger than their vocations; who do not hesitate to take risks; who will not lose their individuality in a crowd; who will be as honest in small affairs as in greater; who will make no compromise with wrong; whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires; who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it;" who are true to their friends through good and bad, in adversity as well as in prosperity; who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success; who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular; who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says "yes." We

need men and women of integrity. Daniel in the Bible was like that.

Daniel was one politician who believed private lives do matter. What a person is in private is what a person really is. If you can't trust a person privately, you can't trust them publicly; if you can't trust them personally, you can't trust

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- Rev. Sam S. Thomas

them politically. Daniel was a man of integrity in a shady world; a man of purity in a soiled world; and a man of stability in a shaky world.

In that same spirit, a young man from Rwanda was forced by his tribe in 1980 to renounce Christ or face death. He refused to renounce Christ and was murdered on the spot. The night before he had written the following commitment which was found in his room:

"I am a part of the fellowship of the Unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit Power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, learn by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ."

Lent: Fully Human Through Discipline and Practice

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

Yesterday marked the beginning of Lent; the Church season that reminds us that Easter is really around the corner.

It is a tradition and a means of showing ourselves something spiritual; that we're not just subject to whims or desires or emotions.

It is about discipline; the kind of discipline that Paul talks about in 1st Corinthians (9:24ff).

He speaks of "running the race" everyone runs but only one receives the prize. His admonition is to "run in such a way as to get the prize." When better in the Church year to prepare for the great "prize" that Easter represents to us; God's gift of eternal life? The pre-Easter period is a very appropriate time to get ready with the kinds of disciplines runners, or other athletes or those who just want to keep in shape, have to practice. The trial runs, the workouts at the gym, the meals devoted to eating correctly and the efforts to have a healthy lifestyle are all parts of the discipline that leads to really being fit.

Likewise, there is a spiritual side of it all, too. Getting ready for Easter is taking time out to worship a little more, to do a few extra good deeds, to help another person who is in need, to learn a little more about what it is that is believed and why the faithful believe the things they do. This, then, is running the "spiritual race" and provides

and nothing works?").

The reality is that we can change, can grow, can escape from the things that aggravate us about ourselves; and the Church has set aside a time to help practice. What makes disciples? Discipline! What makes us fully human? To put the less-than-human parts of us in their proper place! Ask any successful person how he or she became a success; the answer is always related to "hard work."

It is no different with the person who has come to a spiritual peace in life or who has the faith it takes to overcome life's obstacles; spiritual work is hard work too, but it has great and wonderful rewards.

the strength and benefits for the spirit in the same way that exercise and practice provide strength and benefits for the body. One of the great assets of the Christian religion has been to take our human condition seriously. As a part of God's creation, He made us physical beings but with skills and reasoning capacities to let us make the most out of life here.

We are capable of moderating our instincts or basic passions if we choose to do so and are willing to work at it. Faith is there to help in giving us the best life possible; balancing between the human part and that divine image implanted in each of us.

Many of the predicaments where people find themselves are simply a lack of self-discipline (Ever heard someone say "I can't help myself" or "That's just the way I am" or "I've tried everything

City of Clewiston Notice of Election

I, Lucretia A. Strickland, Supervisor of Elections, County of Hendry, do hereby give notice that the City of Clewiston Primary Election will be held on the 14th day of August, 2012 and the General Election will be held on the 6th day of November, 2012, for three of the Seats on the Clewiston City Commission. Qualifying week will be Noon, June 4 to Noon, June 8, 2012. The voter registration books will close at 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2012. For more information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office located at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592 or 100 E. El Paso Ave, Clewiston, 863-902-3393

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Yo, Lucretia A. Strickland Supervisor de Elecciones, Condado de Hendry, da por este medio el aviso que la Eleccion Primaria de la Ciudad de Clewiston, condado de Hendry, Estado de la Florida, el 14 de Agosto, 2012 y la Eleccion General el 6 de Noviembre 2012, de A.D., para los tres Asientos en la Comision de la Ciudad de Clewiston. Semana de calificar es alas 12 de medio dia el 4 de Junio asta 12 de medio dia el 8 de Junio, 2012. Los libros de registracion se sieran alas 5:00 pm el 16 de Julio, 2012. Para mas informacion llame a la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones localizada en 25 E. Hickpochee ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592 o en 100 E. El Paso ave. en Clewiston 863-902-3393

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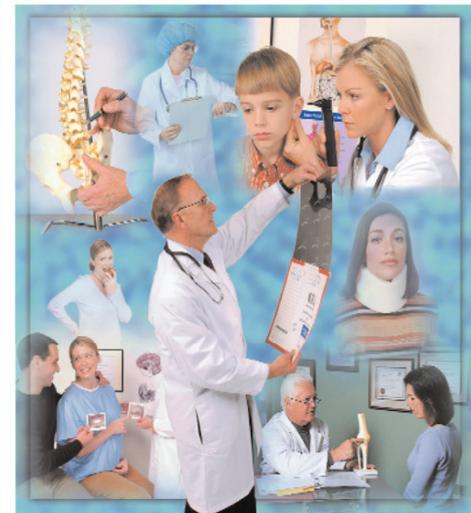
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Thursday Night:
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A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Breezy, with a south wind between 13 and 20 mph.



Friday Night:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Breezy, with a south wind 11 to 18 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 21 mph.



Saturday:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. Windy, with a north wind between 18 and 23 mph.



Saturday Night:
Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 58.



Sunday:
Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.



Sunday Night:
A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.



Monday:
A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.



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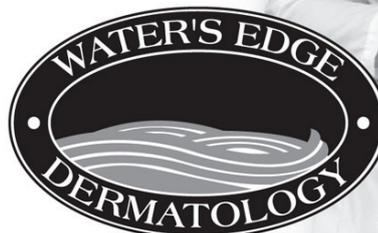
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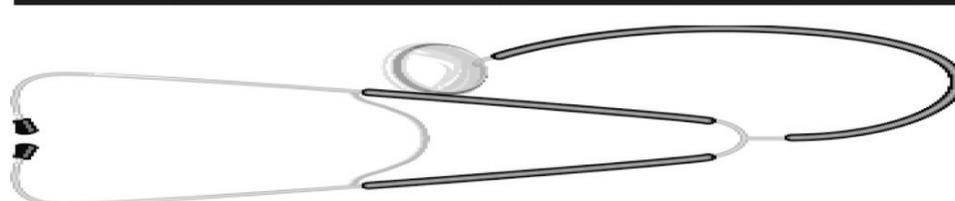


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Pablo 'Pablito' Rodriguez

BELLE GLADE — Pablo "Pablito" Rodriguez was born Jan. 25, 1924, and passed away Jan. 12, 2012.

Pablo was a loving Christian and father. He enjoyed painting, gardening, and playing the harmonica.

Pablo leaves to cherish five sons and five daughters. He has 29 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Pablo was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. Earth's loss is now Heaven's gain.

Public Health - What Does it Mean to You?

BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Public Health means your health. Most people don't understand what public health is or how it impacts their daily lives.

By definition, Public Health is the science and practice of protecting and improving the health of a community, as by preventative medicine, health education, control of communicable diseases, application of sanitary measures, and monitoring of environmental hazards.

Many people think of the Public Health Department when they need to get immunizations for their children and family, but Public health is a field geared toward serving others.

Public health professionals serve local, national, and international communities. They are leaders who meet the many exciting challenges in protecting the public's health today and in the future.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention named the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th century.

Ten Great Public Health Achievements -- United States, 1900-1999.

- Vaccination. Eradicates life threatening diseases such as smallpox and polio.

- Motor-vehicle safety. Reduces death and disability due to unintentional injuries through the formulation of policies designed to protect the safety of the public, such as seat belt and worker safety laws.

- Safer workplaces and prevents pollution of our air and land through enforcement of regulatory controls and management of hazardous wastes Control and prevention of infectious diseases (Measles, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, etc.).

- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke. Promotes healthy lifestyles to prevent chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes.

- Safer and healthier foods.

- Healthier mothers and babies.

- Family planning. Educates populations at risk to reduce sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, and infant mortality.

- Fluoridation of drinking water and assures our drinking and recreational waters are safe.

- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard Seatbelt laws, flu vaccines, and fluoride in our drinking water are all achievements of public health.

Public health debates are in the news everyday, whether it be the latest outbreak of swine flu or the eradication of trans-fats from entire cities.

The vision of the Florida Department of Health is to "Promote, protect, and improve the health of all people in Florida" and their mission is "A healthier future for the people of Florida"

Stop and think about what Public Health has done for you and the possibilities of what it can do for you in the future.

Color is Key in Controlling Flies

BY ROBERT H. WELLS
UF

As a carrier of as many as 100 types of germs, the common house fly is hardly as innocuous as its name might suggest. Military personnel know this firsthand, and their need for effective fly control has helped University of Florida researchers create an innovative new fly control device.

Known as the Florida Fly-Baiter, the device is blue — in contrast to the yellow fly control devices on the market — and is far more effective, said Phil Koehler, a professor of urban entomology with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Flies can spread diseases including dysentery, typhoid fever and cholera, and they are often the first pest problem to occur when infrastructure, such as plumbing and electricity, is disrupted due to war or natural disaster, such as hurricanes and tsunamis.

Koehler and Roberto Pereira, an IFAS associate research scientist, worked with two UF entomology graduates who are also in the Navy, Joseph Diclaro and Jeff Hertz, to develop the device. A key to making the device effective was the discovery that flies are three times more attracted to the color blue than to yellow and that yellow actually seemed to repel flies.

The Department of Defense's Deployed War-Fighter Protection program, which seeks to better protect troops from insect-spread diseases, funded the research.

The device works by enticing flies using color, smell, and other attractants. Once at the device, the flies eat poisonous bait that quickly kills them. It does not trap the flies; therefore its usefulness isn't reduced when it fills up with flies, like many other fly traps.

Pereira said when testing the device, more than 40,000 flies were killed with one insecticide application. Additional insecticide can be applied as needed. Researchers found the flies' color preference by using behavioral tests that determined which color a fly was most likely to travel toward. Electroretinograms that measured the flies' eye reaction found the insects respond-

ed more to blue as well. The research results are published in the current issue of the Journal of Medical Entomology. Adding to the device's effectiveness are black stripes covered with insecticide that line its outside. The stripes, tested, and fine-tuned by Hertz, mimic dark crevices flies like to hide in. Diclaro, who is lead author of the study and designed the device, said his time as a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman in Cuba in 1991, when Haitian refugees were flooding in, prompted him to work on fly control.

"At the time, there were so many displaced people living very closely together, and the garbage and waste accumulated, producing tons of flies," Diclaro said. "I remember walking out of my tent and just being covered with them."

Koehler said the fly control device can be used as an alternative to aerial pesticide treatments, which often attempt to cover too large an area to be effective.

"It's a much more targeted way to deal with the problem," Koehler said.

The device, which controls house flies, phorid flies and blow flies, is now available through pest control distributors. Insecticide is sold separately.

Hendry Regional Medical Center Hires New CNO

After conducting a nationwide executive search, Hendry Regional Medical Center has hired Sandra (Sandi) Viall as Chief Nursing Officer and Quality Director.

A seasoned healthcare executive with more than 20 years of nursing leadership experience, Sandi began her new duties at Hendry Regional Medical Center on Feb. 13.

Prior to joining Hendry Regional Medical Center, Sandi was Director of Nursing at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill., where she led a staff of more than 200 nurses.

She also served as Director of Nursing and Critical Care at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, Ill.

In addition, Sandi was Clinical Nursing Director for the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Chicago, Ill.

Sandi earned a Master of Science in nursing



Sandra Viall

administration and a Bachelor of Science in nursing at Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., and is currently studying to earn a doctorate in nursing practice for nurse executives.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) and the American Nurses Association (ANA).

"Sandi is a collaborative and decisive nurse leader who understands how to engage the work force and improve em-

ployee, physician and patient satisfaction," says Lynn Beasley, CEO of Hendry Regional Medical Center.

"Her skills will help us enhance nursing and other clinical departments, while continuing to achieve improved quality, operational, and financial performance. We are proud to have her at our facility."

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ATTENTION: BELLE GLADE REGISTERED VOTERS

The City of Belle Glade's March 13, 2012 Election, to fill two City Commission Seats, is soon approaching. Only those qualified registered voters living within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Glade, who are registered in Precinct 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6028, 6029, or 6030, may vote in City elections.

If you are not able to go to the polls on election day to cast your ballot, you may obtain an absentee ballot at the Palm Beach County's Glades Office Building located on the 2nd Floor at 2976 State Road 15 (corner of North Main and State Road 80) in Belle Glade, or you, or someone designated by the voter, may request an absentee ballot from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office, in person, by mail, on-line at www.pbcelections.org, or by calling (toll free) 1-866-868-3321.

Remember to bring current and valid picture and signature identification, such as a driver's license, or some form of photo identification bearing your photo and signature. If you do not have a photo/signature ID, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

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Man Suffers Critical Injuries in S.R. 78 wreck

FHP still investigating

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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A Clewiston couple crashed on S.R. 78 last Sunday just before noon and Florida Highway Patrol is still investigating the cause of the crash.

Larry Maclennan, 46, and Shirley Maclennan, 59, were headed northbound on S.R. 78 in their 2006 Nissan SUV.

They were just south of Banana Grove Rd. when, according to the official report, Larry Maclennan lost control of the vehicle and left the

roadway.

The vehicle went onto the grassy shoulder of S.R. 78 and continued heading in a northeast direction as it crossed over a service road. The vehicle came to rest against a small group of trees.

Larry Maclennan was transported to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee by Glades County emergency services due to the critical injuries he sustained. Shirley Maclennan was reported as not having any injuries.

Both were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident and alcohol has already been determined as not being a factor in the accident.

Hooker's Point Featured in Mystery Novel

Woman writes book, uses Clewiston as setting

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Gloria Taylor Weinberg published her novel, "A Homicide in Hooker's Point," using Clewiston as her backdrop. Earlier this week, the award-winning author shared her motivation for writing the book with The Clewiston News.

Using Clewiston as the main setting of the story came naturally to the Clewiston native. Weinberg graduated from Clewiston High School in 1959, and spent her early childhood in Hooker's point.

"I have vivid memories of the place and people who lived there [Hooker's Point]," said Weinberg. "Some of those memories were traumatic, obviously, but others are tenderly cherished."

In the book, the main character, Vicki, is caught up in a conflict when her neighbor, Eric Magruder, kills her kitten during a dispute. Vicki and her father watch as Eric is gunned down in their front yard. Witnesses say he was killed by his father-in-law. But one investigator has doubts. Both Vicki and her father had access to

a gun that day, and her father refuses to produce it. The author describes Clewiston and some of its history. The recollections are accurate, drawn from old newspapers and other written accounts. However, her description of life in Hooker's Point is what locals may find themselves relating to the most.

The book is already receiving glowing reviews from other former residents.

"I was struck by the author's insightful portrayal of people and places; which brought back fond memories of the simple, authentic life experiences that I had growing up in Clewiston near Hooker's Point," said Erik C. Larsen

Asked about her influences, Weinberg answers that Harper Lee, who wrote "To Kill A Mockingbird," is her favorite author, but she has been influenced by every book she has read since childhood.

With themes similar to those in "To Kill A Mockingbird," Weinberg sends a message in her novel that prejudice and cruelty are evil and leave wounds that sometimes never heal.

"A Homicide in Hooker's Point" earned Weinberg a 2011 Royal Palm Literary Award from the Florida Writers Association. The novel is now available online at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and xlibris.com.



Gloria Weinberg

Free Health Fair at HRMC

Hendry Regional Medical Center will host the Hendry/Glades Community Health Fair.

Since the first health fair was held in 2003, thousands of residents of Hendry, Glades, and surrounding communities have benefited from the free services that are offered. Approximately 130 medical students from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine as well as students from various Allied Health Divisions will attend to provide free medical services to our residents.

NSU-COM Physicians, Community Physicians, and other NSU faculty will be supervising the students. In the past, these students have discovered shocking numbers of newly diagnosed cases of diabetes, high blood pressure, and other medical conditions identified by the health care volunteers.

Follow-up information will be provided for individuals who will need continued care.

Among the medical services offered are Anemia Screening, Tobacco Cessation, Vision, Blood

Pressure, Bone Density, Mammogram Vouchers, Cholesterol Screening, Diabetes Screening, HIV Screening and Education, and much more.

The Hendry Glades Health Department will be on hand to give out free safety helmets for the children. In addition to the free medical services, vendors will have educational materials and products. Participants can find out how to apply for free medication and other valuable information. A free bounce house will be available for the children to enjoy.

Our local radio station, WAFC, will do a live remote from the event. Free food will be provided for everyone who takes advantage of our free services.

Sponsors of the event are Ace Homecare, Everglades Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Florida Community Health Care Center, Hendry Regional Medical Center, Hendry Glades Health Department, Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network (LORHN), Nova Southeastern University, and WAFC Radio.

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Inaugural Love the Lake 5K-10K A Success

The charity runs hosted by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce and the Clewiston Rotary Club has been praised as a success in its first year by those involved. According to Clewiston Rotary President Johnnie Nelson and Clewiston Chamber Director Jillian Sparks, the event hosted 33 local business sponsors and more than 275 participants. It was held Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Roland and MaryAnn Martin's Marina.



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Plenty came out on Saturday to participate in the Love the Lake event.



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Darius Redd attended the event with family. Several of his classmates raced for him. The event helped benefit Rotary Club projects and the Darius Redd heart transplant fund.



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After the event, participants relaxed at the Tiki Bar.

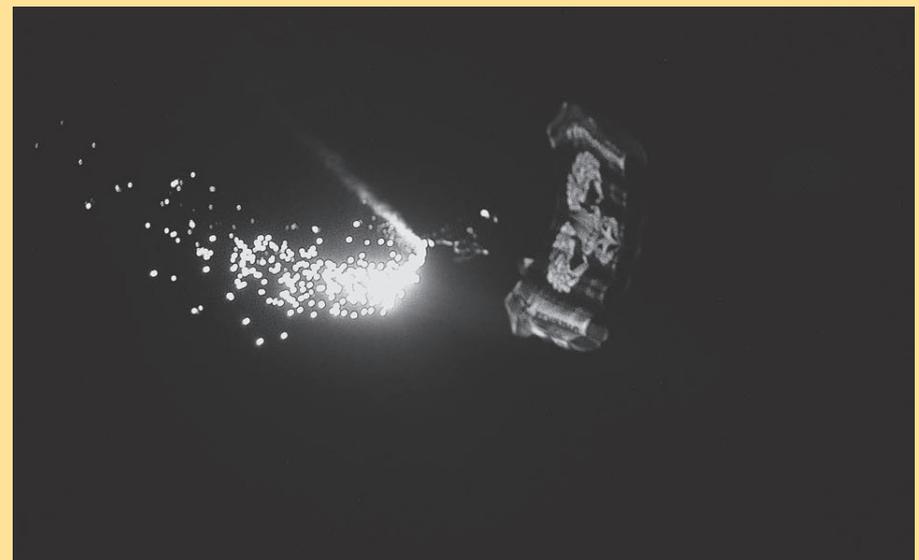


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Lights in the sky

The U.S. Army parachute demonstration team, the Black Daggers, and the West point Black Knights are conducting winter training at Airlglades airport. Their training includes night jumps with flares, which explains what many local residents have seen in the skies above Montura.

Family Eye Care sells electronic focusing prescription glasses

Family Eye Care has always been an innovator in offering the newest technology in eye care to the residents of LaBelle and surrounding areas. They are very proud to announce that they now have available Pixel Optics' revolutionary emPower! eyeglasses, the world's first electronic focusing prescription eyewear. They are the first and currently the only vision care practitioners in Hendry County to offer this new technology.

The eyeglasses feature composite lenses with a thin transparent LCD-like layer, microchips, micro-machine accelerometers and miniature rechargeable batteries. With all this they have the same weight, feel and look of your everyday high fashion eyewear designs. The eyewear cost about \$1,350 for a complete pair, which includes the frame, lenses, coatings, and all electronic components including a charger.

"We are happy to offer our patients this cutting edge vision correction option. Bifocals or the reading power in progressive lenses often interfere with daily activity. Walking up and down steps is a perfect example. Being able to turn the reading power off to reduce it is a real breakthrough," says Drs' Parrish and Youmans.

The microchip, micro-accelerometers, and miniature batteries are hidden discreetly in the temples of the frames. The transparent liquid crystal layer in each lens is able to electronically change and activate the near focus zone of the lens only when needed without making a sound or change in the appearance of the lens. Just touch the frame to adjust your view, or set it to do it automatically. emPower! offers instant, automatic vision correction for all ranges of sight, less distortion and wider fields of view compared to a traditional progressive lens. This gives you unprecedented control over your vision!

Wearers can choose to operate the eyeglasses in three different modes: manual on, automatic and manual off. emPower! is shock resistant and waterproof. One charge of the battery allows operation for two to three days of use.

Stop by the optical at Family Eye Care and let Tom, Natalie or Tracy give you a no obligation demonstration. No appointment necessary. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00, except Thursday 7:30-7:00. We also have hours on some Saturdays.

Do you have a Preschool age child?

If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).

Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.

Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.



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Clewiston High School Honor Roll

Grade 9

A Honor Roll

Carolina Garcia, Dolores Perez, Pengzhao Zhu.

A/B Honor Roll

Adrian Avelar, M'Aliyah Bell, Nestor Cabana, Ulises Carranza, Gloria Carrazana, Valeria Cerda, Abigail Cossio, Rachel Creagh, Cinthia Delgado, Jose Depaz, William Gibson, Jose Hernandez, Yousy Lopez, Bradley Lytle, Ashley Matamoros, Shelley McKown, Alejandro Mendoza, Alejandra Menendez, Rachel Morrell, Jude Moss, Miguel Olvera, Alexandra Padron, Eduardo Paniagua, Jordan Pencarinha, Amado Perez, James Powell, Jesus Ramirez, Yadira Raya, Ker-Nigil Thicklin, Daisy Villegas, Susan Walker.

Grade 10

A/B Honor Roll

Tahmena Akter, Mohammad Ali, Sade Awe, Ross Carmona, Michelle Carreno, Syndey Connell, Akiya Cuff, Cristina Davila, Melanie De Las Salas, Tiamanna Divinard, Raul Frenes, Ashley Gonzalez, Samantha Harris, Maria Hernandez, Csenge Kozma, Shanay Lindsay, Jenny Lopez, Maria Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Edwmary Montalvo, Alberto Olvera, Maria Orozco, Dahlia Perez, Jonathan Posadas, Leonel Ramirez, Leticia Raya, Savannah Ridgdill, Kristi Rivera, Ariana Rosas, Alan Rudd, De Anthony Thicklin, Jamarree Thomas, Tianna Thomas, Gerardo Vazquez, Christian Vega, Lisette Villagomez.

Grade 11

A Honor Roll

Cecilia Luna, Joshua Martinez, Maria Mendoza, Rachel Mendoza, Richard Valera, Jennifer

Velazquez, Jessie Wiggins.

A/B Honor Roll

Cindi Benitez, Stephanie Camacho, Felipe Carrillo, Taylor Corbin, Ednisha Cottman, Casey Crawford, Ryan Garcia, Caitlin Jarvis, Jorge Medrano, Elizabeth Minero, Daniel Moreno, Juanisha Norton, Josue Pardo, Miguel Perera, Christopher Resendiz, Victoria Rodriguez, Luis Rosquete, Adam Rudd, Dolores Sanchez, Chelsea Steadley, De'Marcus Terry, Arellys Valles, Stephanie Zamora.

Grade 12

A Honor Roll

Jose Avendano, Jessica Evans, Jeanette Gonzalez, Erica Hegley, Corey Roman, Olivia Rushing, Kenisha Smith, Sage Smith, Pearlina Thompson, Danielle Tritt.

A/B Honor Roll

Tiffany Azan, Chelsea Barrineau, Kadejha Baxter, Michonae Brown, Joy-Anna Bryan, Cortney Byers, Jose Chavez, Shanice Cooke, Russell Day, Titus Dixon, Mary Gamble, Lindsay Hall, Danny Hernandez, Joanna Herrera, Brian Hester, Elneisha Holligan, Janeria Holmes, Whitney Irey, Morgan Jones, Ra'vin Lee, Jerney McCluskey, Cassandra Paniagua, Sadie Penny, Emily Pinero, Grant Polhill, Trey Pruitt, Adriana Rangel, Mariela Raya, Francisco Reyes, Jeffrey Rojas, Donchet' Ross, Clarissa Sanchez, Samantha Santana, Katherine Valdes, Robbrianna Weekley, Terrica Williams, Nelkeya Wood, Deyamira Yser.

Teaching Students to Give Back

Clewiston Middle uses
charity as lesson

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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Teaching someone how to give can be challenging. Yet, the teachers at Clewiston Middle School have taken that challenge up in a creative way.

From Feb. 6 to 24, every homeroom will be involved in a charity fund raiser called "Pennies for Patients."

This charity will directly benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This will be the second year that Clewiston Middle takes part in this fund raiser. According to Rosa Perez, Dean at CMS, it has been a great way of helping teach students that giving is a good thing.

"It is about teaching students to give back to the community and the benefits that such ac-

tions provide," said Perez. "The program consists of every class having a box and the kids are encouraged to bring pennies to put into their class box. We got the idea after Chris Lowe passed due to leukemia."

Perez explained that at the end of the fund raiser, Feb. 24, all the class boxes will be collected and the amounts in each tallied. The winning class will receive a pizza party.

"Last year, the entire school raised \$1,300," said Perez. "That amount also included a number of other coins and dollars as well."

Teachers have been finding more and more ways to creatively motivate their students to give more and look for pennies wherever they go. One teacher is offering different celebrations to her students if they can reach certain amounts by the end of the fund raiser.

"It is great that teachers are motivating their students," said Perez. "The hope is that we be able to raise more this year."

Clewiston Library Gets Rosetta Stone

The Clewiston Public Library has recently purchased Rosetta Stone language software, and had it installed on the library computers.

Rosetta Stone is now available for the public to use, free of charge, to learn Spanish. Right now, only Basic Spanish is available.

To use Rosetta Stone, library visitors must first register at the front desk. This process takes only a few minutes, and essentially involves picking a username and password.

Once these are selected, users can log in on library computers and begin learning. Head-

phone sets are needed to use Rosetta Stone, and the library has three, for Rosetta Stone users only.

Budgets permitting, the library hopes to add other languages in the future, starting with English as a second language, then expanding to French and perhaps other languages as well.

So, come down to the Clewiston Library, and learn Spanish with Rosetta Stone!

For more information, please call Library Director Eric Tommerdahl, at 863-983-1493.

Calendar of Events:



- Feb. 23 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 9 a.m., Golf Course Public Meeting 6 p.m.
- Feb. 25 - Third Annual Susan G. Komen Golf Tournament 9 a.m. (Course Closed) Registration 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 26 - Buy over \$100 in Pro Shop get Free Cart Fees Promotion
- Feb. 28 - Play all day - Members \$18, Non-Members for \$25 Ladies Golf Assn. 8 a.m., Taylor Made Demo Day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free
- March 1 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 5 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 6 - Clewiston Ladies Golf Invitational (Course Closed until 2 p.m.)
- March 8 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 8:30 a.m.
- March 10 - Junior Golf Clinic 10am-Noon \$10
- March 12 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 13 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 15 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 17 - The Rotary Club's Nall Scholarship Tournament 9 a.m. (Course Closed)
- March 19 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 20 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 22 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 8:30 a.m.
- March 26 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 27 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 29 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.
- March 31 - American-Nicaraguan Visiting Nurse Assn Tournament 9 a.m.

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Central Elementary

Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles visit Central Elementary kindergarten, first, and second grade students!

The Alzheimer Association Memory Bus

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

The "Memory Bus" one of the Alzheimer Association's initiatives and it is a mobile clinic that is open to anyone who is concerned about their memory or that of a family member or friend.

The vehicle is an innovative way of bringing the issues of memory loss and dementia to the public and it has travelled county wide. It is a simple test and takes a few minutes.

The idea is to detect the earliest stage of Alzheimer's. It is not only for seniors but for people of all ages. No appointments are necessary.

The memory bus will be available at the following Hendry County Health Department Locations:

- Hendry County Health Department, 1140 Pratt Blvd in Labelle, on Feb. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Hendry County Health Department, 1100 S Olympia Street in Clewiston, on Feb. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, one in 14 people over the age of 65 has some form of dementia and that number can increase to one in six for those over the age of 80.

Early diagnosis and care for people with dementia, as well as educating those that care for them, is one of the strategic priorities for improving a person's health and wellbeing. Memory problems can be common as people get older.

Tiredness, stress, depression, and certain medications can all affect memory. The important thing is for people to seek help if they have any concerns about memory loss.

This event will allow people to talk, in confidence, with an expert.

For more information, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

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Miss Hendry County

Sydney Duckstein was crowned Miss Hendry County 2012. First Runner Up, Kaven Robinson, Second Runner Up and Most Ad Sales Award, Morgan Jones and Miss Congeniality, Lindsay Hall.



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Jr. Miss Hendry County

Rebecca Manning was crowned Junior Miss Hendry County 2012 and her runners up were Rachel Creagh, Third Runner Up and Most Photogenic, Adranna Diaz, Second Runner Up, and Alyssa Ralston, First Runner Up.



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Clewiston Hosts Regional Science Fair

BY GIGI MEZZIO
Clewiston Middle School

John Boy Auditorium was the place to be this past Thursday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 17. The Heartland Regional Science Fair, which includes Hendry, Highland, Hardy, Glades, DeSoto, and Okeechobee districts, was in full throttle with judges from all over the area judging 222 outstanding Science Fair projects.

Dan Thomas, Director of Heartland Regional Science Fair reported that the students in grades six through 12 are divided into two groups -- the junior group (grades six-8) and the senior group (grades 9-12). Dan is a 9th grade Biology teacher at Okeechobee High School. He states that he has been involved with the Science Fair in Florida for 12 years now and has been the director for four years.

"Since I work with the State Fair, everyone comes to me for help," he said. "I'd like to not judge at all and just help out wherever I can," he added. "Today, however, two judges couldn't make it and I was put in as a "utility player." Thomas gave credit to Cindy Letcher from Okeechobee, whom he praises for all the hard work she does in putting the Science Fair together.

Inside the judging area, students were expectantly waiting with their projects, which were grandly displayed.

Some were talking with other participants, some were playing video games on their phones, and others were quietly reading. The atmosphere was charged with an underlying current of hopeful anticipation.

Grace Brauer from Hill-Gustat Middle School in Sebring, described her very colorful and eye catching project, "Carrots In Atmosphere." She revealed that she had tested the green house effect on carrots with negative consequences. She found that they had grown less than the control group of carrots.

Richard Laskey, an eighth grader at Yearling Middle School in Okeechobee, had the tallest project. It was titled, "Three, Two, One Blast Off" (a two-year study).

What started out as a curiosity presented by



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First place Science Fair winner, Jordan Potter.

his cousin who had done a similar, less complicated version for a previous science fair, became both a hobby and a passion for Richard. He explained, "I liked it so I started launching my own rockets. I used different fin designs for my rockets to see which one would go the highest. I became very involved in designing fins for my rockets! What I found was that the model rocket with the rectangular fin went higher than all the others." He definitely has the patience and perseverance of a scientist!

Judges walked around speaking to students and scrutinized their work according to National Science Fair Standards. Clewiston Middle School students could be found near their displays in the Junior division. They eagerly awaited their turn to introduce the projects which they had so labored over. The time had finally come to provide explicit demonstration of their expertise.

Ms. Patrick, sixth grade science teacher at Clewiston Middle School, proudly gushed, "I

think CMS really stepped up to the plate and hit a historical home run today. Breakfast was served by New Harvest church, tables were donated by United Methodist, finger foods, snacks, and desserts were provided by New Bethel AME Church as well as CMS faculty, and Florida Cafe' catered a delicious luncheon of savory baked chicken, mouth watering pork, plantains, yucca, black beans and rice-more than enough to satisfy even the hungriest "mad scientist!"

Thanks to everyone in the Clewiston community who went to great lengths to extend hospitality and make our neighboring guests feel welcome!

Friday night, Feb. 17, proved to be a very exciting time in the life of Clewiston Middle School's young Science Fair participants.

After a welcome from MC's --Dan Thomas, Director of Heartland Regional Science Fair and Hendry County Assistant Superintendent, Gordan Swaggerty, the winners were announced.

Budding scientists waited with bated breath as they prayed that their names would be called out.

Among the many participants and winners were seven of Clewiston Middle School's own outstanding students.

Jordan Potter, 6th grade student from Ms. Kelly's Science class received 1st place for his project in the Junior division of Chemistry.

His entry, titled Getting Our Feel For Fe, which involved taking iron out of breakfast cereal, gave him his victory. He stated that he had included 4 cereals, Special K, Apple Jacks, Cocoa Krispies, and Frosted Flakes in his experiments. He had hypothesized that Special K would have the most iron in it; however, it turned out that Apple Jack contains more actual iron fragments, as evidenced by the amount of iron particles collected with a magnet.

Jordan is the son of Cynthia and David Potter. Cynthia currently serves as President of the CMS Parent - Teacher Organization. Jordan shares that in keeping with his interest in Science, he hopes to become an archaeologist, paleontologist, or perhaps a doctor, as he has always harbored a deep interest in scientific discovery.

Other CMS students who will be competing in the State Science Fair during April 3-5 are Tammy Medrano from Ms. Patrick's 6th grade class, who placed 2nd in the Botany Jr. Division, as well as five students who placed in the Junior Division of Computer Sciences, Earth and Space, Engineering, Environmental, and Mathematics. The following students came in 2nd Place: Ethan Ridgill, a 7th grader in Ms. Hughes class and Lacie Varnum, from Mr. Gwyn's 8th grade class.

Coming in 3rd place were Sicoya Chavers from Ms. Kelly's 6th grade class, Adamali Delacruz-Avelino, from Ms. Patrick's 6th grade class, and Richard Perez, a 7th grader in Ms. Colvin's Science class.

Everyone is very proud of these exemplary students and wish them further success as they travel to the State Science Fair. Clewiston kids rock!



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Putnam visits Eastside Elementary

The Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Putnam was in town for the Ag Expo this past weekend. He visited Eastside Elementary and spoke with Principal Duckstein and toured several classrooms while speaking with the students. He delivered the keynote speech at the Ag Expo.



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Essay contest winner

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BBC meeting #2012-01
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 12-18-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANK DALLAS JOHNSTON (SR)
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FRANK DALLAS JOHNSTON (SR), deceased, whose date of death was November 28, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found four horses from the Muse area and one from the Lakeport area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horses.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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CASE NO. 2011-CA-000651**

SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Whose address is: P.O. Box 11904, Tampa, FL 33680 Plaintiff

v. DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS N/A PATRICIA CRITTENDEN ROSS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAME INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

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and commonly known as: 4065 Ft. Adams Avenue, Labelle, Florida 33935, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the second floor lobby Clerk of Courts Office, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Area LaBelle Court-house Complex, 25 E. Hickpoachie Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, on March 14, 2012, at 11:00 A.M.

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Dated this February 13, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
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By: /s/ J. Bevis
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410138 CN 2/23;3/1/2012

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Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 15, 2012, for the following Proposals:

E1K98- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pipe Desinting, Pipe Lining/Clean & Seal, Video Inspection in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$296,000.00

E1K99- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Storm Drain & Pipe Inspection & Repair & Surface Realignment & Void Filling in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$500,000.00

E1L00- A Certification of Qualification is not required for North Port Mowing & Litter Removal in Sarasota County. Budget Estimate: \$15,000.00

E1L01- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Long Line Stripping & PPM removal & Replacement in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$359,893.00

E1L02- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sidewalk Repair in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00

E1L03- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sidewalk Repair in Sarasota County. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00

E1L04- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Guardrail & Fence Repairs in Polk, Highlands, & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$350,000.00

E1L05- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair and Side Drain Pipe Repair in Hardee, Desoto, & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$200,000.00

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.

410212 CGS/CB 2/23-3/1/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2826	2007	4104329-020430120	John C. Swearingen

Lot 12, Block 2043, Port LaBelle Unit 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409281 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **John & Ilene Klasfeld Co Tr.**, 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
3470	2007	4104329-09023010500	Shonia E. McDonald and Evertton McDonald

Lot 50, Block 2301, Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410318 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Marilyn W. Osborne**, 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
4238	2008	4104329-0702230070	Maria R. Mendez & Irma L. Mendez

Lot 7, Block 2223, Port LaBelle Unit 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410317 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012



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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
236	2007	1194428-A0000790000	John C. & Shelley Swearingen

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409234 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days days prior to the date of the hearing.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 408755 CB/CN 2/9,16,23/2012

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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2473	2008	1074433-03000170050	GAME Investments, Inc.

Lot 5, Block 17, The 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410323 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3978	2007	4104329-13025330030	Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Julie Prop-Birch

Lot 3, Block 2533, Port LaBelle Unit 13, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 56, 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410306 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3867	2007	4104329-12025010380	Monica Dennis

Lot 38, Block 2501, Port LaBelle Unit 12, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **29th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **15th** day of **February, 2012**.

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

410301 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR REPAVING CR 835 FROM 7.66 MILES SOUTH OF US 27 TO 6.65 MILES SOUTH OF US 27, CLEWISTON, FL FM# 430094

RFQ No. 2012-10

Opening Date and Time: March 8, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with repaving CR 835 from 7.66 miles South of US 27 to 6.65 miles South of US 27 in Clewiston, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in design, permitting, and construction inspection services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., March 8, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 409451 CN/CB 2/9,16,23/3/1/2012

Attention Comcast Customers in Clewiston, Lakeport and Moore Haven

On Tuesday March 27th, the following programming change will occur to your channel lineup:

- WXCV-HD (CW HD) High-Definition Limited Basic channel 435 will move to channel 436.

Please call 1-800-COMCAST (266-2278) if you have any questions.

After a notice of a re-tiering of a video service or a rate increase, you may change your level of service at no additional charge for a period of 30 days from the effective date of the change. Otherwise, changes in the services you receive at your request may be subject to the upgrade or downgrade charge listed on the annual rate card. Prices are exclusive of applicable franchise fees and related costs, FCC user fees and taxes. For customers with commercial accounts or bulk rate arrangements, some product, pricing and other information may not apply. Upon proper notice, all pricing, programming, channel locations and packaging are subject to change.

410188 CGS 2/23/2012

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Public Notice

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Denton II, 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
2949	2007	4104329-03021030130	First Equity Funding Corp

Lot 13, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.

Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012**.

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

409252 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7pm at the GCWCD Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the loan commitment letters, proposed SFWMD water storage agreement, street lights, and signage, and any other business that may come before the Board.

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

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 408715 CN 2/9,16,23/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 12DR19

DANIEL MATTHEW BINDER,
 Petitioner
 and
KIMBERLY WALKER BINDER,
 Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Kimberly Walker Binder,**
 925 Washington Ave.,
 Altou, IL 62006

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Daniel Matthew Binder, whose address is 1047 Mayfield Lake Rd., Moore Haven, FL 33471 on or before 3-30-2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: February 23, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Julie Braddock
 Deputy Clerk

409841 GCD 2/16,23;3/1,8/2012

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

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000874

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
VS.
JOSE L MUNOZ, et al,
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 8, 2012, and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000874 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, is the Plaintiff and **JOSE L. MUNOZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE L. MUNOZ N/K/A MARGARITA ALTAVARO;** are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will set 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 14th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 2535, UNIT 13, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 55, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A UNIT 13, BLOCK 2535 PORT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on February 9, 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
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F9076595

*See Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8777 (TDD) 1-800-955-8770 (v) via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

409962 CN 2/16,23/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT John & Ilene Klasfeld Co Tr., the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pinot IV, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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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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.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 95-268DR on November 30th, 2011 in the matter of Zenoria T. McKinney, as petitioner and Shep Harris, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of South Florida Conservancy District is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000491

MIAMI FIELD STATION BUILDING B47 REPLACEMENT (B381) AND CULVERT CROSSING REPLACEMENTS, MIAMI- DADE COUNTY, FL
The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to 2:30 p.m. opening time on Monday, March 26, 2012 for the MIAMI FIELD STATION BUILDING B47 REPLACEMENT (B381) AND CULVERT CROSSING REPLACEMENTS, MIAMI- DADE COUNTY, FL.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of South Shore Drainage District is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 10:30 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:



Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3153	2007	4104329-06021980120	Deano's Full Service Inc.

Lot 12, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.
 Dated this **1st day of February, 2012**.

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

409241 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2904	2007	4104329-02020830130	John C. Swearingen

Lot 13, Block 2083, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.
 Dated this **1st day of February, 2012**.

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

409266 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2609	2007	2184329-03000002290	Elizabeth G. Mack & Dana Brown

Lot 229 thru 240, Block 9, Evelyn Terrace, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 46, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2012**, which is the **15th day of March, 2012**.
 Dated this **1st day of February, 2012**.

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

409314 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Denton II, 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
168	2007	1064428-A0001640000	John C. Swearingen

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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

410305 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

Public Notice

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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
2156	2008	1274432-A0002430000	GAME Investments Inc

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast 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 175, 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
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida

409284 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ilene Klasfeld DBA TCPA Properties**, 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
1411	2004	1154432-A0001260100	Edward C. Lowe

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 3180, 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

409286 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
HENDRY COUNTY
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY,
FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND
FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29
FM# 428104
BID No. 2012-14

Opening Date and Time: March 22, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on March 22, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on March 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Purchasing, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 863-675-5220. Bidders must be registered with Purchasing in order to receive the plans and specs.

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

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 410600 CB/CN 2/23;3/1,8,15/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3039	2008	4104329-03021360340	John C. Swearingen

Lot 34, Block 2136, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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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Barbara S. Butler
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 Hendry County, Florida

410315 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Investments 2234, 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
2555	2007	2024329-61000000060	Lyle F. McCandless

Parts of Lots 2 and 3, Rosenberg Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 24, Public Records of Lee County, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of Rosenberg Subdivision, of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, as a point of beginning; thence East, along the South boundary of Lot 3, a distance of 538 feet to the West line of Carlyle Street; thence North, along the West line of Carlyle Street, a distance of 231.80 feet; thence West parallel to the South line of Lot 3, a distance of 175 feet; thence South, parallel to Carlyle Street, a distance of 151.80 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of Lot 3, a distance of 363 feet to the West line of Lot 3; thence South, a distance of 81 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2474	2008	1074433-03000170060	GAME Investments, Inc.

Lot 6, Block 17, The Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY SIDEWALKS, FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

FM# 428104

RFQ. No: 2012-11

OPENING DATE: MARCH 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on March 22, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 410602 CN/CB 2/23;3/1,8,15/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2575	2007	2024329-670000B0300	Javaris J. James

Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of the New York Street abutting said lots, Sunset Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2950	2007	4104329-03021030140	First Equity Funding Corp

Lot 14, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Gas Prices Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 3.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.66/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.51/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 52.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 20.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 17.1 cents per gallon during the last

month and stands 35.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Gasoline prices have perked up a bit in the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"As we continue to move towards warmer weather, gasoline prices will follow, with prices accelerating higher at a faster pace come late March into April, so if motorists think this is bad, they should really hold on to their chairs," DeHaan said.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2436	2008	1074433-0300020110	GAME Investments, Inc.

Lot 11, Block 2, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

410316 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ilene & Jon Klasfeld Co Tr**, 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
3701	2003	3014334-01001630130	Andrea S. & Ralph J. Marotta

Lot 16 and 17, Block163, of the General Plan of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71-78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

409224 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LEASE OR SALE OF WAYSIDE R.V. PARK

CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

RFP NUMBER: 2012-13

OPENING DATE AND TIME: MAY 23, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the lease or sale of the Wayside R.V. Park, 901 N. Francisco St., Clewiston, Florida (Parcel I.D. No. 13-34-43-01-010-0013-002.0). In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by May 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to lease or sell the property, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this RFP, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
410346 CB/CN 2/23;3/1/2012

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2513	2008	1314433-A0000620000	GAME Investments, Inc

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6014, 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 **15th day of February, 2012**.

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410309 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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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
191	2007	1074428-A0001410000	Michael D. Kelly

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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409244 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Inland Birding Fun: Sora (SORA)



PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

The Sora is a secretive bird.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Sora is the most widespread and abundant of the North American rails, the Sora breeds across Canada and the northern United States and winters in the southern states including Florida and northern South America. This bird is also known by other names including the Carolina Rail, Soree or Meadow Chicken.



Margaret England

Soras are secretive birds that are more often heard than seen. Their call is a loud descending whinny "whee-hee-hee-hee-hee" or a two-noted "sor-AH" call with the second note higher.

The adult Sora is a small marsh bird, with a triangular body shape, slate gray body, and short yellow bill. They have strong legs and a short tail which is often held upright showing white underneath. Their face and bib are black. Immature Soras don't have a black face and throat and are buffy brown on the chest. These little marsh-walkers forage for seeds, grasses, aquatic plants, insects, and snails while walking or swimming. Nesting activity is reported from April through early August on their northern breeding grounds. The female builds a saucer-shaped nest on the ground or a platform over shallow water. The clutch size ranges from eight-13 eggs which are incubated for 19 days. The eggs hatch over a span of two-13 days.

The event features boat trips on Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River. Some of Florida's best known guides and birders will be leading trips and presenting programs during the event.

Photographers will have opportunities to attend workshops and trips with professional photographer and instructor, John Lopinot.

Wide vistas of blue skies, oak-canopied rivers, quaint small antique towns, and farming communities offer visitors a taste of inland Florida. Some of the state's rarest plants and animals are found here including the Snail Kite, Florida Scrub Jay, and Florida panther.

For more information, call 863-675-5264 or e-mail bigobirding2012@gmail.com. Check out the updates on the Big "O" Birding Festival website www.bigobirdingfestival.com or www.facebook.com (search for big o birding festival 2012).

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MANAGER

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ment, department heads and the city attorney argued that the transfer in question was legal and has been common practice for many years in Clewiston; that the questioned credit card usage was later reimbursed by the manager; that the investigation into the manager reportedly impersonating a law enforcement officer resulted in insufficient evidence for the State Attorney's Office to prosecute, the manager's own criminal defense attorney, Valentin Rodriguez, revealing that key testimony had been left out of the FDLE's report; and the city attorney also weighing in on the manager's ability to approve a clothing allowance.

There is no indication of malicious intent in anything the manager has done, and indeed, this being his first job as a city manager, is part of the regular process of learning, some commissioners said.

The majority part of the commission, while acknowledging concerns of their own, focused on the issue of communication, and why the concerns that have been brought up as of late should or should not be the city manager's blame alone.

Many of the conversations ended in discussions about the implementation of clear policy to avoid confusion in direction from the commission to the manager. Without clear policy, it was argued, the manager cannot be expected to do exactly as the commission would expect him to do.

"The key here is communication," offered Charles Schoech, the city attorney.

"I don't think you've given us good legal advice. You're on the fence," shot back Commissioner Rodriguez.

At Monday night's meeting, commissioners approved a policy on credit card use by city employees – an action that was criticized by some in the chambers who felt that the commission is having to draft policies to address questions surrounding McKown's practices.

In relation to the manager, several on the dais, including the city attorney, the mayor, and others repeated the phrase: "wasn't very smart," in identifying actions taken by the manager.

Commissioner Jimmy Pittman responded to the issue of transfers. "Transfers have been going on since before any of us were born. I have a problem with it going over so far as \$168,000" without the commission's review, he said, urging the commission to address policy identifying at what point the board needs to review such transfers.

Commissioner Gardner expressed concern with having requested the full report of the FDLE's investigation into the Tiki Bar incident in December and never having received it from the city attorney, even now in February. Gardner said she only received the report after *The Clewiston News* published the report. "The State Attorney's Office did not furnish that to the city," answered Schoech.

Regarding the report, many of the commissioners said they were most concerned with statements by the city's own police chief, who told an FDLE investigator that it had not been the first time the manager had acted as a police officer.

Don Gutshall, chief of police, clarified the issue during the meeting, saying that it had been hearsay and gossip in the office and felt compelled to share it with the investigator when asked. But when he confronted both the manager and the officer who reported it, it was found that there were no grounds to believe that a criminal action had taken place. Indeed, the officer in question later said that, at no point, did the manager actually pull over a vehicle.

Mr. McKown's attorney said that the officer, Sgt. Justin Spence, had been interviewed by FDLE and clarified his position on the statement, but his interview was left out of the final report issued to the State Attorney's Office. "Their job is to show your guilt," the manager's attorney said of the FDLE investigator. "This report is skewed against him purposefully."

A private resident, local attorney Melanie McGahee addressed the commissioners who seemed to be supporting the manager. "It concerns me that you put blinders on with something so serious," she said. "What a shame that you have to make policies that say, 'You cannot act as a police officer.'"

The mayor responded.

"Being that the way I was raised, being at a bar on a Saturday night is not good for anyone," agreed the mayor, who nevertheless took issue with McGahee's characterization of McKown as "Ted Bundy." McGahee described the manager's actions as being criminal, apologizing, and recanting those statements later.

No hard motion was made regarding the future of the manager. For her part, Commissioner Gardner offered a cautious appeal: "Tonight I think we're on our third or fourth policy," said Gardner. "That's writing on the wall."

Commissioner Rodriguez agreed.

"The more we look into it, the more problems we got," said Commissioner Rodriguez. "I wish Steve had come to me and said, 'I know I've made mistakes.' That never happened."

Others did not agree.

"Until he knows how we feel about it, there's no line being crossed," said Commissioner Joey Miller. "We have to crisp up the policies."

Athletes Sign With Colleges

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The beginning of February proved to be a memorable and rewarding time for two Clewiston High School students. With proud parents, friends, and coaches watching, Te'Angelo Ulett and Whitney Irey signed their letters of intent to play college sports.

Te'Angelo Ulett, who signed with Georgia Military College, will be playing football for the Bulldogs.

Te'Angelo intends to study mechanical engineering and take the beginning classes towards that major at Georgia Military. When interviewed, Ulett was nothing but positive concerning his goals.

"I'm really excited to play football at the next level," he said. "I just worked hard over the last two years and going out every night with the mindset: 'get noticed and get an offer.' I took it play by play and gave to the best of my abilities."

As to studying mechanical engineering, Te'Angelo said that his desire to study mechanical engineering comes from his talent for fixing things.

"Ever since I was little, I had a thing for fixing cars, or houses and etc. Also, I want to study mechanical engineering because if I have any problems with my car or my house I wouldn't have to pay someone a lot of money just to come and try to fix it while I can just do it myself."

Te'Angelo's coach, Athletic Director Joe Roth, had nothing but praise for one of his best players. "He has great football skills, was recruited as a safety, and was selected as a first team All State safety this year," said Roth. The struc-

ture that Georgia Military has in their program is exactly what Te'Angelo needs to succeed at the next level."

Roth continued to explain that if Te'Angelo keeps his grades where they need to be and works hard in the weightroom, he will have a strong chance of earning scholarship to a BCS program. For Whitney Irey, the chance to play softball and study is a dream come true.

"It's very exciting. Playing softball at the next level has been a lifelong dream of mine," said Whitney.

Whitney will be attending Broward College and be playing softball for the Seahawks. She intends to study respiratory therapy, which is a major at Broward College.

"I choose Broward because I attended a practice there and the coach and teammates were very kind and welcoming," said Whitney. "I was offered and scholarship and I discovered that they also have respiratory therapy as a major. Everything fell into place after that!"

Whitney credits her family, coaches, and friends for supporting her throughout high school.

She plans to either play professional softball, if the chance presents itself, or settle down and work at a hospital helping patients.

Irey's coach, Melissa Whitehead, is proud of Irey's performance and is confident that she will succeed.

"She is a hard worker and is dedicated to whatever she does," said Whitehead. "She just has to stay focused and work hard and I'm sure she'll succeed."



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PARKER

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being physically abused by Harker and held against her will in fear of her life.

After a two-week trial in LaBelle, the jury on Feb. 18, at about 5 p.m. handed their verdict to Judge John E. Duryea, Jr. The jury started deliberations Friday night and went until midnight, reconvening at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Some observers thought the defense put on a good case for Parker while the state's case was weak in proving she was directly responsible for the three deaths; it was admitted by the state that her boyfriend, Richard Harker, had actually killed all three people.

Assistant State Attorney Hamid Hunter did not make a convincing closing argument to the jury to support the state's evidence for a triple murder verdict.

The three culpable negligence crimes are second degree misdemeanors and robbery is a second degree felony. "Points" will be accessed to determine state guidelines for sentencing Parker next week.

She may be credited with "time served" on the misdemeanors, she has been in jail for five and one-half years, and up to 14 years on the robbery depending on the scoring system and the judge's discretion in sentencing under the guidelines. She has no prior criminal convictions.

Judge Duryea heard the daughter of the Whitakers, Joy Cardoza, and Joey Whitaker's elder brother, Wayne Whitaker, speak before the court.

Ms. Cardoza, extremely upset, fought to get the words out to voice how her two young children were deprived of their grandfather and grandmother because of the murders by Harker, accompanied by Parker.

Cardoza stated how her family's lives have changed while the defendant will eventually get out of jail and go on with her life after just a few years in confinement.

Wayne Whitaker, the older brother of Joey Whitaker, recalled how he remembers the tape used to suffocate the victims, and how he had to identify the lifeless bodies -- a sight that "will never leave my head," he said.

He told the judge how he had suffered another family tragedy in 1990 when his daughter was murdered.

Whitaker expresses his opinion of the jurors decision: "I feel they mad a mistake today. Yolanda Parker will ask God for forgiveness ... she destroyed this family," he insisted.

Whitaker pointed out the role of cocaine and drugs in the behavior of Parker and Harker during the preceding month before the murders saying, "This is what drugs are doing to this country. We got to do something!"

Judge Duryea offered the victim's family another chance to come to the sentencing hearing and speak further of the impact of the crimes on them if they wished.

Duryea declined to allow Parker to post a bond amount to get out of jail, even though her conviction is now on lesser charges than murder the state has charged her for. He said she will remain in custody pending the sentencing hearing.

Sentencing will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the LaBelle Courthouse.

Election Profile

Kim Harris-White is a life-long resident of Hendry County residing in Felda and currently employed by First Bank, in LaBelle, as the Deposit Operations Supervisor. She is a Democratic candidate for Hendry County Supervisor of Elections. She credits 23 years as a business professional in the banking and finance industry. During that time, she has had a successful career working for small community banks to larger corporate banks. Harris-White's career started as a teller and she has worked her way up to Branch Manager, AVP. She focuses on a team approach to management, being responsive to the needs of upper management and the basic value of working hard has helped get her where she is today.

"Based on my values, skills and abilities I can meet the needs of all the residents of Hendry County, just as I have done being your community banker for many years," Harris-White said. Her commitment with this community started in the early '90s when she was a member of the LaBelle Jaycees. Harris-White is a current member of American Business Women's Association for 12 years and currently serves on the City of LaBelle Airport Advisory Board for the last three years. In 1999 she served as Co-Chair for the Hendry-Glades United Way Campaign, which was the first campaign for this area. She is a 2010 graduate of the Hendry/Glades Leadership program.

Harris-White also enjoys working with kids and uses her time coaching the LaBelle Junior Pro Girls basketball team and serves on the board for the Swamp Cabbage Queen/Princess Pageant. Harris-White graduated from LaBelle High School in 1987 and earned her A.S. degree



Kim Harris-White

in Business Administration & Management in 1998 from Edison State College. Knowing that education is a vital part of her career success, she continues her goal working on an undergraduate business degree through the University of Florida. Kim has been married to Scott White for 18 years. He is employed by Southern Gardens Citrus. Her daughter, Brooke White, is in the 7th grade at LaBelle Middle School.

"I enjoy living and working in Hendry County and I only have its best interest at heart," Harris-White said. She is a member of Felda Baptist Church and enjoys attending First Baptist Church, in LaBelle. "I look forward to meeting the residents of Hendry County as my campaign advances," Harris-White said. If you would like to contact Kim you can e-mail her at hendryvotes4kim@gmail.com or 863-257-0070.

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