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## Train Vs. Semi Injures Clewiston Man

*For reasons  
unknown, semi  
drove into the path  
of approaching  
locomotive*

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Lee Memorial Hospital in Lee County, investigators are not sure why 49-year-old Vidal Perez Perez failed to notice the approaching train. Emergency crews arrived to find the mangled remains of the semi at the property, on the private roadway just south of C.R. 720.

According to information provided by FHP, the man had been travel-

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## Tuskegee Airman Stops in at Harlem Library



PHOTO / JESSICA SCHULTZ

The original singing Tuskegee honored Clewiston with his presence this past Friday. Master Sergeant Ezra Hill made rounds through Clewiston visiting Clewiston Middle School, Clewiston High School, and the Harlem Public Library, teaching locals the history of the Tuskegee airmen. Hill was comical as he held his listeners' attention. He told of the hardships of being a man of African American descent trying to make a difference in his country's military. "Pigmentation doesn't mean anything," said Hill. For more on his visit to Clewiston Middle School, see Page 8.

## Girl Wrestler Heading to Nationals

STILL HAS A NUMBER OF  
GOALS ON HER LIST

BY JUAN LOPEZ  
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With a solid regular season behind her, Clewiston High School girl wrestler Arellys Valles, is ready to head to national competition.

All roads lead to the U.S.A.W. Girls Folkstyle National Championship that are being held in Oklahoma City, Okla. from March 23 to March 25.

The two-day event will test the skills of young lady wrestlers from more than 30 states. An added bonus of the event, aside from bragging rights, a number of colleges will be present at the event hosting a recruiting fair. Options for recruitment into collegiate level wrestling will be presented to competitors.

That is one resource that Arellys will be taking advantage of. She is confident in her abilities to compete

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## HCSO Stays Busy

### Not Smart Enough

Hendry County Sheriff undercover investigators bust a man reportedly dealing in cocaine after two undercover buys.

Information came to investigators from a confidential informant of a dealer, later identified as 24-year-old Luis Efrén Rivera-Martínez, who was operating in the Montura Ranch area. Acting on this information, investigators were able to set up two separate buys on two different days.



Luis Martinez

The first buy happened near Avenida Del Club in the parking lot of the food store located on that road. The buy was quick, with Martínez exiting his vehicle and walking up to the driver side door of the undercover agent.

The agent noted that there was also a female passenger, later identified as 32-year-old Lupita Nunez, waiting in Martínez's vehicle. Five clear baggies, that tested positive for powder cocaine, were given to the agent in exchange for \$100.

The second buy took place a little further down the road after Martínez reportedly noted that the store had

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### Long Term Care Program

The Clewiston Public Library is pleased to announce that Frank Harris, a well-known local financial advisor, will offer a free program on planning for long term care.

It will be held at the Clewiston Library, on Saturday, March 10, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Eric Tommerdahl at 863-983-1493.

### Gardening With Native Plants

Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Director and Regional Vegetable Agent will present an informative presentation "Gardening With Native Plants" at the March Hendry-Glades Audubon meeting to be held Monday March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension, Dallas Townsend Building 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. This free program is open to all.

For more information, contact Butch Wilson at 863-983-2870 or Margaret England at 863-674-0695.

### Sweet Taste of Sugar Contest

Entry recipes are now being accepted for the 2012 Sweet Taste of Sugar contest! Located this year in the tent by the city pool on Sugar Festival Day, April 14. The Sweet Taste of Sugar contest is a yearly competition where cooks from around the lake compete using recipes that contain the focus of our harvest celebration – sugar!

This year, contestants will be competing for over \$1,500 in cash and prizes in five different categories: cakes, cookies/brownies, pies, sweet creations (any recipe with sugar), and youth. There is no limit to the number of entries each contestant can enter. All entries will be available for public sampling starting 10 a.m. the day of the festival.

More information and entry forms can be picked up at the Clewiston Library, the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, by e-mailing SweetTaste@embarqmail.com, or by calling 863-983-5269.

### 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.

### Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17, at 5 p.m. It will be held at the VFW on 501 S. Francisco Street in Clewiston. There will be a price for dinner.

### Mini Health Fairs

Health Fairs are free and open to the public. They will be doing free blood pressure, weight, pulse, and oxygen checks. For more information, please call Tabitha Yebba at 863-233-1305.

- Okeechobee Landings on Tuesday, March 20, at 10:45 a.m.
- Clewiston Senior Center on Tuesday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m.
- KOA on Wednesday, March 28, at 1:30 p.m.

### Caloosa Federated Republican Women

•Tuesday, March 20, 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, 6 p.m., at the Port LaBelle Inn. Guest speaker is Rabbi Steven Bernstein.

•Friday, May 18, 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 and 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, 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 from 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. E-mail at clewistonsugarfestival@yahoo.com for further information.

### County Sub-Offices Moved

Please be advised that the County Sub-Offices have moved out of the Clewiston Towne Center on U.S. 27 (old K-Mart Building) to the following:

•Hendry County Sheriff's Office moved to 100 E. El Paso Ave.

**Currently in operation at 100 E. El Paso Ave**

- Hendry County Supervisor of Elections
- Hendry County Property Appraiser

**Co-Locating at the Hendry County Health Department, 1100 Olympia Street, and open for business Monday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

•Hendry County Clerk's Office (closed on Friday, March 2, for the move) Room 502

- Hendry County Tax Collector & Drivers License Office – Room 300
- Hendry County Probation – Room 512
- Hendry County Administration – Room 441

**Currently in operation at 1100 S. Olympia Street**

•Hendry County Building, Licensing & Code Enforcement on Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Room 433)

•Hendry County Housing Department (SHIP) Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Room 431 - entrance near the rear of the building)

•Hendry County Veteran Service Office (Room 506 – enter at the Tax Collector's entrance) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 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.

## Marvelous March Madness!

BY JILLIAN SPARKS  
Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

This is Clewiston's busiest time of the year and it does not take a genius to see why! February 2012 set the bar high as to the amount of things one can do in "America's Sweetest Town," but I am here to tell you March will not leave you disappointed in the least.

All of us here at the Chamber have been busy getting the word out to all of you with everything there is to know for March and the upcoming Sugar Festival activities for April too! The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce takes great pride in being the cheerleader for our community and area.

If you should need information about an event or just about anything else the Chamber is your one-stop-shop for information. Come on by our offices at 109 Central Avenue and you will find out fast that we are the networking hub to the area. We encourage you to be a member of the Chamber which would ensure you to stay informed or better yet keep the community

informed of your business and services you provide. Call us anytime Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and we'll be happy to help you find the answers you need.

When you stop by we'll be able to provide you with information about some of our area's best features, events and attractions.

With events like March Mud Madness at Devils Garden Mud Club, Hooray for Hollywood at Firehouse Community Theatre, St. Martin's Fish Dinner, Clewiston Elks Lodge Steak Dinner with live entertainment at John Boy Auditorium, Chamber Socials, Bass Busters Fishing Tournaments, to one of March's Biggest Events with the Big O Birding Festival, March should be a month to remember!

If you would like to go, be involved, rent a booth, purchase tickets or just get directions, then stop on by the Chamber or give us a call and we will get you on the right path. Stay tuned because the path of a successful harvesting season will bring us this year's 26th Annual Sugar Festival in April. Together We'll Grow.



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# Inland Birding Fun: Osprey (OSPR)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Osprey is a large raptor that is sometimes known as a Fish Hawk, Fish Eagle, or Sea Hawk. They are smaller than an Eagle and larger than a Red-tailed Hawk. These common and widespread breeding birds in Florida have slender bodies, long narrow wings, and long legs. In flight, the marked kink in their mostly white wings makes an M-shape when they are observed from below.



Margaret England

Ospreys are brown above and white below. They are whiter than most raptors. The head is white with dark eye-liner around their yellow eyes. Juveniles have buffy shading on the breast and white spots on the back.

When flying with prey, Osprey use their reversible outer toes to grasp slippery fish using two toes in the front and two behind. These raptors line up the fish head-first for less wind resistance. Most of their diet consists of fish, however they will occasionally eat crustaceans, frogs, turtles, birds, or rodents. They make high-pitched, whistling "choop" when flying or sitting. Their calls include an alarm call that sounds like a whistling kettle taken "rapidly off the stove" and a wavering squeal when they feel threatened. The oldest know Osprey lived to be 25 years, two months old.

They prefer to build large bulky nests in trees and on man-made structures that are taller to the



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## Osprey in flight.

surrounding trees; and close to areas where there is an abundance of fish. Typically three creamy-white eggs that are spotted with browns, rays, and rust are incubated for 38 days with the young fledging in 49 to 59 days.

During the March 28 to 31 Big "O" Birding Festival there will be trips in Hendry and Glades County in search of wintering and resident birds in inland Florida. Join in the search for Ospreys, White Pelicans, Wood Storks, Snail Kites, Painted Buntings, Indigo Buntings, Purple Swamphens, and the returning Swallow-tailed kites. For information call 863-675-5264 or e-mail bigobird-

ing2012@gmail.com. Check out the updates on the Big "O" Birding Festival website [www.bigobirdingfestival.com](http://www.bigobirdingfestival.com) or [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (search for big "O"birding festival 2012)

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston.

For reservations for these free trips or to request a GBBC data form contact Margaret England [atsta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:atsta5birding@embarqmail.com) or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS website at [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) or the Hendry-Glades Audubon.

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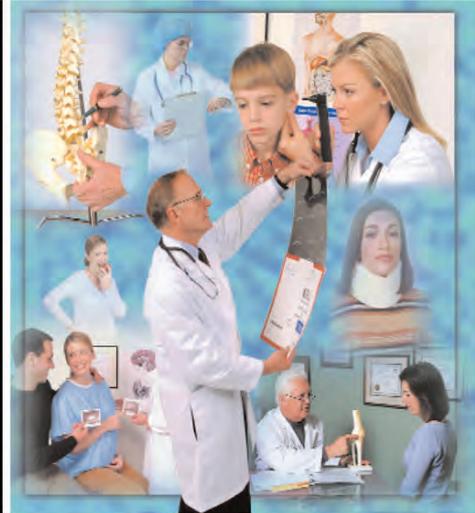
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**Friday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. East wind between 7 and 10 mph.



**Sunday:**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.



**Thursday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a east wind between 14 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



**Saturday:**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind between 9 and 13 mph.



**Sunday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



**Friday:**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind around 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



**Saturday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



**Monday:**  
A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.



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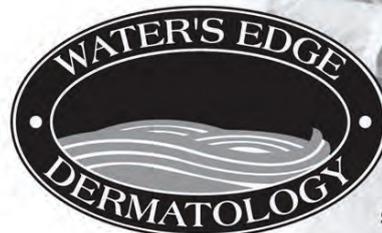
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### Charlie C. Kellar Jr., 25

LAKELAND — Charlie C. Kellar Jr., age 25, of Lakeland, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at home in Lakeland.

Charlie was born July 12, 1986, in Pahokee. He is the son of Charlie C. Kellar Sr. and Tina (Gurganious) Jensen.

He is survived by his mother, Tina Jensen; father, Charlie C. Kellar Sr.; brothers, Robert William and Robert Lawrence; sisters, Stephanie Marie Kellar, Crystal Leigh, Elizabeth Ann, and Destiny Paige; grandmothers, Tommie Kellar and Patricia Ethridge; and fiancée, Melissa Lambert.

The funeral service was 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, with Brother David Ferrell officiating. Interment will be in Ridge-lawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangement by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

### Lois Maxine Adams, 87

CLEWISTON — Lois Maxine Adams born April 8, 1924, in Fulton, Indiana, by Addie and Palmer Felty, went to be with our Lord on March 4, 2012, at the age of 87.

She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Shannon and Lori Hart; son, John Adams Jr.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Adams, Sr.

Services will be 11 a.m., Friday, March 9, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston. Interment will be in Dade Memorial Park, Miami.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

### Bryan Holey

TEMPERANCE, Mich. — Bryan Holey, son of Richard and Ellen Holey, passed away on Feb. 27, 2012, in Temperance, Mich.

Bryan was born May 29, 1951, in Toledo, Ohio and grew up in Lambertville, Mich.

He was very active in Boy Scouts & the Order of the Arrow Senior Scouts. Bryan was selected to attend Boy's State in Lansing, Mich., in 1968. He graduated in 1969 from Bedford High School in Michigan. Bryan received an academic scholarship to the University of Michigan. He worked for General Tel. Co. (now Verizon) from 1971 and retired in 2010. Bryan loved being on the water. His family spent most their summers at their cottage on a lake in Irish Hills, Mich. He could often be found out on the lake in the family sailboat. As an adult Bryan enjoyed sailboat racing on Lake Erie. Bryan was known for his generosity. He showered his nieces and nephews with gifts at Christmas. His close friend while awaiting a kidney transplant needed a place to stay. Bryan opened his home to him, and helped organize a fund raiser to help with medical bills. Bryan's health had deteriorated since his retirement. Arthritis took several inches from his once tall stature. He suffered from congestive heart failure, diabetes, and COPD.

Bryan will be missed by his family including: father, Richard Holey and special friend Patt Mason; brothers, Bruce (Jane) Holey of Clayton, Mich., and Brett (Susan) Holey of Greenwich, Conn.; sisters, Brenda Surney of Oxford, Mich., and Sue Okopny (Dick) of Grosse Ile, Mich.; six nephews, two nieces, one grandnephew and one grandniece, as well as a large number of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Bryan was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Holey.

There will be a Bryan Holey Bedford High School Scholarship Fund established. The fund will be for the University of Michigan.

### Donald Shaw, 70

MANTACHIE — Donald Eugene Shaw, 70, died Friday, March 2, 2012, at North Mississippi Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 22, 1941, in Tampa, Fla., to Jack Elmore and Alice Elizabeth Mercer Shaw. He served in the U.S. Marine Reserves from 1959 to 1964 and the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1984, when he retired as an E7. He served his country in the Vietnam War. After his military service, he worked as a truck driver for Glade and Grove Supply for 13 years before becoming disabled. In his younger years, he enjoyed camping and fishing. Later in life, he became an avid cook and enjoyed watching cooking shows. Most of all, he loved being with his family.

Graveside services with full military honors will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Oak Grove Cemetery. McNeece-Morris Funeral Home of Mantachie is in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Judy Shaw of Mantachie; one son, Donald Shaw Jr. (Karen) of Clewiston, Fla.; one daughter, Elizabeth Spradling (Wess) of Mantachie; seven grandchildren, Crystal Finney (Marlo), Jessica Spradling, Cheryl Shaw, T.J. Spradling, Robert Earl Spradling, Donny Shaw III and Cole Spradling; and two great-grandchildren, Makennah Guin and Hannah Guin.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Tiffany Putnam; one sister, Shirley Elizabeth Rossner; one brother, Jack E. Shaw Jr.; and his parents.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the McNeece-Morris Funeral Home in Mantachie.



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## Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.78/g. This compares with the national average that has increased 5.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.71/g. Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices were 25.2 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 19.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 27.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 24.1 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago. "Gasoline prices have spiked considerably

higher in virtually every area over the last two weeks, and while I don't expect the pace of the recent rise in prices to continue for the entire month, a similar jump may again occur closer to April Fools Day, and it won't be a funny joke, it'll be disgusting reality," said Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"The rise in price is so unbelievable that we may have to revise upward our previous gasoline forecast that had called for a national average of between \$3.75 to \$4.15 by mid-May, as the national average already stands at nearly \$3.72/gallon," DeHaan said.

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# ARRESTS

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surveillance cameras that are pointed at the parking lot.

The agent was waiting at the appointed location, a parking lot to a small park, when a Sheriff's patrol vehicle entered the area on patrol. Martinez entered the parking lot and drove past the agent and parked near the back of the lot. When the Sheriff's patrol vehicle left the area, Martinez approached the agent and conducted the buy with \$100 being exchanged for five clear plastic baggies that tested positive for powder cocaine.

Martinez is facing four felony counts that include two counts of felony possession of cocaine, one count of selling cocaine, and one count selling cocaine within 1,000 ft. of a park or school.

## Ask Me Nicely

Hendry Sheriff Sgt. Hunt responded to call of an assault with a knife and finds a woman who wanted him to "ask her nicely."

The incident happened on March 21 and Sgt. Hunt arrived at the location the call came from to see the victim waiting outside. The victim stated that her attacker, 40-year-old Candy Odom, was still inside the residence.

As Hunt approached the residence, Odom exited with her purse and a bowl of food. Hunt detained and placed her in the back of his patrol vehicle.

Once inside the residence, Hunt saw the

10-and-a-half-inch kitchen knife laying on the counter.

When asked what started the altercation, the victim stated that Odom had asked for the victim's bankbook so that she could get money. The victim told Odom no and stated that she knew Odom had stolen money before from the victim. Odom became enraged, cursed at the victim, picked up the kitchen knife, and yelled, "N----, I'll get rid of you!"



Candy Odom

With this statement, Odom was placed under arrest for Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon. Hunt then began transporting Odom to Pioneer Plantation to transfer her to a LaBelle deputy. Odom became irate, calling Hunt "nasty" and "redneck." Then, from somewhere on her person, Odom produced a cell phone and Hunt heard Odom state that, "She would like place a complaint against Hunt." Hunt pulled over and instructed Odom to give him the cell. Odom replied, "Ask Me Nicely."

Hunt did, yet Odom did not comply. Hunt was able to remove the cell phone from Odom. Once back on the road, Odom began cursing at Hunt, struck her head against a portion of his patrol vehicle four times, and yelled that she had another cell and would tell everyone that Hunt had assaulted her if he attempted to take it away.

She continued to move around the back of Hunt's vehicle until he arrived at Pioneer where Deputy Reed spoke with Odom and calmly transferred her without incident.

Odom is charged with Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A Message from the Sheriff

It has come to my attention that there is a rumor floating around that I have shut down the Clewiston Sheriff's Office. I don't know how this rumor started but I will tell you that it is absolutely false. I have in no way closed the Clewiston Sheriff's Office. I believe that some have mistaken the consolidation of dispatch, or the county moving our physical location, as shutting down the office.

As you know, the Federal Government has mandated that all agencies that use radio communications either narrow band their frequencies or go to a system with a smaller band width. This must be completed by January 2013. Due to finances and ease of use, we have chosen to go with the State 800 MHz radio system.

In doing so and again in an effort to save your tax dollars, it didn't make sense to buy two identical dispatch systems, one for Clewiston and one for LaBelle. The cost would have been overwhelming.

What we did was remove only dispatch from Clewiston and LaBelle, and consolidate the two in our new dispatch center in east Port LaBelle. This also takes less manpower to operate. It should also be noted that Dispatchers should never be in contact with the public other than 911 calls for emergencies. Dispatchers have a full time job listening to, directing and protecting our Deputies, Firefighters, Paramedics and First Responders.

Any distractions while trying to assist someone at the front window could potentially endanger lives. Again, nothing has changed regarding the Sheriff's Office in Clewiston. You are still met and assisted by a live person when you walk in, Road Patrol, the Criminal Investigative division and agriculture Investigations are still operating

as they have always been.

Also, in an effort to save on rental fees, we have worked with the Board of County Commissioners and have agreed to move into and share, the old Health department building with the Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections. Our new location is 100 east El Paso Avenue.

As Sheriff, I have to frequently make decisions to best serve you not only on the ground but financially as well.

I hope this helps clear up any unsubstantiated rumors that may be floating around. As always, it's my pleasure to serve you. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 863-805-5000 or at 863-674-5603.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Clewiston Middle School

•On Friday, March 2, students of the month were treated to a pizza party in appreciation of their exemplary behavior and cooperation within the school.

**The students recognized for the months of January / February were:**

-Sixth grade: Joshua Valdez and Priyanshi Patel

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

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# The Singing Tuskegee Airman Honors CMS



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Ezra Hill shows the students the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to him by President George W. Bush.

BY GIGI MEZZIO  
Clewiston Middle School

On Friday, March 2, Clewiston Middle School was honored to present Ezra Hill, Sr., author of "The Black Red Tail Angels," to the students in celebration of Black History Month. Mr. Hill, an original Tuskegee Airman, was born in Newport News, Virginia in 1930. He moved to Washington D.C. as a boy, where he lived until the age of 17. When he enlisted in the Army Corps in 1947, his primary duty was "crash and rescue," where he spent most of his time in Special Service Activities.

After rescuing Colonel B.O. Davis, Jr. (the leader of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, which was an all-black flying unit founded by Booker T. Washington) from a damaged plane, Hill became a part of the unit. As well as serving throughout the U.S. and Japan in Special Services, he also worked in the field of electronics, weapons systems, and was even selected to perform as an entertainer with "Operation Happiness" as a singer. From 1941 to 1946, more than

2,000 African Americans completed training at Tuskegee, with three fourths qualifying as pilots. Due to the bravery and success of these men in combat during WWII, President Harry A. Truman desegregated the U.S. Military in 1948. Ezra is very proud to have been a part of this and his book, "The Black Red Tail Angels," tells the true story of a Tuskegee Airman and the Aviators. He has also produced two CDs, "Ezra Hill - Air Legends Series," with songs "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings" and his latest, "God Bless America." This one is a medley of patriotic songs, including the "Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, and God Bless the U.S.A. which he sang to the delight of the assembly.

Ezra and his wife, Mable, formed the SMF (Save My Family) Haven of Hope Foundation in 1996. It is a non-profit organization which focuses on helping the minority children from disadvantaged homes in the bottom of the socioeconomic status elementary school in Newport News. Their focus is on promoting literacy and technology within the school there.



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## Westside knocks out the Florida Writes

Westside Elementary is so proud of all their fourth grade students who worked hard on the Florida Writes this last week. They did an outstanding job.



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# Could Sugar Be Regulated?

## Debate arises after controversial article

BY JUAN LOPEZ  
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Should the government regulate sugar in order to preserve the health of the nation? According to one doctor, it should.

Dr. Robert Lustig, who specializes in pediatric obesity, had his three-page article published in Nature magazine last month entitled, "The Toxic Truth About Sugar." Lustig's article calls for the regulation of sugar as a necessary measure to curtail its addictive qualities and wanton overuse.

Such measures include taxes, limiting sales during school hours, and placing age limits on purchasing. Lustig is not speaking of sugar that can be found in your local baking aisle or in the container that you use to add flavor to your morning cup of coffee. The sugar he is targeting is fructose, the sugar that is most commonly found in processed foods. Foods such as frosted corn flakes, soda, sports drinks, juices, etc.

According to his studies, chronic use of fructose can lead to many ailments and diseases that are similar to alcohol abuse. His views on the dangers of fructose are catching on with many medical professionals who offer studies showing that it is sugar, not fat, that results in obesity.

How is sugar responsible for weight gain? In a video interview, Lustig stated to a fellow doctor his reasoning as to why sugar is responsible.

"Insulin turns food into energy for either use or storage. Too much sugar leads to too much insulin, which leads to too much fat. High levels of insulin promotes further food intake and is a primary problem in a majority of people."

Just one minute before that, Lustig said, "People cannot eat less and exercise more. Essentially, you are putting the entirety of the blame on the patient. That isn't right."

Critics have responded that it is due to poor eating habits and the lack of proper education on healthy foods that has led to the obesity prob-

lem. In other words, it is simply a matter of a person's choice to eat how they want to eat.

As to governmental regulation, that has sparked a strong response from government watchdog groups, the Sugar Association, and the American Sugar Alliance. Promptly responding to the article, the Sugar Association crafted a press release that addressed the claims that Lustig made as being unfounded and scientifically erroneous. They listed several facts that studies have shown concerning sugar -- including that as the obesity epidemic rates began to rise, the consumption of cane and beet sugar actually decreased. For them, there is one obvious choice: a person's free will to choose.

"There is an obesity problem in our country that can lead to very serious health issues," the Sugar Association's press release read. "But it comes from a combination of over consumption of all foods and lack of exercise. To label a single food as the one and only problem misinforms, misleads, and confuses consumers, and simply adds to the problem."

Judy Sanchez, Director of Corporate Communications for U.S. Sugar, stated that everyone who works in the sugar industry is offended by the articles claims.

"We take offence that our valuable ingredient would even be considered toxic," said Sanchez. "Sugar has been consumed for thousands of years without any toxic side effects."

Sanchez's comment reflects the view of many of those who work day-to-day in the fields and the plant in order to produce the product.

What does this mean for the sugar industry and those employed?

No one is willing to go that far to speculate but the examples of what happened when alcohol and tobacco became regulated do come to mind. Officials with the sugar industry are quick to point out that regulation is nowhere near being considered and any attempt will be met with the strongest resistance possible.

For now, it is a quiet waiting game to see what happens next.

# WRESTLING

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at the national level.

"Going to national competition is something different and challenging for me," said Arelys. "I've worked hard to get where I'm at and I'm going to keep going."

She plans to study at Oklahoma City University for veterinary science. Being able to attend the university on a wrestling scholarship would be a dream come true. How this dream began was attributed to a simple P.E. class.

Arelys was in seventh grade when she first started wrestling during P.E. under Martin Espinoza. She found that she enjoyed it and when she was told that there were girl teams, she began wrestling competitively. She improved rapidly and was able to pin boys her size or larger.

"People took me for granted and I just kept improving," said Arelys. "Because of that, I'm driven to keep improving."

Her drive has rewarded her with a season that has been her most successful yet, going 27 – 10 overall and claiming the top spot of her team. She is the captain of the team and her coaches have confidence in her abilities on the mat.

With her list of accomplishments growing, Arelys still has a goal on her mind: "Next year will be my last season and, with everything I've learned this year, I plan on going all out and making Boys State," said Arelys. "I nearly made it this season but was short by a few wins. Next year, I want to make it and wrestle with top boy wrestlers."

No one doubts that she can do it; especially

her coaches.

Coach Renaldy Tapia has been watching Arelys develop over the past few years and has been her coach this season. He is proud of what she has done and what she will do in her matches to come. "She had the best season of her career this year," said Tapia. "She has consistently trained hard and it has paid off."

According to Tapia, Arelys has wrestled many tough wrestlers from strong wrestling programs and has proven herself capable of handling them. Her weight class is 106 lbs. and she has beaten a wrestler that was one of the top 15 wrestlers in the state. Aside from being strong on the mat, she is also a strong team leader.

"She isn't a vocal leader but she leads by action and work," said Tapia. "That is why everyone is excited for her to get to Nationals. She belongs at that level."

Tapia was not shy about what he hopes Arelys accomplishes at the competition. He would like and is confident that Arelys will walk away with a few wins. What he desires for Arelys is to place in the top eight at the competition.

"I won't lie. It would be awesome if she places within the top eight. She would be ranked as an All-American wrestler," said Tapia. "I'm just happy that she has made it to that level. It would be an unbelievable end to an amazing season if she were to place."

There is only one obstacle left for Arelys: being able to afford the trip to Nationals.

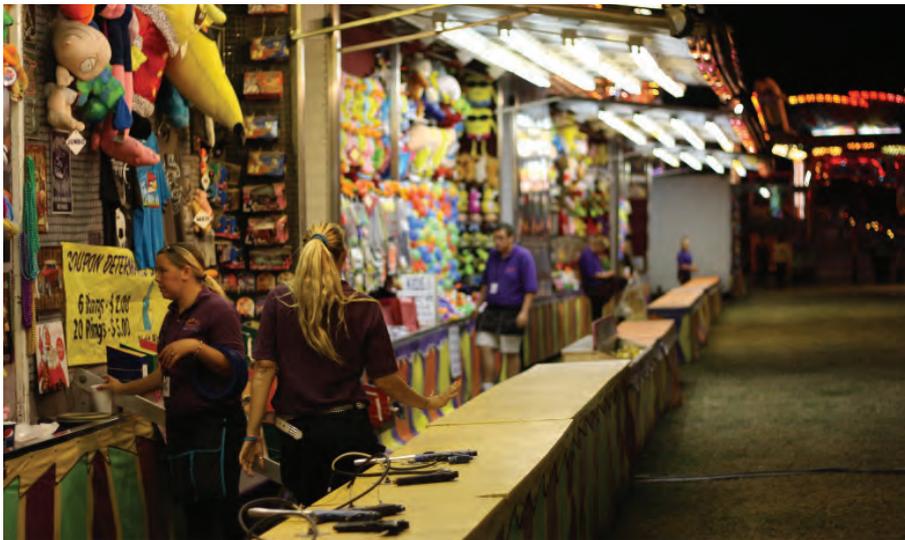
The only challenge that Arelys might not be able to pin is the fact that she is in need of sponsors. Currently, she has been able to gather almost \$500 of the \$1,000 minimum that is required for her to attend.

If you would like to sponsor Arelys, contact the Clewiston High School wrestling program at 863-983-1520.

## CLEARED OF CHARGES

Vincent Carreno, arrested in December on multiple charges (criminal mischief, burglary, theft, and resist without violence) was cleared

of all charges last month. Prosecutors dropped the case and all accompanying charges against Mr. Carreno.



PHOTOS / JUAN LOPEZ

## Another Fair Come and Gone

Residents had a great time at the fair this year, with new attractions and fair food to appeal to everyone. The livestock shows and auction were as large as they always were and never failed to disappoint. A new food addition, fried butter, was sampled by many and were shocked to find that they enjoyed it. All eyes are on next year and what will added on to keep the crowds coming.



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- Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$350K
- Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
- Hwy 27, 14, 279 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$349K
- Hwy 27, Frontage-Former Sonny's Lot (1.9 ac) \$450K
- 525 E El Paso Office w/apt. excellent condition \$105K
- Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
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- 6600 Flaghore Rd 4/2 pool \$190K
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Florida Statute §715.109, that AQUA ISLES MOBILE HOME PARK will set the following abandoned property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:  
Abandoned Mobile Home bearing VIN #FLFLK70A177510P, including, but not limited to, all personal property located in and surrounding mobile home, located at 900 Aqua Isles Blvd., Lot H24, LaBelle, FL 33935 within Aqua Isles Mobile Home Park, located in LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida.  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at Aqua Isles Mobile Home Park, 900 Aqua Isles Blvd., LaBelle, Florida at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2012.  
411555 CN 3/8, 15/2012

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will hold a workshop to discuss recreation and related issues for the East side of Hendry County at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2012, in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.  
The East Hendry County Recreation Advisory Board's meeting scheduled for March 8, 2012, at the Harlem Civic Center has been canceled.  
All interested persons may appear and be heard at the workshop. If a person decides to appeal any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida  
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**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000509 C-41 A CANAL BANK STABILIZATION SEGMENT 3, HIGHLANDS 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 **Thursday, April 5, 2012** for the C-41 A CANAL BANK STABILIZATION SEGMENT 3, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FL. Project Description: This project includes but shall not be limited to: furnishing all materials, labor, tools, and equipment required to repair approximately 12.61 miles (66,600 LF) of the C-41A Canal banks. The repair of the canal banks will include removing existing vegetation, backfilling and compacting the banks to 2.5H: 1V slopes (2H: 1V slopes along riprap along the south canal bank between STA 787+00 to STA 855+00), installing high performance turf reinforcement mats on the canal banks for the entire length of the project, sodding, installing 12-inch diameter HDPE pipes for berm drains, and performing all other appurtenant and collateral work necessary to complete all work required by the Contract Documents.  
An **OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on **Monday, March 19, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.**, at the Okeechobee Field Station, 1000 NE 40th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972. For directions call (863) 462-5280.  
All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov); (3) by calling (561) 682-2715. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION 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.  
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3614 2007 4104329-10023710050 Walter Gray & C/Sceline Gray.  
Lot 5, Block 2371, Port LaBelle Unit 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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Dated this 15th day of February, 2012.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
410319 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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1403	2008	1134432-A0002330000	GAME Investments, Inc.

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5558, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2542	2008	1314433-A0001890000	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5726, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2561	2008	1314433-A0003090000	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5740, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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411779 CN 3/8,15,22,29/2012

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**SALE OR LEASE OF OFFICE BUILDING**  
**622 W. SUGARLAND HIGHWAY, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA**  
**RFP NUMBER: 2012-15**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME: MARCH 23, 2012@ 2:00 P.M.**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the sale or lease of the Clewiston Office Building, 622 W. Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, Florida 33440 (Parcel I.D. No. 3-34-031-010-0338-003.2), a 1,440 sq. ft. building. 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 March 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 submittals 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  
 411162 CN/CB 3/1,8/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2010	2008	1264432-A0000200000	GAME Investments, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1057, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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410313 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2536	2008	1314433-A0001580000	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5719, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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411778 CN 3/8,15,22,29/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1558	2008	1154432-A0005801000	Rojelio Garcia & Maria De Jesus Garcia

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3295, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 Hendry County, Florida

411772 CN 3/8,15,22,29/2012

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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, Roseberry 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 Roseberry 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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410311 CN 2/23, & 3/1,8,15/2012

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1404	2008	1134432-A0002360100	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5538, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 Hendry County, Florida

411761 CN 3/8,15,22,29/2012

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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.

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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1550	2008	1154432-A0000440000	Arnaldo Marquez Jr. Est. & Pilar Home Developers, Inc.

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast 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. Also known as Tract 3234, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

411771 CN 3/8,15,22,29/2012

Public Notice

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.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

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

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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.

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.

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
410602 CN/CB 2/23/31, 8, 15/2012

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS ("SOQ") FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act ("CCNA"), section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority, a legal entity and public body created by interlocal agreement pursuant to section 163.01, Florida Statutes, ("FGUA"), is seeking the services of qualified firms or individuals to provide continuing professional engineering services for the FGUA's water and wastewater utility systems and potential future acquisitions.

The FGUA anticipates selecting at least three (3) firms that will be required to execute the FGUA's standard Contract for Consulting/Professional Services within thirty (30) days of selection. It is intended that this agreement will be for a term of three (3) years with optional renewal periods and subject to an annual performance review. Task assignments will be subject to scope definition and fee negotiation on a case-by-case basis. The FGUA may choose to select another firm or use in-house staff to perform any of the above services in whole or in part. No minimum amount of professional services or compensation is guaranteed to the selected firms.

SOQs must be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Continuing Professional Engineering Services SOQ" to the FGUA's Operations office, 280 Wekiva Springs Road, Suite 2000, Longwood, Florida 32779, by 2pm local time, March 26, 2012. Interested parties should submit an original and six (6) copies of a letter of interest and qualifications package for consideration. Any SOQ received after this advertised deadline will not be considered.

Failure to provide the required copies and information shall result in the SOQ being deemed nonresponsive. The FGUA reserves the right to reject all SOQs, waive any informalities and to request additional information from the applicant if necessary. The evaluation of all SOQs and awarding of contracts will be done in accordance with the CCNA. The FGUA anticipates approving the selected firms at its April 19, 2012 Board of Director's meeting. Once approved, the selected Consultants will be required to provide their employee hourly rate schedule to be utilized as the basis of compensation for the Consultant's Basic and Additional Services and, if necessary, enter into negotiations.

Proposers may download a copy of the FGUA's Professional Engineering Services Request for Qualifications package, which includes the evaluation criteria, a copy of the proposed standard contract and FGUA procurement policy, from the FGUA website at http://www2.fgua.com/contents/bids.asp. Questions regarding this SOQ must be in writing and submitted to:

Robert W. Dickson, P.E., Capital Program Manager
Florida Governmental Utility Authority
280 Wekiva Springs Road, Suite 2000
Longwood, FL 32779
(407) 629-6900 - telephone
(407) 629-6963 - facsimile
rdickson@guamyserv.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF STEPHEN J. REYNOLDS Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of STEPHEN J. REYNOLDS, deceased, whose date of death was July 21, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 8, 2012.

TRICIA K. REYNOLDS
Personal Representative
470 S. Davis Street
LaBelle, Florida 33935

STEVEN J. POLHEMUS, ESQ.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 2188
LaBelle, Florida 33975
Telephone 863-675-0087
By: Steven J. Polhemus, Esquire
Florida Bar Number 182567
411618 CN 3/8, 15/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles/vessel will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 60 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston Fl 33440 on March 19, 2012 at 10:00a.m.:

2009 Diamond Back Mfg. Inc., HULL #DKP12579A909
1994 Ford
Vin: 1FB3J31H2RHB76653
2007 Yamaha
Vin: JY4AM07Y27C040981
We have the right to refuse any and all bids

411032 CN 03/08/2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 5:00 P.M. at The Greentree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc.," 411288 CB/CN 3/8/2012

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, MARCH 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 1225 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

- Property of JULISSA CAMACHO: QUEEN SIZE BED MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING, TOYS, 2 SPEAKERS, 3 TV'S, FAN, STEREO, MISCELLANEOUS
Property of LEONDRAE CAMEL: 2 WING BACK CHAIRS, 2 TABLE LAMPS, BED SPREAD, CARPET, SUITCASE, AIR PURIFIER, MISCELLANEOUS.
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411298 SN 3/8, 15/2012

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Board meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 12:00 pm in the Clewiston County Club, Golf View Road, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend. 411760 CN 3/8/2012

Public Notice

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., Alt. R, FL 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 Mayford 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 2, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
409841 GCD 2/16, 23, 31, 8/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-155

GREEN TREE SERVICE LLC, 9119 Corporate Lake Drive, Suite 175 Tampa, Florida 33634, Plaintiff,

v. VALERIE P. NELSON, FITZROY NELSON, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 19 AND 20, BLOCK 7, J.T. TAYLOR'S LAKESIDE SUBDIVISION, IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 41, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 HOMES OF MERIT 64 X 32 B320Z MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER: FLHM2139822910AB.

Commonly known as: 1020 Williams Street NW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the front steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moorehaven, Florida 33471, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 22nd day of March, 2012.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Julie Braddock

Attorney For Plaintiff, Timothy D. Padgett, Esq., Timothy D. Padgett, P.A., 2878 Remington Green Circle Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Ph: (850) 422-2520 Fax: (850) 422-2567 411016 GCD 3/1, 8/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2220 CCP
00000-XXXXXX
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JUAN C. GARCIA A/K/A JUAN GARCIA Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the estate of JUAN C. GARCIA A/K/A JUAN GARCIA, deceased, File Number 22201CP00005 XXXXXX, by the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471; that the total value of the estate is homestead real property and personal property of \$500.00, and that the names and addresses of those to whom it will be assigned after the entry of an order is:

MARGARITA G. FREIRE, 3109 Braddock Street, Tampa, Florida 32607
OMAR M. GARCIA, 1111 Shipwreck Circle, Tampa, Florida 33602
CINDY G. GENNARO, 10507 Hinds Place, Odesse, Florida 33556

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 8, 2012.

MARGARITA G. FREIRE, Petitioner
OMAR M. GARCIA, Petitioner
CINDY G. GENNARO, Petitioner

ERIC S. KANE, PL. ERIC S. KANE, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Plaintiff
Florida Bar No. 0847941
20900 N.E. 30th Avenue, Suite 403
Aventura, Florida 33180
305-937-7280
410444 CN 3/8, 15/2012

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Jaime Miranda and Kathleen Coco conducting a Retail business at Clewiston, Florida, under the fictitious name of Mirror, Mirror, LLC and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Jaime Miranda
601 S. Francisco St., Apt D
Clewiston, FL 33440
Kathleen Coco
601 S. Francisco St., Apt D
Clewiston, FL 33440

Ownership of Mirror, Mirror LLC is as follows:

Jaime Miranda and Kathleen Coco
It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Mirror, Mirror, LLC under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.
Jaime Miranda

DATE: 2-28-2012
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000251

ORANGEWOOD HOMES, INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
LINDA DOUGLAS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Charlotte County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Glades County, Florida, described as:

Lot 2, Block C, Lakeview Estate, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 100 and 101, of the Public Records of Glades County, Florida,

a/k/a 1018 Casey Lane Okeechobee, FL 34974

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Courthouse Steps, Moorehaven, FL 33471, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of March, 2012.

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.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk

Stuart M. Gold, Esq.
5801 N.W. 151 Street, Suite 307
Miami Lakes, FL 33014
Attorney for Plaintiff
(305) 591-1040
411025 GCD 3/1, 8/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-000041

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v. JACINTO ROSALES; CARMEN L. ROSALES; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (is/are) not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 23, 2012, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, described as:

LOT 18, BLOCK H, FORT DENAUD ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 68 AND 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 4560 FORT ADAMS AVE., FORT DENAUD, FL 33935-6343

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at in front of the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court being on the second floor of the administration building of the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, at 11 o'clock a.m., on March 28, 2012.

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 60 days after the sale.

Dated at LaBelle, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2012.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-000741

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP Plaintiff,

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated February 15, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000741 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit and in for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff and Arnold Ellington are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in front of the OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., April 18, 2012, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK L, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1984, MAKE: GREEN, VIN#: FFL2AE193205795 AND VIN#: FFL2BE193205795, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATED AT LABELLE, Florida, this 16 day of February, 2012.

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

/s/ J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
SHAPIRO & FISMAN, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813)888-8888
410396 CN 3/1, 8/2012

JOE FLINT
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
410889 GCD 3/1, 8/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000176

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

v. SAMANTHA N. MORTON A/K/A SAMANTHA NICHOLE MORTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMANTHA N. MORTON A/K/A SAMANTHA NICHOLE MORTON, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants. /

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of GLADES COUNTY, Florida, I will sell the property situated in, GLADES COUNTY, Florida described as:

LOTS 19 AND 21, BLOCK 64 PALMDALE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 101, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 8007 Oak Avenue, Palmdale, Florida 33944, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Glades County Courthouse on the Courthouse steps, 500 Avenue J, Moorehaven, FL 33471, on March 22, 2012, at 11:00 A.M.

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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DISABILITY LANGUAGE: If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Operations Manager, Sheila Mann, Phone: (239) 533-1723, Fax: (239) 485-1014, smann@ca.cjis20.org; within seven working days of your receipt of the notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, dial 711. Dated this 2-16-2012.

JOE FLINT
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
410889 GCD 3/1, 8/2012



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## Bass Anglers

The Clewiston Bass Anglers held their monthly tournament March 4th on Lake Okeechobee. First place was won by Walt Reynolds, second place by Chelsea Motsinger, and third place went to Hunter Abowd, Katherine Broughton won the Big Bass Award. If you are interested in joining the club, their monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday at the club house in the Roland Martin Marina and Resort at 7 p.m.

## ARREST REPORT

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

### Rogelio Villalobos, 36



- Dealing in stolen property
- Arrested Feb. 8

### Adrian Jones, 23



- Lewd in lascivious behavior
- Arrested Feb. 28 by Richard Waldirn

### Virgilio Lanchinebre, 56



- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested March 3

### Jorge Ramirez, 36



- Drug possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested March 1 by Ricardo Garcia

### Jamel McBride, 28



- Driving w/ suspended license, habitual offender
- Arrested Feb. 28 by Conner McVey

### Shelby Weeks, 21



- Drug possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested March 2 by Nathaniel Krause



## PUBLIC NOTICE 2012 GENERAL CITY ELECTION

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY  
OF BELLE GLADE

Waiting time will be reduced if you bring your current and valid picture identification bearing your signature to the polls on Election Day - Tuesday, March 13, 2012 and, if a Run-Off is necessary, on March 27, 2012. However, all registered voters will be permitted to vote, even if you fail to bring proper identification, by casting a Provisional Ballot.

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 Belle Glade City elections. Voters shall cast their vote at their designated precinct being one of the following locations: Belle Glade Elementary School, Belle Glade Elks Lodge, Boys & Girls Club, or Lake Shore Civic Center. Please check your voter's registration card for the location of your precinct.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE  
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CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter ID Card. You must notify the Elections Office if you move from the address listed on your Voter ID Card. If you are unsure of the polling location of your new Precinct, call 561-656-6200.  
**The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.**  
SU CENTRO ELECTORAL está nombrado en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Tendrá que informar a la Oficina de Elecciones si se muda de la dirección nombrada en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Si no está seguro del lugar donde debe votar en su nuevo distrito electoral, llame al 561-656-6200.  
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# Varsity Baseball Team Making Adjustments

## Rocky start but will be ready for playoffs

BY JUAN LOPEZ  
jlopez@newzap.com

With a rocky opening to their season, the Clewiston High School baseball team is working hard on their fundamentals for their mid-season play.

As of Monday, the Tigers are 2 – 3 for the season and 1 – 2 in the league. The team's cumulative batting average is hovering at .239 and on base percentage is at .336. Their last game against LaBelle was not something to write home about, with an 11 – 1 loss to the Cowboys.

Facing a strong opponent, the Tigers committed six errors overall and miscues in bunt defense continued to damage the Tigers' chances of keeping the game close. After an eight run third inning by the Cowboys, the Tigers were put into a hole that they were never able to climb out of.

Tiger coach, Skip Crawford, became head coach of the varsity team before the season began and has his work cut out for him.

The team is down a number of senior players who graduated last season. The Tigers have only two seniors playing, with one of them a starter. Crawford has been working with his younger

players -- several of them talented players who have what it takes to bring the program to the next level.

"There is a great pool of young talent that will grow and improve this season," said Crawford. "What needs to be emphasized are the fundamentals."

He explained that if one were to compare the stats of the Tigers to any of the teams they lost to, they were able to match them in level of play. What did damage their chances of winning was the number of errors that were made in those games.

"We cannot expect to go against good teams and make a series of errors and expect to win," said Crawford. "I want my players to be so familiar with what they need to do, with the plays and the situations, that they will respond automatically to whatever comes up."

Many of Crawford's players are utility players; players that can and do play more than one other position than the one that they are familiar with. It is not a desirable situation since players cannot simply concentrate on the position that they show best aptitude for.

Adding to the challenges is the injury of catcher Brock Ramer, who is listed as "indefinite" due to a knee injury. Crawford has faith that the Tigers can step up their game in time for District play in April.

He listed several players, Trey Pruitt, Sammy

Rios, Justin Goldberg, and Luis Rosquete as being players to watch this season to help strengthen the team during the season.

He also noted the young freshman, Steven McKown, who is showing strong skills and will be seeing time on the field during the season.

For know, it will be a climb for the Tigers but one that will pay off at the end of the day.

"We are getting settled and will be ready for what the rest the schedule has coming our way," the coach said.

**The game schedule for the rest of the season is below. District games are marked with an asterisk.**

•March 9 Ft. Pierce-Westwood 3 p.m. AWAY

•March 20 Dunbar \* 6 p.m. HOME

•March 22 Gateway Charter\* 6 p.m. AWAY

•March 23 Ft. Pierce 6 p.m. HOME

•March 27 LaBelle \* 7 p.m. HOME

•March 29 Bishop Verot\* 7 p.m. AWAY

•April 2 SWFC 6 p.m. AWAY

•April 3 Lake Placid 7 p.m. AWAY

•April 10 Eva. Christian 7 p.m. AWAY

•April 13 Moore Haven 6 p.m. HOME

•April 17 Glades Day 4 p.m. AWAY

•April 19 Lake Placid 6 p.m. HOME

•April 20 Moore Haven 7 p.m. AWAY

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ing south approaching the railway while the train traveled west approaching the private road. With Perez's vehicle failing to stop, the train crashed into the semi truck, striking the left front side of the vehicle.

The impact struck with enough force to eject Perez from his vehicle. Emergency personnel found him lying on the gravel side of the railway.

The collision was not enough to cause the train to de-rail and it came to a complete stop approximately 1,000 feet down from the crossing.

At the writing of this article, Perez remained hospitalized and was being treated for serious injuries. The conductor and passenger in the train, Thomas Jason Brown, 32, and David Wayne Guerin, 46, both of Clewiston, reported no injuries.

Perez reportedly did not wear his seatbelt at the time of the crash, and final determination on whether alcohol played a role in the accident is pending.

Charges have not been filed.



PHOTO / JESSICA MOORE

## Miss Latina 2012 Next Weekend

Next Saturday, March 17, at the John Boy Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., 12 young ladies will be competing for Miss Teen Latina and Miss Latina of the Glades. This year's contestants are: Yuri Molina, Alyssa Penton, Sheila Fleming, Kelly Fernandez, Delianys Morera, Maelis Martinez, Leidy Fernandez, Angelica Carrillo, Katherine Chang, Ashley Matamoros, Lynette Concepcion, and Esmeralda Rodriguez. Tickets are now available. Call 863-234-0232 for more information.

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**Big O Birding Festival roosts in LaBelle**



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Water treatment wetlands in the Lake Okeechobee area have become popular sites for wading birds and for bird watchers.

## Big O Birding Festival to 'roost' at Port LaBelle Inn

LAKE OKEECHOBEE—The Big "O" Birding Extravaganza is a Glades/Hendry County cooperative event in South Central Florida on the Southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee. Glades and Hendry counties are becoming a mecca for bird watching, home to more than 300 species of birds, including limpkins, migratory swallow-tailed kites and painted buntings which pass through during October and April. Five Great Florida Birding Trail sites are within the region: Dinner Island Ranch and Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest both are Wildlife Management Areas, and Stormwater Treatment Area #5 (STA5) in Hendry County, and Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area—East & West in Glades County. Expect to see ducks such as the Fulvous Whistling-Duck and the Mottled Duck; shorebirds like Black-necked Stilt; waders such as Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork and Least Bittern; and specialty raptors including Crested Caracara, Snail Kite, and Barn Owl. Plus, area birders are always on a quest for that elusive Smooth-billed Ani.

The 2012 Big O Birding Festival is planned for Wednesday, March 28,

through Sunday, March 31, on the southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee. This year's "roost" will be the Port LaBelle Inn. From there, participants will explore Hendry and Glades Counties with exclusive tours led by prestigious birding experts. Photo tours will be led by John J. Lopinot and keynote speaker John C. Ogden. For a schedule of events or to register for a variety of programs and tours call 863-675-0125 or go online to [www.BigOBirdingFestival.com](http://www.BigOBirdingFestival.com).



Courtesy photo/SFWMD

**Blue winged teal frequent areas around the Kissimmee River.**

### CLEWISTON GOLF COURSE

#### March Calendar of Events:



- 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.
- March 19 - (Course Closed)
- March 20 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 22 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 26 - Crooked Hook RV Outing 8:30 a.m.
- March 27 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non Members \$25
- March 29 - Clewiston Ladies Golf 8:30
- March 31 - Twilight Thu Golf Scramble 4 p.m.  
American-Nicaraguan Visiting Nurse Assn  
Tournament 9 a.m.

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[www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov)

# Irish 'Pot of Gold' Hot Seats for Cash on St. Patrick's Day at Seminole Casino Brighton

## Big bingo specials add to the St. Patrick's Day fun

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Rub your lucky charm, find a 4-leaf clover and search for the end of the rainbow. Saturday, March 17, brings "Pot of Gold" Hot Seats for Cash to the Seminole Casino Brighton, where lucky slots players can win their share of \$2500 every hour from 1 to 11 p.m.

For bingo players, the St. Patrick's Day bingo buy in is \$70, or \$75 with computer. Regular games pay \$750, with \$23,000 in jackpot games, including two guaranteed \$5,000 jackpot games.

Come try bingo on Fridays in March, with free bingo games at 3 p.m. as players compete to win a share of \$1,000 in casino free play prizes. Fridays also bring Hot Seats slot promotions throughout the month of March. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., players compete to win a share of \$2,000 in casino free play.

Put your Irish luck to the test all month to increase your chances of winning a 2012 Mercedes-Benz C250 on Saturday, March 31. More casino play during March means more chances to win the new car.

As always, there is free bus transportation from the Hampton Inn in Okeechobee at 1200 State Road 70. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the bus picks up at 10:30 a.m. It departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bus picks up at 2:15 p.m. and departs at 7:30 p.m.

## Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405 slot and gaming machines, a seven-table poker room, high-stakes bingo seats, a full service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big-city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, off State Road 721 in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit [www.seminolebrightoncasino.com](http://www.seminolebrightoncasino.com).



Courtesy photo/Team Ghost rider/Dan Hubbell

## Team Ghost rider to perform at Okeechobee Rodeo

Tim Lepard's Team Ghost rider will perform at the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo March 10 and 11 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The rodeo starts at 2 p.m. each day.



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\*May not accurately represent vehicle won.

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[seminolebrightoncasino.com](http://seminolebrightoncasino.com)



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Okeechobee Mudfest attracts thousands of mudding enthusiasts from all over the United States for weekend of fun.

# The sport of 'mudding' growing in popularity

**F**or those who like to play in the mud, and those who like a race with a real challenge, the growing sport of mud bogging may be just the ticket. Mud bogging, also known as mud racing or mudding, includes races for those who compete professionally and events that are just for fun.

Mudding is an off-road motorsport popular in Canada and the United States. The goal is to drive a vehicle through a pit of mud of a set length. Winners are determined by the distance traveled through the pit before getting stuck. If several vehicles are able to travel the entire length, winner is determined by a timer. The motor sport is overseen by sanctioning bodies such as the American Mud Racing Association and the National Mud Racing Organization.

Mudding races can include vehicles ranging from three-wheeled All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to giant "monster" trucks.

The National Mud Racing Organization (NMRO) is the sanctioning body for straight-line mud drag racing and 4x4 stock and modified Tough Truck racing. Competitors compete for a purse and a season-series points championship. This is a membership organization made up of over 400 racers and growing. For more information online, go to <http://www.nmro.net>.

The American Mud Racing Association (AMRA) represents the modern extreme automotive sport of Mud Racing. Even though the organization is still in the expansion stages of its youth, its board members and racers have extensive experience in this sport. For more information online, go to <http://www.iracemud.com>.

In South Florida, most "mudders" do not race professionally. They just enjoy getting together with other mud bog-

ging fans and testing their vehicles and driving skills in a mud pit. Some local mudding venues, such as Devil's Garden in Hendry County and L-Cross in Glades County, are open year round. Others, such as the Mudfest in Okeechobee are limited to a few days a year.

## L-Cross Extreme Events

L-Cross Motocross is a 1,200 acre motocross riding area in the middle of a 13,000 acre family owned beef cattle ranch in Glades County, on the northern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The site chosen for the motocross track, hair scrambles and peewee motocross track includes shady trees and swimming holes.

L-Cross Extreme Events also offers mudding, 10 miles of hare scramble motocross trails, pee wee motocross track, 25 mile nature trail ride, and motocross bike wash station. The motocross track and trails are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. most weekends. An Annual Motocross Membership Card is required to ride the mx track and trails.

Florida Motocross Tracks L-Cross MX has multiple motocross riding areas including a motocross track and vast woods areas and scenic mx trails. L-Cross Motocross also offers areas to ride all kinds of off-road vehicles including motocross bikes, ATVs, dirtbikes, quads, or even jeeps, and buggys.

L-Cross hosts various events throughout the year, including Fall Fest, a New Years Party and many more. These events feature live music, lots of food vendors, camping and mudding. Some events are "adults only." No hookups are available for camping but you can bring your own generator. Camp fires are allowed as long as there is no fire ban at the time. L-Cross is located at 27531 E State Road 78, in Glades County. For more information,

call 863-763-0569 or see their web site at [www.l-cross.com](http://www.l-cross.com).

## Okeechobee Mudfest

Okeechobee Mudfest attracts thousands of mudding enthusiasts from all over the country for a weekend of fun in the mud. For the past few years, the

270-acre Sales Ranch in Okeechobee has hosted Mudfest weekends twice a year – in February and August. The most recent Mudfest was Feb. 17-19, 2012. Participants can camp onsite or stay in the comfort of a local motel. For more information online, go to <http://www.facebook.com/TheMudFest>.

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Speckled Perch Festival Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 9-4 and Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9-4

The annual festival celebrates the fishing industry in Okeechobee promises your favorite fried catfish and a heap of delicious fried goodies including

Barbecue, Swamp Cabbage, Fried Pumpkin Bread, Fried Green Tomatoes, Fritters, Ox Tail or Jerk Chicken

Parade starts at  
11:00 am  
Saturday

### Top it all off with:

Ice Cream, Strawberry Shortcake  
or Funnel Cakes.

### For the Kids:

Gem mining, face painting, plaster art And special projects with staff of Home Depot

## OVER 100 BOOTHS

River trader will be on-site as well as Guy Harvey and Cracker Life items, Seminole Arts and Crafts, hand crafted jewelry, a Book Fair by the Okeechobee County Media Specialists and many more!

### Don't Miss

The Dancing turtle, Chain saw Carving Demonstrations or live animal exhibits by Animal Adventures.

### Performances by:

**The Chobee Steelers and Xplosion! and other Local Talent**

# Devils Garden Mud Club is made for family fun

Some call it just good ole' clean and dirty fun, but Devils Garden Mud Club wants the focus of its business to be family fun.

Devils Garden Mud Club first opened Memorial Day 2011, but work to get the park open began two and half years earlier. Owners Doug and Cathy Zipperer and their employees worked extensively with Hendry County officials and South Florida Water Management to get proper permitting. Now Devils Garden holds regular events tied to holidays and local festivals.

"We wanted to be sure it was done right from the very beginning," said Donna Metz-Oates, marketing director. "The focus is always family and safety here. Safety is important, so it took us longer to be different. And that's why many like to come here."

Enthusiasm for the park is growing with word spreading about what many are calling the largest mud park in South Florida. Over 12,000 acres large, Devils Garden Mud Club is 20 miles south of Clewiston on County Road 835. The park is an official NARA Airboat racing location and also has truck races, and

ATV side-by-side races and lawn tractor pulls.

Aside from the racing, DGMC has camping areas, beach areas, mud holes, ATV trails and a new Jeep obstacle course. There are also various vehicle wash off locations. After dark, folks are invited to visit the lit mudhole and the bonfire too. DGMC also has a special family camping area.

"Our main goal is family and we know it'll pay for itself in the long run," said Ms. Oates. "We've got a little bit of everything and lots of space to spread out in which makes it fun for everyone."

The park also holds regular concerts as it has a concert stage on site and brings various food and other vendors in during events.

Coming events for Devils Garden are March Mud Madness, March 16-18, and Spring Break Mudfest April 20-22. Special live entertainment and special race events are being planned for both.

For full info on Devils Garden Mud Club and all of its interests and accommodations, please visit DevilsGardenMudClub.com or find them on Facebook.



Staff photo

**Airboats race at Devils Garden Mud Club. The park is more than 12,000 acres and includes an official NARA Airboat Racing track.**



Staff photo

**If a vehicle gets stuck, others are willing to help pull it out of the mud.**

*It's A Family Fair*  
Tue March 13th -  
Sun March 18th  
**2012**

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**Tuesday March 13th**  
Fair Opens 5 PM

**Wednesday March 14th**  
Fair Opens 5 PM

**Thursday March 15th**  
Fair Opens 5 PM

**Friday March 16th**  
Fair Opens 5 PM

**Saturday March 17th**  
Fair Opens 12 Noon

**Sunday March 18th**  
Fair Opens 12 Noon

**\$1 Night with Fireworks**  
(S1 Rides, S1 Admission, & S1 Select Food Items ALL Night)  
Dairy Show - 5 PM  
Fireworks Show - 7:30 PM

**Student Night** - \$2 Gate Admission for Students  
Swine Showmanship - 5 PM  
Okeechobee Idol Prelims Contest - 7 PM  
- Sign up at the entertainment tent the day of the event.

**Food Drive Night**  
(Bring 3 cans of food - \$2 Gate Admission)  
Swine Show - 5 PM  
Talent Show - 7 PM  
- Sign up at the entertainment tent the day of the event.

**TGIF Night**  
\$5 Gate Admission  
Steer Show - 3 PM  
Beef Breeding Show - 1 Hour After Steer Show Ends  
Equine Exhibitions - 5 PM  
Jackpot Barrel Races - 6:30 PM  
Okeechobee Idol Finals - 7 PM

**Heroes / Livestock Sale Day**  
\$5 Gate Admission  
Armbands \$25 - Good All Day  
Beef Fitting & Grooming Show - 9 AM  
Horse Exhibitions - 10:30 AM  
1-D, 2-D, 3-D, & 4-D Barrel Racing - 1 PM  
Youth Livestock Sale - 2 PM  
(Sale Order: Dairy, Steers, Beef Breeding, Swine, Lambs, Goats)  
Jackie Steil Concert - 3 PM & 6 PM  
Heroes (Cops vs Firemen) Competition - 7 PM

**Family Day at the Races**  
\$5 Gate Admission  
(1 Free Child Admission Per Paying Adult)

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**Daily Entertainment**

Lucky Bob Extreme Juggling & Magic - Time Posted  
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Exotic Animal Show - Times posted  
Pig Talent Show as featured on Jay Leno - Times posted  
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**MIDWAY PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE**

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Fair Opens 5 PM      Armbands \$20 Good All Night

**Wednesday - March 14th**  
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**Thurs - March 15th**  
Fair Opens 5 PM      Armbands \$25 Good All Night

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# Florida State Parks plan special programs and events

Florida State Parks offer a wide variety of programs and activities. Some of the programs offered this month include the following.

## ART IN NATURE: WHIMSICAL LANDSCAPE PAINTING INSTRUCTION

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 8, 10 a.m.

This course will teach you basic composition, while learning painting technique with a touch of whimsy. The cost for the program is \$30 for members of the "Friends of MacArthur Beach" and \$35 for non-members. Reservations required. Please call Janice Kerber, 561-776-7221, ext. 104 for reservations and a materials list.

Fees: \$30 - Members of Friends of MacArthur Beach/\$35 - Non-members

Directions: John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.



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## John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

### "THE PREHISTORY OF THE PARK: SUN, SURF AND QUESTIONS?"

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 10, 11 a.m. - Noon

Come listen to Dr. Christian Davenport talk about the prehistory of the park, its inhabitants and the surrounding area. The program cost \$15 per person or \$10 per person if you are a member of the "Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park." Reservations required. Please call Janice Kerber at 561-776-7221, ext. 104 for reservations.

Fees: \$10 - Members of the Friends of MacArthur Beach/\$15 - Non-members

### BLUEGRASS MUSIC - CONCH STOMP BAND

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 11, 2 - 4 p.m.

Come listen to the Conch Stomp Band play a variety of bluegrass songs. Fun for all ages. This program is free with park admission. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at (561) 624-6950.

Fees: Free with park admission (\$5 per vehicle for 2-8 persons; \$4 for single occupant vehicle; \$2 for pedestrians, bicyclists, and extra passengers.)

### FAMILY ART IN NATURE PROGRAM

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 11, 2 - 4 p.m.

Join us for a workshop designed for the whole family. Design and create something beautiful out of the unexpected. Child and parent will create something special using a variety of materials. Reservations required. Please call Janice Kerber at (561) 776-7221, ext. 104 for reservations.

Fees: \$35 - Members of Friends of MacArthur Beach/\$40 - Non-members

### F.U.N. PROGRAM: "TURTLE HURDLES"

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 17, 9 - 10 a.m.ww

Children and families are invited to learn about the sea turtles that visit the park. There will be various activities and games for the children. This program is free with park admission. Reservations required. Please call Janice Kerber, (561) 776-7221, ext. 104.

Fees: Free with park admission.

### NATURAL FLORIDA GUIDED WALK AND VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Kimbell Education Center

Date: March 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join Florida State Parks AmeriCorps Members for a guided walk through some of the park's pristine natural communities and learn about the importance of plant and wildlife interactions and the role of fire in Florida. Bring a sack lunch and take a break, then help make difference! The remainder of the program will involve exotic plant education and eradication. The program is designed for adults and families with children ages 6 and up - participants do not have to take part in both portions of the program.

Registration is suggested - for more information contact the Kimbell Center, 561-745-5551, or email alexandra.onisko@dep.state.fl.us.

Fees: Free park admission for event participants.

Directions: To Jonathan Dickinson State Park from the south: On I-95 - take Exit 87A - go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.

To Jonathan Dickinson State Park from the north: On I-95 - take Exit 96 - go east on Bridge Road to US 1. Turn right (south) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 3 miles on your right.



Courtesy photo

## Jonathan Dickinson State Park

### BLUEGRASS MUSIC - UNTOLD RICHES

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: March 18, 1-4 p.m.

Nathan Rich and the "Untold Riches" bring their foot-stompin' and hand-clappin' bluegrass music to the park's amphitheater. Just sit back and enjoy the music in Palm Beach County's most beautiful setting. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at 561-624-6950.

Fees: Free with park admission

### MACARTHUR UNDER MOONLIGHT - KILLBILLIES

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
Date: April 7, 7 - 9 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

This month's musical entertainment is Killbillies, playing Irish and folk music. Come on out and bring the whole family! No reservations required and children under age 10 are free. Admission \$5 per person. For more information, please 561-624-6950.

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## 4TH ANNUAL KID'S FISHING CLINIC

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park  
 Date: March 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 On Saturday March 24, Fort Pierce Inlet State Park will be hosting the 4th Annual Kid's Fishing Clinic. Every participant will learn about the Indian River Lagoon and practice fishing skills such as casting and knot tying. Children ages 6-14, who complete the five stations, will receive a prize. Only 50 spaces are available and pre-registration is required, so sign up early to reserve your spot! Register by calling 772-468-3985. A waiting list will be started after 50 kids have been signed up.

Fees: Registration is required.  
 Directions: Fort Pierce Inlet State Park is located four miles east of Fort Pierce, via North Causeway.



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Fort Pierce Inlet State Park

## NATURESCAPING 2012 - A GREEN CELEBRATION

Park: John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
 Date: April 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Park entrance is FREE to the public for our annual NatureScaping Event. Join the group for a free educational day of family fun, with native plant vendors, dem-



Courtesy photo

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

onstration gardens, live animal show, guest speakers, artwork for sale, walk thru butterfly aviary, children's crafts, local environmental organizations, a raffle, photography contest, live music and food! The park's newly remodeled Nature Center will have it's grand opening, featuring artwork for sale by wildlife artist Guy Harvey. For more information, please call (561) 624-6970.

Fees: Free park admission.

## BLUEGRASS MUSIC - CONCH STOMP BAND

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
 Date: April 8, 2- 4 p.m.

Come listen to the Conch Stomp Band play a variety of bluegrass songs. Fun for all ages. This program is free with park admission. For more information, please call the Ranger Station at 561-624-6950.

Fees: Free with park admission

## MUSIC IN THE PARK FALL/WINTER CONCERTS

Highlands Hammock State Park  
 Date: April 21, 7-9 p.m.

Enjoy an evening outdoor concert featuring Back Porch Revival's Old Time String Band in the park's picnic area. Picnic baskets/coolers are welcome. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, flashlight and bug spray. All ticket proceeds benefit park improvements via the Friends of Highlands Hammock.

Fees: Concert admission is \$5 per per-

son (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.) Park entrance fee of \$6 per car is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights.

Call 863-386-6094 for more information.

Directions: Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring.



Courtesy photo

Highlands Hammock State Park

# DEVILS GARDEN MUD CLUB



## Upcoming events:

March 16 to 18:	March Mud Madness (Leprechaun Mud Bash)
March 31 to April 1:	Big Boy Toy Show at Germaine Arena
April 20 to 22:	Spring Break Mudfest

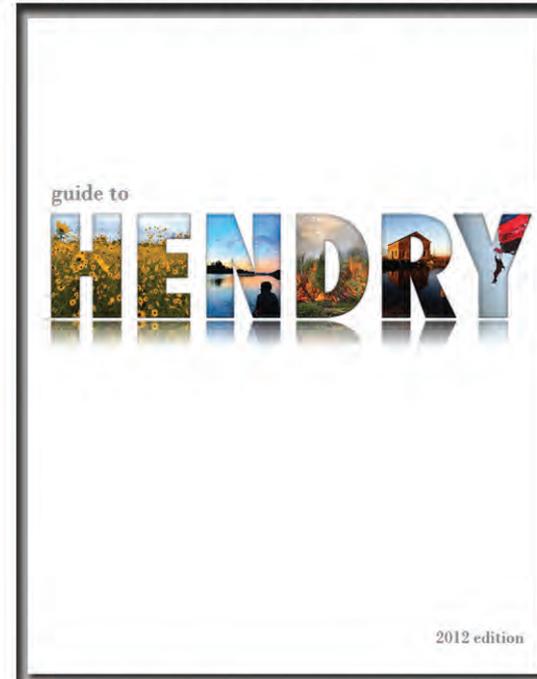
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# Area festivals and special events this month...



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**The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo is set for Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The rodeo starts at 2 p.m. each day.**

## Okeechobee Spring Rodeo

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rodeo will be held March 10 and 11 at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center at 2 p.m. each day. This is a PRCA sanctioned rodeo and attracts top rodeo cowboys from all over the United States. The public entrance to the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is off State Road 710.

## Sugarland Tours

CLEWISTON—Take a ride on 24-passenger Sugarland Express (or bring a larger group on your own bus) for an exciting and informative 4-1/2 hour heritage and agricultural tour. Step back in time with an interesting historical orientation of Clewiston and Lake Okeechobee. You'll get an up-close look at a sugarcane farm to chop and chew some sugar cane and view the latest in farming techniques. You will journey to the Clewiston sugar mill & refinery and citrus juice plant—both state-of-the-art facilities. Also enjoy the tour's newest addition, a tour of the renovated Clewiston Museum. Please note that any portions of the tour that include a visit to ongoing operations may not always be available due to schedule conflicts, maintenance downtime or poor weather. For more information, call 877 693-4372 or 863 983-7979.

## Miss Latina of the Glades Pageant

CLEWISTON—The Miss Latina of the Glades Pageant will be held March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. For more information, call 863-234-0232.

## Speckled Perch Festival

OKEECHOBEE—The Speckled Perch Festival, sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street, will be held in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee on the weekend of March 10 and 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Speckled Perch Festival Parade will be on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The festival began many years ago as a fish-fry fundraiser for the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce. When the original chamber folded, Okeechobee Main Street took over the event.

Over the years, the festival has grown and changed, adding arts and crafts vendors, games for children and entertainment. Due to state health laws, speckled perch—which is a game fish and not commercially harvested—cannot be served at public events. So a catfish dinner served at the Speckle Perch Festival. Local talent including the Chobee Stealers and Xplosion will perform. For more information, call 863-357-6246 or go online to [www.mainstreetokeechobee.com](http://www.mainstreetokeechobee.com).

## Clewiston Museum speaker

CLEWISTON—The Clewiston Museum Speaker Series continues on Thursday, March 8, with Chris Davenport, Palm Beach County Archeologist, as he presents "The Belle Glade Culture—the Middle Man." He has done extensive research on the early native Americans who once inhabited the Lake Okeechobee region. For more information, or to reserve your seat, call 863-983-2870.

## Okeechobee County Fair

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Fair will be held March 13-18, at the Agri-Civic Center Fairgrounds, with the entrance off State Road 710. The fair includes a carnival midway, livestock shows, cooking competitions, fruit and vegetable competitions, sewing and arts and crafts competitions. There is even a Lego building competition. The Okeechobee 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be the week of March 12-17, with the livestock sale on Saturday, March 17. Fairgrounds opens at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment will include the Kandu Magic Show, pig races, a petting zoo, performances by Okeechobee Stealers, horse shows, a monster truck show, Okeechobee Idol Talent Show and performances by Crossbone Band.

## Waterfest F.U.N. Festival

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Tourist Development Council, the Bassmasters Elite Series and the "O.L. Raulerson, Jr." BBQ Contest have joined to create the "Waterfest F.U.N. Festival." This event is to be held at the Scott Driver Pavilion, located at 10101 State Road 78 West Okeechobee, Saturday, March

24, through Sunday, March 25. Festival opens at 10 a.m. and the weigh-in is at 3 p.m. each day. The festival will have educational activities, entertainment, Florida storytellers, historical displays, outdoor sports demonstrations and a barbecue competition.

## L.O.S.T. Ride for cyclists and hikers

OKEECHOBEE—Anyone interested in cycling or walking is invited to ninth annual L.O.S.T. Ride on March 31, starting at 8 a.m. The L.O.S.T. (Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail) is a great trek for people of all ages, skills and abilities. With rides of 12, 20, 40 and 54 miles as well as a 5K walk there is something for everyone. The L.O.S.T. trail itself is world-renowned for its stunning vistas and numerous forms of wildlife. It has become a world-wide destination for bird-watching and world class fishing. This great fundraising event promises to be fun for all. All entrants are provided a goody-bag with a commemorative t-shirt and much more. Also, there is a BBQ meal provided afterwards for all entrants as well as a 50/50 and a raffle with a ton of great prizes. All proceeds benefit the charities of the Rotary Club of Okeechobee. For more information visit [www.okeechobeerotary.org](http://www.okeechobeerotary.org) or call 928-4-ROTARY.

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## Ride Around the Lake

CLEWISTON—Sheriff Steve Widden and his Community Policing Unit will host a motorcycle ride around the lake to raise money for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches on Saturday, March 24. Registration will be available at Fort Myers Harley Davidson from 9 to 10 a.m. and at Roland & Mary Ann Martin's Marina and Tiki Bar, 920 E. Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston from 9 to 11 a.m. The group will ride around Lake Okeechobee with designated stops, starting from Roland & Mary Ann Martin's Marina and returning to the marina where there will be a car show, a bike show, entertainment, door prizes, vendors, food and refreshments. For more information, contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.



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Seminole fry bread and pumpkin bread are popular staples at south Florida festivals. Above, a Seminole lady demonstrates the traditional method of making the bread during the Brighton Seminole Festival.

## Motorcycle rally and rod show in Indiantown

INDIANTOWN—Join thousands of motorcycle and hot rod fans for one of the largest single-day motorcycle events in south Florida—the Indiantown Motorcycle Rally and Rod Show on Sunday, March 25, at Timer Powers Park in Indiantown in Martin County. Gates open at 10 a.m. and admission is \$5 per person. Enjoy live music by Thunder Road, a bike rally, hot rod show, great food, beer, specialty vendors and more. Join contestants that come from over 100 miles away to compete in the motorcycle games of skill for great prizes and trophies. Hosted by the Indiantown/Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Indian Riders Group of Stuart and Band of Brothers, a portion of the proceeds from the rally will benefit the Indiantown Education Coalition. Call 772-597-2184 or visit [www.indiantownchamber.org](http://www.indiantownchamber.org) for more information.

## 12 Hours of Sebring

SEBRING—Sebring International Raceway will host the opening round of the 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida. America's premier sports car endurance race runs on Saturday, March 17.

Sebring will also open the 2012 American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón and mark the return of the FIA to the birthplace of its endurance racing heritage—Sebring hosted the first FIA World Championship race for sports cars in 1953.

“Sebring's 60th anniversary year will certainly be something special with the addition of the FIA World Endurance Championship,” stated Sebring Raceway President and General Manager Tres Stephenson. “This brings to Sebring the leading cars and drivers that compete in the legendary Le Mans 24 Hours race in addition to our stellar lineup of ALMS teams.” In 1953, a Cunningham Car built in West Palm Beach by Briggs Cunningham and driven by John Fitch and Phil Walters won the Sebring 12 Hours. For the next 20 years, Sebring would be part of the FIA World Championship for sports cars.

Audi, Peugeot, Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Mazda are expected to be among the top prototype contenders, while Corvette, Ferrari, Porsche, BMW and Aston Martin will lead a large contingent of GT entries. Over 60 cars are expected to start the race, including the radical new DeltaWing entry.

Gates open at Sebring on Wednesday, March 14. Tickets to the 60th Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida can be ordered online or by calling 800-626-7223.

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The Allan Harris Quartet  
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30th Anniversary Celebration  
Buffalo Rome and Larry Gatlin  
April 17 at 7:00pm



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## The Diary of Anne Frank

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Community Theatre wraps up its 33rd season with a play which won both a Pulitzer Prize for literature and a Tony Award for Best Play. "The Diary of Anne Frank" is the true story of the attempt by two Jewish families to escape the Nazi tyranny in occupied Amsterdam during World War II, based on entries in a diary begun by Anne Frank when she was just 13. Besides the obvious tension, the account also includes light-hearted moments, and the beginnings of young love. It is a gripping evening of theatre which is suitable for all ages. Performances are scheduled for March 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. at the theatre on the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, S.W. Second Ave. at Seventh Street, one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant. Advance reserved seat tickets will be on sale beginning Monday, Feb. 13, at 111 N.E. Second Street in Okeechobee. For more information, call 863-763-1307.



## Hooray for Hollywood

LaBELLE—The Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 North Bridge Street in LaBelle, will present "Hooray for Hollywood: a Musical Revue" on March 9, 10 and 11. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Patrons are asked to arrive approximately 30 minutes before curtain time. Produced and directed by Nick Fidanza, the show will feature Firehouse Singers performing the legendary tunes of Hollywood. For tickets or more information call 863-675-3066, email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com or go online to www.firehouseculturalcenter1.com.

## Celtic Fire: Irish Music and Dance with Riverdance's Michael Londra

BELLE GLADE—Celtic Fire: Irish Music and Dance with Riverdance's Michael Londra will perform on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hall Cultural Arts Center. Presented by international star and recording artist Michael Londra, Celtic Fire is a high-energy evening bathed in the traditional culture of Ireland. Featuring 100% live music, dance and song, the show is anchored in the customs and the ancient musical history of Erin. It is the perfect Celtic evening that sweeps audiences away to Ireland ... its traditions, its land, its pubs, its music and most of all, its heart. The ticket office is the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.



## A Blast from the Past

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Company singers, jazz ensembles and jazz combo will present a mixture of classical and pop music from the past 40 years, at the McAlpin Fine Arts Building, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, on March 8 at 8 p.m.; March 9, at 8 p.m.; and March 10 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 1-800-220-9915.

## PBSC music department concert

BELLE GLADE—Palm Beach State College Music Department will present a concert on March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. This concert will feature performances of American Song Book tunes from the 1920s and 30s up through today's contemporary jazz sounds by several jazz groups including the Troubadours (vocal jazz) and jazz combos. The ticket office is the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.



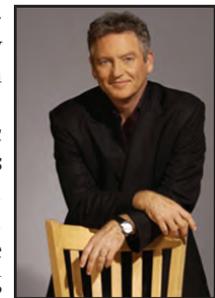
## Buffalo Rome and Larry Gatlin

BELLE GLADE—Blending a rootsy feel reminiscent of the 1970s west coast country rock scene with today's modern country, Buffalo Rome brings a vinyl vibe to the digital age. Their stunning harmonies and expert musicianship have wowed audiences across the country. Their appeal is broad; they have appeared with such diverse performers as Kenny Loggins and Montgomery Gentry. Though they have been together only a short time, they have already been seen on Great American Country and featured in the pages of Country Weekly Magazine. With songs like "Big Sky" and "Ocean In Montana," they are truly putting the "West" back in Country-Western music. They will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 17 at 7 p.m., followed by Larry Gatlin.

There have been many great voices in country music and one golden one: Larry Gatlin. His bell-like tones and soul-stirring vibrato are works of art in themselves, quite apart from the lyrics they illuminate. Of course, Gatlin is equally distinguished as a songwriter. Of the 42 songs he charted between 1973 and 1990, including 17 Top 10s and the Grammy-winning "Broken Lady," he single-handedly wrote every one, an achievement unmatched by any other artist in popular music. His smash "All The Gold In California" stands as a country crossover classic.

A 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held Tuesday, April 17. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the performance starting at 7 p.m.

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## A Nice Family Gathering

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Drama Department will present “A Nice Family Gathering” on April 5 at 8 p.m.; and April 6 at 8 p.m.; and April 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the McAlpin Fine Arts Theatre Building, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce. It is Thanksgiving Day and the Lundeen household’s first family gathering since their Dad died. At the gathering, Dad comes back as a ghost with a mission—to tell his wife he loved her. The trouble begins when Mom invites a date to dinner. For ticket information, call 1-800-220-9915.

## Country Legends Band

BELLE GLADE—On March 24, 2012 at 7 p.m., the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will be filled with the sounds of the greatest Country Music of all time! Patsy Cline, Hank Williams Sr., Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and many more will receive a very special live tribute to their music and lives by The Country Legends Band.

This fun-filled two hour show is much more than just great music; it also includes narration and image projections of all the original Country Music Legends.

Finally, a show where it is okay, actually encouraged, for you to clap your hands, stomp your feet and sing along ... and you will know all the words! Bring your cameras and video recorders because we love to ham it up for you.



The Country Legends Tribute has been performing throughout Eastern Florida to packed performing arts centers and colleges. It has been described as a Branson/Nashville/Opry style show all rolled up into one ... but, only better! Better, because it is coming to you!

All tickets are \$25 and all seating is general admissions. You may order tickets by visiting the website at [www.countrylegendsband.com](http://www.countrylegendsband.com).

## Allan Harris Quartet

BELLE GLADE—The Allan Harris Quartet will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Allan Harris is a world-class singer, guitarist and songwriter. Perhaps best known for his interpretations of jazz standards, Allan’s smooth vocals and guitar-styling easily crosses genres, from jazz to rock to blues. Three-time winner of the New York Nightlife Award for “Outstanding Jazz Vocalist,” Tony Bennett calls Mr. Harris “my favorite singer.” He is regularly featured at the world’s great music festivals, e.g. Jazz Aspen, Wien Jazz Festival in Austria and the Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy. Allan’s Harris’s artistry transcends his diverse vocal performances. Harris has composed “Cross That River,” a full-scale musical celebrating the Old West as told through the words and music of a black cowboy, and has received a prestigious Chamber Music America Grant for that work. For ticket information call the theatre at 561-993-1160.



## Jackie Steil to perform

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Fair will feature Jackie Steil on Saturday, March 17, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in concert. Jackie Steil is 14 years old and a freshman at Vero Beach High School. She began playing guitar and writing songs in December of 2010 when her dad bought her first guitar. Her first public performance was her middle school talent show and she was a finalist in the 2011 Treasure Coast Texaco Country Show Down for her original song “Dear Player.”

Throughout the year Jackie has played several fundraising venues and believes at this stage in her life it is important to give back to the community so all her performances are donated. Jackie has had the opportunity to perform at Open Mics in Nashville at the famous Blue Bird Café, Margaretville’s and Tootsies Orchid Lounge. She also performed her original song at the song writer’s rounds at the Indigo Room, the Commodore Club and Douglas’ Corner Café also in Nashville. Jackie will perform both covers and her original songs at the fair. The fairgrounds are at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The public entrance is off State Road 710.

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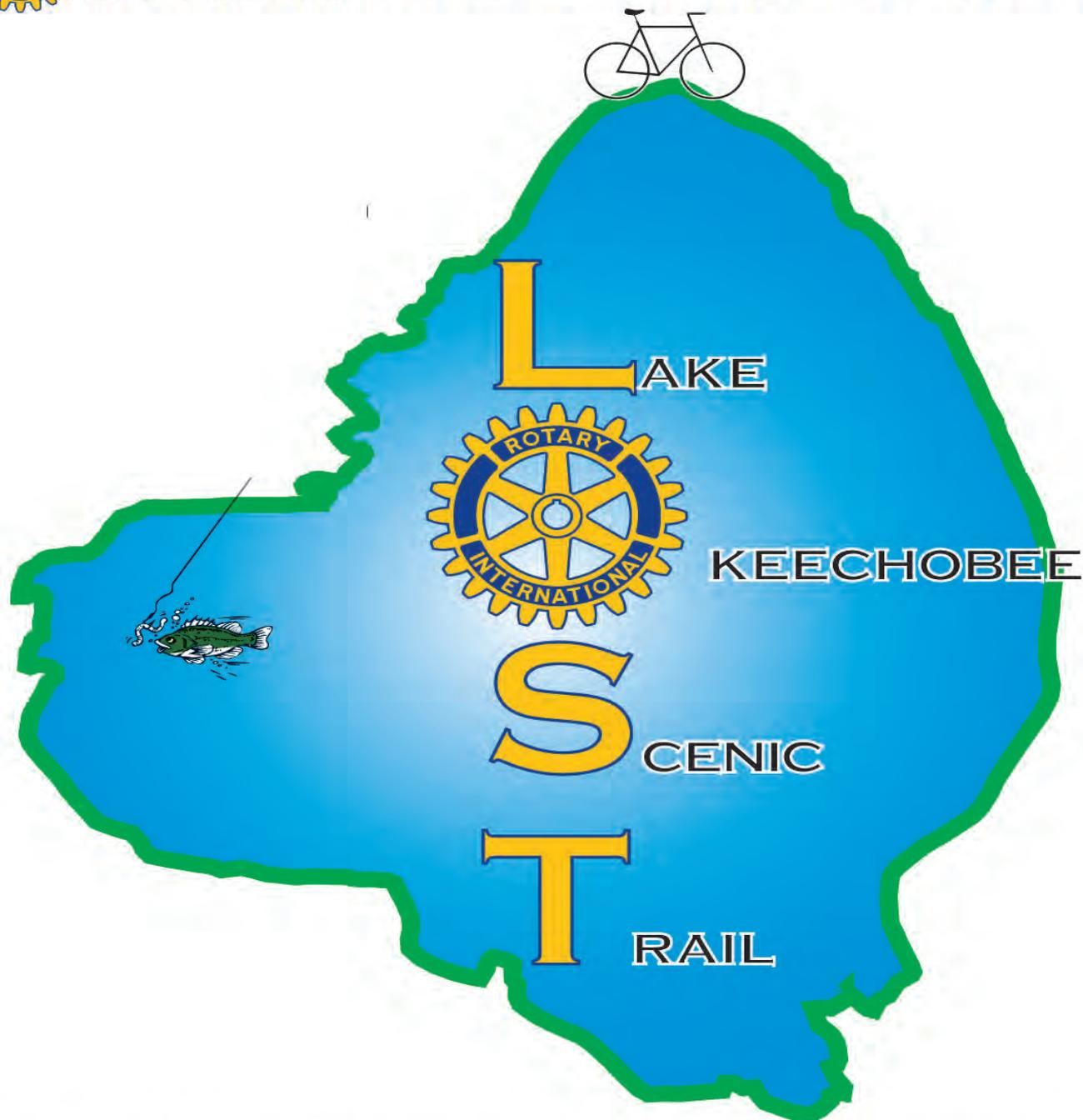


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