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HRMC Student Rescues Child From Drowning

'Miracle' saved child, family says

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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On March 25, an ambulance arrived at Hendry Regional Medical Center in Clewiston carrying a child who was drenched in water and non-responsive.

Paramedics rushing into the emergency room where Dr. Luis Gomez waited were using an ambu bag to manually force air into his lungs.

He was vomiting and taking breaths on his own at the rate of two per minute. The six-year-old showed the signs of neurological trauma – the likes of which the doctor attending him was sure would never be reversed, if the boy managed to survive the night at all.

Waiting for word on his condition, the family, including the mother from whose sight the child had wandered into a deep pool and

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PHOTO / JESSICA SCHULTZ

Hendry Regional Medical Center Auxiliary luncheon was hosted by Florida Cafe on April 19 in their party room. Awards were handed out for hours given. The following ladies donated their time: Sylvia Godwin, 200 hour, Debbie Thomley, 300 hours, Judith French, 400 hours, Irene Shipwash, 600 hours, Pat Mason, 4,000, Peggy Shipwash, 1,000 hours, Dianne Merath, 3,000 hours, Shelia Whil, 7,000 hours. The auxiliary is looking to recruit more volunteers. On May 9 the women will have a bake sale and silent auction in the hospital. They will also be moving the gift shop in the near future. Back row, left to right, Judith French, Debbie Thomley, Pat Mason, Diane Merath; front row, left to right, Stamo Powlos, Tina Harris, Sylvia Godwin, Irene Shipwash, Danny Crane, Petty Haywood.

Facebook Post: Possible Evidence of Animal Cruelty?

PICTURES OF A DOG RUN OVER AND LEFT FOR DEAD

IN THE ROAD

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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The two women who ran over a dog in Hendry County last week pulled over to the side of the road. But instead of helping the dog, they took pictures of the dead animal and posted the images on their Facebook page.

They had done the same thing

to an alligator just three days before. The photos of the alligator were even more graphic.

Now, the women are the subjects of an animal cruelty case headed up by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.

The pictures were grotesque. The black dog was lying on its back on the road, with its rear legs on the ground and its torso turned toward the sky. One front leg is seemingly broken, and its mouth is half-open in the picture.

The pictures have drawn the ire of locals, and law enforcement. Yet it wasn't just the content that was disturbing; but the facts behind it.

The picture was posted at about

1:30 a.m. on Saturday, and the comments depicted a remorseless driver and passenger. Three people were in the vehicle at the time, and all three seemed to be defending having run over the dog -- some even seemed to be bragging about it.

One of them said she would not endanger the lives of the three occupants by trying to swerve and avoid hitting the dog. Another, though, mentioned that the dog had been standing in the middle of the road – it didn't just jump out in front of the car.

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Man Loses Control of Vehicle

Iowa man lands in the hospital after a sudden car crash

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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A man was sent to the hospital yesterday after overturning his vehicle on a deadly stretch of road in Hendry County. Ramiz Ahmetovic, 51, of Iowa was driving alone in his 1999 Volvo when he lost control of the vehicle on C.R. 833, just north of C.R. 835, at just before 3 p.m.

Heading into a sharp curve west, Ahmetovic's vehicle slid into the east shoulder of the road on its right side, crashing into a nearby guardrail and overturning from the momentum.

It came to a rest on its roof. The driver was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital for injuries listed as severe. His current condition is not known. He was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, which happened about 30 miles south of Clewiston. The inset above shows the approximate area where the crash occurred, and the remnant of another deadlier crash.

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Inland Birding Fun: Gray Catbird (GRCA)



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Gray Catbird.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Gray Catbird is a common wintering bird in Florida with the greatest waves of migratory Gray Catbirds occurring in mid-April to mid-May and in the fall from mid-September to late October.

This medium-sized slender songbird has a long, rounded, black tail and slim bill. Its eyes, legs, and feet are blackish. Males and females are slate gray with a small black cap and a rufous-brown patch under the tail. Gray Catbirds are related to mockingbirds and thrashers.

Their most common call is a raspy "mew" that sounds like a cat, but they will mimic other bird species. Songs may last for up to ten minutes. They will also make a loud chattering "chek-chek-chek" and a quiet "quirt." The oldest known Gray Catbird lived to be 17 years and 11 months old.

This secretive bird is often found hopping



Margaret England

through low vegetation or flying for short distances just above the vegetation.

Their usual habitat includes dense shrubs, vine tangles, hedges, and thickets of young trees. They have been known to destroy eggs and nestlings of other birds including the Eastern Wood-Pewee, Chipping Sparrow, and Song Sparrow. The Gray Catbird's diet consists of ants, beetles, grasshoppers, midges, caterpillars, moths, and fruit.

Gray Catbirds are a rare and local breeder in northern or central Florida. Breeding usually occurs in southern Canada, central New Mexico, the Gulf States, and Bermuda.

Females build a nest of twigs and grasses which they line with finer materials. Males will sometimes help supply nesting materials. The nest is built in 5-6 days where 1-6 light blue eggs are incubated for 12-15 days. Both parents feed the young who normally fledge at 10 to 15 days of age.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming North American Migration count to be held on May 12. Tally sheets for NAMC available upon request.

You are invited. Count at your home or other locations. You may join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers at STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on May 12.

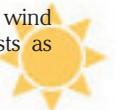
For information about the upcoming North American Bird Count or the STA5 bird trips contact Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or the Hendry-Glades Audubon on Facebook.

WEATHER

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

Thursday:

Sunny, with a high near 81. East wind between 8 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.



Thursday Night:

Mostly clear, with a low around 68. Southeast wind between 9 and 11 mph.



Friday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind between 7 and 13 mph.



Saturday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind between 9 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.



Saturday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



Sunday:

A 20 percent chance of showers, with a high near 82.



Sunday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



Monday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.



NOTICE

The following regular meetings of the Glades County School Board have been rescheduled as follows:

May 10, 2012

Scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Rescheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

June 14, 2012

Rescheduled For

June 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings will be held in The Glades County School Board Meeting Room.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Renaming Dedication Ceremony

The community is invited to attend the renaming of the Hendry Family Care Center to the Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center. The ceremony will take place on Monday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. at 500 West Sagamore – Building A (adjacent to the hospital).

Darius Redd Youth Basketball League

The Darius Redd Youth Basketball League is holding sign-ups at the Pavilion in Harlem on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants must be in school. For more information, please call Mr. Humphrey at 863-983-5562. Children must be registered by a parent, guardian, or adult. They can not register themselves.

Lifeguard Training

Sign up now for Red Cross Lifeguard Training. The swim assessment of 500 yards will be held on Monday, April 30, at the C.S. Mott Pool at 3:30 p.m. Bring your swim suit. This training is for anyone interested in being a lifeguard from the ages of 16 and older. There is a cost for the class. For more information or to register, please call 863-983-1492.

Clewiston Ministerial Meeting

The Clewiston Ministerial Association meets at 12 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month in the Education Room at Hendry Regional Hospital. Lunch is provided. All ministers are welcome. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1. For more information, please call 863-983-5269.

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will be holding a Babysitting Course for ages 12-15 on May 19, at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All participants need to bring their own lunch. Pre-register by May 14. To register, call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

Brown Sugar Festival

The Teen Dance will be on Saturday, May 5, from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Harlem Civic Center, featuring D.J. Chipman. Raffle tickets are also on sale. For more information about booth rental or times of events or any activities please

visit their website at www.brownsugarfestival.info or call 863-233-2372.

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

• Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m., the Caloosa Federated Republican Women will commemorate the 62nd anniversary of 101 Republican Women from both coasts and central Florida who met in December of 1949 at the Clewiston Inn to initiate a state organization 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, at 10 a.m., the Sugar and Spice Room will be open for registration. A luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. There will be ladies to assist all attendees with the Silent Auction items on Friday evening and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Summer Camp Registrations

You can now register for the 2012 Summer Camp at the Youth Center or online at www.clewistonrecreation.com. The registration deadlines are: 1st Session, June 3 and 2nd Session, July 1. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

CIT Applications

The City of Clewiston Recreation Department is now accepting applications for Counselor in Training (CIT) for this year's Summer Camp. You can stop by the Youth Center for an application. The American Red Cross Babysitting Course is one of the requirements for eligibility. For more information, please call 863-983-1492.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be starting a group for family members of people with mental illness. For more information and registration please call 863-241-9563 or 863-946-0411.

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.

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Religion Column

A Call to the 61st National Day of Prayer

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
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We have a God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask or think!

When we pray, remember:

- 1) The love of God that wants the best for us.
- 2) The wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.
- 3) The power of God that can accomplish it.

Since the first national call to prayer in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom and guidance in forming our nation, our country has come together numerous times to seek divine guidance and help.

In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, the National Day of Prayer was officially set as the first Thursday of May.

This year, on May 3rd, people will come together in communities all across America at noontime to unite in prayer for our troops, our leaders, and our nation.

In Clewiston, we are gathering at noon in Civic Park, across from the Clewiston Inn. If you don't have other plans, we would love to have you join us! We'll even provide lunch!

With us or not, please take a moment to break from whatever you are doing at mid-day on May 3 to turn your heart to our Lord. Prayer works, and when God's people come together in prayer, great things happen for God's kingdom.

From our Nation's humble beginnings,



Pastor John Hicks

ingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—to really pray. Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight—all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice." — Robert E. Lee.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Clewiston High School

FAFSA Workshop April 30 at 6 p.m. in the Clewiston High School Media Center.

A Financial Aid Advisor will be available to assist parents and students complete their FAFSA forms. Applying for FAFSA is a requirement for Florida Bright Futures Recipients.

Westside Elementary

• Thursday, April 26: "Festival of the Arts" Talent Show, Spring Concert and Art Show from 6 to 8 p.m. in Cafeteria

• Friday, April 27: Westside's Annual PTO Walkathon

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South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Recognizes Water Conservation Month

Conservation is essential for stretching water supplies and protecting natural resources

To highlight the need for conserving water, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board joined the State of Florida and

129 South Florida communities and organizations in declaring April as Water Conservation Month.

"With so many communities joining together to recognize Water Conservation Month, it reminds us that everyone has a stake in preserving South Florida's water resources," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "Droughts and water shortages in recent years

have shown us that we all depend on water in our daily lives and have a responsibility to use it wisely."

In the springtime, limited rainfall, an increase in temperature and higher evapotranspiration rates often stress regional water supplies across the District's 16 counties.

The District remains in a water shortage warning and year-round landscape irrigation restrictions are in place to save water. The District is closely monitoring regional water supplies during the remainder of what continues to be a below-average dry season. If water levels continue the seasonal decline, a return to water shortage conditions is possible in upcoming weeks.

Simple water conservation practices can include:

- Replacing aerators in kitchen and bathroom sinks with models rated for 1.5 gallons per minute or less
- Watering the lawn by hand

- Installing low-flow appliances, such as a dishwasher or energy-efficient washing machine

- Installing low-flow water fixtures, such as showerheads with the WaterSense logo Throughout April, the District is organizing or supporting dozens of Water Conservation Month activities in an effort to educate South Florida residents about ways to conserve water.

which accounts for up to half of the estimated 179 gallons of water used per person per day in South Florida. The YearRound Landscape Irrigation Rule is just one of many initiatives implemented under the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program.

The Comprehensive Water Conservation Program was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008 to encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida.

Numerous stakeholders worked with the District to define specific regulatory, voluntary and incentive-based programs and in-depth education and marketing efforts that help to foster a year-round conservation ethic.

To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days. For more information on ways to save water, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

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Jeanne Mary Lewis-Young

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Jeanne Mary Lewis-Young, of Silver Spring, Md., beloved wife of Sammie R. Young for 58 years passed away March 15, 2012, with her husband and daughter at her side at the Montgomery Hospice Casey House in Rockville, Md.

Jeanne was 84, born July 21, 1927, in Jeannette, Pa., daughter of the late Morrison F. Lewis Sr. and Fernande P. Michaux.

Following graduation from Jeannette High School in 1945, Jeanne enrolled in the government sponsored Cadet Nurse Corps receiving the RN in Nursing in 1948. In 1950, she was commissioned a Lieutenant in the USAF Nurse Corps (AFNC) stationed initially at Mitchell AFB on Long Island, N.Y., where she cared for wounded American soldiers returning to the US during the early years of the war in Korea. Jeanne also attended flight school in Alabama and received her wings as a Flight Nurse.

Jeanne was transferred to Orlando AFB, Fla., where she met Sammie, a fellow Medical Services Corps Officer. They were married Dec. 4, 1953. In 1955, Jeanne left the Air Force Nurse Corps as a Captain and assumed the role of a military spouse accompanying Sammie on many relocations. While the couple was stationed at Goose Air Base, Goose Bay Labrador, she gave birth to her only child, Milissa. Following relocations to Texas, Louisiana and New Jersey, they settled in Silver Spring, Md., in 1971.

Jeanne will be most remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who touched the lives of many with her caring and gentle ways.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Sammie R. Young, Colonel, USAF (Retired); her daughter, Milissa Jeanne Young Loiselle and husband Jim Loiselle of Arlington, Va.; her grandson, Alan Gebhardt-Bauer of Arlington, Va.; her brother, Ferdinand (Fred) Lewis and his wife Rosemary of Jeannette, Pa.; her brother, Morrison F. Lewis Jr. and his wife Rosemary of Jeannette, Pa.; her sister-in-law, Betty Young-Scaldini of West Yarmouth, Mass.; and 16 nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass was held April 16, 2012, at the Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, Md. Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium will be held on June 1, 2012, at 3 p.m.

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Alvina Marie Ward, 60

MOORE HAVEN — Alvina Marie Ward, age 60, of Moore Haven, passed away Friday, April 20, 2012, at home in Moore Haven.

Alvina was born March 17, 1952, in Clewiston. She is the daughter of the late Alvin Lloyd and the late Audrey (Langdale) Ward.

She worked for the Glades County Tax Collector as a clerk for 33 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Moore Haven.

She is survived by her daughters, Angela Snow Colegrove (Keith) and Kell Ahern (Robbie); brother, Alvin Ward Jr. (Lorie); sister, Brenda Choban (Joe); sister-in-law, Joann Purvis; grandchildren, Kelsey Ahern, Chloe Ahern and Collin Ahern. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Eugene Smith.

The funeral service will be 10 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Moore Haven, Moore Haven, with Rev. Sherrill Tillary officiating. Interment will be in Ortona Cemetery. Visitation hours will be Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston.

Gas Prices Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 6.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.86/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.85/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 5.0 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 0.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Average gasoline prices nationally continue to slowly drop," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "I'll go on the record and say that come Wednesday, I expect the national average in the U.S. will actually be lower than it was on the same day in 2011. Perhaps looking at the big picture with prices having failed to reach new records so far in 2012, we can restore some gas-sanity in this country. Prices go up and down every year, every season, regardless of who's name is on the ballot," DeHaan said.



PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

Scenes from around the lake

A child enjoys the bungee jump at this year's Black Gold Jubilee in Belle Glade. The event was held on Saturday, though the rain dampened the spirit and forced organizers to move up the main event.



A BIG THANK YOU from the Sugar Festival Committee and the Clewiston community for the 2012 Sugar Festival. Without your support this event would not be possible.

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Larry Wilcoxson for Clerk of Circuit Court

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Larry Wilcoxson, 33, is referred by many as a future and rising star in the Republican Party. His brilliance and tenacity has been compared to our Floridian Statesmen Marco Rubio and Allen West.

He has a keen ability to identify problems and is not hesitant in seeking appropriate solutions. He was raised in a fatherless family by a single mother of four who instilled Christ and a strong work ethic in him at an early age.

He worked the watermelon fields and packing houses during summer and school recess to help pay the bills and ease the work load for his mother. Larry did this while excelling in the class room and in football and basketball. Prior leaving for college Larry was awarded the Presidential Pin by former President Bill Clinton.

His work ethic and education helped confirm in him values and responsibilities and that the concept of a "free lunch" is a myth. Someone always pays it is just a question of who, when, where, and how much!

Upon completion of high school at 17, Larry left for college. He turned down several scholarships to attend Florida State. As an 18-year-old young man, Larry had to make a tough decision as to chase a dream or raise his son. Larry chose the latter. He enrolled at the community college, worked numerous jobs and raised his son.

His determination and hard work was noticed by classmate Edgerrin James who was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts. Larry was hired by Mr. James to function as his P. A. during his tenure with the Colts. Larry managed numerous multi-million dollar accounts, real estate, worked with city and state officials, negotiated contracts, and worked with other non-profit organizations throughout the Country.

While working for Mr. James, Larry completed his Bachelor's of Science degree in Education & Criminology in the top five percent of his class earning Magna Cum Laude status. Larry did not stop there as he continued to further his education by completing his Master's of Science degree in Divinity and Family Counseling.

While in Indiana, Larry's faith in Christ was tested when he was falsely arrested. He was



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Larry Wilcoxson.

exonerated and charges were dropped. His perseverance and patient demeanor through his turmoil gained the apologies, blessings and acknowledgements of Republican Governor Mitch Daniels and Democratic Congressman Andre Carson who also attended his college graduation.

Larry pursued a law degree in Civil Liberties. Returning back home to Immokalee, Larry entered the political arena working on Rick Scott's Gubernatorial Campaign. He also ran against a strong incumbent for the State House of Representatives in 2010 although not successful in his bid, he remained active and deeply involved in local, state and federal politics. Larry's experience includes:

- Campaign Director Herman Cain Presidential campaign; Served On Collier County Affordable Housing Board; Collier County Sheriff Minority Task Force; Founder of Sgt. Linda Pierre Foundation and Scholarship (to honor Vets); One of the Founders of the Golden Gate Estates Youth Non-Violent Movement; One of the Founders of the Collier County Young Republican Club

Larry sums up his run for the Hendry County Clerk of Courts, quote "we need a real taxpayer watch dog it is time for transparency and accountability", unquote. He is also putting the money where is mouth is by giving 10 percent of the Clerk of Court salary every year back to the community through churches and non-profit organizations.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking all members of Post 4185 and the Auxiliaries to join us on April 28, at 6 p.m., for Loyalty Day. We have planned an evening of showing our pride and Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag.

The presentation will include our essay winner of this year's Patriot's Pen. This program is open to students in grades 6-8 and was placed on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-12 by The National Association of Secondary School Principals.

This will be Ida Cobb's last special event as our present president before she returns up north. Let's make this a memorable one and show our gratitude for her dedication and many attributions she has shared with us.

At the our previous meeting, Ladies Auxiliary voted to send a "We Care" package to Army Unit

15281, C/O Jessica McCraine, recently deployed to South Korea. Thanks again for those "Sock Hop" socks that are included in this package.

Armed Forces Day is on May 19. It is a day to pay tribute to our men and women in uniform serving the United States. Members of our Armed Forces are always happy to hear from home. If you know someone from our community who is now serving in a foreign country, we would like to add them to our mailing list. You can email the information to vfw.kipp@yahoo.com or by contacting any LA member.

Thank you to all the LA members who have made time in their busy days to prepare our Tuesday night dinners. Our menus can be heard each week on True Oldies 105 FM or by calling 863-983-9748 after 3 p.m. Open to the public, eat in or take out.

Clewiston High School Honor Roll

9th grade

A honor roll

Valeria Cerda, Austin Jackman, Dolores Perez, Pengzhao Zhu.

A/B honor roll

Markevious Allen, M'Aliyah Bell, Courtney Brown, Nestor Cabana, Gloria Carrazana, Stephanie Cervantes, Abigail Cossio, Rachel Creagh, Jameria Davis, Carolina Garcia, William Gibson, Dakota Jackman, Tamara Jones, Fredrick Landrum, Yousy Lopez, Bradley Little, Ashley Matamoros, Shelley McKown, Luis Mederos, Alejandro Mendoza, Alexandra Menendez, Tatiana Mojica, Rachel Morrell, Richard Murrish, Feliciano Nunez, Alexandra Padron, Amado Perez, James Powell, Damian Ramirez, Jesus Ramirez, Janet Reyes, Victoria Rice, Jacob Rudd, Sebastian Sanchez, Kashawla Smith, Daisy Villegas, Brandon Walker, Susan Walker, De'Vontae Weekly.

10th grade

A honor roll

Sade Awe, Tachara Butler, Ross Carmona.

A/B honor roll

Michelle Carreno, Michael Counts, Melanie De Las Salas, Raul Frenes, Itzia Garcia, Samantha Harris, Csenge Kozma, Shanay Lindsay, Jenny Lopez, Maria Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Maria Molina, Edwmary Montalvo, Axel Navarro, Maria Orozco, Dahlia Perez, Jessica Radcliffe, Brock Ramer, Leticia Raya, Joshua Rojas, Ariana Rosas, Jalen Rushing, Tianna Thomas, Cristhian Vega.

11th grade

A honor roll

Casey Crawford, Cecilia Luna, Joshua Martinez, Shamaria Morrison, Richard Valera, Jennifer Velazquez, Jessie Wiggins.

A/B honor roll

Yair Antonio, Lorenzo Boyd, Cedrick Brown, Tamika Cooke, Taylor Corbin, Ednisha Cottman, Leonardo Garcia, Ryan Garcia, Justin Goldberg, Daniel Holligan, Caitlin Jarvis, Rachel Kelley, Jasmine Leiva, Melissa Mazo, Jorge Medrano, Mayuri Mendez, Maria Mendoza, Rachel Mendoza, Elizabeth Minero, Juanisha Norton, Sonia Perez, Mandi Perry, Karl Powell, Victoria Rodriguez, Adam Rudd, Pedro Segura, Chelsea Steadley, Alise Stoker, De'Marcus Terry, Chakayla Thicklin, Arelys Valles.

12th grade

A honor roll

Jose Avendano, Cortney Byers, Mary Gamble, Erica Hegley, Whitney Irey, Ra'ven Lee, Jeremy McCluskey, Carlos Ortiz, Brenda Prudencio, Trey Pruitt, Adriana Rangel, Francisco Reyes, Jeffrey Rojas, Sage Smith, Pearline Thompson, Katherine Valdes, Robbiannia Weekley.

A/B honor roll

Tiffany Azan, Chelsea Barrineau, Kadejha Baxter, Christina Bracciale, Michonae Brown, Joy-Anna Bryan, Shancee Cooke, Andres Cordova, Ruben Cornejo, Joshua Deese, Freddie Edwards, Jessica Evans, Angela Fountain, Ana Gonzalez, Shaila Gonzalez, Lindsay Hall, Diana Hernandez, Elneisha Holligan, Kinisha Holligan, Amber Pacheco, Ramiro Pena, Sadie Penny, Emily Pinero, Grant Polhill, Marlon Ricketts, Donchet' Ross, Olivia Rushing, Clarissa Sanchez, Kimberly Seguritan, Nelkeya Wood.



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Pizza party for safety patrol

Central Safety Patrol was given a pizza party from Ms. Martinez, a parent of a Kindergarten student, for their good work this year.

Golfing Wiz Pena Among FGCU Athlete of the Year Finalists



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The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Department of Athletics proudly unveiled its five finalists for the prestigious 2012 Eagle Scholar-Athlete Award on Monday afternoon.

The winner will be announced during the athletic department's annual Senior Send Off and Awards Ceremony on Monday evening (April 23) at the Student Union Ballroom.

The Scholar-Athlete Award is the highest honor FGCU bestows upon a graduating senior student-athlete and recognizes the ability of the winner to combine athletic and academic success (minimum 3.20 grade-point average) with community service.

The 2012 Scholar-Athlete Award finalists include men's soccer player Adam Glick (Leola, Pa./Conestoga Valley HS), swimmer Leah Daniel (Winnipeg, Manitoba/Grant Park), women's basketball player Courtney Chihil (Tipp City, Ohio/Alter HS), men's golfer Brandon Pena (Clewiston, Fla./Clewiston HS) and women's soccer player Gina Petracco (Fort Myers, Fla./Bishop Verot).

The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. with an hour-long Senior Send Off program, which is coordinated by the Eagles Council, recognizing

the graduating senior student-athletes. For the second time in program history, varsity letters will be bestowed upon the members of the senior class.

The Athletics Awards program will immediately follow and include the presentation of the Community Service Award, Most Inspirational Award, the Carl McAloose Spirit Award, the Team Spirit Award and the Eagle Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Most Outstanding Male & Female Athlete finalists will be announced that evening as well, with the eventual winners determined after the 2011-12 seasons are all complete.

Graduating third all-time in program history with a 73.3 stroke average, second with 40 par or lower rounds, second in career rounds played (100) and second in career counting scores (90), Pena finished in the top 15 at the A-Sun Championship all four years, highlighted by a second place finish in 2010 that earned him All-Conference status.

The Clewiston native finished in the top 20 in an astonishing 24 of 34 career tournaments, including 15 top 10s, and is currently ranked in the top 100 individually by Golf Stat.

Net Migration from Mexico Falls to Zero - and Perhaps Less

After four decades that brought 12 million current immigrants -- more than half of whom came illegally -- the net migration flow from Mexico to the United States has stopped and may have reversed.

The standstill appears to be the result of many factors, including the weakened U.S. job and housing construction markets, heightened border enforcement, a rise in deportations, the growing dangers associated with illegal border crossings and the long-term decline in Mexico's birth rates.

The wave of Mexican immigration to the U.S. could resume as the U.S. economy recovers. But even if it doesn't, it has already secured a place in

the record books.

The U.S. today has more immigrants from Mexico alone than any other country in the world has from all countries of the world. Some 30 percent of all current U.S. immigrants are Mexican-born.

Beyond its size, the most distinctive feature of the modern Mexican wave has been the unprecedented share of immigrants who have come to the U.S.

From these, just over half (51 percent) of all current Mexican immigrants are unauthorized, and some 58 percent of the estimated 11.2 million unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. are Mexican.

Fearing Algae Blooms, SFWMD Commits to Lake O Releases

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	11.86 feet
Historical Average for Today	13.78 feet
This Date One Year Ago	11.16 feet
One Month Ago	12.62 feet
One Week Ago	11.81 feet

With no indication of algal bloom formations, District moves forward with proactive strategy

Portions of the 16-county South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) received up to 3 inches of rainfall during the past three days, providing some local basin runoff into the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary.

While the rainfall provided some relief, conditions remain favorable for the potential formation of algal blooms in the river. Earlier this month, in anticipation of potential algal bloom formation, the SFWMD Governing Board authorized staff to recommend short-duration freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee, if conditions warrant.

Based on the best available data and science collected over the last nine days, staff today recommended to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the immediate start of a three-day pulse release of 2,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee, as measured at the S-79 structure located in Alva, east of Fort Myers.

The Corps has indicated that the releases would begin earlier this week.

SFWMD staff have been conducting water quality testing along more than 40 miles of the Caloosahatchee River to evaluate the potential for algal bloom formation.

Sampling results have so far found isolated increases in chlorophyll levels, which is an indirect indicator of the presence of algae, but there is no current indication of algal bloom formations.

The District will continue to conduct monitoring, analyze the data and closely review conditions in the river and estuary.



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

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

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



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Sean Scheffler Speaks to Green Thumbs Garden Club



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During their April meeting at the Country Club, Green Thumbs Garden Club members were challenged and motivated by Clewiston's Director of Public Works, Sean Scheffler, to reduce household waste, reuse what they can, and recycle everything possible.

He encouraged everyone to save water by washing cars on the grass instead of cement. He pointed out that when washed on your driveway, polluted dirty water runs into the storm swells and ends up in our drinking water where it must be cleaned before consumption.

Other points made by Scheffler were: Call police, 863-983-1454, to report a spill or suspicious activity; do not flush outdated medicines; take them to the Hendry Co. Health Dept., 863-674-1454, or to pharmacies for disposal; call 863-675-5252 to arrange drop-off of hazardous materials, including batteries of all sizes and household cleaning products, as well as spray paint cans, and paint cans with liquid still in them, among many that were mentioned.

Following their luncheon, officers were installed for 2012-2013.



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CMS student places 2nd in science fair

Kudos to Clewiston Middle School sixth-grade student, Jordan Potter. He recently placed 2nd for his Chemistry entry in the Florida state level science fair!

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ALLIE CALLAWAY & BRYAN ROYAL

Jeff and Jan Royal of Belle Glade are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Bryan Jeffrey to Lori Allison Callaway, the daughter of Mike and Anita Callaway of Brunswick, Ga.

Bryan is the grandson of Joanne Royal and the late Larry Royal of Belle Glade, and the late Jack and Tina Hancock, formerly of Sylvester, Ga. Allie is the granddaughter of Charles Abram and Mary Jane McAlister of Manchester, Tenn., and the late James Shetterly and Ann McDonald Callaway, formally of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Allie graduated from Valdosta State University in May 2010 with Bachelor degrees in Business Marketing and Business Management. She will graduate in May 2012 from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a Masters in Arts in Teaching Early Childhood Education.

Bryan graduated from Valdosta State University in December 2010 with a



Bachelors degree in Business Management and is currently employed with MacAljon/SCL in Savannah, Ga.

The couple will be married June 23, 2012, on St. Simons Island, Ga., and will reside in Savannah, Ga.



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Spelling Bee

Winners from the Westside Elementary Spelling Bee.

Democrats Caucus on May 5 to Elect Convention Delegates

Hendry County Democrats will caucus at two locations on Saturday, May 5, to elect four delegates to a special state convention June 1-3 in Tampa where delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be elected from each of Florida's current congressional districts; only delegates to the Tampa convention may run for congressional district slots to the Democratic National Convention.

Hendry County Democrats living in the 16th Congressional District will caucus at LaBelle City Hall to vote for their two delegates to the June Florida Democratic Party Convention while Hendry County Democrats living in the 23rd Congressional District will caucus at the Brown Sugar Festival in Clewiston's Harlem Community

and also elect two delegates to the June Convention in Tampa. Voting by secret ballot will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Any Democrat registered to vote in Hendry County may file to run for delegate at the May 5 County Caucus. Forms are available from Hendry County Democratic Chairman Joe Thomas in LaBelle at 863-612-0413 or can be downloaded at www.fladems.com by clicking on "The County Caucuses: Our Time To Shine."

Delegate qualifying forms must be returned to Hendry County DEC officers by 5 p.m. Friday, April 27. Any Hendry County Democrat interested in volunteering at either caucus location is asked to contact DEC Chairman Thomas for information.



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Mythology production

Clewiston Middle Schools' Mrs. White's seventh graders exhibit their creative genius with mythology production. Student performers were Joshua West, Albert Zamarripa, Javier Delsario, Miriam Riveron, and Rache Valdez

Please join us for the Dr. James D. Forbes Naming Dedication Ceremony

You're invited to attend the renaming of the Hendry Family Care Center to the ***Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center***



Dr. James Forbes - 2009

The ceremony will take place at 500 West Sagamore – Building A (adjacent to the hospital) on

**Monday, April 30th
at 9:30 a.m.**

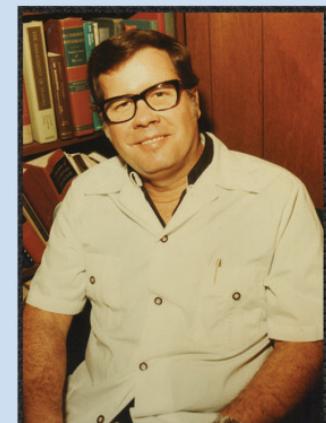
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Dr. Forbes in his earlier years of practice



Suspicious Wildfire Activity in Moore Haven

Forest Service urges anyone with information to report the crime, offer reward

Early April, a series of suspicious wildfires threatened the community of Moore Haven and the Florida Forest Service needs your help in the investigation.

"We urge residents and business owners in the area to be vigilant of any suspicious activities and report them to authorities," said Senior Ranger Danny Callahan.

If you have any information about the cause of these fires, please call 1-800-342-5869 or call your local Florida Forest Service. There is a reward up to \$5,000 leading to the arrest.

Tips to preventing suspicious wildfire activity near your home and business:

- Keep your porch and garage lights on at night.
- Call 911 if you witness a developing emergency situation.
- Make your home Firewise, call your local Florida Forest Service for more information or go to www.floridaforestservice.com.

Be Ready, Be FIREWISE. This is the time make sure your home can survive a wildfire. Remove anything that will burn from your roof and gutters. That includes pine needles, leaves, small twigs, and palm fronds.

Be sure there is nothing flammable against the sides of your home. Be sure to use plants that are not highly flammable around your home.

Keep the area within 30 feet of your home picked up, mowed, and watered within the guidelines of local water management.

With the recent rainfall wildfire activity in Glades County has reduced the drought Index to 514 (scale of 0-wet to 800-drought).

Every day without rain dries out the vegetation (fuel). The recent cold front introduced high winds and low relative humidity; this weather aids in the reduction of fuel moisture in the vegetation.

A good daily indicator of wildfire conditions is the Fire Danger Index. http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_danger/wims-report.html



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Lombardo wins Miss Florida Latina

Carolina Lombardo represented the Glades area in Orlando Florida last month, bringing home the title of Miss Teen Florida Latina. Carolina Lombardo will also go on to represent the Florida title in the Miss US Latina pageant in Cancun this June. For more details visit www.MissLatinaofTheGlades.com or www.MissFloridaLatina.com.

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DROWNING

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nearly drowned, replayed the events over and over. When Dr. Gomez stepped outside of the ER to deliver the news that the boy had been put on a ventilator, they "just bawled," the doctor reported.

"They must have assumed that the child was dead," he said.

A few days later, the child walked out of a second hospital, much to the surprise and delight of everyone who helped the boy – starting with the young student who was lost and traveling in circles when a little girl signaled to her that something terrible was happening.

A wrong turn

Nicole Reynolds types in the address into her GPS, but the unit isn't working the way it should and soon the 25-year-old who is studying to become a Physician's Assistant is traveling in a circle, bouncing back to the same location again and again.

As a relative newcomer to the Clewiston area, she is quickly giving up hope of finding her location.

At the same time a woman notices that one of her children is gone. Having driven her kids to the city's water park, and becoming distracted with the other children exiting the vehicle, the mother of the child begins to search for her kids, soon realizing that one of them had managed to get inside of the locked community pool. The child had passed through a gap in the fence to go down a slide that fed into the deeper end of the pool.

The mother managed to get inside of the pool area; reports conflict as to whether she jumped the fence or squeezed through.

She jumped into the pool in an effort to save the boy, but hung on tightly to the side of the pool because she could not swim either.

She was also holding a two-year-old in her arm as she tried to reach the boy, who was then just a shadow in the water.

That's when a little girl flagged down Nicole. "The little girl was standing, waving her arms. She was crying, so I rolled down my window. She said, 'my brother. My brother.'"

Nicole sprang into action. With the help of the mother, she got access into the pool area and jumped into the water to rescue the boy.

Nicole performed CPR on him and he began to spit out water.

Then the paramedics arrived and took over, taking the child to HRMC.

A month after the ordeal, Nicole still hasn't had a chance to think of the event in any reflective way.

"When I realized what was going on, I don't think I had anything going through my mind.

I just did it," she said. "I'm still a little bit in shock."

The staff worked feverishly to stabilize him, but ordered an airlift to transport him to St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach.

By his own determination, the doctor believes the boy must have been in the water at least five minutes. This is a dangerous number for most, and especially because the child was warm when he arrived to the ER.

In some cases, cold environments serve to lengthen the body's ability to remain without oxygen before critical cells begin to die, but that did not seem to hold true here.

"Our team thought we did our best but we thought that, neurologically, the child had sustained significant injury to his brain for being an extended period of time without oxygen," the doctor said.

When he called St. Mary's to find out how the boy was doing, Dr. Gomez was shocked to find out that the boy had recovered completely; that he had walked out of the hospital as though nothing had happened.

"I was almost incredulous," said the doctor. "I've been doing this for 15 years. I've seen children like this six-year-old not make it."

Family says 'thank you'

Contacted by The Clewiston News, the family remained grateful.

Unable to speak English, the mother of the boy said she was indebted to Nicole for rescuing the child, and called the episode a "miracle." The boy was not available on Tuesday because he was back in school, she said.

The father echoed the same sentiment, and said he had been searching for the young student who saved his son to thank her personally.

When he was extended the offer to meet her through this newspaper, the father, a worker at a local fruit processing plant, seemed to shy away and later did not return phone calls.

But he owes her a lot, he said, and wished someday to meet her in person.

The incident has left an indelible mark on the family, haunting them with the thought of what might have resulted – the father said the memories of that night are still painful -- and the similarly powerful understanding that there are still good people left in this world.

Nicole seemed to understand.

"I know that they're thankful, and that's good enough for me," she said.

Meanwhile, the doctor at the hospital was simply happy that his team was able to assist. The doctor gave credit to the staff.

"There are worse places to have been than in Clewiston, with a nice hospital that wasn't overburdened. The team was very focused and the nurses were great," he said.

"Even though this is a tiny little hospital in a rural area, this day the group shined," said the doctor, thrilled that technology failed and fate prevailed for one lucky child and his willing rescuer.

"Thank goodness that girl turned into the wrong road at the right time," he said.



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Tom Corbitt Runs for Tax Collector

My name is Tom Corbitt. I'm a Republican running for Hendry County Tax Collector. I'm a native Floridian born in Miami and raised in Hialeah with strong family ties since the mid 1800s to Hendry County and the surrounding area.

My grandmother tended the swing bridge in Olga. My father, Alan Corbitt, went to school in Alva in a one-room schoolhouse and my mother, Lou Corbitt, was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of LaBelle.

Shortly after graduating from Hialeah High School in June 1960, I enlisted in the United States Air Force and in August 2003 I retired as a Colonel. I hold a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration for Florida State University, a Masters Degree in Political Science from Auburn University and I am a graduate of the prestigious USAF Air War College for senior officers.

During my first of four tours in Germany I met and married Antoinette Schroeter of Kiel, Germany. Sadly, Antoinette passed away shortly before I retired.

We have two children Michele Surdam and Thomas II. Michele lives with her husband Jim and my four grandsons in Virginia.

Thomas is a civilian working for the US Army in Europe and he and his wife Angela make their home in Belgium.

In June 2005 I returned to my Florida roots and settled in LaBelle where I met Linda Clark, herself a widow, and chased her until she caught me. We were married in 2011 and live in North LaBelle.

During my early career as an enlisted man, I was an aircraft mechanic and flight engineer with assignments in Germany, Greece and Thailand. Following my tour in South East Asia I was accepted into the USAF Airmen's Education and Commissioning Program and graduated from FSI in August 1973.

I received my commission as a 2LT in December 1973. Over the course of the next 30 years, I worked in numerous organizations with wide-ranging and diverse missions, from small-specialized units to large complex units as well as large national and international headquarters.

I have been responsible for developing, implementing and overseeing numerous multi-million dollar budgets and the expansion and improvement of major military communities.

I served three tours as a Commander, the last as a Support Group Commander responsible for over 5,000 military personnel and their families and a \$175 Million dollar annual budget.

I served two tours in the Pentagon, one on the USAF Headquarters staff working defense initiatives with our NATO allies, the other on the Joint Staff working Middle East issues and coun-

ter drug initiatives in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

I served two tours at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium as the senior U.S. National

Expert on Air Defense and Aerospace Control and Management and a third tour in Brussels, as the Program Manager for a Multi-National project to define an airborne ground surveillance system for NATO.

Over my entire USAF career, (13 years as an enlisted man and 30 years as an officer), one thing I have found, regardless of the size or complexity of the organization, is that there is always room to improve how we do business.

As you peel back the layers of state or local statutes, regulations, directives and proce-

dures, be it in large complex military organizations or the local county Tax Collector's office, you will find requirements and procedural steps that add no value to achieving the end objec-

Simply put they are there because they are there or because of the old, "That's the way we've always done it." I believe a new set of eyes can see things often times missed by those who have been in office for a long period of time.

As your tax collector, I want to use my leadership, management skills and experience to "peel back" the layers and root out and eliminate those non-value added steps.

I know from experience there are always ways to streamline operations and save money while maintaining the highest level of customer service. Through my service, I want to "Make it better - Make it Happen - Make it Last" for our community.

I believe in and live by the core values of Personal Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence in All That We Do. Since returning home to Florida I have become actively involved in the community.

I'm the Vice Chairman of the Local Planning Agency. I attend Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church. I'm a member of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce and a founding member/senior partner in Corbitt-Clark Consulting, LLC.

I am a founding member and past president of the South Central Florida Car Club as well as a life time member of the Air Force Association and a member of American Legion Post 01, Paris France.

I actively support local businesses and organizations such as the Hendry County Hospital, the American Legion Post 130's LaBelle Veterans Park, United Way, Salvation Army and the Quarterback Club.

Together we can "Make It Better - Make It Happen - Make it Last" for Hendry County. Thank you, Tom Corbitt.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1819	2008	1224432-010000790070	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc.

Lot 7, Block 79, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the Second Thursday in the month of May, 2012, which is the 10th day of May, 2012.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2012.

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1841	2008	1244432-A000080100	G.A.M.E Investments, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, 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 5403, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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415644 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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415695 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest of the Southwest 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 South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1012, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of May, 2012**, which is the **31st day of May, 2012**.

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

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

415658 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1614	2008	1154432-A0002500000	G.A.M.E Investments, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2657, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of May, 2012**, which is the **10th day of May, 2012**.

Dated this **28th** day of March, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

413769 CN 4/5,12,19,26/2012

Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED****Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1587	2007	1254432-A0002560000	Ofelia Otero

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4944, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of May, 2012**, which is the **10th day of May, 2012**.

Dated this **28th** day of March, 2012.

Public Notice**Public Notice****PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE****GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Glades Utility Authority ("Authority") is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the City of South Bay Commission Chambers, 335 SW 2nd Ave., South Bay, Florida 33493.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider approval of the regular meeting minutes, consider the approval of payment for certain outstanding GUA obligations, consider the adoption of a rate surcharge, the abolishment of readiness to serve policy, the approval of the proposed 2012 Budget, Board receiving of the 2010 Final Audit Report, and any other business that may come before the Board. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained at the meeting or, prior to the meeting, by contacting Jocelyn Colón at **561-493-6127**. The meeting, or consideration of any individual agenda items, may be continued to a date and time certain to be announced at the meeting and noticed.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Jocelyn Colón at **(561) 493-6127** or **Jcolon@pbewater.com** at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Jocelyn Colón, GUA Clerk

413737 CN 4/5,12,19,26/2012

Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 11-226CC on March 14, 2012 in the matter of John Jay Watkins, as petitioner and The Lyndel Group, LLC, as respondent, I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

Lot 1, Block 2323, Port La Belle Unit 9, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

And

Lot 22, Block 2307, Port La Belle Unit 9, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

and on May 10th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to all prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.

IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice at least seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097, 1-9-800-955-8761 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lt. Andy Lewis
413507 CN 4/5,12,19,26/2012

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to E R Jahnke Industries Inc, Jim Lanier, Ortona Sand Mine, PO Box 840, Lake Wales, Florida 33859 to operate an industrial wastewater treatment facility which would discharge process wastewater and stormwater to a barge canal to the Caloosahatchee. The facility is located at latitude 26°48'44"N, longitude 81°17'46"W on State Road 78, Ortona, Florida 33935 in Glades County.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's South District Office, 2295 Victoria Ave, Suite 364, Ft. Myers, Florida 33901-3875, at phone number (239)344-5600.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer on the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

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

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for this proceeding.

415390 GCD 4/26/2012



Keywords:
The Clewiston News, Glades County Democrat & The Sun

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1858	2008	1244432-A0000510000	G.A.M.E Investments, Inc.

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5367, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of May, 2012**, which is the **31st day of May, 2012**.

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

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr.

DATE: 5/8/12

SUBJECT AREA: 516 Travel, Reimbursement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for travel reimbursement.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.49, 1001.51, 112.061 F.S. and 6A-1.056 SBR.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.49, 1001.51, 112.061 F.S. and 6A-1.056 SBR.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for travel reimbursement.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on May 8, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.
413683 CN 4/12,19,26 CB 4/26/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS,
CR 833 FROM BIG CYPRESS INDIAN RESERVATION
TO FOUR MILES NORTH, CLEWISTON, FL

BID # 2012-05

OPENING DATE AND TIME: May 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Construction of Road Improvements, CR 833 from Big Cypress Indian Reservation to Four Miles North". 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 May 10, 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 Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference** on **Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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 submissions 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
414361 CN/CB 4/12,19,26;5/3/2012

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

Consolidated Case No. 08-149 CA

SALVADOR ESCUENAZ,
Plaintiff
v.

BENITO LOPEZ, et. al.
Defendants.

SALVADOR ESCUENAZ,
Plaintiff **Case No. 08-150CA**
v.

BENITO LOPEZ, et. al.,
Defendants.

ESTHER GREENSHIER,
Plaintiff **Case No. 08-151 CA**
v.

BENITO LOPEZ, et. al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

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

You are NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of Marriage with Children has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Martha Patricia Herrera-Cabrero, whose address is 60 Jim Kulczy Dr. #206, LaBelle, FL 33935 on or before 3-27-12, and file the original with the clerk of this Clerk at P.O. Box 310, Ft. Myers, FL 33902 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: Feb. 16, 2012

CHARLIE GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: M. Nixon
Deputy Clerk
415565 CB 4/26/5/3/17/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing, 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on May 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.:

2000 Chevy, 2C1MR5221Y6704128
2001 Ford, 1FDSX34F51EB28786
1990 Toyota, JT2AT86F2L0019068
We have the right to refuse any and all bids*
415564 CN 4/26/2012

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider an easement.

This meeting is open to the public.

Jennifer L. Derleth, Chairman
15344 CN/CB 4/26/2012

ARREST REPORT

Lucio Corrancos Martinez, 19

- Aggravated battery
- Possession of over 20 grams of cocaine
- Possession/use of drug paraphernalia
- Arrested April 22 by SPD Ofc. D. Davis

Demaster Jored Auther, 31

- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested April 21 by M. Thomas

Jose Junior Rico Jr., 21

- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Possession of marijuana w/ intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc.
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested April 20 by N. Krause

John Waldon Jr., 73

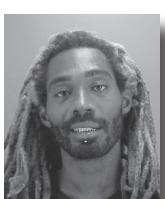
- Operating a motor vehicle w/o a valid driver's license
- Possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested April 23 by C. McVey

Genell Roberts, 32

- Possession of a controlled substance w/o a prescription
- Possession of cocaine
- Possession/use of drug equipment
- Arrested April 22 by M. Thomas

Melissa Monique Mitchell, 31

- Driving w/ suspended license, habitual offender
- Arrested April 21 by CPD Ofc. J. Garrett

Jamel DeMarkius McBride, 28

- Possession of marijuana w/ intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc.
- Possession of drug equipment
- Arrested April 16 by M. Thomas



- Warrant w/ lewd and lascivious behavior by a person over 18 years of age
- Arrested April 23 by M. Qualls

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

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Hendry County is applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant under the Economic Development category in an amount up to \$359,868.00 under the FFY 2011 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which is applying are:

Percentage Benefit to
Low and Moderate
Income Persons

Activities Proposed	Dollar Amounts
03J Sewer Improvements	\$ 286,200
Engineering	\$ 47,139
Type D Additional Engineering	\$ 23,000
21A Administration	\$ 28,507
	\$ 384,846

At the time of this notice, it is unknown if the grant application will have any leverage.

The CDBG project will undertake sewer improvements to the Airglades Industrial Park that are required so Project Clewiston, a confidential project, may create fifteen (15) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs of which eleven (11) will be claimed for points in the grant application. Out of the eleven (11) FTE's, six (6) FTE positions will be made available to low-to-moderate income (LMI) people. The job creation location is Airglades Industrial Park in unincorporated Hendry County, approximately 8 miles outside of the city limits of Clewiston, Florida.

Hendry County plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner: No permanent displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the County will assist such persons in the following manner: The County will follow the guidelines outlined in their Antidisplacement and Relocation Policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at the Hendry County Board of County Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at ____:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. A draft copy of parts of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the County Administrator's Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. no more than five days after May 8, 2012. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before May 14, 2012. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing contact Ms. Judi Kennington-Korf, County Administrator, Hendry County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, or telephone 863-675-5220.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired shall contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD), please call the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DEO with the application. The disclosures will be made available by Hendry County and DEO for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of six years.

1. Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporations or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance granting an ad valorem tax exemption to All Juices and Beverages, LLC, entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY FOR ALL JUICES AND BEVERAGES, LLC, A NEW BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR A FINDING THAT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EXEMPTION GRANTED TO ALL JUICES AND BEVERAGES, LLC; GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ALL JUICES AND BEVERAGES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Tristan Chapman, Chairman

415642 CN/CB 4/26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 22 2009 CA 000286

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
MAIRELIS PEREZ A/K/A
MAIRELIS PEREZ, et al,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 10, 2012 and entered in Case No. 22 2009 CA 000286 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and MAIRELIS PEREZ A/K/A MAIRELIS PEREZ: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAIRELIS PEREZ A/K/A MAIRELIS PEREZ N/K/A MAIRELIS PEREZ N/K/A MAIRELIS PEREZ; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 10th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

LOT 2, BLOCK 27, PORT LABELLE UNIT 102, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 66, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 16801 INWOOD ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 12, 2012.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F90113794
*See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. 415579 CN 4/26/5/3/2012

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

1.0 INVITATION TO BID
Bid No. 2012-01
Central County Water Control District
Request for Bids
Striping and Marking 37.1+/- Miles of Roadway
Bids Due: 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Bids are requested for Striping and Marking 37.1+/- miles of paved roads in Central County Water Control District, "the District," Montura Subdivision, Clewiston, Florida. Official bid specifications and questions for this project may be obtained by contacting Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E., of Rock Enterprises, Inc. at (863) 612-0011 or the District's office at (863) 983-5797. Sealed bids will be received by hand delivery or by mail. Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked:

**"SEALED BID FOR STRIPING AND MARKING
37.1 MILES OF ROADWAY, Bid No. 2012-01"**

and delivered to:
Central County Water Control District
Administrative Office
475 South cabbage Palm Street
Clewiston, Florida 33440
Tel: (863) 983-5797

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 22, 2012, and shall be publicly opened promptly thereafter at approximately 10:05 A.M. at the District's administrative office at the above address. Bids received after 10:00 AM will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Questions may be addressed in writing to the District Engineer, Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E., at 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935, Tel: (863) 612-0011, Fax: (863) 612-0014, email: rock@rockhendry.com or by contacting the District at the address listed above. Responses will be made to all interested bidders. Verbal questions will not be accepted. The Board of Supervisors for the District may reject any and all bids without cause and may likewise terminate a contract award prior to completion.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 17, 2012, for the following Proposals:

E1188 - Drainage Improvements, Curb and Gutter, Pavement Replacement and Signing and Pavement Marking in Manatee County - Budget Estimate: \$212,736.00.
E1140-R0 - Thermoplastic Striping Markings and Retro-Reflective Traffic Marker Replacement in Charlotte, Collier & Lee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$250,000.00.
E1141-R0 - ADA Mat Replacement in Charlotte & Lee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00.
E1142 - Traffic Signal Mast Arm Repair or Replacement in Polk, Desoto, Sarasota, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands & Okeechobee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$206,600.00.
E1143 - Traffic Signal Mast Arm Repair or Replacement in Lee, Hendry, Collier, Charlotte & Glades Counties - Budget Estimate: \$206,600.00.
E1144-R0 - Storm Water Pond Cleaning in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
E1145 - South Skyway Seawall Joint Sealing in Manatee County - Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00.
E1146-R0 - Fertilizing in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$80,000.00.
E1147 - Desilting Concrete Box Culvert and Clean/Reshape Ditch in Highlands County - Budget Estimate: \$13,243.00.
E1148-R0 - Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging and Sweeping of Primary Roadways and Storm Water Ponds in Lee County - Budget Estimate: \$400,000.00.
E1149-R0 - Long Line Paint Stripping in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$549,370.00.
E1150-R0 - Miscellaneous Asphalt Repairs Countywide in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$813,816.00.
E1151-R0 - Guardrail, Handrail and Fence Repair in Desoto & Hardee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
E1152-R0 - Providing Maintenance of Traffic in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades, & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$115,018.00.
E1153-R0 - Roadsides Ditch Cleaning in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$90,000.00.
E1154-R0 - Herbicide Strip, Hand & Aquatic Application in Desoto & Hardee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$50,000.00.
E1155-R0 - Miscellaneous Concrete and Sidewalk Repairs in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$149,000.00.
E1157-R0 - Shoulder Repair and Sodding in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$150,000.00.

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559. 415643 CN/CB 4/26/5/3/2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **May 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **May 22, 2012 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Petition Number: RZ12-0005

Applicant: Triple A Sons, LLC; represented by Mrs. Julie Wilkins, LaBelle Planning, LLC

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING ORDINANCE 2003-16 TO ALLOW AGRICULTURE USES, SPECIFICALLY HYDROPONIC FARMING (INDOORS) AND PASTURAGE, ON 28.22 +/- ACRES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Location: 300 A Road, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 28.22 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is seeking to amend the existing PUD (Ord. 2003-16) to allow hydroponic farming conducted in greenhouses and pasture on the property.

(FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 783, PAGE 1867 PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA)

The West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter and the West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the south 30 feet thereof reserved for perpetual road right-of-way purposes. Also known as Tract 1 and the West one-half of Tract 2, LaBelle Ranchettes, an unrecorded subdivision.

Orville Howard, Chairman
Hendry County Local Planning Agency



Tristan Chapman, Chairman
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2012 Sugar Festival Sports Tournament

Pictured above: 1st place winners for the tournament. Pictured below: 2nd place winners. Pictured is Tony Calloway, Jalen Rushing, Ammor Ali, and Lorenzo Boyd.



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With each comment, the perpetrators established a sense of pride in their actions and defended themselves without any apparent shame. When asked if they did it on purpose, one of them answered, "We hit it on purpose! F--- that dog! Shouldn't have been on the f----- road!"

The images were made available to *The Clewiston News* shortly after they were posted by an anonymous source.

"They were very ignorant about the situation. I don't believe anyone has a right to pur-

posely run over an animal just because it didn't move out the way," the person wrote. "I don't know if they can get into any real trouble for what they've done."

But according to law enforcement officials, they almost surely will.

Animal Control, HCSO, the Clewiston Police Department, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are collaborating on the case.

A report has been filed and is currently under investigation.

"This is definitely animal cruelty," said a representative of Animal Control who reviewed the pictures.

"I can at least issue a cruelty ticket under these circumstances," the person said.

An attempt was made by this newspaper to contact the occupants of the vehicles, but the inquiries were not immediately returned.

While One Journey Ends, Another Begins



SUBMITTED PHOTO

BY TONI JOSEPH

John Marshall Barber, 2005 graduate, son of Ronnie and Margaret Barber, of Clewiston High School, graduated from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Academy in Glynn, Georgia, on April 13.

On April 17, his second day on the job, Marshall was fortunate enough to capture this photograph of the retired space shuttle, Discovery, as it approached Dulles International Airport. It was the first shuttle to visit the International Space Station and delivered its largest laboratory, among other components. Since 1984, Discovery participated in 39 missions, more than any other vehicle to launch and return from Earth orbit. Acknowledgements to Marshall on the beginning of his journey and to Discovery for the end of its own journey!

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April Calendar of Events

Call us and join our monthly mailing list to receive the latest upcoming calendar of events.

- April 26 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25
- April 28 - Clewiston City Championship
(Flighted) 11 a.m.
- April 29 - Clewiston City Championship
(Flighted) 11 a.m.
- April 30 - Play All Day Members \$18, Non-Members \$25



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ACHIEVEMENT DWIGHT PERKINS III

Congratulations to Dwight "D3" Eugene Perkins III for placing 2nd runner up in the Lehigh Spring Festival Baby Pageant. Dwight is the son of Dwight and Yolanda (Flournah) Perkins Jr.

His maternal grandparents are, Anne & Vince Vaughn and Bobby Ray & Tracy Flournah, of Clewiston, Florida.

His paternal grandparents are, Dwight & Renee Perkins Sr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

His great grandparents are, Virgil & Daisy Scruggs of Clewiston, FL., and Delores and the late Wilbur Porter of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

