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County's Murder Rate Highest in State

Overall crime, however, is down

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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A report released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement highlighting the latest crime statistics shows some positive results for Hendry County -- as well as some undesirable ones.

On the positive side, Hendry County saw an overall drop in its total crime index -- 3.8 percent to be exact (the index rate is measured per 100,000 people) for the year 2011.

This crime index figure seeks to tally the overall crime in an area, and takes all serious offenses into consideration, including murder, sexual offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

The drop this year is an improvement from last year's 1.7 percent uptick in crime, but remains a far cry from 2009's numbers, when the crime index went down by 12.5 percent, according to the report.

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Brown Sugar a Success

Seniors working for the Harlem Alumni Association Scholarship at the Brown Sugar Festival. For more pictures, turn to page 17 and 19.

Clewiston's Sweetest Mom

JOSEPHINE CRISTIAN, MOTHER OF 11, TELLS HER STORY

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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Editor's note: Josephine Cristian was nominated by most of the members of her family in our contest for "Clewiston's Sweetest Mom." While plenty of worthy moms were nominated, Christian's story of cancer survival and raising 11 kids on her own was our winner. For Mother's Day, she will enjoy a spa day, courtesy of Bella Vida Day Spa.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about yourself?

A: I'm a mother of eight and we got three more youngins, which me and my husband adopted. So, actually I'm the mother of eleven.

I've been through cancer three times. Not too long ago, in August, was my last treatment. So I'm trying to get my strength back up. The kids, all my kids, oh my God, they help me out a lot. They've been so supportive. And believe me I'm here because of them. They're my life, my kids and my husband. My husband's the greatest. He really helps me out a lot.

Q: When did you decide to begin adopting? What was that first experience like?

A: Well, actually my first adoption was one of my girls. She's about 21 now. I adopted her, and that's when I found out I had cancer.

I met this lady because I was working at a clinic, I would take people to their doctor's appointment. And apparently this lady didn't want the baby and she asked me if I wanted the baby. And I told her, 'Are you out of your mind?' You know you don't just give away a baby. But she said she didn't want the baby. So I said 'sure.' To me it was a miracle.

She became my daughter and because I was going through all this stuff, it was awesome. You know we did all kinds of things and, yep, that was my first adoption. And I've never had a problem from her. She's been the greatest. Then after she moved out, she got married, three more boys came into my life. So we adopted them. So we got three new children. When we first got them they were one, two, and three. Now Alex is five, Isaiah is five going on six, and then Arthur's six.

Q: What made you decide to adopt the three boys?

A: They needed somewhere to stay; They needed a home. We had nothing else, so we wanted to take care of them and so we adopted them.

Q: What trying times have come your way? I can imagine you have run into a few bumps in the road.

A: Oh, it was very bumpy there for a while. I got separated from my husband and I had eight children, and my grandson. From Virginia we moved to Florida. We came up here and I started working. I was the only one working and we didn't have a car. We had to walk to Winn-Dixie to do our grocery shopping.

We had to walk to the laundromat. You should've seen me and the kids with the baskets to go wash and stuff. Yeah, it was very bumpy, until I met my husband. When he married me, my other daughters we already old enough to move out. But there were four children still. Other than that, it

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Mobile Home Burns to Ground

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating a fire that occurred this past Thursday morning in Clewiston. A call came in around 8:30 a.m. about a double-wide mobile home that was on fire. Firefighters and EMS rushed to the scene at 425 C. R. 720.

The structure fire burned feverishly and within a matter of a few hours the trailer burned to the ground. Adam Marquith, fire marshal with the Clewiston Fire Department reported that the home was completely lost to the fire.

Fortunately, no one was injured during this incident. Red Cross was contacted immediately to assist the residents and provide immediate aid. Arson is not suspected in this case. However, due to the severity of the loss, an investigation is still underway.



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UF/IFAS Eminent Scholar Elected to National Academy of Sciences

"I feel honored and humbled to be elected by my peers to an organization that has such a history of brilliant minds."

- Harry Klee

BY ROBERT H. WELLS
UF

Crop genetics expert Harry Klee, an eminent scholar and professor in the University of Florida horticultural sciences department, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences Tuesday for his research achievements.

He was one of 84 new members announced at the organization's 149th annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Election to NAS is one of the highest honors given to a scientist or engineer in the U.S., and members are elected by current members for outstanding achievements in their fields. Klee will be formally inducted next April.

Klee, a faculty member with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, is part of the interdisciplinary, plant molecular and cellular biology program at UF and has recently been studying flavor quality in fruits and vegetables to understand the chemical and genetic makeup of flavor.

He is the Lyle C. Dickman Eminent Scholar Chair in Plant Improvement and has a research emphasis on tomatoes; however, Klee has also studied melons, strawberries and lettuce.

"This is one of the top honors any scientist can receive," said Jack Payne, UF senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources. "It is also terrific recognition for the University of Florida and highlights the importance of Florida agriculture and the world-class research we are doing at IFAS."

A member of the UF faculty since 1995, Klee previously worked for Monsanto. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1974 and a doctoral degree in biochemistry in 1980, both



PHOTO / UF

Harry Klee. Eminent Scholar, PhD. Molecular Biology. Horticultural Sciences.

from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Klee said he is proud to become a member of NAS.

"I feel honored and humbled to be elected by my peers to an organization that has such a history of brilliant minds," Klee said.

NAS now has 2,152 active members, including 14 from UF.

The academy is a private, nonprofit honorific society of distinguished scholars who are engaged in scientific and engineering research and are dedicated to furthering the use of science and technology for the benefit of society.

Established in 1863, the academy serves to "investigate, examine, experiment, and report upon any subject of science or art" when asked to do so by any department of the government.

Renowned members are Albert Einstein, Robert Oppenheimer, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright and Alexander Graham Bell. Nearly 200 living academy members have won Nobel Prizes.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Clewiston City Commission will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on May 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. During the Public Hearing, the City Commission proposes to enact first reading of the ordinance which is set forth as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012, PROPOSING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FOR REPEAL, THE EXISTING CLEWISTON CITY CHARTER, AS AMENDED; PROPOSING FOR ENACTMENT OF A NEW AMENDED CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON; PROVIDING FOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR CITY BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL POWERS; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY COMMISSION AS THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNING BODY; PROVIDING FOR CITY ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CITIZEN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED CHARTER ENACTMENT.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the inspection of any interested parties and interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting for public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner

The Pioneer Homeowners Association will have a Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction on Saturday, May 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, and tea or coffee. There is a cost for dinner. Children under six eat free. Pioneer Community Park is located at 910 Panama Ave. If you would like to donate a cake for the auction, help in any way, or need directions, please call Pat Bosley at 863-983-9544.

Revelation Revealed

The First United Methodist Church of Clewiston will have special services on Sunday, May 13, focusing on the book of Revelation. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 863-983-5269 for more information.

Mini Health Fair

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

•Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m.

Quit Smoking Now Classes

Quit Smoking Now classes are happening at the Hendry Regional Medical Center on Wednesdays, May 16, 23, 30, and June 6 starting at 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Registration is required to join. Please call 877-819-2357 to register.

Foster Parent Class

If you are interested in taking a foster parent class, please call 863-983-5269 or contact Rene at 239-464-0112. The class will meet once a week for 10 weeks. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church.

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.

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will be holding a Baby-sitting 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.

Christian Fellowship Scholarship

Open to any Clewiston area graduating high school student who attends or is active in a local church, ministry, or Christian Fellowship. The student must be planning to attend a college, trade school or institute. Sponsored by the Clewiston Ministerial Association, two \$500 general scholarships and one \$200 scholarship for books or incidental expenses will be awarded. Applications are available at local churches, by emailing ClewistonPastors@aol.com, or by calling 863-983-5269. The deadline is May 23.

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.

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.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School will hold its first School Advisory Council meeting on Monday,

May 14 at 5:15 p.m., in the conference room of the administration building.

All interested are encouraged and welcomed to attend.



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Relay for Life

Central Elementary's Relay for Life team celebrated their participation in the important event.

Local Democrats to Host Unity Dinner on June 16

The 2012 Hendry/Glades Democrats Unity Dinner is set for Saturday, June 16, at the Clewiston Country Club with a meet and greet, which starts at 6:30 p.m. The meal begins at 7 p.m.

Glades County Democratic Party Chair, Ellen Hawk Geake, said, "The Glades and Hendry County Democratic Committees have been successfully working together this past year to promote and encourage grass roots participation from and among registered Democrats in our two counties. Our Democratic Unity Dinner is our way of recognizing and highlighting the unity between our two counties and promoting the ideal that all Democrats should be united in their common goals while recognizing and respecting our individual differences."

Hendry County Democrats chair Joe Thomas said, "This event is the major source of income for our two Democratic Executive Committees, Glades County and Hendry County, to use in supporting our Democratic candidates for local offices." Thomas also announced, "We are lucky to have enlisted Rep. Ron Saunders, 2010-2012 Chairman of the Florida House of Representatives, Democratic Caucus, as the MC for the event. I have known Rep. Saunders since our days in the Florida Jaycees and can attest to his abilities as a dynamic motivational speaker." Rep. Saunders is currently running for the Florida State Senate, District 39. Thomas added the keynote speaker has not been confirmed but will be announced immediately upon confirmation.

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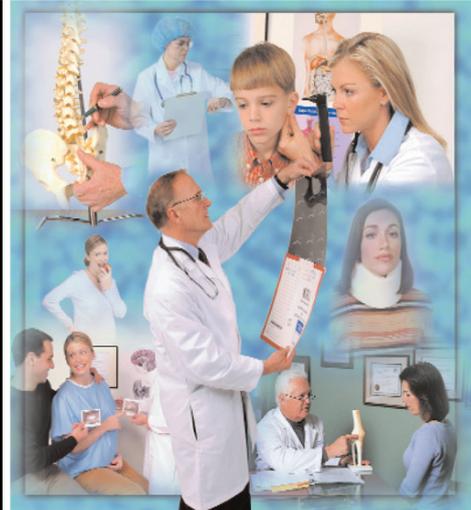


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Friday Night:

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Sunday:

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



Thursday Night:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. North wind around 9 mph.



Saturday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a east wind between 16 and 21 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.



Sunday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



Friday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Northeast wind between 7 and 9 mph.



Saturday Night:

Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 70.



Monday:

A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.



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Mother's Day Ideas for the Budget-Conscious

If you're watching your pocketbook these days, as many people are, you may be searching for affordable ways to celebrate Mom this Mother's Day, May 13.

The good news is thoughtfulness doesn't need to cost a fortune.

You can show you really care by taking the time to personalize your Mother's Day activities and gifts. Here are some unique ideas that meet a wide range of budgets:

Food

You've probably been treated to many special home-cooked meals by Mom. Now it's time to reciprocate. Instead of taking mom out on Mother's Day, where many restaurants jack up their prices by offering a prix-fixe menu, prepare a special meal yourself. Remember, the day is about your mom, so plan the menu around all her favorite dishes. Offer to cook for her at her house so she doesn't need to lift a finger.

Gifts

Don't just opt for a trite box of chocolates or generic gift you find in the first store you visit. These days, you can find personalized gifts that truly match Mom's unique personality.

"You can surprise and delight someone most

with a personalized gift, since there is nothing more unique," says Mariam Naficy, CEO of Minted.com, an online stationery store.

Personalized stationery sets make great affordable gifts for mom. Remember, the stationery a woman uses speaks volumes about her. Find something just right by browsing the selection of colors and styles on an online stationery store. For example, Minted.com carries a wide selection of unique customizable designs.

You might also consider giving the gift of self-expression with a personalized journal. Make the journal truly hers before she ever sets pen to paper by including meaningful photos and inscriptions on its cover and interior.

Flowers

For a traditional flair, think flowers this Mother's Day. But rather than coughing up a pretty penny buying a standard store-bought arrangement, take your mother on a nature walk to pick wildflowers. Not only will you get to spend a great spring day together outside, you can create a unique bouquet at home using flowers she picked herself.

When showing Mom you care this Mother's Day, don't let your budget hold you back. Thoughtfulness and thriftiness can go hand in hand to make the day extra special.

World War II Era Boat to be Auctioned Off to Public

World War II Era Boat named "OKECHOB" is to be auctioned off to the public on Friday, May 18 at 12 a.m. Ever wonder what happens to military watercraft deemed "retired" but too good to sit on the dock and take up space? While the military may not have use for these boats, they are far from unusable in the civilian world.

One of these boats, a 1945 push boat, made for the U.S. Government by Marietta Manufacturing Company, is currently located at the Army Corps of Engineers Boat Basin in Clewiston and will be up for public auction at online marketplace Government Liquidation. Government Liquidation is the exclusive sales channel for the Department of Defense's surplus; this is the first push boat they have sold in their ten-year history auctioning items for the DoD.

This 43-foot World War II era pusher boat, named OKECHOB for the lake it worked on,

was most recently used on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects on Lake Okeechobee; since 1945 its main use has been to move barges on the lake and inland waterways. The boat is in working condition and powered by two Detroit Diesel engines. Minimum bid for the boat is \$150 and the item is currently available for online viewing, with multiple images and video at www.govliquidation.com/auction/view?auctionId=5264508. Bidding begins Friday, May 18, at 12 a.m., and closes on Tuesday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

NOTICE

The Glades County School Board will hold a public hearing on

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Brunda Sue Futrell Corbin, 88

CLEWISTON — Brunda Sue Futrell Corbin, died at home on May 2, 2012, of complications from a stroke. She was born on December 19, 1923, in Murray, Kentucky, to Ambie Owen Futrell and Stanley Hammond Futrell. She grew up in Murray and graduated from Murray State Teacher's College (now Murray State University) in 1945. Following graduation from college Sue worked at The Bank of Murray.

In 1948, Sue married John Givens Corbin, her husband of over 61 years. They resided in Providence, Kentucky, until they moved to Florida in 1956. Sue assisted John in establishing a farm supply business in Clewiston and devoted much of her time to being a homemaker and mother to their two daughters, Nancy and Mary.

When in her 60's Sue focused her efforts on her long-time passion, art. She studied drawing and painting and began developing her artistic talent. For the remaining years of her life she painted and encouraged others to develop their artistic talents through the Clewiston Art League. Sue was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by daughters, Nancy Corbin, Bellingham, Wash; Mary (Mitchell) Thomas, Clewiston, Fla; granddaughter, Katherine (Bill) Fabian, of Winter Park, Fla; and newborn great grandson, Philip Jay Fabian, Winter Park, Fla.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, John; and grandson, Philip Corbin Thomas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church, Clewiston, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Florida Methodist Children's Home, 51 Children's Way, Enterprise, FL 32725. These gifts will be used to provide arts and cultural opportunities for the children.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



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Supermoon

Local photographers took advantage of the large moon over the weekend. The moon was big and bright and caught the attention of even casual observers.



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Dry Conditions are Expected to Improve with Arrival of Wet Season

BY GABE MARGASAK
SFWMD

South Florida's dry conditions are likely to improve with a wet season that is forecast to be average, but it will take time to build on April's rainfall to recharge regional surface and groundwater sources, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the National Weather Service reported at a joint briefing this week.

"We still have portions of the District that are below average for rainfall, and May's typically high evaporation rates and long days with lots of sun mean water levels can fall rapidly," said Susan Sylvester, Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau.

"Rainfall is the primary source of recharge and an average wet season will help water managers balance flood control, water supply, and the health of the natural system for 7.7 million residents and the environment."

Released today, the National Weather Service's 2012 wet season forecast calls

for:

- Probable early and wetter start to the wet season
- Precipitation outlook for near-normal to above-normal precipitation into June, with near-normal precipitation for the remainder of the season
- Slightly above-normal temperatures

Current Conditions

April's rainfall district-wide was 3.36 inches, or 133 percent of the historical average, providing important recharge.

Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties, along with the Big Cypress Basin all received above-average rainfall for the month. Southwest Florida, Martin, and St. Lucie counties and the Kissimmee received near average rainfall.

Overall, however, the region is still in a rainfall deficit of about 5.50 inches for the dry season that began in November. Southwest Florida and the Kissimmee regions have been significantly drier with higher rainfall deficits.

Lake Okeechobee, the backup water supply for Florida's lower east coast, is at 11.68 feet NGVD. This is 1.87 feet below average for this time of year.

This means residents from Orlando to the Florida Keys remain under a water shortage warning that calls for practicing voluntary water conservation and following landscape irrigation limits.

Links to information about irrigation limits by area, current conditions, and water-savings tips are available at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

Wet Season Preparation: Maintenance and Keeping the Flow Going

Structural maintenance and upgrades, accomplished primarily during the dry season, are critical to ensuring that the regional flood control system of more than 1,600 miles of canals and 1,000 miles of levees and berms operate at optimal capacity.

During the past five years, the District has invested \$240 million in essential maintenance work, including:

- Hardening and overhauling pump stations
- Overhauling gated spillways
- Replacing project culverts
- Dredging canals

• Stabilizing canal banks

• Enhancing Stormwater Treatment Areas

The District is also set to conduct its annual "Hurricane Freddy" exercise as part of the agency's emergency operations readiness for hurricane season.

South Florida Wet Season Facts

• On average, South Florida's wet season begins around May 20 and ends around October 13, lasting for about 21 weeks.

• Typically, about two-thirds of annual rains fall during the wet season, or approximately 35 inches out of 52 inches.

• Since 1932, virtually all wet seasons have produced two to four feet of rainfall.

• June is usually South Florida's wettest month.

• **The wet season has three general phases:**

- Memorial Day weekend through July 4 weekend, which are typically the wettest six weeks of the year.

- Early July through mid August, which are hotter and often drier.

- Late August through October, which are characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly due to tropical activity and cold fronts.

Outta' the Woods

Apply for special-opportunity fall hunts

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

If you haven't been seeing the quantity or quality of game you'd like, you may want to consider applying for a special-opportunity hunt.

For the past 15 years, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has offered these unique fall-season hunts for deer, wild hog, and released quail on the state's arguably best public hunting lands.

Maybe it's time you look into getting in on the action and experience the hunt of a lifetime.

These extraordinary hunts offer large tracts of land with an abundance of game and low hunting pressure.

All deer hunts enable you to take only mature bucks with at least one antler having four or more points, one inch or longer. Hunters can take does during archery hunts and if they draw an antler-less deer permit, also during general gun hunts.

This practice of deer management offers hunters excellent chances of taking quality bucks and the opportunity to take a doe on public land. Wild hogs also are legal to take. There are no size or bag limits on them.

These special-opportunity deer and wild hog hunts take place on Fort Drum (Indian River County), Lake Panasoffkee (Sumter County), Triple N Ranch (Osceola County), and Green Swamp West Unit (Pasco County) wildlife management areas.

Fort Drum has 20 permits available for its seven-day general-gun deer and hog hunt on 20,858 acres; they cost \$50, should you get drawn. Lake Panasoffkee offers eight four-day archery hunts on the 8,676-acre tract, which cost \$100 each.

Triple N Ranch has two seven-day general-gun deer and hog hunts on its 15,391 acres, and each permit costs \$175.

Green Swamp West Unit is where James Stovall took the state's highest-scoring deer on record – a 25-point, nontypical that netted a 206 Boone-and-Crockett score.

He took the trophy buck in 1999 after getting drawn for the special-opportunity archery hunt. The area offers archery and gun hunts on 34,335 acres, and permits cost \$100 each.

The FWC also has week-long released-quail hunts on the Blackwater Carr Unit in Santa Rosa County. With these hunts, you must bring and release your own pen-raised quail.

There's just one \$100 permit available for each of the 16 weeks, and if you're lucky enough to draw one, you and up to three of your friends will have the entire 590 acres to yourselves.

If you'd like to apply for any of these great hunts, the first thing you'll need to do is get a 2012-2013 Special-Opportunity Fall Hunt Worksheet – available at MyFWC.com/License.

Beginning at 10 a.m. (EDT) on May 1, you can submit your completed application at MyFWC.com/License or at any county tax collector's office or license agent. The application period runs through June 5.

These coveted permits are issued by random drawing. You may apply for as many hunts and dates as you like to increase your chances of being selected.

You must include a \$5 nonrefundable fee for each hunt you apply for, though hunters are limited to drawing only one permit per hunt.

If you're selected in the random drawing, you have until the deadline specified to pay the cost of the selected hunt.

You can do this online at MyFWC.com/License or at any license agent or tax collector's office. If not, you forfeit it, and it'll go to the next applicant selected in the random drawing.

Whether still hunting by yourself or hunting with family and friends for deer, hogs, or released quail, the FWC's special-opportunity fall hunts are just what the doctor ordered for a premium hunting experience.

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Smoking is known to cause narrowing of the blood vessels, which in turn reduce the blood flow to the brain, leading to the hardening of the heart arteries and the brain. According to the American Heart Association, a reduction in blood flow to the brain may lead one to experience thinking problems, trouble with memory, difficulty getting from one place to another, and if an abrupt blockage occurs, one may end up having a stroke. A stroke can cause disability and death.

The good news is that the risks of a smoker return to that of a non-smoker within two to five years after quitting tobacco use. The benefits of quitting tobacco are many and they start as early as 20 minutes after smoking one's last cigarette. Here is a list of some benefits:

20 minutes

- Blood pressure drops to normal
- Pulse rate drops to normal
- Temperature in hands and feet increase to normal

8 hours

- Carbon monoxide (one of 7,000 chemicals found in tobacco smoke) level in blood drops to normal
- Oxygen level in blood increases to normal

48 hours

- Nerve endings start re-growing
- Ability to smell and taste is enhanced

2-12 weeks

- Circulation improves
- Breathing improves
- Walking becomes easier

1-9 months

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- Excess of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker

5 years

- Stroke risk reduced to that of a non-smoker

If you're ready to quit smoking, we're ready to help! The tobacco cessation program at Hendry Regional Medical Center can help you quit any form of tobacco use. The program offers Nicotine Replacement Therapy in the form of patches, gum or lozenges, along with information about other FDA approved tobacco cessation medications. The six FREE sessions will provide you with the tools and skills you need to help you quit and remain tobacco free for life. You have nothing to lose, but the addiction to tobacco. Call to register for classes: 863-902-3019.

Inland Birding Fun: Double-Crested Cormorant (DCCO)



PHOTO / MARGARET ENGLAND

Double-crested Cormorant.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Double-Crested Cormorant is the most numerous and widespread North American Cormorant.

With the increase in numbers, these birds have been the cause of conflicts with humans in some areas.



Margaret England

The Cormorants are being increasingly blamed for declines in coastal fisheries and for eating fish at fish farms.

These birds live and breed in diverse aquatic habitats including vegetated coastal areas as well as inland areas near rivers, ponds, lakes, and marshes. The Florida breeding Cormorants are often smaller than those breeding farther north (Stevenson and Anderson 1994).

They are large, dark, water birds with a long body and long neck. Their medium-sized bill is blunt or hooded at the tip. Immature birds have a pale upper breast and throat. The young bird's chest varies from nearly whitish to dusky. The Double-Crested Cormorant's calls are deep guttural grunts.

diets consist mainly of fish but they will eat aquatic animals, insects, and amphibians.

These colonial-nesters will breed in colonies of a dozen to several hundred nests. The Double-Crested Cormorant builds a compact nest of large sticks and moss 10 to 40 feet above the ground or water.

They will often add debris, including rope, fishnet, and plastic to their nest. Nesting may occur almost year-round. Both parents incubate an average of four pale blue or green eggs with a thick chalky coating for about 28 days.

Adults will shade the chicks from the sun and bring them water, which they pour from their mouth into their chicks' mouth. They young will congregate with other young but return to their nest to feed. They begin to fly at 6 to 8 weeks and are independent at 10 weeks old.

Birders and photographers, mark your calendar for the upcoming North American Migration count to be held on May 12. You may count the birds at your home, work, or during birding trips at any location in Florida.

Visit the HGAS website to download tally sheet at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org. Mail or e-mail copy completed form with species and number observed to Margaret England by May 19.

Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers will begin counting at 7 a.m. at STA5 which is 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@embarq-mail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

Fraternity Men Cycle Across State to Help People With Disabilities

On Sunday, May 13, a group of fraternity men will arrive in Clewiston as a stop on the journey of their lives. This group of 26 cyclists and seven crew members are participating in Push America's Gear Up Florida, an 800-mile cycling event across the state of Florida. From Miami to Tallahassee, these men will be cycling to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

The Gear Up Florida team consists of men from across the country who are members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. The team will cycle an average of 75 miles per day ending at the State Capitol on May 26. Every cyclist commits to raising a minimum of \$2,500 on behalf of people with disabilities in hopes to enhance their quality of life.

That evening, the team will have dinner and a Friendship Visit with the Sunrise Community of Clewiston at 6 p.m. at 402 S. Francisco Street. This is the seventh year of partnership between the Sunrise Community and Gear Up Florida. Lodging during the stay is provided by Clewiston High School, who has sponsored the Gear Up Florida team for 13 years. Push America's mission is building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today. Push America organizes Gear Up Florida each May, along with other summer events, in order to promote and raise funds. It is the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity who founded the organization in 1977 to commit themselves to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities.

'A Naturalist's Exploration of Tropical Trinidad'

Hendry-Glades Audubon will be hosting a free program on Monday, May 14, at Dallas Townsend Agricultural Extension located at 1085 Pratt Blvd., in LaBelle.

The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite entrée, side dish, or dessert to share. At 7 p.m., C. Michael Knight, Ph.D, will present "A Naturalist's Exploration of Tropical Trinidad." Join Dr. Mike Knight, wildlife biologist and explorer, on an unforgettable journey through the jungles of Trinidad to learn about its diverse flora and fauna.

This presentation highlights Dr. Knight's multiple biological expeditions to Trinidad, including the first scientific study of the legendary Luminous Lizard. The biodiversity per land area of Trinidad & Tobago, a sister-island nation, is one

of the highest in the world. Home to Scarlet Ibises, Golden Tree Frogs, and electric Blue Morpho Butterflies, Trinidad is a paradise like no other.

Also depicted through photographs and personal accounts are Trinidad's unique culture and cuisine. Dr. Knight works for the National Audubon Society at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, co-chairs the Southwest Florida Invasive Species Management Area, and is an elected fellow of the prestigious Explorers Club.

An avid herpetologist and naturalist, he has also conducted scientific research on geckos from Afghanistan, salamanders from Virginia, and the invasive reptiles and amphibians of South Florida.

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Religion Column

Lessons From a Fishing Boat

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Last week, I was trolling for fish two days in the Bahamas and didn't even get one fish. I almost always catch something when I go fishing.

During the second day of no bites, while examining my fishing technique on what I might be doing wrong, my mind started thinking of the parallels between successful fishing for fish and successful fishing for people.

My dad always said, "I'd rather be lucky than good," and "Even a blind hog finds an acorn once in a while." I've realized the truth of those sayings, but like anything else, success comes with knowledge. We can't always depend on luck to be successful.

Sometimes the way we've always fished isn't working, and we need to try something new in order for what we offer to work.

Sometimes we need to get our timing in sync with the timing of the fish so we are out there when the fish are and not just at our convenience.

Sometimes we need to seek someone more experienced to glean their knowledge and expertise.

For us, we realized that our timing was off. The fish we were seeking had come through early and were now not there in numbers.

We turned to an experienced fisherman and learned a different method of fishing using different bait, and with his help, we had a successful day of fishing because we went where the fish were.

The first rule of fishing is that to get fish, we need to go where the fish are. We can read all about it and talk about it all we want to, but the



Pastor John Hicks

truth of the matter is we can't catch fish until we go where the fish are.

As Christians, we can't just become keepers of the aquarium and miss going out to be fishers of men and women because new fish aren't coming to church. We need to go where they are and bring them in.

Perseverance is also important if one is going to succeed in fishing. There's a funny thing about fish. They're just as fickle and temperamental as humans.

There are seasons when fish are hungry and will bite on virtually anything, and seasons when they're apathetic and will bite on nothing.

They're affected by weather, temperature, water depth, water color, position of the sun or moon, direction of wind, barometric pressure, color of lure, as well as the presentation, size, and depth of the bait.

Perseverance is key! If fish aren't biting in one place, then go to another. Don't be afraid to try new techniques and new bait.

The nature of fishing is that sometimes we'll catch many fish, while other times we may not get a single bite. The nature of sharing our faith is the same.

Sometimes people respond, while at other times they don't. Whether fishing for fish or people, the point is to keep at it.

Our calling is to be about the business of casting the net, fishing for people, drawing others into this fellowship of Jesus Christ.

If we will make the effort; if we will load up our tackle box and our pole and go out looking for opportunities, God will use us not only to work alongside other fishers of men and women, but also to have the privilege of leading someone to Christ.

That's one of the greatest successful fishing adventures ever!

"Success comes with knowledge. We can't always depend on luck to be successful."

- Pastor John Hicks



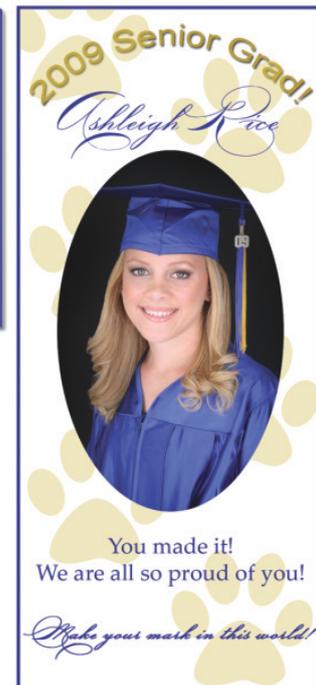
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Tiger Pride Wrestling Club

The Tiger Pride Wrestling Club traveled to Palmetto Ridge High school in Naples to compete in the club's second tournament of the season. Three young wrestlers brought home medals: Five-year-old Ryleigh Flynn, six-year-old Bryce Barnes, and ten-year-old Hunter Barnes. All took third place in their respective age and weight division. Each young wrestler is improving every day with their technique and conditioning. The coaching staff was very pleased with the way they wrestled on Saturday. The club will be back in action on Saturday, May 19, for their third tournament of the season.

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Martial Arts for Barney and Connie

Integrity Martial Arts is doing a fund-raiser for David “Barney” Bonhoff (father of Integrity owner, Lee Rutter) and Connie Ramos (a local girl). Both are dealing with hard times medically. Barney is in need of a liver transplant and Connie is going through colon cancer again. If you are able to help out, please contact Lee at 863-675-4974. All of the Integrity students will get to break the boards on June 23 at Barron Park. The cost is \$5 per board and all money raised will be split between Barney and Connie. (Pictured is David “Barney” Bonhoff at Bickers for Babies.)



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Miss Princess of the Glades

The Miss Princess of the Glades pageant took place on Sunday, May 6, at the John Boy Auditorium. There were five judges who evaluated the contestants on their introduction, “Fun in the Sun,” and talent portions of the pageant. Winners from left to right, Tiny Princess: Anaelise Cornejo, Jr.; Princess: Harmony Cypress; Miss Princess: Valerie Lopez.

Prom is a Four-Letter Word

BY AMITY CHANDLER

The event of prom is no small matter, endless movies have been crafted around this big dance – can you say “Footloose” without your toes tapping?

With nostalgia comes temptation, not only for teens, but parents. Local Hendry County parents with seniors graduating this year may remember when the legal drinking age was 18.

Coupled with memories of your own senior prom, well meaning, otherwise logical parents may be tempted to relax an otherwise firm “no alcohol” policy for this special event.

Let’s talk you off the ledge and back into your parent pants.

P is for planning. Seniors want to have a good time at prom. Regrettably, they’ve grown up in a media culture that has shown them images of good times being had with alcohol, and alcohol only. The best way to mediate this attitude is to literally plan for a good time. What happens before prom and after prom are often more important than the prom.

Contrary to popular belief, teens are not wired to drink; they’re wired for fun and risky behavior. Pool parties, slip and slides with bubbles, scavenger hunts, and other types of crazy and somewhat goofy activities make memorable events. If you’re not planning for fun, they’ll find it on their own.

R is for respect. Each year, survey results indicate an overwhelming 77 percent of Hendry County teens approve of parents providing alcohol to minors. Survey results also indicate the largest portion of alcohol to minors comes from a small percentage of parents.

The adage “their going to do it anyway” is a slippery slope for parents trying to convince themselves they’re doing the right thing by pro-

viding alcohol. There are many things teens “might” do when given the opportunity – sex, drugs, speed, steal, lie – at the end of the day, we’re obligated to provide the framework for good decisions, not try to mediate potential bad ones.

O is for omnipresent. Defined as, “present everywhere”, our teens once believed we were omnipresent. No matter where they were, or what they were doing, we somehow knew or found out everything. As they get older, carry more responsibility, and prove themselves worthy, we loosen our omnipresent grip.

Consider however, that a teen’s brain is rapidly developing until about 21 to 22 years of age. Their decision making still has very much to do with two things – 1) what is everyone else doing? And 2) will I get caught? A healthy dose of omnipresence before big events such as prom reminds your teen that you still care enough to check up on them and gives them a powerful out should they face an overdose of peer pressure.

M is for memories. Remind teens that the best way to remember prom is to add nothing but fun. Who wants to risk having their head end up in a toilet, have a date that pukes all over them, or be so hung over you can’t make it to the beach the next day?

When they send their own teen off to prom, the memory of how you handled their prom, from pictures to rules to curfew will undoubtedly be fresh in their minds. Let’s keep the parent pants on and enjoy prom. Be the wall between teens and alcohol.



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1068 Haven Pl MHE 3/2 \$119K
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Bass Capital #503 \$105K
713 Pol ~~PENDING~~ 9.9K
312 W Ventura Ave 3/1 \$42.5K
213 De Soto Ave 4/2 \$179.9K
329 E ~~PENDING~~ 2 \$95K
MOBILE HOMES
1268 Dublin Cir. 2/2 SWMH \$18.9K
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113 Taft Blvd 3/2 DWMH \$53.5K

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Josephine Christian and her daughter, Ana Salgado.

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hasn't been bumpy ... I mean other than me going through cancer. I pull through it with the support of my kids and my husband. I'm still here, thank God for that.

Q: When did you first find out you had cancer?

A: I was 33-years-old when I first had cancer. Nobody in my family has it, so it was a surprise. About ten years later I had to go through it again. This past 11 years after that, went through it again. So like I said, August was my last treatment. I still went to work while doing my treatments. I went to work every day. I think I missed two days being on my chemo and that was too many. But I went to work every day. People at the Sheriff's Office (her place of employment) were very good. You know I had lost a lot of my strength and I was real tired, and weak, and sick. I figured well I'm gonna be sick, why be sick at home? I'd rather be sick at work and still working. When I found out I had cancer Momma was real sick. My momma passed away last year.

That was hard. When I was done having my surgery, Momma passed away. I miss her. But now everything's good. This will be the first year with out having her for Mother's Day. But other than that everything's good. All my kids are healthy, thank God for that. I think I have about 25 grand kids. And I got three great grand kids.

Q: Tell me about an important scene in your life, and why you hold on to that memory?

A: My kids, with my grand kids and my husband. Leaving them behind and not watching them finish growing up; watching my oldest daughters and kids having more babies, more grand kids.

But, you know, in life we all have to go, regardless. And whenever it's time, I'm ready to go. If He's calling for me, I'm ready to go. I never had a doubt about that. My time is my time. But I would definitely hate to see my kids stay behind -- not seeing them finish growing up, having their own kids, and having their kids have their own kids. That's why I fight so hard. I fight so hard for them. I want to be here for my kids. They are my life. They have always been my life. I love my kids so much. I can just go to the hospital just for a little thing and you have 'em all there. I say 'Well, why are you all here? It's just a little thing,' and they say 'Momma, we're gonna be here.'

Correction

In last week's edition of The Clewiston News, a picture caption reported that a fire truck exploded. This was an unintended typo. The truck that exploded was a regular truck that was brought in to a local garage to be worked on. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Clewiston News Launches New Community Website

Welcome to 'florida.newsrap.com'

We are very excited with the improvements of our new community website, and we hope you enjoy our new site and all it has to offer.

Visitors to our new and improved newsrap.com will immediately notice some new features:

- Local news updates from our community newspapers dedicated to serving citizens of the Big Lake area.
- Expanded photo galleries and videos.
- The latest in features and entertainment news to provide you with helpful information on where to go and what to do.
- Enhanced and comprehensive community

calendars that are simple to use and easy for anyone to submit events.

• New Look for Community Forums—As part of the redesign, online forums have changed format and location and are more integrated with our news site.

• And of course, we've kept some of the most popular features such as **free** online classifieds, local real estate information and obituaries.

The site overall has a whole new feel and look. For simplicity, we consolidated a number of pages. We think it's more attractive, interactive and easier to navigate. Most importantly, we think the new sites will be more useful to you as you look for current information pertaining to your local community.

We hope you agree!
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS THAT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED IN THEIR NAMES ON THE 2011 TAX ROLL ARE DELINQUENT AND UNPAID AND ARE NOW DRAWING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF EIGHTEEN PERCENT (18%) PER YEAR. UNLESS SUCH DELINQUENT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID BEFORE JUNE 1, 2012, TAX WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED THEREON AND APPLICATION MADE TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORDER DIRECTING LEVY UPON AND SEIZURE OF THE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYER FOR UNPAID TAXES.

PEGGY S. HAMPTON
HENDRY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

1 B000745-05	9,052.12	7 B010040-42	481.30
S & O USAVE GROUP LLC		HOWARD TIMOTHY	
U SAVE STORE # 3		TIM'S TOWING	
927 US HWY 301 S		PO BOX 1206	
TAMPA FL 33619		LABELLE FL 33975-1206	
2 B000745-10	12,328.00	8 B010040-74	1,330.67
S & O USAVE GROUP LLC		QUICK CHECK FOOD + DELI INC	
U SAVE STORE # 54		FIESTA FOOD MARKET	
927 US HWY 301 S		1015 N SR 29	
TAMPA FL 33619		LABELLE FL 33935	
3 B001048-50	638.22	9 B010052-33	92.90
KILPATRICK IRRIGATION SUPPLY		BRYANT CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING	
CO INC		PO BOX 308	
10253 ST ANDREWS RD		LABELLE FL 33975-0308	
BOYNTON BEACH FL 33436		10 B010057-63	1,469.08
4 B0007138-20	1,333.95	DANA FRANK	
YMA ORTONA, INC.		SOUTHERN EXCAVATING INC	
PORT LABELLE CONVENIENCE STORE		1330 SEARS RD	
4050 SE EUCALYPTUS BLVD		LABELLE FL 33935	
LABELLE FL 33935		11 B010059-38	46.34
5 B008813-61	7,336.61	MATAR ALI & SALEH	
BIG LAKE HOTELS LLC		ALI'S FASHION INC	
CLEWISTON INN		211 W VENTURA AVE	
108 ROYAL PALM AVE		CLEWISTON FL 33440	
CLEWISTON FL 33440		12 B010068-70	549.45
6 B010035-69	5,106.67	AQUALIFE USA INC	
WOLF ISLAND INC		629 E AVENIDA DEL RIO	
12021 BARFIELD RD		CLEWISTON FL 33440	
IMMOKALEE FL 34142			

13 B010071-43	2,655.32	13 B010078-86	2,367.83
FIESTA EXPO INC		3AW WELDING & FABRICATION, INC	
FIESTA EXPO INC.		3AW WELDING & FABRICATION	
1250 HWY 29 SOUTH		533 EAST OBISPO AVE	
LABELLE FL 33935		CLEWISTON FL 33440	
14 B010073-26	1,820.34	23 B010078-91	435.09
LNA FARMS INC		POD ENTERPRISES, INC.	
5250 ALICE LANE		PODS ENTERPRISES, INC.	
IMMOKALEE FL 34142		5585 RIO VISTA DRIVE	
15 B010074-14	3,472.55	CLEARWATER FL 33760-3114	
RELEVE INDUSTRIES INC		24 B010079-49	10,148.68
9495 WEST MAIDEN CT		NELSON TONY W	
VERO BEACH FL 32963		TW NELSON, INC.	
16 B010074-46	50,508.45	PO BOX 1060	
RKO INDUSTRIES INC		LEHIGH ACRES FL 33970	
1275 COMMERCE DR		25 B010079-77	2,833.28
LABELLE FL 33935		PERKINS KIM	
17 B010075-17	944.93	JOBCCO ENTERPRISES INC.	
M + M SUPER MARKET		PO BOX 157	
M & M SUPER MARKET		LABELLE FL 33975	
4619 RUE BORDEAUX		26 B010080-08	2,052.71
LUX FL 33558		MATT MILLER TRACTORS	
18 B010075-27	467.49	3949 EVANS AVE STE 403	
BELVEDERE ICE BOX INC		FT MYERS FL 33901	
6432 WEST 8TH LANE		27 B010080-77	1,895.26
HALEAH FL 33012		NEW HARVEST MINISTRIES INC.	
19 B010076-24	9,540.65	BODY SHAPERS GYM(NEW HARV.)	
BIG ISLAND EXCAVATING AT		PO BOX 700	
TRI-COUNTY MINE		CLEWISTON FL 33440	
BIG ISLAND EXCAVATING		28 B010080-98	755.29
7000 BIG ISLAND RANCH RD		CREIGH DONNY	
NAPLES FL 34120		A & C HAULING, INC.	
20 B010078-05	1,267.28	3618 W US HWY 27	
EARL CLIFF + JERREE		CLEWISTON FL 33440	
HUNGRY HOWIE'S PIZZA		29 B010081-56	5,546.75
C & J PIZA INC		MORALES DAVID	
113 N FRANCISCO STREET		QUALITY GROWERS	
CLEWISTON FL 33440		110 RIDGEWOOD AVE	
21 B010078-68	1,449.00	CLEWISTON FL 33440	
ANDERSON LAWRENCE		30 B010082-61	1,479.33
5TH-LAND UNDERGROUND UTLS INC.		KENNEY KENNETH	
613 NILES STREET		HENDRY COUNTY SPEEDWAY	
LABELLE FL 33935		C/O CST PROMOTION	
		PO BOX 1379	
		LABELLE FL 33975	

31 B010083-10	14,217.94	40 B010084-83	9,784.61
MORENO FARMS, INC.		ZEN AGRO HENDRY PLANTATION LLC	
DIAMOND M. FARMS		26811 SOUTH BAY DR.-STE 350	
C/O OSCAR B MORENO		BONITA SPRINGS FL 34134	
13028 SW 128TH ST		41 B010084-89	1,653.40
MIAMI FL 33186-5880		LABELLE TRADING POST LAUNDRY	
32 B010083-41	251.17	QQAB ABUOQAB	
JONES MICHAEL C.		LAUNDRY	
BOBCAT SERVICES OF CLEW LLC		6821 LAKE DEVONWOOD DRIVE	
635 EVERCANE RD		FORT MYERS FL 33908	
CLEWISTON FL 33440		42 B010085-01	650.70
33 B010083-43	6,416.51	VISBAL PEDRO OJEDA	
HABITAT RESTORATION RESOURCES		HEALTHIER QUAIL EGGS, LLC	
INC.		1714 TROTTER COURT	
HABITAT RESTORATION RESRC INC.		WELLINGTON FL 33414	
PO BOX 1267		43 B010085-36	4,724.16
NOKOMIS FL 34275		HOLT AMY	
34 B010083-44	2,806.33	BIG IRON BARBELL LLC	
MARTINEZ MARCOS		PO BOX 118	
MARTINEZ LASER LAND LEVEL INC		LABELLE FL 33975	
409 HAND AVE		44 B010086-44	4,001.84
LABELLE FL 33935		AQUA TECH FARMING INC	
35 B010083-56	153.44	64 58 BELL BLVE	
JAVIER DERAS GRADING INC.		OAKLAND GARDENS NY 11364	
JAVIER DERAS GRADING INC		45 B010086-45	1,230.01
1599 UTE STREET		D & D INVESTMENTS ENTERPRISES	
LABELLE FL 33935		PO BOX 1012	
36 B010083-81	13,700.68	ALVA FL 33920	
R-S CORKSCREW PLANTERS, LLC		46 B010086-48	1,209.85
R-S CORKSCREW PARTNERS, LLC		EARTHCARE AQUACULTURE INC	
26811 SOUTH BAY DRIVE STE 350		4334 FOX RIDGE DRIVE	
BONITA SPRINGS FL 34134		WESTON FL 33331	
37 B010083-86	504.42	47 B010086-51	314.49
BARRIOS MIGUEL		RODRIGUEZ LUIS	
13600 HAMLIN AVE.		FLORIDA CAFE CUBAN CUISINE INC	
CLEWISTON FL 33440		444 E SUGARLAND HWY	
38 B010084-20	1,026.14	CLEWISTON FL 33440	
ALFONSO ISLEIDI		48 L010047-27	1,225.34
6725 VACARO STREET		PIONEER DEPOT	
LABELLE FL 33935		2470 HENDRY ISLE BLVD	
39 B010084-55	667.98	CLEWISTON FL 33440	
MATAR ALI & SALEH		49 L010055-11	234.95
SPEEDWAY LAUNDRY		LAMB JOE & TARA	
213 W VENTURA AVE		521 CR 720	
CLEWISTON FL 33440		CLEWISTON FL 33440	

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY
Take Notice that the School Board of Hendry County will conduct a workshop to discuss the budget.
This Workshop will be held Tuesday, May 22, 2012 beginning at 4:45 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 25 E. Hicpocohee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.
All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meeting.
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Sally Berg, Chairman
416339 CB/CGS 5/10/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District, "the District," adopted election procedures at their regular meeting on April 25, 2012. If you are interested in qualifying as a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, you will need to notify Carolyn Hester, Manager for the District at the Central County Water Control District Administrative Offices, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida, telephone (863) 983-5797 **no later than June 1, 2012 before 5:00 p.m.** The District will hold a landowners' election for one seat on the five (5) member board of supervisors on October 20, 2012. A copy of the election procedures may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Hester, Manager at the address or phone number listed above. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
416555 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING FOR GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GERBER GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, A DRAINAGE AND WATER CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 298, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL HOLD THE ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE DALLAS B. TOWNSEND AGRICULTURAL CENTER, 1085 PRATT BOULEVARD, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT ONE SUPERVISOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM AND TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THROUGH THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OR OTHERWISE, OF DISTRICT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTION THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE. ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY ACTION TAKEN AT THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING IS RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE A VERBATIM RECORD MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IF AN INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS SOUD AT (863) 675-3903.
415969 CN 5/3,10/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
1714 2008 1224432-01000380120 Coral Parkways Holdings, Inc
Lot 12, Block 38, 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.
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 **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012**.
Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416867 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2492 2008 1074433-03000210090 Muhammad Hassan Hanifi, Trustee
Lot 9, Block 21, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday** in the month of **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
415655 CN 4/26; 5/3,10,17/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1787 2008 1224432-01000600606 Lesandra & Osvaldo Rivera
Lot 6, Block 66, 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.
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 **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012**.
Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416885 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
1721 2008 1224432-01000420050 Joseph L. Despagne
Lot 5, Block 42, 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.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
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Hendry County, Florida
416874 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1804 2008 1224432-01000740030 Inez Saenz Deveteri
Lot 3, Block 74, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416615 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1694 2008 1224432-01000290030 Dora Rodriguez & Daisy Cuencio
Lot 3, Block 29, 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.
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 **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012**.
Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416619 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
1652 2008 1224432-01000110100 Christopher & Melissa Christ
Lot 10, Block 11, 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.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416614 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
1733 2008 1224432-01000480070 Lucky Path, LLC
Lot 7, Block 48, 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.
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 **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012**.
Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416881 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1811 2008 1224432-01000760010 Everlinda Marina Toledo
Lot 1, Block 76, 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.
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 **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012**.
Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416863 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2121 2008 1274432-A0001400000 Gustavo Rodriguez & Angel Rodriguez & Mercedes Rodriguez
The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereon. Also known as Tract 92, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
416887 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2195	2008	1344432-A0001000000	Israel Carrion, Iris Cabrera And Meryln Lebron

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4301, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416618 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
1948	2008	1254432-A0001460000	Wadig Rolando Marquez and America F. Herrero De Marquez

The North one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 598, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416880 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holder 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
2139	2008	1274432-A0001910000	Felix Gomez Carballo

The North one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof and subject to a canal easement over and across the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 112, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416865 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on **May 10, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.** at The Greentree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc."

Sincerely,
 Aidan Barnhart,
 Executive Director
 Area Housing Commission
 416311 CN/CB 5/10/2012

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

416334 CN 5/10 & 5/17/2012

Public Notice

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 A.M. 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.

415717 CN 4/16;5/3,10,17/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2010-CA-000818

BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff,
 Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc." as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A.; Unknown Tenants in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
 Case #: 2010-CA-000818
 Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated April 18, 2012, entered in Civil Case No 2010-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff and Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., May 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 DATED AT LABELLE, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2012.

/s/ J. Bevis
 BARBARA S. BUTLER
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Hendry County, Florida

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
 SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP
 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd, Suite 100
 Tampa, FL 33614
 (813) 880-8888
 (41584)1 CN 5/3,10/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Barron Water Control District will accept sealed bid proposals up to 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 18, 2012, for the sale of a 2005 Ford F-150 super-cab truck with a lowered minimum bid price of \$4,000.00.

Anyone interested in seeing the truck or getting specifications may contact the District office at 863-675-0346 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. SEALED bids will be received at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, or by mail to P.O. Box 1606, LaBelle, Florida, 33975.

Public Notice

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause and to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District,

Lester B. Baird, Sr.
 General Manager
 Barron Water Control District
 416888 CN/CB 5/10/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until June 4, 2012 for Bid #Q12-0006, Food Service Small Wares/Equipment. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board
 Sally Berg, Chairman
 416633 CN/CB 5/10/2012

Misty John
 907 N. Berner Road
 Clewiston, FL 33440
 Ownership of Fingerprint Productions is as follows:
 Misty John - 100%
 It is my intention apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation to register the said name of Fingerprint Productions under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Misty John
 DATE: 4-30-12
 907 N. Berner Road
 Clewiston, FL 33440
 416463 CN 5/10/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 Air Resource Section, South District Office
 Draft Air Construction Permits/PSD Permits Revisions
 Project Nos. 0990026-019-AC and 0990026-017-AC/PSD-FL-077B/PSD-FL-213A
 Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Glades Sugar House
 Palm Beach County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Mr. Jose F. Alvarez, Executive VP Operations & General Manager, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Glades Sugar House, 1500 West Sugar House Road, Belle Glade, Florida 33430.

Facility Location: Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida operates the existing Glades Sugar House, which is located in Palm Beach County at 1500 West Sugar House Road, Belle Glade, Florida 33430.

Project: Project 0990026-019-AC proposes to add natural gas as an authorized fuel for Boiler Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Project 0990026-017-AC/PSD-FL-077B/PSD-FL-213A proposes to increase Boiler No. 8's permitted steam production rates and heat input rates as well as to reduce Boiler No. 8's permitted particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions limits. Project 0990026-017-AC/PSD-FL-077B/PSD-FL-213A revises the permitted steam production capacity limits and pollutant emissions limits in prevention significant deterioration permit Nos. PSD-FL-077 and PSD-FL-213. There are no significant emissions rate increases from either of these projects. These projects are not a modification subjecting the emissions units to New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) of 40 CFR 60, Subpart DD (Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units).

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes ("F.S.") and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the South District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida 33902. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: P.O. Box 2549, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-2549. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 239-344-5600.

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

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-211, 62-212, 62-216 and 62-217, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

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

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice and require a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

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

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

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.
 416318 SUN 5/10/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2010-CA-000818

BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff,
 Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc." as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A.; Unknown Tenants in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
 Case #: 2010-CA-000818
 Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated April 18, 2012, entered in Civil Case No 2010-CA-000818 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff and Jorge L. Roa and Sandra Roa, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., May 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 DATED AT LABELLE, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2012.

/s/ J. Bevis
 BARBARA S. BUTLER
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Hendry County, Florida

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
 SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP
 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd, Suite 100
 Tampa, FL 33614
 (813) 880-8888
 (41584)1 CN 5/3,10/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, May 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., at 1225 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of CALVINA EDWARDS - ATTRESS AND BOX SPRING, SOFA AND LOVESEAT, BEDROOM SUITE, DINETTE TABLE AND CHAIRS, MISCELLANEOUS.**
 416033 SUN 5/3,10/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The Undersigned does hereby certify that Misty John conducting a Web Design/Publishing business at 907 N. Berner Rd., Clewiston, Florida, under the fictitious name of Fingerprint Productions and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:
 Misty John
 907 N. Berner Road
 Clewiston, FL 33440
 Ownership of Fingerprint Productions is as follows:
 Misty John - 100%
 It is my intention apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation to register the said name of Fingerprint Productions under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Misty John
 DATE: 4-30-12
 907 N. Berner Road
 Clewiston, FL 33440
 416463 CN 5/10/2012

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on May 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.:

2006 Chevy, VIN: 2CNDL63F666055074
1997 Saturn, VIN: 1G8ZK5278V231136
*****We have the right to refuse any and all bids*****
 416838 CN 5/10/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-CA-0792

WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., as successor by merger to WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 v.
 PERMER NATIONAL, LLC, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, I shall hold a sale of the subject property described as:

EXHIBIT "A"
 Lot 20 and 21, Block B, South 29 Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 151, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

At public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the **HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE located at 25 E. HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR, ADMINISTRATION, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935 on the 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. of the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. IF YOU ARE THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU MAY CLAIM THESE FUNDS YOURSELF. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LAWYER OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASSIGN YOUR RIGHTS TO ANYONE ELSE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CLAIM ANY MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AT 863-675-5217 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE TO SEE IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE THAT THE CLERK HAS IN THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT.

IF YOU DECIDE TO SELL YOUR HOME OR HIRE SOMEONE TO HELP YOU CLAIM THE ADDITIONAL MONEY, YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY ALL PAPERS YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN, ASK SOMEONE ELSE, PREFERABLY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT RELATED TO THE PERSON OFFERING TO HELP YOU, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING AND THAT YOU ARE NOT TRANSFERRING YOUR PROPERTY OR THE EQUITY IN YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC., 1500 NW AVENUE SUITE 101, BELLE GLADE, FL 33430 (561) 993-0003 TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FINANCIALLY FOR THEIR SERVICES. IF THEY CANNOT ASSIST YOU, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO REFER YOU TO A LOCAL BAR REFERRAL AGENCY OR SUGGEST OTHER OPTIONS. IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTACT THE FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC. AT (561) 993-0003 FOR ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE

DATED on the 24th day of April, 2012.

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

Public Notice

Deputy Clerk
 416157 CN 5/3/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will attend, and possibly speak, at a meeting with officials from the Agency for Health Care Administration at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at the Hendry County Administration Office, Conference Room 1, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting will concern implementation of House Bill 5301 relating to county payments to the State for Medicaid. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
 Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 416847 CN/CB 5/10/2012

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Deputy Clerk
 416157 CN 5/3/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 12-DR-003072
Judge: Carlin, John S.

Martha Patricia Herrera-Cabrero
 Petitioner
 and
 Juan Ramon Esteban Pedroza-Vera
 Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN

TO: Juan Ramon Esteban Pedroza-Vera
 560 Wood Avenue
 Fort Myers, FL 33936

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
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO 22-2010-CA-000042**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N A , AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
VS.
CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, ET AL
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated September 3, 2010 and subsequent order entered December 16, 2011 in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000042 of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, ; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THI NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, ; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRUC THI NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THI NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; GARY VUONG, ; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY VUONG, IF ANY; GARY VUONG, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; CABBAGE WOODS RANCHES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., ; JOHN DOO, OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN POSSESSION; are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF THE COAJRTHOUSE, of the GLADES County Courthouse, in GLADES County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the 17th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

Exhibit "A"

Street Address: LOT 76 - CABBAGE WOODS RANCHES (Unrecorded)
Being a parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 7, Township 36, South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. and being more Particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 7; Thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E, along the north line of Said Section 7, for a distance of 2071.75 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence continue N 89° 03' 08" E, Along said North line of Section 7, for a distance of 515.60 feet to a point; Thence bear S00° 09' 20" E for a distance of 1732.09 feet to a point; Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 61.91 feet to a point; Thence bear N 82° 31' 02" W for a distance of 238.73 feet .to -a point;

Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 217.06 feet to a point; Thence bear N 00° 09' 20" W for a distance of 1732.09 feet to the point-of-beginning.

And being subject to any and all easements, Restrictions, Reservations and/or Rights-of-Way of record including. But not limited to, the following described easements:

An easement for the purpose of utilities and drainage being nope particularly described as the North 50.00 feet of the above described parcel.

And;
An easement for the purpose of Ingress, Egress, Utilities and Drainage being hope particularly described as the south 50.00 feet of the above described parcel.

And
An easement for the purpose of utilities being mope particularly described as the east 5.00 feet and the West 5.00 feet of the above described property.

together with that certain 60.00 feet ingress and egress easement as recorded in Official Records Book 226, Page 37, of the Public Records of Glades County, Florida.

Together with and subject to easements for the purpose of ingress, egress, utilities and drainage, being more particularly described as follows:

the West 100 00 feet of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East. Glades County Florida.
and the West 100 00 feet of Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County Florida. And

lying in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County Florida. being 100.00 feet in width, Lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. Thence bear S 00° 09' 20" E, along the West line of said Section 7, for a distance of 1538.15 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 60° 38' 32" E for a distance of 425.01 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 426.25 feet to a point; thence bear N 87° 21' 34" E for a distance of 695.26 feet to a point;

thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 797.98 feet to a point; thence bear S 82° 31' 02" E for a distance of 238.73 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 400.00 feet to a point; thence bear N 77° 55' 39" E for a distance of 181.40 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E for a distance of 2779.79 feet to the intersection with the saw grass meander line & the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement.

and;
the South 100.00 feet to the West 1610.36 feet of Section 7, Township 33 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida.

And lying in Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, Florida. and in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the North line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the west line of said Section 18, for a distance of 1333.18 feet to the pointof-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 89° 24' 30" W for a distance of 2714.92 feet to the intersection with the west boundary line of the East one-half (1/ 2) of said Section 13, and the pointof-terminus of said centerline of Easement.

and;
lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width. and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section, thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the North line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet east of and parallel, with the West line of said Section 18

for a distance 1333.18 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear N 89° 12' 14" E for a distance of 2013.66 feet to a point; thence bear S 46° 12' 22" E for a distance of 446.17 feet to a point; thence bear S 58° 58' 29" E for a distance of 465.28 feet to a point; thence bear N 73° 51' 15" E for a distance of 435.90 feet to a point; thence bear N 46° 49' 59" E for a distance of 658.21 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 12' 14" E for a distance of 3512.17 feet to a point; thence bear N 69° 45' 24" E for a distance of 359.83 feet to a point; thence bear N 83° 52' 07" E for a distance of 116.53 feet to a point; thence bear S59° 27' 30" E for a distance of 251.19 feet to a point;

thence bear S 89° 19' 08" E for a distance 780.42 feet to the intersection with the sawgrass meander line and the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. And lying in Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, Florida. and in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline:

Commence at the northwest corner of said Section 18. thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the north line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet east of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18. for a distance of 3999.50 feet to the pointof-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 89° 20' 12" W for a distance of 2049.60 feet to the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement.

And;
lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width. and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described Centerline: Commence at the Northwest Corner of said Section 18, thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the north line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18, for a distance of 3850.53 feet to the point of beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear N 89° 16' 55" E for a distance of 383.59 feet to a point; thence bear S 45° 43' 05" E for a distance of 210.67 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 16' 57" E for a distance of 4526.19 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 00' 40" E for a distance of 2215.95 feet to the intersection with the Sawgrass Meander line and the point-of-terminus of said centerline of Easement.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 19th day of April, 2012.
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2,065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act , If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 500 Avenue J, Rm.102, Moore Haven, Fl 33471, Phone No. (941)335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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Brown Sugar Festival



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The Hendry County Sheriff's Office did a great job with keeping the festival safe.



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Cars from around the lake participated in the festival's car show.



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The community came together and had a great time for the festival.

Chamber of Commerce Newsletter: Dare Ya!

BY JILLIAN SPARKS
Chamber of Commerce

Seasons of all sorts have either come to an end or will be soon. This always seems to be followed up with the sadness of a farewell good-bye, whether it is snowbirds going home or seeing your baby off to college, there seems to be a bit of gloom in the air. The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce wants to help you remedy that this year.

We say, "NO MORE!"

The Chamber challenges you to be informed and explore your own backyards!

As locals I think we take for granted that we know every street name and neighbor on the corner, therefore we must know of everything our area has to offer. We are here to inform you otherwise.

Stop into the Chamber of Commerce and allow us to introduce you to some new things to do and more importantly, enjoy! There are activities for every age, as well as for individuals



and groups too.

Let the Chamber teach you all about why we claim the title to plenty of fishing records and being known as an outdoorsman's playground. You can even find out how to vote for Clewiston to be: The Ultimate Fishing Town!

We dare you to come on in and see if there's something in the 33440 area that you have yet to experience and have a great time at. Airboats, fishing guides, eco-tours and so much more to keep you right here in your own backyard.

Get in the know, "Together We'll Grow" – The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce. DARE YA!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Students/Athletes of the Month for April

Clewiston High School Students of the Month are students who work hard, put forth great effort in all that they do, are honest, reliable, and dependable. Great job to Jalen Rushing – 10th grade, and Elizabeth Minero – 11th grade. The Athletes of the Month for April are: Trey Pruitt – 12th grade, and Rachel Morrell – 9th grade. These hardworking athletes always try their best and put forth extra effort in both practices and events.

ARREST REPORT

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

Remberto Brown, 18



- Possession of liquor by a person under 21, subsequent offense
- Corruption by threat of a public servant or their family
- Arrested May 6 by Sgt. L. Richardson

Kardaro Calvin Johnson, 23



- Aggravated battery w/ deadly weapon
- Arrested May 1 by J. Brown

James LeKeith Hallback, 28



- Possession of cocaine w/ intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc
- Arrested May 5

Atravious Jamaine Warren, 32



- Possession of a weapon by a convicted felon
- Arrested May 5 by CPD Ofc. MJ Rowan

Willie Charles Williams, 35



- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Possession of a synthetic narcotic w/ intent to purchase, schedule I or II
- Arrested May 5 by CPD Ofc. Chamberlain

Rinard Jamal Stinson, 24



- Obstruction w/o violence
- Failing to register a motor vehicle
- Driving w/ suspended license
- Arrested May 5 by CPD Ofc. J. Royas

Curtis Lee Tate, 36



- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested May 4 by Sgt. L. Richardson

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Vaccinations are Crucial to Protect Young Children

Most parents know that one of the most important steps they can take to protect their children is to vaccinate them against dangerous diseases. But knowing what to vaccinate against and when to do so can be a complicated process. Don't put off getting in touch with your pediatrician to have these questions answered, and to ensure you are up-to-date with your child's vaccinations.

Ask questions

Remember, your pediatrician is ready and willing to partner with you on getting your children immunized. Use your child's doctor as a resource to help you sort out the endless supply of information -- some good and some questionable -- on this topic. So prepare questions in advance, and take a note pad with you to your visit

to get creative.

There are scientific reasons, based on knowledge of children's immune systems for why shots are recommended at certain ages. Updating your records and keeping a calendar can help you keep it all straight. More information on recommended schedules and on how immunizations work can be found at www.healthychildren.org.

Cocoon

One of the best ways to protect very young children -- who have not yet received the full range of vaccines for deadly diseases -- is to ensure that all family members and caregivers who come in close contact with the child are up-to-date on their own immunizations. This protective measure is called "cocooning."

Smile

Most children won't enjoy getting vaccinated. You can make the process smoother by staying calm yourself, as young children can pick up on your feelings.

Remember to cuddle with your child before, during and after the vaccination. Bringing along a favorite stuffed animal or blanket is a great way

to provide some much-needed comfort. If your child is experiencing pain, ask your doctor if a non-aspirin pain reliever is safe to administer.

Consider your child fortunate to grow up in the U.S., where he or she will have easy access to lifesaving vaccines.

Not all children around the world are equally protected, however. Parents can join one of several global campaigns, such as ShotatLife.org, to support the health of children all over the world.

You have more control over your children's wellness than you realize.

If you're unsure of whether your children's vaccinations are up-to-date, do your little ones a favor and check with your pediatrician today.

"When children are not immunized, the results can be devastating."

- Dr. Robert W. Block of the American Academy of Pediatrics

"When children are not immunized, the results can be devastating," says Dr. Robert W. Block of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "Making sure your children are properly immunized will give them up to a 98 percent chance of avoiding many diseases."

The AAP is offering these vital tips for parents to help sort out all the details:

so you can jot down important advice and critical dates.

Be on time

Your children's immunization schedule is not an area of parenting where you should feel free



PHOTOS / JESSICA SCHULTZ

Lake O Residents Come Out to Brown Sugar

The Brown Sugar Festival in Clewiston saw the participation of plenty of people from around the entire Lake Okeechobee area, with everyone from Moore Haven to Pahokee coming out to enjoy the festivities on Saturday.



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CRIME

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The surprising statistics, however, remain the increase on a few of the more serious crimes.

With this latest FDLE report, Hendry County finds itself with the highest murder rate in Florida. Murders increased from three to seven from 2010 to 2011, a shocking 133 percent spike. Put into perspective, that translates into one murder every 52 days. While Miami or much larger cities have to investigate hundreds of murders each year, Hendry County, with its smaller population, and higher incidence of murder, still logged a higher overall rate.

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office worked each homicide. Out of the seven cases, arrests were made in five, a clearance rate of 71 percent. Two of the incidents remain under investigation. Members of the community may remember some of the incidents:

A Belle Glade resident, Charles Edward Foster, was shot to death on Harlem Academy Avenue in Clewiston. His body was found in a vacant lot across from a small diner.

Although the Hendry County Sheriff's Office moved forward with an arrest of a suspect, the man was later released when the State Attorney's Office determined it didn't have a case.

Alexander Escalante, 46, was murdered in March. He was discovered in a pool of his own blood lying on the pavement in Twin Lakes. According to witnesses, he was shot while riding his bicycle.

Though nearly a year passed since his mur-

der, HCSO worked at a steady pace to find and arrest a suspect in connection to the case. That man was arrested earlier this year.

Two other offenses that are moving their way through the court systems now outside of the Hendry County area are the murders of John Drake and Erica Vassell, both from Clewiston.

Though the suspects were arrested by law enforcement agencies outside of the Hendry County area, there are strong suspicions that both homicides occurred, or at least originated, in Clewiston before the suspects in both cases drove the victims away.

Aside from murder, sexual offenses rose to 25 from 16 in 2010, with 12 of 2011's reported cases being forcible rape. That is an overall increase of 56 percent. Larceny also saw an increase of 21 percent. In 2010, there were 599 total offenses; for 2011 the number rose to 727.

Even though these numbers increased, several categories show a significant decrease in other areas. Aggravated assault offenses and motor vehicle thefts remained nearly unchanged with a slight drop reported.

Burglary has dropped from 717 offenses to 539, nearly a full quarter improvement with a 21 percent change. Also on the decrease is robbery. Robbery stats have fallen from 46 offenses to 28, a 39 percent diminishment. (In total, stolen property values added up to \$3,358,550. Of that, \$528,179 was recovered.)

One of the most telling numbers is population figures for the years encompassing these crimes. According to the FDLE report, Hendry County's population saw a decrease of 4.7 percent in 2011, with a population of 38,908. Population has been dropping steadily since 2009.

The county's banner year for crime, 2009 had nearly 2,500 more people living in Hendry County.



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Central Elementary Fossil Program

Students of Central Elementary enjoyed the school's recent program on fossils. The children learned about dinosaur and fossils found across Florida.



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Area special events planned this month...



Spring Skies: The Dippers and the Diamond

FORT PIERCE—The Hallstrom Planetarium at Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, will present "Spring Skies: The Dippers and the Diamond" this month. As spring begins, some winter constellations like Orion the Hunter and his faithful hunting dogs, as well as the Gemini twins, linger on in the western evening sky. But new star patterns appear in the east: the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion, Bootes the Shepherd and Virgo the Maiden.

The program uses the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper as guideposts to find the way around the springtime sky, and also to look for the four stars of an obscure star group known as Virgo's Diamond. Shows will be Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and, Saturday, May 12, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The Planetarium's air temperature is maintained at 72 degrees. You may wish to bring a sweater or light jacket for comfort.

The planetarium shows are not recommended for children under the age of 4. For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at IRSC Box Office 772-462-4750 or 800-220-9915.

Wacky canoe race on Fisheating Creek

PALMDALE -- Fisheating Creek Outpost will host a Wacky Canoe Relay Race on Saturday May 19, at 5:15 p.m. at the Outpost. Entry fee for a three-person team is \$25 plus \$10 for canoe rental if needed.

Paddle around 1.5 mile route on the creek picking up your team and flags. First three teams back win 50 percent of entry fees and bragging rights. Then join the group for prize presentation, and a pot luck picnic. The Outpost staff will grill hot dogs. Participants are asked to bring a dish of food to share. Entry fees are payable in cash only. Registration and waivers must be completed before 4 p.m. day of race. Only 28 rental canoes are available on a first come/paid basis, or bring your own canoe. Please call 863-675-5999 to reserve your team's spot. Proceeds will benefit Campground BBQ grill renovation project. All race participants must wear personal flotation devices.



OCA sponsors Fun Shoot

OKEECHOBEE -- Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a Fun Shoot on June 9 with registration at 8 a.m. at the OK Corral Gun Club, 6341 N.E. 96th Avenue. The last shooter must take the course at 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Christian Academy Scholarship Fund to help make a quality Christian education available to more children. Give away drawings will include two one-year sporting clay memberships provided by the OK Corral Gun Club, Team sponsorship is \$350 for four shooters and includes lunch. Individual shooter registration is \$85 and includes lunch. Lunch for non-shooters is \$20. For more information, call 863-634-2276.



Help equine rescue

LABELLE—Florida Equine Rescue will host a free trail ride for Horses4Heroes on May 19 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This will be primarily for military people and their families but everyone is invited. They are planning a barbecue and hope to get a band together for the event. This will also be their open house. They are located at 6584 County Road 78, LaBelle. Please contact Elaine Lewis, Michael Walsh or Heather Walsh of Florida Equine Rescue at 863-612-0010 or 863-234-2923 or you can find them on Facebook. Florida Equine Rescue currently has 21 rescue horses, and a new mini horse coming in. They are a non-profit and rely on their work and side jobs to help take care of the horses. They Rescue, Rehab and Rehome and have taken horses from both Hendry County and Glades County Ag Departments. With access to over 100 acres of pasture, they could help so many more horses, but they can't do it alone any help is greatly appreciated.

Spinning demonstration

LABELLE—The LaBelle Heritage Museum will be the location of a demonstration of the art of the spinning wheel by Pat Johnson. Look for Pat-on-the-Porch Saturday, May 12, from 1-4 p.m. The museum is located at 360 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle, just south of the bridge.

IRSC Art Gallery open

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College's Art Gallery, L Building, Room 117, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery promotes understanding the Visual Arts through a diverse schedule and workshops by professional artists. This allows students to gain practical experience from those contemporary artists who are successful in their profession. The Gallery seeks to showcase a breadth of artworks from student work to the most innovative artists working

in today's environment. Currently each year IRSC's gallery has four professional shows, one national level competitive show, two student shows and a very popular all IRSC faculty show. For more information, call the gallery manager at 772-462-7824.





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Cruise into Summer at Seminole Casino Brighton

May 26 Giveaway of a 2012 Chevy Cruze planned

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION -- Seminole Casino Brighton is cruising into summer by giving away over \$72,000 in cash and prizes! One lucky player will enjoy the summer sun with their brand new 2012 Chevy Cruze. More casino play during May means more chances to win the new car. The casino will send a driver out in style on Saturday, May 26.

On Monday, May 28, the casino is celebrating Memorial Day by giving away \$100 to 100 visitors. Drawings take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The winnings continue with a special Memorial Day bingo session at 2 p.m. The buy-in is \$70. Regular games pay \$750 and you can win your share of jackpot games totaling \$23,000, which includes two \$5,000 must go jackpots!

Win your share of \$10,000 cash on Tuesday, May 29. Drawings take place from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Earn entries every Tuesday in May.

Also on Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last.

On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

The fun is always at full-tilt on Free Play Fridays! Earn vouchers Saturday through Thursday. Then, take all those

vouchers you've earned and turn them into even more fun by redeeming them for Free Play on Fridays. Plus, any unredeemed vouchers will become entries for five cash drawings of \$500 each on Friday, May 25.

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

See the Player's Club for promotion details.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

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

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



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Butterfly garden

Arnolds Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 14895 N.W. 30th Terrace in Okeechobee is a great place for wildlife viewing. The Center's butterfly garden is one of the sites used for the official National Butterfly Count. For more information, call 863-763-4630 or go online to www.arnoldswildlife.org.



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Lake area is a great place for hiking and biking

You don't need a boat to enjoy Lake Okeechobee's recreational opportunities. The Lake Okeechobee area is a great place for hiking, bicycling, rollerblading and horse-back riding. It's also a great place for bird watching and nature photography.

For a great view, consider taking a trip on a portion of the 110-mile Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail.

The Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST) began as the Okeechobee segment of the Florida Trail, developed by the Florida Trail Association. In 1993, the Okeechobee Segment of the Florida Trail was dedicated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service as a segment of the FNST.

Today, as a segment of the nationally recognized Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST), the LOST trail boasts 110 miles of hiking trail on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers service road atop the Herbert Hoover Dike. The Corps maintains the dike and service road, and provides several primitive camping sites and covered shelters along the trail.

In the mid-1990s, the FDOT began a series of public meetings to discuss local interest in an improved trail surface that would be suitable for all recreational user groups. In December of 1999, representatives of FDOT, USACE, FDEP and SFWMD met to define agency roles for implementing what was then called the Lake Okeechobee Segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The South Florida Water Management District is coordinating with the FDOT to allow safe passage across or around the many water control structures managed by the SFWMD. Currently, trail users can only "circumnavigate" the lake by using FNST maps, which reroute trail traffic to public roads, past the water control structure, and back onto the dike.

Hikers and mountain bikers are able to access the trail from numerous locations.



Courtesy photo

The annual "Run for the Corn" is just one of the competitions on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail.

camp. Each day the group starts at sunrise from a prearranged point on the dike. On Thanksgiving, they feast at the Clewiston Inn. Shuttles and volunteer drivers help keep the group together. For information about the Big "O" Hike, contact Paul Cummings at 561-963-9906.

- The Martin County Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual "Run for the Corn" in April. The 7 mile race starts at the Port Mayaca Recreation Area. It is called the "Run for the Corn" because local farmer Wayne Boyton has for many years provided fresh corn for runners after the race.

- The Okeechobee Rotary Club hosts an annual L.O.S.T. Run-Ride-Walk event in March. Participants can choose between courses that cover 12, 20, 40 or 54 miles.

- The LOST 118 Mile Endurance Run is held each year in February. The average time is around 30 hours, but in 2010 Jamie Donaldson, a 34-year-old middle school math teacher, completed the course in 18 hours, 36 minutes, 15 minutes.

Numerous other runs and bicycle rides on the dike are organized by local organizations.

For more information online, go to VisitFlorida.com.

Eco-Tours

The Clewiston Museum hosts Historical Eco-Tour on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The trip starts with a morning at South Florida Water Management District's Stormwater Treatment Area 5, a popular birding destination in Florida. The wonderful morning of birding is followed by a relaxing lunch at the scenic, Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston. After lunch, the tour will travel on top of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's "Herbert Hoover Dike" for eight miles. Along the way, our tour guide will give an historical interpretation of Lake Okeechobee. The trip ends with a visit to the Clewiston Museum, which provides great exhibits on the area's history. (For more information, call 863-983-2870.)

Equestrian access

Equestrians are also able to access the trail from various locations. Port Mayaca, Chancy Bay, Harney Pond, Moore Haven and Clewiston Park are among the options. Segments like Port Mayaca to Chancy Bay offer nice round-trip opportunities.

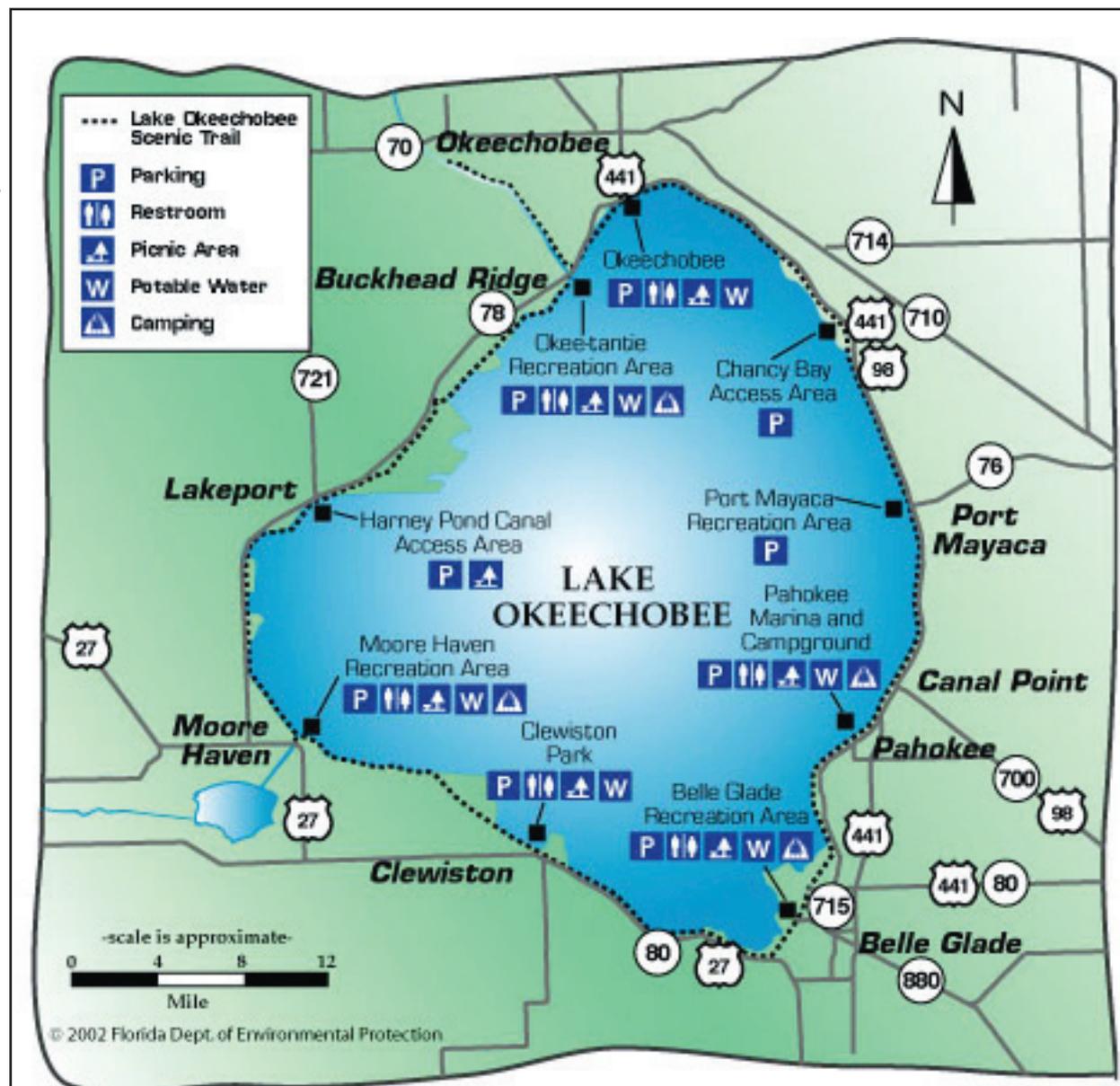
The LOST Equestrian Trail begins at Pahokee City Park and goes northward. There are "horse only" gates on the lakeside of the levee. Horse riders are asked to stay down along the shoreline and off the crown or hiking/biking section of the levee.

The Palm Beach County Equestrian Trail extends from central Palm Beach County to Lake Okeechobee. The portion from Hamlin Park in the Acreage to Pahokee takes three days to ride with overnight wilderness camping.

Races and events

Several special events are held each year on the trail.

- November brings the annual nine day "hike around the dike." A tradition since 1992, the Big "O" Hike attracts trail enthusiasts from all over the United States. The hike is hosted by the Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association. The Big "O" Hike attracts hikers of varying abilities. Some stay in motels along the way while others



Lake Okeechobee offers fishing fun for the whole family

Fishing in Lake Okeechobee can be fun for the whole family.

Lake Okeechobee is well known as one of the top bass fishing lakes in the United States. The April Bassmaster magazine, the official publication for members of B.A.S.S., ranked Lake Okeechobee as the #2 lake in the country for bass fishing.

Even though ranked number two, the Big "O" is probably more attractive to most fisherman than the number one ranked Falcon Lake in Texas. Lake Falcon, near the Mexican border, has been deemed a dangerous place to fish due to the drug-cartel related violence in the area.

The 100-best lakes list, which was released April 24, was compiled in a months-long process that included research from state fisheries agencies, nominations from B.A.S.S. Federation Nation tournament organizers and a panel of widely traveled professional anglers, fishing writers and others.

Lake Okeechobee is Florida's largest lake and the second largest body of fresh water in the contiguous United States. The word Okeechobee comes from the Seminole Indian language "Oki" (water) and "Chubi" (big) and means "big water."

The vast surface area (730 square miles), shallowness (averaging only nine feet deep) and enormous habitat diversity makes the ecosystem unique on the North American continent.

While Lake Okeechobee is nationally recognized as supporting high-quality largemouth bass and black crappie (speckled perch) fisheries, the lake also supports a commercial fishery dominated by catfish species.

Bass fishing

The largemouth bass is the best known and most popular freshwater game fish in Florida. Found statewide, largemouth bass have excellent growth rates, particularly in the productive waters of central Florida. Historically known for huge bass, Florida remains an outstanding destination to catch a trophy.

Spring is the best time of year to catch bass, when fish move into shallow water to spawn. Most large bass are taken at this time; after spawning, many large females move to offshore areas.

The best live bait is a golden shiner, fished under a float or free-lined. Typically, the shiner is hooked through the lips or back with a large hook, 2/0 to 5/0. A medium to medium-heavy rod with 14- to 20-pound test line is preferred, particularly when fishing in areas with thick vegetation or cover.

The plastic worm is the most dependable artificial bait for largemouth bass. A weedless "Texas- or Carolina-rigged"



Photo courtesy FLW/Shane Baker

Randall Tharp was among those fishing the FLW Tour's tournament on Lake Okeechobee in February.

worm is effective for fishing Florida lakes with heavy plant cover. Worms come in a variety of colors and scents, and bass may favor certain types depending on light conditions; be sure to have both light and dark colors available, as well as several sizes of tapered worm weights from 1/8 to one ounce. Purple "metal-flake" or "red shad" worms with twirly-tails are popular, and plastic lizards can be effective as well.

Most plastic worms are worked slowly along the bottom or through cover by raising the rod tip a few feet, then allowing the worm to sink. The line should be kept fairly tight to feel the strike. Typically an angler will feel the bass "tap" the worm once or twice lightly. By lowering the rod tip and waiting only until the slack is out of the line before setting the hook, anglers greatly lessen the chance of injury to the fish due to deep hooking.

With active bass and dense underwater vegetation, "jerk worms" are an excellent bait. Rigged without sinkers, these worms are jigged rapidly over vegetation, with brief pauses to let the worm sink slowly. Bass hit these baits hard, and an instant hookset is recommended.

Topwater baits are exciting to fish because the angler can see the strike. Topwater plugs that imitate wounded baitfish may be twitched to entice bass.

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Others are designed to make noise, and a faster, erratic retrieve may antagonize a bass into striking. Topwater lures are most successful during early morning or late afternoon. Stay ready for a surprise strike and set the hook immediately.

Bass less than 18 inches must be released; however you may only keep one fish over 22 inches. The bag limit remains the same, at five.

Although the largemouth bass is by far our most common black bass, other species of bass are also found in Florida.

Panfish

A variety of panfish, or bream as they are popularly known, is available throughout Florida. Bluegill, the most common panfish, thrives in lakes. Bluegill eat mostly insects and their larvae, but worms are the best bait, either fished on the bottom or suspended below a float. Bluegill spawn throughout the summer, congregating in large "beds." Anglers may find 30 - 40 shallow nest holes scooped out in shallow areas. Crickets, grubs, sand maggots or grass shrimp will all catch bedding bluegill. Use a small hook, #6 or #8, with a split shot sinker about six inches up the line, and concentrate on water less than six feet deep. For artificial baits, a 1/8-oz. "beetle spin" with a white or chartreuse body on ultralight tackle is an excellent choice.

The redear sunfish, or shellcracker, is another popular panfish. Although they prefer snails and clams, redear sunfish are caught most often on earthworms around the full moons of March and April when their spawning activity peaks. Redear prefer hard bottom, congregating in deeper water than bluegill. Shellcracker grow larger than bluegill, with fish over 1 pound common.

Redbreast sunfish, also known as river bream and redbellies, are the flowing water cousins of bluegill. Redbellies are more common in rivers than bluegill, and often can be found in backwater areas with less flow. The same live baits that work for bluegill will also catch redbreast sunfish.

The spotted sunfish, or stumpknocker, is an often overlooked panfish. Aptly named, the stumpknocker can be found in the tangle of roots at the waters edge. Although spotted sunfish rarely exceed eight inches, this feisty species provides great sport on light tackle. Tiny (1/16 oz.) beetle spins pitched close to the shoreline can be deadly, particularly tipped with freshwater clam meat.

Black crappie, known locally as speckled perch or specks, are a cool weather favorite in Florida. Crappie weighing up to two pounds are not uncommon. Unlike most other panfish, crappie spend



Photo courtesy Fisheating Creek Outpost

much of their time offshore, feeding on small fish. Successful anglers often drift through deeper water, fishing with small minnows or freshwater grass shrimp until they find a school. Try a light wire #4 hook and small split shot below a float. Speck anglers typically use several rods or poles, fishing at different depths until they pinpoint concentrations of fish. Specks move inshore to spawn during the early spring, sometimes gathering in large numbers around heavy cover. Crappie also readily strike artificials; 1/16 oz. to 1/8 oz. feathered or curly-tail jigs in white, yellow, pink and chartreuse are popular. Tipping these jigs with a live minnow makes them even more effective. Night fishing for crappie is an effective technique. Most crappie fishing occurs in the cooler months, but anglers who fish into the summer do very well, especially at night.

Black crappie under 10 inches must be released. The bag limit is 25.

Catfish

Catfish may be one of the staples for anglers who enjoy eating their catch. Channel catfish are abundant throughout Florida, spawning in holes and crevices in flowing water. Channel catfish may exceed 40 pounds, although the typical size is less than five pounds. White catfish, yellow bullheads and brown bullheads usually range from one to two pounds, and readily spawn in lakes and ponds where they also provide good fishing. Most catfish prefer many of the same food items as bream, although they are opportunistic and will rarely pass up any meal. The "whiskers" are loaded with sensory cells that enable catfish to locate their food by smell. Take advantage of this by using baits with strong odors: chicken liver or gizzards, shrimp, cut mullet and commercial stinkbaits. Other baits work well too, especially earthworms, and occasionally freshwater clams. Many catfish become active just before dusk and at night, and fishing success is best during these times. Fish on the bottom with a sturdy #2 to #4 hook and a heavy split shot sinker. Catfish spines may cause a painful injury, and anglers should take care when handling these fish. The Com-

mission's Richloom Hatchery produces 200,000 - 300,000 channel catfish annually for stocking in urban lakes.

Fishing licenses

Annual recreational hunting and fishing licenses expire one year from the date issued. The expiration date is printed on all the licenses. Licenses can be purchased online at www.myfwc.org or at county tax collector's offices.

Fishing licenses can be purchased at:

- Okeechobee County Tax Collector's Office, 307 N.W. Fifth Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972
- Glades County Tax Collector's Office, 500 Avenue J, Room 101, Moore Haven, FL 33471
- Hendry County Tax Collector's Office, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33975
- Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Belle Glade Service Center, 2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

Fishing licenses are also sold by bait and tackle shops and other area businesses.

Florida residents age 65 or older only need a Florida Driver License or Identification Card to prove residency and age. You can get a complimentary senior card at the county tax collectors office, but it is not necessary.

Children under the age of 16 are not required to have a license, however they must carry proof of age identification.

Permanently and totally disabled residents can obtain a special exemption

card. An authorized disability statement must be presented upon application. This permit is free.

Residents who have been accepted by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as a client for retardation and development services are exempt from the license requirements.

A Florida resident who is a member of the U.S. armed forces and is not stationed in Florida is exempt from the license requirements while home on leave for 30 days or less. Proof of orders must be on the person while hunting or fishing.

Free fishing days

Four days a year, the State of Florida declares "free" fishing days.

The days are perfect chances for parents, who don't yet have a license, to take youth fishing, or for avid anglers to introduce a friend to the recreational pursuit without having to purchase a license.

Free fishing days for 2012:

- April 7 - Freshwater
- June 2 - Saltwater
- June 9 - Freshwater
- Sept. 1 - Saltwater

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates. The license-free fishing designation applies only to recreational fishing, not commercial.

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Don't have your own boat? No problem. There are charter boats and rental boats available all around the lake. (See ads in this publication.) Most bait shops have information on how to charter a fishing trip or boat ride or rent a boat.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has an online "boat ramp finder" at their website <http://myfwc.com/boating>.

Airboats

Like the wind in your hair? An airboat ride may be for you. Airboats are designed to travel through areas that are too shallow or too clogged with vegetation for traditional boats to navigate. Riders sit up high, giving you an excellent view of the lake and the lake area wildlife ... without getting "too" close. The view will depend on what time of year and what time of day you go out. Area airboat tour guides can help you choose a trip that is perfect for your family.

Canoes and kayaks

Are you ready for a unique wilderness kayak and canoe experience? Try a canoe trip on Fisheating Creek. The creek is the only free-flowing tributary that runs into Lake Okeechobee. While paddling the entire 52-mile distance to the lake isn't possible, the Fisheating Creek Outpost offers two trip options. Burnt Bridge has

a put-in located 8 miles upstream from the campground. Ingram Crossing is 16 miles upstream and recommended for advanced paddlers or for those looking for an overnight trip.

If you own your own boat and want a transport to Burnt Bridge or Ingram Crossing, the Outpost can shuttle you and your boats. The Outpost also has canoes and kayaks available for rent.

Fisheating Creek is narrow for much of the distance. Banks are surrounded by towering cypress trees, wonderful for providing shade on hot summer days. Alligators and turtles are a common sight, as are Great Blue Heron, egrets, ibis, hawks and many more species of birds. Keep a sharp lookout—you might spot a wild hog, turkey or deer along the waters edge. During the fall you're likely to see thousands of colorful butterflies. There are plenty of panfish for the anglers in your group.

The clean tannin-stained water ranges from a golden to deep brown depending upon time of year and your viewing angle. The water gets its color from decaying plant matter. Sit back and enjoy listening to birds singing and watch the reflections of clouds and trees as you drift through cypress swamps and hardwood hammocks along Fisheating Creek.

Basic rules while paddling:

- It is Florida state law that a child under the age of six must wear a U.S.C.G. approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device while onboard a vessel under 26 feet in length while the vessel is underway. This includes canoes and kayaks.

- Bring plenty of water or other drinks in non-disposable containers.

- Don't litter—take a trash bag or other receptacle for collecting your trash. If you see trash while paddling, kindly pick it up.

- It is always a good idea for safety to let someone know where you are paddling and when you expect to return. You can download a float plan at MyFWC.com.

Information for this story was provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, VisitFlorida.com and fisheatingcreekoutpost.com.

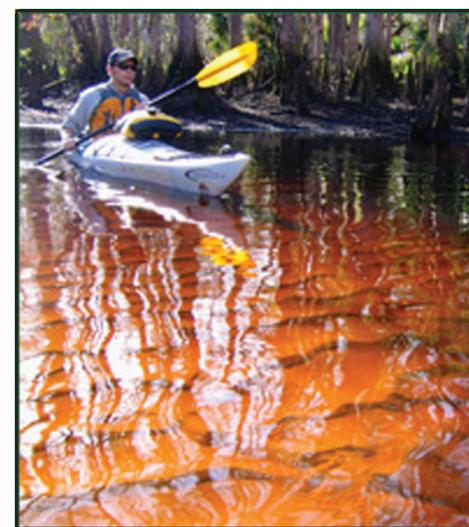


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Jacob's Flight Service, 1090 Airglades Blvd. in Clewiston offers Lake Okeechobee Scenic Air Tours. Tours offered include the 45 minutes Sunset Scenic Air Tour, the hour-long Lake Okeechobee Scenic Tour and the Lake Okeechobee Fish and Duck Spotting Tour. Customized tours can also be designed.

The Sunset Scenic Tour includes 45 minutes of flight time to catch the gorgeous sunset over the Big Lake Okeechobee. Flight will depart 30 minutes prior to sunset.

The Lake Scenic Tour includes one hour of flight time and will fly you completely around the Big Lake Okeechobee to enjoy all the sites to be seen to include: Clewiston, South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Okeechobee, Lake Port and Moore Haven.

The Fish & Duck Spotting Tour can be designed to meet your requests and areas of interest. Charges will be billed for the flight time incurred. No minimum flight time is required.

A customized tour can be designed to meet your requests and areas of interest. Charges will be billed for the flight time incurred. No minimum flight time is required.

Air Adventures at the Airglades Airport, 3200 Airglades Boulevard in Clewiston offers a variety of choices in skydiving. Beginners can try a tandem skydive to see what it's all about. Those who wish to take up the sport of skydiving can take advantage of more advanced training. Air Adventures is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to sunset. You must be at least 18 years old to skydive—there is no upper age limit. Some young at heart seniors celebrate milestone birthdays by taking up skydiving.

Plays, concerts, comedy and more ...

Street Beat

BELLE GLADE—Street Beat will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. All seats are \$10. Founded in 1996 by Kenneth & Nerissa Jackson, Street Beat Inc. (SBI) is critically-acclaimed for its efforts to train youth to become self-reliant, by focusing on personal development through discipline and the arts. SBI's Choreographer/Artistic Director, Shanique Scott creates choreography that infuses Hip-Hop, Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical movements to the latest contemporary gospel tunes. Visit www.streetbeatincorporated.org.



The ticket office is in the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-993-1160.

The Comedy Corner

FORT PIERCE -- The Comedy Corner, in the Black Box Theatre with the Sunrise Theatre Complex in downtown Fort Pierce, brings top-touring comedians every second and fourth Saturday night of each month. May Comedy Corner shows are set for May 12 and May 26. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

The Gipsy Kings

WEST PALM BEACH -- The Gipsy Kings will perform at the Kravis Center in the Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach on May 9. This world famous musical group is made up of two groups of brothers: Nicolas and Andre Reyes, the sons of renowned flamenco artist Jose Reyes, and their cousins, Jacques, Maurice and Tonino Baliardo. They are the offspring of Spanish gypsy families that fled to France in the 1930s to escape Spain's Civil War. In 1987, The Gipsy Kings released their debut album which introduced the world to "Rumba Gitano" – the sound of South American rhythm married to flamenco guitars. For more information go online to www.kravis.org call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

The Plague

FORT MYERS -- A haunting tale of human resilience in the face of daunting circumstances, "The Plague" is the story of a mysterious illness ravaging a small north-African city and the response of the citizens: some resign themselves to their fate, some blame others, and some dedicate themselves to the common good. The play highlights the innate goodness of humanity. "The Plague" will be presented May 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 at 8 pm at 1634 Woodford Avenue (corner of 2nd Street and Woodford) in Fort Myers. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on May 20. For more information, call 239-218-0481 or visit www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Moonlight Serenade

FORT PIERCE -- Join the Indian River State College Fine Arts Department for their annual summer series, and while Florida's summer temperatures rise, watch the hottest ticket in town. The summer season starts with the sounds of the "Moonlight Serenade," May 10-12. Always a highlight of the McAlpin OnStage Summer Series, the Variety Concert is the best in student performances of popular music and jazz standards, featuring the IRSC "Company" singers and IRSC Jazz Ensemble. Performances are May 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at 772-462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915. The McAlpin Fine Arts Center is on the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

Wait Until Dark

FORT PIERCE -- "Wait Until Dark," a thriller by Frederick Knott, will be performed at the Indian River State College McAlpin Fine Arts Center, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, on May 24, 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. This intriguing thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as it builds toward an electrifying, breath-stopping final scene where a sinister con man and two ex-convicts are about to meet their match. Susy, a blind wife trying to save her husband from being convicted of murder, knows the only way to play fair is by her rules. So when darkness falls she turns off all the lights leaving them to maneuver in the dark until the deadly game of cat and mouse ends. For tickets or more information, call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at 772-462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915.

Blackbeard the Pirate

FORT PIERCE - The Sunrise Theatre and Missoula Children's Theatre will present "Blackbeard the Pirate" on June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South Second Street Fort Pierce. They will also have a weeklong children's workshop June 11-15. Through the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), youngsters are introduced at an early age to the performing arts. Within each MCT cast, girls and boys are equal; the disabled become able; the shy experiment with bravery; the slow are rehearsed to perfection; and the gifted become part of the whole. The lesson they learn is that EVERYONE of them are necessary for the show to go on. Few arenas exist where responsibility is taught and learned so clearly. MCT provides a unique opportunity for our youngsters to learn group dynamics while excelling as an individual—a lesson from art that carries into life. For more information online, go to <http://www.sunrisetheatre.com/missoula/index.html>. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

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