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Rick Scott Leads Talks on Economic Development

BY PATTY BRANT
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Gov. Rick Scott's visit to Roland Martin's Marina in Clewiston June 7 should have long lasting repercussions in Hendry County.

The meeting was intended to show that the governor is not just focusing on coastal communities, but has a strong interest in inland areas as well. As the key to growth, economic development was the main topic of discussion.

Hendry County Economic Director Gregg Gillman was impressed with the visit.

Though short, it focused on the economic needs and potential of rural Florida. Mr. Gillman said the governor is anxious for the state to become an economic destination as well as a tourism destination.

Economic development is a priority, he noted, and discussion focused on how to make the area's climate better for business. Gov. Scott took questions and talked with several local representatives.

The importance of Airglades in supplying future jobs may show the most immediate promise at this time, Mr. Gillman said, but it's only part of the equation.

"The governor wants to make deals," he said, "he is looking for a 'serious' return on state funding for

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School's out for summer!



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Students from Central Elementary enjoy the water slide on their last week of school.

Supervisor of Elections Announces Election Candidates

Qualifying period is officially over

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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The elections for 2012 are set. The last of the candidates are in and the countdown to the primary election has begun. Qualifying ended on Friday, June 8 at noon, for all candidates participating in this year's county elections. The fiercest races include that for Sheriff, Superintendent of Schools, and commission seats for the city of Clewiston.

The winner of the sheriff race will serve a four-year term. All constitu-

tional offices run in presidential years, like the sheriff's election. This year, there are six candidates:

E. Carmona, a Republican, is running in this race as a former law enforcement officer of 25 years. Mark Chamberlain, a Republican, is a retired law enforcement officer who rose through the ranks quickly as the youngest sergeant and lieutenant at the Palm Beach Sheriffs Office. Raymond Van Houten, a Republican, who has served the law in multiple agencies such as the U.S. Army, New York City Police Department, Seminole Police Department, Lake Worth Police Department, Cape Coral Police Department, Glades County Sheriffs Of-

rice, and presently Lee County Sheriffs Office. Matthew Beatty, a Democrat, has gained experience in different aspects of public service throughout his life. He served as a Clewiston City Commissioner for three terms, Hendry County School Board member for two terms, a volunteer firefighter for 14 years, and an officer for the Clewiston Police Department.

Steven Maldonado, a Democrat, has based his career off of law enforcement as the President/CEO of Criminal Justice Protections, Inc., instructing at the Southwest Florida Academy, and serving as a deputy/sergeant investiga-

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Busch Gardens Fundraiser a Bust

SUSPECTS IN BURGLARY SAY AMUSEMENT PARK TRIP WAS THEIR MOTIVE

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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A group of three people stand accused of committing a burglary at the home of a single mother and her toddler. The notable part of the report is the mention of the suspects wanting to raise enough money to go to Busch Gardens.

The incident happened on Wednesday, June 6, in the area of East El Paso in Clewiston, according to a report released by the Clewiston Police Department.

Reportedly involved were Perla Camanos, 17, Carlos Flores, 21, and Jacob Delgado, 18. The trio are said to have discussed plans to travel to Busch Gardens in Tampa.

They agreed that they did not have enough money to afford the trip and not willing to give up on their plans, hatched another one: to commit a burglary and sell the loot for money.

They picked a home and drove in Flores' family car.

Flores reportedly backed the vehicle down the driveway of the residence. Camanos then is said to have exited the automobile, approached the door, and knocked.

After no one answered her, she walked back to the vehicle and assumed the position of the driver. Delgado and Flores advanced toward the home and simply walked in through an unlocked door on the west-side of the trailer.

They began their search of the

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Inland Birding Fun: Burrowing Owl (BUOW)



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Florida Burrowing Owls.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Burrowing Owls are known locally as “Howdy Owls.” They will bob their heads up and down as if saying “howdy” as a sign of distress, when excited, or for judging distance.

It is estimated that there are about 3,000 of these birds in Florida. This “species of special concern” is the only North American Owl that nests underground. They use burrows year-round for roosting during the winter and raising young during the breeding season.



Margaret England

The Florida Burrowing Owl is a small owl about nine inches in height with long legs and a short tail. Both sexes are about the same size. They lack ear tufts of the more familiar woodland owls. Adults have dark brown plumage with extensive barring on the belly and heavily streaked foreheads. Juveniles have paler markings than the adults.

The owl's song is a two-note “coo cooo” with the call being a series of rattles, clucks and chatters. The longest living banded wild Burrowing Owl on record was about 8.5 years old.

These birds are attracted to elevated areas along canal bank and road berms, as well as dry open native prairies, pastures, recreational lands

and residential areas where there are cleared areas with short ground cover. Burrowing Owls usually dig their own burrows, but will use gopher tortoise and armadillo burrows.

These burrows, extending four to eight feet underground, are lined with various materials such as grass clippings, feathers, paper, and manure.

Burrowing Owls forage for food throughout the day, but are most active in the morning and evening. They hunt by catching food with their feet while walking, hopping or running on the ground or flying from a perch.

Their diet includes a variety of insects and vertebrates including crickets, beetles, lizards, frog and road-killed animals.

Burrowing Owls will nest colonially with just a few feet separating each burrow. Eggs are laid from early October to early May with the peak being mid-March. Three to ten white eggs are incubated for about 30 days and the young fledge in about 40 days after hatching.

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for free birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on July 14 or Aug. 18.

For reservations for these trips contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

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Monday, June 18, from 1 to 6 p.m. All donors will receive: \$10 gift card for Walgreens, "Fandango" movie ticket voucher, Hungry Howie's bread sticks, and an ice cream cone.

Time Change at Saint Martin's Church

Beginning Sunday, June 17, Church Services at Saint Martin's Church will begin at 10 a.m. Friends and members, and all who wish to attend, please note the new hour. As always, all are welcome.

Vacation Bible School

Faith Lutheran Church invites all children from Pre-K to 8th grade to join them for Vacation Bible School (VBS).

VBS begins on Monday, June 18, and runs through Friday, June 22. They will serve dinner, to those attending, each night beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hours of VBS are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents please join us on Friday, June 22, for the closing program which will begin at 7:30 p.m. To register your child, please call Joan Koch at 863-885-1017.

Fundraiser in Memory of Cameron M. Crawford

There will be a fundraiser in memory of Cameron M. Crawford on Saturday, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served consisting of a half of chicken or ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, and a bread roll.

The lunch donation is \$10 and all proceeds will be going toward the Cameron Crawford Scholarship.

For tickets or to make a donation call Rachelle Spry at 863-228-1490 or Francis Spry at 863-677-0105.

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

Will meet on Tuesday June 19, at 11:30 a.m. in Clewiston at the Florida Cafe on East Royal Ave. Lunch will be served at 12:20 p.m. Guest Speaker is Mark Chamberlain, candidate for Hendry Sheriff.

For more information, please e-mail lady-marianne@comcast.net or call Marianne at 863-675-7703.

Vacation Bible School

A Vacation Bible School will be held at First United Church of Clewiston Monday through Friday, July 11 to 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by

programs, crafts, singing, and games!

For more information or to pre-register, please call 863-983-5269.

4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid

Hendry County 4-H will be camping at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid from July 16 to 20. The camp is open to youth ages 8 - 13. There is a cost for the camp and includes snacks, meals, and lodging.

Registration deadline is July 9. For more information on pricing, please contact the 4-H office at 863-674-4092 or 863-983-1598.

Mini Health Fairs

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

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

•Harlem Gardens Apartments on Monday, June 18, at 10 a.m.

•Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m.

East Recreation Summer Camp

East Recreation Summer Camp is set to begin from June 18 to July 27, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will be held at Hooker's Point Park and Harlem Community Park facilities. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

There will be arts and crafts, sports, swimming (Harlem site only), and field trips. There is a fee per week, per child. For more information, or pricing, please call 863-983-1485.

Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp

You can now register for the 2012 Summer Camp at the Youth Center or online at www.clewistonrecreation.com.

The registration deadline is July 1 for the second session. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

Summer Sunday Worship Times

Starting this month, First United Methodist Church of Clewiston will have one special combined worship service at 10 a.m. with Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children starting at 9 a.m.

Flea Market

The VFW Post #4185 will be having their weekly flea market throughout the month of June but their schedule will change after their June 30th market.

The dates are as follows: July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 8.

October will be the month that goes back to their regular schedule of every Saturday. All events will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Protect Yourself From Heat Exhaustion

Summer brings a lot of heat

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

The temperatures keep rising as we slowly head into the summer.

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments are urging folks to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion vary but may include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

- Skin: may be cool and moist
- Pulse rate: fast and weak
- Breathing: fast and shallow

If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

Help the person to cool off and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

What to do if heat exhaustion is suspected:

- Drinking cool, nonalcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician
- Resting in an air-conditioned environment
- Taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath
- Wearing lightweight clothing
- Heat exhaustion/heat stroke prevention tips
- Drink lots of water or drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages
- Get lots of rest
- Take a cool shower or bath
- Seek an air-conditioned location when possible
- Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing
- Do not engage in strenuous activities when

you know temperatures are at high levels.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common in very humid environments. High humidity reduces the effectiveness of sweating and cooling the body.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature.

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids.

To avoid becoming dehydrated, it is important to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, even if you don't feel thirsty. This is particularly true on days when temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and higher.

Depending upon your physical activity and heat exposure during hot weather, it's a good idea to drink more water.

Health experts have found that fluid requirements vary from person to person.

Persons who have medical conditions such as kidney and heart disease, who require a fluid restricted diet, or who have problems with fluid

retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.

Knowing the signs of dehydration and knowing what to do is very important. Signs of dehydration include thirst, weakness, nausea, muscle cramps, feeling dizzy and light headed, decreased urine levels and/or urine that has a strong odor or is darker than normal, tiredness, sluggishness, irritability and headaches.

All, some or none of these signs may be present so the best way to avoid dehydration is to monitor water or fluid intake and modify activity or reduce the length of activity according to weather conditions.

Don't wait for the dry mouth, flushed skin, headaches, light-headedness or fatigue. You should prevent dehydration by drinking fluids throughout the day.

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The motto for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement was on the minds of 22 new officers Friday when they graduated as the FWC's 18th officer class.

At a ceremony at the Florida Public Safety Institute, near Tallahassee, they pledged their efforts to patrol Florida's lands and waters and protect and preserve its people and resources.

Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, mentioned how FWC officers are the first point of contact most people have with the agency.

"This privilege carries great responsibility," Brown said. "As they interact with the public, I know these new officers will uphold our values: integrity, professionalism, dedication and adaptability."

As FWC officers, they will patrol Florida's

lands – nearly 54,000 square miles of it – as well as more than 12,000 square miles of water.

Due to their jurisdiction and specialized training and equipment, they are often the first to be able to respond to boating accidents, missing boaters and lost campers, hikers and hunters. In 2011, FWC officers saved nearly 900 people during search-and-rescue missions.

"These officers will be protecting the 'Fishing Capital of the World' and one of the largest public hunting systems in the country," said FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The new officers began their training in December. The beginning part of each FWC academy teaches recruits basic law enforcement



techniques and skills.

"During the final eight weeks of each academy, we focus on the unique information and skills it takes to be an FWC officer," Brown said.

The specialized training involves firearms proficiency, wildlife identification, vessel operation, defensive tactics, all-terrain vehicle operation, detection for boating and driving under the influence and a focus on state and federal wildlife, fisheries and environmental laws.

The new officers will spend the next three months with a field-training officer and are assigned to the following counties:

- Oliver Adams – Monroe
- Justin W. Miller – Glades
- Megan Aswall – Martin

- Domingo Montalvo-Diaz – Miami-Dade
- Randall Bibler – Monroe
- Gregory Patterson – Highlands
- Adam Bunker – Miami-Dade
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Mary R. Rackstraw, 99

FORT MYERS — Mary R. Rackstraw, passed away on Sunday, June 10th, 2012.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late Andrew L. Rackstraw of Clewiston, Fla. {d. 1988}. She was born on January 14, 1913, in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mrs. Rackstraw was a woman of many talents. After her graduation from Marshalltown High School she went to work in a clothing store by the name of LynMar Frocks and quickly rose to the position of manager. Following her marriage to Byron DeLoss Chamness, in 1936, they moved to Sacramento, Calif. in 1940, and then to Mobile, Ala. in 1942. She had a great love for reading and worked for the Mobile Press Register as "Miss Mary" the Children's Editor and did a weekly radio show reading stories that children had submitted to her. She loved performing in plays for the Mobile Theater Guild and the Joe Jefferson Players.

While in Mobile, Mary also worked at Brookley Air Force base until it closed and then went to work for the United States Customs Service where she met Mr. Rackstraw. After their marriage she moved to his home in Miami. After their retirement they moved to Clewiston.

Mary is survived by her son, Corey Chamness, Sr. and daughter-in-law, Pat Chamness of Fort Myers; her daughter, Pamela Jane Chamness and her son-in-law Thomas Beiter of LeRoy, N.Y.; she has Stepsons, Frank Rackstraw and his wife, Patsy of Dothan, Ala., and Andrew L. Rackstraw, Jr. and his wife Peggy of Ocala, Fla.; Stepdaughter, Peggy Schuberth and her husband Joseph of Cromwell, Conn.; Mary is also the beloved grandmother of 12 grandchildren, Corey Chamness, Jr., Noelle Chamness, Kevin Chamness, Jenevieve Stepanik-Heaney, Kathryn Stepanik, Frank Rackstraw, Jr., Lori Ann Rackstraw, Jennifer H. Rackstraw, James Rackstraw, Jeremy Schuberth, Joseph Schuberth and Jason Schuberth; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at Iona-Hope Episcopal Church, 9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Iona-Hope Episcopal Church. Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service has been entrusted with final care.

Jorge E. Soto, Sr., 93

CLEWISTON — Jorge E. Soto, Sr., passed away Friday, June 8, 2012, in Lakeland, Fla.

Jorge was born June 28, 1918, in Bayamo, Cuba. He is the son of the late Francisco Soto and the late Eugenia Figueredo Vega.

He came to this country in 1962 escaping Communism to provide a free life for his family. He worked in the sugar industry at Moore Haven Mill and Okeelanta Mill until his retirement at the age of 72. He graduated from the School of Commerce in Bayamo, Cuba with a degree in Accounting.

He was a proud member of the Hendry County Republican Party and assisted in numerous campaigns for many Republicans in the area. He was an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins and his beloved N.Y. Yankees.

He is survived by his wife, Maria J. Soto; six children, Jorge Jr. (Adriana), Maria Eugenia (Julio), Esperanza, Juan (Cindi), Mali (Terry) and Maria 'Chuchi' (Rich); sister, Luciola Soto Landrove of Elizabeth, N.J.; he leaves behind 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren in which he imbued a legacy of life, freedom and love of family. He was preceded in death by ten siblings.

The family mourns his peaceful passing and rejoices in the sure knowledge that he is in a better place. He led a full life and with his wife of 64 years, raised a strong and loving family.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. Interment was in the Ridgelawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Charles Edgar Elliott, 76

LABELLE — Charles Edgar Elliott, age 76, of LaBelle, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in Lehigh Acres. Charles was born January 2, 1936 in West Palm Beach. He was a former resident of Pahokee.

Survivors include his mother, Christine W. Elliott; brother, Jess P. (Sharon) Elliott of Atlanta, Ga. and Michael J. (Sherry) Elliott of LaBelle; nephews and nieces, Joseph (Mette) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Lilley, Mary Lynn (Kent) Mathis, Jennifer Evans and Mandy (Tom) Bird. He was preceded in death by his father, Jess M. Elliott.

A memorial service was Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church in LaBelle with Rev. John Bennett officiating.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle

Ann E. Coverdale, 82

BELLE GLADE — Ann E. Coverdale, 82, died Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.

Born in Tennessee, the daughter of John and Marie Payne, Mrs. Coverdale had lived in the Glades since 1939.

She had worked in the circulation department for the Clewiston News and the Glades County Democrat for several years.

Survivors include her daughter, Zandra

Bell and her husband Donald of Marathon; daughter, Vivian Crawford and her husband Dennis of Clewiston; son, Ronnie Page of Fort Pierce; son, Richard Coverdale of Belle Glade; grandchildren, Erik, Kurt, Jason, Kendra, Zondra, and Tony; great grandchildren, Joey, Kristian, Chloe, Emma, Brock, Noah, Zachary, Zane, and Jade Elizabeth; great great grandchildren, Ethan, Emily, Kyleigh, and Karleigh.

Mrs. Coverdale was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Donald Coverdale; her sisters, Jenny, Katherine, and Vivian; and her brother, Lewis.

Visitation was 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Aycock Funeral Home in Stuart, Florida. Funeral service was 11 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2012 at Aycock Funeral Home with interment to follow at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Coverdale's honor to the Debbie Howell Trust at the First Bank of Clewiston, in care of Deborah VanSickle.

Please visit www.aycockfuneralhome.net to sign her online guestbook.

All arrangements entrusted to Aycock Funeral Home, Stuart, FL.



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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen in the past week, averaging \$3.35/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen in the last week to \$3.56/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were lower than the same day one year ago and are 27.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased during the last month and stands lower than this day one year ago.

"While price decreases have heated up on the West Coast, such decreases are drying up in other areas- such as the Great Lakes," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While current factors still point to some falling gasoline prices in some areas, mainly the West Coast, oil prices haven't continued to shed as much value in the past week. Prices in the past few years have bottomed out in June, we could see a similar situation play out this year," DeHaan said.

Lake Okeechobee Angler Dies in Lightning Strike

BY ERIC KOPP

A Miami angler was killed on Lake Okeechobee Friday when he was apparently struck by lightning. Lorenzo Magdaleno, 51, Miami, was pronounced dead at the Indian Prairie Canal boat ramp Friday, June 8, by emergency medical personnel from Glades County, said a spokeswoman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). In the same bass boat was David M. Hardin, 37, of Pleasantview, Tenn. He was taken to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee, where he was treated and released. Carli Segelson, public information coordinator for FWC, said the incident happened around 1:30 p.m. while the two men were fishing in Glades County. They were competing in the TBF Federation Division Championship bass tournament being fished out of Okeechobee. Ms. Segelson said FWC personnel escorted the men in the 21-foot Triton bass boat back to the Indian Prairie Canal boat ramp where Mr. Magdaleno was pronounced dead.

The freak incident caught most by surprise.

"I've been in the federation for more than three decades and nothing like this has ever happened before," said Robert Cartledge, TBF president and CEO. "We've had other tragedies, such as heart attacks," he continued. "But we never had an accident fatality and certainly not a lightning strike."

The three-day division championship tournament included 84 anglers from seven states.

Mr. Magdaleno, 51, was a veteran angler and

a member of the Florida Bass Federation and the Homestead Hawg Hunters club for more than a decade. Preliminary reports outlined a quickly moving afternoon storm that passed over part of the lake. Other parts of the lake remained clear and sunny, while some were cloudy with "drizzle." Mr. Magdaleno and his partner were fishing approximately 45 minutes away from the tournament launch area, the Scott Driver Boat Ramp in Okeechobee County. Mr. Magdaleno was in the front of the boat running the trolling motor as it was "his half of the day." (TBF division championships are draw events where both anglers get control of the boat and choose the water for one half of each tournament day.) Mr. Magdaleno's partner, Mike Hardin who was the boat's owner, caught a limit during the first half of the day and was fishing off the back deck to allow Mr. Magdaleno his best chance to finish off his limit. Mr. Hardin was knocked off his feet by the strike and awoke after an undetermined amount of time on the back deck of the boat not knowing what had exactly happened. Mr. Hardin was examined at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee and released.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lorenzo's extended list of family and friends, the Florida Bass Federation, as well as, Lorenzo's partner for the day, Mike Hardin, who was in the boat with him during this tragedy," Mr. Cartledge, stated.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication – June 14, 2012

Name of Responsible Entity – City of Clewiston

Address- 115 West Ventura Avenue

City, State, Zip Code – Clewiston, Florida 33440

Telephone Number – 863-984-1484

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 25, 2012, the City of Clewiston will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to rehabilitate ten (10) single family housing units that are owned by low-to-moderate income persons. The City received \$700,000 in CDBG funds through CDBG Grant 12DB-H02 for this project. All housing units will be located within the City Limits of Clewiston.

The City of Clewiston has determined that the activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City Clerk's Office, City of Clewiston, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk. Additional project information is contained in the ERR on file at Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All comments must be received by June 22, 2012. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Clewiston requesting a release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Clewiston certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Richard Miller in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Clewiston to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Clewiston certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Clewiston; (b) the City of Clewiston has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Clewiston to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Richard Miller, Mayor

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A/B

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First Grade

A

Aleiya Booth-Villalobos, R-Daisha Brown, Ramiro Cardenas, Brendaliz Cervantes, Joseph Claro, Jayla Crespo, Aliah Cruz, Zamar Fils-Aime, Kevin Freeman, Destiny Gann, Yael Garcia, Abilene Gonzalez, Nathalia Gonzalez, Jeremy Greaves, Nahdia Ifill, Audrey Mila, Dyevesha Myers, Adrian Paige, Romeo Rodriguez, Jose Vega.

A/B

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Second Grade

A

Chris Alston, Andre Guajardo, Caylee Sherman, Ethan Weiss, Donovan Baker, Jabrian Davis, William Segundo-Morales, Zanaya Tulloch.

A/B

Sharon Abreu-Castro, Adeline Alvarez, Silvestre Angulo, Davian Bryant, Hosvaldo Colato, James Edwards, Nadia Galiano, Chris'sharia Hardy, Haley Lovell, Carlos Marrero, Leo Martinez-Garcia, Angelissa Perez, Hailey Ruiz, Claudia Sanchez, Brizeida Santizo, Anthony Saravia, Mario Tamayo, Teazjah Thicklin.

Third Grade

A

Evelyn Jones, Yesenia Mejia, Gabriella Perez, Denzel Rubia, Landon Sutton.

A/B

Kimberly Cardenas, William Clemmons, Fatima Emran, Shar-Nae Footman, Brenda Hernandez, Marshall Kurtz, Alexander Morales-Rivera, Daniel Morales, William Murphy, Monserrat Paniagua, Ana Perez, Eduin Perez, Jessica Perez, Layten Thomas, Angel Vasquez.

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A

Kiyah Coco, Cade Gibson, Miranda Giddens, Bruce Jones, Rachel Kurtz, Juan Luna, Michelle Mila, Alex Morrell, Damaya Paige, Anthony Perez, Jaden Robinson, Carlos Santos, Jisela Staples.

A/B

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Fifth Grade

A

Daniela Betancourt, Yaxini Deleon, Marcel Diaz, Tajanay Gray, Carlie Lawson, Britney Ortega, Selinda Puentes, Kalie Sutton, Mariah Thomas.

A/B

Alexander Acree, J'Quonne Banks, Destiny Benjamin, Trent Brown, Kiara Calloway, Brittany Campuzano, Arianna Escobar, Sarah Fertil, Ana-sofia Guardia, Michael Ison, Hailey Johnson, Anthony Muñoz, Steven Nguyen, Ricardo Paniagua, John Perez, Bianca Ramos, Kimberly Rashford, Gavin Sanders, Edniyan Thomas, Mariah Thomas, Betzy Velasquez, Laura Williams, Victoria Wheeler, Ethan Woodell.

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Clewiston River Jr. Soccer Team

After a long and hard season, the Clewiston River Jr's soccer team ended the season well. The team wants to send a special thank you of support to the city of Clewiston, their sponsors, and the volunteer parents and coaches for all they did to make this year a success. This year the U12, U14 and U16 teams did well, played hard, developed new skills, and learned a lot. On a special note, the Clewiston River Jr's U14 team won the third place trophy in their division, and their team member Marcos Olvera won a trophy for scoring the most goals in the division!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adoption of remedial amendments to the Future Land Use Element Text and Maps and the Traffic Circulation Element of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with a previously approved Stipulated Settlement Agreement pertaining to the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

ORDINANCE 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE TEXT AND MAPS IN THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND THE FLD COMMUNITY OVERLAY AND TRANSITION LAND USE CATEGORIES (INCLUDING CHANGING DESIGNATION FROM TRANSITION TO MULTI-USE) OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

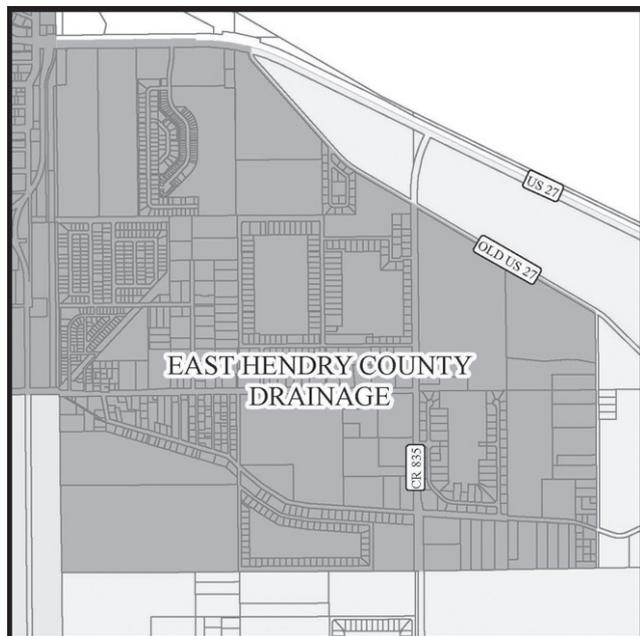
Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



HENDRY COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

DID YOU KNOW...



East Hendry County Drainage District (EHCCDD) maintains the canals, ditches, and storm water treatment areas in the area shown on the left. As part of the Federal Clean Water Act, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) determined that EHCCDD needed a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit. The NPDES permit is a reporting tool that FDEP and EPA use to ensure that municipalities and special districts are properly implementing storm water pollution prevention programs. These programs utilize Best Management Practices or BMPs which are storm water pollution prevention activities or storm water pollution controls. These can take the form of structural components, like the pump station in the area operating at the proper stages or silt fences around construction sites. They can also take the form of community clean ups and education.

This flier is a reminder that everyone plays a part in keeping our water resources clean. The storm water from the EHCCDD flows north to Lake Okeechobee via the Clewiston Canal. The lake replenishes water storage areas, helps to irrigate agricultural lands, provides backup water for urban areas, and plays a major role in supplying water for the Everglades.

Illicit discharge or illicit storm water discharge means any discharge into the MS4 and/or waters of the United States that is not composed entirely of storm water, except discharges made in accordance with a county issued development order consistent with the MS4 permit, an independent NPDES permit, or as a result of fire fighting activities.

Many seemingly harmless household activities, such as dumping yard waste, draining swimming pools, or household waste water from washing machines, dishwashers or water softening devices into ditches, storm drains and canals are also classified as illicit discharges.



These activities can and do cause severe problems in our waterways. Ditches and storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. They flow directly into streams, lakes, rivers, estuaries, bays and eventually the Gulf of Mexico.

All residents of Hendry County can do their part by properly disposing of wastes and reporting any illicit discharges or illegal dumping to the Hendry County Waste Management office at 863-675-5252.

ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE NUMBER 88-9

“No person shall throw, place or deposit, or cause to be thrown, placed, or deposited any solid waste of any kind into or on any of the public streets, roads, highways, bridges, lands, or upon the premises of any other person within the unincorporated area of the County except as specifically authorized by the Board for the disposal of such solid waste. It is unlawful for any person to collect or transport solid waste for hire or remuneration or other consideration in any form without first having a County franchise agreement or securing permission from the franchise hauler. All disposal required by this Ordinance shall be done only at a County designated or approved Solid Waste facility.

NUMBERS/ADDRESSES

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Religion Column

A Radical Plan to Pay Taxes; And a Time-Tested One

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

When we took a "cruise to nowhere" one weekday while I was in Fort Lauderdale, it became obvious that one of the purposes of the voyage was to play games of chance. One of the ladies in the church I served came to me with a twenty-dollar bill in her hand and asked if I thought she'd get it back if she wagered it.

I suggested that she might throw it overboard, hope a fish eat it, and hope that she would catch that fish; that she'd have a better chance of getting her twenty dollars back.

My reply was based on my knowledge of statistics; somebody has to pay for all of the over-

head, the upkeep, the crew, the maintenance of the ship that exceeds the fares paid by the passengers. As I thought about it; I reflected on Jesus and the temple tax (Matthew 17:24ff). It seems that the local tax collectors asked Peter if Jesus didn't pay the temple tax. Peter in turn asks Jesus about it, and He replies "What do you think Simon ... from whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes -- from their own sons or from others?(v. 26)"

Peter answers "From others." Jesus answers that, then the sons are exempt; but adds a final thought -- Peter is to go to the lake, throw in his line, take the first fish caught and open its' mouth. Jesus tells him "Open it's mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.(v.27)."

Maybe my answer wasn't so far-fetched to

the lady after all! In reality, there have been fish caught with all sorts of items ingested; some are greater scavengers than others. During a trip to the Holy Land, a lecturer said that there was a local fish that was attracted to shiny objects; again, maybe the idea of finding coins in fish is not out of the question. My experience with fishermen, however, is that they seek the fish and don't set their hearts on finding coins inside of them. Nevertheless, they keep at it; the commercial ones turning their fish into something to give them a living, and pay taxes along the way.

A little less direct than what Jesus advised Peter about paying the temple tax; but when all is said and done, the end is the same. I find the same end in many areas of our modern life. Sick? Prayers for healing but go to the doctors. That's part of taking advantage of God's revelation in

our time: an admonition that comes from some of the "In-between " (or Apocryphal) books between the Old and New Testament that were parts of scriptures in the first centuries. Finances a problem? Look for work and pay bills rather than hoping to hit the lottery. Problems at home? One of the physician authors commented that if you keep doing the same things over and over, why should you expect a different outcome? He had a point. Pray, but seek help too. Someone also said "Good things come to he who waiteth -- if he worketh like blazes while he waiteth."

Fishermen seem to know this; and they're capable of doing a lot of great things.



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Westside 5th Grade Graduation

Pictured are students from Westside Elementary who received Citizenship Awards at the 5th Grade Graduation.

Clewiston Middle School 6th Graders "Frolic"

BY GIGI MEZZIO
Clewiston Middle School

Tuesday, June 5, was the final "frolic" for Clewiston Middle School 6th grade students.

As a last celebration before summer break, 6th grade teachers collaborated to make the day memorable for their students with plenty of games and food.

Although the weather was balmy, spirits were bright as students lined up to compete in the many games set up on the school lawn.

There was something for everyone and prizes for all. Classmates could be seen happily participating in the football toss, beach ball toss, hula hoop contest, sack race, ladder toss, basketball, and even a cake walk and checkers tournament. CMS pupils pre-purchased red game tickets to join in all games plus eat one of Ms. Patrick's "world famous" hotdogs. What a morning!

The educational afternoon movies were anticipated as a completion for a most fun filled day!

Damunte Webber said that the football toss with Mr. Cook was his favorite game.

He won six out of the eight games he played and was all smiles as he lined up for an iced beverage to cool him off.

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the state and local residents." Cities and counties must make a good case that state incentive money will produce results in the form of economic development.

Mr. Gillman said the governor is excited about the "awesome" things about to happen in Hendry County and believes that there is "more incentive money for Florida than ever." Funding for economic development is a priority, he added, and he wants to make sure Hendry County gets its fair share.

That will happen because Hendry County has some very promising projects on the horizon and show a prospective healthy return on them. The important projects about to take shape at Airglades will bring the county closer together, Mr. Gillman believes, and there are a number of other projects brewing in both LaBelle and Clewiston that will usher in a better economic future.

LaBelle Mayor Paul Puletti was glad he attended the meeting. He said he felt the governor is "genuinely committed" to improving employment in Florida. He said Gov. Scott explained why LaBelle did not receive funding from the Legislature this year for most of its projects and how to improve its chances next time around. He added that there are still funding opportunities this year through the Caloosahatchee Basin Initiative to access and the city will be taking advantage of them.

The governor is a businessman - he wants to

see the return for the state's investment in local projects, the mayor added. "We're going to take his word and go after the funding."

County Commission Chairman Tris Chapman is in complete agreement with both Mr. Gillman and Mayor Puletti. Gov. Scott's visit was intended to talk about education and helping improve Florida's rural unemployment rate, saying his overall message kept coming back to jobs.

This theme was well received by the 30 business and government leaders in attendance. They are well aware that while some improvement in our employment has been made, it's still Hendry county's biggest challenge.

Judi Kennington-Korf, Hendry County Administrator, asked the Governor about funding for local transportation needs: four lanes for SR-80 and expansion of Airglades Airport. Florida's Governor responded: "Show me a return and I will get you the money."

According to Mr. Gillman, the governor has a vision to change Florida from a vacation destination to a business destination "in line what what we've been working on for the past year. It's bigger than Airglades. What's good in Clewiston is good for the whole county.

Commissioner Chapman reinforced the importance of improved education to promote and enhance economic development. He pointed out that a task force of community business leaders had attended the Florida Sterling conference in Orlando last week.

The Governor said, "I'm supportive of the Florida Sterling process and am a long-time advocate for best practices whether it's in business, education or government. I have implemented a series of rankings that I also used in my business career and you know what? Two things always happen: First, no one likes the rankings but guess what - things always get better."

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Carlos Flores



Jacob Delgado

house, scanning each room.

That's when Flores opened the victims' bedroom door, only to find her lying in the bed and the toddler in the room.

Flores warned Delgado and they fled from the residence. As they were leaving, one of the suspects snatched up a Compaq laptop computer from the top of the kitchen table.

The mother, Karina Ramos, chased after the alleged burglars. While they climbed into the vehicle, Ramos wrote down the vehicle's license



Perla Camanos

plate number.

Perla Camanos was arrested on charges of damaging property - criminal mischief, a third degree felony, burglary - of a dwelling unarmed, no assault or battery, a second degree felony, and larceny - theft of \$300 or more but less than

\$5,000, a third degree felony.

Both Carlos Flores and Jacob Delgado were arrested on the same charges of burglary - of a dwelling unarmed, no assault or battery, a second degree felony, and larceny - theft of \$300 or more but less than \$5,000.



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CMS Scholarship Recipient

Hendry Public Schools Foundation is proud to announce the 2012 Take Stock in Children Scholarship Recipient, Xavier Contreras. The Take Stock Scholarship is funded by local business partners in education and local community members. The scholarship offers two years at a community college and two years at a state university. Each recipient is paired with a mentor and a student advocate to monitor progress and provide support through the course of the high school career. This year, 52 middle school students qualified for the scholarship, and the selection committee had a difficult time choosing only one. Xavier has aspirations of attending UF and becoming a doctor. Pictured is Xavier Contreras and his mom at the scholarship contract signing with Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Roquett.

Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

Sisters of the Ladies Auxiliary, new officers have been installed and another promising year begins with the regular business meeting Saturday, June 16, at 4 p.m.

Thanks to past Post Commander, Charles Percy, for installing our officers. I hope to see many attend our next meeting. Afterward, the Ladies Auxiliary will host our monthly Bingo at 6 p.m. in the Canteen.

On Wednesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. we have scheduled our second workshop for Family Fun Day. This meeting is open to all, members and non-members.

Many exciting plans are in the works. Come and be part of a wonderful community project.

The Ladies Auxiliary extends our sympathy to both, Hatfield and Coverdale families for their recent loss.



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A

Makayla Arnold, Christopher Marshall, Dajia Robinson, Priscilla Bonilla, Dayton De'Arment, Gabriel Segundo, Earnestine Smith, Jesus Gonzalez, Emily Salinas, Leah Valdes, Branden Barnes, Keyton Jones, Guadalupe Figueroa, Raelynn Paniagua, Nathalia Aceituno, Osvaldo Aguilar, Xavier Charles, Stephanie Depaz, Nelida Jimenez, Kyla Jones, Jesus Mendoza, Thomas Roberts, Kianna Smith.

A/B

Albert Escobar, Elizabeth Dwyer, Anthony Lyons, Marycruz Perez, Emanuel Mckenzie, Damaris Romero, Julian Ruiz, Denise Borrero, Alexander Rudd, Cathryn Sanchez, Gracie Swails, Nick Narito, Ryleigh Flynn, Joel Bocanegra, Cynthia Carranza, Janessa Fernandez, Maribel Sanchez, Alexia Sterling, Emanuel Desantiago, Xander Hopper, Lyric Kerr, Jorge Quinones, Courlain Smith, Eleny Tistoj, Jayla Garcia, Randrick Hughley, Vanessa Martinez, Lisbeth, Olmos-Ramirez, Dillon Shamsundar.

First Grade

A

Jonathan Cristobal, Eduardo Diaz, Noel Escoto, Ty'Aisa Holmes, Gilberto Paniagua, Kylie Rudd, Jase Thompson, Jennifer Villatoro, Aldavian Gary, Joshua Berrara, Adam Chavarria, Melanie Gonzalez, Ronald Gosa, Adaneris Hurtado, Alexis Romero, Alize Rico, Xzaiver Solano, Diana Vasquez, Ximena Vasquez, Daisy Fernandez, Lyla Gonzalez, Alexis Imhoff, Jacob Kellogg, Miguel Almaraz, Joseph Barrera, Brianna Calvo, Joshua Hernandez, Lillie Hunter, Kayleen Moreno, Cristian Rivera, Talyah Sheppard, Aliana Smith.

A/B

Preston Thompson, Esteban Artola, Edward Olmos, Jahzariyah Watts, Augustine Ayala, Jalyn Davis, Jordyn Mixon, Angelica Ruiz, Jaiden Washington, Victor DelaFuente, Jaiven Jim-W., Jalaria Waugh, Luis Velasquez, Diana Raya, Te'lisha Robinson, Brayden Westberry.

Second Grade

A

Zobeida Carreno, Gyleigh Pattison, Candelaria Reyes-Pascual, Miguel Figueroa, Haylee Hayes, Jacinto Mendoza, John Simmons, Nicole Blanco, Daniela Desantiago-Zuniga, TyQwan Mills, Aleah Rodriguez, Jennifer Sierra, Anijah Stringer, Trystan Hopper, Caroline McCray.

A/B

Celeste Aviles, Harley Boren, Kahliyah Coleman, Kelly Gomez, Derrick Ingram, Ashton Nodal, Victoria Roberts, Citlaly Baltazar, Francisco Calderon, Alexis Delacruz, Micah Grooms, Jenkavia Harper, Ajani Smith, Catrina Torres, Daniel Trejo-Contreras, Cynthia Vega, Ka'Niyah Dhlwayo, Kandice Hayes, Haily Hickman, Troy Johnson, Clayton Loftis, Bridgette Ramirez, Sergio Resendiz, Jade Ruiz, Ty'Ana Thompson, Aumar Abujarour, Yoselin Arellano, Brandon Dupree, Jasmin Maceda, Robert Patterson, Isaias Raya, Leslie Velasquez, Adrianna Dilworth, Lanya Knight, Jackelin Lopez-Robles, Jared Millan, Jacob Reynolds, Llandel Saint Hilaire, Tiffany Spitzer.

Third Grade

A

Fabian Bocanegra, Demetris Holligan, Melina Martinez, Manuel Valdes, Ezequiel Vanegas, Amaya Solano.

A/B

Doiequon Johnson, Madison Nodal, Christopher Ruiz, Taleria Allen, Shatoria Boldin, Hehchooye Jumper, Patricia Pereyra, Alcides Pineda, Emilio Rico, Whyrnn Westberry, Joshua Velasquez, Eunjahia Carter, Asia Horne, Elizabeth Iglesias Gonzalez, Norma Olvera, Ashley Perez, Lon Sanchez, Tyler Allred, Austin Boren, Adriana Chairez, Elizabeth Hunter, Michael Johnson, Mia Mazzina, Makayla Reemelin, Jayleen Rodriguez-Lombardo, Ramsey Witt, Anya Brown, Jesus Hernandez, Illiana Rivera, Aaron Ramirez, Aaliyah Harris, Luzbella Rendon Gonzalez, Zeus Carranza.

Fourth Grade

A

Matthew Hatton, Aarieoun Little, Aylin Xenex, Kylee Allred, Thomas Darden, Gilbert Romero, Kylie Tarter, Justin Whitehead, Michael Crum

A/B

Juan Vera, Maritza Valadez, Christian Brady, Juana Paniagua, Christopher Vanegas, Crystal Carmona, Roberto Perez, Hensy Santiesteban, John Vann, Elizabeth Chavero, Alain Diaz, Landen Westfall, Harlee Whitehead, Haile Barraza, Tasho Jumper, Victor Leon, Taiyla Mozoul, Diego Perez, Brandon Shamsundar, Jackqueline Calderon, Noah McCray, Rey Paniagua, Daniela Sierra.

Fifth Grade

A

Kale Knaack, Ashana Etzweiler, Nagianna Gary, Daisy Olvera, Diana Ruiz, Cassandra Whitehead, Jon Basquin, Normalinda Chairez, Francisco Pardo.

A/B

Hannah Hayes, Derricka Ingram, Gloria Salmeron, Tariana Dhlwago, Jose Granados, Juan Hernandez Jr., Melissa Lopez, Leomaneu Bocanegra, Hector Chavez, Louis Roberts, Isabel Valdez, Julianna Aleman, Kenya Gutierrez, Naomi Millan, Martin Paredes, Montanna Powell, William Ramirez, Janelly Rendon, Miguel Rodriguez, Juvenal Velazques.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adoption of a Stipulated Settlement Agreement (Compliance Agreement) which will lead to remedial amendments to the Felda Community Overlay and Transition Land Use Categories in the Future Land Use Element along with amendments to the Traffic Circulation Element including associated maps. These specific Elements were challenged from the adoption of amendments to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan resulting from the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed agreement is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, La Belle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



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Science Experiment Day

Mrs. Assenov, a science teacher from Clewiston High School, came to Westside Elementary to do science experiments with the 3rd grade students. They got to work in groups and complete their own experiments. It was a great day for everyone.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Thursday, June 21st, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, 125 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. If a quorum is not established, the alternative date is Thursday, June 28th, 2012 at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Karson Turner, Chairman
 Hendry County
 Tourist Development Council
 419275 CN 6/14/2012

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

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 herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District Administrator at (239) 226-2000 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of May 2012.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 11:30 A.M. in the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. CP12 11
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF BJORN LUSTH
 Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Bjorn Lusth, deceased, whose date of death was February 26, 2012, file number CP12 11, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Rt 27, 500 Avenue "J", Moore Have, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 14, 2012.

Personal Representative
 Ernd P. Howell
 411 NE 11th Avenue
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Attorney for Personal Representative
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CITY OF CLEWISTON Invitation to Bid One New Four-Wheel Drive Backhoe Combination Bid No. 2012-02

The City of Clewiston will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., local time, June 27, 2012, at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. At this time and place, the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The bids submitted are for **One New Four-Wheel Drive Backhoe Combination.**

All bids should be in accordance with the specifications pertaining thereto, which may be examined at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, telephone (863) 983-1484, on the City's web site, www.clewiston-fl.gov, or contact Public Works Director, Sean Schreiber, 1300 S. Olympia Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440 telephone (863) 983-1471 for more information. Each bid must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked Backhoe Bid. Bids may be mailed to Marilyn McConvey, City Clerk, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, or hand delivered to the same address. No responsibility shall be attached to any officers for the premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to hold all bids for sixty days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid that in its judgment best serves the City.
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a Meeting of the Landowners of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Supervisors;
2. Receiving Annual Reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the Landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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DATED this 16th day of May, 2012.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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DATED this 16th day of May 2012.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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
2431	2008	1074433-03000010290	Danny Robert Cook

Lot 29, Block 1, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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 Fourth Thursday** in the month of **June, 2012**, which is the **28th day of June, 2012.**

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012.

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

417964 CN 5/24,31 & 6/7,14/2012

Public Notice 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 WHICH ASSESSED 4050 2008 4104329-06021920080 Pierre A. Reme and Felouree Reme Lot 8, Block 2192, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of July, 2012, which is the 19th day of July, 2012. Dated this 6th day of June, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 419666 CN 6/14,21,28 & 7/2/2012

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 WHICH ASSESSED 1591 2008 1154432-A0001970000 Euclides Muniz and Juana Rosado The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2580, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of June, 2012, which is the 28th day of June, 2012. Dated this 16th day of May, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 417965 CN 5/24,31 & 6/7,14/2012

REQUEST FOR BIDS PAVING FOUR STREETS IN PIONEER PLANTATION IN HENDRY COUNTY BID NUMBER: 2012-21 OPENING DATE AND TIME: JUNE 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Paving Four Streets in Pioneer Plantation in Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by June 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585. Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on June 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935. This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 417974 CB/CN 5/24,31;6/7,14/2012

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 95-268DR on November 30th, 2011 in the matter of Zenoria T. McKinney, as petitioner and Shep Harris, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit: Lot 28, Block "K", HARLEN ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, according to the Plat Book 3, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, including the 1996 Fleetwood 14x52 Mobile Home, Vin No.:1FLSP1AG257011902, and Title No.: 43345287. Also known as 1011 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. and on July 19th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service. Steve Whidden as Sheriff Hendry County, Florida By: Lt. Andy Lewis CN/CB 6/14,21,28 and 7/5/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS MOWING ROADWAYS AND THE SKY VALLEY M.S.B.U. IN HENDRY COUNTY BID NUMBER: 2012-22 OPENING DATE AND TIME: JULY 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Mowing Roadways and the Sky Valley M.S.B.U. in Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935. This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners CB/CGS 419392 6/14,21,28/2012

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 WHICH ASSESSED 2880 2008 1234334-0100000101 Rogberto Guillermo Hernandez, Maria Elena Hernandez and Amera Mortgage Corporation A parcel of land in fractional Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 23; thence South 58 degrees 29'06" East a distance of 67.89 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29'24" East a distance of 560.16 feet; thence South 10 degrees 42'36" East along the Westerly right-of-way line of a county road a distance of 329.92 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence continue a distance of 71.22 feet; thence North 58 degrees 29'06" West a distance of 128.53 feet; thence North 88 degrees 20'17" East a distance of 96.37 feet to the point-of-beginning. Also known as part of Lot 19, Hookers Subdivision, unrecorded. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of July, 2012, which is the 19th day of July, 2012. Dated this 6th day of June, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 419658 CN 6/14,21,28 & 7/2/2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT Florida Department of Environmental Protection Air Resource Section, South District Office Draft Air Construction Permit 0510015-025-AC Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation, Clewiston Facility Hendry County, Florida Applicant: The applicant for this project is Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation. The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Cit. Tristan Chapman, Vice President, General Manager, Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation, Clewiston Facility, 1820 County Road 833, Clewiston, Florida, 33440. Facility Location: Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation operates the existing Clewiston Facility, which is located in Hendry County at 1820 County Road 833, Clewiston, Florida 33440. Project: This project modifies the authorized fuels burned by the boilers (Emission units (EU) 001, 002, 008 and 010) and the peel dryers (EU003 and EU019). The boilers and peel dryer No. 1 (EU003) are proposed to burn natural gas as the primary fuel. Peel dryer no. 2 (with a maximum 0.1% sulfur content by weight). The boilers will also be authorized to burn fuel oil No. 2 (with a maximum 0.1% sulfur content by weight), d-limonene, cold pressed oil, and ethanol or blends of these fuels only during periods of loss of fuel or during periods of natural gas curtailment. This project also increases the heat input of peel dryer no. 1 (EU003). The heat input limit of peel dryer no. 1 will increase from 99 mmBtu/hr to 110 mmBtu/hr. As a result of the fuel change for the peel dryers, the Department's previously imposed continuous monitoring for SO2 and annual testing requirements will no longer be required for the peel dryers. The SO2 emissions as a result of this project are projected to decrease by 33.5 tons per year. Emissions are projected to increase for nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and volatile organic matter. The facility is major for prevention significant deterioration (PSD). A PSD applicability review indicated that this project did not trigger a PSD review. These emission units are subject to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60 Subpart A (General Provisions) and Subpart D (Standards of Performance for Small 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 Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: https://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/aps/default.asp. Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions. Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection 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 or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; (c) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wants 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. 419721 CN/CB 6/14/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2011-CA-000651 SUNCOST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Whose address is: P.O. Box 11904, Tampa, FL 33680 Plaintiff, v. DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DON EUGENE ROSS JR. A/K/A DON E. ROSS W/K/A PATRICIA CRITENDEN ROSS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; Defendants. FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, I will sell the property situated in HENDRY COUNTY, Florida described as: LOT 2, BLOCK G, FORT DENAUD ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as 4065 Ft. Adams Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the second floor lobby Clerk of Courts Office, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Area LaBelle Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, on June 27, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPER OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DISABILITY LANGUAGE: If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. For further information please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, Phone: (239) 533-1723, Fax: (239) 485-1014, smann@ca.cjis20.org at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this May 24, 2012. BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 418636 CN 6/7,14/2012

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5-16-2012, and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000194, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida. AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is Plaintiff and SHERRY CHANDLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRY CHANDLER; JOHN DOE AND; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN IN GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 21st day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 28, INDIAN HILLS SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF; RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the j's pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale. Dated this 18th day of May, 2012. JOE FLINT As Clerk of said Court By: /s/ Julie Braddock As Deputy Clerk 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 1-800-995-8770 (V) (via Florida Relay Services). Kshane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 418698 GCD 6/7,14/2012

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until June 15, 2012 for Bid #Q12-0008, 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 419323 CN 6/14/2012

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, June 27, 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 desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred 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. 418774 CN 6/14,21/2012 It's never too late to find the perfect gift. Look for it in the classifieds. When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds. Shop from a gift catalog that's updated regularly: the classifieds. Your new car could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it? Your new home could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it? Your next job could be in today's classifieds. Did you look for it?

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.
62011CA000846CAXXXX

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,

v.
MICHAEL F. KNOTEK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL F. KNOTEK; and JOHN DOE(S) AND JANE DOE(S) AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 262011CA000846CA XXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein MICHAEL F. KNOTEK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL F. KNOTEK, and JOHN DOE(S) AND JANE DOE(S) AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, et al, are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Street, 2nd Floor Lobby, LaBelle, Florida; (Telephone 863-675-5204), Circuit Civil Division; Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 22 and 23, GOODNOS SUBDIVISION of Block 89 of the Town of LaBelle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 67, Public Records of Lee County, Florida, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST OR RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Andrew A. Pineiro, Esq.
Pineiro Byrd PLLC
4600 Military Trail, Suite 212
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 799-9280 (telephone)
(561) 799-9287 (facsimile)
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
In accordance with the ADA, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, 239-533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 419247 CN 6/14,21/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2008-CA-17

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Plaintiff,

-vs-
Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, His Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated May 7, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-17 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, His Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOOREHAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., June 28, 2012, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 1, MOORE HAVEN RIVER GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 130, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 MOORE HAVEN, Florida, this 29th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Julie Braddock
JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Glades County, Florida

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25th Annual 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest Held in LaBelle



4th/5th Grade winners – left to right: Angela Vasques, Dillon White, Zachary Tanner, Stephen Howard, Betty Sanchez, Emily Miller, Carlie Lawson, Ms. Lori Duckstein and Damaya Paige.

The 25th Annual 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest was held at the LaBelle High School Auditorium. There were 20 fourth and fifth grade speakers and 8 sixth grade speakers.

In the fourth and fifth grade division, first place was awarded to Damaya Paige from Eastside Elementary School with her speech titled "How I Choose Friends." Second place went to Eastside Elementary School's Carlie Lawson with her speech titled "Final Days at Eastside." Emily Miller of Kings Academy achieved third place with her speech titled "Zoe." Betty Sanchez of Central Elementary School took honorable mention with her speech titled "The Bridge to Paradise."

The Judge's Choice Awards in the fourth and fifth grade division were awarded to the following speakers: Most Humorous Award went to Stephen Howard (LES); Zachary Tanner (UES) received the Most Educational Award; Best Presentation of a Serious Issue was awarded to Angela Vasques (WES), and Dillon White (COES) was honored with the Most Original Award.

In the sixth grade division, Clewiston Middle School's Sara McKown captured first place with her speech titled "My Little Monster." Second place was awarded to Sara Perera of Clewiston Middle School with her speech titled "The Help." Placing third was Alondra Reyna of LaBelle Middle School with her speech titled "Nazi Hatred." Honorable mention went to Kings Academy's Bailyn Mills with her speech titled "Mountain Top Experience."

The Judges Choice Awards in the sixth grade division were awarded to the following speakers: Brooke Jarvis (CMS) for the Most Humorous Award, the Most Educational Award went to Jaxon Purvis (LMS), Ciara Iglesias (KA) captured the Most Original Award and Angelica Cuellar (LMS) with the Best Presentation of a Serious Issue.

The winners of the speech contest received



6th Grade Winners – Left to Right – Bailyn Mills, Alondra Reyna, Sara Perera, Sara McKown, Brooke Jarvis, Jaxon Purvis, Ciara Iglesias, Angelica Cuellar, and Ms. Andrea Pflum.

a wooden plaque containing the 4-H/Tropicana Speech emblem sponsored by Tropicana Products, Inc.

In addition to the plaques, first through third place winners will be awarded monetary awards in the amounts of \$30, \$20, and \$10, respectively, sponsored by Hendry County 4-H. Furthermore, the first place winners received a scholarship to attend 4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, July 16 – 20, 2012, sponsored by Tropicana Products, Inc. The winners of the Judges Choice Awards received trophies sponsored by Hendry County 4-H.

For all of the 28 speakers, they did a fantastic job in presenting speeches. For the school co-

ordinators and teachers involved with the 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest, they did an outstanding job in preparing their students for the school contest as well as for the county contest. Furthermore, thanks parents for getting the students to the competition and all the help given to them.

Many thanks to Mrs. Doreen Backes, Dr. Jessica Cattelino, and Mr. Scott Cooper for taking the time from their busy schedules to serve as official judges. Last but not least, thank you to our sponsor, Tropicana Products, Inc., for making this event possible as well as to Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Murphy, and the Hendry County School Board for allowing the contest to be held at the LaBelle High School.

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"I can only imagine their grief and emotion surrounding all of this. It is a shocking turn of events that reminds us all just how precious every single day is."

"To say that the final day weigh-in Friday was a somber experience would be a tremendous understatement, as all anglers and families there were impacted by the loss. TBF staff on site told me there was not a dry eye anywhere at the weigh-in as one after another every single state federation President in the southern division, every single angler, and even the angler who won the Ranger Cup bonus money; everyone who came up on stage pledged to donate their en-

tire prize check, every single dollar, to Lorenzo's family's needs. That is what our federation is about. We also want to thank all the emergency response personal, the TBF staff on site and all the state presidents and community volunteers who were pitching in to help our anglers during a time of crisis. I am honored to know these people and to call them friends. This exemplifies what it means to be a member of the federation "family" and it makes me very proud."

The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) is the oldest and largest grassroots fishing organization in America. TBF is owned by those it serves and is dedicated to the sport of fishing. TBF annually conducts over 20,000 fishing, youth, and conservation events and has provided the foundation for the bass fishing industry for over 40 years.

Some information for this story was provided by a press release from The Bass Federation Inc.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 "As you wish"
- 5 Plot that's "pulled"
- 9 British racecourse
- 14 Sooner than thou thinketh
- 15 Glissade garb
- 16 Yawning fissure
- 17 "Soylent Green" shocker
- 20 Like some pains
- 21 ___ tai: rum drink
- 22 In the know about
- 23 Attempt
- 26 Put on the market
- 28 "The Sixth Sense" shocker
- 34 Campaign staffer
- 35 Really irritate
- 36 Reinspire, as troops
- 37 Auto dealer datum: Abbr.
- 38 It's read at registers
- 41 Struggle
- 42 Amazon's milieu
- 44 Barcelona gold
- 45 Headliner
- 46 "Psycho" shocker
- 50 Partner of if
- 51 Burglar's haul
- 52 Toll lane choice
- 55 Eloped, say
- 57 It's not heard by other characters
- 61 "The Empire Strikes Back" shocker
- 65 Gussy up
- 66 Pound using feet
- 67 Meas. of how high you are
- 68 Western Union transmissions
- 69 Break in the music
- 70 "Calm down!"

- 5 Time zone word: Abbr.
- 6 Prompt to enter
- 7 Basic unit of matter
- 8 Simba's father in "The Lion King"
- 9 Powerful club
- 10 Slangy word of regret
- 11 Abner drawer
- 12 1952 Olympics city
- 13 Feds who caught Capone
- 18 Utah ski resort
- 19 Like calico cats
- 24 The "A." on many a patent
- 25 Rabbit's title
- 27 Instrument played with a plectrum
- 28 In the know about
- 29 Award named for a mystery writer
- 30 Former pen pal?
- 31 Middle-earth residents
- 32 John Smith may be one
- 33 Turned blue, maybe

- 34 Prayer period?
- 38 No great shakes
- 39 Like some exams
- 40 Extinct bird
- 43 "Count me in"
- 45 "Hmm ..."
- 47 It might be late-breaking
- 48 "What nerve!"
- 49 Crowd cacophony
- 52 Feline weapon

- 53 TT automaker
- 54 Toffee candy bar
- 56 Bewildered state
- 58 One of las Canarias
- 59 Sees to
- 60 Emotion akin to jealousy
- 62 Officeholders
- 63 House and Watson
- 64 Down a hero, say

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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- 2 Division preposition
- 3 Showing unwelcome interest
- 4 As a group

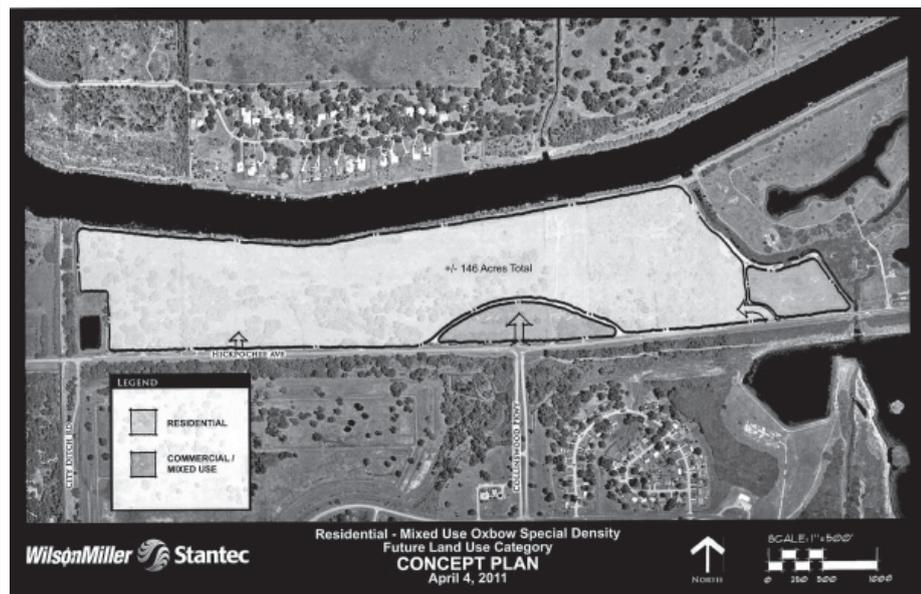
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adoption of the Western Oxbow amendment to the Future Land Use Element and Map of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY 146+/- ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS RESIDENTIAL/SPECIAL DENSITY AND USE TO A NEW MIXED USE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WESTERN OXBOW MIXED USE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scat-ala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

ELECTION

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tor at the Hendry County Sheriffs Office, an officer at the Pahokee Police and Rivera Beach Police.

Steve Whidden, a Democrat, is this race's incumbent. He is the President/CEO of Narc-Scent, Inc.; he invented a law enforcement tool used by thousands of police officers throughout the country (it was even featured in Law & Order Magazine).

For Clewiston's City Commission, each term lasts for two years. Three seats are open with six participating in the race. The three highest vote-getters will earn a seat on the board.

- Phillip Roland served as a Hendry County Commissioner for 20 from 1974-1994.

- Donald Hughes is a lifelong resident of Clewiston. As a business owner, he would like to see new commerce come to Clewiston and is "tired of watching our city government waste money."

- Julio Rodriguez, an incumbent, first served as a city commission in Oct. 2003 and was re-elected in Nov. 2008 for a total of 8 years on city commission.

- Jerry Cochrane could not be reached for comment.

- Mali Gardner, an incumbent, served the city of Clewiston as mayor from 2001-2010. She was a city commissioner appointed in Oct. 1999 for a four-year term and again in Nov. 2008.

- Brett Nesbitt could not be reached for comment.

The Superintendent of Schools is a constitutional position. Its term length is four years, as well. There are three candidates participating in this race.

- Paul Puletti, a Republican, has served the Hendry County School system for 28 years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, chief negotiator for the Hendry County School Board, while he currently hold the title as Mayor of LaBelle,

- Joel Williamson, a Republican, has been a part of Hendry County Schools for 32 years. He was a teacher, an athletic director, and coach, while also performing the duties of a guidance counselor, dean, and a principal.

- Richard Murphy, a Democrat, was elected the Hendry County Superintendent of Schools in 2008. Before his current position, he was a School Board member for 14 years.

Tax Collector

Peggy Hampton, a Democrat
Tom Corbitt, a Republican

Supervisor of Elections

Kevin Drummond, a Republican
Kim Harris-White, a Democrat
Brenda Hoots, a Democrat
Rose Raulerson-Mason, no party affiliation

County Commission District #1

Janet Taylor, Democrat
Pamela Jackson, Democrat

County Commission District #3

Tristan Chapman, Republican
Don Davis, Democrat

School Board District #4 (nonpartisan)

Stephanie Busin
John Perry
Cynthia Potter

Central County Water Control District Seat #2

Miguel Soler
Jessie Necolettos

Central County Water Control District #4

Billy Haithcock
Charles Bamburg

These seats are already automatically won as the candidates faced no opposition:

- County Judge (Nonpartisan): James Sloan.
- County Commission District #5: Karson Turner, Democrat.
- School Board District #1 (nonpartisan): Dwayne Brown.

- School Board District #2 (nonpartisan): Sally Berg.

- Hendry Hospital Authority District #1: Victor Blandford.

- Hendry Hospital Authority District #3: John Benkert.

- Hendry Hospital Authority District #5: Hugh Turner.

- Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District Seat #2: Robert McDaniel.

- Port LaBelle Community Development District Seat #4 (nonpartisan): Jennifer Derleth.

- East County Water Control District Seat #1 (nonpartisan): Michael Welch.

- East County Water Control District Seat #3 (nonpartisan): Joseph Whalen.

- East County Water Control District Seat #5: Edward Weiner.

The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 14. The purpose of the primary election before the general election is to narrow down the candidates to allow only one contender from each political party to advance to the general election to be held on Nov. 6.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Barbara Butler, a Democrat
Larry Wilcox, a Republican

Property Appraiser

Phillip Pelletier, Democrat
Kristina Kulpa, A Republican



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Martial Arts fight team

The Integrity Mixed Martial Arts fight team did great on Friday, May 18, at "King of the Harbor" in Punta Gorda. They had three fighters that night competing in debut fights. Dakota Rutter, only 15 years old, finished her fight in the last seconds of round three with a rear naked choke for a gold medal. Juan Gomez finished his fight quickly in the first round with an arm bar for a gold medal. Chris Kellogg fought a tough fight only to receive a silver medal after only a 1/2 point decision in the end. The next fight for the team is set for July 7 in Immokalee for "King of the Casino." Pictured left to right: Chris Kellogg - Silver Medal, Dakota Rutter - Gold Medal, Juan Gomez - Gold Medal, and Lee Rutter - Owner and Trainer at Integrity Martial Arts.

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At Hendry Regional, we want you to be comfortable and feel safe during your MRI scan, which should last between 25 to 60 minutes. While lying inside a large tubular machine, the technologist will talk to you through an intercom system and guide you through the procedure.



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Blackbeard the Pirate

FORT PIERCE—The Sunrise Theatre and Misoula 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. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The beautifully restored, 1,200-seat Sunrise Theatre, located in historic downtown Fort Pierce at 117 South Second Street, presents national touring musical and comedy acts, Broadway shows, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras. Also located within the theatre complex is the 220-seat Black Box Theatre, a state-of-the-art venue offering a variety of national, regional and local programming. The Black Box is home to the Ft. Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's Jazz Jams every Tuesday night. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

The Brand New Kid

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present "The Brand New Kid," adapted by Michael Friedman and Melanie Marnich from the children's book by Katie Couric, June 19-22. The play is a kids' musical about being different and overcoming teasing through the power of acceptance and friendship. Lazlo S. Gasky has just moved to the United States to start his first day of second grade — where he finds himself the target of the other kids' teasing. But when popular Ellie McNelly decides to take a chance on him, all the kids learn that our differences are what make us great. For more information, call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

Divorce Party, the Musical

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present "Divorce Party, the Musical" July 10-Aug. 19. Still reeling from her divorce, Linda is rescued by her three friends who have come to turn her despair into a weekend of hilarity. Using popular songs with clever new lyrics, the ladies sing and dance their way through the wildest divorce party ever. From the producer who brought you the off-Broadway hit Menopause the Musical, it's the ultimate Girls' Night Out, coupled with a healthy dose of comic mayhem and a touch of "naughty." For more information, call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

Showtune

BOCA RATON—Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre will present "Showtune," June 22-July 21. Showtune is a popular Off-Broadway musical revue celebrating the words and music of Broadway composer Jerry Herman. Songs featured in Showtune come from the Herman Broadway musicals: Milk and Honey (1961), Hello, Dolly! (1964), Mame (1966), Dear World (1969), Mack & Mabel (1974), The Grand Tour (1979), A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine (1980) and La Cage aux Folles (1983). For more information, call 1-800-564-9539.

Salute to the Spirit of America

BOCA RATON—The Carole & Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton, will host the Klezmer Company Ochestra's Salute to the Spirit of America, on June 24 at 3 p.m. Maestro Aaron Kula conducts the 60-piece KCO in a concert of beloved

American classics including music from Copland's popular ballet "Rodeo," Bernstein's "A Musical Toast"; and Tchaikovsky's rousing "1812 Overture." Guest vocalist Daniel Cochran will sing Copland's "Old American Songs" and "Singin' in the Rain" from the original film score. This year marks the seventh KCO Spirit of America concert celebrating FAU Libraries' Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection. For more information, call 800-564-9539.

Gulf Coast Symphony

FORT MYERS—The Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Concert Series will present "Happy Birthday America" on June 24. The event opens at 1 p.m. The concert starts at 2 p.m., at the Barbara Mann Performing Arts Hall at Edison State College, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919. For more information, call 800-440-7469 or 239-481-4849.

Love's Labour's Lost

BOCA RATON—Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre will present "Love's Labour's Lost," June 29-July 21. William Shakespeare's Love's Labor's Lost is considered his most intelligent and elevated comedy. In this upbeat and funny story, four young men resolve to give up wine, women and song. With the arrival of a princess from Paris and her entourage in Key West, however, each of the young men's resolve is tested. While each tries to hide their infatuations from each other, in the end their trysts are too hard to keep quiet. The play ends as they are all revealed and join in a gigantic celebration and dance. For more information, call 1-800-564-9539.

Area special events and celebrations planned ...

Clewiston Museum has Historical Eco Tours

CLEWISTON—The Clewiston Museum offers a Historical Eco-Tour. The trip starts with a morning at South Florida Water Management District's fabulous "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, the 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 information, call 863-983-2870 or clewistonmuseum@em-barqmail.com.

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.

Day of the Cowboy celebrated

OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Main Street is currently seeking sponsorships and vendors for the National Day of the American Cowboy. This festival will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on July 27 and 28 in conjunction with the Cattlemen's Association Ranch Rodeo. Please call 863-357-6246 for more information.



Redeem The Shadows fundraiser

STUART—Put your party shoes on and get ready to dance for a great cause! On Friday, June 15, Fred Astaire Dance Studio is hosting a grand opening party and fundraiser to benefit Redeem The Shadows, a local nonprofit dedicated to ending human trafficking in the United States. Festivities include a beginners dance class followed by a professional show, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres provided by Pei Wei and Kazu Japanese Restaurant, and wine. Join the fun at Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2147 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, Fla. from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person to be paid at the door. Call the studio at 772-678-7368 or Rachol at 772-285-9923 for more information.

Artists for a Cause event

STUART—Terry Barber, Executive Director of Artists for a Cause, has announced a four-part fundraising series called "Party Like A Rockstar" which will be held at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center, 2101 S. Kanner Highway, in Stuart. The premiere event of the series, on Saturday, July 14, is Beatles night featuring McCartney Mania, a Beatles cover band. For additional information call 772-419-8778.

Win a Winnebago at Seminole Casino Brighton on June 30

More than \$75,000 in cash and prizes planned

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is cruising into summer by giving away more than \$75,000 in cash and prizes! One lucky player will find themselves at home in a brand new Winnebago One. More casino play during June means more chances to win the vacation on wheels. The casino will award the road-conquering Winnebago on Saturday, June 30.

Win your share of \$20,000 cash during the Lucky Puck Hot Seats. Get the puck in and win! Come grab your seat and play your favorite slots each Thursday for your chance at scoring some serious cash.

The fun is always at full-tilt on Free Play Fridays! Now you can earn 2X as many points and use them on the same day. Earn Free Play Vouchers for every 250 base points and redeem them for posted value up to \$200 in Free Play every Friday in June. Plus, unredeemed vouchers are eligible for cash prize drawings on Friday, June 29.

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

Hotel important to Glades County history

By Anne Coffey

MOORE HAVEN—The old Moore Haven Hotel, built in 1916, overlooking the Three Mile Canal, now known as the Caloosahatchee River at Ave. K and Riverside Drive, has always been known as one of the most significant buildings in Moore Haven's history. One of the town's founders, James Moore, commissioned it hiring Frederick Gram's business partner, Marion F. George as the general contractor. The original design was quite elaborate but no one knows whether economic conditions or a desire to stay within the somewhat established vernacular convinced them to keep it simple.

The spacious building constructed of all wood took up one city block. It consisted of a central block covered by a front gable roof, flanked by two wings with low-pitched roofs. It was built as a wide, two-story frame structure with horizontal wood siding and imposing twin stunted turrets.

Traveling by packet boat and steamers, scores of travelers returned many times to view the meandering river and enjoy the hospitality of three separate

to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

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 (SR 721) in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrighton-casino.com.

owners, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Edwards, Mrs. Katie King and her daughter, Mrs. Albertina Stroup. In 1919 it was sold to South Florida Farms and next leased to Mrs. M.I. Brassell and her daughter, Mrs. Olin Dayton, until 1919 when it was bought by J.R. Randle, owner of the posh Leon Hotel in Tallahassee. A 27-room annex was built onto the hotel and the newspaper, Jacksonville Times Union reported that it had 24 rooms with private baths.

Historic photos show much damage to the building after the 1926 hurricane. Older local folks swear that the building moved 15 ft. from its original location during this tragic event. The two turrets that served as markers for the hotel collapsed in 1938 during a party and were never replaced.

Although the hotel has been altered too many times and is now 40 ft. shorter than it started, it remains an imposing structure. The interior has been beautifully remodeled and the second floor has four comfortable apartments. On the exterior the full-width front porch remains, with a modern swimming pool and an elegant fountain graces the front lawn.



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Historic places are plentiful in Lake Okeechobee area

Florida's south central areas such as Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry and western Palm Beach counties played an important role in Florida's pioneer past. Many of these old buildings are still in use. For those interested in local history, there is plenty to see.

Okeechobee County

- Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 Northwest 2nd Street, Okeechobee, was constructed in 1926. This Mediterranean-Revival style Courthouse now holds county offices. It was designed by architect George Gaynor Hyde of Miami. Due to the collapse of the Florida Land Boom during its construction, a central dome that was originally planned was never built. After the 1928 Okeechobee hurricane, its hallways were used as a temporary morgue. In 1989, the Okeechobee County Courthouse was listed in *A Guide to Florida's Historic Architecture*, published by the University of Florida Press.

- Okeechobee City Hall, 55 S.E. 3rd Ave., was built in 1926 at the height of the Florida Real Estate boom. It continues to house Okeechobee City offices.

- The Freedman-Raulerson House, 600 S. Parrott Avenue (photo below) is a two-story, eight-room house built in 1923 as a family home by Abraham and Maud Freedman. It was later owned by the Raulerson family. This mission/Spanish revival building was added to the National Historic Register in 1985.



- The Battle of Okeechobee Battlefield site, four miles southwest of Okeechobee on U.S. 441 is being developed as part of the Florida Parks System. Currently, the battlefield is only open to the public during the annual Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment, which is held every February. The battlefield was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

- Okeechobee Livestock Market, (photo below) 1055 Hwy. 98 N., was built in 1937. As Florida's largest livestock market, it reflects the importance of the cattle industry to the region.



Glades County



- The Red Barn, (photo above) three miles west of County Road 721 on County Road 721 A. The Red Barn was built 1941 with help from the Civilian Conservation Corps to serve the Seminole cattle business. It has a dirt floor and rests on a concrete block foundation. Its roof was replaced in 2005 as a result of a hurricane. In 2008 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

- The Westergaard House, 270 Avenue L, Moore Haven (photo at right), was the home of Glades County's first pharmacist, Pieter Westergaard. It has been preserved by the Glades County Historical Society.



- The Glades County Court House, 500 Avenue J. in Moore Haven, was built in 1938 in the classical revival style. It was designed by Georgia-born American architect Edward Columbus Hosford, who is noted for the courthouses and other buildings that he designed in Florida, Georgia and Texas. In 1989, the Glades County Courthouse was listed in *A Guide to Florida's Historic Architecture*, published by the University of Florida Press.

- The Donnie Lundy Hardware Store is part of the historic downtown business district.



- The old Moore Haven Hotel, (photo above) overlooking the Caloosahatchee River, was built in 1916. James A. Moore who founded the town of Moore Haven that same year, was a prominent hotel owner.

- Ortona Indian Mound Park, 1800 Chiaha Road S.W. in Ortona, contains prehistoric Indian canals and the remnants of historic Indian mounds. The area was once called Chiaha, which means "high ground."

Hendry County

- The Caldwell Home, also known as the Myer General Store, 160 Curry St. in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

- The Forrey Building and Annex, (photo at right) 280 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. A downtown historic marker explains: "In 1895, prominent landowner and cattleman Captain Francis A. Hendry (1833-1917) platted a townsite at LaBelle, which was first settled as a center for cattle and citrus industries. A post office, general store, school, and a church were eventually built, and LaBelle became the first town and commercial center in what became Hendry County. Although Hendry is credited with settling LaBelle, E.E. Goodno (1858-1936), who purchased Hendry's former land holdings in 1903 and financed many of the town's first improvements, is recognized as the "Father of LaBelle." LaBelle's historic business district extends along and near Bridge Street from the Caloosahatchee River south to Hickpochee Avenue. At one time, both sides of the street were lined with commercial estab-

lishments, some of which featured living accommodations on the second floor. Sadly, many early downtown buildings were destroyed in a 1928 fire, but some have survived, including the Poole Store (1911), First Bank of LaBelle (1925), the Royal Poinciana/Newcomb Bakery (1911-1912 - one of the buildings constructed for both commercial and residential use). The Downtown LaBelle Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places."

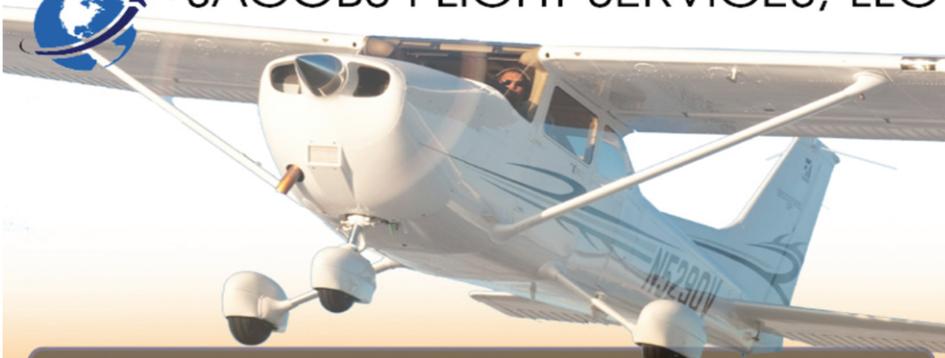


- The Hendry County Courthouse, at the junction of Bridge Street and Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. The courthouse was built in 1926. It was designed in the Mediterranean Revival-Mission Revival styles by architect Edward Columbus Hosford.

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• The Captain Francis A. Hendry House, (photo above) 512 Fraser St. in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Built in 1914 by Captain Hendry, who platted LaBelle in 1895 and for whom Hendry County is named, it is an excellent and wonderfully preserved piece of old Florida history and architecture of its period.



• The Historic Fort Denaud Bridge, (photo above by Waddy Thompson) SR 78 and Fort Denaud Road near LaBelle, is one of the few remaining swing bridges in Florida. The existing bridge, moved to its current location in 1963, replaced a bridge that had been condemned and removed in the early 1960s. It is named for Pierre Denaud, a French Canadian trapper who trapped, hunted and traded in the area during the 1830s.



• The Clewiston Inn, 108 Royal Palm Avenue (U.S. 27) in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The Inn was constructed in 1938. It was built in the Colonial-Revival style. The Inn is also famous for the Everglades Lounge with its unique wrap-around original mural completed in 1945, showcasing the unique ecology of the Everglades.

• The Dixie Crystal Theatre, also known as the Clewiston Theater, (photo at right) 100 E. Sugarland Highway in Clewiston, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The building is an example of the Art Deco architectural style that was popular in the 1930s.



• The Captain E. Deane Duff House, 151 W. Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.



• The Executive House, 125 W. Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.



• The Scharnberg House, 325 Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

• Clewiston Historic Schools, (photo at right) 325 E. Circle Drive and 4765 E. Osceola Avenue in Clewiston, were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.



Western Palm Beach County

• Big Mound City, a prehistoric burial mound, in Canal Point was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

• Pahokee High School, 360 Main Street, Pahokee, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

• Pahokee Women's Club, S. Lake Drive in Pahokee, was built around 1939. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



• St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1200 E. Main Street in Pahokee, (photo above) was built in 1933 as a mission church of St. Ann's in West Palm Beach. The church contains 100-year-old pews and stained glass donated from St. Ann's during the depression. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



• The Hurricane Memorial in front of the Belle Glade Library, 530 South Main Street in Belle Glade (photo above), was sculpted by Ferenc Varga in memory of the nearly 2,000 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 16, 1928 hurricane, when the dike on the southern end of Lake Okeechobee gave way. The inscription on the base reads: "Belle Glade 1928 This statue is to honor the early Glades pioneers and the more than two thousand persons who lost their lives in the disastrous 1928 Hurricane."

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Okeechobee County murals honor area history

A series of murals in downtown Okeechobee celebrate art as well as local history.

The first historic mural in Okeechobee was spearheaded by the Okeechobee Historical Society and was painted on the north side of what is now the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Gymnasium. This mural was created in 1996 on the centennial anniversary of the first permanent settlers in what is now Okeechobee, Florida. The mural, painted by John Gutcher, depicts the arrival in 1896 of the Peter and Louisiana Chandler Raulerson family from the Basinger area. The center cameo of the mural shows their log house built three years later. Also depicted is a typical Seminole village of the time including pictures of the eight Seminole clan symbols: toad, snake, otter, bear, deer, panther, bird, and wind.

Following the success and popularity of this historic mural project, another Okeechobee community organization, Okeechobee Main Street, decided to sponsor more murals in the Okeechobee area. In 2006, Okeechobee Main Street organized their first mural project which depicts a cattle drive from 1937. This mural is on the Williams Building, which currently houses the Sprint store, 204 N. Parrott Avenue (U.S. 441 N) in Okeechobee.

Before work started on the mural, OKMS hosted an art contest and invited young artists to compete for a chance to help paint the mural, supervised by professional artists. These young people also served as the models for the crowd of youngsters who are shown in the mural.

The mural depicts young Haynes Williams riding his pony on the cattle drive through the town of Okeechobee. Nine year old Haynes was allowed to accompany his father, Zibe King Williams, and grandfather, Fitz Williams, on a three week long trip starting from Highlands County, passing through Okeechobee and ending at Allapattah Flats (now Palm City). The mural is a collage of images showing this memorable trip. A storm lights up the sky to reveal a representation of the City of Okeechobee. The cattle appear to jump out of the storm.

The large lasso draws the viewer's attention to the figures standing in front of a movie theater. This theater was in the center of downtown and spectators could emerge from the theater and watch the cattle drive.

These faces represent the young artists and their art director, who all painted the mural. These artists painted more than a building, they painted history and in doing so became history themselves as the artists who painted the first Okeechobee Main Street Mural.

Peek around the east corner of the mural and you will see Fitz Williams,

smoking his favorite pipe, and looking over the cattle on his land, 101 Ranch.

The mural was sponsored by Haynes & Susan Williams.

Bridgette Waldau designed the mural and was art director for the project.

Artists were Bridgette Waldau, Fawn McNeil Barr, Maureen Burroughs, T.J. Condon and Jillian Warren.

Junior artists included Lindsay Crum, Rocky Huddleston, Taneisha Mitchell, Rachel Muros, Brianna Skye Nunez, Jack Radebaugh, Hannah Sadler, Donny Sheldon, Nick Valcaniant, & Gabrielle Velie.

In 2007, the second mural in the OKMS project was completed, honoring the arrival of the railroad.

The Florida East Coast Railway was completed and the first train arrived in Okeechobee in 1915. With the completion of the ice plant in 1918, shipment of perishable goods to the northern markets was now possible and Okeechobee flourished. The major products were catfish from Lake Okeechobee, turpentine and timber from the pine woods, and fresh produce including citrus. In addition, cattle could now be marketed to distant points with ease and were loaded from holding pens just west of town.

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Courtesy photo

This historical mural was sponsored by Okeechobee Historical Society and major contributors Barnett Bank of Lake Okeechobee, Big Lake National Bank, Florida Power and Light Corporation, Okeechobee County School Board, Seminole Tribe of Florida, SunTrust Bank of Okeechobee.



A young Haynes Williams is shown riding his pony in the cattle drive mural on the Sprint store on Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee. The young artists who helped paint the mural were the subjects for the portion of the mural depicting a group of children.

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This mural in downtown Okeechobee celebrates the arrival of the railway in 1915.

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The mural is located on the S.W. corner of SE Park Street and S. Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee. Katy Scott was the artist.

In 2008, OKMS hosted a third mural project, this time honoring Okeechobee's first telephone company.

Shown in the mural are the first telephone installer T.A. Sizemore and the first telephone operator, Byrd Sizemore. The mural was created by Matt Budjinski.

The mural can be found at 115 S. Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee.

OKMS latest mural project is planned to be unveiled this month.

Old bank building mural dedication is planned for June 21 at 5:30 p.m. The bank

building will feature a series of murals on the areas where the building's windows and doors should be. Viewers will have the impression of looking through the windows or glass doors to see the history inside.

Originally constructed in 1923, the Bank Building has sat vacant for many years on the north side of State Road 70, with worn plywood covering its once shining glass windows. On June 21, the old Bank Building will shine again. With murals in each window and door, the building will again look alive and vibrant as images from 1930 through the 1950s can be seen from across the street and down the road. The dedication will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at approximately 6:30 p.m. while guests and visitors are treated with remembrances from the past. Gil and Marie Culbreth are the project sponsors. The artist is Joseph Steiert.



This mural honors Okeechobee's first telephone company.

State parks plan special events

Conch Stomp Band

Come listen to the Conch Stomp Band play a variety of bluegrass songs at the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, on July 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, call 561-624-6950.

Untold Riches Bluegrass

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, will host Nathan Rich and Untold Riches Bluegrass at the park's amphitheater on July 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, call 561-624-6950.

A Photographer's View

Learn about perspectives on photography through the eyes of locally renowned artists Bruce Bain and Durga Garcia in a special photography class

at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program costs \$25 and includes park entry, class instruction, a guided tour and refreshments. The park is on U.S. 1. From I95 take Exit 96 and go east on Bridge Road to US 1. Turn right (south) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 3 miles on your right. To register for the class, or for more information, call 561-745-5551.

4th of July Firecracker 5K

Highlands Hammock State Park will host the 18th annual 4th of July Firecracker 5K race on Wednesday, July 4, at 7:30 a.m. Plaques will be awarded for overall, master and grand master male and female winners. There will be age group awards in 5 year age divisions, technical T shirts and ice-cold watermelon for runners. Shirts guaranteed only to the first 200 entrants. Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring. For information, call 863-385-4736 or email cbrojek@comcast.net.



Around the corner from the mural depicting a cattle drive through downtown Okeechobee, visitors can find a ranch scene with Fitz Williams, smoking his favorite pipe, and looking over-seeing the cattle on his land, 101 Ranch.



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Museums use historical buildings to bring the past alive

Communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee are rich in the area's pioneer history. This is evident in the many museums and historic buildings. In some cases, the museums are historic buildings.

LaBelle Heritage Museum's new location, 360 N. Bridge Street, is itself a LaBelle historical treasure, the old Poole Store, built in 1911.

The museum focuses attention on the people and the times that built LaBelle.

One of the museum's prize artifacts is the historic Warren Steam Engine from the commuter boat Navette, once owned by J.P. Morgan and eventually sunk from disrepair into an old section of the Caloosahatchee River.

Also on the first floor, take in the fossil and nature area, featuring ancient bones, many of which were discovered in the LaBelle area. Partway encircling the fossil room, local artist Meredith Marcum is gradually completing a mural depicting scenes from a prehistoric LaBelle.

An ADA ramp makes it easy for anyone to move from the parking lot into the building and plans are being made to put in an elevator to the second floor.

Upstairs, the visitor will soon be able to enjoy traveling history exhibits as well as do research on local history using historical documents and old newspapers such as the Caloohathee Current and the Henry County News.

An activity room for kids will help ensure that the importance of LaBelle's past remains part of the younger generation's consciousness.

The newly relocated LaBelle Heritage Museum is the repository for the community's collective history, offering a unique and fascinating look into the past in a charming new setting. It's the place to go for a new perspective on old LaBelle.

The Okeechobee Historical Society Museum is also housed in a building that is of historical value. It resides in the historic Tantie Schoolhouse, built in 1909.

The Tantie School was built in 1909,



The old "Tantie School" now houses the Okeechobee Historical Society Museum.

eight years before Okeechobee County was formed. It was originally located at what is now the corner of Southwest 5th Street and South Parrott Ave. and was designated School #14 by St. Lucie County. This area was first called "The Bend." In 1902, the settlement was named Tantie for teacher Tantie Huckaby. Tantie was renamed Okeechobee in 1911. By the fall of 1915, the school became so crowded, a tent had to be set up for the over-flow.

In 1916, construction began on the new two-story brick school. The old school became a private residence and was occupied until 1976, when the Watts family sold it to the Okeechobee Historical Society. The building was moved to its current location, 1850 U.S. Hwy. 98.

The school house and museum are open to visitors on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and other times upon request. For more information, call 863)763-4344. Guided tours are available by appointment.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum, 34725 West Boundary Road, Clewiston, is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Four main galleries explore various aspects of Seminole life and tradition and showcase many items from the museum's permanent collection.

A mile-long raised boardwalk through the cypress swamp, features over 67 types of indigenous Everglades flora and fauna.

The museum also includes a living village. Experience firsthand an authentic Seminole Indian Village, where Tribal Elders create sweet grass baskets, beaded necklaces and wood carvings.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum's various collections exist to serve as the repository for all archival and artificial items related to the Tribe. The museum collects, preserves, protects and interprets Seminole culture and history inspiring

an appreciation and understanding of the Seminole people.

For more information, call 863-902-1113.

The Clewiston Museum is located along U.S. Hwy. 27, in the heart of Clewiston, "America's Sweetest Town." The green vintage building dates back to 1928. The building originally housed the Clewiston News.

Tours start with the popular fossil collections that reminisce back to the days when prehistoric animals roamed Florida. These tours continue with exhibits of the early Native Americans that inhabited the Lake Okeechobee area and the Seminole people, who came later.

The heritage tour of the museum reflects the town's growth and history through educational videos and an array of displays that include the sugar cane industry, destructive hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 and Riddle Field, a training base for British cadets during World War II.

In October, the Clewiston Museum will present "Journey Stories," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, through a Florida Humanities Council grant. The exhibit will be on display at the museum starting October 22 thru December. The museum will also be presenting programs



The Clewiston Museum on U.S. 27, is in a building that dates back to 1928. Part of the museum is the old newspaper building, the original home of the Clewiston News.

on various Florida subjects through our speaker series, which entails five speakers this year. Seminole Heritage Day will be celebrated on April 20th with guest speakers to commemorate the Seminole people and their culture.

The Museum Archives provide information to persons researching the past or wishing to take a stroll down memory lane. It also provides a "Historical Eco Tour" for those who wish to bird and learn about the area's local flora, fauna and history. The museum is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 863-983-2870 or go to the website, clewistonmuseum.

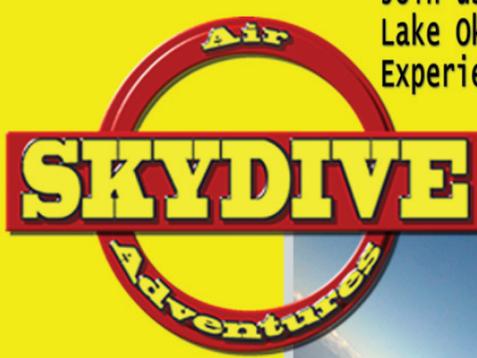


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The old Poole dry goods store is now the home of the LaBelle Heritage museum.



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