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School Board Makes Case to Gov. Scott

Hendry County takes vocal stand against standardized testing

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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Joining the many throughout the state displeased with the present method of standardized testing, the Hendry County School Board has decided to make its own appeal to Florida Governor Rick Scott.

The Board has approved a resolution calling to reexamine public school accountability systems in the State of Florida and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing. The School Board passed and adopted the resolution at their public meeting on June 12.

While it remains uncertain what type of response the local school board stands to receive, if any, school officials have said it is important that the concerns of the area are communicated on a statewide level.

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Fireworks amaze residents



PHOTO / DEBBIE MCCARTHY

The Clewiston Fourth of July event last week provided a visual spectacle for residents. Though a storm threatened, the fireworks display went ahead as planned.

City Considers Possibility of Purchasing New Automatic Meters

METERS COULD SAVE THE CITY MONEY, IMPROVE SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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Gone may be the days of seeing meter readers arching their necks, stooping, bending and reaching to spot a water or power meter hiding behind overgrown weeds.

In hopes of saving money and providing more efficient services, the city of Clewiston is looking forward to investing in automatic meter readers.

The plan is that the city can move toward a system that will not only save Clewiston money in the long run, but will also have the capability of making the customers' lives a little bit easier.

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Q&A With Birthday Girl: Opal Hancock

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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What is your name?

Opal Royal Hancock. (How did you get it?) Well, Opal is a precious jewel. Ophelia is in the bible. I was Royal before married and I married a Hancock.

What do you do and why do you do it?

I was born on a farm in Georgia and I came down to Clewiston in 1940. My husband got a job at U.S. Sugar Corporation. I didn't work for a while but I went to work for Royal's,

my cousins. I worked for them a short while. I then worked at U.S. Sugar Corporation for 30 years. I retired from there. (What do you do now in your spare time?) Work, work, work with politicians and looking at ball games. I'm a sports fanatic and a politician. I help other people. I try to help the kids and the senior citizens more than ever. Especially the kids who are graduating high school. I helped raise an extra \$1,800 to help a group of kids get to New York to see the Statue of

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Inland Birding Fun: Snowy Egret (SNEG)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

One of the most common wading birds in the Southern United States is the Snowy Egret. This species's range includes the continental United States from northern California to Maine, south to Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, and most of South America.

Large numbers of Snowy Egrets from northern states winter in Florida. Florida's resident population lives and breeds mainly in the central and the southern peninsula of the state.

Snowy Egrets were nearly decimated by plume hunters in the early twentieth century and are listed in Florida as a "Species of Special Concern."

This medium-sized all-white heron is about

two feet tall. They are smaller than a Great Egret and larger than a Cattle Egret. It has a long thin neck that it usually holds in an "S" curve in flight. Adults have a long thin bill and long black legs with vivid yellow feet.

The upper bill in front of the eyes is normally yellow, but turns red during the breeding season when they grow thin wispy plumes on their neck, breast, and back. The Snowy Egret's call is a loud nasal squawk when they're defending their territory.

Juveniles look similar to the adults, but their bill is paler, they have yellow feet, and their legs are yellow with a black front edge. Snowy Egrets can be confused with the white immature Little Blue Herons. Immature Little Blue Herons are slightly thinner and they have greenish legs and feet.

Snowy Egrets forage for food in freshwater or saltwater habitats. They stir their bright yellow feet to startle prey while they are feeding. Other foraging behaviors include walking slowly in shallow water, chasing prey, or standing in order to capture small fish, shrimp, or small vertebrates.

These birds breed in Florida from January

through August. They usually build nests in colonies with other wading bird species in swamps, mangroves, or in vegetation above water.

Their nest is a platform of sticks in trees or bushes less than 30 feet above the ground or water. They lay three to five blue-green eggs that hatch in about 18 days with the young fledging when they are about 25 days old.

During the Breeding Bird Atlas 1 Survey 25 years ago Snowy Egrets were confirmed breeding birds in inland Florida west of Lake Okeechobee and a few other locations near Lake Okeechobee.

The Breeding Bird Atlas Survey (2012-2016) is underway. To help document the breeding birds or to participate in a morning survey during July or August in Hendry or Glades County contact Margaret England.

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

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863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

Visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org for the 2012-2013 STA5 schedules. Check for updates on the Hendry-Glades Audubon on Facebook.



Margaret England



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Snowy Egret.



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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

•Opal Hancock is celebrating her 93rd birthday on July 15 at John Boy auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. You are all invited to celebrate this important birthday with Opal!

•July 24 will be the date of CFRW's meeting at the Port LaBelle Inn at 6 p.m. There will be a debate of the Republican Sheriff candidates.

•Caloosa Federated Republican Women have cancelled all meetings for July 2012.

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 call Tabitha Yebba at 863-233-1305.

•Harlem Gardens Apartments on Monday, July 16, at 10 a.m.

•Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, July 16, at 11:30 a.m.

Community Fun Day

There will be a Community Fun Day held at the Clewiston Civic Park on Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be free food, refreshments, and live entertainment.

Outstanding Community Service Award Nominations

The City of Clewiston City Commission is seeking nominations for the annual Outstanding Community Service Award to honor an individual who has made a sustained commitment to volunteer service.

If you wish to nominate someone in the Clewiston area who deserves recognition, complete the nomination form and return to Marilyn McCorvey at City Hall or call 863-983-1484. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the city's web site.

The City Commissioners will recognize the honoree at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner in September. Nominations must be received by Aug. 10.

Recycle Containers Moved

Hendry County Waste Management reports that the recycle containers, formerly near the Clewiston Middle School, have been moved to 1100 Olympia Street (NW Corner) which is now the Clewiston Government Complex and Health Department.

Just a reminder that these bins are for the following materials only: glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastic, newspapers, and cardboard.

All other household trash, furniture, white goods (appliances), and tires are picked up

curb-side. Hazardous materials are accepted at the County Barn (Road & Bridge Department) by appointment only.

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. In October, it goes back to the regular schedule of every Saturday. All events will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the VFW at 863-983-9748.

Football Camp

A 'Muck Area' Christian Football Camp will be held July 28 at the Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School Field for Grades 7-12.

There is a cost. The camp will feature former and current pro and college players along with high school coaches.

Recruiters from various colleges are also expected to attend. To reserve a spot or for more information, please call Rod at 561-809-8300 or e-mail at rfelt10@aol.com.



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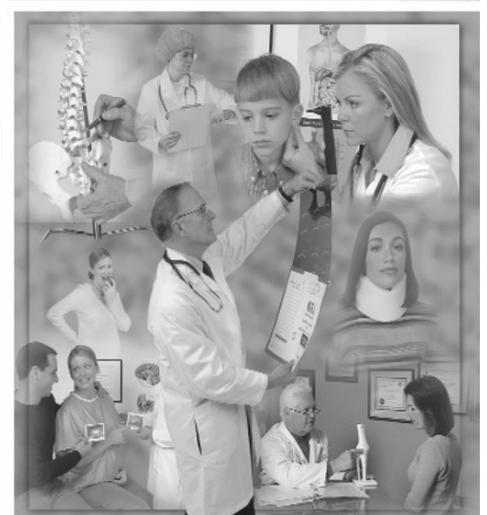
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Importance of Immunization

BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Hendry and Glades counties: It's never too early to think about vaccinations for your child. Every child entering the Hendry and Glades County School systems for the first time this fall must present documentation of a school-entry health physical examination performed within one year prior to enrollment in school.

In addition, the child's immunization status must be current and in compliance with the Florida Immunization requirements.

Florida Immunization requirements for 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- Two doses of Varicella
- (5) DTaP
- (4) IPV
- (3) Hep-B
- (2) MMR

Fifth through Eleventh Grade

- One dose of Varicella
- (5) DTaP
- (4) IPV
- (3) Hep-B
- (2) MMR

Seventh Grade

- Tetanus containing booster Tdap, instead of Td
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- (4) IPV
- (3) Hep-B
- (2) MMR

Visit your health care provider or your local health department to ensure your child is adequately vaccinated for school entry this fall.

It's important to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases. Please ensure that children are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is one of the most important ways a parent can protect a child's health.

Today, children can be protected from more vaccine-preventable diseases than ever before. Immunizations are a safe, simple, and inexpensive way to protect children from potentially deadly infectious diseases. Babies need many immunizations before two years of age to protect against serious childhood diseases like polio, measles, whooping cough, and diphtheria. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers the following tips for parents and caregivers:

- Take your children to the health department, a family doctor or a clinic for their recommended shots. Immunizations start at birth and continue throughout the child's life and into adulthood.
- At each visit, discuss immunizations with a health care provider. Ask if the child is up-to-date on shots.
- Keep the immunization record in a safe place and bring it to every healthcare visit.
- Ask the doctor when to return for the child's next shots. Make an appointment and write it down.

For more information about the importance of infant immunization, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 8.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.25/g on Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.41/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 33.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 9.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 15.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

After a dramatic decline in gasoline prices in virtually every region in the past month, gasoline prices have started to rise," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"While I don't necessarily believe that the recent uptick in crude prices will stick, I also don't see prices falling considerably lower until after the conclusion of the summer driving season, when demand declines, and more expensive blends are phased out," DeHaan said.

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Narcotic Investigators Arrest Man on Charges of Making Crystal Meth

Hendry County Investigators served a search warrant on a houseboat that was anchored on the bank of the Caloosahatchee River.

Investigators received information that the occupant of the boat was producing crystal meth. Investigators began surveillance on the property and based on their observations, obtained a search warrant on July 5.

On July 6 at approximately 12 p.m., Narcotic Investigators executed the search warrant and entered the living quarters of the houseboat. Once inside investigators located 37-year-old Christopher Sean Cooper and 56-year-old Nina Gause. The entire living quarters of the houseboat was full of a thick haze and gases. The suspects were immediately moved out to the porch area of the houseboat and detained.



Christopher Cooper

During primary questioning, Cooper told Investigators he was in the middle of making methamphetamine inside the bathroom area of the house boat when deputies arrived. During the search Investigators located approximately 3 grams of suspected crystal meth, methamphetamine pipes, marijuana, and paraphernalia. In addition, they located chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Christopher Cooper was placed under arrest and charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of listed chemicals, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Cooper is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$108,500 bond.

ARREST REPORT

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

Anthony Rossella, 22



- Fugitive from justice
- Arrested July 6 by CPD Ofc. Tiffany Arnold

Michael Castillo, 21



- Fugitive from justice
- Arrested July 2 by CPD Ofc. S. Chamberlain

Michael Hansen, 61



- Fugitive from justice
- Arrested July 3 by CPD Ofc. S. Chamberlain

Danorris Balkom, 27



- Aggravated battery, knew/should have known victim was pregnant
- Arrested July 3 by Dep. R. Steed

Deana Hall, 35



- Driving while license suspended, 3rd or subsequent offense
- Possession of cocaine
- Possession of drug equipment
- Arrested July 6 by Dep. M. Thomas

Alexander Alvarez, 31



- Aggravated battery, knew/should have known victim was pregnant
- Arrested July 7 by Dep. J. Perez.

Religion Column

The God Particle: Oh?

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

There seems to be something fascinating about size for us human beings. We build big airplanes, then bigger ones. Airbus has now built a double-decker jumbo jet, larger than the 747s we build.

Skyscrapers have to be taller and taller, stretching the limits of architecture and high-altitude winds. We keep dividing and dividing; smaller and more complicated timepieces, smaller cell-phones that do more and more in less and less space.

Now, it's the "God particle." The atom was split, then the protons and neutrons were found to have particles of their own; the Higgs boson particles. Like many scientific discoveries, it was first theorized and then the search began. A ten billion dollar "collider" and thousands of scientists discovered the smallest particle known to date.

I am intrigued by the possibilities suggested by this discovery. Scientists feel that this is the particle that is related to mass and what holds the universe together. It somehow is what keeps atoms and molecules and everything that they are made of from flying apart and gives the universe cohesion.

They've also projected that this discovery may lead to the discovery of other worlds and otherwise unknown forces of nature. The implications are fascinating. Earlier discoveries of radio waves, the possibility of air travel, then space travel, germs, and viruses all have changed our lives and were well beyond even the imaginations of those who lived only a few centuries before.

The latest discovery no doubt will lead to changes in our day-to-day life in times to come. The Lord who said "Behold, I make all things new," (Revelation 21:5) isn't done with His revelation. Our spiritual ancestors had a simpler idea about small particles; "jots" and "motes."

The parable about the mote and the beam: that we see the smallest details in the lives of

others and miss the big ones in our own lives (Matthew 7:3,4) speaks of searching out the smallest details.

The Lord Himself said that until Heaven and Earth disappear not the smallest stroke (the "jot" in the Hebrew language) will by any means disappear (Matthew 5:18). No matter how small, smaller beyond our imagination, those particles will be around.

The identification of the particle as the "God particle" is a scientific oxymoron. In fact, there may be even smaller particles, in fact the discovery of what holds the universe together may not yet be fully discerned. In fact, scientists aren't about to discover God anyway.

He was already there and the motes and the jots that were the smallest known particles for our ancestors served them in their generations as our discoveries of ever-smaller particles serves us in ours. The universe keeps unfolding; that seems to be how God intended it. In the meantime, He keeps revealing to us newer and newer mysteries. The other day I had heard that a structure was found that was believed to be the Tower of Babel; when men were going to build a tower to Heaven (Genesis 11:1ff). The discoverers reported that it was only seven stories high! Certainly a long way from reaching Heaven and certainly with a different view of the heavens than we hold today.

The message then, as still with us, is that we aren't ready to be God, and that there are many, many, many more mysteries to unfold before the end of time. I welcome the discovery of the Higgs-boson particle and all of the possibilities for the revelations it will bring.

I welcome the work of our scientists in their efforts to help us better understand God's universe and to use the forces at work in it for the benefit of humanity. Every now and again, someone gets a bit carried away with their discoveries and the state of science (what was the name of that unsinkable boat? Was it the "Titanic?") and we learn and grow.

In the meantime, God is still there in the midst of it – we rejoice when we see His handiwork and the wonders of His creation.

METERS

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to conserve more water and make sure less is unknowingly wasted.

Other city agencies such as code enforcement and building and zoning will be able to directly enter information through the program from a laptop on-site rather than traveling in between the office and site to submit information.

The city is preparing to present a contract from Honeywell, the general contractor for the project, to the city commission in August for potential approval.

"One thing we are taking into consideration with this project is it needs to pay for itself," said McCarthy.

With the cost estimate of the project approximately \$4 million, the city is reporting that Honeywell guarantees savings each year.

As an example, if the city saves \$100,000 and the annual bill is \$110,000, Honeywell will write a check to the city for the difference. If the city saves \$100,000 and the annual bill is \$90,000, the city keeps that \$10,000.

Since the project is expected to pay for itself, the utility rates will not increase, reported Mr. McCarthy.

The meters would allow quick access to information regarding energy and water usage. Without even needing to leave the office, city utility employees can read the total energy consumed and the number of gallons used by each household.

"I believe the use of these new readers will allow us to be more efficient and accurate as well as proactive in our service," said Kevin McCarthy, utilities director for Clewiston.

McCarthy also explained that instead of waiting for a reading once a month, employees now have to ability to collect usage data every day, if need be.

The system will send out notifications when water has a continuous flow -- which might signal problems such as leaks, and prevent the running up of utility bills. Clewiston will be able

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- 22 Lion of Narnia
- 25 Fender-fixing facility
- 28 Burglar's headwear
- 31 Funeral speech
- 32 Little fella
- 33 Tropical straw hats
- 36 Affirmative vote
- 37 Pencil-and-paper diversion where the starts of 17-, 25-, 48- and 57-Across denote incorrect guesses
- 38 Light switch setting
- 41 Disney creation
- 42 Red-carpet party
- 43 Follower of Ignatius of Loyola
- 46 Inane
- 48 Superpowers' weapons escalation
- 51 West, to Juan
- 52 Chicken's home
- 53 Makes fit
- 56 Wine-and-cassis apéritif
- 57 Prohibition era gangster
- 62 Crackerjack pitcher
- 63 Gentle wind
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- 66 Lots and lots
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- 2 Motherless mother
- 3 Amazon squeezer
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- 5 Fizzling-out sound
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- 7 Adjust paragraph indents and such
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- 11 Crow's-nest cry
- 12 Most of a screenplay
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- 18 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
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- 22 Movie terrier
- 23 Blue-bottled vodka
- 24 Facebook button
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- 30 German philosopher Immanuel
- 34 IHOP '___': takeout food program

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Did You Receive Your New Voter Information Card?

All voters have been sent a new voter information card by mail with important information regarding their new precinct and polling place due to redistricting. If you did not receive your voter information card in the mail, the Supervisor of Elections does not have your correct information on file. Please contact the Supervisor of Elections office to update your address.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-675-5230, 863-902-3393, or visit one of the Supervisor of Elections Offices at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle or 100 E. El Paso Ave., Clewiston.

Prior to Early Voting the Supervisor of Elections will be sending Sample ballots with important information on the August 14, Primary Election.

Usted Recibio su tarjeta nueva de votar?

Todos los votantes se les han mandado una tarjeta de votar nueva por correo con importante informacion con el respeto de su Nuevo precinto y lugar de votar, debido a el redistriction. Si usted no recibe su tarjeta de informacion del votante por correo, la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones no tiene su informacion de direccion correcta.

Por favor pongase en contacto con la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones para actualizar su direccion. Contactese con la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones en 863-675-5230 o 863-902-3393 o visite unas delas oficinas de Supervisor de Elecciones, 25 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle o 100 E. El Paso Ave., Clewiston

Antes de la Eleccion de Votar Temprano, el Supervisor de Elecciones va a mandar boletas de muestra para la Eleccion Primaria de Agosto 14.

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Precinct #5

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Liberty that they would never have been able to experience.

What is your pet peeve?

People being so negative and complaining and griping about everything and everybody. I'm a very positive person. I love to lift up people and encourage them. And they can always feel better if they are on the positive side; Congratulate somebody else, and praise somebody else, and help somebody else.

What are you afraid of?

Well, I have a fear of water. I try to work through my fears with God. (Was there a specific event that made you fear water?) Yes. I went out with my husband on a small boat that had a more powerful motor. I do not know how to swim. He could swim really well. We went out on Lake Okeechobee. It was very deep and he started to turn it [the boat] around and it threw him out. The boat was going every which way,

and I didn't know how to drive the boat. He was swimming toward shore and I nearly run over him and cut his head off (Opal laughs). I finally got it to the shore to stop. I don't know how I did it but I got it to the shore. He was okay and I was okay but I didn't want to go out on the water anymore. That was the most fearful thing that I had happen.

If you could choose a single person to spend your last moments of life with, who would you want by your side and why?

Well all of my sisters and brothers are gone. My mother and father are gone. My husband is gone. And this is a hard question but I guess it would be Ronnie Lee Sr. I lived by his mother and father before he was ever born.

We played cards with his mother and father. I've known him since birth. He is like a son to me. He is so good to me and so thoughtful and so understanding and so good in every way. He's moved away now and I'm saddened about that. But he calls me every two or three days to check on me to see how he's doing. I guess he would be the one I would want there if I had just a few minutes to live. (What would you say to him?) I'm ready to go and I've enjoyed life. Life is beautiful but I will be going to a more beautiful place.

"I'm a very positive person. I love to lift up people and encourage them."

- Opal Hancock

Captain Joseph T. Bastys Awarded National Certification

Captain Joseph T. Bastys has received the national designation of Certified Jail Manager, (CJM) through the Jail Manager Certification Commission (JMCC), by authority of the American Jail Association. Captain Bastys is one of just 331 jail professionals nation-wide to have achieved this designation.

This certification has been achieved through the successful completion of a rigid experiential background application, and an intensive written examination prepared by the Commission and the American Jail Association.

The JMCC and the American Jail Association (AJA) promote the concept of voluntary certification for all jail managers. Certification is part of a process called credentialing and focuses specifically on the individual. It provides documented evidence to the public that the individual has been examined by an independent professional organization and found to possess current competency in his/her field. Certification documents the mastery of a strong level of knowledge in the specialty. It provides a form of recognition and achievement, indicating to one's peers that the individual has taken the time and effort, beyond job experience, to learn the Body of Knowledge, thus exhibiting a significant commitment to working in the profession.

Since being hired by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office in February of 2011 Capt. Bastys has served as the Hendry County Jail Administrator. Capt. Bastys retired from Collier County Sheriff's Office in 2010 where he served as Corrections Commander. Capt. Bastys began his manage-



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ment career with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in January 1995 as the Jail Supervisor of the Immokalee Jail.

Captain Bastys has more than 30 years of correctional experience, with 16 years of that in Jail Administration.

"I am very proud to announce Captain Bastys is the first Jail Administrator of the Hendry County Jail to attain this prestigious certification," said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden.

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SCHOOL

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While Florida Governor Rick Scott and Chancellor of Education Pam Stewart visited Clewiston, Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy, took the initiative to discuss the standardized testing concerns to the governor.

Among other issues, the superintendent believes that the current testing methodologies do not favor local students, whose performances may be dogged by a system that focuses intensely on a single aptitude test.

These concerns are now clearly presented in the resolution that the school board adopted. According to the resolution, "public school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money, and energy on high-stakes standardized testing it is directly affecting students

and educators alike." It is forcing instructors to teach to the test and "taking the joy out of learning" while "narrowing curriculum" as well. With such strict standards, teachers are having trouble instilling all the factors of education that prepare a student for college, careers, and citizenship, according to the argument. More teachers are being driven away from the field, unhappy with the standards of education.

"The resolution also calls on the U.S. Congress and U.S. Department of Education to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act," reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators," explained Rick Murphy.

Now with the new FCAT 2.0 in place, which is just a precursor to the Common Core State Standards, an even more rigorous standardized test, the Board is hoping the resolution will make a difference.

Pam Brown Wants to Represent District 80

Pam Brown Campaign

Born and raised in Immokalee, Pam Brown has been a member of this community all her adult life, an activist who isn't afraid to speak her mind.

Pam is running for representative of Florida House District 80 with No Party Affiliation (NPA). Redistricting has taken the old Florida House District 77 and reformulated it into District 80. As a lifelong area resident and member of an Immokalee pioneer family, she feels she has a strong connection to this area, with an understanding of the folks who have built this area.

She has served on the Immokalee Water & Sewer District board for 14 years; on the Lake Trafford Task Force; Collier County Museum Board and Immokalee Chamber of Commerce. Currently she serves as chairman of the Immokalee Fire Board and of the Collier Fire Service Steering Committee. She is also a cofounder and serving president of the Immokalee Area Civic Association.

She says she's ready to start helping her area neighbors at the state level and looks forward to making a difference in three areas she designates as ACE: Agriculture, Commerce and Education.

Bringing a "fresh set of eyes" to the table, is one of her strong points, she feels.

The daughter of Percy Brown - community leader, farmer and rancher - she fervently believes in keeping District 80 entrenched in agriculture while at the same time leveraging our traditional lifeline to additional jobs in commerce.

Of course, she realizes that this entire area is in need of the infrastructure that can create and serve a robust economy - good four-lane roads are at the top of that list.

She wants to study options for the proposed Heartland Express - what would it bring to this area?

To her mind, this area's constituents sorely need a representative that treasures their past, understands their present and will work for the future.

Pam feels education is a "key component" in

our collective future but the system is in serious need of attention. At present, she feels, only our educators are being held liable for providing a quality education to our children. She takes issue with the fact that our schools' effectiveness is being evaluated solely on the basis of state assessment tests.

The big powerhouses of Tallahassee do not intimidate this local lady. With local roots that go back to the 1880s, taking on the tough fight is in her blood.

Her grandfather, Bill Brown, set up the first trading post doing business with the Seminoles at Big Cypress - Brown's Boat Landing, she said. After that, he opened a store in Immokalee.

Recently she learned that her grandmother's family founded a town called Jernigan - a place we now know as Orlando.

In Collier County she has championed a different perspective on several difficult issues to the board of county commissioners.

She prides herself on an open mind, making sure she does her homework and then looks at an issue from all angles before she makes up her mind where she stands.

"First do the research," she said, "then get to work."

Rural Collier and Hendry need a voice in Tallahassee and Pam hopes to become the individual District 80 constituents can rally around.

Pam studied at USF and Georgia Southern. With 28 years experience in small business - running her own insurance agency for 15 years as well as 13 with her own catering and canning business, she feels she has the background to help structure a sound local economy.

She said she would see her duty as a representative of the people of District 80 - not of herself or special interests. She said she believes in keeping locals apprised of the issues that affect them and welcomes constituents to contact her with new perspectives and issues.

The King's Academy Offers Christian College Scholarship

TKA Clewiston is pleased to partner with Evangel Assembly of God of Clewiston, offering scholarship opportunities for high school seniors who choose to pursue higher education at a Christian college.

Mr. Brian Burrage, TKAC Principal, states, "We are incredibly grateful to partner with EAG in an effort to support the young people of this community. Clewiston's local churches underwrite our mission and vision, which is to graduate Christian leaders who seek to impact their world for the King of kings through academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Opening doors for students from this area to attend Christian colleges and universities only magnifies that vision."

According to Gary Corley, Lead Pastor of Evangel Assembly of God, "It is the intent of the scholarship fund to grow each year so that many other students may be able to receive financial support."

The scholarship is given in honor of Pastor Ed Corley and his wife, Kathy, who have always

had a strong desire to see young people pursue Christian education. The goal of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential, and have financial need.

The King's Academy is a nationally recognized private Christian school serving approximately 1,200 students from preschool through twelfth grade and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, and the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

The King's Academy serves students and their families across Palm Beach and Hendry Counties at its main campus at Belvedere Road and Sansbury's Way in West Palm Beach, its Clewiston campus on Caribbean Avenue, and its satellite preschool campuses in Greenacres, Palm Beach Gardens, and Royal Palm Beach. More information about The King's Academy is available online at www.TKA.net.

Accreditation Team Invites Public Comments About Hendry County Sheriff's Office

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on August 6, 2012 to examine all aspects of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services," Sheriff Steve Whidden announced today. "Hendry County Sheriff's Office has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status".

For more information regarding the CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Hendry County Sheriff's Office ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, 3504 Lake Lynda Drive, Suite 380, Orlando, Florida, 32817.

Sheriff Steve Whidden said, "The Assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The as-

sessors will review written materials; interview individuals; and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed". The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Brad Hodge of the Satellite Beach Police Department. Other team members are Wendy Puglis of Martin County Sheriff's Office and Brian Hester of St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. Hendry County Sheriff's Office accreditation is for 3 years. "Verification by the team that Hendry County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence" said Sheriff Whidden.



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Candidate Profile: Mark Chamberlain

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In December 2011, I retired from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office where I served for over twenty-six years. During my career at PBSO, I served as a deputy sheriff, sergeant, lieutenant and, for the nearly the last nine years of my career, a captain. While my assignment was primarily in the PBSO Corrections Division, I did volunteer for many years in the department's ride-along program, gaining valuable insight into law enforcement operations.

In addition, I was assigned to the Palm Beach County Courthouse for four years where my staff shared court security functions with our law enforcement counterparts. I have retained my affiliation with PBSO as a Law Enforcement Reserve Deputy. I am a concurrently Florida certified corrections and law enforcement officer and I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business Adminis-

tration from Northwood University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University.

While at PBSO, I was the commanding officer of divisions ranging from sixty-five to over four hundred deputy sheriffs with budgets ranging from \$8 million to \$35 million. During the final three years of my PBSO career, I was assigned to Belle Glade where I assisted with the planning, construction and occupation of a \$175 million expansion to the West Detention Center and Western Region Law Enforcement Facility. I am a 2005 Graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Senior Leadership Program, Class 10 and subsequently, I was elected to the Board of Directors of The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Associates, Inc.; an organization that provides continuing educational opportunities to Florida's Criminal Justice Leaders, including a dozen of Florida's Sheriffs during my four-year term on the board.



Mark Chamberlain

Roadwatch for Hendry County

•CR 835: From CR 833 TO SR 25 (US 27) Construction project -- The improvements under this Contract consist of removal and installation of thermoplastic pavement markings and signage on CR 835. The construction will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Possible lane closures can be expected. Weather permitting; these activities are anticipated to last approximately 1 month. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. The contractor is ACME Barricades, LC

•US 27: From Berner Road to Stitt Ranch Road: Construction project -- Paving of the friction course is complete. Crews are adding the final striping to the roadway. Lane closures are expected nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday night, July 7 through Saturday morning, July 14, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for workers in the construction zone. Project completion is expected at the end of summer 2012. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries.

•US 27: From Lewis Boulevard to Flaghole Road: Maintenance permit project -- Permittee crews will be installing a gas line, with a lane closure in the northbound lane (outside). Work is expected to last through mid July.

•US 27: From Palm Beach County Line to CR 835: Maintenance permit project -- Permittee crews are installing gas line in this area. Motorists should expect lane closure in the outside north bound lane for the rest of this month.

•SR 80/US 27: Intersection improvements: Construction project -- Crews are modifying the intersection with construction of an overpass for SR 80 traffic eastbound to US 27 northbound and for US 27 traffic northbound to SR 80 westbound. The project also realigns US 27. Crews also will widen approximately 3/4 mile of SR 80 to four lanes approaching the intersection, add a

traffic signal at the overpass, and install lighting at the interchange. Work currently involves placing fill dirt, installing drainage, and constructing walls for the new overpass. Northbound traffic is shifted to the west onto new temporary lanes. The speed limit on US 27 is 55 mph in the construction area. Motorists are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area. Project completion is expected at the end of 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

•SR 80: From West of Lexington Parkway to Magnolia Packing Co.: Maintenance contract project -- Contractor crews are cleaning ditches along the roadway. Motorists should expect a lane closure with flagmen on hand to help with traffic.

•SR 29: From Spencer Road to Jim Kulsy Drive: Maintenance contract project -- Contractor crews are cleaning ditches along the road. No lane closures are expected, but motorists are advised to be aware of work vehicles entering and exiting the roadway and to use caution driving in this area.

•SR 29: From State Road 80 to County Road 731 (Whidden Road): Construction project -- Work is underway on this 1.4 mile resurfacing and improvement project. Crews will place new asphalt on SR 29, build sidewalk and replaces signals. In addition, bicycle/pedestrian railing will be installed on the bridge. Guardrail placement, Drainage, milling and resurfacing and temporary barrier wall is being installed. Motorists can expect daytime lane closures (7a.m.-5p.m.) and are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area. Project completion is expected in fall 2012. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

On Saturday, July 14, the VFW Veterans will serve smoked fish with potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. This is a scrumptious summertime meal that you will not want to miss and a wonderful opportunity to show your appreciation to the Veterans who have already gave so much for you and our country. You can place your order by calling 863-983-9748.

And while you are getting your meal, see Doris to sign up for the Ladies Auxiliary Corn Hole tournament that will be held at the city park on Aug. 4. Early registration will begin Saturday, July 14, at the Post. Registration will be for a two person team. First and second place teams will be rewarded. So who will have the best team? I heard a rumor that Big Lake Cruisers is throwing the gauntlet down that they will. Anyone up to the challenge? Bragging rights are on the line.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, the Ladies Auxiliary will also host a cake walk where you can win a delicious cake for your next meal's dessert. There will be a raffle table where you will have different baskets and items to choose from. Beautiful face painting by Valerie's designs will be available. And to cool off from the heat we will have Snow Cones.

A super cool car show will be provided by Big Lake Cruisers Car Club. All donations raised throughout the day will be used to purchase supplies to give out to students before they go back to school.

The LA sent sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Post Commander Izzy Vargas and LA member Joan Rose who were both injured recently in separate vehicle accidents and to LA Member Lisa Martin who recently had surgery.

The King's Academy Offers TBF / IFW Fishing Club



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The King's Academy Clewiston is pleased to announce the formation of a Student Angler Federation fishing club beginning this fall. Through a partnership with the Roland and Mary Ann Martin Marina, TKA Clewiston will be offering students an opportunity to learn everything from advanced angling techniques to the business of professional fishing. Student anglers will have a chance to compete against other schools in state and national IFW sanctioned tournaments and are eligible for entry into the SAF High School Fishing World Finals, high school fishing's premier event!

The King's Academy will host club meetings with the help of local experts like Ramon Iglesias, manager of the world famous Roland and Mary Ann Martin Marina, and professional fish-

ing guide and TV host Scott Martin. According to Iglesias, "It's just good, clean fun for the kids. I'd like to see The King's Academy students representing Clewiston all over Florida and the US."

Meetings will cover a wide spectrum of fishing education and will prepare students for tournament competition. Through the support of the marina, TKA Clewiston students will be able to participate in guided trips and clinics on Lake Okeechobee.

The Student Angler Federation and FLW program focus on ethical sportsmanship along with integrating math, science, and language arts into their clubs and events, corresponding with their motto: "Promoting education through fishing." All SAF event prizes are in the form of student scholarships.

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Certified Real Estate Appraiser. First Appraisal of S.W. Florida has one opening for a State Certified Appraiser Residential or Commercial. We are a full service appraisal company based in a rural area. Fee split arrangement based on experience. Fax resume to 863-675-1005 or mail to PO Box 219, LaBelle FL 33975

Reading a newspaper helps you understand the world around you. No wonder newspaper readers are more successful people!

R & D Maintenances is currently accepting applications for Electrician Helper position. Requirements include: Knowledge of single and three phase systems, knowledge of JLG lift operation needed. Must be at least 18, have a valid drivers license and pass a drug screen. EEO Apply in person at 475 Ridgeway Road, Clewiston FL 33440 This is a temporary position.

Need a few more bucks to purchase something deer? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifieds.

R & D Maintenances is currently accepting applications for licensed Journeyman Electrician. Requirements include: Knowledge of single and three phase systems, knowledge of JLG lift operation needed. Must be at least 18, have a valid drivers license and pass a drug screen. EEO Apply in person at 475 Ridgeway Road, Clewiston FL 33440 This is a temporary position.

Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has a job opening for a technician at Fishating Creek WMA in Glades County. For more information and to apply go to: <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm> or call Pat at 863-946-1194

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Independent Newspapers will never accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is. If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 772-878-2010 for previous complaints.

Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

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RIVER HOME- Near Clewiston, Hwy 80. Boatyard, golf course, 2 BR, 2 BA, FL room, Large private yard. \$850 mo. Call (970)708-9993.

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• 2BR, 1.5BA, furnished. \$450 mo. • 3BR, 1.5BA, furnished, screened in porch, fenced yard with shed. \$600 mo. • 3BR, 2BA, screened in porch. 1 acre fenced yard with shed. \$700 mo. 863-509-0096

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2012-CA-000260

M & T BANK, Plaintiff,
VS.
RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); BASS CAPITAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

Unit 912, in the COURTYARDS OF CLEWISTON, a subdivision located within the corporate limits of the City of Clewiston, in Section 10, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, pages 113 and 114, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED AT HENDRY County this 2nd day of July, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 421307 CN 7/12,19/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on July 23, 2012 at 10:00 am at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440: 1999 Chevrolet, VIN: 1G1NES2M1X6151532 ***We have the right to refuse any and all bids**** 421646 CN 7/12/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4071	2008	4104329-06021970130	Anthony A. Marino

Lot 13, Block 2197, 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 First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420448 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4073	2008	4104329-06021980020	Efren & Carlita Tambio

Lot 2, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Hendry County, Florida

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
537	2009	1174329-03000000190	JPDF Investment Corporation

The North 66 feet of Lot 27 and the South 33 feet of the right-of-way of the street running East and West which lies between Lots 27 and 30, Favore Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 27, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

420455 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1046	2009	1274331-010000Q0160	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 16, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420468 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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NOTICE OF SURPLUS SALE GLADES COUNTY

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners will hold a sale on surplus properties on Saturday, July 14, 2012, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Glades County Road Department, on 4883 East State Road 78, (towards Lakeport) Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

The following is a list of some of the items being offered for sale:

2001 GMC Yukon #3628
Xerox Copier #3581
3 - Grasshopper Mowers #2476, 2152, 2477
Paint Stripper #1991
Tire Machine - No Number
1985 Ford F 8000 Dump Truck #1044
1997 Ford F150 4X4 Super Cab Pickup #2109
1997 Ford Tractor #2219
1996 Ford 150 Truck #2105

Equipment items may be examined beginning at 8:00 AM on the date of the sale.

All sales are sold "As Is, Where Is". Bidders must take possession by noon on Monday, July 16, 2012 or the item sold will revert back to Glades County.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. TERMS: Cash or Approved Checks.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Brown at 863-946-6002. 421589 GCD 7/12/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1055	2009	1284331-A0000260000	Ketty Cherubin

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 363, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420728 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2507	2008	1314433-A0000310000	Eileen J. Otano

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6028, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420446 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1021	2009	1274331-010000D0010	Raul Martinez & Katia Caballero

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 1, Block D, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420459 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

Public Notice

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

Luesal Brown, Petitioner and Dorothy Brown, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Dorothy Brown Address Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Luesal Brown, whose address is 710 S. Lopez Street, Clewiston, FL 33440 or before, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 25 E. Hick-pochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: N/A

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

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

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 6/22/2012

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT BY: R. DeLaCruz Deputy Clerk 421048 CN 7/5,12,19,26/2012

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

ELIZABETH MAJOR, Petitioner/Mother, and MICHAEL D. PATRICK, Respondent/Father

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: MICHAEL D. PATRICK Addresses Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Dissolution of Marriage action has been filed and commenced in this court.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Petitioner/Wife's attorney, whose name and address is GLENN J. SNEIDER, ESQUIRE, 200 S.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled Court on or before June 10, 2011; otherwise default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in The Glades County Democrat.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Moore Haven, Florida on this 21st day of April, 2011.

JOE FLINT As Clerk of Said Court BY: /S/ Julie Braddock As Deputy Clerk 420360 GCD 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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, July 25, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing here-in 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. 420250 CN 7/12,19/2012

Public Notice

Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue renewals of the following Everglades Works of the District Permits (Chapter 40E-63 Fla. Admin. Code) with conditions within the Everglades Agricultural Area, Florida. The permits approve the implementation of Best Management Plan (BMP) Plan(s) and water quality Discharge Monitoring Plan(s). The BMP implementation requirements, performance measures, and compliance methodology established in the permits pertain to phosphorus only. "Permittee" within the permit(s) refers to all landowners, lessees, and operators responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit(s) and are listed under the Administrative Information section of the Staff Report(s):

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Permit 26-00011-E (Application 120326-1), issued on June 19, 2012 to Triple A Enterprises, P.O. Box 70, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and other named owner/operators for a project called Triple A Enterprises - Farm 20 for 777.78 acres in Sections 16 and 2 1/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

Permit 26-00077-E (Application 1203 16-1), issued on June 14, 2012 to Triple A Enterprises, P.O. Box 70, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and other named owner/operators for a project called J & J Ag Products - Farm 19 for 653.25 acres in Section 13/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

Permit 26-00088-E (Application 120327-19), issued on June 22, 2012 to Diaz Farm, Inc., 24628 SW 114th Court, Homestead, Florida 33032, Dr. Shafi Ullah, 1600 SW 100th Terrace, Davie, Florida 33324, Mr. Perry A. Poole, 8428 NW 1st Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607 and other named owner/operators for a project called Diaz Farm - Ullah & Hasnara Farm for 120 acres in Section 16/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

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Lot 5, Block 2198, 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.

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 7/31/12

SUBJECT AREA: 547 Depository Accounts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for depository accounts.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 120.536(1), 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1011.18, 1001.42 F.S. and 6A-1.0012 SBR.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 120.536(1), 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1011.18, 1001.42 F.S. and 6A-1.0012 SBR.

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

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on July 31, 2012.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4072, 2008, 4104329-06021970190, Filbert & Annette Durlouis

Lot 19, Block 2197, 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 First Thursday in the month of August, 2012, which is the 2nd day of August, 2012. Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

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

420449 CN 6/28/7/5,12,19/2012

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 968, 2009, 1224331-010000F0040, Raul Martinez and Katia Caballero

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 15, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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420467 CN 6/28/7/5,12,19/2012

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Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 12, North LaBelle Subdivision, in Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 83, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida and the South one-half of vacated Bonanza Avenue along the North side of said lots and the North one-half of vacated alley abutting the South side of said lots.

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Growers Should Monitor for Tomato Thrips Carefully



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South Florida vegetable growers worried about the invasive tomato thrips should make certain they're looking for the pest in the right places, say University of Florida researchers.

Also known as common blossom thrips, the species is native to South America and attacks a variety of crops.

A major pest of tomatoes and cucumbers in its home range, the thrips has been detected regularly in South Florida since 2008.

A team from UF's Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead recently published a study outlining their efforts to assess the abundance and distribution of tomato thrips in cucumber fields.

Their findings appear in the June 2012 issue of the journal *Bulletin of Entomological Research*.

The study was conducted on commercial fields in the Homestead area. Once established, the vines were treated with *Bacillus thuringiensis*-based insecticides.

For three growing seasons, the researchers assessed thrips distribution in the fields and on individual plants. They found that the insects first appeared on the blossoms of cucumbers planted at the edges of the fields, apparently arriving from nearby weed patches. The insects remained on the margins initially, then began moving into the fields.

By the eighth week after planting, fields had developed "hot spots" of high thrips density.

On individual plants, the pests congregated around blossoms – not surprising, because they're members of the flower thrips family.

Garima Kakkar, a graduate research assistant at UF's Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center and one of the paper's authors, said producers concerned about the pest should inspect blossoms rather than leaves, and continue inspections for several weeks after blossoms appear.

The study results also indicate that growers who seek to control tomato thrips might not need to apply pesticide uniformly throughout their fields.

If inspections show that tomato thrips are clumped together, it may be worth considering a spatially explicit treatment approach, with pesticides applied only where thrips are most likely to be present.

There's also a lesson for home gardeners, Kakkar says: Keep weeds away from your garden, because they can harbor thrips.

For more information on tomato thrips, see <http://goo.gl/hOCy1>

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000194

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
SHERRY CHANDLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRY CHANDLER; JOHN DOE AND; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 21, 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 COURT-HOUSE, at 5 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN IN GLADES County, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of July, 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 lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 25th day of June, 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 1800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
420961 GCD 7/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: Phyllis Wilkinson

You are hereby notified that the property stored by you with Randy Coyle & Rena Blissett, located at 1801 Red Road, Clewiston, FL 33440. The items are believed to be household and miscellaneous items and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the above address on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., along with advertising costs. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.
421173 CN 7/5,12/2012

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The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, issued on the date listed above, including permit conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561- 682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website www.sfwmd.gov, using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the above listed South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the time-frame described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions

The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. **Filings by e-mail will not be accepted.** Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

Mediation

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

Right To Seek Judicial Review

Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.
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Call FWC for Issues with Alligators

Alligators are active during the warm-weather months, and there's a good chance that people who live around water will encounter these native creatures.

Alligators are deceptively quick, both in and out of the water. If someone is bitten by an alligator, he or she should seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Alligator bites can result in serious infections requiring specific antibiotic treatment, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials.

Avoid the risk of an alligator bite by not taking matters into your own hands or putting yourself in harm's way. Call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286) to report any alligator you believe poses a threat to people, pets or property.

"If there's an issue with an alligator, call the FWC and let the experts take care of it," said FWC Lt. Scott Lee, Taylor County watch supervisor. "We certainly don't want anyone getting hurt attempting to capture, kill or subdue an alligator."

Taking an alligator without a permit is a violation of FWC rules, and anyone intentionally killing an alligator could be cited, Lee explained.

The Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) uses contracted nuisance alligator trappers throughout the state to remove alligators that have become a problem. If an alligator is 4 feet or larger and the complaint meets other qualifying criteria, SNAP will issue a permit to a contracted nuisance alligator trapper authorizing

the removal of the animal.

In 2010, SNAP received 13,047 nuisance alligator complaints, resulting in the removal of 5,856 nuisance alligators.

Here are some tips people can use to stay safer around alligators:

Be aware of the possibility of alligators when you are in or near fresh or brackish water. Bites may occur when people do not pay close enough attention to their surroundings when working or recreating near water.

Do not swim outside of posted swimming areas or in waters that might be inhabited by large alligators.

Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Therefore, avoid swimming at night.

Dogs and cats are similar in size to the natural prey of alligators. Don't allow pets to swim, exercise or drink in or near waters that may contain alligators.

Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal.

Dispose of fish scraps in garbage cans at boat ramps and fish camps. Do not throw them into the water. Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

Observe and photograph alligators only from a distance.

Leave alligators alone. Handling even small alligators can result in injury. State law prohibits killing, harassing or possessing alligators.

For more information on alligators, visit [My-FWC.com/Alligator](http://FWC.com/Alligator).

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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

Beat the summer heat at area water attractions

Cool off at state parks and public beaches

Splash into summer fun with cash prizes at Brighton Casino

Plans under way for annual Day of the Cowboy



Pools and water parks help area residents beat the heat

The best way to beat the heat under the Florida sun? Dive into one of the area's many swimming pools and water attractions. South Florida offers a wide variety of swimming choices, from county public swimming pools to the fast paced water slides featured in water parks.

- The Okeechobee Sports Complex Pool, 640 Northwest 27th Lane in Okeechobee, (shown in the cover photo) is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. through Aug. 19. The L-shaped pool has a shallow area for the little ones as well as lanes for more serious swimmers. There are two waterslides which are supervised by lifeguards. On Thursday nights, the pool is open for Family Swim Night from 6 to 8 p.m. From Aug. 25-Sept. 2, the pool will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The pool offers senior water exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Regular admission is \$3 per person. Discount rates are available for groups. Family swim night admission is \$2. Senior water exercise fee is \$2 per day. The pool is also available for rent for private parties. For more information, call 863-467-7667.

- Clewiston's public swimming pool at 113 W. Osceola Avenue in Clewiston, has both a water slide and a diving board. The pool is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

State Road 715, in Belle Glade, is the perfect place to cool off on those scorching, hot days. The center features a public swimming pool with three waterslides and tipping buckets in the shallow end. The pool is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission fee is \$1. Swimming lessons are also available. Pioneer Park also has a Splash Park; this area has no admission fee and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- The Immokalee Sports Complex is a large fitness and activity center located at 505 Escambia St. in Immokalee. The Immokalee Sports Complex has many amenities including an aquatic facility with a 25-yard by 25-meter pool (heated), 1 one-meter springboard, slide and children's activity pool (heated). Summer pool hours (through September) are Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Winter pool hours are Monday-Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. If the temperature is 59 degrees or below, the park may close water facilities. For more information, call 239-657-1951.

- Lion Country Safari, 2003 Lion Country Safari Road, Loxahatchee, a drive-through safari and walk-through amusement park, has a 4,000 square-foot water

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Pioneer Park Aquatic Center in Belle Glade features a public swimming pool with three waterslides.



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A young participant in a Clewiston summer camp program prepares to dive into the Clewiston City Swimming Pool.

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spray ground with 23 interactive water features located in the walk-through, "Safari World." Tickets are \$27.50 for adults; \$24.50 for seniors; \$20.50 for children. Discounts are available if tickets are purchased online.

- Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, 15000 Livingston Road in Naples, is Collier County's only water park. Sun-N-Fun Lagoon includes four pools, a long lazy river, a lit splash playground or interactive water feature, five exciting water slides, a concession stand other typical amenities such as restrooms and lockers. The park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during the summer and weekends, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year. Operating hours are subject to change during inclement weather. Children under age 3 are admitted free. Those less than 48 inches tall pay \$5.50. Those 48 inches tall or taller pay \$12. There is a \$2 discount for Collier County residents (with driver's license.) Those over the age of 60 qualify for a senior discount and pay \$8 per person. Groups of 20 or more persons may qualify for a group rate. For more information call 239-252-4021.

- Devils Garden Mud Club, 23525 County Road 835, just south of U.S. 27 near Clewiston, has swimming holes in addition to mud holes, airboat track, mud flats, circle track, mud sand track, truck pull and miles of trails. For more information online go to <http://www.devilsgardenmudclub.com/>.

- Sunsplash Family Waterpark, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral is a 12-acre waterpark with more than two



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Children cool off under the 'rainfall' at Sunsplash Family Waterpark.

dozen wet and dry attractions, including a tube ride, waterslides, and a tot spot. Cost is \$15.95 for children and seniors; \$17.95 for adults. Season passes are also available. Hours of operation through Aug. 7 are Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aqua Theater night is July 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. Family fun night is July 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 8-Sept. 30 the park will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Labor Day, the park will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family Fun Nights are planned for Aug. 11 and Sept. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information online, go to www.sunsplashwaterpark.com.

- Rapids Water Park, 6566 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 30. Entry fee is \$36.95 plus tax Monday-Friday; \$40.95 plus tax on Saturdays and Sundays. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. For more information online, go to www.rapidswaterpark.com. Rapids Water Park offers 29 water slides. The park includes a

25,000 square-foot wave pool, lazy river, body and tube slides, activity pools and a children's water play area. The park also has some unique water rides. Big Thunder is a four-person Tornado tube ride. Black Thunder is another four-person Tornado tube ride in total darkness. In addition there are two raft rides.

- Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park features attractions for the whole family—from fast waterslides to a children's area with pint-sized raft rides. Catch 6-foot waves in the Surf Pool and snorkel Shark Reef—with real sharks! In addition to great waterslides, visitors enjoy the lazy river, wave pool and children's play area. Disney's Typhoon Lagoon features attractions for the entire family—including thrill rides, chill rides, family-style raft rides, areas for little squirts and plenty of tropical lounging for grownups. For more information online go to <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/parks/typhoon-lagoon/>. Single day water park tickets are \$55.38 for adults, \$46.68 for children. Some discounts are available online or when combined with other attractions.

- Disney's Blizzard Beach, 1534 West Buena Vista Drive in Lake Buena Vista, features one of the world's tallest and fastest free-falling waterslides, as well as slides and rides for the whole family—like a kid-sized, snow-castle fountain play area with scaled-down versions of the more thrilling attractions. While the park looks like a frosty ski resort—complete with a functioning chair lift, it's actually an action-packed water wonderland with exciting waterslides and attractions for the whole family. Race on Toboggan Racers, float down Cross Country Creek, plunge down raft rides like Runoff Rapids, discover the Tike's Peak children's play area, play in a one-acre wave pool and experience the thrill of one of the tallest and fastest waterslides in the country, Summit Plummet. Single day water park tickets are \$55.38 for adults, \$46.68 for children. Some discounts are available online or when combined with other attractions. Disney also offers annual water park passes for Florida residents.

- Wet 'N Wild, 6200 International Drive, in Orlando, includes a variety of multi-person tube and raft rides, single-person tube rides, water ski rides, a lazy river tube attraction and the newest BlastAway Beach family play area with a sandcastle that towers 60-feet over 15 slides, two splash pools and more than a 160 soakers, water jets, cannons and waterfalls. For more information, call 407-351-1800. Tickets are \$34 per day for Florida residents (a savings of \$15.99 over regular admission price.) Annual passes and other special tickets are also available.

- Aquatica, 5800 Water Play Way in Orlando, is just across the street from Sea World. The park includes side-by-

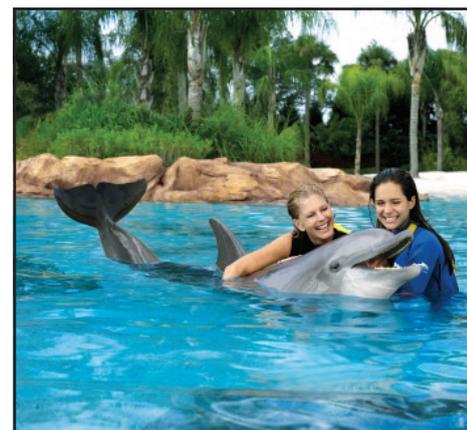


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Sunny's River at Sun and Fun Lagoon in Naples is great on a hot, lazy day.

side wave pools, tube rides, a children's play area, a lazy river tube ride, high-speed mat rides and multi-person raft rides. Aquatica visitors will see dolphins, exotic fish, tortoises, exotic birds and other exotic animals. Some of the rides take the visitors through the animal habitat. On the Dolphin Plunge Ride, two side-by-side enclosed tube slides send visitors racing through an underwater world that is home to a playful pod of beautiful black-and-white Commerson's Dolphins. Daily admission is \$49.99 for adults and \$44.99 for children when purchased at the gate. Discounts for Florida residents are available if you purchase tickets online in advance. Annual and weekday passes are also available.

- Discovery Cove in Orlando, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is an all-inclusive adventure in which guests enjoy a one-of-a-kind opportunity to swim with dolphins, rays, and tropical fish and hand-feed exotic birds. At Discovery Cove, guests experience the most exciting animal encounters the world has to offer in a 30-acre tropical oasis. Discovery Cove is a paradise of rocky lagoons surrounded by lush landscaping, tropical reefs, winding rivers, a resort-style pool complete with waterfalls, and pristine white-sand beaches. Seasonal rates start at \$199 for adults, \$129 for children. Reservations are required. For more information, call at 1-877-434-7268.



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Visitors meet the dolphins at Discovery Cove in Orlando.



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Swimmers slide into the water at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.,

Area special events and celebrations planned ...

Day of the Cowboy celebration

OKEECHOBEE—The celebration of the National Day of the American Cowboy will be on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, in Okeechobee. At the center of the activities will be the Cattlemen's Ranch Rodeo and the Cattle Drive through the streets of Okeechobee. In addition to these events, a local Barbecue Competition will be hosted by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, with a "People's Choice" award and Barbecue Rib Dinner available for purchase. Local talent will demonstrate various cowboy trades and western goods including hats, jewelry and clothing, which will be sold by the many vendors. Local cowboy artists and authors will be on exhibit and, with several children's activities, will round out the event.

On Friday, July 27, this event will open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 28, the gates will open to the public at 3 p.m., the cattle drive will leave at 4 p.m., the rodeo will take place at 6 p.m. and the event will close following a performance by the local band, "Burnt Biscuit." Admission is \$5 per person; children under 12 are free. The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is located at 4601 State Road 710, Okeechobee. Okeechobee Main Street and the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association are co-sponsors of this unique event. If you have any questions, please contact the Okeechobee Main Street office at 863-357-6246.

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@embarqmail.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.

Party like a Rockstar

STUART—Terry Barber, executive director of Artists for a Cause (A4AC), 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. This series is the first-ever fundraiser benefiting the non-profit organization. The premiere event of the series, on Saturday, July 14, is Beatles night featuring McCartney Mania, a Beatles cover band, plus as many as ten of A4AC's best registered artists singing their favorite Beatles number. The theatre at StarStruck will be transformed into a concert venue with room to mingle and dance, stadium seating, and multiple bar stations—Rockstar style! Additional shows scheduled in the series are Around the World on a Beer and a Song in October 2012, Folk Rock and Acoustic Soul and Teen Rock!, dates to be advised. Another feature of the July 14 event is a Chinese and Silent auction coordinated by A4AC volunteer, Sandy Rucks. Items from A4AC registered artists and local merchants will be the auction items. Chinese auction tickets will be available in advance at the A4AC office, 2688 SE Willoughby Blvd, Suite B in Stuart or at the event. For additional information call 772-419-8778 or email bonnie@a4ac.org. Funds raised at this series will support A4AC and its programs—Dance for Food, Therapeutic Music Day, A4AC Scholarships and Benefit Concerts—all of which improve communities through artistic endeavors.

Immokalee casino hosts concert and festival

IMMOKALEE—Put on your favorite bell bottoms and platforms and head on over to Seminole Casino Immokalee's "Fantasy of Funk" festival on Saturday, July 21. The outdoor event features performances by George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic, Nouveaux Honkies, Bonerama and Glen David Andrews Band. Gourmet food trucks will also serve delectable treats throughout the festival.

To kick off the day of funk, Seminole Casino Immokalee will host a free party at its Zig Zag Lounge on Friday, July 20, at 7 p.m. Party-goers with the funkiest outfits will be rewarded with great prizes. They'll also groove to live tunes from blues and R&B group Nouveaux Honkies. The band's sounds have been compared to that of the Rolling Stones, with hints of Dire Straits, Curtis Mayfield, Jimmy Hendrix and Howlin' Wolf. The group's second album, "Where Do I Go," reached number 3 on the roots country chart.

The "Fantasy of Funk" festival begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, just outside of the casino. More than 10 food trucks from across the state will be on hand.

At sundown, George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic will top off the music festival with an electrifying performance of generation-spanning jams.

For festival tickets call 1-800-218-0007. No coolers and no pets. Bring your own chairs. Rain or shine.

Okeechobee summer games

OKEECHOBEE—Feel the excitement of the 2012 Summer Olympics by participating in Okeechobee's 'Olympic-style' Summer Games. Register teams of 4-15 people to compete in Olympic-style events: Day 1 - Aug. 4; and Day 2 - Aug. 11. Tentative list of events



include: free-style relay swim, inner tube sprint, basketball shoot-out, synchronized swimming, table tennis, and field events. Junior Division 14-17; Adult Division 18 & up. Call the Parks & Recreation Department for more details at 863-763-6950.

PERFORMING ARTS

Plays, concerts and dancing ...

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.

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.

Splash into summer fun at Seminole Casino Brighton

July 28 giveaway of a 2012 Nitro Bass Boat

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is splashing into summer fun by giving away more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes! One lucky player will take bass fishing to a whole new level with a 2012 Nitro Bass Boat. More casino play during July means more chances to win the sleek and sporty beauty. The casino will award the boat on Saturday, July 28.

Every Thursday, you can win your share of \$20,000 free play during the Lucky Puck Hot Seats. Just play your favorite slots with your Player's Club card inserted and you could be a Lucky Puck Hot Seat winner!

On Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15, guests will also enjoy a special Italian menu at Josiah. The Italiano weekend features the finest delicacies, freshly made to order. Choose from Italian Chicken Parmesan, Lobster Penne Alfredo, Zuppa Toscani, Quattro Baked Ziti, Seafood Fra Diabolo, Chicken Piccata and more. Josiah's Seminole Pasta Shoppe menu features a build your own combination meal. Pick your pasta, gravy and meat or seafood.

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

On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open

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

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, in Glades County. From State Road 78, take SR 721 north, or from State Road 70, take SR 721 south. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.



Fishing from the LaBelle Wharf

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South Florida area offers variety of public beaches

For those who enjoy swimming in the ocean, south Florida's coastline offers plenty of choices in public beaches.

Swimming at state parks

• **Avalon State Park**, State Road A1A North, Fort Pierce, has more than a mile of increasingly rare undeveloped beachfront. The park provides habitat for many species of wildlife. Threatened and endangered sea turtles such as the loggerhead, Atlantic green and leatherback nest on the beach during the spring and summer. Dune crossovers protect the fragile dune ecosystem. The park is ideal for swimmers, snorkelers, fishermen and sunbathers for beach recreation. Swimmers and snorkelers are advised to be cautious of underwater obstacles left behind by amphibious warfare exercises during World War II. Visitors can enjoy a meal at sheltered picnic tables overlooking the beach. Admission fee is \$2 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 772-468-3985.

• **Fort Pierce Inlet State Park**, 905 Shorewinds Drive in Fort Pierce, features a breathtakingly beautiful half-mile beach perfect for swimming, snorkeling, surfing, and scuba diving. Beachcombing, picnicking, or just relaxing on the sand are also popular activities. Dynamite Point was once the training site for WWII Navy Frogmen, but is now a haven for birdwatchers. Along the south end of the park, Fort Pierce Inlet is a popular place for anglers to catch their dinners. Jack Island Preserve, located one mile north of the park, has trails for hiking, bicycling, and nature study. At the west end of the Marsh Rabbit Run Trail, visitors can climb an observation tower to get a bird's-eye view of Indian River and the island. A primitive youth/group campground is available on a reservation basis; please call the park. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 772-468-3985.

• **John D. MacArthur State Beach Park**, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive in North Palm Beach, offers a unique mixture of coastal



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Avalon State Park is off State Road A1A North in Fort Pierce.

and tropical hammock and mangrove forest. This barrier island provides a haven for several rare or endangered native tropical and coastal plant species. The park's Nature Center shows visitors why the park is a biological treasure. Visitors can swim, picnic, and surf at the beach; scuba diving and snorkeling are also popular activities. Birdwatchers can see herons, brown pelicans, terns, sandpipers, and gulls. Anglers can fish in the lagoon by wading, kayaking, or canoeing. They can also fish from non-swimming areas of the beach. Admission is \$5 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 561-624-6950.

• **St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park**, 4810 S.E. Cove Road in Stuart, is accessible only by boat, but it is worth the ride. A boardwalk takes visitors across

mangrove forests and hammocks of live oaks, cabbage palms, paradise trees, and wild limes to a neatly preserved Atlantic beach. During the summer months, the island is an important nesting area for loggerhead, leatherback, and green turtles. They come ashore at night to dig holes in the beach sand where they lay their eggs. The preserve is a favorite for nature students interested in learning about the native flora and fauna of Florida barrier islands. Visitors come to swim, sunbathe, or picnic at the pavilion on the quiet beach. Others make the trip for the great surf fishing. Snorkeling and scuba diving are also popular activities. Admission is \$3 per boat. For more information, call 772-219-1880.

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Some visitors to John D. MacArthur State Beach Park enjoy kayaking in the Lake Worth Inlet.



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Fort Pierce Inlet State Park is off Shorewinds Drive in Fort Pierce.



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John D. MacArthur State Beach Park is off Jack Nicklaus Drive in North Palm Beach.

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• **Lovers Key State Park**, 8700 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach, is one of four barrier islands that make up this state park. A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits, and bald eagles. The two-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shelling, swimming, picnicking, and sunbathing. Black Island has over five miles of multiuse trails for hiking and bicycling. Anglers and boaters can launch their vessels from the park's boat ramp. The park's concession offers kayak tours, as well as bicycle, canoe and kayak rentals. For tour reservations and rentals of bicycles, canoes and kayaks, call 239-765-7788. Admission is \$8 per

vehicle (for up to 8 persons). For more information, call 239-463-4588.

• **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**, 11135 Gulfshore Dr. in Naples, features a mile-long stretch of white sugar sand. The 166-acre park is a tropical paradise for beach lovers, boaters and divers. The beach is a popular spot to sunbathe, swim, beachcomb, snorkel and picnic. At the beach along Wiggins Pass, where swimming is not allowed, fishing is a popular activity. Boaters can launch their vessels into Water Turkey Bay and travel to the Gulf or up the Cocohatchee River for both saltwater and freshwater fishing. Kayakers can enjoy paddling through estuaries and scuba divers can explore the hard bottom reef in the Gulf. At the north end of the island, a tower gives visitors a bird's-eye view of Wiggins Pass and the surrounding coastal habitat. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 239-597-6196.



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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park is near Naples.

Other public beaches,

Atlantic Coast

• **Alex's Beach**, one mile south of Jensen Beach on Highway A1A, in Jensen Beach is open for swimming, shelling, and dune walkovers. The beach is pet friendly and ample parking make this beach a favorite.

• **Bathtub Reef Beach**, 1585 SE MacArthur Blvd, Stuart, on the south end of Hutchinson Island, is one of the most popular sunning and swimming beaches. Scuba diving is also available offshore in the shallow waters around the reef.

• **Chastain Beach**, 1213 SE McArthur Blvd, Stuart, is between House of Refuge and Bathtub Reef along Highway A1A. The beach is not guarded year round, so check to make sure a lifeguard is on duty. (The historic House of Refuge was originally built and manned to help shipwreck survivors.)

• **Frederick Douglass Park**, 3500 S A1A, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, is on South Hutchinson Island. The beach covers 13.7 acres. Lifeguards are on duty during summer months only.

• **Glasscock Beach**, 4775 NE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, Martin County, is off Highway A1A north of Jensen Beach Causeway. This beach is perfect for surfing and shelling.

• **House of Refuge Beach**, one mile south of Stuart Beach on Highway A1A in Hobe Sound is a good spot for snorkeling.

• **Jensen Beach**, 4191 NE Ocean Blvd, Jensen Beach, at intersection of Highway A1A and State Route 732, is a popular spot for visitors. The park area has volleyball courts as well as bathrooms and

showers.

• **Kimberly Bergalis Beach**, off South A1A on South Hutchinson Island, has lifeguards on duty during summer months only. There are covered picnic areas, restrooms and showers.

• **Pepper Park Beach Park**, 3375 N A1A, Fort Pierce, on North Hutchinson Island includes 52.4 acres and is guarded year round. The beach has a large pavilion, picnic tables with grills, restrooms, showers, playground, volleyball, basketball, tennis courts, ample parking. This beach is next to the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum.

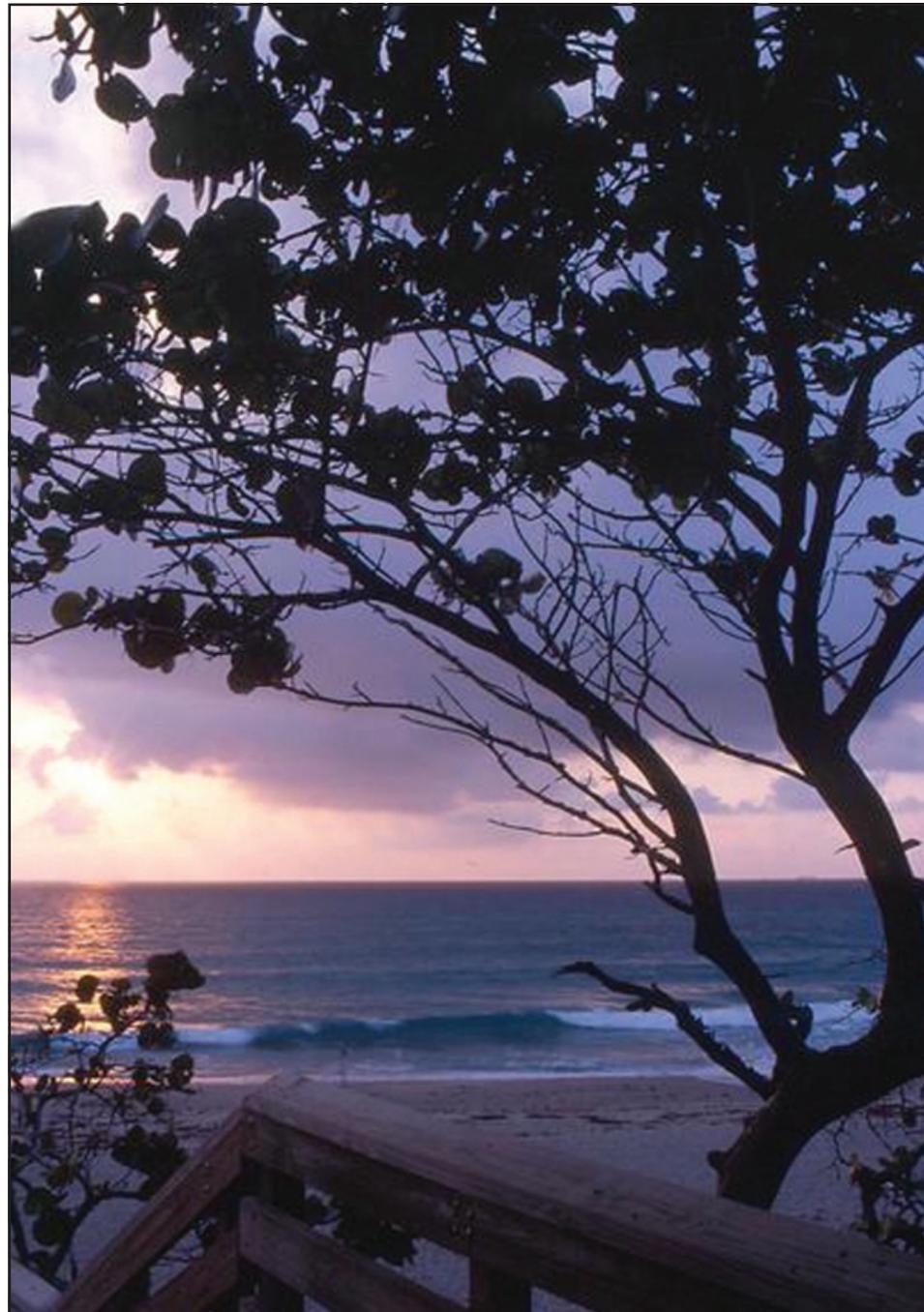
• **Stokes Beach** off Highway A1A in Jensen Beach offers opportunities for swimming, surfing and snorkeling.

• **Waveland Beach**, 10350 S A1A, on South Hutchinson Island, includes 3.6 acres The beach is guarded year round and has bathrooms & showers.

Gulf Coast beaches

• **Fort Myers Beach**, off Estero Boulevard in the City of Fort Myers Beach, is on San Carlos Bay, which is wide open to the Gulf of Mexico, although not actually on the gulf. It is billed as the safest beach on the Gulf Coast because of its calm and shallow waters. There are more than 30 beach access points. The beaches are open from sunrise to half an hour past sunset.

• **Sanibel Island** is a barrier island just offshore from Fort Myers, accessible by the Sanibel Causeway. The island has sandy beaches that are well known for shelling. The beaches have public restrooms. Beach parking is \$2 per hour. Captiva Island, also know for its beaches, is accessible over a bridge which crosses at Turner Beach.



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Sunrise at John D. MacArthur State Beach Park.



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The boardwalk over the Lake Worth Lagoon offers a scenic view.

Memories are made on vacations: Tips for the road

Don't worry about record-breaking gas prices – the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates prices to be \$3.79 a gallon this summer, less than in 2008.

That's good news for families considering reviving the tradition of a road trip vacation, one of the best experiences parents and kids can share, says Michael DiLorenzo, author of "Adventures with Jonny: Road Trip to the Parks!"

"This is a shared experience, and one that will be talked about during family gatherings for years to come," says DiLorenzo, a father of three. "For busy parents, this is a time to savor their children's youth. As moms and dads eventually find out, they grow up fast."

It's also a chance to get children outside and away from their computers, he says. Children today already have a deep-rooted interest in technology, which is

why a road trip to a natural, outdoor destination is an opportunity to "give your child the gift of the outdoors, which is a gift for life," says DiLorenzo.

The journey to a national park in the United States or Canada – perhaps Yellowstone in Wyoming or Banff in Alberta – is as bonding an experience as whatever happens at the destination.

"And there are parks in every state," he notes. "If you don't have the time or money to go cross country, pick a park closer to home."

DiLorenzo offers these helpful tips for the road:

- Games, games, games!: Yes, there is ample entertainment for both drivers and riders in cars these days. BUT, the goal is to bond with the family, so consider a fun, albeit off-color game like "Road Kill Round-Up." A point system might break down like this: two points

for the first to spot a poor critter; three for whoever first correctly identifies the species; two points subtracted for a false road-kill call; three points subtracted for misidentifying the kind.

- Beware of dairy drinks (and other smelly snacks): A spill in the backseat can eventually create quite a stink during a summer road trip. But do pack plenty of healthy snacks to save on pricey pit stops and avoid all the sugar and salt in junk food.

- Avoid big-city rush hours: When traveling through metropolitan areas, consider the busiest traffic periods. Whether you plan to stop and check out the city or simply zip through it, bumper-to-bumper traffic is something to avoid. A bit of consideration can save your family hours of grid-locked misery.

- Tech help: Various apps and websites can help drivers find the cheapest

gas prices, food options, hotel rates and travel routes. Also, don't forget a music mix that appeals to the entire family on one of these devices. (Remember, leave work at home – forget about work-related calls, texts and emails! Use a non-work-related smartphone, if needed.)

- Schedule pit stops: Being in a hurry should be left for the morning commute; vacation should be different. When traveling across states and provinces, consider local culture. For example, barbecue in South Carolina is very different from Missouri's version. Enjoy diners and unique attractions, and don't be afraid to take notes.

"The greatest family memories are created in shared adventure," DiLorenzo says. "Outdoor recreation is filled with these memories just looking for a family to bring them home."

Looking for a summer family activity? Go on a beach safari!

By Jessica Basham Therriault
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Not everyone has a green backyard with bushes and trees. Florida is a peninsula, with the longest coastline of all states in the continental United States. Most of Florida's nearly 19 million residents live less than 60 miles from the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, making the beach, sand and salt water their "backyards."

So let's go on a summer backyard beach safari!

Begin your treasure hunt by shelling. Take a walk along the water's edge, and you'll discover hundreds of varieties of shells hurled onto the beach by waves that roll or crash onto the shore.

Seashells were once living organisms. The shell is the hard, protective outer part of an animal, usually a mollusk. Mollusks are animals like scallops, snails, clams and oysters. These creatures make their own shell. When the animal dies or gets eaten by another creature, the empty shell stays empty or becomes a home to other sea critters like

hermit crabs.

Shelling provides hours of fun while looking for that one-of-a-kind, colorful treasure. Before you keep a shell, make sure there is nothing living in it. Otherwise you need a special license to keep it.

Another activity is digging in the sand for coquinas ("Ko-KEE-nahs") and mole crabs. It's easy to spend hours getting lost in the color and movement of coquinas and the squirms of mole crabs. Coquinas are tiny clams that live just below the surface of the sand where the waves roll in. Tides carry and deposit them along the shoreline, where they feed on microscopic organisms in the sand. They are a dazzling sight with wonderful colors, like tiny jewels. Sometimes you don't need to dig because incoming waves will unearth them. Watch as they furiously dig, seeking cover and food as each wave rolls back out to sea.

Mole crabs are small and do not look like a typical crab, nor do they look like a mole. They are fast and will bury themselves quickly in an effort to hide. To find one, dig

gently in sand near the water, just as if you are looking for coquinas. As you dig, they may bury deeper into the sand but if you can get underneath one, then you can scoop it up. They may tickle you but don't worry; they do not bite. Be gentle, because they are soft and fragile. When you are finished observing the crab gently place it back into the soft, wet sand.

Bird-watching is another fun activity. Gulls live on the beach and are known to swoop in to steal your food! Pesky as they might be, they are still fun to watch. Other birds to watch at the beach are pelicans. Pelicans glide just above the water's surface, and then SPLOOSH! They dive into the water head-first to grab a fishy meal.

It's also fun to look for bird tracks in the wet sand.

Can you identify the tracks you find? Do not chase the birds to make them fly. Simply watch and admire their behavior.

While on your safari, be sure to wear sunscreen so you can avoid sunburn, and have fun this summer!



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A pelican guides in to land at Lovers Key State Park.



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Parents and caregivers should always be alert when children are in or near water.

Stay safe when swimming

Swimming, one of the most popular activities in the country, is a fun, active, and healthy way to spend leisure time. Every year, millions of people visit recreational water sites, such as swimming pools, water parks, hot tubs, lakes, rivers, or the ocean.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) encourages all parents and child care givers to be more careful in their everyday responsibilities including swimming. DOH supports the work of Safe Kids Florida, a member of Safe Kids Worldwide and supports the following

tips:

- NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE NEAR WATER.

- Tell children never to run, push, or jump on others near water.

- Learn infant and child CPR.

- Children should always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.

- Inflatable inner tubes and "water wings" are not safety devices.

- Teach children to swim after age 4.

- Make sure children swim within designated swimming areas of rivers, lakes and oceans.