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How Will The Future Sheriff Tackle Crime?

Sheriff hopefuls speak out at political forum

Editor's Note: A forum presented by The Clewiston News and the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce at John Boy Auditorium allowed candidates participating in the area's upcoming elections to voice their platforms, concerns and why they should be elected to office. The following is an excerpt from one of the questions posed to the sheriff candidates on Tuesday night:

What do you consider to be the main factor contributing to our crime rate and how do you plan to address this issue?

E. Carmona (Republican)

The main factor contributing to the crime is drugs. We have a lot of drugs going on, especially in Hendry County. We have pill mills that haven't been shut. We have a lot of doctors that are giving out pills for money's sake. We need to put a stop of that. We put a stop on drugs, we can then control some crimes. Drug addicts, they need to get somehow funds to get their own drugs and what do they do, they go burglarize homes. They go steal from people, rob and hurt other people, and also it comes down to even sexual battery on women because they think they got the most money. Generally, I think they always

carry more money than men, but that's the main thing, is drugs. If we can suppress that and if we can take care of that, we got it made with the rest of it.

Mark. R. Chamberlain (Republican)

I don't think there's any one specific factor that you can pinpoint, whether it's drugs, gang activity, I think it's a combination of a lot of different things. Gang activity is on the rise because a lot of times our kids don't have a lot of focus or a lot of activities outside of hanging out with their friends and associates, and sometimes that's the wrong friends and associates to be hanging out with. I think if we give kids something to do other than just meander about and get into trouble, give them some structure, partner them with deputy sheriffs as part of their mentoring program, I think that's very helpful. Drugs are a problem in this county, there's no doubt about it. I think where we drop the ball in this county, we lock people up for drug possession, we do nothing or very little as far as treatment goes. I think it's the sheriff's responsibility to assist in that process, and I come from an area where we are very successful in doing so. Another problem we have in Hendry County is traffic fatalities. Nobody ever talks about that, but if you look at our per capita traffic fatalities, they're very high. That's an educational problem and that's an enforcement problem. It's not just the highway patrol's responsibility to enforce traffic laws within the county borders. It also falls to the city of Clewiston, sheriff's office and all the other agencies that work here.

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Adelaida said she felt sleepy a few days after her birthday, but was happy and content.

Clewiston Woman Celebrates 107th Birthday

ORIGINALLY FROM CUBA, WOMAN'S HEALTHY APPETITE KEEPS HER YOUNG

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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Adelaida is a spry woman who shakes hands with a firm, motherly grip, and flashes a smile she's worn for more than 100 years now.

She is alert in her age and remains as independent as she can since losing her husband in 1970, as a still positively young 65-year-old. She lives with one of her daughters and spends most of her time watching television or, what has become her favorite pastime, eating anything with "harina."

Because her hearing is weak, she doesn't listen much to music any-

more. She has, however, developed the habit of singing whatever is on her mind and can be heard from across the house humming or uttering a melodic sing-song.

Accepting reporters at her home in Clewiston, the woman is glowing with affection.

"We understand you just celebrated a birthday. May we ask how old you are now?"

"Yes, my family celebrated my birthday," she says in Spanish. "I am one hundred something."

Her family kindly interjects at the next question, when Adelaida re-

sponds that she has only three children - all adults.

"You have ten children, mother! You've had ten," one of her daughters says loudly so that her mother can hear.

"Ah, I've had ten children but the others have died," she responds softly.

Her daughter smiles, explaining to the reporter, "Three of her children died, and seven of us survive."

While she may forget details like

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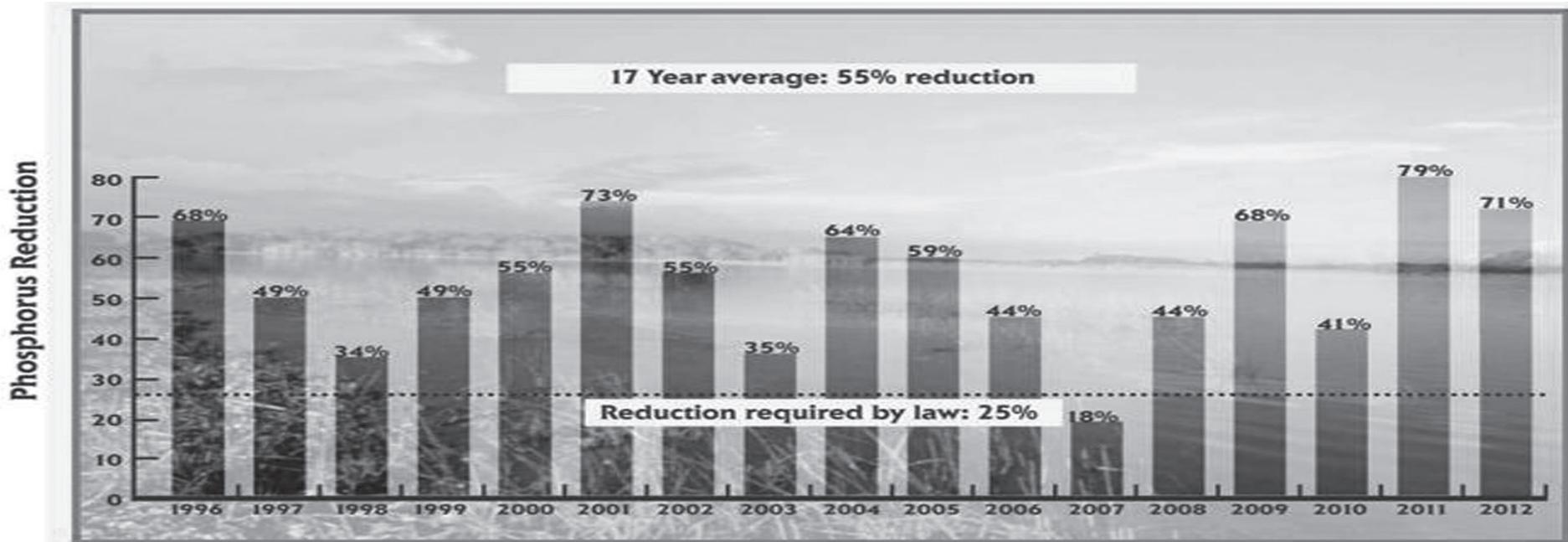


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Sugar Farmers Nearly Triple Everglades Restoration Water Quality Requirements



Sugar farmers in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), south of Lake Okeechobee, achieved a 71 percent reduction in phosphorus leaving the farming region for the 2011-12 water year—almost three times better than required under Florida's Everglades Forever Act.

This follows last year's record-breaking success of 79 percent on-farm reduction and an overall average reduction of 55 percent for the past 17 years. The South Florida Water Management District, the agency tasked with Everglades restoration, announced the successful results demonstrating the EAA's on-farm Best Management Practices (BMPs), developed by university scientists in collaboration with farmers, continue to be a resounding success.

"Contrary to what some detractors claim about restoration, the numbers do not lie and

the facts speak for themselves—water flowing to the Everglades is significantly cleaner today as a direct result of the farmers', the State's and the SFWMD's efforts," said Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs.

"The farmers' BMP program is an outstanding success and nearly two decades of scientific data proves farmers are doing their fair share to improve water quality in South Florida."

In addition to improving water quality through high-tech sustainable farming practices, farmers have paid "agricultural privilege taxes" of more than \$200 million for the construction of Stormwater Treatment Area (STAs) to further clean water from farms, urban areas and Lake Okeechobee. Built on nearly 60,000 acres of former farmland, the STAs had their best performance year ever

in 2012. STAs have removed an additional 1560 metric tons of phosphorus, on top of the 2,500 metric tons farmers have removed through on-farm BMPs.

"Florida's sugar industry has been a stable economic force and major job provider for South Florida for more than 80 years and we have a

strong track record of working with state and federal partners on developing successful, science-based solutions to Everglades restoration," Sanchez said. "These latest results again demonstrate the significant role sugar farmers play in protecting the Everglades as well as providing jobs producing safe, affordable food for all Americans."

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Raymond A. Van Houten (Republican)

Crime in the county, as you can see it, if you look at your violent crimes you'll see that the crimes are up. I agree with Mr. Carmona, I also agree with Mr. Chamberlain, I'll pinpoint it to drugs. Drugs are on the rise. You have four major highways that run to two different parts of the United States that bring in drugs. We fell short in the county to do anything about that. The burglaries are on a rise. One of the other things that the county fails to do is the county fails to have zones. They fail to set up zones inside the cities and inside the county so what happens is you find deputies hanging out four-deep, three-deep or two-deep, hanging out with each other, not only for breakfast but for lunch or dinner or other time there is when they should be patrolling their

zones. If you zone the county correctly, you put the right amount of deputies in there, they'll have their backup there and they'll also deter crime by just being in their zones. One of the things I'm going to look to do is I'm going to look to zone out the county and hold the sergeant responsible for keeping the deputy in their zone. I think that will deter crime and lower crime rates.

Matthew A. Beatty (Democrats)

The main factor is like the other gentleman said, drugs are one of our number one problems. They attribute to other crimes. To prevent that you put trained deputies on the road. The deputies that are out there aren't all trained. There's deputies right now with rifles and other things in their patrol vehicles that they are not certified with, they're not up to date on their training. The deputies that did leave, you need to ask yourself, why did they leave? Because of this admin? Because of other problems? Maybe they haven't gotten a raise in three, four years. You have to ask yourself why. Put the deputies with the right training on the road, to combat the gangs, to combat the drugs, to go after these other things and then put the deputies that are involved in the community, let them know these children. It is

the parents' job and responsibility to raise your children, but sometimes kids won't go with their parents, they may go with that friendly deputy. I personally went to some deputies. That's why I think I'm back here today, 25, 26 years later, after being in law enforcement in the auxiliary for a few years. I believe you come back to what you start and you know if you get somebody that you look up to and can talk to, maybe mom and dad aren't the best people. Maybe you put a deputy on the road and when he's off he drives his patrol car to a Pop Warner football game, or to practice to coach. That kid sees that patrol vehicle at practice and says, "There's my friend the deputy. I can't tell mom and dad that I've smoked dope today, but I can go tell him and figure out why I did or what I can do to stop. Or maybe I know if I tell him why little Johnny broke into so and so's house, maybe we can stop him from breaking in or doing other crimes that lead to other things." The crime rate is up and the current admin will have you believe otherwise: check. The other problem is there's not enough deputies on the road. In the city of Clewiston we help cover calls.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

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

Bass Anglers

Youth Bass Anglers will be having a mandatory meeting on July 21. If you would like to donate to the club, please contact John D. Cote Sr. at 561-512-4347 or Roy Catone at 863-228-6717.

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church is holding a Vacation Bible School from Aug. 5 to 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jan Miller at 561-449-1418.

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.

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.

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: Aug. 4, Sept. 8. In October, it goes back to the regular schedule of every Saturday. All markets will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please contact the VFW at 863-983-9748.

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- **Our narcotics arrests have doubled**
- **Deputies self initiated calls for service have over doubled, deputies are now proactive instead of reactive.**
- **Our overall crime rate is down.**

In my brochure that you either have or will be receiving, you will see all the changes we have made. We have come far but I'm not satisfied yet. Every day we find ways to better our community. Please allow me to continue to be your Sheriff for a second term. Hendry County deserves some stability in the office of Sheriff. I ask for your vote on August 14th.

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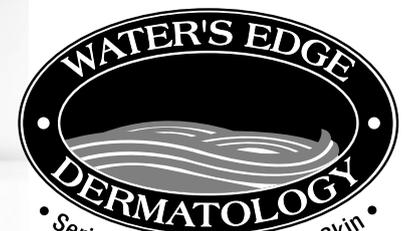
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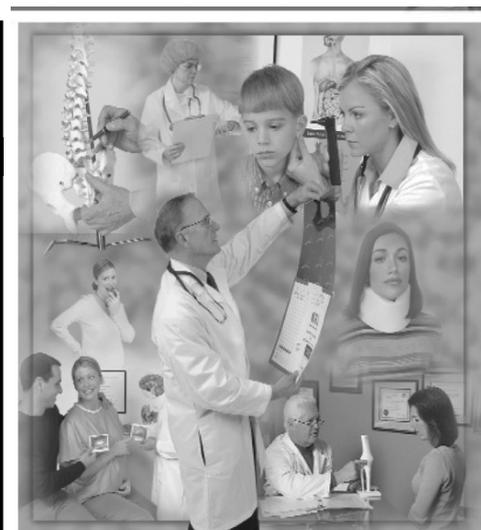
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This majestic long-legged bird stands three to four and a half feet tall with a wingspan of five and a half to six and a half feet. These herons live and breed in coastal and inland Florida.



Margaret England

Adults have a blue-gray back, wings, and belly. They have with a wide black strip over the eye and a white crown and face.

In flight they curl their neck into an "S" shape. Immature birds have a black cap but lack the black plume extending

from the eye. Their back, and upper wings are brownish-gray.

On the breeding grounds, adults will greet their partner with squawking "roh-roh-rohs." Other calls include clucking or screaming sounds. Chicks will call "tik-tik-tik" within minutes of hatching.

Great Blue Heron are often seen foraging along coastal shorelines, marshes, sloughs, lakes, rivers, and backyard ponds. They also hunt in grasslands and agricultural fields. These herons forage day or night by wading slowly or standing still while stalking prey.

They will quickly thrust their neck and head to stab fish, snakes, insects, small mammals, and other birds with their strong bills.

These colonial nesters are known for their courtship and pair-bonding displays which include greetings, stick transfers, and nest relief ceremonies. The male chooses the nest site and then attracts a mate.

He collects most of the nest material which he presents to the female who weaves a saucer-shaped nest cup that is lined with pine needles, moss, reeds, leaves, or small trigs.

Nest building can take from three days to two weeks. When the nest is completed, the female will lay three to four pale blue eggs which are incubated by both adults for 27 to 29 days. The chicks are covered in pale gray down. The nestlings are capable of flight at about 60 days of age.

During the Breeding Bird Atlas 1 Survey, Great Blue were reported breeding in inland Florida west of Lake Okeechobee except for Hendry County.



PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

Great Blue Heron.

The Breeding Bird Atlas Survey (2012-2016) is underway with 90 percent of survey conducted May through July. 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 Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA5) located 20 miles south of Clewiston on Saturday Aug. 18. Photographers, groups, and families are welcome to participate in the escorted trips.

For reservations for these trips contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 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 Facebook page.

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Linda I. Price, 65

CLEWISTON — Linda I. Price passed away July 3, 2012, in Fort Myers, FL.

She was born April 8, 1947, in Whitehall, N.Y., to the late Frederick J. and the late Louise (Gordon) Greenough. She was a resident of Hendry County for 26 years.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Erlan Price; two sons, Rickey Shipman, Ronnie Shipman; two daughters, Melissa McDonald, Dawn Phausch; brother, William Greenough, many grandchildren; some great grandchildren and nephews.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

James Melvin Weeks

Pahokee - James Melvin Weeks, 87, died on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Lakeside Medical Center. His loving family was by his side when he passed.

James was born in Lake Worth to the late Jacob G. and Venera Weeks. He grew up in Canal Point where he attended Canal Point Elementary School and then Pahokee High School where he graduated. After graduation



James enlisted in the Marines from February 1943 until February 1946. While in the Marines he served as an anti-aircraft radar operator at Funafuti in the Ellison Island.

In 1948, James married the late Frances Dodson Weeks, they had six children. James was a member of Canal Point Baptist Church, which he loved to attend when he was able. He was self-employed at J.G. Weeks & Son, Inc. for over 45 years. After retirement he delivered Avon for his wife, which made him better known as the Avon man. James was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather.

James was predeceased by his wife, Frances; daughter, Jackie McKinstry; and son, Billy Weeks.

He is survived by three daughters, Sandy Maynor (Dennis) of Pahokee, Debbie Sigmon of Port Saint Lucie, Cindy Sullivan (David) of Johnston, S.C.; one son, Jimbo Weeks (Debra) of Canal Point; son-in-law, Billy McKinstry of Loxahatchee; daughter-in-law, Loretta Weeks of Okeechobee, ten grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

He is also survived by sisters, Myrtice Calhoun of Louisville, Ky., Christina Wood of Chipley, Yvonne Guerry of Belle Glade, Elaine Wright of St. Augustine; and brothers, Trevette Weeks (Joann) of Orlando, and Jacob Weeks of Okeechobee.

Funeral services for James were held July 2, 2012 at Canal Point Baptist Church with Pastors Trevette Weeks, Bill Taylor, and Doug Nickalson presiding. He was laid to rest at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Glades Funeral Chapel.

Anyone that wishes can make donations to Canal Point Baptist Church, P.O. Box 235, Canal Point, FL 33438.

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those, Adelaida's memory of her native Cuba is as strong as it ever was. It's the thing she refers to the most, speaking nostalgically about her acquaintances in Provincia Santa Clara as though she had spoken with them just the day before.

She remembers her old friends, and names them one by one. "Yes, I remember them," she says, talking about one of her old girlfriends "who played music and who sang."

Asked about her late husband, she takes a little longer to answer.

"He has died. With me, he was good. He loved me a lot and I loved him."

Here, her daughters also interrupt.

"Sometimes, she says he is outside, waiting



PHOTO / AMY MCKOWN

Adelaida celebrating her 107th birthday.

for her," says her daughter. "In the nights, with her mind being what it is, she says he has come to take her with him. 'I'm not leaving yet,' she tells him. 'My children, they still need me.'"

Hendry County School District School Grades

The Florida Department of Education has released school grades for Elementary and Middle Schools across the state. In order to better prepare students for college and careers, the state has been moving to higher academic standards, new assessments that measure students' progress toward meeting the standards, and higher achievement levels for reading, math, science and writing. These new standards, assessments, and achievement levels were used to determine school grades this year.

According to Gerard Robinson, Florida's Commissioner of Education, the combination of changes to Florida's accountability system has caused a temporary drop in some school grades. This does not necessarily mean that the schools, teachers, or students are not doing as well as they were before. The tougher standards and new cut scores raised the bar. These changes also makes it difficult to compare scoring from previous years to the current scores. This can best be thought of as a transitional year for school grades.

Statewide in 2012, there was 2,513 graded elementary and middle schools that also received grades in 2011. Of these schools:

- 237 increased their school grade
- 1,291 received the same school grade
- 985 dropped one school grade

School grades for Hendry County School District Elementary and Middle Schools for 2011 and 2012:

- Westside Elementary - 2011, C. 2012, C.
- Eastside Elementary - 2011, B. 2012, B.
- Central Elementary - 2011, B. 2012, B.
- LaBelle Elementary - 2011, B. 2012, C.
- Country Oaks Elementary - 2011, A. 2012, B.
- Uptegrove Elementary - 2011, A. 2012, B.
- Clewiston Middle - 2011, C. 2012, D.
- LaBelle Middle - 2011, C. 2012, D.

High School Grades will be released by the state in December. In School Year 2011 both Clewiston and LaBelle High had school grades of C.

The Hendry County School District received an overall district grade of C, unchanged from 2011.

Richard Murphy, Superintendent of Schools

states, "I and the Hendry County School Board will continue to work to provide our schools and teachers the resources they need to ensure that the students of Hendry County are provided the opportunity to be successful in school. Staff will use this year's school grades data to help plan improvement activities to increase student achievement in all schools across the district."

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NOTICE TERMINATION OF SERVICES AT GLADES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- The Glades County Health Department has entered into an agreement with Florida Community Health Centers to provide Primary Health Care and Dental services.
- The effective date of this action is expected to be August 1, 2012.
- Copies of your medical and/or dental records can be requested.
- Florida Community Health Centers will serve clients at the Glades County Health Department building located at 1021 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven
- If you have any questions, please call the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.



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Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

What a great summer we are having here in South Florida with some really nice weather and some great fishing. The fishing on Lake Okeechobee has been really good in spite of the eighty degree water temperatures and very little wind.

We have been getting some good rains so the water level has remained around the twelve foot above sea level mark so far this summer. That is about two foot higher than what it was last year.

For those of you who read my reports you may not realize that Lake Okeechobee is a very shallow lake and two foot of water can make a big difference on the fishing. To put it in perspective, it is only about eight foot deep in the middle of the lake and we fish in about two to three foot of water everyday.

The water has been very clear so the early morning bites seem to be the best before the sun gets too high in the sky.

I have been fishing a variety of areas from up around Indian Prairie canal area all the way down to Ritta Island. I have been fishing both shallow water weed lines and open water. I have been starting the morning throwing a Gambler Lures Buzz'n Cane Toad in watermelon color in the grass along the outside grass line.

You need to retrieve this bait fast and it will produce a reaction strike from the bass in the outside grass closest to open water. I like to use a fast retrieve reel like a seven to one ratio Okuma Komodo for the Buzz'n Toad and also for lipless crank baits. Spool it with fifty pound braided line and you will be set to catch the big ones on Okeechobee.

Throwing a worm along this outside grass

has also been working but once that sun gets up high in the sky this bite really slows down. That is when I will move out to open water and start fishing a Zara Super Spook, lipless crank bait, and a carolinia rig.

I fish out on the reef, holes in the reef, and other open water structures that you will need a good GPS with maps to find on Okeechobee.

During the summer months I try to start my charters early in the morning and as the sun gets up high in the sky and the fishing really slows down it is usually time to call it a day.

There are windy and sometimes overcast days that you can catch bass all day long on the lake and I will stay out and fish till they quit biting. But a typical summertime charter it is good to start by six a.m. and end around noon.

You will want to use plenty of sunscreen to avoid a nasty sunburn and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. You will also want to keep an eye on the weather as storms can roll in pretty quickly in South Florida.

Whether you are fishing on the coast or fishing on Okeechobee, I keep an eye on the weather and the radar through an app on my iPhone. Now is also the time to do some shark fishing and if anyone is interested, I do charters in the Florida Keys for sharks this time of the year.

I am looking forward to an awesome year on Okeechobee with the water level staying up through the summer. We should be able to access some great spawning areas this winter. I am already booking trips for 2013 for bass on Okeechobee and tarpon during May and June in the Florida Keys.

Captain Mark King is a full time guide and tournament angler guiding out of Roland Martin's



PHOTO / MARK KING

Marina and Resort in Clewiston and also in the Florida Keys out of Marathon area. Mark is an IGFA Certified Captain, active member of the Florida Guide Association and the Florida Outdoor Writers Association. He can be contacted to

book a guide trip, seminars, personal appearances, test rides in his Evinrude powered Ranger or to fish a tournament with him at 863-677-0983 or at www.markkingfishing.com and www.tarponinthekeys.com.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Glades County School District will soon consider a budget for 2012-2013.

A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

**Monday, July 23, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

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Calvary Christian Wrestling Tournament

"Tiger Pride Wrestling strikes again," said Coach Flynn, as the team traveled to Calvary Christian Academy this weekend. All three wrestlers that competed placed.

"We were supposed to take two weeks off and come back on the Monday the 16th to start back up and get ready for the next tournament that was going to be coming up on Aug. 4 in Wellington, but these young athletes wanted to wrestle and wrestle they did," said Coach Flynn.

This tournament was a very competitive one due to the type of competition that is in the Fort Lauderdale/Miami area. Bryce Barnes started it all off as he was the first of the Clewiston Tiger Pride wrestlers to step on the mat. After a tough first match in which he lost, he battled back and ended the day getting third place (winning two matches by pin.)

"Bryce has come such a long way from where he started. I am very proud of him and how he constantly improves his wrestling skills," said Coach Flynn.

Hunter Barnes also competed this past Saturday were he ended the day 7-0 with five pins and two major decisions. He beat three wrestlers that he'd lost to earlier in the season. Hunter came in that morning -- as all wrestlers do -- "nervous," but Coach Chris Smith sat him down and explained how he deserved to be there and all of the hard work that he has been putting in will pay off. Hunter made a statement right off the bat with his first match as he pinned an opponent whom had beaten him in the first meet of the season. After that, Hunter was in the zone. "He had that look in his eyes," said Coach Flynn. "It was going to be a good day."

Hunter came out with two more pins over competitors that had beaten him in the past as well. The following match proved to be the toughest and most competitive match for the young wrestler. It was a battle of takedowns, positioning, and back points. Back and forth, it was a very tiring match -- even for the coaches -- but in the end he came out on top. Hunter wrestled three more matches after that and was successful. But Hunter did not know that there was going to be a bigger award for his great performance.

"Hunter could possibly win the MVP award being that he'd went undefeated for the day," said Coach Flynn. The MVP award was tallied over all of the wrestlers that competed in the tournament. After all of the bouts were tallied up, the announcement came over the P.A. system that Hunter Barnes was the recipient of the award.

"He was so happy that he won the MVP award," said Coach Kris. Kris pulled him aside from all of the pictures and all of the excitement and told him, "That is what hard work gets you."

"He earned it," agreed coach Flynn.

The next wrestler to compete this weekend was Joe Hernandez who had taken a break from football for a weekend. Joe had a great day. He ended the day with a record of 3-1. He came out hot in his first match against a wrestler from Olympic Heights, winning by pin.

Joe came off the mat and looked at coach Flynn and said, "I am out of shape Coach."

Coach Flynn told him that he did good for being in football season. He advised Joe to keep up the intensity and work on the moves that they have been going over. Joe's next match was the best one of the day. He wrestled a competitor that was about a foot taller than him and the match was very intense. The two were battling it out in heavy weight fashion, driving and pushing each other, trying to set their shots up. Joe ended up losing by one point. However, he came back and won his last two matches by pin.

"Overall this weekend was a great experience for these young wrestlers, they have learned so much in these past months. I am very proud of these kids as they showed some great sportsmanship and great attitudes toward each other and their sport. I also would like to thank Coach Kris for all of his hard work this weekend because without him it would have been very tough. Coach Kris brings a lot of great technique to the wrestling room and is going to work great in the coaching staff. To all of the family members that went this weekend, thank you for your support in these young athletes," said Coach Flynn.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Van Samuels visits the Library

Outreach Specialist Van Samuels, representing the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, spoke to the children of Camp Crayon and Camp Fun-a-Rama during a special Summer Reading program on Wednesday, June 13. Van told traditional Seminole and Choctaw stories as well as gave information on Seminole culture and on the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum itself.

FORUM

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As far as deputies ganging up and eating together, these guys, I have mixed emotions. You need to eat with some of these people. These guys will save your life. Your mom and dad, wife and children, they're there for you afterwards but these guys are on the road with you and you need to know what they're gonna do and vice versa. You need to spend a little bit of time with them. Thank you.

Steven Maldonado (Democrat)

The reality is that money is a big motivator. If you ain't got a job, you're gonna try to survive. People who are trying to take care of their families, their wives, their children, if they don't have a job, they're going to go steal. They'll go buy that meat. They'll buy the food, and possibly go buy drugs. You gotta be able to create jobs. I'm going to try to get with the county commission to try to help get jobs. We'll talk with them and work with them to try to bring in some businesses here so that we can try to create jobs to put people to work. A lot of people who don't have a job are gonna go out and steal. A lot of these guys that don't have anything to do, like these kids have nowhere to go, they go to Ft. Myers, they hang out with their friends out there, then they come back here and what do they get? Nothing. They got nowhere to go, nothing to do. First thing they're going to do is break into some place and steal. Yes, drugs is a problem, we've heard that five times. We know that that is a problem. It's going to be a problem. I'll tell you right now, you can suppress it, but you can't get rid of it. You can reduce it, but it's never going to go away. So it's going to be a long-lasting battle to be able to say, we're going to get rid of drugs. If you do, you're a genius because it ain't gonna happen. We need to be able to work as a team together, as a county together, and try to find big businesses to come into Hendry County, increase the workforce. It worked in Riviera Beach and it'll work here. We gotta work together as a team to make that happen and bring in jobs to this county. I think jobs are creating a problem with crime because people are going to go out and try to find another way to make it happen. Thank you.

Steve Whidden (Democrat and Incumbent)

Ladies and gentleman, it all sounds real good, but you know there's a lot of factors that involve crime rates, but again, I ask that you please check the crime rates. You know, when

I took office last time, when I ran for office, I talked about one major problem especially that affected the city of Clewiston, that's gangs. If you recall, I'm asking you to go back on your own memories, not statistics, your own memories here in Clewiston, seems like we had a shooting, arsons, violent crimes, graffiti, every week that were gang related in the Clewiston area. It was rampant. I know it because I worked here at the Clewiston Police Department, I ran a lot of those calls and those calls bled into the city from the county. On day one of my office I met with the deputies, we came up with a plan of action, we followed that plan of action and we've won. Every now and again something will come up. Like the gentleman said, you're never going to be able to totally stop gangs or drug use, you can't, it's impossible. But what you can do is snuff it out to a point where they don't want to be here. We've sent dozens of gang leaders to jail or prison. Some have even left the county because of the pressure the deputies were putting on them. And they were right, it takes involvement from the community, it takes involvement from the deputies. But we have deputies right now that help coach youth basketball leagues and other sports, they are involved. But you know a lot of the stuff they're talking about, it takes money. You don't want your millage rate to go up, I'm sure. We've tried our best and we've done a wonderful job with keeping the budget down, adding deputies, getting the deputies out there to do you a better job. I don't think anyone can argue that. I really don't. We're striving to do better, we're looking for a second term because every day we find ways to make this a better community to live in. And I'm proud to be here. I'm from here. I've spent my entire career here. This is a great place and we're going to make it better. Thank you.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Time Change

The Clewiston school times will remain the same as last year except for Clewiston High School. Clewiston High School will be extending class time as part of the Florida Department of Education School Improvement Grant requirement.

The increased instructional time will benefit all students and meet the goals set by the Grant. The School Improvement Grant has and will continue to provide valuable resources, staff and the after school program for students.

The student's day starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 3:04 p.m. except for the Tiger Rise after school program.

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.

Guardionex Nieves Mercado, 31



- Battery by strangulation
- Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon, no intent to kill
- Arrested July 13 by Ofc. Blackman

Rosie Lee Jim, 38



- Possession of a controlled substance w/o prescription
- Arrested July 10 by Ofc. J. Brown

Jose Noe Vidaurri, 26



- Driving w/ suspended license, third or subsequent offense
- Arrested July 10 by Ofc. J. Ewing

Amos Leon Bradford, 23



- Driving w/ suspended license, habitual offender
- Arrested July 9

Eduardo Perez, 39



- DUI, unlawful blood alcohol level - .15 or higher w/ person under 18 years of age, third offense
- Arrested July 14



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John and Cindy Ledbetter, of Clewiston, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their son, John H. Ledbetter, Jr., to Tonya Longo, daughter of James and Lisa Longo of Cape Coral, Fla.

The future groom graduated from Clewiston High School in 2001 and Edison State College with a degree in fire science. He is a paramedic/firefighter.

The future bride is currently attending Edison State College to receive her degree in legal studies.

A Septemeber 2012 wedding is planned. After the honeymoon the couple with return to their home in Cape Coral.



Hendry Regional Welcomes Antonio Vinluan, M.D.

Hendry Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. Antonio R. Vinluan, board-certified Internal Medicine physician. Dr. Vinluan completed his medical residency and internship in Brooklyn, New York and, for the past 20 years, has practiced medicine in Staten Island, New York.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 JFK's running mate
- 4 Muddle through mud
- 9 Funeral stands
- 14 Notre Dame's Parseghian
- 15 Biblical prophet
- 16 Illuminated from below
- 17 Muscular twitch
- 18 Signed in pen
- 19 Asia's _____ Archipelago
- 20 Rodent-induced shriek
- 21 Manitoba neighbor: Abbr.
- 22 Time divs.
- 23 Nebulous element
- 25 Luminous cosmic objects
- 29 It's between eleven and one
- 30 Rathole
- 31 NASA moon craft
- 32 When repeated twice, a "Seinfeld" catchphrase
- 34 Softly hit hit
- 36 Veal cordon _____
- 37 Grumpy and dopey, but not doc: Abbr.
- 38 "Slipstream" album maker Bonnie
- 39 Ices, Mafia-style
- 40 Legal order
- 41 Detailed wood design
- 42 Itchy outbreak
- 43 IMer's "How funny!"
- 44 On pins and needles
- 45 "Sounds fair"
- 47 Throw money around
- 49 Critters in shells
- 52 Mystery writer Grafton
- 53 Tibetan priest
- 54 Make red, e.g.
- 55 Fill the tank
- 58 Distorts
- 59 Not even
- 60 Go on until
- 61 Bill featuring Franklin, in slang
- 62 Hair on a dummy
- 63 Posts
- 64 Goat-legged deity

- 65 Wedding notice word

DOWN

- 1 Rubber tree product
- 2 Like a summary
- 3 Start of a nursery rhyme
- 4 Eastern religion meaning "way of the gods"
- 5 Start of a nursery rhyme
- 6 Liam's "Schindler's List" role
- 7 Try to unearth
- 8 Possessed
- 9 Unfounded charge, to an alleged perp
- 10 "None for me"
- 11 Letter-shaped pipe
- 12 Narrow inlet
- 13 Muddy pen
- 22 Start of a nursery rhyme
- 24 Land on the sea
- 25 Sales rep's goal
- 26 End of a nursery rhyme, or the fate of this puzzle's other three long answers

- 27 Living coral communities
- 28 Apply, as a pie to the face
- 30 Ornamental mat
- 32 Two-masters
- 33 _____ in the bucket
- 35 Oscar winner Jessica
- 36 Sacha Baron Cohen persona
- 44 Spews forth
- 46 Rubbery rubber
- 48 Par for the course
- 49 Divination deck
- 50 Singer Gorme
- 51 Marsh plant
- 53 Superboy's girlfriend Lang
- 55 Little treasure
- 56 Southern California's Santa _____ Mountains
- 57 Star Wars initials
- 58 Liverpool lavs

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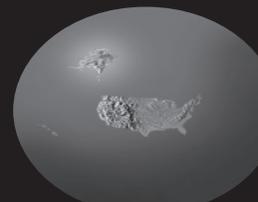
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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Glades County School District will soon consider a measure to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.153 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$ 823,774.00 to be used for the following projects:

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PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the administrative building of the Glades County School District, 400 10th Street, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

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LOCAL EFFORT	5.405
DISCRETIONARY	0.748
DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS	0.000
ADDITIONAL OPERATING	0.000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.500
TOTAL MILLAGE:	7.653

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
FEDERAL SOURCES	220,000.00	1,573,417.61		
STATE SOURCES	8,830,469.68	14,000.00	43,500.00	
LOCAL SOURCES	3,411,392.00	128,545.00	823,773.75	
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES:	12,461,861.68	1,715,962.61	867,273.75	15,045,098.04
TRANSFERS IN: NONREVENUE SOURCES	579,325.44			
FUND BALANCE (JULY 1, 2012)	1,628,218.10	89,797.03	509,722.63	2,227,737.76
TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES:	14,669,405.22	1,805,759.64	1,376,996.38	17,272,835.80

EXPENDITURES:				
INSTRUCTION	7,134,404.00	440,315.04	7,724.02	
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	418,715.51	59,848.10		
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	200,544.00	0.00		
INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM SERVICES	293,970.00	119,378.96		
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	33,517.00	234,746.10		
INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED TECHNOLOGY	0.00	6,536.50		
BOARD OF EDUCATION	308,210.00	0.00		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	205,213.00	21,166.30		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	679,282.00	0.00		
FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION	1,522,275.78	0.00	759,288.00	
FISCAL SERVICES	168,033.00	0.00		
FOOD SERVICES	0.00	724,126.00		
CENTRAL SERVICES	32,620.00	52,981.98		
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	525,693.00	0.00		
OPERATION OF PLANT	974,233.00	0.00		
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	432,828.83	0.00		
ADMIN. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	111,648.00	0.00		
RESERVE FOR SEQUESTRATION	0.00	56,863.63		
* - TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	13,041,187.12	1,715,962.61	767,012.02	15,524,161.75
TRANSFERS OUT: FUND BALANCE (JUNE 30, 2013)	1,628,218.10	89,797.03	609,984.36	2,327,999.49

TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	14,669,405.22	1,805,759.64	1,376,996.38	17,852,161.24
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Anabel Miranda (863) 228-6296 Esp.
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Curt Thompson (863) 677-1064
Jessica Rosen (863) 228-0447
(863)983-8559

CLEWISTON HOMES/MOBILE HOMES
•4/2 w/furnishings 620 Haiti \$135K
•2/2 M.Home 504 Water Oak (Seminole Manor 45K
•4/2 Mobile Home 2.5 ac, 145 Palmino \$55K
•2/2 Bass and Sun Condo furnished \$89,9K
•3/2 Mobile Home, 631 Merit St. \$45K
•3/2 1134 Della Tobias \$70K
•2/2 Condo 943 Del Monte \$89,9K
•2/1 CBS 303 E. Alverdez w/building \$75K
MOORE HAVEN/LAKEPORT/ORTONA
•3/2 M.H. 1030 Donna Dr 2 Large Sheds, Furnished \$89,9K
•3/2 w/large garage 083ac 456 Ave.O Furnished
•Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 w/Boat House Lowry Ln. \$110K
•Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 Lowry Ln CBS Reduced \$195K
•3/2 Lrg. Home, 784 Ave. N. reduced \$17K
•2/1 1199 Donna Dr., 51ac \$40K
•1/1 1339 Old Lakeport Rd. #22B. \$22.5K
•1313Jerdik Dr. W/imp \$40K
•3/2 1017 Aster Ave Mobile Home w/dock \$65,5K
•2/1 CBS, 401 Ave. F. \$39,9K
•3/2 CBS w/barn, Bring horses, fenced \$205K
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•1143 acres So. Clewiston Exc. hunting retreat \$3.5K per ac.
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• Sky valley Lots: deep discounty "Ready to Build" \$14,5K
• 1.25 Acre lots Montura ranch Estates \$4500
• 20 Acre lots, Ladeca, Wooded reduced \$135K
• E. Del Mone/N. Francisco, Res. Lot 75K
• 185 ac former Shrimp/Fish Farm So. LaBelle \$4K per acre
• 918 ac former Shrimp/Fish So. Clewiston \$6.5K per acre
• N. Francisco Res. Lot 25K Owner Financing
• 2 Residential lots horseshoe acres starting at \$2,500
• 2 acre lots, Pioneer, w/imp starting at \$24,9K
COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT
• Moore Haven Medical Office w/Equipment for sale or lease
• Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$350K
• Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
• Hwy 27, 14, 279 Sq. Ft. Commercial Building \$349K
• Hwy 27, Frontage-Former Sonny's Lot (1.9ac) \$450K
• 525 E. ElPaso Office w/apt. excellent condition \$105K
• Comm. Building - Mooe Haven U.S. 27 For Lease or Sale
• 35 ac. Corner Lot - East of bello's Jewelry \$65K
• (2) 2/1 Duplex Margaret St. \$55K
RENTALS
• 3/2.5 Town Homes Lake Shore Villas \$1,200mo. furn \$1,200
• 2/1 211/213 Margaret St. Reduced to \$650
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1069 Haven Pl MHE 3/2 \$119.5K
Bass Capital #503 \$105K
713 De Soto Ave 4/2 \$179,9K
1019 Caribbean Ave 4/3 \$265K
1024 PENDING 3/2 \$130K
308 PENDING 3/2 \$110K
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Interested candidates, please send resume to fax number (561)996-0113 or email to floridahr@king-ranch.com EOE. Drug-Free Workplace

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F/T, P/T position. Must be reliable, organized, work independently, and have excellent people/phone skills. Computer experience and proper phone etiquette required.

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Florida Community Health Centers has the following full time positions available:

Medical Assistant - Must have 1 yr exp

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Bilingual Spanish/English pref. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Fax resume to (863) 983-9604 or apply at FCHC, 315 South W. C. Owen Ave. Clewiston, FL. e-mail: hr@fchcinc.org EOE/DFWP.

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Employment Full Time

Senior Family Support Worker-II

Purpose of Position: Serve as a leader with the family support team in creating and nurturing relationships with families that will lead to the development and fulfillment of goals for their children.

Desired Qualifications: Commits to Professionalism, Experience in Early Childhood preferred, a Family Development Credential (or willing to obtain within a year), a Bachelor's Degree in social work. Live in or familiar with the Clewiston community. CPR/First Aid. Able to work flexible hours and bilingual a plus.

Please fax resume to (863) 983-2455 attention Felicia Brown or email to feliciab@ccswfl.org No phone calls please.

Part-Time Maintenance/Janitorial- Needing a part-time person to fix minor repairs and to maintain grounds and clean classrooms and offices. On-call will be part of the job requirement. Flexible/Evening hours. Obtain an application online from our website (ccswfl.org) and fax it to Attention: Felicia Brown (863) 983-2455. No phone calls please.

Dental Assistant - Florida Community Health Centers, Moore Haven. Must have 1 yr exp. Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred. Competitive salary & excellent benefits. Fax resume to (561) 844-1013 or e-mail hr@fchcinc.org EOE/DFWP.

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Employment Full Time



Animal Control Officer (Seminole Tribe of Florida - Immokalee Reservation)

Enforce ordinance & state laws pertaining to animal control. Patrol & respond to animal control issues. HS Dip/GED reqd. Animal Control Officer License. 3 yrs.exp.. Able to work varied hours & on-call. Valid FL DL. Contact: joshualohn@semtribe.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10-74-DR

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 on or before, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 25 E. Hickpochee 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 certain 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
CASE NO.: 2011-DR-47

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 a 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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the 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
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.

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

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

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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.

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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	Eren & Carita 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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420450 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 6020, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 FOR COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Public Notice

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000375 C-44 RESERVOIR/STA PROJECT COMMUNICATION TOWER, MARTIN COUNTY, FL

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on August 1, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

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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

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will be holding a budget workshop/special meeting on Wednesday July 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on July 30, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
430	2009	1324229-02000120011	Alta S. Baker

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.

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

420453 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 FOR DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Devil's Garden Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

Devil's Garden Water Control District Meetings begin at 3:00 P.M. and are held at the Office of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting herein referred, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226- 2000 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of proceeding.

DATED this 9th day of July 2012.

DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

421841 CN 7/19/2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Monday, July 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Port LaBelle Advisory Committee

421950 CN/CB 7/19/2012

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

420250 CN 7/12,19/2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

421936 CN/CB 7/19/2012

Editor Publishes Mystery Book

BY BARBARA OEHLBECK

How many times have most of us heard the statement, "I'm going to write a book?" Alas, mostly this is an empty statement, yet there are exceptions. This is one of them.

"Bitter Secrets" by Patty Brant, editor of the Immokalee Bulletin, is a just-out book, the result of Patty's determination. While this is Patty's first book, the sequel is well under way.

"Bitter Secrets" tells the fictional tale of Molly Martindale, an orphan who came to the small, very southern, town of "Oxbow" in South Central Florida, to live with a great aunt she barely knew. The loss of her parents and uprooting from her home in western Pennsylvania was wrenching, but before long "Oxbow" became Molly's town.

Ms. Brant's characters are so real the reader all but talks back to them. Molly paints the picture of Oxbow with its share of good 'n bad and enough mystery to make excitement run high. With every passing day Molly begins to weave together the story of the lost Parker family, who left Oxbow in 1943 under some very dubious circumstances.

Back in 1983, nobody in Oxbow will talk about the family, in fact all traces of their existence have been erased. Molly's curiosity leads



Book cover.

her to Georgia, where it is said the family was bound, and where she struggles to reveal more

bits of the whole story.

Molly learned in a hurry that all the pieces of the puzzle didn't fit, but not being the giving-up kind she kept digging. When fate led her steps to cross with a wheelchair-bound Vietnam veteran doors began to open that she'd never known to exist.

When an old, worn diary - words of a lonely 13-year-old girl gone 40 years - surfaced, Molly could not erase from her mind.

Throughout the book Molly moves cautiously from clue to clue guided in part by cold, misty visages that apparently only she is aware of. With each visitation Molly's terror ramps up, pushing her to find answers to the question she cannot evade. What really happened to the Parker family?

"Bitter Secrets" has earned a spot as iUniverse's Editor's Choice for 2012, and is available locally at the Caloosa Belle newspaper, where Patty is happy to autograph copies, and at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.

It's also available at Barnes & Noble, Books A Million and Amazon.com in paperback, hard back and e-book versions.

A book signing for "Bitter Secrets" will be held Tuesday, July 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 N. Bridge Street. The public is cordially invited.



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A window into 85 years ago

This large group of folks gathered for a picture after an Easter Egg Hunt in Belle Glade. The picture is from 1927.

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Religion Column

Are You Touched?

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Touched -- it's a great word that can mean many things! When we touch up something, we remove blemishes. A touch down means we score. Being touched in the head can mean something is not right mentally. Being touched in the heart means that you were affected deeply. Saying, "He touched me!" can mean excitement if it's someone you like, but it can be an expression seeking punishment if it happens to be your brother after your parents told you both to behave and keep your hands to yourself.

Touching can mean a warm embrace between friends or significant others, a firm handshake in greeting, or a pat on the back. It can also mean inappropriate groping, a shove away, or a slap in the face (physically or emotionally).

The truth is, all of us need to be appropriately touched. Researchers say that an appropriate touch can trigger the release of oxytocin, a chemical that induces trust. It can also light up the brain's reward centers and lower the heart rate. These generally give a boost in the mood and happiness of an individual.

Our bodies are made for touch, covering about 20 square feet (some more, some less), which is about the size of a twin mattress. There are as many as five million touch receptors in our skin; 3,000 in a single fingertip! Touch is one of the first sense humans develop and one of the last to fade.

I suspect many take touch for granted, but one study stated that we need the equivalent of 12 good touches or positive affirmations a day in order to survive, and 17 or more in order to thrive. In the name of God, for the glory of God, let us go out and help people thrive!

Touching can also produce other positive results. Two social psychologists, both avid bas-

ketball fans, analyzed 90 hours of NBA televised professional play. They looked at every team and player in the league, taking note of what they determined to be 15 kinds of touch, including hugs, high fives and even flying shoulder bumps. Their conclusion: The teams that touch the most win the most.

They concluded that touch instilled trust and contagiously spread good will and helped players play better on behalf of each other. What's more, the study showed that individual players who touched the most performed the best.

"I think it's all about encouragement," one researcher said. "You feel a little better when you make a good play and somebody pats you on the back and tells you, 'Good job,' or you know, they kind of bring you out of your shell and it's good for the team."

And it's not just basketball players who benefit. A touch of the hand, a pat on the back, a hug: These small physical gestures might not seem like much, but they can make a huge difference.

I never will forget visiting a person with AIDS when I was a chaplain at Methodist Hospitals of Memphis. I wanted to comfort him, but no words came. Instinctively, I placed my hand on his shoulder while trying to come up with something "pastoral" to say. With tears in his eyes, he looked up to me and said, "Thank you."

My first thought was, "For what?" I learned never to underestimate the remarkable power of a touch.

Frederick Buechner wrote, "Through simply touch, more directly than any other way, we can transmit to each other something of the power of the life we have inside us." It's no wonder that the laying on of hands has always been a traditional part of healing and ordination or that when Jesus was around, the crowds sought to touch him. It's no wonder that just the touch of another human at a dark time can be enough to save the day.

Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

On Saturday, Aug. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Ladies Auxiliary will participate at the City Park by hosting a fund raiser.

All donations will go to the purchase of supplies to be given randomly to students entering kindergarten through fifth grade at Central, Eastside, and Westside schools. We will have a cake walk, chinese auction, face painting, and snow cones. Tickets for these activities will be donations.

Registration for the Aug. 4 Corn Hole Tournament has begun. The cost per team will also be used for purchasing school supplies. You can register your team at the VFW Post 4185 or contact Jackie at 863-254-3394 for more information about any of the activities. Come join us for a day of fun for a good cause.

For students entering grades 6, 7, and 8, the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual Patriot's Pen competition is now underway.

This year's essay topic is "What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers." Winners will be selected first at local level and then advance through regional, state, and then national level. Grand Prize is a \$10,000 savings bond plus an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the national winner and a parent or guardian. The National Association of Secondary Schools

has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities. Entry deadline is Nov. 1. You can request more information, rules, and entry form by emailing vfw.kipp@yahoo.com.

For students entering 9th - 12th grade, the Voice of Democracy competition theme is "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" This competition is The Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script. Winners will be first selected at local level and advance to regional, then state.

State winners will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington DC (Mar. 2-6, 2013), to tour the city, meet our nation's leaders, and receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000. Deadline for entry is Nov. 1. For more information, rules, and entry form send your request to vfw.kipp@yahoo.com.

We will hold our monthly meeting Saturday, July 21 at 4 p.m. Members please make plans to attend.

After the meeting, we will play Bar Bingo starting at 6 p.m. There is a donation and everyone is welcome to play. It's a lot of fun.

ELECTIONS OFFICE NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PUBLIC TESTING FOR THE AUGUST 14, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

Will be conducted on Thursday, July 26, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle

The CANVASSING BOARD MEETINGS

Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections located at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle on:

August 10, at 5:00 p.m.
August 11, at 12:00 p.m.
August 13, at 5:00 p.m.
August 14, at 5:00 p.m.

for the purpose of Canvassing Absentee Ballots and the Votes cast in the August 14th Primary Election.

THE PUBLIC TESTING, CANVASSING, CERTIFICATION AND POST ELECTION AUDIT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EARLY VOTING

Will begin on July 30 to August 11, Monday through Saturday for the Primary Election at the:

LaBelle Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Clewiston Elections Office, 100 E. El Paso Ave, the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee Ballot are also available anyone unable to Vote their ballot without assistance such as blind, loss of limb, or illiterate, please contact the Supervisor of Elections.

TO REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL FOR THE ELECTION CALL 863-675-5230 OR 902-3392

AVISO DE OFICINA DE ELECCIONES POR LA PRESENTE SE COMUNICA ESE TIEMPO AGOSTO 14, 2012 ELECCION PRIMARIA

Sera conducido el jueves, 26 de Julio, comensando alas 2 de la tarde en la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones en 25 E. Hickpoche Ave., LaBelle

EL SONDEO DELAS REUNIONES DE LA JUNTA

Escrutinio de la junta se reunira en la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones, localizado en 25 E. Hickpochee Ave.,LaBelle,

Agosto 10, alas 5:00 pm
Agosto 11, alas 12:00 pm
Agosto 13, alas 5:00 pm
Agosto 14, alas 5:00 pm

A affectos de prospeccion de las boletas ausentes y los votos emitidos en el 14 de Agosto, Eleccion Primaria.

LAS PRUEBAS PUBLICAS, DE PROSPECCION, CERTIFICACION Y AUDITORIA DE ELECCION POSTAL ESTARAN ABIERTOS PARA EL PUBLICO

VOTAR TEMPRANO

Comenzara el 30 de Julio asta el 11 de Agosto, de lunes a sabado para la Eleccion

Primaria en la oficina de Elecciones en 25 E Hickpochee Ave.,de 9:00 am asta 5:00pm Y la oficina de Elecciones en Clewiston, 100 E. El Paso Ave., horas seran De las 8:00 am asta 1:00p y 2:00 pm asta 5 ;00 pm.

VOTAR AUSENTE

Las boletas ausente estaran disponible para quienes no puedan votar su boleta sin asistencia como, ciego, perdida de extremidades o analfabetos. Por favor pongase en contacto con el Supervisor de Elecciones.

Para solicitior una boleta por correo par alas elecciones, llame 863-675-2530 o 863-902-3393

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida