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PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

Santiago holds his four-year-old son days after his home was robbed and his vehicle was shot at.

ROBBERS IMPERSONATE POLICE OFFICERS, FATHER HOLDS ON TO SON DURING ROBBERY

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA AND SAVANNAH ROUNDS
The Clewiston News

A man teared up recounting how he held on to his son while two men impersonating police ransacked his home and held a gun to his head. Minutes later, the man chased after the robbers, and dodged bullets in an attempt to retrieve their tag number.

On September 29, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Santiago Medina and his child were watching television at their

home in the Sherwood Subdivision when two men showed up at their doorstep, claiming to be police officers. They wore dark clothing and a badge that they prevented Medina from getting a closer look at.

Something didn't feel right about the situation to Medina. The men were being too aggressive, he thought. Medina attempted to get a closer look at the badge, but the men forced him into his home and told him to "get on the ground." All the while, his son was standing nearby.

They put a gun against Medina's back, Medina reacting by grabbing the gun with his hand in an attempt

to wrestle it away from the man. At this point it was obvious that the men weren't who they said they were. Medina may have been able to grab the gun away from the man but let go when the barrel during the struggle pointed in the direction of his four-year-old boy. So Medina relented and allowed the men to tackle him to the floor.

"I couldn't take a chance that the gun would hit my son," he said. When the robbers became distracted, Medina grabbed his son and hugged him tightly to him to shield him from the gun-wielding robbers.

One of the men got on top of Me-

dina and zip tied his feet together. The criminals were yelling to each other for what felt like an eternity to Medina, who had told them where the family's gold jewelry was stored. Looking back, Medina thinks the men were only there for a few minutes.

The robbers shouted frantically at one another, with one of them convincing the other to leave, fleeing in a gold in color SUV, a Tahoe or similar vehicle, Medina said. In a rage, Medina got loose, grabbed his son, placing him in the front passenger seat, and

No-Quit Tigers Nearly Spoil Dunbar Homecoming

BY TIMOTHY SAENZ
The Clewiston News

The Clewiston Tigers could have given up. They were down, 26-0, in the third quarter after they ceded two easy touchdowns to defending district champion Dunbar to open the second half.

It was the Tigers' homecoming – yep, Dunbar has the same team nickname, as did Martin County – and the home school put its pageantry on display: the stigma of being the home school's homecoming opponent served as a psychological ploy, a message of condescension.

It just made you want to run for a few touchdowns and bowl someone over along the way. That's almost what happened.

After the touchdown and two-point conversion that gave Dunbar its 26-0 lead, Clewiston sophomore Lenorris Gaines returned the kickoff to the Dunbar 40. A dead ball personal foul moved the ball to the 25. Senior tailback Virthavious Robinson exploded on the next play for a

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Garden Club

The Clewiston Garden Club is having their first monthly meeting for the 2012/13 season on Thursday, Oct. 18, at Luan Walker's Patio. The program will be on orchids. The October hostesses will provide refreshments.

18 and Up Coffee House

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston will host a Coffee House on Friday, Oct. 19, starting at 7 p.m., for young professionals and those over 18. Featured this month will be the band "Scarlet Fade."

Along with live music will be karaoke, open mic, foosball, billiards, and more. There is no charge, but a love offering will be available for those who wish to share. For more information, please call 863-983-5269

Elks Annual Soccer Shoot

The Elks Annual Soccer Shoot will be Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Sugarland Park soccer field. Registration is from 4 to 5 p.m., and there is no fee.

Awards to the top three boys and girls in each age group will be presented. Parents and spectators are welcome. The age groups are: under 8, under 10, under 12, and under 14.

Age for the contest is a contestant's legal age as of Aug. 1. All eight first place winners will represent Clewiston in the District Soccer Shoot next month.

Alzheimer Association Memory Bus

The Memory Bus is one of the Alzheimer Association's initiatives. The Alzheimer's Association sends the bus into neighborhoods to offer free checks.

It is a mobile clinic, open to anyone who may be concerned about their memory or if they are concerned about the memory of a family member or friend.

It is a simple test and takes a few minutes. The idea is to detect the earliest stage of Alzheimer's. It is not only for seniors but for people of all ages.

The memory bus will be available at the Hendry County Health Department on Monday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

Caloosa FRW Meetings/Fundraisers that are scheduled prior to the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6. One of the candidates below will speak.

This is an opportunity to talk one on one to every candidate. There will be a charge at the door for hors d'ouvers, sweet, un-sweet tea or water. All bar beverages are to be paid for when ordered.

•Friday, Oct. 19, a free lunch will be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Caloosa FRW office.

•Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Port LaBelle Inn in LaBelle. Speaker Mark Chamberlain Candidate for Hendry County Sheriff.

•Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Port LaBelle Inn in LaBelle. Speaker Tris Chapman Hendry County BOCC of County Commissioner.

•Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. at the Florida Cafe (Cuban Cuisine) in Clewiston. Speaker Paul Puletti Candidate for School Superintendent.

•Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Republican Victory Party at the Port LaBelle Inn.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 863-675-7703.

Mini Health Fairs

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

•Harlem Gardens Apartments on Monday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.

•Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Christmas Craft Fair

The Clewiston Chamber of Commerce is holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium.

Indoor and outdoor booths are available. To reserve a booth or for more information, please call Betty Godsey at 863-885-1694 or the Chamber of Commerce at 863-983-7979

Choir Christmas Cantata

Practice has begun for the First Baptist Church 3rd Choir season. They are again going to be kicking off the Chamber of Commerce Wonder-FULL Week of Christmas.

If you would like to join, please contact First Baptist Church at 863-983-5555 or email Dr. Todd Buck, Pastor by email at toddbucks@gmail.com.

Come as You Are Time of Praise

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston is starting an informal time of praise and celebration on Sunday Evenings at 6 p.m. For more information, please call 863-983-5269.

VFW Flea Market

Flea Market will be held on Saturday's from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The VFW is located at 501 S. Francisco Street.

It will not be open on Saturday, Oct. 27, due to the Ladies Auxiliary having their 2nd Annual Halloween Horror Night. Starting in November, the flea market will be open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Valerie at 561-756-4050.

AA Meetings

There will be AA meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. They will be held at St. Martin's Church at 207 N. W.C. Owen in Clewiston.

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IN RESPONSE TO PELLETIER'S INACCURATE STATEMENTS, PLEASE READ THE FACTS BELOW

As attorney of record for U.S. Sugar during the property assessment challenges that led to the legal settlement with the Hendry County Property Appraiser's Office, I would like to set the record straight.

U.S. Sugar contested overly high personal property assessments on the Clewiston Mill assets for tax years 2000-2004. In addition, we contested the assessment on the Southern Gardens Citrus processing plant for 2004. The major issue concerning the Clewiston Mill was the effect on its value caused by external economic conditions, specifically widely fluctuating global sugar prices. Appraisers refer to this as "economic obsolescence."

Economic obsolescence means a reduction in the value of an asset caused by uncontrollable external factors. An example would be the drop in the value of a home because someone else built an apartment building next door.

All Florida property appraisers use the cost approach to value machinery and equipment. Economic obsolescence is a widely recognized factor in the cost approach method of appraisal. It is measured by the income from the property, based on the premise that the personal property itself cannot be worth more than the entire business (equipment, real estate and intangibles) is worth. The Property Appraiser's office was unwilling to follow Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) Guidelines on this, so U.S. Sugar was forced to file suit.

To settle the litigation and avoid future litigation, U.S. Sugar negotiated an agreement with the Property Appraiser's Office in June 2005. U.S. Sugar would drop its suit in consideration of the Property Appraiser agreeing to follow to the State guidelines in future assessments of the Mill property. In short, the Property Appraiser agreed to begin following Florida's Guidelines in assessing our property.

Ordinarily, a property appraiser may use the cost, market or income approaches, or any combination of them, to make an assessment-- as long as proper consideration is given to statutory criteria. In our case, the Settlement Agreement established the cost approach with an adjustment for economic obsolescence as the method to be used. The cost approach is what Hendry County uses to assess all of its tangible property accounts. There were and are no sales of processing plants comparable to the Clewiston Mill that could serve as the basis for a "market value" approach such as Pelletier proposed.

The Settlement Agreement set a formula to be used for future assessment years based on audited U.S. Sugar financials --a formula consistent with State guidelines for assessing agricultural properties. To protect the county, U.S. Sugar agreed to an assessment floor to apply in any year where the obsolescence was so great that otherwise the Company would pay no taxes. In effect, U.S. Sugar agreed to a minimum assessment for some years that greatly exceeded market value.

After being elected, Phil Pelletier continued to assess the Clewiston Mill per the Settlement Agreement for tax years 2009 and 2010. However, in 2011, Pelletier suddenly broke the Agreement by improperly assessing the Mill without following the Florida Department of Revenue Guidelines. In addition, he used an unrecognized technique averaging tax years to set his assessment.

The assessment method used in the Settlement Agreement is an accepted appraisal practice. In fact, Pelletier followed the Agreement for the first two years of his administration before apparently deciding that the Agreement was no longer valid. Meanwhile, U.S. Sugar has upheld the Agreement and continued to pay taxes in excess of market value as required by the floor provision.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Pin-tailed Whydah (PTWH)



PHOTO / KIM WILLIS

Pin-tailed Whydah.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Official Florida State Bird List has 514 bird species. To view this list of native and established nonnative birds go to records at www.fosbirds.org. According to the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail website there are "at least 196 non-native bird species that have been released in Florida, 13 of which are considered established or naturalized with breeding (self-sustaining) populations in the wild."



Margaret England

To help document the locations of non-native bird species go to the FOS website or to the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (ED-

DMAPS) website at www.eddmaps.org. One nonnative species, the Pin-tailed Whydah, was first reported in Florida in the 1980's. They have been observed in several counties recently including Hendry County, but they haven't been reported breeding in the wild. "Whydah" is the name of a town in Nigeria where this small finch is commonly found.

They are also called "Widow Birds" due to the adult male's long black tail extension that can be twice its body length during breeding season. These birds are commonly found throughout tropical Africa and are present in Puerto Rico. Adult birds have brown eyes, a bright red beak and black legs. The adult breeding male is glossy

black above with a white underside. Its lower back and sides of its head are white and it has a white stripe across the wings.

The adult female and non-breeding male has streaked brown upperparts, whitish underparts and a black face pattern. Juveniles look like the female, but have duller plumage and grayish bill.

The Pin-tailed Whydah's calls can be a series of high-pitched, short squeaky notes or a sharp "chip chip chip." They live in forests, gardens, parks and farmland where they forage on the ground for seeds and insects.

This nonnative bird does not build a nest. The female lays her eggs in another bird's nest, but does not destroy the "host" bird's eggs. The Pin-tailed Whydah hatchlings learn the calls and patterns of the foster parents.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers at STA5 on Nov. 10, Nov. 24 or Dec. 8 send an e-mail to Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com. Meet at the east end of Deer Fence Road at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required. Include your name and contact information including an emergency cell number, the date you want attend the STA5 trip, and the number of participants in your party.

You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2013 visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org. Trips being at the STA5 Deer Fence Trailhead located 29 miles south of Clewiston.

Please share your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



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Friends,

It's been my honor to serve you as your sheriff. I must say that this is a strange election. I've never seen an election where a candidate is not talking about any real hardcore issues.

You don't hear my opponent speaking about me inflating the budget. **He can't, because not only have I not increased the budget in four years, I have absorbed 3 million in unfunded federal and state mandated increases and operating increases outside my control.** No sheriff here has ever been able to make those kinds of cuts. You don't hear my opponent speaking about a top heavy administration. **He can't, because I cut the administration down from 8 to 4 and that includes the chief deputy and me.** You don't hear my opponent speaking about not having enough deputies to cover the outlying communities. **He can't, because we've added ten deputies to the road by reallocating the unnecessary administrative positions I just spoke about.** He doesn't speak of lack of narcotics enforcement because **our narcotics arrests have doubled since I office.** He doesn't speak of the crime rate, slow response times or lack of proactivity with the deputies. **He can't, because the added deputies have significantly reduced our response times and crime rate, and our deputy self initiated calls have over doubled because they are now proactive, instead of reactive.**

Instead, opponent speaks of how qualified he is for the job. He speaks of working in the jail for 26 years with Palm Beach County. This may or may not qualify him for the job. I'm sure there are plenty of qualified people out there. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you compare my qualifications with my opponent's. Things such as schooling, training, and actual law enforcement experience. I then ask that you look at my resume as your sheriff. Look at what we've been able to accomplish with things such as the budget, the crime rate and community involvement. I think you will then see who the most qualified candidate is by far. We have made numerous accomplishments not only fulfilling the goals I set when I took office but exceeding them saving millions, keeping your tax dollar in your pocket.

In one sentence my opponent speaks of too much turnover in the agency. In the next sentence he speaks of holding the deputies accountable. That's a contradiction within itself. Everyone knows that if you hold the deputies accountable for their action, you're going to have turnover. What turnover we've had is because I hold the deputies accountable to you. And if they don't do right by you, or if they cannot be professional, then they need to go somewhere else. This leads me to my next point.

When I ran for office in 2008 I promised you that I would make the HCSO a truly professional agency. There is no better way to judge professionalism than to receive state accreditation. With that said, I am very proud to announce that on September 27th 2012, for the first time ever, the Hendry County Sheriff's Office received Accreditation from the state of Florida's Accreditation commission. Accreditation is important to you because it establishes and maintains standards that represent current professional law enforcement practices. It increases effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services to you. It establishes standards that address and reduce liability for the agency and its members and, it establishes standards that makes our agency and its personnel accountable to the people they serve, you.

I look forward to serving you for a second term. We haven't had a consecutive two term sheriff in twenty years. The fact is, things have been better here in the past four years than they've been in a long time, and I say if it's not broke, why fix it? I again ask for your vote on November 6th.

Thank you,
Sheriff Steve Whidden

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You may have heard the term COPD before -- either in a radio or television commercial. COPD, short for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a serious lung disease that over time makes it hard to breathe.

Also known as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, it is the third leading cause of death in the United States, but as many as 12 million Americans don't even know they have it.

Unfortunately, symptoms are often shrugged off as a normal part of getting older or a consequence of being out of shape. And during cold and flu season, COPD symptoms can also be mistaken for that cold or cough that just won't go away.

But COPD can be a dangerous health hazard. If left untreated, it can have debilitating effects on everyday activities. Affecting one in five adults in the U.S. over the age of 45 and an estimated 24 million Americans, as many as half remain undiagnosed.

In people who have COPD, the airway tubes that carry air in and out of your lungs are partially blocked, making it hard to breathe. The disease develops slowly and usually worsens over time. So don't ignore the first signs of COPD,



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which include a chronic cough, hacking, wheezing and shortness of breath.

COPD occurs most often in people age 40 and over with a history of smoking, affecting

both current and former smokers. However, as many as one out of six people with COPD have never smoked.

Other risk factors include long-term exposure

to second hand smoke, certain chemicals, and dust or fumes in the workplace. In some people, COPD can be caused by a genetic condition known as alpha-1 antitrypsin, or AAT, deficiency.

"While there is no cure for COPD -- early diagnosis and treatment can help people with the disease improve their symptoms and get back to the things they love doing," said James P. Kiley, PhD, Director, Division of Lung Diseases, at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.

"As we head into the colder months, take the first step to breathing better. Learn more about COPD and schedule an appointment to talk with your doctor or health care provider about your lungs."

COPD can usually be diagnosed by a doctor or health care provider during a regular office visit with a simple, non-invasive breathing test called spirometry.

If you or a loved one experiences any of the symptoms of COPD, take some time to learn more about it. Visit <http://COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov> for more information. With proper diagnosis and treatment, people with COPD can live longer and improve their quality of life.



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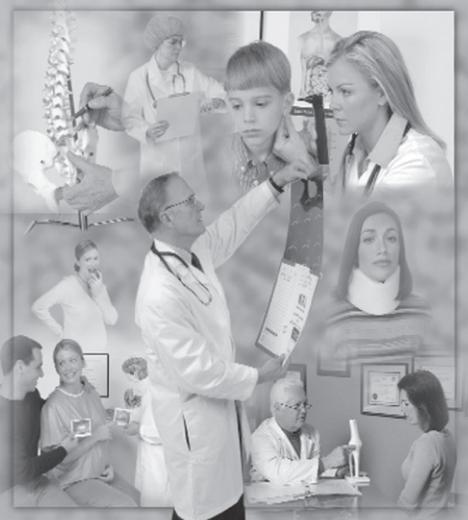
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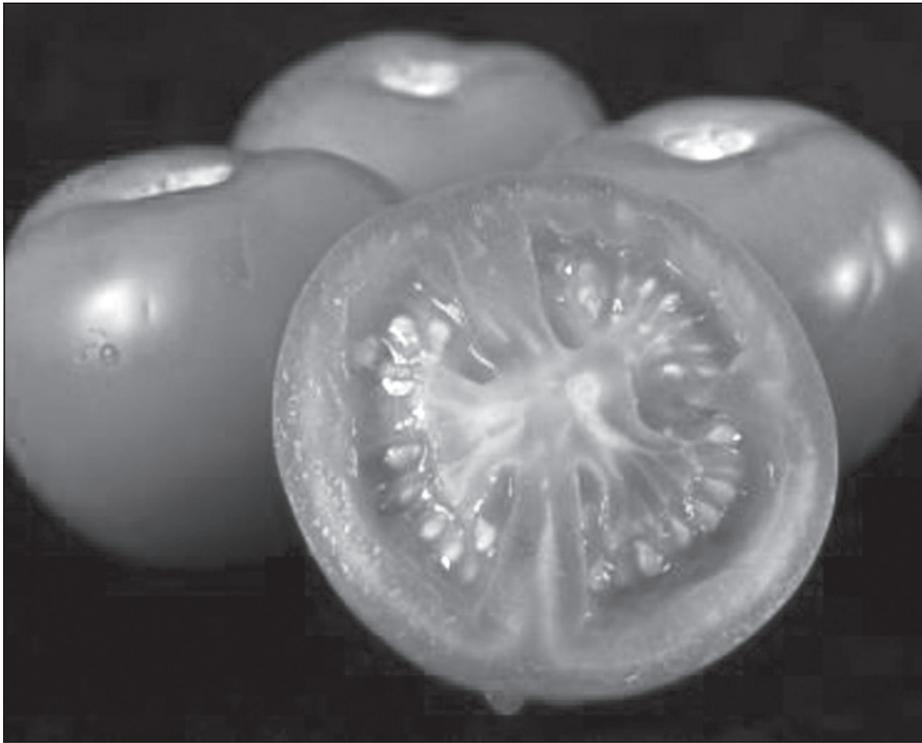


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Florida tomato farmers may increase their yields by adding sulfur to their soil before planting, according to a University of Florida study published in the current issue of the journal HortTechnology.

Adding 25 pounds of elemental sulfur per acre boosted yields by 1.7 tons per acre in the study, said Bielinski Santos, an associate professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and part of the research team responsible for the paper.

Sulfur is an important major nutrient and one of the ways it reaches agricultural fields is via atmospheric deposition. However, in recent years the amount of sulfur in the atmosphere has declined, due to tougher clean-air standards. So some farmland may not have the same sulfur content it once did.

"Growers should be aware that sulfur-related deficiencies are now more common than a few years ago in vegetables and small fruit crops," said Santos, who is based at UF's Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Balm.

There are no field tests available for soil sulfur content, Santos said. So he recommends adding a sulfur amendment to soil once each year.

In the study, scientists grew tomatoes on sandy soil at the Balm center. Treatments were set up using sulfur amendments ranging from 25 pounds to 200 pounds per acre. The results showed that soil amended with 25 pounds per acre yielded 1.7 tons more marketable fruit per acre, compared to a control plot with no sulfur amendment.

Adding more sulfur had little additional benefit, Santos said. The 25 pounds per acre falls within UF/IFAS recommendations for Florida vegetable production.

Santos said that possible sulfur sources include gypsum, elemental sulfur and sulfate-based fertilizer.

He added that a UF/IFAS research team has conducted similar experiments with strawberries and found similar results. That study will be published in the coming months.

OBITUARIES

Sue T. Kidder, 79

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. — Sue T. Kidder passed away Friday, Oct. 12, 2012.

Mrs. Kidder was born Aug. 28, 1933, in Va. Sue spent summers in Black Mountain for the past 45 years, making the valley her permanent residence in 1998. She was a member of Black Mountain United Methodist Church where she served as the Program Assistant, past president of the United Methodist Women, member of the Sarah Circle, ARC in Florida and was on the Board of Chaplaincy of Hope. Sue worked for Auburn University for Dean of Students and also devoted much of her time between family and work to care for animals at veterinarian hospitals. Sue was also an accomplished artist. She was a good friend to all and will be dearly missed.

Sue is preceded in death by her parents, Harden and Iva Rose Taylor; husband, Clarence W. Kidder; and father of her children, Howard E. Hill.

She is survived by her children, Beverly Hill of Black Mountain, Patricia Hill Norman (Lee) and Suzanne Hill Campbell all of Stuart, Fla. and Edward Hill (Deirdre) of Lilburn, Ga.; sister, Louise Choate (Paige) of Lilburn, Ga.; ten grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and two nieces.

A celebration of life service was held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at Black Mountain United Methodist Church with the Reverends Lynda Briggs and Gerald Collins officiating.

The family received friends following the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Black Mountain United Methodist Church, Raise the Roof Fund, PO Box 517, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Arrangements are in the care of Harwood Home for Funerals, 828-669-2977. www.harwoodhomeforfunerals.com

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Abigail Faith Flowers, 5 months

MOORE HAVEN — Five month old little angel, Abigail Faith Flowers, passed away Oct. 6, 2012, in Fort Myers.

She was born April 13, 2012, in Fort Myers, Fla., to Michael Flowers and Brandi Howard.

Survivors include father, Michael; mother, Brandi; one sister, Sierra Howard; aunts, Tiffany Howard, Amanda Howard; uncles, Eric Howard,



Joshua Flowers; paternal Grandparents, David and Melissa Flowers; maternal Grandparents, Buddy and Carol Howard; numerous other family members.

Graveside services were Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. at Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven with Rev. Troy Ezell officiating. Visitation was held Friday from 30 minutes prior at Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven, FL.

You may view the online obituary and light a candle in remembrance of Abigail at www.akin-davis.com

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21st Lake Okeechobee Hike Event Returns This Year



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The "Big O Hike" comes of age on Nov. 17. This will be the start of the 21st annual hike around Lake Okeechobee on the Herbert Hoover Dike, 35 feet above the surrounding countryside.

Hikers assemble at the Pahokee Marina ready to take the first step at 8 a.m., heading north for a ten day, 110 mile trek. But it's not as difficult as it seems.

In all actuality the hike is a series of one day hikes and participants can join or leave the other hikers at any trail head around Lake Okeechobee. Popular hikes are the first day, a 3.5-mile "Wimp Walk" from Pahokee to Canal Point or the full day 12 mile walk to Port Mayaca. Hikers are shuttled back to the day's starting point.

There is no charge for the hike, and anyone is

welcome to join the Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association in this, what is believed to be the longest running long distance hike in the United States.

In recent years, participants completing the entire hike have ranged in age from 9 to 92 years old. Anyone in reasonably good health is welcome to join us in enjoying the outdoors and making new friends.

Campgrounds or motels and meals for those requiring them are at the hiker's expense. Of special interest is Thanksgiving Dinner at the historic Clewiston Inn.

For more information, please contact Paul Cummings at Cummings@att.net or 561-963-9906.

From: Phillip L. Pelletier, Hendry County Property Appraiser
To: United States Sugar Corporation and Southern Gardens Citrus Products Employees, Growers & Vendors
Subject: Memo dated October 8, 2012

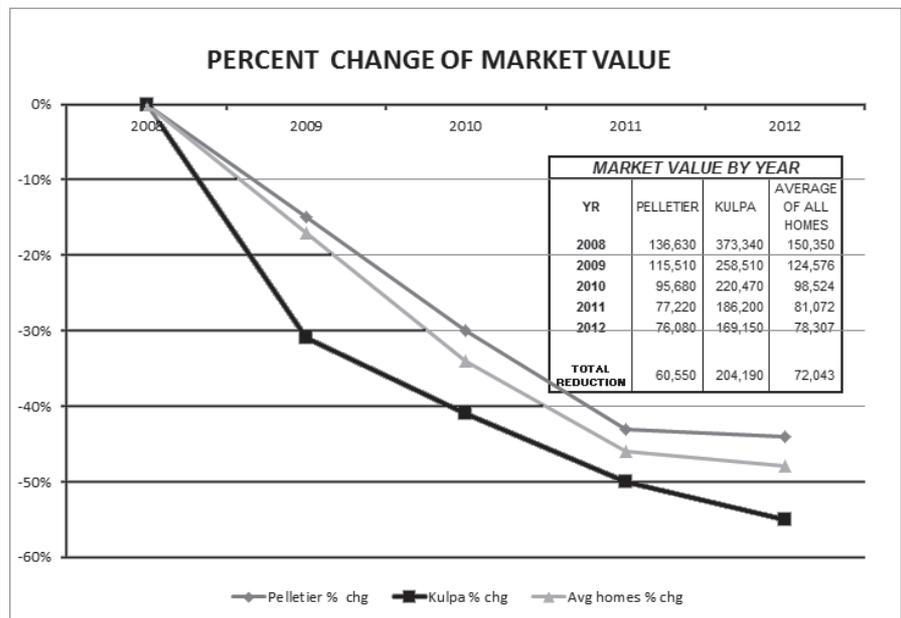
I sincerely apologize to you and your families for the pressures you are feeling this election year. As Americans, it is our duty and responsibility to vote. We ought to vote for political leaders who best represent our own values, not because they belong to a certain political party or because they align themselves with big business.

To: All Hendry County Taxpayers

Am I required to hold a broker or appraiser's license to be your Property Appraiser? NO. As your Property Appraiser, I network with local real estate professionals to stay informed on the current market trends and issues.

Do I have the education and training necessary to make fair and equitable property assessments? YES. I worked as a contractor in Hendry County for about 13 years before going to work for the Hendry County Property Appraiser. I was there for six years before transferring to the newly formed Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Department as Director, Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. I prepared an annual budget, managed personnel and acted as general contractor on all new projects and project manager for new parks and facilities built through grant funding thereby remaining knowledgeable in the area of current costs. While working for the Property Appraiser, I earned the designation of Certified Florida Evaluator through the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) by the successful completion of Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal, Income Approach to Valuation, Mass Appraisal of Residential Property, and Fundamentals of Mapping. In the position of Administrative Assistant, I trained and supervised field appraisers in residential, commercial and agricultural areas. Since taking office, I have attended Dept. of Revenue Continuing Education Classes and Property Appraisers Association of Florida (PAAF) conferences, thereby keeping updated on legislative changes and current events.

My opponent knows that my office does not set taxes, strictly values. Below is a graph that shows my own home value, the average of all Hendry County homes, and my opponent's value since my election in 2008. My home decreased 44%, the average single family home decreased 48%, and my opponent's home decreased 55%.



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Keep Your Home Safe from Allergens this Season

The weather may be getting cooler, but that doesn't mean people who are impacted by allergens are in the clear. From dust and dander to seasonal pollen, millions of people will sneeze, wheeze and cough their way through the months ahead.

The experts at Sun Products, makers of Snuggle, all and Wisk laundry products, offer these steps to help make your home a safer haven from that which afflicts you.

Bust Dust

Allergens are hiding all over the home. Regular dusting and vacuuming will eliminate much of the problem. Just be sure to clean your vacuum filter often.

And don't overlook fabrics in your home like upholstered chairs and drapes, as dust, mites

and other allergens can collect here easily. Don't suffer while cleaning. Use a mask to avoid coming into contact with the allergens you're trying to eliminate.

Wash Safely

The irony of keeping your home spic and span for the sake of allergy management is that many cleaning supplies can aggravate the problem.

Ammonia, for example, can be quite harsh on the eyes and nose. Using a hypoallergenic, fragrance-free, all-purpose cleaner will make scrubbing the bathroom and kitchen a much more pleasant experience.

Likewise, bedding and clothing are notorious for collecting and trapping common allergens. According to a study by Grana, an international science journal, a large t-shirt can trap up to 7

million pollen grains on a peak pollen day.

Remove everyday allergens trapped in your garments and bedding with a fragrance free detergent designed for sensitive skin.

For example, all free clear detergent, which is the number one detergent brand recommended by dermatologists and allergists for sensitive skin, will eliminate 99 percent of tree and grass pollen, and ragweed pollen, the number one fall allergen.

Free of potential irritants like dyes and perfumes, it will also help bust pet dander and dust mite matter. More information can be found at www.all-laundry.com/freeclear.

Keep Allergens Out

When you walk around outside your clothes can collect and absorb allergens and irritants.

Shoes are magnets for grass, tree and ragweed pollen.

Leave your shoes on the porch, especially after walking through grass. Change out of your clothes when you get home, depositing them directly into the hamper.

Stay Vigilant

You can stay informed with pollen-level maps and recent allergen news. Visit the all free clear Facebook page for allergy resources and management tips.

Get a handle on your sniffles and congestion this season by freeing your home of allergens.

'Mystery Eyeball' Appears to be From Swordfish



PHOTO / FWC

After examining an eye found on a south Florida beach this week, researchers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) believe the specimen came from a swordfish. Genetic testing will be done to confirm the identification.

"Experts on site and remotely have viewed and analyzed the eye, and based on its color, size and structure, along with the presence of bone around it, we believe the eye came from a swordfish," said Joan Herrera, curator of collections at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg.

"Based on straight-line cuts visible around the eye, we believe it was removed by a fisherman and discarded."

The approximately softball-size eye was recovered by a citizen in Pompano Beach on Wednesday. FWC staff received the eye later that day. Swordfish are commonly fished in the Florida Straits offshore of south Florida at this time of year.

A highly migratory fish, swordfish can be found from the surface to as deep as 2,000 feet. Swordfish in the Atlantic can reach a maximum size of over 1,100 pounds, according to the Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Swordfish feed on a wide variety of fish and invertebrates.

For more information on swordfish, including fishing regulations, visit MyFWC.com.

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.70/g on Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.77/g..

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 28.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 9.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 9.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 29.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has again seen a decrease in the last week, as California joins much of the rest of the United States in seeing lower prices," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Even though there hasn't been a massive decline in California retail prices, the fact that prices have stopped rising there has helped tip the national average lower. In the week ahead, we could continue to see declines as wholesale prices fell lower late last week, meaning gas stations have additional room to drop their prices," DeHaan said.

HAPPENINGS



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Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nobel Institute site
 - 5 *Stand-up's delivery
 - 9 Stat for Randy Johnson
 - 12 *Bygone magazine known for its photography
 - 13 Dip ___ in: test
 - 14 *2012 presidential campaign issue
 - 16 Early eighth-century year
 - 17 *Office betting group
 - 18 Novelist Wharton
 - 20 Folk singer Miriam known as "Mama Africa"
 - 22 ___-Man
 - 24 Narc's agcy.
 - 25 Darth, at one time
 - 26 Final
 - 29 ___ Lingus
 - 30 Front and back, at Pebble Beach
 - 32 Pop flies, usually
 - 33 "Car Talk" ainer
 - 34 Preferences
 - 36 Ullman of comedy
 - 39 1967 war film, and an apt description for this puzzle's starred answers
 - 42 Starts a hole, at Pebble Beach
 - 43 "___ Teenage Werewolf"
 - 44 ___ in echo
 - 45 Project particular
 - 47 Hardly suitable
 - 51 Cog attachment?
 - 52 Contest in the sky
 - 54 Peace, to Pasternak
 - 55 Brit. medal
 - 56 Yucatán year
 - 57 Powerful Roman Church family name
 - 59 It's seen around leftovers
 - 61 *Failure
 - 64 20 fins
 - 65 *Pay attention to
 - 66 Pamplona pronoun
 - 67 *Function as promised
 - 68 Limit
- DOWN**
- 1 *Hemingway title character
 - 2 Boaster's reply to a boast
 - 3 Finalize, as a Final Jeopardy! wager
 - 4 Dust Bowl migrant
 - 5 Mount Fuji's nation
 - 6 Missouri River people
 - 7 Kitchy-___
 - 8 Sniggler's trap
 - 9 DVD button
 - 10 Thing to spare, in an adage
 - 11 Conformity
 - 15 Go uphill fast?
 - 19 *Most famous Hogwarts pupil
 - 21 Next to
 - 23 Subordinate in the prosecutor's off.
 - 27 Hardly a couch potato
 - 28 More attic-like
 - 31 Map abbr.
- 69 *Give everyone a hand
- 70 Slow-leak sound
- 35 "___ Cousins": 1964 Presley film
- 37 Not as gloomy
- 38 Islamic call to prayer
- 39 "Knight Rider" car
- 40 Like one for the books
- 41 Girls' rec. center
- 42 *Documents often stored in a safe
- 46 Looked into deeply
- 48 Essential acids
- 49 Sad souls
- 50 *Bamboozles
- 52 U.S. food retailer that reached its peak in the mid-1900s
- 53 Early computer language
- 58 Plants
- 60 Prefix with baptist
- 62 Sweet ending
- 63 NYC subway overseer

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Smithsonian Journey Stories at Clewiston Museum

The grand opening for the Journey Stories Exhibit will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23. The event will include a presentation by Dr. Jessica Cattelino, Professor of Archeology at UCLA, and no stranger to this area.



She will be presenting on water in the Glades and its impact on people over the years. She resided in Clewiston for seven months this year interviewing locals and collecting information on this subject, which will be the subject of a forthcoming book.

Journey Stories is a Smithsonian traveling exhibit that depicts the migration of Americans across our great land. Clewiston was one of only six communities in Florida selected to receive this prestigious exhibit.

In addition to viewing the exhibit during our special speaker presentations over the next six weeks, the exhibit is available during normal Museum hours, which are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Saturday and evening viewings for groups are available by reservation.

The public is invited to this free event and there will be plenty of time following the presentation to tour the exhibit and to enjoy refreshments.

The program is being made possible through a grant provided by the Florida Humanities Council and with technical assistance from the Smithsonian Institution.

For more information, please contact the Museum at 863-983-2870 or email clewiston-museum@embarqmail.com.

Complete information on the upcoming Journey Stories speaker programs can be found at www.clewistonmuseum.org.

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NOTICE of REFERENDUM for the CITY OF CLEWISTON ENACTMENT OF A NEW AMENDED CLEWISTON CITY CHARTER

The Clewiston City Charter was last amended in 2008. The City's Charter Review Committee and City Commission have concluded that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Clewiston to adopt a new amended charter to revise and clarify certain provisions and to remove inconsistent and redundant language.

Shall the existing Clewiston City Charter enacted in 2008 be repealed and a new amended charter be enacted?

AVISO de REFERENDUM para la CUIDAD de CLEWISTON PROMOVER UNA NUEVA ENMIENDA EN LA CUIDAD DE CLEWISTON.

La enmienda de la ciudad de Clewiston, fue modificada por ultima vez en el año 2008. El comité y los comisionados han concluido que es mejor para el interés de los ciudadanos adoptar una nueva carta de enmienda para revisar y aclarar disposiciones y así mismo eliminar lenguaje inconsistente y excesivo.

Debería la enmienda de la Cuidad de Clewiston que fue aprobada en el 2008 ser modificada?

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Eastside Elementary

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Oct. 23: End of the 1st 9 weeks
- Friday, Oct. 26: Early Release Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 30: Report Cards go home
- Wednesday, Oct. 31: Dress up as your favorite Character/Costume Day

Band Boosters

Christmas Tree Pre-Order

Believe it or not, it's almost Christmas! Actually it isn't, but it is time to make the annual Christmas Tree order that will be sold two weeks after Thanksgiving.

As usual we will have a beautiful assortment of trees that are eight feet and under. However, trees above eight feet tall must be pre-ordered. If you or your business would like to display a nine foot or taller Noble, Douglas, Grand or Frasier Fir, contact Sean Miller at 863-677-0174.

All profits from the tree sales go to support the unfunded needs of the High School and Middle School Instrumental music programs.

The High School and Middle School band program has enrolled over 60 students and there is no better way to show your support than to display a beautiful Christmas Tree.

To the citizens of Clewiston and the surrounding area, the Clewiston Band Boosters would like to thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to seeing you at the tree lot on Nov. 23!

Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston has been caught up in a flurry of activities this school year.

We seem to have hit the ground running with sports at the forefront, running hand-in-hand with a dynamic new Language Arts program, Spring Board, that promises to propel our students forward to increased learning gains.

We have been fortunate to receive Kagan training that encourages social skills, cooperation, and increased comprehension throughout the curriculum.

And it provides fun activities, you can't beat that for quality education!

Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are now on sale. The Clewiston Middle School yearbook committee is working hard to put together an awesome yearbook bursting with photos, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course, a space for autographs.

This special yearbook, that will hold cherished memories for many years to come, is now available at an "Early Bird" offer price of \$25 from now until Dec. 14. After that time, the regular price for this magnificent keepsake will be increased to \$35.

In addition, the PTO is now selling personal and business ad space for our full-color yearbook. All of our Tiger families, teachers, "Partners in Education" and community members are invited to purchase an advertisement in our ad section to raise funds for the production costs of the yearbook. All completed ad artwork must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 11, 2013.

The yearbook committee will be glad to design your ad for you for a small \$10 fee. The deadline for this service is Jan. 4, 2013.

Please note the fee for an ad:

- Business Card Size - \$35 (Business Only)
- Quarter Page Ad - \$45 (Personal or Business)
- Half Page Ad - \$75 (Personal or Business)

2nd Annual Tiger Tailgate

Clewiston High School SADD/SWAT along with Drug Free Hendry County and Hendry Tobacco-Free Partnership are hosting a tailgate party at Clewiston Middle School before the Homecoming Game against the LaBelle Cowboys.

All High School and Middle School youth are invited. There will be games, a DJ, and food available. Everything starts at 3 p.m.

If you would like to contribute, please contact your SWAT/SADD Chapter by calling Sherry Elliott at Clewiston High School at 863-983-1520.



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CCS learns about their country

The 2nd Graders at Clewiston Christian School certainly did their research to learn all about the United States of America. Each student in Mrs. Becks class chose a state to represent and did a presentation in front of the whole class. They did a fantastic job.

Education/Businesses

Team Up in Hendry County

There is no greater foundation for a county than education. It is with that premise that the Hendry County Economic Development Council has created a Task Force to link the business community with their educational system.

While much of the early work of the Task Force has focused on the macro level of getting something like this started, more recent work has started to show tangible results in terms of collaboration between education and businesses.

So why attempt something like this in Hendry County? The simple answer is because the young people in Hendry County deserve the best educational system possible to help prepare them for life beyond Hendry County schools. The more difficult answer is because pointing fingers regarding challenges will not help secure a better educational system in Hendry County. The best counties in America rally around difficult issues and find creative solutions to improve. This simple statement is always the most difficult to achieve because humans and organizations often tend to operate in silos, are territorial, worry about our own environment, become distracted by less important issues and so on.

Right now there is enough momentum to push forward and strive for greater achievement. We are shooting for being one of those counties in America that pulls together under difficult circumstances and finds creative solutions for the overall betterment of Hendry County and our children and young adults. Ultimately a better Hendry County with prepared graduates will equate to a workforce that will meet the demands of the business community.

Here are some details regarding Task Force actions to date.

Each Hendry County school has a business member of the Task Force assigned to serve on their Strategic Action Committee (SAC).

There is now a more concentrated effort to have speakers from the business community in the classrooms and there is a subcommittee of the Task Force to focus on businesses and their employees to become engaged with education.

There is a focus on finding suitable, affordable housing for teachers coming to Hendry County to teach our children. We need to retain the best of these teachers and housing is one component of that retention.

Social activities are being arranged for new teachers to meet community/business people so they feel more at ease with their transition to Hendry County.

The EDC Leadership Alumni has agreed to become readers for our early school age children to help them get off to a better start in school.

There is a movement to lobby the legislature for full day funding for Pre-Voluntary Kindergarten. Right now the state only funds for half a day.

Hendry County is the recipient of a 'Turn-around Grant' and specific goals are being crafted as of this writing.

There is a focus on Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) which will help determine what Hendry County Pre-Kindergarten schools are doing to prepare children for Kindergarten.

An outreach program is being considered to get more parents involved with the education of Hendry County children.

The current members of the EDC Education Task Force are: Mali Gardner, Karson Turner, Steve Nesbit Sr., Antonio Perez, Duncan MacDonald, Tris Chapman, John Benkert, Tuesday Tritt, Lisa Kelley, Gordon Swaggerty, Jodi Bell, George Duckstein, Pat Langford and Gregg Gillman.

Also worth mentioning is that Hendry County will have 20 representatives at the Southwest Florida Education Summit 2nd Annual event in Fort Myers on October 25. US Sugar, Hilliard Brothers and Hendry County EDC are helping to sponsor this event. We are pleased that a regional approach to improving education is also underway.

If you have an interest in bringing your positive ideas to help improve Hendry County and Education please email Gregg Gillman at gregg@hendryedc.com.

Weekly Sports Schedule

Volleyball

- Thursday, Oct. 18: AWAY @ Moore Haven at 6/7:30 p.m.

Golf

- Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22 and 23: Regional TBA

Cross Country

- Saturday, Oct. 20: Sebring Invitational at 7 a.m.

Football

- Friday, Oct. 19: AWAY @ Lake Placid

Mejia Now a U.S. Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Jose A. Mejia, son of Yamile R. Leiva of Clewiston and Timothy J. Cottiers, of Central Islip, New York, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

For 13 weeks, Mejia stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine. Instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and com-

mitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Mejia endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

Mejia is a 2011 graduate of Clewiston High School.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One citizen's opinion!

I left the big city when I retired to live in the idyllic City of LaBelle. I came here with the intention of melding into the culture and lifestyle of this community and perhaps contributing to the ongoing activity and growth of Hendry County. I certainly have no desire to impose my views or political beliefs on the good citizens who have spent their lives here making the city and county what they are today. No, I wish to be a positive team member in the future of LaBelle.

The present campaigning for the upcoming election seems contentious and in some instances ugly, rife with innuendo and misinformation. Perhaps I, too, have been misled in my search for the truth regarding the histories and qualifications of the various candidates, so I would like to express my opinions and allow your readers to set me straight on issues wherein I am in error.

In the race for Property Appraiser, Kristina Kulpa is challenging incumbent Phil Pelletier. I have met Mr. Pelletier and find him to be a friendly, personable man, with whom I could enjoy a great friendship.

As property appraiser, I question his qualifications in that he has no previous experience as an appraiser, nor has he attended available educational training for this job, and little or no experience as a strong negotiator. His statements regarding US Sugar having their taxes raised to pay their "fair share" sounds cliché and imprudent. The law allows the appraiser a certain range within which he may assess the amount of tax levied. Mr. Pelletier has elected to charge US Sugar the maximum amount allowed, an amount that could adversely affect that company's ability to maintain its current level of employment.

US Sugar has published an open letter to the voters of Hendry County suggesting that Mr. Pelletier's reelection could have a negative impact on the company's ability to continue with business as we now know it.

Kristina Kulpa was the Property Appraiser for many years, [16 ?] and seemed to do the job with efficiency and cost effectiveness. I have heard dissenters say she cut a "sweet deal" with Sugar a few years ago when they protested their assessment. It is my belief that Ms. Kulpa and Sugar were at loggerheads in their negotiations so both parties agreed to invite a qualified mediator research the problem and make recommendations for resolution. Both Kulpa and Sugar agreed with this proffered solution and so the matter ended. If this was a "sweet deal" how did Ms. Kulpa personally profit? Isn't that what a "sweet deal" accomplishes?

I have further heard that Ms. Kulpa should not be elected because she filed suit against the County for election fraud. Is she a bad person for calling the Supervisor of Elections to task, or is the County not answerable to its citizens.

In reviewing Kulpa's education and previous training, she is extremely qualified for the office of Property Appraiser and I would hope the wide electorate of Hendry County agrees.

I would also like to respond to those who would vilify US Sugar for appealing to the voters for help with their tax situation. Unreasonably high taxes levied by a well meaning but misguided government, have caused numerous employers to file bankruptcy or relocate outside our County. Consider the devastation if US Sugar was forced to leave Hendry County.

Wes Bartlett

Dear Editor and Hendry County Residents:

I don't have to tell any of you how much I love this sweet, sweet community with all the good and hardworking people who live here. I have lived most of my adult life here, and I am 93

years young now.

Our community has always been blessed with the lovely waters of Lake Okeechobee, the rich and abundant soils of our fields and the strong agricultural presence of U.S. Sugar Corporation.

I am proud to say that I worked for U.S. Sugar for more than 40 years. My salary with U.S. Sugar was better than I could have gotten anywhere else in town and my benefits included good insurance and a good company-provided retirement. Thousands of retirees like me are now living on that retirement.

So, it is almost more than I can bear to see one of our elected officials standing out and bad-mouthing U.S. Sugar like Mr. Pelletier has done. It seems to me that he has a personal ax to grind with U.S. Sugar. I have always thought that our public officials should be polite and well-mannered to everyone because we pay their salaries. They should not bad mouth and try to run our biggest and best business out of town with higher taxes.

I am writing this letter to remind every person in Hendry County that U.S. Sugar has been and hopefully always will be the lifeblood of this community. Not only are they the largest employer, providing thousands of good jobs with insurance and retirement benefits that are hard to come by these days, but the Company also is the most generous benefactor that a community can have.

Take a good look around at all the good things that U.S. Sugar has given to this community. In Clewiston, we have a gorgeous swimming pool, a recreation hall for our youth, a great library, and a civic center auditorium where all kinds of public and private events are held, including my beautiful 93rd birthday celebration. I thank everyone who attended that. We also have beautiful ball fields for our sports activities and the pride of the Clewiston Tigers, Cane Field. It has been said many times that Cane Field rivals some college football fields. For a little town like Clewiston, that is amazing and we have had some amazing athletes that have benefited from it.

All of these things are here because of U.S. Sugar's generosity for many, many years. If you doubt how good U.S. Sugar has been for our beautiful little community, take a drive around Lake Okeechobee and look at the other small communities and you will see that none of them have all the many wonderful amenities that we take for granted but enjoy every day here.

Maybe we all need to take a deep breath, look around and count our many, many blessings. My blessings will always include having a good neighbor like U.S. Sugar in town. I pray that our beloved children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be able to say that too.

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Dear Editor,

The property appraiser election affects all of us, not just large businesses like U.S. Sugar. In the midst of the struggling economy, more taxes on any business or person will hurt growth and economic development for everyone.

Although the property appraiser does not levy taxes, he is the first step in determining the amount of those taxes for each taxpayer through his assessments. And although I appreciate Mr. Pelletier's recently published arguments, appraising property is not exactly a precise science. There is plenty of wiggle room when any appraiser, including an elected property appraiser, determines fair market value.

Although some of you may be taken back by U.S. Sugar's plea for tax relief because you hear of strong sugar prices, you should know that those strong prices have been short lived. In fact,

the days of strong sugar prices seem to be behind us. Sugar prices seem to be quickly returning to levels where sugar farming is only marginally profitable. Therefore, the effect of these new taxes on U.S. Sugar is not insignificant.

I have been an attorney, real estate broker and farmer in Clewiston for almost 20 years, and my businesses depend on companies like U.S. Sugar, its growers, employees and vendors. Remember, it was not that long ago that many of us were terrified of the prospect of losing U.S. Sugar and its 1,700 well-paid employees.

The impact of losing such a key player in our local economy would be devastating to the local restaurants, shops and business owners as well as local sugarcane farmers who would be left without a place to process their cane. I make these points simply to emphasize that not all benefits from a big employer and big companies like U.S. Sugar can be measured in real property tax dollars generated.

Although I am for lower taxes and assessments for us all, one can not fault any individual or company for doing all it can to make itself competitive in today's world. What sense does it make to make U.S. Sugar pay more taxes in this struggling economy? Do we really want to make our strongest employer less competitive?

As sugar prices return to historic lows, where sugar farming in the U.S. is only marginally profitable, do we want our strongest employer to move or expand their operations overseas like other local big sugar companies are doing? Do we really want to risk the potential job loss and related business loss just because the line in the sand has been drawn and we are not backing down?

Let's support our local employer in their desire to remain local.

Sincerely,
Antonio R. Perez

Dear Editor,

My vote in the General Election will be guided by who is best for our local economy and who best will help us create more jobs here in Hendry County

In the race for Hendry Property Appraiser that choice is very clear. Kristina Kulpa fought for lower property taxes during her tenure as property appraiser and she is running on a platform of Fair Taxes and More Jobs.

I agree with Kristina that Hendry Property owners deserve some benefit of the doubt when it comes to paying property taxes. I also agree with Kristina that government should be helping create jobs rather than preventing us from creating more jobs.

I am very concerned that our current Property Appraiser, Mr. Pelletier has taken to attacking our local businesses and demanding they pay higher taxes. His vendetta against our county's largest employer is disturbing. I expect better from the people we elect to serve and that is why I will be voting for Mrs. Kulpa.

H. Matteson

Dear Editor,

In regard to U.S. Sugar and property taxes, I think that many people are missing the bigger picture here. As a longtime resident of Clewiston (29 years), and yes, an employee of U.S. Sugar, I know that having a major employer like U.S. Sugar in our community is much like having a golden goose.

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Awareness Club

Harvest Academy Christian School recently started an Awareness Club. This club involves a group of students who bring awareness to different diseases, cancers, and other causes. Students in the awareness club help raise money, donate items, and bring awareness to the community. This club was started out of a desire to want to bring an awareness to the all of the challenges many face in life and to inform the students and the community. Wednesday, Oct. 10, was “Wear Orange and Make it End Unite Against Bullying Day.” At Harvest Academy Christian School our students in the Awareness Club helped decorate the campus orange and students dressed in orange for the day.

Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

The Ladies Auxiliary will have our monthly meeting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

After the meeting we have a full evening scheduled, beginning with our “Help Fill Our Cups” drawing, which will take place at 7 p.m. Our winner will receive funds from the Ladies Auxiliary to pay for her mammogram.

We will also have a second drawing for a beautiful hand-crafted Breast Cancer Awareness Necklace. Throughout the evening we have an auction for the “Bra” purses that LA members have made. They are too cute and one of a kind.

Proceeds from the auction will go to our Breast Cancer Awareness campaign that was chosen by our Department President, a breast

cancer survivor, as LAVFW special project. Then we have everyone’s favorite, Bar Bingo, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you haven’t played you are missing a lot of fun and laughter! The public is invited.

On Friday, Oct. 26, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Ladies Auxiliary will host our 2nd annual Halloween House of Horror for the community. This year we have added a Hayride, Go Fishing Booth and a Hay Scramble for those too young or frightened to go through the House of Horror.

Food will be available also. Last year’s attendance to the House of Horror allowed us to help two local families during Thanksgiving and we hope to be able to do the same this year.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Limo ride for Eastside Elementary

Students from Eastside Elementary that scored a 5 on the FCAT last year celebrated by riding in a Limo to eat lunch at Beef O’Brady’s in Clewiston.

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People have forgotten what U. S. Sugar has done for the community and people of the community, both openly and behind the scenes. U. S. Sugar has been a good citizen of the community and has taken care of the people of the community in ways that only few people know.

If people only knew what U. S. Sugar has quietly done to support people in need, during medical emergencies, supporting education, supporting local agencies, supporting the local youth, and providing infrastructure to support the local communities...We need to be careful that we don’t get caught in a “what have you done for me lately” mentality. U. S. Sugar, along with the hard working employees of U. S. Sugar and those of the local communities, is the reason we enjoy the luxuries that we enjoy.

For the past 83 years, U.S. Sugar has produced sugar, cattle, vegetables, citrus, railroads and renewable energy. For each of these operations, they have hired mostly local people. Generations of local people have made good careers for themselves working for U.S. Sugar and its subsidiaries. Good salaries and benefits have enabled working folks like us to raise families and send their children to school and I am proud to be one of those people.

Thanks to U.S. Sugar’s ability to adapt, our company has remained in business while half of all sugar producing businesses in the U.S. have closed since 1985.

Let me say that again, half of all sugar-pro-

ducing businesses in the U.S. have closed since 1985. Yes, times have changed, but whether you choose to acknowledge it or not, U. S. Sugar is still a good corporate citizen and still contributes to the local communities. However times have changed. The cost of doing business has gone up dramatically in recent years and this trend is not likely to change. In order to survive, we (I say “we” because I consider U. S. Sugar to be part of my life) had to become more efficient at what we did in order to survive.

U. S. Sugar took the chance and invested in improvements to the infrastructure in the new mill and improvements to the refining and agriculture operations. Fortunately we were lucky enough that we had a property appraiser at the time in Kristina Kulpa who understood that the fluctuating price of sugar was a huge factor in U.S. Sugar’s mill facilities and incorporated that into the assessment process.

Hendry County, along with every other county in Florida, is offering tax incentive packages and all sorts economic assistance to try to entice new businesses to locate here.

Why should U. S. Sugar not participate in this process? You have a company who wants to be here and was willing to invest its money in the county, when so many others are investing elsewhere. Why not afford them the same incentives that are being offered to others just in the hope that they may come here?

So from where I sit, nothing good will come out of imposing higher taxes on U. S. Sugar and other businesses. Short term gains will be costly in the long term and will come at the expense of jobs, salaries and benefits. And in the long run, we all will suffer.

Mike Irely



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Religion Column

Great Innovations: Is There Still Something Missing?

BY REV. SAMS THOMAS, PH.D.+
Saints Martin's Church

Someone pointed out innovations that have come about recently and the changes that have happened. Banks have gone to ATM machines, making small transactions possible without going inside. Of course, major bank activities aren't conducted at the machine, but they're great later in the evening when some cash is needed. Eyeglasses with minor corrections and generic prescription are available from many stores now; if people need simple reading glasses, no need to involve appointments with an optical professional. Drug stores are offering basic clinical services for out-patient interventions that are routine; no need for waiting for an appointment for flu shots or a prescription for a rash. Stores have automated check-out counters; waiting in line for the cashier has been eliminated in some cases and people avail themselves of a time-saver that will get them on their way after they've scanned their purchases and inserted an amount of cash to cover the transaction.

With each innovation comes a recognition that there is a level of care or a service needed that cannot be covered and the bonus is on the drug store to recommend a visit to the family physician or the bank cannot handle a transaction involving foreign currency through the ATM. There are times when an optometrist is needed and eye conditions need a specialist, or a store purchase requires a cashier to handle a refund slip. Overall, people seem to prefer modern short-cut, time-saving ways of doing things. Apparently merchants like them too. There is something about these modern "innovations" that had a familiar ring to them as I thought about it. Some banks had lines inside for customers with only one or two transactions; you would go inside but avoid being in line with

someone making several deposits.

Years ago, the optometrist that fitted our family with glasses knew each member and he observed that sons generally had eyes like their mothers, daughters like their fathers. He seemed to know just what was needed and getting glasses changed every so often was not really a major chore. Some merchants knew who was in a hurry and would devote time to them while another customer was making up their mind about this purchase or that one. The older activities were not quite as efficient or time-saving but they involved something that more than compensated; human contact. Every once and awhile someone will share with me about some clergy person in their past. He would visit the family on his way home and have a drink, share a joke, bring some news, tell of something that was going on in his life. Oh yes, they'd be there on Sundays, and certainly were among the faithful; even long after he had left their church or they moved elsewhere.

Their relationship was obviously very special and very personal. That made, and makes, all of the difference. One grandfather shared with me awhile back about his grandchildren; noting that "Children take time!" Yes they do; and it makes all of the difference in our world of automation, fast-everything, impersonal telephone "labyrinths" that tell you to "press one for..." and you may wind up with a recording anyway. Scriptures are stories of people and their relationships with one another; about what is learned in the exchanges between people, about an incarnate God who gets personal with His creation.

Maybe the greatest gift of all of the automated check-out lines comes from the conversations of those who are waiting, the conversations with the clerks who point you to the right aisle, the human who answers the phone and directs you to the answer you sought. That happens in Church, sometimes when the services are over and coffee is shared. Those moments can be healing, fulfilling, enriching, incarnational. I think the Lord approves and blesses them!



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Tour of the Caloosahatchee River

Congressman Diaz-Balart, Commissioner Tris Chapman and State Representative Matt Hudson discussed environmental issues during a tour of the Caloosahatchee River.



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Clewiston Tiger Virthavious Robinson is shown during a Tiger drive in the third quarter.

FOOTBALL

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25-yard touchdown and Clewiston's first points of the night. The extra point made it 26-7.

It was a start, although a late one. Clewiston would add 23 fourth-quarter points, but the 40 to 30 final in favor of Dunbar was a classic case of too little, too late.

"We gave them the district championship again," a disappointed Head Coach Joe Roth said. "We just handed it over to them."

Coach wasn't speaking figuratively. Offense to offense, in almost every statistical category, Clewiston bested Dunbar. Clewiston ran away from Dunbar, gaining 363 total yards to 234. Clewiston racked up 22 first downs compared to only nine for Dunbar. The Tigers had more rushing yards than Dunbar, more passing yards than Dunbar, and ran more than double the number of offensive plays that Dunbar did, 85 to 38.

But Clewiston led in one other fatal category, too. The Tigers transformed Dunbar into turnover town. Clewiston lost four fumbles and three interceptions that allowed Dunbar to score most of its 40 points easily.

Clewiston got off to a slow start again, twice penetrating the red zone in the first quarter but coming away with no points. Clewiston wouldn't score until the second half.

"We make it a big point to our kids that in a big football game, when we get these opportunities, we've got to get some points," Roth said.

Though the scoreboard didn't appear to show it, Roth emphasized the strengths of his

team's performance last Friday, too. He said the defense played its finest game of the year, holding the vaunted Dunbar offense to 210 yards rushing and 24 passing. His offensive linemen, especially Miguel Perera, Joe Hernandez, and Clem Nealy, controlled the line of scrimmage.

Tiger individual efforts abounded as well. Robinson continued to tear through the defense for big yards, this time gaining 168 yards on 35 carries for three touchdowns and a 4.8 yards per carry average.

Fullback John Gonzalez rammed ahead for 67 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown. Gonzalez averaged 4.2 yards per carry. He scored a touchdown for the second consecutive game.

DeMarcus Terry returned from injury to pick up 41 yards on nine attempts. Senior quarterback Tyler Clemmons, despite an off night, still threw for 91 yards and an average of 11.4 yards per completion.

A district championship for Clewiston seems like a bridge too far at this point in the season, but Roth remains upbeat.

"We still control our destiny," he said. "If we win Friday night, we'll play LaBelle to be the district runner-up."

As district runner-up, Clewiston would advance to regionals and a shot at a rematch with Dunbar.

First things are first, though, and that means the right frame of mind and a 7 p.m. date at Lake Placid tomorrow. Lake Placid got hammered by Dunbar, 49-0, earlier in the season but revived itself last week by destroying Avon Park.

"The challenge is: Are we going to be ready to play mentally?" Roth asked. "When you outplay someone and lose the game, you've got to get that out of your system. We've got to get our first road win Friday night."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ice Cream Social

Students whose parents attended the recent Grade Level Meetings were treated to an ice cream social on Friday, Oct. 12, in the school cafeteria. It is very important that parents get involved and stay involved with their children's education while attending Clewiston Middle School. The faculty covets parents input and concern with their child's academic career and are thankful for each and every parent. Judging from the smiles on the students' faces, it is evident that a good time was had by all!

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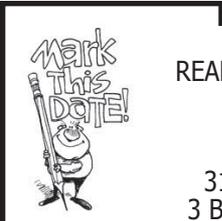
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000927

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SD3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SD3, Plaintiff,
 VS.
 EDUARDO GUILLEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000927 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida wherein CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SD3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SD3 is the Plaintiff and EDUARDO GUILLEN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDUARDO GUILLEN, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN DOE, and TENANT #2 N/K/A JANE DOE are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 14, IN BLOCK 451 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
A/K/A 328 W VENTURA AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440
 Any person claiming an Interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 12, 2012.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /S/ J. Bevis
 Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Woffe Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
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**See Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2012 CP 82 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF TINA DEAN SHEPPARD A/K/A TINA ENGLEBRIGHT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Tina Dean Sheppard a/k/a Tina Englebright, deceased, whose date of death was May 10, 2011, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 7886, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is 2012.

Personal Representative: Judy Lowry 1090 Wood Drive LaBelle, Florida 33935 Attorney for Personal Representative: Ira S. Wiesner, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative: Florida Bar Number: 0222887 Law Offices of Ira S. Wiesner Professional Assoc., Advocates in Aging 328 N. Rhodes Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34237 Telephone: (941) 365-9900 Fax: (941) 365-4479 E-Mail: advocates@wiesnerlaw.com Secondary E-Mail: Marla@wiesnerlaw.com 428268 CN 10/18,25/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000827

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. JUAN CARRAMAN, KAREN CARRAMAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, will on the 14th day of November, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the 2nd Floor Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse Building, LaBelle, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Hendry County, Florida:

LOT 46, SUNSHINE LAKE ESTATES, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 175, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. TOGETHER WITH LAND AND MOBILE HOME described as 2005 ANI with FL Title Nos. 94070403 & 94070489 & VIN NOS GAF1575A&B76779AV31 "which by intention of the parties and upon retirement of the certificate of Title as provided in Section 319.261 Fla. Stat., shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it."

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 11th day of October, 2012. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 125 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and whose phone number is (941) 675-5217, within 7 working days of your receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 428712 CN 10/18,25/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1713, 2009, 1244432-A0001140100, Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5225, 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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The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5590 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 428810 CN 10/18,25:11/1,8/2012

Public Notice

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:

Alico, Inc (Curry Citrus Grove) 100700 Daniels Interstate Court, Suite 100, Fort Myers, FL 33913, has submitted Application 120911-2 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00162-W to irrigate 250 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Section 27, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 428634 CN 10/18/2012

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The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3693, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4173, Montura Ranch Estates.

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The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 3904, Montura Ranch Estates.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2664, 2009, 1214334-03000010030, Kenneth Gainous

Lot 3, Block 1, Harlem Addition No. 7, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 80 and 81, 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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Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 427456 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1959, 2009, 1274432-A0001940300, Paola A. Justice

The North one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 108, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS LEASE OF HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES AIRGLADES PARCELS #5, #6, #7 & #8, CLEWISTON, FL

Opening Date and Time: October 25, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for the lease of Hendry County owned property for agricultural purposes. The property is located at Airglades Airport just west of Clewiston, FL. The property is known as Parcels #5, #6, #7 and #8 and total 530.43 acres. These four parcels are a portion of the land described as Parcel 1.D. number 1-33-43-20-A000-0001-0000. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any leases, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 428340 CN/CB 10/11,18/2012

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2667, 2009, 1214334-03000010150, Deborah D. Jackson

Lot 15, Block 1, Harlem Addition No. 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 80 and 81, 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 November, 2012, which is the 1st day of November, 2012. Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 427452 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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:

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1802, 2008, 1224432-01000730050, Edward Gort and Gilda C. Gort

Lot 5, Block 73, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 427454 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1084, 2009, 1334431-A0001020000, John H. Mann

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 292, 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.

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 November, 2012, which is the 1st day of November, 2012. Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 427457 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1982	2009	1274432-A0002480100	Woodrow Davis

The North one-half of the West one-half of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof and subject to a canal easement over and across the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 129 of Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **November, 2012**, which is the **15th day of November, 2012**.

Dated this **10th** day of **October, 2012**.

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

428781 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1906	2009	1264432-A0002730000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 452, 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 **26th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

427455 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
LEASE OF HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES
AIRGLADES PARCELS #11, #12 & #13,
CLEWISTON, FL**

Bid No. 2013-05

Opening Date and Time: October 25, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for the lease of Hendry County owned property for agricultural purposes. The property is located at Airglades Airport just west of Clewiston, FL. The property is known as Parcels #11, #12 and #13 total 123.15 acres. These three parcels are a portion of the land described as Parcel I.D. number 1-33-43-17-A00-0001.0000. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any leases, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
428337 CN/CB 10/11,18/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
LEASE OF HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES
AIRGLADES PARCELS #1, #2, #3 & #4,
CLEWISTON, FL**

Bid No. 2013-04

Opening Date and Time: October 25, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for the lease of Hendry County owned property for agricultural purposes. The property is located at Airglades Airport just west of Clewiston, FL. The property is known as Parcels #1, #2, #3, and #4 total 203.80 acres. These four parcels are a portion of the land described as Parcel I.D. number 1-33-43-17-A00-0001.0000. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any leases, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
428338 CN/CB 10/11,18/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2463	2008	1074433-03000140150	Akram Hamed

Lot 15, Block 14, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 1 thru 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **November, 2012**, which is the **15th day of November, 2012**.

Dated this **10th** day of **October, 2012**.

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

428818 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1974	2009	1274432-A0002320100	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 123, 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 **26th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

427458 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Glades County Public Library, 201 Riverside Drive, Moore Haven, Florida.

All meetings of the Local Coordinating Board are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Nichole Gwynnett at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 222 or by e-mail at ngwynnett@swfrpc.org at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 (Voice) or 800-955-8771 (TDD).

The SWFRPC's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he/she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, Title VI Coordinator Robin Parrish at (863) 519-2675 or by writing her at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

428648 CN 10/18/2012

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
LEASE OF HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES
AIRGLADES PARCELS #9 & #10,
CLEWISTON, FL**

Bid No. 2013-02

Opening Date and Time: October 25, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for the lease of Hendry County owned property for agricultural purposes. The property is located at Airglades Airport just west of Clewiston, FL. The property is known as Parcels #9 and #10 and total 879.14 acres. These two parcels are a portion of the land described as Parcel I.D. numbers 1-33-43-16-A00-0001.0000 and 1-33-43-21-A00-0001.0000. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any leases, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
428320 CN/CB 10/11,18/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1238	2009	1134432-A000040000	Alejandro Hernandez

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5657, 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 **10th** day of **October, 2012**.

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

428784 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS

SALE OF OFFICE BUILDING,

88 S. MAIN STREET, LABELLE, FLORIDA

BID NUMBER: 2013-07

OPENING DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 25, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the sale of a Hendry County Office Building, 88 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935 (Parcel I.D. No. 2-29-43-02-610-0000-009.0), a 3,220 sq. ft. building. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Bid can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to sell the property, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this bid, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
428335 CN/CB 10/11,18/2012

427459 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2681	2009	1214334-03000070020	Kenneth Gainous

Lot 2, Block 7, Harlem Addition No. 7, according to the plat thereof recorded in PlatBook 4, Page 80 and 81, 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 **November, 2012**, which is the **1st day of November, 2012**.

Dated this **26th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

427459 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF NEGOTIATION SESSION
WITH HENDRY COUNTY PROFESSIONAL EMT & PARAMEDICS'
LOCAL 4520**

Take notice that Hendry County representatives and the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics Union representatives will conduct negotiations regarding the contract for the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics' Local 4520 at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2012, at the Hendry County Administration Building, Conference Room #1, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

The session is open to the public, but no public comment will be taken.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Tristan Chapman, Chairman
428828 CN 10/18/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1977	2009	1274432-A0002410000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 160, 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 **26th** day of **September, 2012**.

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

427446 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

REQUEST FOR BIDS

SKY VALLEY TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

CLEWISTON, FL

BID NUMBER: 2013-01

OPENING DATE AND TIME: November 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Sky Valley Turn Lane Improvements, Clewiston, FL". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by November 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference on October 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
428255 CN/CB 10/11,18,25;11/1/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows: CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED 2340 2009 1314433-A0000210000 Dario De La Vega The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6143, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision. Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of November, 2012, which is the 15th day of November, 2012. Dated this 10th day of October, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 428816 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

ATTENTION MONTURA RESIDENTS: NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District, will hold their annual landowners' meeting for the Board of Supervisors on Saturday October 24, 2012 at 6:30p.m. at the Central County Conference Room, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura, Florida. The purpose of the landowners' meeting is to conduct business of the District. If you need specific directions to the CCWCD Conference Room or additional information you may contact the District office at 863-983-5797 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Central County Water Control District Montura Ranch Estates, Florida Atencion residentes de montura: CONVOCATORIA PARA PROPIETARIOS CENTRAL DEL CONDADO DISTRITO DE AGUA DE CONTROL Se hace saber que la Junta de Supervisores para el Distrito Central del Condado de Control del Agua, celebrará su reunión anual de propietarios de tierras para la Junta de Supervisores el sábado 24 de octubre de 2012 a las 6:30 en la Sala de Conferencias del Condado Central, ubicada en el 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura, Florida. El propósito de la reunión de los terratenientes es llevar a cabo negocios en el Distrito. Si necesita instrucciones específicas a la Sala de Conferencias CCWCD o información adicional puede comunicarse con la oficina del Distrito al 863-983-5797 entre las horas de 9 am y 2 pm Todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir y ser escuchado. Centro del Agua del Condado del Distrito de Control Montura Ranch Estates, Florida 427661 CN 10/4,11,18/2012

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 11/13/12 SUBJECT AREA: 411 Adult Program: Requirements EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for Adult Program: Requirements. CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S. CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S. FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for adult program: requirements. STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions. LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on November 13, 2012. Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice. Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future. Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration. Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools. Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule. Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop. Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 428105 CN 10/11,18,25 CB 10/25/2012 The classifieds are the most successful sales-person in town. Join all the people who say, "I sold it in the classifieds."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000737 JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. MARIA I. RAMIREZ, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000737 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and MARIA I. RAMIREZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CAVALRY SPV1 LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF FORD CREDIT US; CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORPORATION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO A CANAL EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTH 30 FEET THEREOF, AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1995 SKYLINE MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO; VIN#32620147GA AND 32620147GB. A/K/A 410 SOUTH NOGAL STREET, CLEWISTON, FL 33440 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 15, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11029133 NUTTER-FHA-jutt-Team 4 - F11029133 **See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-8-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 428860 CN 10/18,25/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 262011CA000954CAXXXX

1st UNITED BANK, a Florida Commercial Bank as successor in interest to Citrus Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, v. FLORIDA'S FINEST DEVELOPERS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, FLOYD SALKEE, YASIR KHAN, FIRST BANK, a Florida corporation, STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STEPHEN R. BOWEN CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Florida corporation, and JOHN DOE 1-12. Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Palm Beach County, Florida, described as: EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION A parcel of land in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road 80, also known as U.S. Highway 27, said point being 835.00 feet Westerly of the West right-of-way line of Lopez Street Canal as described in Official Records Book 108, page 182, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida; thence North 0° 18'10" West, 695.00 feet parallel with the Lopez Street Canal right-of-way; thence North 89° 41' 30" East, 835.00 feet parallel with the Clewiston Drainage District Canal No.3 to the West right-of-way line of the aforementioned Lopez Street Canal; thence North 00° 18'10" East, 690.57 feet along the West right-of-way line of the Lopez Street Canal, to the Northerly right-of-way line of the aforementioned State Road 80, said right-of-way line being the arc of a curve concave to the South and having a radius of 5,794.58 feet; thence Westerly 149.57 feet along the arc of said curve and the right-of-way line of State Road 80 to the end of said curve, through a central angle of 019 23/64"; the long chord subtended by this Central angle bears North 89° 35' 38" West for a distance of 149.57 feet; thence South 89° 40'00" West, 260.81 feet; thence South 00° 20' 00" East, 6.00 feet; thence South 89°40'00" West, 424.63 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) PARCELS: McDONALDS: A parcel of land in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, City of Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: From the point of commencement, said point being on the Northerly right-of-way of State Road 80 (U.S. Highway 27) and 835.00 feet Westerly of the West right-of-way of Lopez Street canal, as described in Official Records Book 108, page 182, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, proceed North 89°40'00" East along the said right-of-way of State Rt. 80 (U.S. Highway 27) a distance of 424.63 feet; thence continuing along said right-of-way North 00° 20'00" West a distance of 6.00 feet; thence continuing North 89° 40' 00" East, a distance of 78.94 feet to the Point Of Beginning of this description; thence North 00°18'10" West a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 89° 41'30" East, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 00° 18'10" East, a distance of 149.94 feet to an Intersection with the Northerly right-of-way of aforementioned State Road No. 80 (U.S. Highway 27); thence South 89° 40' 00" West along said Northerly right-of-way a distance of 150.00 feet to the said Point Of Beginning of this description. DISCOUNT: A parcel of land in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, City of Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, described as follows: From the Point of Beginning on the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road 80 (U.S. Highway 27), said point being 835.00 feet Westerly of the West right-of-way line of Lopez Street Canal as described in Official Record Book 108, page 182, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida; thence North 00° 18' 10" West, 160.00 feet parallel with the West right-of-way line of Lopez Street Canal; thence North 89° 40' 00" East, 220.00 feet parallel with the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road 80 (U.S. Highway 27); thence South 00° 18'10" East", 160.00 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road 80 (U.S. Highway 27); thence South 89° 40'00" West, 220.00 feet along said right-of-way line to the Point of Beginning. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse on the Second floor, Administrative Side, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, at 11:00 a.m. on November 7, 2012. ANY LIENHOLDER CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THIS SALE, IF ANY, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 45.031(1)(A), FLORIDA STATUTES. DATED this 10th day of October, 2012. BARBARA S. BUTLER CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT BY: J. BEVIS Deputy Clerk 428537 CN 10/18,25/2012

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 11/13/12 SUBJECT AREA: 410 Adult Program: General Policy EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for Adult Program: General Policy. CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51, 1001.43 and 1009.22 F.S. CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51, 1001.43 and 1009.22 F.S. FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for adult program: general policy. STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions. LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on November 13, 2012. Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice. Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future. Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration. Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools. Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule. Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop. Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 428104 CN 10/11,18,25 CB 10/25/2012

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 11/13/12 SUBJECT AREA: 412 Adult Program: Credits EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for Adult Program: Credits. CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S. CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S. FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for adult program: credits. STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions. LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on November 13, 2012. Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice. Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future. Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration. Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools. Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule. Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop. Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 428107 CN 10/11,18,25 CB 10/25/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000444

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs. JAMES H. MACE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000444 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and JAMES H. MACE; GINGER R. MACE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC; CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 57, AND PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF MICCOSUKEE TRAIL IN CALOOSA HAMMOCK SUBDIVISION, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN LOTS 6, 8 AND 9 OF L. V. HULL'S SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN SAID L. V. HULL'S SUBDIVISION, AND RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6, A DISTANCE OF 200.36 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF MICCOSUKEE TRAIL AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MICCOSUKEE TRAIL, A DISTANCE OF 126.45 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 25.30 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 57 OF CALOOSA HAMMOCK SUBDIVISION; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO THE SOUTH BANK OF DEAN'S BRANCH AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 57; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF DEAN'S BRANCH, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 57 WHICH BEARS NORTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 1.2 SECONDS WEST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 183.49 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 57; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 25.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ROAD PURPOSES OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTHERLY 25 FEET, AS MEASURED PERPENDICULAR TO MICCOSUKEE TRAIL. A/K/A 1090 MICCOSUKEE TRAIL, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

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

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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****See Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 428853 CN 10/18,25/2012**

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM RFP NUMBER 2013-08

Hendry County hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of up to Seven (7) or more single family homes located in Hendry County as a part of the Hendry County Housing Program, State Housing Initiatives Partnership.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 pm Eastern Time on November 2, 2012 and delivered or mailed to:

For Mailing Ms. Barbara Butler, Hendry County Clerk of the Court
Post Office Box 1760
LaBelle, FL 33975-1760

For Delivery Ms. Barbara Butler, Hendry County Clerk of the Court
25 E. Hickpochee Ave., 2nd Floor Administration Bldg.
LaBelle, FL 33935

The County will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid deadline. Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered and will be rejected.

Proposals should be submitted in triplicate (1- original signed in blue ink and 2-copies) in a separate sealed envelope marked "RFP # 2013-08", "HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM- 2013-08" with the homeowner's first and last name written clearly on each sealed envelope. One copy of license and proof of insurance must accompany bid proposal package.

The bids shall be awarded to the apparent responsive and responsible low bidder. If one contractor is the apparent low bidder for all projects, the County may elect to award to several contractors unless this apparent low bidder is able to demonstrate that they have the financial capacity, staffing and they are capable of completing multiple projects within the specified time period without any time extensions. Three (3) contracts is the maximum for any contractor.

For specific project information, contact Ms. Aida Barnhart at 863-675-5297; email abarnhart@hendryfla.net. Bids will be opened at 2:00pm on Tuesday November 2, 2012 in the Hendry County's Clerk's Office, Second Floor, at the Hendry County Court House in LaBelle.

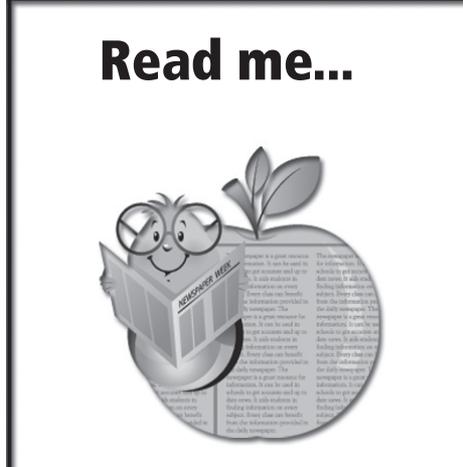
A mandatory meeting and General Contractor's walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hendry County Administration Office Parking Lot, located at 640 South Main Street, in LaBelle. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid contractor must be present at each home in order to bid on that home. All potential bidders must be outside of the County Administration lobby no later than 11:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP no late arrivals will be permitted to participate.

Hendry County reserves the right to accept, reject bids, or alter the scope of the work write up to delete items if the grand total comes in over budget and award bids. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.

Tristan Chapman
Chairman, BOCC
428834 CN/CB 10/18/2012

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 11/13/12

SUBJECT AREA: 402 Testing and Grading

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for Testing and Grading.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy requirements for Testing and Grading.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on November 13, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.
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Type of Operation: Cofferdam construction to facilitate culvert replacement
Location of Operation: Okeechobee Waterway 81°0'34"W 26°48'56"N
Duration of Operations: Jan 2012 – March 2015

Vessels involved: Two (2) Barges; Two (2) Push Boats
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24 hour phone number: 305-704-5848
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ROBBERY

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ped toward the direction the vehicle left. He wasn't going to let them get away with this, he thought to himself, and chased the vehicle until he was able to spot the license plate numbers.

At one point, the robbers started shooting toward Medina's vehicle. Medina said he heard at least three gunshots ring out, with one of the bullets penetrating the area just below the driver's side headlight. Days later, Medina thought about how the bullet, had it been inches higher, would have struck him square in the torso.

He reported the incident to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, which has not made any arrests in the case yet. Asked if he had ever seen the men before, Medina answered that he believed he has, at the Shamrock Gas Station where he works. Most people know him as an easygoing person there, he said, though they might be similarly aware of the large gold necklaces and bracelets he likes to wear. The men

might have seen the jewelry and staked out a robbery to his home. He believes there were three men – the two who entered his house, and a getaway driver.

When it was all said and done, the robbers made away with most of the jewelry that belonged to Medina's wife. It's gold, he said, but it carried a sentimental value too.

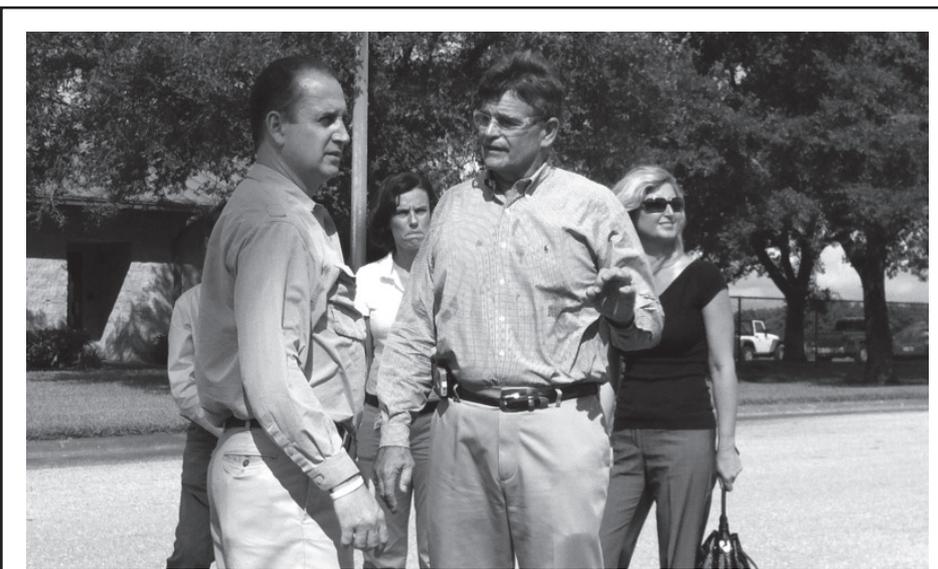
However, Medina is grateful to be alive. Chasing after the robbers may not have been the smartest move – Santiago has moments when he wonders if it really was the right thing to have done – but it was the only thing he knew to do after his home was invaded.

"I'm not a violent person but it's been twice that I've had a gun pointed at me and it's always made me more angry than scared," he said.

His son last week didn't seem to be affected by the event – he playfully pushes against Santiago sometimes now, trying to replicate the tackle he saw the men doing to his father that day.

Holding his son last Friday, Medina, who had been strangely indifferent as he told the story, saw his eyes well up. He grabbed his son closer.

"They can take my gold, but they can't take my precious gold," he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Congressman tours Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Plant

Southern Gardens Vice President and Chairman of Hendry County Commission Tris Chapman provided information to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart during a tour of the Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Plant on Monday, Oct. 8.

Clewiston News Archives: Pilot Tells of Experiences in Aleutian Combat Zone

The Clewiston News has been reporting history since it was first published in 1928. Some stories mark events that residents will always remember, projects that never came to fruition, smaller ideas that became incredible ones, and followed the lives of its residents from birth to death. Each week we will be reprinting an article from our historical archives. Stories are reprinted as they appeared originally, and without edit.

Friday, October 8, 1943

Captain Coburn Moore, soaking up Florida sunshine on a three weeks' visit here with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Moore, has returned from the Western Aleutians where he spent ten months in "the worst weather in the world."

During the ten months there he participated as pilot in 47 heavy bomber raids against the Japs with such skill and courage that he has been awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Coburn went to the Aleutians in early December, 1942, as a pilot with the rank of lieutenant. There he was a member of the gallant group of fliers whose skilled bombings drove the Japs out of Attu and Kiska. Coburn also piloted one of the heavy bombers which made a surprise raid on Paramushiro Island, a heavily fortified Japanese base in the Northern Kuriles.

"There," said Coburn, "we caught the Japs in exactly the same position they caught is at Pearl Harbor, -- completely by surprise. It was a pretty good feeling, too."

Coburn described one bombing mission during which he was scared nearly to death, he says.

"The Navy located a ship and we were sent out to sink it. It was deck level bombing, and as we came in the target a bullet from a machine gun went between Major Speer and me. It missed me by about a foot and it missed him by about a foot, and we were both scared."

Most of the squadron were replaced recently and the men seat back to the States for a month's furlough. Just prior to their departure ceremonies were held and several men of the squadron were decorated.

At this ceremony Coburn received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. The citation for the DFC read "The Commanding General of the 11th Air Force, awards a Distinguished Flying Cross to Captain Thomas Coburn Moore for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight."

During the indicated period, Captain Moore, as pilot of a heavy bomber, participated in many missions against the Japanese in the Western Aleutians and Northern Kuriles.

These missions necessitated long over-water flights in land based planes and were carried out in spite of the heavy anti-aircraft fire and enemy

fighter opposition. The airmanship and courage displayed by Captain Moore is in keeping with the finest combat traditions of the Army Air Forces."

The citation for the Air medal was read at the same ceremony, although the Air Medals are a new award and none are as yet ready for actual presentations. This citation was for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight," and for "participation in several missions against the Japanese in the Western Aleutian area."

Captain Moore, telling of the occasion, said "When the ceremony was over, the general called the squadron around him informally, and as we all stood or sat in a circle around him, he paid high tribute to the members of our ground crew, and they richly deserved every word of the praise he heaped upon them. The kept our planes in top condition, and upon them depended out lives and the success of our missions.

"We talked about the often, and wished the people back in the States, where strikes were going on in factories turning out things needed on the battle fronts, could have seen them work and could know the conditions under which they did a large part of their work.

"When we came in from a mission with our planes, they were waiting for us. As soon as we landed they took over, and never once did they stop until that plane and every piece of its equipment were in perfect condition again. They worked out of doors in the atrocious Aleutian weather, without gloves--for gloves would hamper their work--until their work was done. There was no hesitation, no griping, no waiting till tomorrow, and no stopping because they had done a day's work. Their work was done when the plane was done--regardless of the number of hours it took. And then we'd get acclipping from home, and read about some strike for a few more ents, or a few less hours, or a few more privileges. Anyone who had watched our ground crews work would know there is no justification for any strike in any essential production in this war."

The miserable Aleutian weather is generally accepted to be the worst in the world. Coburn said the men spent most of their time sitting around waiting on the weather,--not for the good flying weather, but just for weather where flying would be possible.

There were very few days during the entire ten months when the sun shone. The temperature did rise some, and when the men left early last week the thermometer was around 50.

There were bases on several of the islands and Coburn said he happened to be on the wrong island every time one of the entertainers from the States were up there.

However, others of the men did see and enjoy Bob Hope, Marjorie Reynolds, Edgar Bergen and others who made the trip into the Aleutians to bring cheer and entertainment to them.

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Military Discount	\$500		
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Total Savings	\$3,103		



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