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Election Day is Here

BIG RACES TO BE
DECIDED TUESDAY

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This year's election season has been a hotbed of activity, as incumbent office holders are seeing some of the most aggressive challenges for their seats in years. Several critical offices are in the balance, with Republican and Democratic candidates organizing solid campaigns for a chance to secure their sought-after seats.

Other races are not marked by a challenge between the two prominent political parties, and have been more subdued in tone and approach.

Sheriff of Hendry County

Perhaps the most closely watched contest on Tuesday will be that for sheriff of Hendry County. Mark Chamberlain, having easily moved past his Republican opponents in the August 14 primary election, will be facing incumbent Sheriff Steve Whidden, Democrat. Like Chamberlain, Whidden won an easy primary for a chance to participate in Tuesday's election.

Chamberlain, a retiree from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, points to his experience as the chief

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Cute Monkeys spotted at Fall Festival



PHOTO / JENNY WOODS

The city of Clewiston Recreation Department held a Fall Festival this past Saturday evening. Everyone who attended had a fun time. Children dressed in their Halloween costumes, the Criminal Justice class performed a Grease skit, and the Sugar Dolls performance were just some of the many activities that went on.

In Wake of Sandy, Local Men Volunteer to Help Restore Power

BY SAVANNAH ROUNDS
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On Monday night, a request was sent to Kevin McCarthy, Utilities Director of Clewiston, for electric linemen to volunteer and help the counties that have been affected by Hurricane Sandy.

After there is a natural disaster, crews around the surrounding areas will assess the damage and estimate how much it will cost to repair the areas, how many men are needed, and about how long it will take. After this process is completed phone calls are made and volunteers are assigned to go and work in specific areas where they will work fourteen hour shifts and

rotate with different groups of men.

Electric Linemen are sent to these areas to construct and maintain electrical power transmissions, among other things, where power is out and help is needed.

"Our goal is to go up there and restore the electricity," said McCarthy. "We need to remember that we've received help in times of need, so it's important to extend a hand for those who need it when we can."

McCarthy is currently sending three men to help counties that have been affected by Sandy, though more men did volunteer to help.

"I actually had almost all of my men volunteer to go up there and help," said McCarthy, "but if I did that

I'd have nobody in Clewiston in case of an emergency here."

Currently three men are scheduled to go and volunteer, which is half of McCarthy's crew. However, all of the men acknowledge that this is for a good cause.

"These men know that we have received help in the past and are happy to do what they can," said McCarthy.

Though most members of McCarthy's crew volunteered to go and aid those in need, one of the main issues is sending out enough men while also refraining from sending too many and overcrowding the area.

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Suzy B's Brawl Leaves 1 Hospitalized

Police continue looking for suspects

On October 19, an officer was dispatched to Suzy B's in reference to a battery and robbery which had taken place. When officers arrived on the scene the victim, Eddie Thompson, was laying face down on the floor and appeared to be unconscious.

Upon later questioning, Thompson claimed that he was at the bar speaking with childhood friends when suddenly he was attacked from behind, out of the blue and unprovoked. When questioned on the scene, witnesses could not provide police officers with information as to why Thompson was attacked, but said that a large group of black males appeared to strike him repeatedly with their fists and feet. They stated that he was mainly struck in the head and torso area.

One of the witnesses was the victim's brother. When she attempted to help her brother, she was injured and needed to receive medical attention. Medics on the scene stated that Goodbread's arm was possibly broken, however, she did not wish to be treated for her injuries.

Thompson was loaded into the ambulance and transported to Air Glades airport, where he was flown to a hospital via helicopter. He was reported to have a laceration on his ear and no other serious injuries.

During the fight Thompson's wallet and cell phone were taken, which have not been retrieved.

There have been no arrests in this case as of yet and Thompson's half sister is currently in the hospital suffering from an apparent seizure. Whether or not that is a result of the altercation at Suzy B's is unknown at this time.

VOTE **JOHN PERRY**

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 6TH

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TO
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First term budgetary accomplishments - doing more with less

- **Sheriff's Budget** - I have not increased the Sheriff's Office budget, nor have I requested any additional funds from the County Commission, while absorbing over 2.5 million dollars in federal and state mandated increases outside of my control.
- **Reallocation of positions within the agency.** This allowed for the hiring of ten (10) additional deputies. Reallocating resources and eliminating unneeded administrative positions allowed for a reduction in the number of command staff from the prior administration. We went from eight employees with a Captain's rank or higher prior to my taking office to currently only four employees with Captain's rank and above. This includes the Chief Deputy and me.
- **Notice to Appear** - Since January 2009, all applicable non-violent misdemeanor arrests are given a Notice to Appear in Court rather than booking them into jail. This has reduced the average inmate daily population from 265 to 180, lowering the taxpayer burden of feeding and medicating these inmates. It costs taxpayers \$39.00 per day to house one inmate, not including medical expenses.
- **First On-Line Auction** - Have brought in \$90,184.11 since taking office. Parking lot auctions, held by previous Sheriffs, only yielded approximately \$10,000.00 average per year.
- **Fleet Gas Card Program** - Better audit trail. This program relieves unnecessary gas spending (cheaper fuel). The county buys 10,000 gallons of fuel at a time, if the prices at the gas stations drop below county price we go there, always getting the lowest price.
- **Investigative Cost Reimbursement** - Criminals reimburse the cost of the investigation, saving taxpayers money. This 1987 law had not been used until 2009.
- **Employee starting pay** - Reduced the starting pay for new hires while still remaining competitive with surrounding counties.
- **Unclaimed Evidence** - Utilized \$43,008.03 in unclaimed evidence money to help subsidize the budget.
- **Applied for and received Grants** - Supplements budget requests.
- **Scrutinizing Existing Contracts** - Renegotiated many contracts lowering prices, and eliminating frivolous costs to taxpayers.
- **Health Insurance Costs** - Along with the County, made adjustments to the health insurance program to offset an increase of over \$70,000.00 in health care premiums (the costs of health care premiums have increased 24% over the last three years).
- **Drug Seizures** - Have seized over \$133,111.51 in cash and tangible assets. All seized items being processed through the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
- **Donations** - Have received donations of vehicles and other much needed equipment from other law enforcement agencies. This helps offset deficiencies in budget.
- **Inmate Medical** - With the addition of a contracted negotiator, the agency has saved over \$300,000 in the first six months of this addition. This has a potential for enormous yearly savings. The county usually spends between \$400,000 and \$600,000 per year on medical needs for inmates.
- **Awarded a Grant for a Victims Advocate position.**
- **Upgraded to a new evidence room** - paid for with auction proceeds.



Friends:

I want to thank you for your support in the primary election. As you know, we have one more, very important election to get through on November 6th. Now that I have been your Sheriff, I have to run on my record which I am extremely proud of. I am the only Sheriff who has never increased the budget while being in office. You should also know that I was able to absorb within our budget 3 million dollars in Federal and State mandated increases, keeping our taxes down. I also told you that I wanted to make the Sheriff's Office a truly professional agency. 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.

My opponent came to Hendry County five years ago after a career as a jailer with Palm Beach County. Being a jailer is a very important job and it is a career to be proud of however; the jail is a small part of the responsibility of Sheriff. As you know, I have a vast amount of law enforcement experience ranging from local to Federal agencies. I'm from here, I know the people and I know the criminal element. When you come to speak with your Sheriff, you speak with me, not a subordinate like you would in other counties. A sheriff should be experienced enough to give you correct information. Also, I'm afraid that if my opponent was elected, he would not understand how to build on the one-on-one relationship between the Sheriff and the people he serves. It's been twenty years since Hendry County has consecutively re-elected a Sheriff, and we have suffered from that lack of stability in the office. I think we're ready for some continuity. I ask that you look through this information and see what I have been able to accomplish for you. Compare my experience with my opponent's. You will see that I am the only candidate with vast amounts of actual law enforcement experience, not just jail experience. We have made many "firsts" since taking office and I look forward to making many more in a second term serving you. It has been my honor to serve as your Sheriff. Again, I ask you to look at my record, and ask that you vote for me on November 6th 2012, as Hendry County needs stability in the Office of Sheriff.

Steve Whidden
Sincerely,
Steve Whidden, Hendry County Sheriff

Please vote November 6th 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at home (863) 612-0678 or email via steve@wewantwhidden.com.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6TH

Agency additions - protecting our community physically and financially

- **Additional Narcotics Team** - Implemented a second narcotic unit. Narcotic arrests have doubled.
- **Added Deputies** - Additional ten deputies to the road, to include the second narcotics unit, a four man K-9 highway drug interdiction unit and four COPS deputies. This allows full time deputy coverage to outlying areas.
- **Jail Improvements** - Brought the jail from a dungeon like environment to meet current Florida Model Jail Standards. We have incurred zero lawsuits since taking office.
- **Community Policing Unit** - Implemented the first "trained" Community Policing Team, which specifically targets troubled communities.
- **Promotional Testing** - Implemented testing and oral promotional board to ensure that the Sheriff's Office receives the best supervision possible. One member of the public is on each board.
- **Evidence Room** - Upgraded to a new evidence room - paid for with auction proceeds.
- **Updated Firearms for Officers** - Original firearms were in disrepair.
- **Re-Opened Civilian Gun Range** - Continue working with the County on improving the Gun Range for civilians - now open more days to the public.
- **Checks and Balances** - Implemented safe guards to the jail canteen account so that embezzlement won't happen again.
- **Training Division** - Implemented an in-house training division for members of the agency.
- **Technology Updates** - Updated computer network to allow for faster, more secure and stable communications.
- **Electronic Reporting and Citations** - Allows deputies to spend more time patrolling your neighborhoods and less time in the office writing reports.
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** - Updated the SOP manual which was last updated in 1999. HCSO is now current with rules and regulations, Florida Statutes and Supreme Court case law in line with larger law enforcement agencies in the state.
- **Implemented Citizen Firearm Training Programs** - such as the concealed weapons permit class and civilian gun safety courses.
- **Federally Mandated Radio System** - Upgraded to the 800 MHz radio system for interoperability with no increase to the budget. This is the state law enforcement radio system. (FCC has mandated conversion to 800MHz or narrow band existing radios by 2013.)
- **K-9 Sweeps** - Random narcotic sweeps in local schools by the K-9 Units.
- **Website** - More convenient for citizens to review (we now have jail bookings and arrests available to the public on our website: www.hendrysheriff.org)
- **House Cleaning** - Destruction of court evidence from closed cases dating back thirty years.
- **Community Social Outreach** - Facebook page for interaction and immediate updates at facebook.com/hendrysheriff
- **Video Visitation** - Implemented inmate video visitation (paid for by inmates through the inmate canteen account), which ensures officer safety by not having to move inmates from cell blocks to visitation.
- **Crisis Intervention Training** - Trained corrections staff and patrol supervisors to identify and provide the most effective and compassionate response possible to situations involving people in a mental health crisis.
- **Volunteers In Patrol** - From June 2011 to December 2011 the 60 volunteers put in 3,579 hours of patrol, saving taxpayers \$75,159.
- **Citizens Academy** - This free educational course offers an inside look into the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office, while at the same time providing the community with an in depth understanding of Law Enforcement.
- **Consolidated Dispatch** - Combined dispatch centers into one Communications Division at Port LaBelle Annex eliminating duplication of services and allowing for better shift coverage.
- **Emergency Medical Dispatchers** - Communications Operators are now trained in emergency medical dispatch saving lives when time is of the essence.
- **Port LaBelle Annex** - Coordinated the purchase of the new annex building in Port LaBelle. We now have Criminal Investigations and Road Patrol under one roof, allowing for better information sharing resulting in more cases solved faster.

MEET SHERIFF STEVE WHIDDEN

Law Enforcement Experience: CURRENT HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF

- Albany Georgia Police Department Road Patrol Officer
- Hendry County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff
- Hendry County Sheriff's Office Investigator (counter narcotics/general crimes investigator)
- United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Clewiston Police Department Detective
- Clewiston Police Department Road Patrol Officer (Officer of the Year)



Biography:

- Born: Naples, Florida
- Graduated: Naples High School
- Mother: June Raulerson
- Father: Lance "Bubba" Whidden
- Wife of 15 years: Kassandra Whidden
- Children: Steven (18) & Kasey (15)
- Grandparents: Griffen & Ressie Whidden
- Church: Caloosa Baptist

Business Experience:

- Current Four Year Sheriff / Administrator, Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- Inventor/Entrepreneur
- President/CEO Narc-Scent, Inc.
- Invented, Developed and marketed a Law enforcement tool that aids thousands of police officers throughout the country. This product was so successful that it was featured in a Nationally published magazine. (Law & Order)

Education:

- High School Diploma Naples High School
- Abraham Baldwin Police Academy Tifton, GA
- Kenneth A. Bragg Police Academy Tavares, FL
- Business Degree Univ. of Phoenix, AZ

Sheriff Whidden in the Community

- Started numerous community charity events such as The Annual Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Golf Tournament, The annual LaBelle and Clewiston Kids Fun Days and The Annual Hendry County Sheriff's Office "Ride Around the Lake" Motorcycle Rally, benefitting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches.
- School Programs D.A.R.E (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and Sheriff's Explorers (14-21 year old youth interested in a career in law enforcement).

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**Nationwide Impaired Driving Crackdown**

There will be a nationwide impaired driving crackdown until Nov. 4.

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.

• 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.

Clewiston Gospel Sing

A Gospel Sing will be held on Nov. 2 at the Big Red Barn in Clewiston (seven miles west of Clewiston).

The sing will feature Henry Pelham and Roy Pelham and will begin at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Judy at 863-983-7256.

Veteran's Day Family Picnic

The community is invited to come join in a time of honoring our veterans on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 12 to 4 p.m., at Woodworks Park.

There will be bounce houses, slides, snow cones, and much more for the entire family. There will be no charge, but volunteers are needed to help with the festivities and donations of any kind are welcome to help make this event even more special.

For more information or to help, please call Lorena at 863-599-1695.

Mini Health Fairs

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

• Harlem Gardens Apartments on Monday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

• Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 a.m.

An Ace Homecare Outreach Nurse will be giving flu shots at all locations for the month of November.

You must fill out a form in advance. For more information, please call 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 Cham-

ber 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 toddbucksr@gmail.com.

Free Pumpkins

Any leftover pumpkins in the First United Methodist Church pumpkin patch are free for the taking while supplies last beginning Thursday, Nov. 1.

VFW Flea Market

The VFW 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.

SCHOOL BRIEFS**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 they 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**School Advisory Council**

Clewiston Middle School will hold the next School Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room of the administration building. All interested are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE HENDRY COUNTY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **November 13, 2012 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adopting the annual update (FY 2012-17) of the Capital Improvements Schedule which is part of the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with Section 163.3177(3) (b), F.S., the capital improvement element must be reviewed by the local government on an annual basis. Modifications to update the 5-year capital improvements schedule may be accomplished by ordinance and may not be deemed to be amendments to the local comprehensive plan.

The Ordinance title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012- _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE ANNUAL UPDATE (FY 2012-17) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, La Belle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-675-5317).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Inland Birdwatching Fun: Blue-winged Teal (BWTE)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

During the 5th Annual STA5-Clewiston Christmas Bird Count (FLSO) held December 31, 2011, volunteers tallied the highest numbers for eight bird species reported in the United States during the 2011-2012 bird survey.

One of these top species was the Fulvous Whistling-Duck with 250 birds. During the past 5 years STA5-Clewiston has reported the highest number of these birds annually and holds the all-time (112 year) record for

1,100 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks which was submitted in 2007-2008.

Other top U. S. species reported at STA5 last year were 2,320 Blue-winged Teal and 32 Snail Kite, along with 70 Purple Swampheens being reported. The all-time record of 75 Purple Swampheens was set at STA5 during the 2010-2011 count. The other top species for 2011-2012 were 100,000 American Coots, 430 Greater Yellowlegs, 1 Gray Kingbird and 505 Northern Rough-winged Swallows. Snail Kites and Purple



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Male Blue-winged Teal.

Swampheens are permanent residents while the others like the Blue-winged Teal usually winter in Florida.

Blue-winged Teal normally breed across the eastern United States from Texas to the Canadian Arctic and Atlantic Coast to the Rocky Mountains, but irregularly in Florida.

They are the second most abundant duck in North America, behind the Mallard. Their primary winter range is South and Central America with some arriving in Florida as early as July and returning to the north in March or April.

This small dabbling duck is smaller than a Mallard and larger than a Green-winged Teal. They have a wide flattish head and large dark broad bill. Breeding males have a brown body with a half-moon shape behind the bill, a small flank patch in front of their black rear, and pale blue coverts. Adult females and eclipse males are a neatly patterned brown-gray and have a pale area at the base of the bill. Juveniles are similar to the adult female, but have smaller rounder feathers. The male's call is a loud, high whistle nasal bleat. Females make loud, evenly spaced

quacks. Blue-winged Teal prefer living near shallow ponds and wetlands where they forage for aquatic insects, snails, crustaceans, clams and snails as well as vegetation and grains. They nest among grasses and herbaceous vegetation where they build a hollow nest lined with vegetation and down. The female lays eight to 12 white to olive-white eggs which she incubates for about 24 days. The young are led to water soon after they hatch and fly at 35 to 44 days of age.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers in their quest for Blue-winged Teal and other bird species at STA5 November 10, November 24 or December 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 begin 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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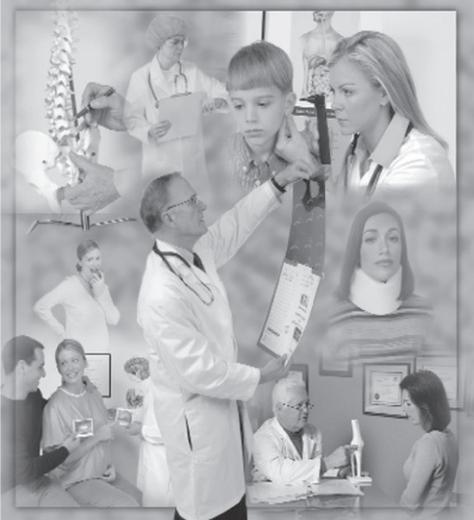
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Typical Populations of Bedbugs can Cause Harmful Blood Loss in Humans

For years, bedbugs have been turning up in sometimes odd and random places, such as subways, movie theaters, dressing rooms and schools, but scientists believed that to flourish, the insects would need more frequent access to human blood meals.

Turns out they don't.

A new University of Florida study, published online this month by the journal *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*, shows the blood-sucking insects can do much more than survive — they can even thrive — with far less access to human blood than previously believed.

And the news only gets creepier. The three-year study also found that it takes only about 11 weeks for one pair of bedbugs to spawn a large enough population to cause harmful blood loss in a baby, and just under 15 weeks for adult humans. Just 3,500 bedbugs feeding on a single baby or 25,000 on an adult can cause problems.

"By harmful, we mean it's not killing you, but your body would be stressed," said Roberto Pereira, a research associate scientist in entomology with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "And when your body is stressed, all sorts of things can go wrong. Your blood volume would be low, your iron levels might be too low, or you might become anemic."

Pereira and Phil Koehler, a professor of entomology and UF/IFAS faculty member, fed bedbugs in 5- and 15-minute periods and once, three or seven times per week, to see how the popu-



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lations fared under different feeding conditions. Andrew Taylor, a former UF entomology undergraduate, and Margie Lehnert, a former entomology graduate student, assisted with the project.

Under the researchers' bedbug-feeding regimens, Koehler said, the populations grew under all conditions — even those bedbugs fed the least often and for the shortest duration, although that group's numbers grew slowly.

"Basically what we found is that they can live

on a diet of weekly snacks," Pereira said.

The researchers also were surprised to discover that if not controlled, populations of bedbugs large enough to cause humans harm could grow four times more quickly than previously thought, in just an 11- to 15-week span.

After having been nearly eradicated in the U.S., the pests became resurgent in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

In 2011, the National Pest Management Association and the University of Kentucky released a survey of U.S. pest control professionals that found 99 percent of respondents had encountered bedbug infestations in the past year. Before 2000, only 25 percent of the survey's respondents had encountered the pests.

Koehler and Pereira's study also found that unless pest control efforts against bedbugs can kill at least 80 percent of a given population, they are not likely to have much success. Pest managers most often use pyrethrins against bedbugs, but bedbugs have grown increasingly resistant.

"Unfortunately, there are very few products that will do that," Koehler said. "And there is plenty of evidence that many populations of bedbugs in the U.S. are resistant."

There are some heat treatments that have been successful, but they are labor intensive, time-consuming and expensive, he said.

"One pair of bedbugs can become 35,000 in just 10 weeks if not controlled," Koehler said. "It's really a very difficult problem for people."

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OBITUARIES

Scissors Left Inside Local Woman After Cosmetic Surgery

Local woman seeking tummy tuck claims she suffered nightmare ordeal

BY SAVANNAH ROUNDS
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"The doctor said 'You're not going to believe this, but they left a pair of scissors inside of your stomach.'"

After nearly four hours of surgery, Lake Okeechobee resident Danay De la Torre went through a nightmare that she will have to deal with for the rest of her life.

It all began in January, when De la Torre scheduled a tummy tuck through a facility in Miami called Vanidades Cosmetic Surgery. She went in for a routine appointment to have blood taken and discuss the procedure, then proceeded to pay the facility nearly \$4,000.

She arrived for her appointment on January 23 at noon, getting there an hour early to fill out paper work. However, she was unaware that she would have to wait until nearly 10 p.m. to see the doctor and have her surgery done.

"They kept telling me that the doctor was going to be right in, to just wait for a little bit longer and she would see me in no time," said De la Torre. "I kept seeing her run back and forth, in and out of the office. I finally stopped her and asked what was going on. She just told me to be patient and said that she'd be ready for me in no time."

De la Torre was told not to eat or drink anything the night before, as it would affect the surgery.

"I hadn't eaten for nearly 22 hours when they finally called me back," said De la Torre. "I was starving, tired, and about ready to leave."

De La Torre was skeptical about the surgeon doing her surgery after she had been working all day. She voiced her concerns, to which nurses told her that the doctor was fine and would do an "excellent job."

She was taken back and prepped for the surgery, which lasted for about four hours. The next thing that De la Torre remembers is being woken up at three in the morning to two nurses telling her that the surgery was over and that it was time for her to go home.

"The nurses had to drag me out of the back room. I was screaming and crying from the pain. They gave me a prescription for oxycodone, but seeing as it was three in the morning there was no way to fill it," said De la Torre. "My husband asked the nurses to give me something for the pain and they said 'No, she'll be fine. She'll be in a little bit of pain, but she'll be okay.'"

With no pain medication to ease the pain, De la Torre was up for the entire night, until the next morning when her husband was able to get her the pain medication that she so desperately needed.

After the pain medication began to set in, De la Torre had a more positive outlook on the situ-

ation.

"Although the situation at the facility was bad, I thought that things were going to get better," said De la Torre.

However, she was very wrong.

"A week after the surgery my stomach literally started rotting out. There was a big black hole and it was just getting worse and worse. I called the office and the receptionist at the front desk said that everything was fine, but that if I wanted to I could come in and see them. I had my friend come over and take me there. I had to actually be carried inside because I couldn't walk at all. After seeing my stomach they took me back immediately.

"At first the doctor was saying that she wanted to cut me open again and see what was going on and why my stomach was doing that. Then she spoke with her colleague, came back, and told me that I needed to go to the hospital nearest to my house or I would probably die. I was absolutely terrified. I felt like I was going to die."

De la Torre rushed to Hendry Regional Medical Center, where she was immediately seen by Dr. Carrao.

"Dr. Carrao saved my life," said De la Torre.

Upon seeing the extensive damage done to De la Torre's stomach, the doctor contacted the facility which did her surgery, asking them how they could let this happen. He was appalled and told De la Torre that she needed to have an MRI immediately.

"After they gave me the MRI the doctor told me that there was a huge black hole in my stomach and they didn't know what it was yet. Then the doctor said 'You're not going to believe this, but they left a pair of scissors inside of your stomach.'"

"They told me that if I didn't have emergency surgery done that the infection would spread and that I could die in a matter of hours."

De la Torre was terrified, but agreed that having the surgery was the only way to go. She was prepped for yet another surgery and taken in early the next morning. Afterwards she was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and monitored heavily.

"They had two IV's full of antibiotics going up each arm," said De la Torre.

Since her first surgery in February, she has had one more surgery and has been in and out of the hospital numerous times. She feels nothing from her breasts down to her belly button, and from her belly button down she is constantly in intense pain.

"I can't work because I can't stand or sit or lay down for very long. I have to constantly rearrange myself because I am in so much pain all the time," said De la Torre. "I can't function like a normal person any longer. I use the bathroom once a week and can barely bring myself to get out of bed in the morning."

Though she is in constant pain, she is not re-

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LeRoy Hare, 90

CLEWISTON - LeRoy Hare passed away after an extended illness on Oct. 24, 2012 in Clewiston.

He was born Nov. 17, 1921 in Kingstree, S.C., to the late R.M. Hare Sr. and the late Maude (Steed) Hare. Mr. Hare married Sandra Erlene Peacock. He served during World War II in the Army Air Corps from Dec. 4, 1942 to Oct. 19, 1945 flying thirty missions over Germany including D-Day over Normandy.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Sandra Peacock Hare; children, LeRoy (Angelica) Hare Jr. of Clewiston, Jennifer (Timothy) Potter Hoban of Mt. Dora and John M. (Christy) Potter of West Palm Beach; grandchildren, LeLani Sandra Hare of Clewiston, Christian Potter of West Palm Beach, Justin Potter of West Palm Beach, Matthew Hoban of Mt. Dora and Andrew Hoban of Mt. Dora.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, 2 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Rev. Samuel Thomas Ph.D. officiating. Entombment was at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. Visitation was held for 30 minutes prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

After the services, a reception was held for family and friends at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Clewiston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Cir, Ft. Myers, FL 33908 or Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation, 544 West Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Velma Jean Broach, 82

CLEWISTON - Velma Jean Broach passed away Oct. 24, 2012 in LaBelle, Fla.

She was born April 24, 1930 in Phillipstown, Ill., to the late Alfred and the late Elsie (Robb) Smith.

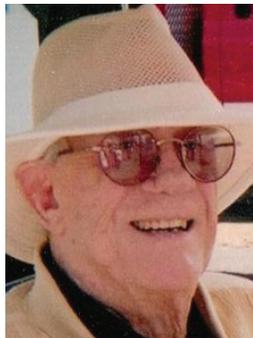
Survivors include two daughters, Rena Blissett of Clewiston and Barbara Cox Butler of Clewiston; step-daughter, Johnnie Luechers; two sisters, Mary Jaques and Cecil Hock; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston with Rev. Samuel Thomas Ph.D. officiating. Interment was Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Visitation was held Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston, Fla.

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You may view the online obituary and leave your condolences to the family of Velma at www.akin-davis.com

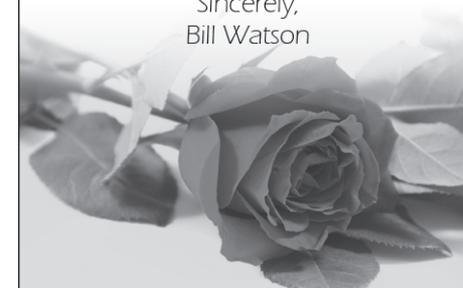


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Kyle, Garland, Lanette and I thank our friends in Clewiston for the many prayers, kindnesses and expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness and home going of our mother, sister, and wife, Kyra. We are sorrowful but not distressed because we believe she now realizes the hope of God's promise of external life in the heavenly kingdom.

In her last public appearance, Kyra was extremely pleased to be able to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet and witness the honor given to our family. May the peace that Jesus brings be with you always.

Sincerely,
Bill Watson



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Living on a High Wire: Life on the Internet

Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook demystified

BY MARY GIBSON

Amanda Todd was a regular girl from Vancouver, but through one bad decision with a revealing picture sent online her life was ruined. Because of her indiscretion she was subsequently blackmailed, bullied, and ostracized, causing her to switch schools.

Amanda Todd felt all alone and couldn't handle the constant bullying anymore. She posted her entire story in a moving video on YouTube. Todd sadly took her own life a month after she posted the video.

That is an example of how people's lives are affected by the Internet. Anything on it is permanent; it can never be removed.

Social networking sites make it extremely easy for people to post their lives online. In high schools kids are judged by how many friends they have on Facebook or by the "coolness" of their Instagram pictures.

Facebook is also the place where people let out their innermost thoughts. With games like Confessions, To Be Honest, and Truth Is it's as if Facebook is begging users to divulge their secrets.

The social-networking site Twitter is designed for people to tell the world about their life. It al-

lows people to make minute-by-minute updates (called tweets) about their lives and various goings-on.

"A picture is worth a thousand words" as the saying goes and that is a perfect description of Instagram. Instagram, the new obsession sweeping the nation, is basically Twitter for pictures. It is designed for people to upload pictures of their daily lives as often as they want to share with their followers. The new website Pinterest is a perfect example of people living through the Internet. According to Pinterest, the site is a "virtual pin-board to organize and share all the beautiful things you find on the web."

The ideal is for people to use these pin-boards to help plan weddings, redecorate their homes, or cook new delicacies. More commonly though, people simply pin an idea because they think it is interesting, but never actually get around to doing them.

People are excited about Pinterest, saying they are obsessed with it. When asked if they ever actually tried any of the ideas they pinned a sheepish "no" was the reply. Essentially, people are living their lives through the Internet.

The Internet can be a powerful tool but also a deadly weapon. In the case of a girl named Amanda Todd, it was the weapon that helped end her life. The Internet has its uses but it is not life. People focus so much on posting their lives online that they miss out on truly living and just enjoying life. The invention of the Internet is both a blessing and a curse.

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ceiving pain medication any longer.

"The doctors don't want me to get addicted to any of the pain medication," said De la Torre. "So I am constantly taking Tylenol, even though that really doesn't make a difference with the pain."

While De la Torre's emergency surgery was taking place, the surgeon that originally did her surgery at Vanidades thought that it would be a good idea to call De la Torre's husband.

"She actually had the audacity to call my husband and ask us not to sue her," said De la Torre. "She said that she would do any surgery

that we wanted for free and make me look pretty again."

However, looking pretty is the least of De la Torre's concerns. With five children and no current job because of the state that she is currently in, she just wants to have her old life back.

"I can hardly take care of [my children] right now because of this. My little twelve year old asked me when I was going to 'get back to normal' the other day," said De la Torre.

De la Torre is currently in the process of finding a lawyer and says that she is frustrated but is "trying to get back to some semblance of normalcy."

Vanidades Cosmetic Surgery was contacted, but claimed that the surgeon which did De la Torre's surgery is no longer working at their facility. They could give no information as to what happened and seemed to have no memory of anything going astray.



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Crossword Puzzle

Gas Price Update

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- 18 *Serious problem when planning an air force?
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- 22 Feng __
- 23 Unilever men's brand
- 24 Raw fish dish
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- 37 *Manhattan Murder Mystery* actor
- 39 Writer __ Neale Hurston
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- 4 *Malfunctioning candy dispensers?
- 5 It often ends in "ase"
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- 7 Prevents
- 8 Hana Airport hello
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- 10 Chinese tea
- 11 Fox's partner on "The X-Files"
- 12 Creature that fought King Kong, familiarly
- 13 Centerpiece piece
- 19 Kashmir neighbor
- 21 Bee complex
- 25 President Jalal Talabani, for one
- 27 *Game of nothing but pop flies and walks?
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Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 10.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.49/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 9.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.56/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 8.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 19.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 23.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 10.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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regards to the impact at the pump for various fuels," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "There is very little to look back at history and compare this storm to, and so far, it remains to be seen exactly how gasoline and diesel prices will be impacted. For motorists west of the Mississippi, there may be little change in prices because of the storm, but as you head east, especially in the states to be highly impacted, there may be disruptions at various levels. However, any disruptions in supply may be offset by area-wide shutdowns of business, leading to curtailed demand for fuel. We will certainly be keeping everyone up-to-date on the GasBuddy blog throughout the storm."



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New research published in the Archives of Internal Medicine and other journals shows that sitting for long stretches can be detrimental to your health, contributing to obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and chronic kidney disease.

"The best defense -- the only defense -- is to move more," says Dr. Keith Overland, president of the American Chiropractic Association.

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The simple act of walking can help you get in shape and feel great. It's easy, burns calories, reduces the risk of heart disease, tones muscles and increases cardiovascular endurance. Walking as little as 12 minutes a day can have a significant positive effect.

To get the most from your walk, move your arms freely in coordination with the opposite leg, walk "with purpose" to maximize your cardiovascular workout, don't stoop your head or look down as you walk and don't carry weights, as they're better used as a separate part of your exercise regimen.

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ican Chiropractic Association's online member database, www.acatoday.org/FindaDoc.

Sit Correctly

"When you do sit, make sure to do it correctly so you don't ruin your posture or strain your muscles, leading to pain that could inhibit you from getting the activity you need," suggests Dr. Overland.

To prevent problems, keep your feet on the floor or a footrest and don't cross your legs. Your knees should be at or below the level of your hips. Adjust the backrest of your chair to support your low- and mid-back or use a back support, and avoid sitting in the same position for long periods of time.

Include frequent micro-breaks into your sitting time, stretching your neck, arms, wrists, back, and legs. Simple stretches include neck rotations, fist clenches, arm dangles, and shoulder shrugs.

Most of all, don't sit for too long. Stand up and stretch your legs with a short walk about every 20 to 30 minutes. Avoid working through lunch.

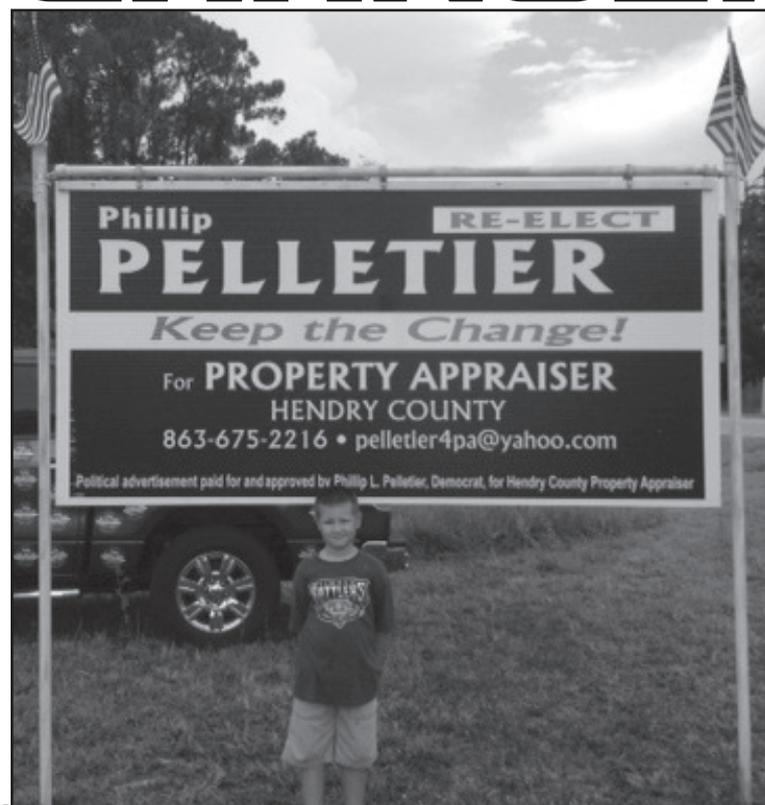
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Poor posture not only consumes more energy but also can lead to excessive strain on your postural muscles and may even cause them to weaken when held in certain positions for long periods of time. The postural muscles are prone to injury and back pain, but maintaining good posture, sitting properly and moving regularly can help you stay pain-free.

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Congratulations to the winners of the local Elks Soccer Shoot. The competition was Oct. 23 at Sugarland Park.

Liliana Hayes, a student at Eastside Elementary School, won the Under 8 Girls division scoring 14 points at the five goals. Leslie Jones, also a student at Eastside Elementary (EES), placed second with 12 points scored. Samantha Aragus, a student at Westside Elementary, placed third and scored eight points at the five goal contest. Samantha edged out Madison Alford, also from Westside Elementary (WES), who finished with seven points.

Sadler Soles, age five, won the Boys Under 8 division. The Glades Day student scored seven points. Jaylin Aragus, a student at WES, won the Under 10 Girls division scoring seven points. She outscored her sister, Katelin, who had five points and placed second.

Easton Bellew, a WES student, won in a three way tiebreaker to claim first place in the Under 10 Boys division. He scored 16 points in regulation, but made three out of five kicks at the 17



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inch goal to become the champion. Jonathan Villegas, from EES, also scored 16 points and placed second after making one goal in the tiebreaker. Juan Carlos Moran, from WES, placed third, scoring 16 points in regulation. Jose Fajardo from EES, placed fourth scoring 10 points.

Jose Benitez, a student at Clewiston Middle School (CMS), was the Under 12 Boys champion, scoring 37 points on 15 kicks at the regulation goal. Three of his kicks were in the five point range. Bruce Jones, a student at Eastside Elementary School, placed second as he scored 20 points.

Megan Pittman, a student at CMS, was the Under 14 Girls champion. She scored 29 points kicking from 36 feet away, including one five point kick. Vicki Gomez, also from Clewiston Middle School, placed second with 24 points. She made two five point goals. Zoie Cotton, also from CMS, placed third as she scored 15 points.



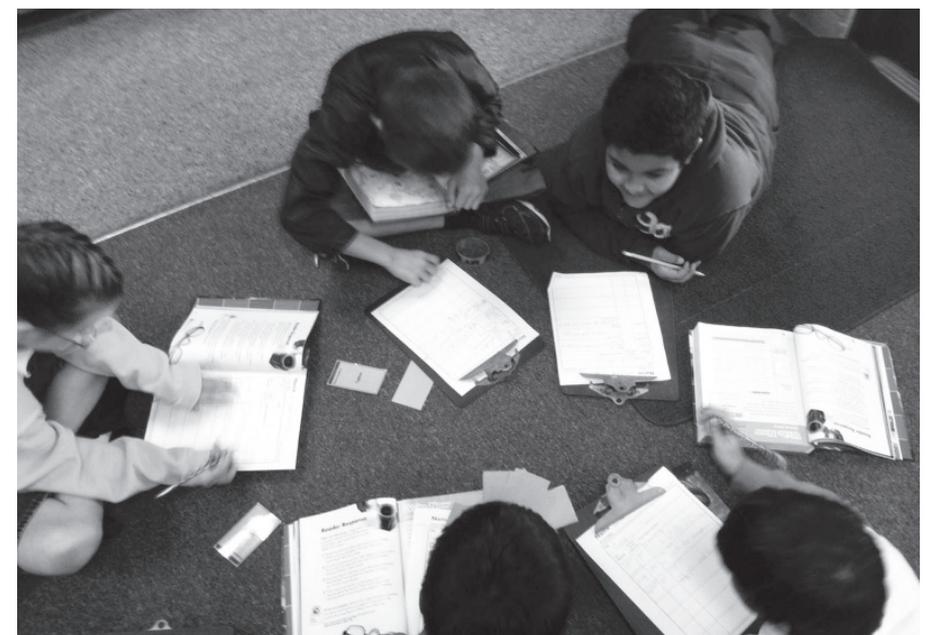
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Westside students study hard

Students in Ms. Romick's 4th grade class from Westside Elementary use kagan cooperative learning strategies to find text features in their reading book.

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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 P.T.O. 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 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.

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Scholarships

Hendry Regional Medical Center is now accepting scholarship applications from Nov. 1 to 30. Scholarship opportunities are available for interested persons in Hendry County who might want to apply for financial assistance to seek training in a healthcare field. For more information, please call 863-902-3009.

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 Sherry Elliott at 863-983-1520.

NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Glades County School Board Scheduled For November 8, 2012 at 6:00p.m. Has Been Re-Scheduled To Begin at 9:00a.m.

The Glades County School Board Will Hold A Special Meeting On November 20, 2012 at 6:00p.m. For The Purpose Of School Board Organization

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The General Election is quickly approaching on November 6th. Remember cast your vote in the General Election you only need to bring your photo ID. Your vote is important, to save time mark your sample ballot and take it with you to vote.

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The King's Academy is 'Spreading the Love'

Students at The King's Academy recently demonstrated their commitment to service with their "Love Outreach" project. Students from the nationally recognized private school in Clewiston divided into two groups serving those in need at a local food bank and visiting with seniors at Palm Terrace nursing home (both ministries are ongoing projects of Evangel Assembly of God.)

TKA offers students community service opportunities each month which correspond with their monthly spiritual focus.

The "Love," outreach was meant to live out the first fruit of the Spirit as described in the Book

of Galatians. Selfless service is emphasized at the school in order to teach students to put others first.

At the food bank students organized inventory, cleaned shelves, and helped bring food to people's cars. Prior to the event, students organized a donation campaign that added to the food bank's supplies.

At the nursing home, students visited with seniors. TKA prepared flower arrangements and crosses with notes on them during daily Bible classes. Students took their time delivering the love offerings; talking, spreading joy, and pray-

ing with the seniors who sometimes go long stretches without visitors. The staff from the hospital and volunteers from the church were very helpful, pointing students in the right direction and breaking the ice when needed.

"We are so proud to see students modeling the example of Christ and giving for the benefit of others. There is something that young people learn doing things like this that you can't teach in a classroom. When you see a student growing as a whole person it encourages you as an educator and as a parent," said Mr. Brian Burrage, TKA Principal.

AVID Serves Animals

BY GIGIMEZZIO
Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students arrived bright and early with sponges and plenty of doggie shampoo at the Clewiston Animal Control Shelter on Saturday, Oct. 20.

True to their mission statement to serve the community and make a difference, these young people sacrificed their Saturday morning to feed, clean kennels and the cat room, and bathe the dogs. While most students were sleeping in or watching their favorite Saturday morning car-

toons, these thoughtful students were scrubbing down and providing the incarcerated pets some love and play time, perhaps the last these forsaken animals will receive.

Ms. Kathy Irely, advisor to the Clewiston Middle School AVID service group stated "I was so impressed with the students jumping right in and loving the animals. The dogs that are there are great and should be at a home, so many of them are already housebroken...the students saw that."

Several of the students commented on how unfortunate it was "that anyone would leave

behind such nice dogs." Animal control officer, Kathy Radcliffe Jenkins provided the students with the support needed to get the most out of this opportunity to serve the abandoned dogs and cats.

This experience will take on a different and sad meaning for these students as the dogs they fell in love with will soon be around no longer, as the facility can not keep the abandoned animals indefinitely. Their message to the communities of Hendry County, "Please take care of your dog or kitty, and when it goes missing, come to the Clewiston Animal Control immediately."

POWER

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"It's really an issue of logistics," said McCarthy. "The people that go up there are going to need to be housed and fed, so having 1,000 men may be nice, but it's not realistic. For example, when Wilma came through Clewiston, we couldn't have used 100 different people volunteering. I wouldn't have known what to do with them!"

Before arriving at the site the men know the location and nothing else. After getting to the area they are supplied with food and told where they should sleep.

"Going up there they'll take their sleeping bag and clothes and any other necessities," said McCarthy. "They may stay in a tent, possibly a hotel, or even somebody's house. There have been many times when men end up sleeping in their trucks. It just depends on the circumstances

and what is available."

The men typically stay for about a week, but it's "up in the air," according to McCarthy.

"It really depends on how long it takes to get the power back on and how extensive the damage is. And there are always cases where you finish a job and are asked to go somewhere else to help." Currently the men are waiting to be assigned to an area, however, McCarthy is confident that it will not be New York City.

"New York City is in a unique situation," stated McCarthy. "They are going to have to do a lot of their recovery from within."

The volunteers will most likely be sent with a group from Homestead or Orlando, who are able to send bigger groups of men due to their larger staff.

"We have a very limited crew," said McCarthy. "While Orlando can send 30 men up there to help and only have 15 percent of their staff taken away for the time, us sending up three men is leaving us with only half of our staff."

However, their sacrifice will not go unnoticed, as their help will aid millions that remain

without power.

"We're just trying to do the right thing and help those in need," said McCarthy.

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Clewiston Middle School Spirit Week

BY GIGI MEZZIO
Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School celebrated Spirit Week from Oct. 22 to the 25. During this time of celebration, the P.T.O. sponsored a week long fund raiser for the school. Each day CMS cheerleaders and school dean, Rosa Perez, were working the cafeteria, drumming up sales with colorful blue and gold beads, Tiger paw prints and tattoos, school spirit dog tags, pompoms, metallic bam-bam noise makers, paw print necklaces and wrist bands, and, of course, Tiger tee shirts.

The Beta Club sponsored a "Kiss the Pig" contest. Jars with teachers' names were placed in the cafeteria for two weeks. During this time, students were encouraged to bring in loose change and dollar bills to put into the jar of the

teacher they would like to see kiss a pig. At the end of the two-week period, the teacher's jar containing the most money was the one chosen to kiss the pig at the pep rally on Oct. 25. The two winners, who came within a few cents of each other, were announced. After applying blood red lipstick, Rainey Allen and co-winner, Marilyn Diaz puckered up to smooch Mr. Piggy.

"He kisses better than most men I have kissed!" laughed the vivacious and very single Ms. Allen.

Cheerleaders led the crowd in welcoming CMS Tiger football players and then challenged the excited crowd in a good old fashioned yelling contest. Now, what middle schooler isn't good at that? After the grandstands commotion died down, Mr. Cook took the opportunity to an-

nounce the chosen exemplary students. By popular selection Mr. and Miss 6A, Damien Claro and Derricka Ingram, were chosen. 6B chose Anthony Munoz and Selinda Puentes, 7A chose Shaige Brissett and Wilmarie Perez, 7B chose Lane Savant and Kayman Robinson, 8A chose Zachary Mosley and Alkasia Keys, 8B chose Aaron Williams and Carley Morrell and Mr. and Miss CMS honors went to Keshawn Davis and Robyn Basquin, who represented the school population at the Homecoming dance.



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Florida Sheriffs Task Force Announces Latest Operation

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office in partnership with The Florida Sheriffs Task Force recently launched an initiative to remove felons from Florida's streets. Operation: Felon Sweep focused on removing violent felons, felons with outstanding warrants, and sexual offenders and predators from our communities.

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office was proud to take an active role in this initiative and to lead the charge in Hendry County. Total arrests and seizures for Hendry County are as follows:

42 felony arrests (19 Felony probable cause and 23 felony warrants), 6 misdemeanor charges, 3 aggravated battery, 1 aggravated assault, 3 child abuse and 1 firearm offense, 0.57 grams of cocaine/crack, 45 mg morphine, 8 mg suboxone, and \$3,133 U.S. currency were seized, 20 sex offender/predator checks, and 1 sex offender arrest.

"This is an example of how Florida Sheriff's effectively work together, along with our other law enforcement partners, to make our state a safer place to live," said Sheriff Steve Whidden. "Keeping the citizens of Hendry County and it's visitors safe is our priority."

The Florida Sheriffs Taskforce is proud to have coordinated this effort to make Florida's streets a safer place for its citizens. This operation combined efforts from 44 Sheriff's Offices and focused on removing violent felons and felons with outstanding warrants off the streets. The Operation resulted in 11953 felony arrests (8091 probable cause and 6612 felony warrants), 3662 misdemeanors, 1738 felony charges, 46 homicides, 32 attempted homicides, 387 aggravated battery, 411 aggravated assault, 144 armed robbery/home invasion/carjacking, 344 felony domestic violence, 53 kidnapping, 132 child abuse, 112 sex offenses, 312 firearm offenses, 139 battery on LEO and 560 all other felony battery.

"Felonies are taken very seriously and we at the Florida Sheriffs Association are proud to lead this initiative to get criminals off the streets," said FSA President, Sheriff Susan Benton. "The Florida Sheriffs Task Force will continue to work tirelessly to make Florida one of the safest states in the country."

The Florida Sheriffs Task Force pools resources from the 67 Sheriffs' Offices to address

specific areas of concern. Past task forces have dealt with issues such as cyber sexual predators, prescription drug abuse and "deadbeat dads." The Florida Sheriffs Task Force also is the point of contact for statewide initiatives, including helping to staff the State Emergency Operations Center and coordinating Sheriffs' offices responding to storm-ravaged communities during hurricanes and other catastrophic disasters.

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Biologists Boost Red-cockaded Woodpecker Population in South Florida

BY CARL SEGELSON
FWC

Several red-cockaded woodpeckers from Georgia and north Florida have a new home in south Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released eight pairs of red-cockaded woodpeckers on state-managed lands in Palm Beach and Martin counties Oct. 25.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is listed as a federally endangered species. Biologists relocated the birds as part of the Southern Range Translocation Cooperative, whose goal is to boost smaller, isolated populations or reintroduce populations by relocating red-cockaded woodpeckers from other areas where the birds are numerous.

Five released pairs came from Fort Stewart in Georgia, an area that has a population of more than 300 red-cockaded woodpeckers. Biologists released these birds in the John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. Wildlife and Environmental Area. The other three pairs, released in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area, came from north Florida – Camp Blanding in Starke.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is a medium-

sized bird with distinctive white cheek patches and a black-and-white barred back. Males have a tiny red patch or “cockade” behind the eye. These woodpeckers are very rare, because they require open stands of old-growth pine.

The birds live in small family groups, composed of one breeding pair and a helper or two. The extra birds usually are males from previous breeding seasons; females rarely stay with their parents.

The helpers assist in raising the young, including feeding them and defending them against predators and territorial disputes. The entire family usually forages as a group, moving together from tree to tree.

The woodpeckers feed primarily on ants, beetles, caterpillars, wood-boring insects, spiders and cockroaches, as well as fruits and berries.

Florida hosts approximately 25 percent of the nation’s red-cockaded woodpeckers. Most of Florida’s populations are on public lands and are carefully managed.

For more information about red-cockaded woodpeckers, visit MyFWC.com/Wildlife.



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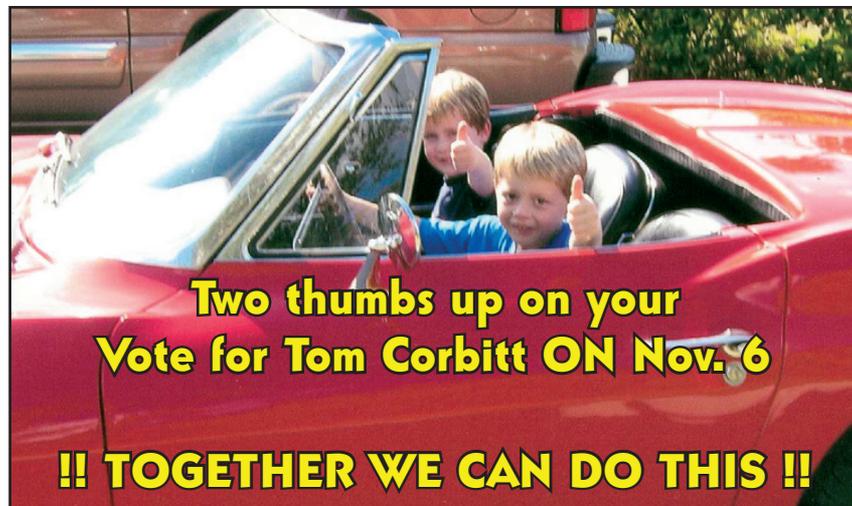
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **November 14, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **December 11, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Petition Number: VA12-0002

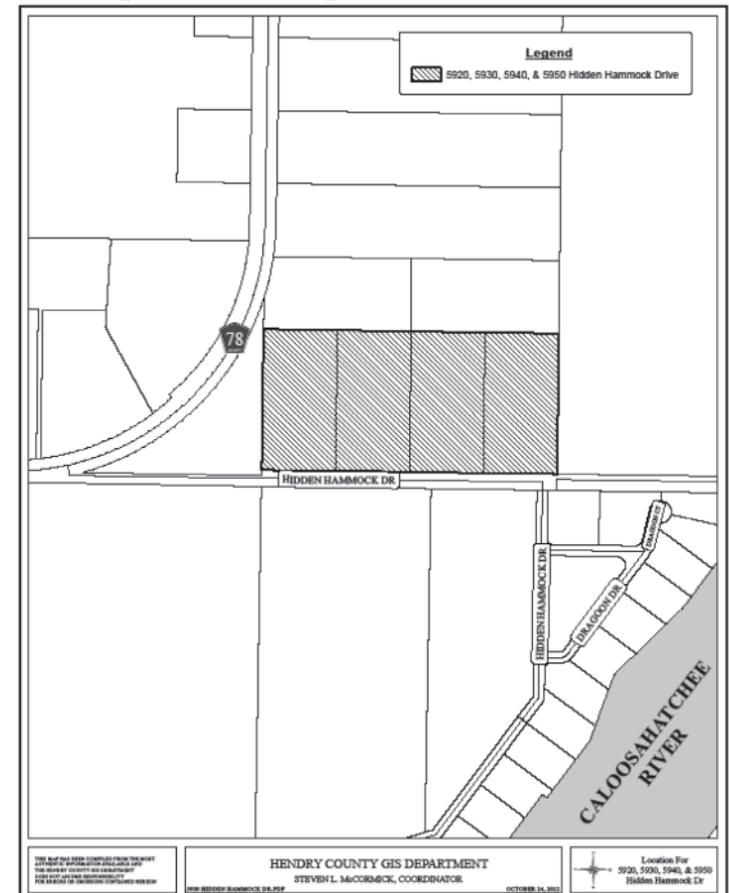
Applicant/Agent: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF FIVE (5) ACRES FOR FOUR (4) PARCELS IN THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT (1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0400 IS 4.89 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0000 IS 4.88 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0500 IS 4.89 ACRES, 1-28-43-16-A00-0013.0300 IS 4.88 ACRES)

Location: 5950, 5940, 5930, and 5920 Hidden Hammock Drive, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 4.89, 4.88, 4.89, and 4.88 acres +/- respectively

Request: The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the minimum lot size from 5 acres each on the four parcels by approximately 0.11 to 0.12 acres resulting in parcel sizes of 4.89 and 4.88 acres in the General Agriculture (A-2) zoning district.



Orvell Howard, Chairman
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

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Hendry County Board
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 - *Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 w/Boat House Lowry Ln. \$110K
 - *Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 Lowry Ln CBS Reduced \$195K
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- COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT**
- *Moore Haven Medical Office w/Equipment for sale or lease
 - *Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$350K
 - *Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
 - *Hwy 27, 14, 279 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$349K
 - *525 E El Paso Office w/apt. excellent condition \$105K
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- 1010 Bayberry 4/3 w/pool - \$285K
- 1035 Bayberry 4/3 w/pool - \$164.9K
- 504 E Ventura Ave 3/1 - \$39.9K

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000174

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff
vs.
SCOTT A. CALHOUN AND YVONNE CALHOUN, HIS WIFE; JOHN DOE AND MARY DOE, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment Scheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on 10-9-12 in this case now pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.
The Clerk shall sell the property at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on November 15, 2012, at 11:00 am at GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RT 27, 500 AVENUE "J", MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471 in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes. The following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
Exhibit "A"
The West 1/2 of the following described property:
Beginning at the intersection of the West Boundary of Lot 1 and the North boundary of State Road #78 Right-of-Way; run North along said West boundary 420 feet; thence Northeast parallel to said State Road #78 Right-of-Way, 210 feet; thence South to State Road #78 Right-of-Way and parallel to the West boundary of Lot 1; thence West along the North boundary of State Road #78 Right-of-Way, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2 acres, more or less, said Lot 1, being a part of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, as more particularly shown on that certain plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 84, of the Public Records of Glades County, Florida.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
ENTERED at GLADES County, Florida, this 15th day of OCTOBER, 2012.

Joe Flint
As Clerk, Circuit Court,
Glades, Florida

By: /s/ Julie Braddock
As Deputy Clerk

429480 CN 11/1,8/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Nov. 16th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Rawls Real Estate, property manager for R&T Land Management, LLC, 528 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440 (863) 983-8559 will at their discretion sell or dispose of the personal property therefore stored for the undersigned. Willie Choice, former tenant of 113 N. Francisco Street, Apt. 2, Clewiston, FL 33440.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2012-347 DR

GINGER M. CUEVAS, Petitioner
ANGEL CUEVAS, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN

TO: **ANGEL CUEVAS**
Last Known Address:
3004 Lady Lane
LaBelle, FL 33935

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on GINGER M. CUEVAS's attorney STEVEN J. POLHEMUS, Esq., whose address is P.O. Box 2188, LaBelle, FL 33975 on or before 30 days, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000174

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/09/2012, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2012 at 2:00 PM at AAA Self Storage, 657 Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL, the undersigned, AAA Self Storage, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Leroy Myers #92
Dorshay Myers #21
429328 GCD 11/1/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000276

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN J. POST, 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. 26-2010-CA-000276 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC is the Plaintiff, and JOHN J. POST; TRACEY A POST; 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 28th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 7, BLOCK L, FT. DENAUD ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 68 THROUGH 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.
A/K/A 23 TRADER ROAD, FORT DENAUD, 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

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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.**
428877 CN 10/25;11/1/2012

Public Notice

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

- Property of: **Leonardo Leon-Accordion, miscellaneous boxes, toys.**
- Property of: **Dorothy Walker-Bike, Bed, Squad, TV Cart, miscellaneous boxes.**
- Property of: **Jaquanda Miller-Bunk Bed Mattress, and Box Spring, Sofa and Loveseat, miscellaneous boxes, dresser.**

429643 SUN 11/1,8/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
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.

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**.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1129	2009	1344331-02000P0110	Teresita Brunet

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 11, Block P, 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.

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428772 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1256	2009	1134432-A0000570100	The Lyndel Group, LLC

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

428810 CN 10/18,25;11/1,8/2012

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AUDIT SERVICES FOR HENDRY COUNTY

RFP No. 2013-09
Opening Date and Time: November 27, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is soliciting proposals from qualified Auditing Firms.

In order to be considered, submittals 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 Ave, LaBelle, Florida by November 27, 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 RFP Documents can be obtained from Hendry County Administration Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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

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Tristan Chapman,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000072 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL LACHANCE A/K/A DANIEL G. LACHANCE, 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. 26-2012-CA-000072 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and DANIEL LACHANCE A/K/A DANIEL G. LACHANCE, JULIE N. LACHANCE, AQUA FINANCE, INC., 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 EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 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 AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE NORTH 40 FEET THEREOF, SUBJECT TO EXISTING OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES, ENFORCEABLE EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUBJECT TO TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 4811 IN MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. A 2007 ANNIV. I.D. #(S): GAF6L634A79725AV31 AND GAF6L634A79725AV31 TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 2007 ANNIVERSARY MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO VIN#GAF6L634A79725AV31 AND GAF6L634A79725AV31. A/K/A 618 HUNTING CLUB AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440-8853 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 F11039761 WELLSLPS-SPECFHLMC-R-1farbman-Team 1-F11039761 **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. 428827 CN 10/18/25/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000055 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff vs. MICHAEL A. MAURO, et al, Defendants NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: MICHAEL A. MAURO: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1680 EVANS ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL A. MAURO: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1680 EVANS ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935 Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property to-wit: THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25.00 FEET, RESERVED FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE WESTERLY 15 FEET THEREOF AND OVER THE WESTERLY 30 FEET OF THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE EASTERLY 15 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION. TOGETHER WITH 2002 NOBI MOBILE HOME ID 60E41H16, TITLE #87255243 and ID #N810315B, TITLE # 87255177, more commonly known as: 1680 EVANS RD, LABELLE, FL 33935 This action, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, whose address is 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755, on or before 30, days after date of first publication, response due by November 30, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 23rd day of October, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 429567 CN 11/1,8/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000432 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH DOTSON, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF ACTION TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN K. DOTSON A/A/K/A KELLY N. DOTSON, DECEASED LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN KELLI LYNN WESTFALL A/K/A KELLI D. WESTFALL F/K/A KELLI LYNN DOTSON F/K/A KELLI L. DOTSON, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN KELLY DOTSON A/K/A NATHAN K. DOTSON A/K/A KELLY N. DOTSON, DECEASED LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1009 Lone Pine Rd Babson Park, FL 33827 9626 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida: BEGIN AT THE SECTION MONUMENT AT THE STATE ROAD 80 SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN EAST, ALONG SAID STATE ROAD 80 RIGHT OF WAY, 2,393.04 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THEN CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THEN RUN SOUTHERLY 90 DEGREES FOR A DISTANCE OF 431 FEET TO THE ABANDONED S.A.L. RAILROAD GRADE; THEN RUN WESTERLY, ALONG SAID RAILROAD GRADE, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THEN RUN NORTHERLY 90 DEGREES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 26, HIGHWAY BUSINESS CENTER UNRECORDED has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Clewiston News. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 23rd day of October, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 WELLSLPS-SP8CFNMA-R-rtamlinson-Team 1 - 11 1042004-N 1042004 **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. 429564 CN 11/1,8/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000668 DEUTSCHE BANKE NATIONAL TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2005-OPT1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT1, Plaintiff vs. MAGALY MARQUEZ, ROLAND DIAZ, et al., Defendants NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated October 11, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2010-CA-000668, in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2005-OPT1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT1 is the Plaintiff, and ROLAND DIAZ, et al., are the Defendants, will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as: Lot 40 in Lake Ridge Estates, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 88 and 89 recorded in the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Hendry County Courthouse, Highway 80 and Main Street, 2nd floor hallway, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on the 28 day of November, 2012. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim, within 60 days after the sale. Dated: October 12, 2012. Hendry County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ J. Bevis FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC 601, Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755 (727) 446-4826 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need, of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, 25 EAST HICKPOOCHEE AVENUE, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, telephone (863) 675-5217, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service. De acuerdo con el Acto 6 Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, Inhabilitados, personas en necesidad, del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento deben, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte 25 EAST HICKPOOCHEE AVENUE, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, Telefono (863) 675-5217, TDD 1 800 955 8770 6 1 800 955 8770 Via Florida Relay Service. 428822 CN 10/25/11/1/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 22-2010-CA-000128 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT M. SHEFFER, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated October 16, 2012, entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD; TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFFENY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of Nov, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: PARCEL 1 LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. PARCEL 2 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 3 INCHES BY 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 153.08 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE OF POLLYWOG CREEK AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING. THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. (REDM) (1997), I.D. #(FLA14611078A&B) A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE COURT, 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 25, 2012. Joe Flint Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Julie Braddock Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 Designated address for service: eservice@wolflawfl.com F10033924 WELLSLPS-VA-Team 1 - F10033924 **See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing 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. 429723 CN 11/1,8/2012

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For 16 years I was humbled and proud to be your Property Appraiser. I tried every day to be professional, honest and above all, fair. I hope that you know that I always served you, the residents of Hendry County, with my best effort and best intentions.

When I lost my bid for re-election in one of the closest races in Florida's history, some thought I should accept the results without question – I chose to fight. For myself, for those who voted for me and for the rule of law. My opponent would have you believe that fighting is the moral equivalent of complaining – I beg to differ.

The election in 2008 came down to FIVE votes – less than 1/2 of one percent of the vote – so I challenged the results. In an election that close, Florida law even requires an automatic re-count. I fought to make sure the election was fair and that all votes were counted properly. I'm proud to have fought for those principles just like I was proud to fight to keep taxes fair and low for you and your family.

I ultimately lost the election, but more importantly, I feel I lost your support and trust. The loss of the election, I can handle. But, the loss of your trust was painful. To those who remain angry that I challenged the election, I understand your frustration – legal challenges in the heat of a political season are not easy for anyone. To those supporters of my opponent who have made this an issue in this campaign, I realize that no explanation on my part will change your mind or your vote – I get that – but it is important that you understand my true motives.

You see, I am a fighter. I fight for what I believe in. And I don't quit easily. We need that spirit back in the Property Appraiser's Office.

I'm seeking re-election not vindication. Just like you, I see how the poor economy has affected Hendry County. I want to help. I want to make this a better community, with more of our neighbors working and providing for their families. To get there, we must have fair taxes for our residents and more jobs for our community – it's as simple as that. This election is about who will fight for YOU and YOUR FAMILY now. . . today . . . this minute.

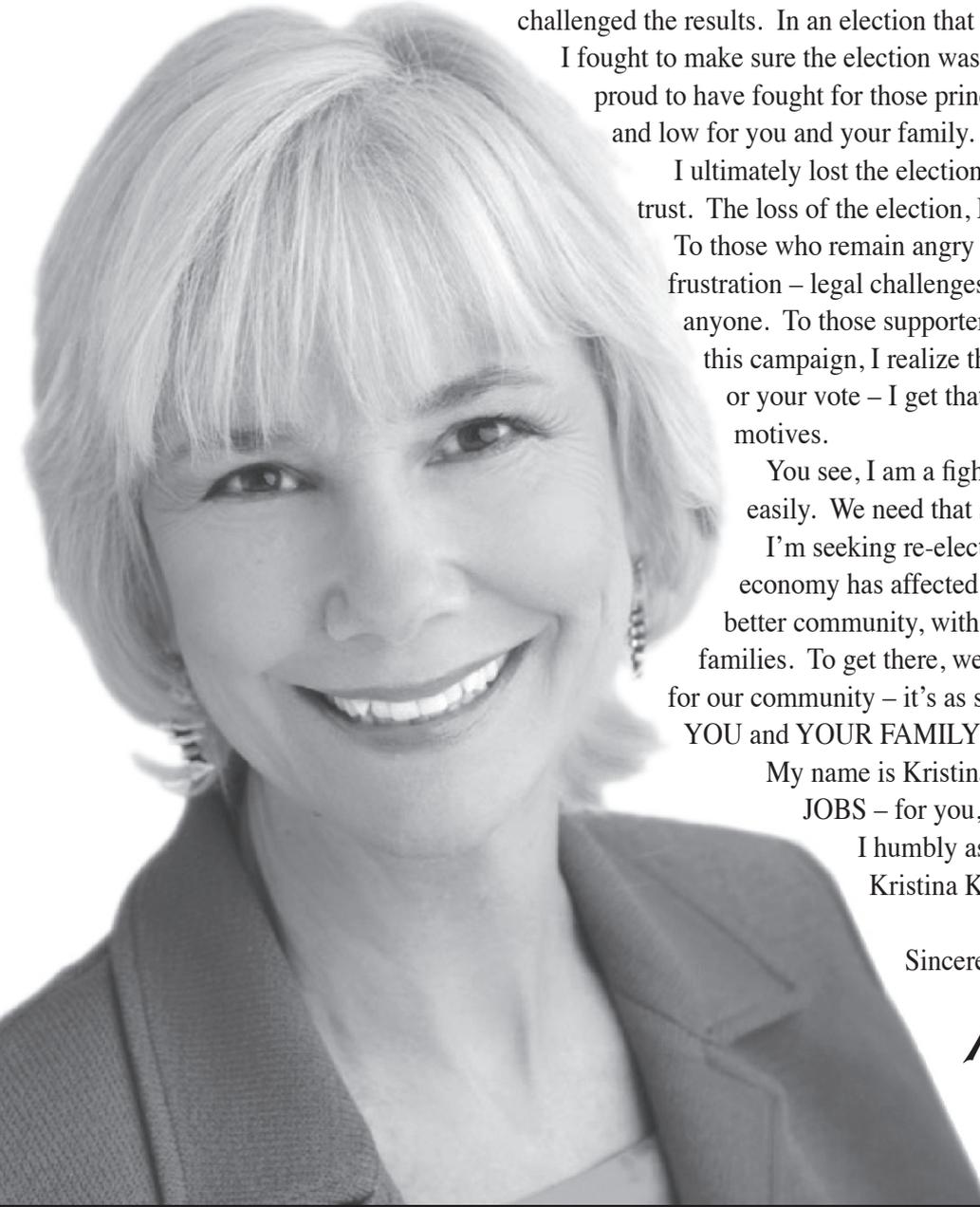
My name is Kristina Kulpa and I will fight for FAIR TAXES and MORE JOBS – for you, for your family and for our community.

I humbly ask for your understanding and your vote –
Kristina Kulpa for Property Appraiser.

Sincerely,

Kristina Kulpa

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Religion Column

Halloween: What's Missing and Why it Should be Celebrated

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

Yesterday was Halloween. I listened to the advisories about the recent hurricane and some of the announcers said that "Halloween would have to be cancelled" in some places.

No, what must have been meant is that "the celebration of Halloween would have to be cancelled."

I don't think you can cancel something like Christmas or Easter, or some of the events that have changed history and lives. Halloween was one of those times of celebration that goes back in history and has deep religious roots.

The faithful of earlier years commemorated their saints; persons they knew to be worthy of being examples, persons who must have been special in God's eyes and who would have a place with Him in Heaven.

Over time, the calendar filled up and the suggestion was offered to have a special day to remember all of God's saints. It came toward the end of the Church calendar year – November 1st – and commemorated all of those special people who were God's instruments and messengers in their time. The day was a celebration that has been special.

"When the saints come marching in..." These holy ones, or "hallowed" ones were to have the final victorious day and the days ever after; they triumphed and won the victory of eternal life.

There is a vestige of the use of the word "hallowed" in the Lord's Prayer that Christians say time and again "...hallowed by thy name..." or remembering that even God's name is holy and to be respected as such. Early Christians celebrated All Saints Day as "All Hallow's Day" or the day of the holy ones who did God's will. The evening before was "All Hallow's Evening" which became shortened to become Hallow-

een.

That was the time when the forces of evil rallied because they knew their days were quickly coming to an end; and all of the witches, ghosts, goblins and evil creatures knew their hours were numbered.

Today, the tradition lives on; the religious roots of the holiday seem to be forgotten. When I heard of someone saying that "Halloween would have to be cancelled due to the hurricane" I thought "No way!" The age-old celebration of those who were faithful to God and were remembered for their faith and works would be kept in Churches and religious houses around the world.

The faithful would have their celebrations of All Saints Day and recall what the day means. The young persons who celebrate it by going around the neighborhoods will miss something if they do not know the origin and meaning of this special occasion each year.

I remember growing up with Washington's birthday as a holiday, and Lincoln's birthday too. Today, our calendars combine them as "President's Day" and we miss learning about the man who won our independence with a rag-tag army and who defeated the world power of his day to give us a new and independent land.

I miss hearing about the debater who debated with Douglas and the giving freedom from slavery, who walked miles in the winter to return a library book.

Our elections have taken on a dimension of "bashing" that was unknown in past years and I wonder if that is all necessary. If anything, today we need people who we can look up to, and who are worthy of our respect and honor.

That's what All Saints Day is about, and that's something we seem to be missing. I hope that our children will learn of the great persons of faith and what they gave us; and that the older generation will see that they continue to be remembered.

These are the people who have made us who we are and who we should be. They deserve to be remembered!



Rev. Sam S. Thomas



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premise of his campaign, and cites burglaries as the number one concern in the county. Sheriff Whidden notes his own experience in trimming the budget in the face of challenging financial times and points to narcotics as his chief target heading into his second term.

Property Appraiser

One race that has sparked considerable debate is that for the property appraiser's office. Democrat Phillip Pelletier, the incumbent, will be facing Kristina Kulpa, Republican, for that seat. Kulpa was previously the property appraiser before being defeated by Pelletier in 2008.

At the center of the debate is a disagreement in the way both candidates are handling the appraisal of property for the area's biggest employer: U.S. Sugar. Pelletier argues that Kulpa's previous

agreement with the company is not sufficiently valuing the corporation's land assets, and Kulpa argues that Pelletier, through his higher property value estimations, is seeking to raise taxes for residents.

Superintendent of Schools

Rick Murphy, Democrat, is staying busy with his re-election bid as he prepares to face challenger Paul Puletti, Republican, for the office of superintendent. Like the sheriff's office, Murphy's tenure has been defined by continuing budget challenges and changing statewide standardized testing methods. Paul Puletti, as the mayor of LaBelle and not a newcomer to politics in the least, and is currently serving as the mayor of the city of LaBelle.

City Commission

The busiest race on the ballot on Tuesday will be that for three seats on the Clewiston city commission. The race is unique among all of the oth-

er contests in that candidates are not facing any one specific opponent, but rather are vying for the largest number of votes. Incumbent Commissioners Mali Gardner and Julio Rodriguez will be participating, along with Jerry Cochrane, Donald Hughes and Phillip Roland. The top three vote-getters will win a spot on the commission, with the top two vote-getters serving four-year terms, and the third place finisher serving a two-year term.

Rounding out the other races

Clerk of Circuit Court

Incumbent Barbara Cox Butler, Democrat
Larry Wilcoxson, Republican

Tax Collector

Incumbent Peggy S. Hampton, Democrat
Tom Corbitt, Republican

Supervisor of Elections

Kevin Drummond, Republican
Brenda Hoots, Democrat
Rose Raulerson-Mason, NPA

County Commission District 3

Tristan Chapman, Republican

Don Davis, Democrat

School Board 4 (Nonpartisan)

Stephanie Busin
John Perry

Central County Water Control District Seat 2

Incumbent Jessie Necolettos
Miguel Soler

Central County Water Control District Seat 4

Incumbent Charles Baumburg
Billy Haithcock

Also on the ballot for Clewiston residents: the enactment of a new amended Clewiston city charter. The description of the ballot item is as follows: "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?"

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

From the Archives: Insane Man Goes to Polls in Glades Without Clothing

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, November 11, 1932

Dr. N. H. Jenkins startled the Buckhead community election morning by appearing at the polls entirely nude to cast his ballot was adjudged insane at a sanity hearing conducted in the jail here Wednesday afternoon. Plans are made to send him to the state hospital for the insane at Chattahoochee.

Following his appearance at the polls, residents of Buckhead, an isolated community in

the northeastern section of Glades county, communicated with sheriff J. J. Wiggins and asked him to take care of Jenkins.

The sheriff, accompanied by John Whidden, were met in the yard of the little cabin by the insane man, stile nude, who fired a 32 revolver at the sheriff as he got out of his car.

Sheriff Wiggins coolly attracted Jenkins' attention by calling out to him and then engaging him in conversation he persuaded the insane man to throw his pistol on the ground. The sheriff then asked him to dress and accompany him on a trip in the car. Dr. Jenkins complied willingly enough and was brought to the jail and lodged there.

Dr. Jenkins has been a most eccentric character. He has lived in the Buckhead community for about 10 years.

He is known to have served in the World War and to have received an honorable discharge from the army in which he was a commissioned officer. It is said that he was once a doctor in one of the leading hospitals of the north.



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Ceremony announced as U.S. Military Officials make special presentation to the Family of an Unconquered Spirit

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is proud to honor one of its fallen soldiers. Long after the passing of U.S. Army soldier Charlie Steel Gopher and after several years of tireless efforts from family members and Vietnam Veterans of America Bureau Chief, Marc McCabe, the United States Military has finally acknowledged a heroic soldier for his courage, valor and service to this great nation.

A special ceremony has been announced to pay homage and recognize Gopher, as officials will present his family with the medals that he earned during his service in Vietnam, along with military benefits that have been kept from his family for over 38 years.

This event will be held at the prestigious, star-shaped, Florida Seminole Veterans Building located at 800 East Harney Pond Road in Okeechobee, on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation, just north of Lake Okeechobee to-

day, Thursday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m.

"Through the support of some great Americans, a war hero and his family will receive the military benefits denied to them for 38 years!" exclaimed Marc McCabe, Bureau Chief of the Vietnam Veterans of America, "We were committed and up for the challenge. There was no rest in sight until we were able to get a fellow Veteran the accolades and recognition that he and his family deserve."

In attendance will be representatives of the United States Army, distinguished members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, fellow soldiers that served alongside Gopher, as well as, Tribal Veterans, the Seminole Color Guard, family members and friends, to share in this memorial tribute to the late Charlie Steel Gopher.

"It was a long battle, but we won the war," said Rita McCabe, daughter of Charlie Gopher, "with the help of amazing supporters like Marc McCabe from the VVA, we were able to achieve the recognition that my father deserves for his service to this country. It is not very often that the United States Military reverses a decision that they have made, but we are very excited that the world will know the true story and life of Charlie Gopher, all in an effort to keep his memory alive for those of us that truly knew him."

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