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Two Life Sentences in Montura Murder Case

One of two men connected to gruesome Montura murder receives his final sentencing

BY PATTY BRANT
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Last January 24, Vernon Stevens was found guilty by a jury of first degree murder, first degree arson, and robbery with a deadly weapon.

On February 7, after a week-long penalty phase and just 20 minutes of deliberation, the same jury recommended life without the possibility of parole.

Judge Christine Greider agreed with that recommendation and on April 10, she signed the judgment order.

On the murder charge, Judge Greider ordered Stevens incarcerated in the Department of Corrections for his natural life.

She also sentenced him to 30 years on each of the other two counts: first degree arson and first degree robbery with a deadly weapon. Sentences are to run concurrent-

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Brown Sugar Festival

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Pictured is the Clewiston High School and Middle School bands marching in the Brown Sugar Festival Parade on Sat. May 4, 2013.

Grant Money Awards CPD New Training Simulator

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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The Clewiston Police Department (CPD) recently purchased a new police training simulator with a grant awarded to them last year. The new training simulator allows officers to practice their skills using real-life scenarios and target training. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assisted Grant covered the $23,200 cost of the simulator, with no matching funds required, according to Police Chief Don Gutshall.

The simulator consists of a projection screen, a projector, the simulator software, a hand gun and a rifle -- both of which are virtually identical to the guns carried by CPD officers, minus the kickback. A computer runs the simulator's software, which is projected onto the screen. Officers stand in front of the screen and interact with the simulator, either by saying commands or shooting the gun.

The simulator offers different training exercises, including simple target practice. The targets can be made as large or as small as desired; their transparency can also be changed, making the targets as easy or as difficult to see as desired.

Target practice can also be played as a hostage scenario. An orange circle imitates a hostage and a blue circle imitates the captor. The captor hides behind the hostage and shows only slivers of itself from behind the hostage. It is the officer's job to shoot the captor, but not the hostage. After the challenge is completed, a screen shows the officer's hits and misses, including where the officer hit the captor or the hostage and how many times.

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Short but Sweet Tenure for Hospital Chief

HRMC CEO retires in June

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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Hendry Regional Medical Center (HRMC) is saying goodbye to their Chief Executive Officer, Lynn Beasley. Although there is no set date, hospital staff and the community alike can expect Beasley's leaving in the beginning of June.

When asked why he was retiring, Beasley playfully responded, "I'm old."

Of course, there are additional reasons; in fact, with over thirty years in the health care industry, Beasley indicated to the hospital board upon his hiring that this would be his last assignment. Three and a half years later, he is ready to retire.

"I have mixed emotions [about] leaving Hendry Regional Medical Center and leaving hospital administration," expressed Beasley, "I've done it a long time and I love what I do. Additionally, I have made many friends here and I've really enjoyed my time here."

In his short tenure, Beasley has accomplished many positive things for HRMC and the Clewiston community.

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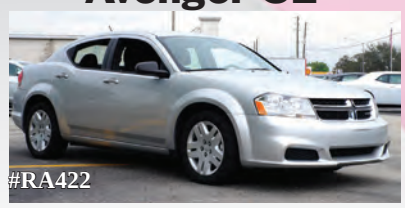

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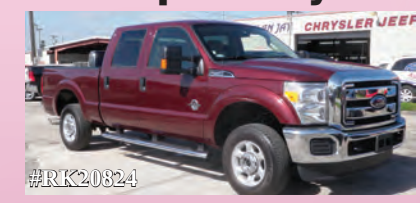

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The Clewiston Ministerial Association is offering three $500 scholarships, open to any Clewiston-area graduating High School Student who attends or is active in a local church, ministry, or Christian Fellowship.

The student must be planning to attend a college, trade school, or institute of higher learning.

Absolute deadline is May 22. Earlier applications are welcome. Applications are available at local churches, by emailing ClewistonPastors@aol.com, or by calling 863-983-5269.

Chemical Dependence Anonymous Meetings

Chemical Dependence Anonymous (CDA) meetings are being held on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., at Clewiston Gospel Ministries Church, located at 6800 Flaghole Road.

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These health fairs are Free and open to the Public. We will be doing free Blood Pressure, Weight, Pulse and Oxygen checks. For More Information please call Tabitha Yebba with Ace Homecare Outreach program at 863-233-1305.

Mini Health Fair: Hope Connections Labelle - Friday, May 17, 2013 11:00 a.m., Cowboy Way Labelle, Fl. Ace HH #: 299991018. Open to the Public.

Mini Health Fair: Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday, May 13, 2013 at 11:30 a.m., 691 U.S. 27 NW Moore Haven, Florida 33471. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the public.

Mini Health fair: Hope Connections Clewiston, Fl, Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., next to the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. Ace HH License #29991018. Open to the public.

Caregiver's Support Group: Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Oakbrook of Labelle, 250 Broward Ave., Labelle, Fl. Ace HH License #: 299991018. Free and Open to the Public.

CHS Class Reunion '03 Organizes

Attention Class of '03, as the 10-year class reunion approaches, we are asking all '03 graduates to please contact Dana Jo Alley-Vallejo at 863-599-1718 or by email at chs.classof2003@yahoo.com with your contact information.

The reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 22. Please help us contact all of our classmates by passing this information along.

WINGS Ladies Night Out at First United Methodist

WINGS (Women in God's Service) is hosting a ladies night out on Saturday, May 11, 6:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Clewiston. We will show the video "Purse-Onality" by Christian Commedian Anita Renfroe.

Of course, when we meet, we eat, so everyone is invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. Open to all women. Bring a friend! Call Alice at 983-5269 with questions.

Murder

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ly. Stevens is also liable for various costs.

Stevens and his partner, Raymond Alberto Diaz, have both been found guilty in the 2007 death of 60-year-old Epitacio Antonio Hernandez-Beltran. Stevens did not take the stand in his own defense at his trial.

Diaz had pled no contest to second degree murder, first degree arson of a dwelling and robbery with a deadly weapon in 2008.

He was adjudicated guilty on all counts and sentenced to life for the murder and robbery charges, and 30 years for the arson. His sentences are also to run concurrently.

The murder occurred on the night of October 16-17, 2007.

The victim was beaten, kicked, hog tied and eventually strangled in his mobile home in Montura.

His mobile home was then set afire. However, the fire was doused by the Montura firefighters, leaving the victim's body and vital evidence intact. The body was discovered by firefighters, who were notified by a neighbor who noticed smoke coming from the home early on October 17, 2007.

The trial was held in Twentieth Circuit Court Judge Christine Greider's courtroom in LaBelle and argued by defense attorneys Terrence Lenamon and Kevin Shirley, who argued that mitigation was compelling in Stevens' case. Assistant State Attorneys Dan Feinberg and Denise Kaiser prosecuted the case, arguing that Stevens was the dominant actor of the pair and had ample opportunity to break off the attack.

Proceedings began January 2.

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Religion Column

Wings of Love

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

In honor of mothers everywhere, of future mothers and mothers past, I share this story of a mother's love.

Landscapes, such as those seen in Yellowstone, have long been shaped by wild fires. Some wild fires are creeping ground fires, often described as "good" for grass production; others include large-scale infernos, which sweep across the park's vast volcanic plateaus and can last for weeks. These are hot, wind-driven fires torching the trunks of the pine and fir trees, leaving acres of burnt countryside. In the 2012 fire season, there were a total of 18 fires -- six person-caused fires and 12 lightning-caused fires.

JOHN HICKS

After each fire, staff in Yellowstone National Park go to work surveying the impacts of the fires on wildlife, plants, historic structures, trails, etc. During one of these assessments some years ago, rangers came across a vivid testimony to God's promise in Psalm 91:4: "He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

> "The loving mother bird, keenly aware of the impending disaster, had carried her babies to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, protecting them from the heat and toxic smoke. Because she had been willing to die, her babies, under the cover of her wings, survived."
>
> **— John Hicks**

At the base of a tree, completely charred in ashes, a ranger found the carcass of a bird. Upon some curious inspiration, the ranger turned the bird over with a stick. When he did, three tiny chicks scurried out from under their dead mother's wings.The loving mother bird, keenly aware of the impending disaster, had carried her babies to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, protecting them from the heat and toxic smoke. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her little ones. Because she had been willing to die, her babies, under the cover of her wings, survived.

Just like the bird, our God loves us sacrificially and longs to gather us together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings for protection and nurture (Matthew 23:37). Many times, mothers are the instrument God uses. Mother's Day is coming up soon. Why not use it as an opportunity to remember to thank God for our mothers? Whether good or not-so-good, they gave birth to us, and we can thank God for that! Mothers, we honor you and thank God for you! For all of the sacrifices you make, for all that you do, for the kindness you show, for the love you give, and for the example you are. We love you with all our hearts! May God bless you on your special day!

Closing thoughts: Things my mother taught me. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

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Visiting Exhibition Honors 'People of the Water'

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

Florida's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Spanish Explorer Juan Ponce de Leon came to Okeechobee Thursday, with a presentation about a people who lived in Okeechobee long before the white settlers came.

The People of the Water lived in this area for over 2,500 years with settlements as far north as Lake Wales and as south as Boynton Beach. They built villages and towns along the rivers and lake shore on high ground.

A travelling exhibition for Viva Florida, entitled "We Were Here," presented by the Lawrence E. Will Museum in Belle Glade, has visited several libraries in the Heartland Region and was in the Okeechobee Library between April 9 and May 4.

"These people used the waters of Florida in a way that worked for them, and has never been duplicated," said Catherine Smith, archaeologist.

There are very few references about this group by Europeans. They were not welcoming and were not friendly to Europeans. There were also few contacts between the two.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Catherine Smith addressed about 20 people at the Okeechobee County Library Thursday night.

The people relied heavily on a marine diet of fish, clams, snails, shellfish, alligator, snakes and water fowl. They travelled by building canals. In fact the longest canal system ever in North America existed at this time starting at Ortona in present day Glades County, linking Lake Okeechobee with the west coast of Florida. That meant they could trade with many other groups in South Florida. They traded a lot of property. Even metal common in Lake Michigan has been located during archaeological digs here.

"There is evidence they used dredging. It is shown that they dug canals all over the place. It is hard to tell if it was an historic river or a man made canal. It was their way of creating roads," she added.

There was no evidence these people ever had a problem with hunger. People on the coasts of Florida had trouble with food supplies as they had to share with Europeans. The water people also had sophisticated hunting techniques with sharp knives and weapons, many of them made out of rock. They built sturdy dugout canoes as long as 45 feet from cypress and pine logs that were hollowed and shaped with burning, shell and stone axes.

Researchers of the group were aided in the past decade due to low water levels on Lake Okeechobee. A Palm Beach archaeologist was able to rescue a large number of artifacts in the lake on several sites that had been submerged by water since the construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Ms. Smith said the people were strong and used ingenuity in order to survive the hardships of those times.

"It takes a lot of guts and skill to spear an alligator," Ms. Smith added.

The people also had vegetation to eat, like pond apples, Okeechobee pumpkin, elderberries, and plants. They survived without farming, one of the only groups in North America that did this.

They were very creative and knowledgeable with tools, and even with art. "We have found beautiful wood carvings created by these people," said Ms. Smith.

Most of the people of the water died due to diseases such as smallpox, influenza, and measles that were introduced by Europeans.

There are huge mounds located all around the Lake. Some are as high as 20 feet tall and as large as a present day mall. These projects required a lot of labor and a lot of time.

"They are believed to be ceremonial. Some think they grew crops on them. Others believe they were used as a fishing weir," she added. A burial mound accompanied all of these large mounds. There are at least 13 of these earth works. The closest is in Fort Center west of Lakeport and Nicodemous Slough."

Ms. Smith said there has been very little actual research done on these tribes and only a 1930's dig with the Smithsonian Institute has resulted in major discoveries near Belle Glade.

The people used water bodies to bury their dead in many areas. Ms. Smith intends to seek grant dollars to see if she can determine where the people came from. There is some opinion that they came from South America. She said there are characteristics of the people that don't match tribes in southeast North America. "We just don't know enough about this group. Check with me in a few years. There is a real struggle for funding. I've been fortunate as I've had a community willing to step up and help me," said Ms. Smith.

Some of the mounds have been destroyed, while the Belle Glade mound has been thoroughly excavated. Ms. Smith said she did not know of an archaeological dig in Okeechobee County. Some of the known mounds are on private property.

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Mini-Grants for Teachers

Does your school budget forbid you from starting a new project? Here's your chance! There is money available to you for integrating agriculture in your classroom.

All kindergarten through 12th grade educators are welcome to apply. Florida Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom (FFB-AITC) is pleased to offer a Mini-Grant program for educators during the school year. This FFB-AITC grant is a public/private partnership serving K-12th grade education with a goal of helping to increase the understanding of agriculture among students and educators.

The program is administered through Florida Farm Bureau, Florida's oldest and largest general farm organization. 2013 – 2014 Mini Grant will be available at this location as of August 1, 2013. To download the application, go to http://www.floridafarmbureau.org/programs/teacher_mini_grants

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Thomas Henry Mancil, 80

LAKE CITY — Thomas Henry Mancil of Lake City, Fla. passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at VA Medical Center, in Lake City, Fla. following a brief illness.

Mr. Mancil was born on Jan. 3,1933 in Pearson, Ga. to the late Richmond and Mattie Davis Mancil.

Mr. Mancil was a member of the Southview Church of God in Douglas, Ga. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in which he helped his fellow veterans. Mr Mancil was a farmer.

Survivors include his son, Antonio (Elaine) Mancil, of Ocala, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Mancil and a son, Gregory Mancil

Funeral Service were held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Sims Funeral Home with Rev. Hilton Martin officiating with Benji Capps giving the Eulogy.

Interment followed at Royals Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were Mr. Mancils grandsons, Dr. Richmond Mancil, Matthew Mancil, Travis Mancil, Cody Mancil, Wes Mancil, and nephew Don Mancil. Honorary Pallbearers were his Granddaughters: Laura Mancil and Dr. Twyla Mancil. Sims Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Irma C. Stein, 78

WILLISTON — Irma C. Stein passed away on May 3, 2013.

She was born on January 8, 1935 in West Palm Beach, Fla. to Fritz and Ruth Stein.

She moved to Williston, Fla. in 1980 from Fairfield, Fla. She was of the Methodist faith. She was a member of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association. She was passionate about health, fitness and nutrition. She enjoyed being outdoors and loved nature, horse breeding, and raising cats and dogs, but most of all raising her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons Forrest Smith III (Nancy), Chris Smith (Julie), Nathaniel Wright; daughters Shari Eisaman (Barry), Robin Vause; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter Mari Michelle Smith.

The family plans to hold a memorial service on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Eisaman Equine Farm 15749 West Highway 316 Williston, FL. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

Lethea Marie Nall, 83

CLEWISTON — Lethea Marie Nall of Ft. Myers, Fla., passed away on Monday, April 29, 2013. She was a native of Madison County, Fla. and a longtime resident of Clewiston, Fla. before moving to Ft. Myers.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Clementz (Bill); step son, James W. Nall; brothers, Bill Blackwell (June), Harry Blackwell (Joann), and John Blackwell (Linda); sister-in-law, Betty Blackwell; grandchildren, Christine Nall Clementz Elrod (Tony) and Casey William Clementz; step-grandchildren, Beth, Jay, Eddie, Robin, Tina and Bridgette; one great-grandchild, Alexandria Clementz Elrod; and one step-great-grandchild, Phillip Swift; also many cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Beder E. Nall; step daughter, Wilma Faye Taylor; and brothers, Archie and Donald Blackwell.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in the Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston, Fla.

The family requests contributions are to be made in her memory to Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Inc., 12468 Brantley Commons Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33907.

Family and friends may sign the guest register and leave a condolence message by visiting www.dignifiedcremations.com http://www.dignifiedcremations.com/

Betty Wilma DeVane, 81

CLEWISTON — Betty Wilma DeVane passed away April 26, 2013.

She was born Aug. 25, 1931 in Ritta, Fla., to the late John Elbert and the late Mildred (Archer) Hester.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathy J. Hall (Gary) of Clewiston, Fla., Sandy D. Hall (Malcolm) of Clewiston, FL; grandchildren, Miranda Whidden (Matt), Lauren Thompson (Joseph), Lindsay Hall; and great-grandchild, Cort Whidden.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Madison George DeVane.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 29, 2013 at 11 am at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston, Fla.

You may view the online obituary and light a candle in remembrance of Betty and leave your condolences to her family at:

www.akin-davis.com

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

May is National Asthma Month

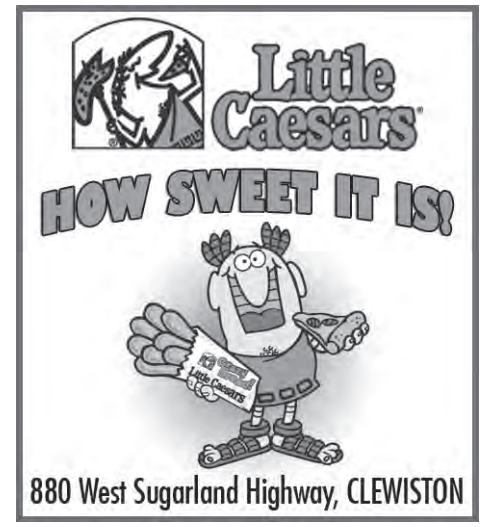
Department of Health encourages awareness

Courtesy Photo

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) recognizes May as National Asthma Awareness Month and takes the opportunity to educate Floridians regarding diagnosis and treatment programs committed to improving the lives of those diagnosed with asthma.

"Asthma affects the lives of an estimated 2.8 million Floridians, 720,000 of whom are children," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "As a chronic lung disease, asthma is readily manageable. The Department is working with other statewide partners to make life better for Floridians with asthma."

Asthma is a chronic disease that affects all age groups, yet can be more severe among children, women, African Americans, and Puerto Ricans. The Florida Asthma Coalition is working to eliminate asthma disparities, improve quality of life, and reduce costs. The Florida Asthma Plan provides action steps, identifies partners, and pinpoints measures of progress and success. The Florida Asthma Coalition and its partners offer the Asthma Friendly Childcare Recognition program. Centers that earn the recognition are better equipped to support children with asthma. The online staff training is free and covers topics like offering support to children and families who are dealing with asthma, ensuring children with asthma have an asthma action plan on file and providing asthma educational opportunities for parents.



NOTICE

The Regular Meeting Of The Glades County School Board Scheduled For June 13, 2013 Has Been Re-Scheduled For June 6, 2013 At 6:00p.m. In The Glades County School Board Meeting Room

400 10th Street, SW
Moore Haven, Florida 33471

NOTICE

The Glades County School Board Will Hold A Public Hearing On May 23, 2013 To Consider Adoption Of The Following Policies. The Public Hearing Will Be Held At 9:30a.m., Or As Soon Thereafter As It May Be Heard, In The Glades County School Board Meeting Room.

400 10th Street, SW
Moore Haven, Florida 33471

1) District Dress Code Policy
2) Code of Student Conduct and Parent Guide
3) Electronic Funds Transfer Policy
4) Information Technology Policy

Copies Of The Proposed Policies Are Available By Contacting
The Glades County School District
Superintendent's Office
400 10th Street, SW, P. O. Box 459
Moore Haven, Florida 33471
(863)946-2083

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 1 cent per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.41/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida. This compares with the national average that has increased 1 cent per gallon in the last week to $3.51/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 28.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 16.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 7.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 26.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average has begun to tip-toe higher in the last week, led by states in the Great Lakes and West Coast where gasoline prices have crept up considerably in some areas over the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Oil prices have rebounded, and with the recent strength in stocks trickling over to commodities, I do expect retail gasoline prices to inch up in the weeks ahead. The biggest increases will be along the West Coast where gasoline supply remains at an ultra-tight status, but prices will also increase in many other areas, led higher by the rally in crude prices we've witnessed in the last week," DeHaan said.

David Simpson: Bird Guide and Consultant to Speak

The Hendry Glades Audubon Annual Covered Dish Dinner and Elections will be held May 13 in LaBelle at the Dallas Townsend Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle, Florida at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us for a potluck dinner before the meeting. Current officers have agreed to serve an additional term if elected. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

At 7 p.m., David Simpson will present a free program "Breeding Bird Atlas II (2012-2016)". Learn how to get involved in this statewide project. David worked for many years with the FDEP as a Park Service Specialist and park ranger. About three years ago, he set out on his own as a bird guide and consultant. Since November 2010, he has been living and working out of Clewiston, consulting, guiding, and county listing. David was an atlaser in the first BBA (1986-1991). Currently, he is the regional coordinator for BBA II Region 8 and has been volunteering his time working with and training folks in other parts of the state, including Hendry and Glades Counties.

For information contact Butch Wilson 863-983-2870 or Margaret England (863) 674-0695 sta5birding@embarqmail.com.

May is 'Older Americans Month'

As the country's baby boomers age, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is finding ways to prevent the accompanying wave of elder abuse that looms.

The Elder Justice Coordinating Council is bringing together leaders from across the administration -- the Department of Justice, the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, anwd others -- to join the HHS Administration on Community Living in shining a bright light on the issues of financial exploitation, neglect, and abuse of older Americans. (Alzheimer's disease and dementia are risk factors for elder abuse.)

"Older Americans Month" gives us a special opportunity to reach out to the elders in our lives, to thank them for their contributions and to encourage them to unleash the power of age and share it with us.

Visit the Older Americans Month website at www.olderamericansmonth.acl.gov for ideas on celebrating older Americans.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **May 28, 2013 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the recommendations of the Local Planning Agency and make a final determination on the vacation of the proposed two (2) road right-of-ways in LaBelle Estates subdivision.

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.

All persons wishing to be heard on this issue may appear at said meeting. 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.

Petition Number: VC13-0001

Applicant/Agent: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VACATION OF TWO PROPOSED ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED IN THE LABELLE ESTATES SUBDIVISION IN THE RESIDENTIAL/MEDIUM DENSITY (RG-2) ZONING DISTRICT.

Location: 1625 Fort Denaud Road, LaBelle, Fl

Property size: 0.65 acres +/- (the acreage of the road right-of-ways being vacated)

Request: The applicant is requesting a vacation of two proposed road right-of-ways in LaBelle Estates as follows:

- The entire un-vacated portion of Maple Street, as depicted in the subdivision known as LaBelle Estates which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 32 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
- The portion of Washington Avenue which extends from the westerly right-of-way of Maple Street to the southerly extension of the east line of Lot 22, Block 2, as depicted in the subdivision known as LaBelle Estates which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 32 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Legal description of subject property:

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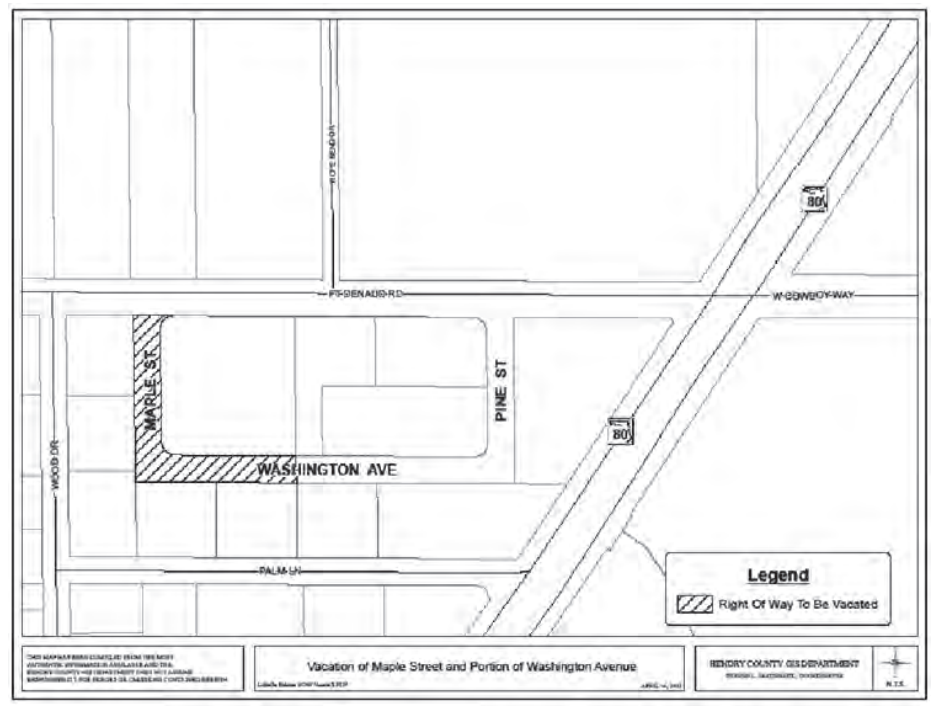

Karson Turner, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Inland Birding Fun: Florida Scrub-Jay (FLSJ)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Why should you help with a Second Florida Breeding Bird Atlas? (BBA II)

"Atlas surveys are fun, much like any birding trip. They involve keeping a list of birds you see and trying to find as many kinds as you can; just like a Christmas Bird Count but easier, or a big day but not all day, or a trip to a wildlife refuge. It is done on your own time schedule" - and often from your home - "It's birding with a purpose!" (FOS BBA II Handbook)

We are all volunteers! So we will not be competing for scarce conservation funds needed for other conservation initiatives. Running this project without funding is our gift to conservation. We can do it, and it falls squarely within the Florida Ornithological Society and Hendry-Glades Audubon objectives. We need your help! We will provide a field card and a map for your very own piece of Florida, and we'll get you started. Cards are submitted annually for each block.

PHOTO/ MARGARET ENGLAND

Florida Scrub-Jay in Hendry County.

The breeding "safe date" window for most bird species in our area is April through July, but the Florida Scrub Jay's "safe dates" are March 1 through June 30. During the next few months, volunteers will be searching for recently fledged Scrub-Jays. The Florida Scrub-Jay, which is only found in Florida, is listed as a threatened species by the federal and state governments. Please submit your sightings in Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties to ebird (/ebird.org) or on a BBA II Field Card.

Florida Scrub-Jays are similar in size and shape to the more common Blue Jay, but these Jays differ in color pattern. The Florida Scrub-Jay is a crestless jay that lacks bold black markings, white tail feathers, and wing spots. The Florida Scrub –Jay's head, wings and tail are sky-blue, and it has a pale gray body. It has a white throat and blue-gray "bib." Juveniles have a dull brown head; adults have a short raspy call that is harsher than a Blue Jay's. Adult females will make a rattling sound.

Florida Scrub-Jay's habitat is largely restricted to dry scrub oak, sand pine, or scrubby coastal stands. These birds live in groups of two to ten individuals, which include one mated pair and "helpers." One member of the group will act as a sentinel, while the other members of the family forage on the ground for insects, acorns, seeds, or berries. They eat a variety of small vertebrates, including snakes, frogs, toads, lizards, nestling birds, bird's eggs, and mice.

The nests, made up of twigs lined with cabbage palm or palmetto fibers, are built three to ten feet above the ground in a scrub oak thicket. Three to four blue-green eggs are incubated by the female for 17 to 18 days. The young fledge when they are 16 to 18 days old.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available To CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized tribal lands may qualify for additional tribal benefits (up to an additional $25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to $100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for $9.95* per month for the first 12 months of service. Further details are available at centurylink.com/internetbasics.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-888-833-9522 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

***CenturyLink Internet Basics Program** – Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the \first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of $9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to $14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or independently purchase a modem/router, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. **General** – Services not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. **Terms and Conditions** – All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at centurylink.com. **Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges** – Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.

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FWC Scientists Discover New Bass Species

COURTESY PHOTO

Scientists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have uncovered a new species of black bass in the southeastern United States. Scientists have proposed naming the new species the Choctaw bass and recommended the scientific name of Micropterus haiaka. They revealed their discovery at a meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society earlier this year.

FWC scientists first noted a DNA profile that did not belong to any recognized species while testing a bass specimen from the Chipola River in 2007, as part of a broader genetic study of bass.

"We didn't set out to find a new species," said Mike Tringali, who heads the genetics laboratory at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "It found us."

After confirming the initial discovery, scientists searched for the DNA profile in bass caught in nearby rivers to determine the species' range. They found that the Choctaw bass inhabits coastal river systems in Alabama and along the western Florida panhandle, including the Choctawhatchee River.

"We chose the name 'Choctaw bass' because the species' range overlaps the historic range of the Choctaw Indians," said Tringali. "As for our recommended scientific name, Micropterus haiaka, 'haiaka' is a Choctaw word that means 'revealed.'"

The American Fisheries Society must approve the suggested scientific name for it to take effect.

The Choctaw bass is very similar in appearance to its relative, the spotted bass. The physical differences between the two species are not easily seen with the naked eye, one reason they had never before been distinguished despite decades of bass studies in the region.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Hendry County Waste Management **has extended Curbside Recycling to your area. You will receive two bins the last week in May and service will begin the first week in June**

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, clean food boxes and cardboard should be broken down or cut up to 4' x 4' or less pieces.
- Bottles, jugs, glass and plastic containers should be rinsed.
- Separation of materials is not necessary.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE:

- Aluminum soda/beer cans/foil/pie pans
- Glass soda/beer/liquor/wine bottles; jelly/salsa/any other clear/brown/green bottles/jars
- Metal soup/fruit/juice/pet food/tuna/vegetables cans
- Paper news/magazines/bags/phone books/junk mail/catalogs/office/computer/cardboard/cereal boxes/gift boxes/pasta boxes
- Plastic containers marked #1 through #7, milk jugs/detergent/bleach/water/soda/shampoo bottles/butter/whipped topping tubs/#2 black nursery plant pots
- Christmas wrapping paper/boxes-no ribbons please)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Aluminum pots/pans/cooking utensils/door screens/lawn furniture
- Glass medicine bottles/dishes/drinking glasses/windows/mirrors/Pyrex or Corning cookware
- Metal tools/car parts/license plates/cutlery
- Paper shredded/packaging with waxed layer, such as in juice boxes or waxed cardboard
- Plastic bags/chemical bottles/motor oil/antifreeze/flower pots (except black #2)/medicine viles/egg cartons/polystyrene trays/newspaper sleeves/Styrofoam

These items need to be disposed of with the regular household garbage. Most grocery stores have a recycling container to return plastic bags.

PICKUP SCHEDULE:

Put out within 6' of curb by 6 am, to ensure pick up.

North LaBelle/Fort Denaud/Wheeler Road Areas:
Pickup Day will be Thursday.

Port LaBelle/South Montura Areas:
Pickup Day will be Wednesday.

South 29/Leon Dennis/Pioneer/LaDeca/Everhigh Areas:
Pickup Day will be Monday.

Clewiston US 27/Harlem/Hookers Point Areas:
Pickup Day will be Tuesday.

Flaghole/North Montura Areas:
Pickup Day will be Friday.

Questions:		
	Hendry County Special Districts	863-675-5252
	Progressive (WSI/North area Hauler)	863-675-2481
	CDI (South area Hauler)	863-675-7713

PROGRAMA DE RECICLAJE

Hendry County Waste Management **se ha extendido de reciclaje de su zona. Usted recibirá dos contenedores de la última semana de mayo y el servicio se iniciará la primera semana de Junio.**

COSAS A TENER EN CUENTA:

- Periódicos, revistas, correo basura, cajas de alimentos limpios y cartón deben desglosarse o cortados hasta 4'x4 'o menos piezas.
- Botellas, jarros, vidrio y envases de plástico deben ser enjuagados.
- La separación de los materiales no es necesario.

ARTÍCULOS PARA RECICLAR:

Aluminio - latas de refresco / cerveza / papel aluminio / pie cacerolas

Glass - / botellas de licor / vino refresco / cerveza, jalea / salsa / otras botellas / frascos claro / marrón / verde

Metal - Sopa / fruta / jugo / alimentos para mascotas / atún / verduras puede

Papel - Noticias / revistas / bolsos / guías telefónicas / correo basura / catálogos / oficina / ordenador / cartón / cajas de cereales / cajas de regalo / cajas de pasta

Plastico - Contenedores marcado # 1 al # 7, jarras de leche / detergentes / lejía / agua / refrescos / botellas / mantequilla/ champú/ crema batida bañeras / # 2 macetas de vivero negro

Navidad envoltura de papel / cajas (sin cintas)

LOS ARTÍCULOS NO ACEPTADOS:

- Ollas de aluminio / sartenes / utensilios de cocina / puerta de pantallas / muebles de jardín
- Vidrio medicina botellas / platos / vasos / ventanas / espejos potable / pyrex
- Herramientas de metal / piezas / platos / cubiertos carnet de conducir
- Papel triturado/ envase con una capa de cera, por ejemplo en cajas de jugo o de cartón encerado
- Las bolsas de plástico /botellas de productos químicos / aceite de motor / anticongelante / macetas (excepto negro # 2) / medicina viles / huevo cajas / bandejas de poliestireno / periódico mangas / espuma de poliestireno
- Estos artículos deben ser eliminados del ingenio de la basura doméstica normal. La mayoría de los supermercados tienen un contenedor de reciclaje para volver bolsas de plástico.

HORARIO DE RECOGIDA:

Ponga en el plazo de 6' de la acera a las 6 am, para garantizar la recogida.

North LaBelle / Fort Denaud / áreas Wheeler Road:
Recoge día será el jueves

Puerto LaBelle / área del sur de Montura:
recoger día será el miércoles

Sur 29 / Leon Dennis / Pioneer / LaDeca / Everhigh Acres:
recoger día será el lunes

Clewiston US27/Harlem/Hookers Point:
recoger día será el martes

Flaghole / North áreas Montura:
recoger a día será el viernes

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Traffic Stop Doles Out 4 Felony Charges for Local Man

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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A Clewiston man faces four separate charges after a routine traffic stop landed him in jail on April 30. Colbert Skinner, 21, of Clewiston, was a passenger in his friend's silver Mercury, when it was stopped by Officer Garrett of the Clewiston Police Department, due to an "inoperable side mirror," according to police reports. Officer Garrett stated in a police report, that she observed a lot of movement inside the vehicle as she approached, as if the occupants were switching seats or concealing something.

Officer Garrett asked the driver of the car, Jason Jones, 31, of Dothan, AL, to roll down his window. Upon doing so, Officer Garrett stated she smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. Jones told Officer Garrett that he had an active warrant for his arrest in Hardee County in Alabama. During this communication, Officer Garrett noticed two passengers in the back continuing to move, as if attempting to conceal something, according to police reports. Officer Garrett promptly requested a backup unit to assist her.

Jones' license came back as suspended or revoked and his warrant from Hardee County was confirmed; Hardee County was also willing to extradite. Officer Garrett placed Jones under arrest for fugitive from justice in state, whereupon she noticed a plastic cup sitting within reach of Jones. Jones told Officer Garrett that the cup contained alcohol, according to reports.

The owner of the vehicle was front seat passenger Elnora Spaulding. Officer Garrett indicated to Spaulding that due to the smell of marijuana, a search of the vehicle would be conducted, according to police reports. Spaulding replied, "Go ahead."

The second passenger in the vehicle, Colbert Skinner, was asked to step out of the car by Officer Garrett, who saw that Skinner was drinking a similar drink to that of Jones', according to reports. Officer Garrett conducted a pat down of Skinner's person and found a large sum of cash, 382 dollars, which could be consistent with the distribution of narcotics, as stated by Officer Garrett in the police report.

Officer Garrett then saw a rolled-up Wendy's bag sitting on the back seat, placed under a black shirt, in the area where Skinner had been sitting. According to police reports, Officer Garrett opened the Wendy's bag and found a plastic bag containing marijuana. Two other plastic bags were also found; one bag contained a small amount of marijuana, the other contained four smaller plastic bags filled with cocaine, packaged to sell, as well as four small plastic bags filled with marijuana, also packaged to sell. Also enclosed in the bag were eighteen clear capsules with white powder, which tested postive for ecstasy/MDMA.

Officer Garrett placed Skinner in hand restraints for the safety of the others at the scene, according to reports. Afterwards, Officer Garrett found a pain reliever bottle, which contained a large number of pills printed with the Transformer logo and Super Mario Brothers. The pills contained 16.5 grams of ecstasy, which is considered trafficking.

Officer Garrett placed Skinner under arrest for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and possession of phenethylamines over ten grams, trafficking, according to the police report.

A second rear-seat passenger, Schae Bulloch, 23, of Savannah, GA, was carrying two capsules of ecstasy and was placed under arrest by Officer Garrett, according to reports.

Officer Garrett continued her search of the vehicle, where she found a silver semi-automatic hand gun with black grips, stuffed down in between the driver's seat and the passenger's seat, according to reports. Officer Garrett cleared the weapon and removed the magazine, which contained eleven rounds.

Due to the fact that both Jones and Skinner were convicted felons, both were charged with the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Students are Winding Down at Clewiston Middle

BY GIGI MEZZIO
CMS

It has been a busy Spring at Clewiston Middle School. Students have been FCAT tested, FAIR tested, and are now preparing for FINALS!

The school-wide spelling bee was held on Tuesday, April 30. The winners are 1st Place - Kathy Gomez, 2nd Place - Rebecca Bolix, and 3rd Place - Amber Cornelius. These three lovely and intelligent ladies will be competing in the District Spelling Bee in LaBelle on Tuesday, May 7. "Let the games begin!" They enjoyed a Pizza Party on Friday afternoon, May 3, along with Mrs. T. Thomas's homeroom, who collected the most Pennies For Patients, and the Students of the Month: Yesenia Almanza, Isaiah Young, Albert Zamarippi, Javier Zetino, Zarielle Hodges, Joel McCray, Tauna Coleman, Elizabeth Alvarez, Jose Rivera, Vanessa Carbajal, Lilibeth De La Cruz, Javier Willingham, Priscilla Cossio, Kale Knaack, Ariana Escobar, and Marco Sanchez.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members, along with their sponsor and mentor, Ms Lovvorn Dixon, attended the State Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26, in Orlando. Many hours of hard work and dedication went into preparing for the 63rd Annual State Leadership Conference, "Capture the Moment". Those attending were: SiCoya Chavers, who competed in "Introduction to Business Communications", Kayman Robinson, who competed in Keyboarding, Zarrielle Hodges, Shakayla Hankins, Bryana Snelgrove, Shanya Hunter, Curtesha Midget, Alexis Johnson, and AlQuonne Brown.

8th graders enthusiastically traveled to Busch Gardens on Friday, May 3, for the annual "8th grader Grad Bash", along with their brave and dedicated teachers. A great time was had by all!

This Friday, May 10, A/B Honor Roll students will be treated to a pizza party to celebrate their achievements. These students have worked hard to maintain above average grades: Kelsey Allison, Madison Bain, Rebecca Benitez, Tamara Carter, Sissai Diaz, Marielena Frenes, Brittany Funderburk, Kathy Gomez, Ernesto Guerra, Julissa Hernandez, Saray Hernandez, Ty'Kierra Hudson, Jordon Jackson, Jennyfer Mesa, Maria Morales, Katherine Moseley, Carolyn Peguero, Martin Perez, Silvia Raya, Brittney Shelton, Charles Snelgrove, Zenyda Soriano, Basil Tady, Rachel Valdes Moya, Jose Velasquez Olvera, Joanna Villalobos, Jared Walker, and Sara Walker.

CMS recently held cheerleader tryouts for the 2013-14 school year. Those picked to lead the school in "spirit and rockin' those cute uniforms" are: Shanyia Hunter, Amanda Pereiro, Zoie Cotton, Victoria Wheeler, Lauryn Vanum, Megan Pittman, Jaylee Rangel, Kayman Robinson, Katie Carmona, Leeana Varnum, Camryn Curry, Eileen Sanchez, Victoria Gomez, Carlie Lawson, Morgan Daniels, Tammy Medrano, Taylor Catlett, and Hannah Hayes. Congratulations to all of our students who represent the Tiger PRIDE!

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Eastside Spelling Bee

Eastside held its annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, May 1. Congratulations to all participants! You did a wonderful job. The final winners were: 1st place - Dakota Ali, 2nd place - Priscila Contreras, and 3rd place - Feria Farness.

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5 Maternity ward event
10 Formal title
13 Destroy
14 Legend automaker
15 1988 Cy Young winner Hershiser
17 1978 hit for the Commodores
20 Microbe
21 Minnesota Wild's org.
22 Status __
23 Safety feature at a dangerous intersection
28 Boxer played by Will Smith
29 __ the finish
30 Give one's word
31 Business bigwig
33 Olympics sled
35 Mideast sultanate
39 English : John :: Welsh : __
40 High male voice
41 Pro __: in proportion
42 Like the night
43 Seek prey
44 Agriculture goddess on the New Jersey state seal
45 Bigger than med.
47 Multinational coin
49 Scintilla
50 False start punishment, in football
55 Hush-hush maritime org.
56 AAA suggestion
57 Just hanging out
58 As expected, or, golfwise, a hint to numbers found in 17-, 23- and 50-Across
64 Work on the deck
65 Steamed
66 The stuff of legends
67 25-Down student
68 Shows up
69 Gets the picture

DOWN

1 Museum display
2 "How's that again?"
3 Instrument "played" for a hairbrush microphone user
4 Scornful look
5 Role for Keaton and Kilmer
6 "Here," on Metro maps
7 Mojito liquor
8 Former Senator Lott
9 Discuss in detail
10 Note after fa
11 Kirkuk native
12 Excavated anew
16 France's third most populous cité
18 "Desert Fox" Rommel
19 Dog food brand
23 Meant to happen
24 Tony whose #6 was retired by the Twins
25 New Haven sch.
26 Dumbfounded
27 Gave one's word
32 Oft-sprained joint
34 Hopped out of bed
36 Bread with swirls stolen by Jerry in a classic "Seinfeld" episode
37 What the dog did with the homework?
38 Foul, as weather
40 Showy
44 Time-share unit
46 Greek street food
48 Treats again, as a sprain
50 Dandy fellows
51 Blown away
52 Like YouTube videos gone wild
53 Nostalgia-inducing
54 Homecoming group
59 "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity" org.
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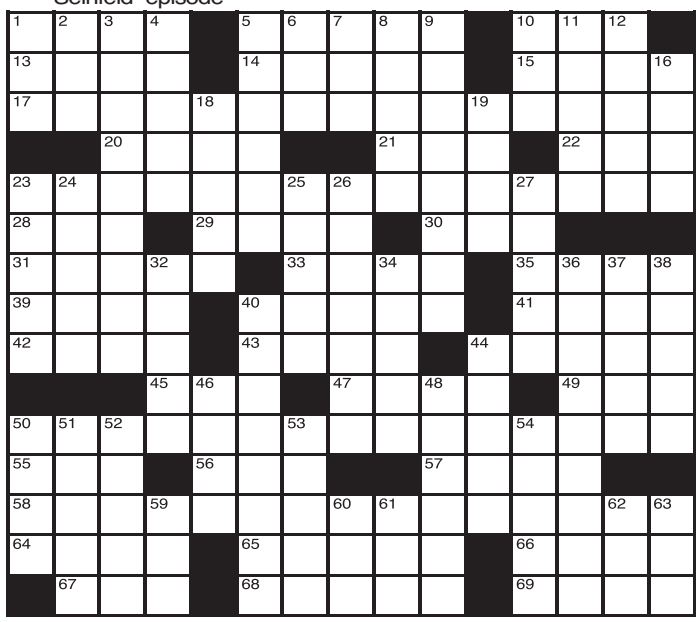

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Miss Teen Florida Latina

Once again "Clewiston " brings the title home. Jocelyn Martinez competed with 19 young ladies from the state of Florida in a three-day event. On Sunday evening Jocelyn Martinez was crowned Miss Teen Florida Latina 2013. She is so young and yet such a great role model. Jocelyn is pictured above on the right.

CEO

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Beasley was most proud of the fact that 72 percent of voters approved using a portion of their taxes to guarantee repayment of the debt acquired during construction.

"When I came here, the board asked that we work toward ... holding a special election and getting the people in the community to vote in favor of us doing a pretty major hospital construction project -- about 16 million dollars -- and we organized for that special election and I was very pleased to see that the voters overwhelmingly approved using a portion of our taxes to guarantee repayment of the debt," said Beasley.

Under Beasley's guidance, construction of the new E.R. was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Beasley did not hesitate to express his satisfaction in this achievement.

"We have a beautiful new E.R., [operating room] suites, a new front door, patient registration, outpatient surgery and laboratory here in Clewiston as a result. We see that as very positive," expressed Beasley.

A number of new staff members were also recruited during Beasley's three and a half years, including several physicians, mid-level practitioners and clinical staff.

"I believe I've made a positive difference since I've been here," stated an unassuming Beasley, "with the help of a lot of people."

His influence will be felt long after the new CEO takes his place. The next question, however, is who will be sitting at Beasley's desk come June?

According to Beasley, the hospital board of directors have gone through quite a few applicants and have narrowed them down to two potential candidates.

An offer was made by the board early last week to one of the lucky two and this individual was to give his answer to the board by the end of the week, according to Beasley.

When asked to give the newcomer some words of advice, Beasley responded humbly.

"The candidate has run a hospital for a number of years and so I think my role in transition with him would be of an informational and background standpoint," said Beasley, "but that candidate ... has been there and done that and run a critical access hospital very similar to Hendry Regional Medical Center, so I would defer to his wisdom about how to run a hospital!"

> "I'll certainly miss the people here, and will have many fond memories of my time here."
>
> **— Lynn Beasley**

As Beasley's retirement draws nearer, he sends his warm regards to the HRMC staff he worked beside for the last three and a half years.

"I'll certainly miss the people here, and will have many fond memories of my time here," expressed Beasley.

Since this interview, the candidate accepted the job offer made last week. It was confirmed by Mr. Beasley, that the man replacing him is Mr. R.D. Williams of North Carolina; he will begin June 3. Mr. Beasley will remain at the hospital for a week or so to help in the transition.

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Arrest Report

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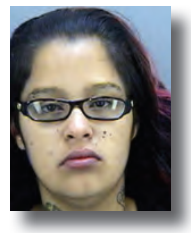
Arsenio Coring, 27

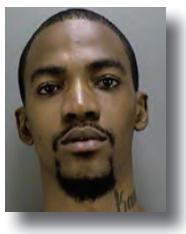
Arrested on 04/29/2013 by Officer Rojas
For possession of weapon by convicted felon

Courtney Billie, 20



Arrested on 05/03/2013 by Officer Hicks
For fugitive from justice in state

Harry Petit-Bien, 23

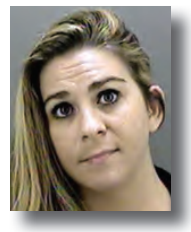


Arrested on 05/04/2013 by Sergeant Clay
For Carrying Concealed Weapon

Schae Bulloch, 23

Arrested on 04/30/2013 by Officer Garrett
For possession of marijuana over 20g

Brianne Peacock, 31



Arrested on 05/03/2013 by Officer Garrett
For fugitive from justice in state

Kevin Nelson, 26

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Arrested on 05/04/2013 by Lieutenant Rowan
For Possession of Cocaine

Alexander Rubio, 22

Arrested on 05/03/2013 by Sergeant Malley
For Damage of Property over $200

Antojuan Brady, 32

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Arrested on 05/04/2013 by Officer Garrett
For DUI

Kenneth Young, 57

Arrested on 05/05/2013 by Officer Rojas
For DUI

Colbert Skinnner, 21

Arrested on 04/30/2013 by Officer Garrett
For Possession of Cocaine with intent to sell; possession of weapon by convicted felon; drugs-trafficking; possession of marijuana with intent to sell

Jason Jones, 31

Arrested on 04/30/2013 by Officer Garrett
For non-moving traffic violation; possession of weapon by convicted felon; fugitive from justice in state

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Religion Column

Mother's Day: Imperfect Reflections on a Near-Perfect Gift

BY REVEREND SAMUEL S. THOMAS, PH. D.+
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I have often reflected on the words from Psalm 91 when it comes to a certain blessing that I have received.

It is about those who put their trust in God, whom God saves, and whom God rescues because they love God.

The Psalm ends with the phrase "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation (vs. 16)." I have a blessed presence in my life with such a person; my mother.

She is approaching one hundred; in a few days, she will begin her hundredth year as she celebrates her ninety-ninth birthday. She has been a wealth of understanding; that's one of the things mothers do for their children. She has nurtured, protected, supported and loved her children even through those developmental moments when children can be "challenging," to say the least.

Now that the battles of youth are long over, we share a common pool of memories; and with her revelations about the early years, I begin to appreciate more deeply this source that sustained and directed my life.

She is a repository of family history; the sources from where I take my being and identity.

She is a powerful advocate when a new challenge presents itself in my life; the one who says "Go for it!" and stands behind my venturing into new areas. Like the vast majority of mothers, life was not particularly easy for her.

Our mothers grew up with hardships. Many of them would tell me about the effects of war on their families and the limited incomes, which meant tight budgets at home.

But even with all these hardships, no Christmas celebration was neglected; no birthday was ever ignored, somehow the baseball glove or the bicycle appeared. There was that abiding presence of God in values given and forgiveness that freely came.

SAMUEL THOMAS

With it came the healing that children do not often find in a judgmental and broken world.

Mothers were the ones who made sure the lunch was packed and everything was on hand when the school bus arrived or when the chores were the foundations for becoming responsible adults.

In the midst of her own work, schedule adjustments were made when a sudden illness upset the routine, or when unplanned emergencies rearranged priorities.

These were the moments when mothers told us in no uncertain terms about the importance of our place in her life; we came first.

Above all, whatever activities, whatever jobs, whatever priorities, they were the tangible signs that she is first and foremost – mother.

I think that if we are to find perfection on this earth, mothers are pretty close to it. Perhaps it is our mothers who bear an image of God to us in our earliest years.

It is understandable why they do what they do; God gave them a part of His image to share with those of us who would come after them and carry it forward.

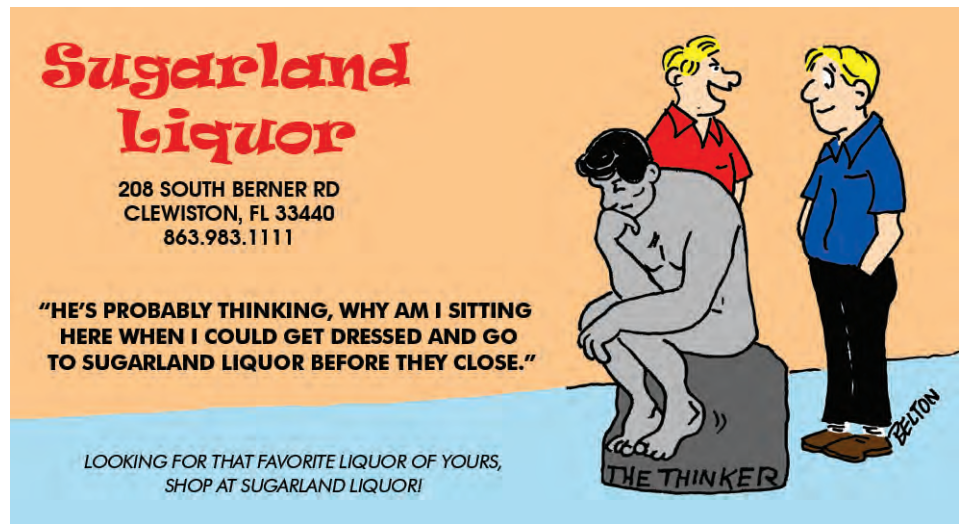
I see in the Psalmists words why they are blessed, why God gives them a long life to watch over us – and if not on this earth, then from Heaven above; whom God saves, who have learned to trust Him in spite of all of the hardships along the way.

No wonder they have earned His salvation. Words will not express what we need to say to them: "Thank you" is so inadequate, our gifts are so imperfect. Perhaps a reiteration of "I love you" may be a beginning. Mothers know about love; the assurance that it's known from them and through them might be our start when our words leave us short.

A prayer of thanksgiving, being there in person or through our prayers, they'll bless us once more for it.

"These were the moments when mothers told us in no uncertain terms about the importance of our place in her life; we came first."

— Samuel S. Thomas



Car Chase Ends in Arrests

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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The night of Brown Sugar Festival did not end well for three individuals, who took police on a two-block chase down U.S. 27, after a possible narcotics transaction, according to police reports.

On May 4, Sergeant Curtis Clay of the Clewiston Police Department (CPD) heard Officer Pilon, also of CPD, request assistance over the radio. Officer Pilon had seen a man carrying what looked like narcotics at the Marathon Gas Station on U.S. 27 in Clewiston. When the man saw Officer Pilon, he turned and handed the alleged narcotics to the passenger of an orange Camaro, which promptly left the gas station parking lot, according to Officer Pilon in a police report.

Officer Pilon quickly followed the vehicle onto U.S. 27 and once behind it, turned on his emergency lights and siren, signaling for the Camaro to stop. The Camaro, however, did not stop and continued two more blocks down U.S. 27, before Sergeant Clay pulled his patrol vehicle into the middle of the intersection of W.C. Owen and U.S. 27, according to reports.

Once officers successfully stopped the fleeing vehicle, they conducted a search of the car and its occupants. Sergeant Clay reported smelling a strong odor of marijuana coming from the stopped Camaro. A small bag containing about two grams of marijuana was found in the front pocket of the driver of the vehicle, Dave Jerome, 24, of Boynton Beach, along with 205 dollars, according to reports.

Officers then began searching the vehicle. Under a couple of baseball caps in a Swisher Sweet cigar box, they found another small bag of marijuana, weighing 2.2 grams with the packaging. In the back seat, a blue-steel colored 25 semi-automatic hand gun was found; the handle was visible under the backseat where passenger Harry Petit-Bien, 22, of Boynton Beach, had been sitting, according to reports.

All three passengers were read their rights by Sergeant Clay, who then asked the three men about the marijuana and the firearm. All three told police they had been smoking marijuana on their way to Clewiston, according to reports, and no one had given them any drugs at the Marathon gas station. They explained that the man at the gas station handed them a CD, not drugs. Petit-Bien also admitted to the officers that the hand gun belonged to him and that he had purchased it off the street.

Petit-Bien was charged with the constructive possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and carrying a concealed firearm, which is a felony charge.

COURTESY PHOTO

Reporter Melissa Beltz tries out CPD's simulator for herself.

Simulator

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One of the most important aspects of the simulator, however, is the real-life scenarios it provides. Such scenarios include bar fights, traffic stops, and break-ins, to name just a few. The scenarios are played out with real actors. These actors may tell the officer what to expect before going into a building, or the actor may be a police officer needing protection.

The simulator offers a limitless amount of scenarios, which can be developed and manipulated by an instructor, according to Chief Gutshall.

In one of the scenarios, the officer is responding to a fight at a bar. An actor tells the officer there is a man inside with a gun. The scene then moves into the bar, where a man holds another man hostage with a gun to his head. It is the officer's job to get the captor to put his gun down before the situation escalates. The scenario changes as the officer reacts. For example, this scene could turn ugly if the officer does not successfully "talk down" the captor. By calling out "put the gun down!" and "drop it," the simulator responds to the officer's commands and the captor puts down his gun. If those commands are not made, the captor could shoot the hostage and the officer.

Although it will be a year or two down the road before the fiscal impact of the simulator can be estimated, Chief Gutshall explains that to a certain degree, the simulator replaces the cost of live ammunition, since officers can use it for target practice instead of going to a gun range. Of course, this is just one example.

Perhaps more important than the fiscal impact, however, is the simulator's ability to put officers in situations they can only otherwise experience in real life. According to Chief Gutshall, the simulator's live-action scenarios, as well as its ability to adapt to the officer's commands, help hone the officer's split-second decision making skills and show the officer how far off their aim can be when put in dangerous situations.

The officers use the simulator almost daily, according to Chief Gutshall, especially during shift change.

"We would love to find a permanent home for it," explained Chief Gutshall. The simulator is currently located in the training room of the police station.

Chief Gutshall also explained how certain officers may be seeing situations played out by the simulator for the first time, not having been on the force long enough to experience them in real life.

"The officers like it," said Chief Gutshall. "It's opened some eyes, particularly in the younger troops."

Albelo Makes Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Joel A. Albelo, son of Maria U. Suarez, of Clewiston, and Yoel Albelo, of Miami, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY FLORIDA
Case No.: 13-253-DR

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ROGELIO GARCIA
Husband,
and
JUANA MARIA REYES PERDOMO
Wife,

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

TO: JUANA MARIA REYES PERDOMO

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Agoston Law Group, whose address is 3375 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 400, Naples, Florida 34112 on or before APRIL 20, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at HENDRY County Courthouse whose physical address is 25 HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LA BELLE, FLORIDA 33935, and whose mailing address is PO BOX 1760 LA BELLE, FLORIDA 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.**

The action is asking the court to decide how real or personal property should be divided.

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

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

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

Dated: 3-26-2013
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ R. DE LA CRUZ
Deputy Clerk
441404 CN 4/25 & 5/2, 9, 16/ 2013

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, May 17th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L. Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of: Jessinea Powell,** bedroom suite, kids toys, cocktail table, mattress and box spring, 3 piece entertainment center, TV, miscellaneous boxes.
442278 SUN 5/9,16/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 12-CA-719

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LEE AND HENDRY COUNTIES, INC,, a Florida non-profit corporation, f/k/a HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LEE COUNTY, INC,,
Plaintiff,
v.
RAEGINA WILLIAMS and HENDRY COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida,
Defendants.

CLERK'S AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpoochee Ave., Second Floor, Labelle, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 22nd day of May, 2013, that certain parcel of real property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as follows:

Lots 10 and 11, Block B, SUNSET PARK, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page(s) 1, Public Records of Hendry 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2013.

BARBARA BUTLER, CLERK
Circuit Court of Hendry County
BY: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Scott A. Beatty, Esq.
3451 Bonita Bay Blvd., Suite 206
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee, Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-7204. within seven working days of your receipt of the notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, dial 711.
442015 CN 5/2,9/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2013-CP-005

IN RE: Estate of
ALFRED COLLIER
Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ALFRED COLLIER, deceased, whose date of death was November 11, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The first publication date of this notice is: May 9, 2013.

Personal Representative:
LALAINE COLLIER
2449 CR 721 Loop
Moore Haven, FL 33471

Attorney for Personal Representative:
COLIN M. CAMERON
200 N.E. 4th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
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442615 GCD 5/9,16/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 12-813 CA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
ROBERT W. THOMPSON A/K/A ROBERT THOMPSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT W. THOMPSON A/K/A ROBERT THOMPSON; TERRIE M. THOMPSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TERRIE M. THOMPSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ROBERT W. THOMPSON
A/K/A ROBERT THOMPSON
Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

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

Lots 74, 75, 76 and 77, NORTH LABELLE HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 16, Public Records of Glades County, Florida, being and lying in Hendry County.

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

DATED at HENDRY County this April 26, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
442356 CN 5/9,16/2013

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will meet at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the 2013-2014 budget and assessment rates and conduct routine business that may require Board action.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark Colbert, Chairman
442775 CN/CB 5/9,16/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2013-000232-CA

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE PRIMESTAR-H FUND I TRUST
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES E. BROWN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER. UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, FLORENCE BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLORENCE BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES E. BROWN; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; ROCHE SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY, INC.; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, FLORENCE BROWN**
UNKNOWN ADDRESS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED;
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit;

LOT 8, BLOCK 15, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 5 TO CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 48 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Alexander J. Furnagali, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 clays from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 26th day of April, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hewing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
442380 CN 5/9,16/2013

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will conduct their Annual Board and Medical Staff Strategic Planning Retreat on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 beginning at 4pm at the Clewiston Inn, 108 Royal Palm Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.
442788 CN/CB 5/9/2013

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO: 2011 CP 109**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT WEEKLEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the ESTATE OF ROBERT WEEKLEY, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The estate is intestate. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served who challenges the validity of the Will or Codicils, qualification of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the Court is required to file any objection with the court in the manner provided in the Florida Probate Rules WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on that person, or those objections are forever barred.

A petition for determination of exempt property is required to be filed by or on behalf of any person entitled to exempt property under Section 732.402, WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on such person or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceeding involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property, or the right of such person to exempt property is deemed waived.

An election to take an elective share must be filed by or on behalf of the surviving spouse entitled to an elective share under Section 732.201 - 732.2155 WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on the surviving spouse, or an attorney in fact or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse, or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death. The time for filing an election to take an elective share may be extended as provided in the Florida Probate Rules.

DATED APRIL 25, 2013.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Darlene W. White
1129 Mississippi Avenue
Clewiston, FL 33440

THOMAS MONGOMERY, P.A.
Atty. for Per. Representative
P.O. Box 1510
Belle Glade, FL 33430
(561) 996-6317
Florida Bar No: 148310
442461 CN 5/9,16/2013

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Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-000885-CA**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
vs.
PRISCILA TORRES A/K/A PRICILA F. TORRES A/K/A PRISCILA F. TORRES; HECTOR M. TORRES; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES, and any unknown heirs, devisees,grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **PRISCILA TORRES A/K/A PRICILA F. TORRES A/K/A PRISCILA F. TORRES**
369 AVENIDA DEL SUR
CLEWISTON, FL 33440
OR
110 N LINDERO STREET
CLEWISTON, FL 33440

HECTOR M. TORRES
369 AVENIDA DEL SUR
CLEWISTON, PL 33440
OR
110 N LINDERO STREET
CLEWISTON, FL 33440
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 52, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 37 THROUGH 39,INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME MAKE: REDMAN, MODEL: CRESCENT, YEAR: 1993, VIN # 416M7940A/B.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Alexander J. Fumagali, Butler & Hosch, PA., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 1st day of May, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Barbara S. Butler
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida
/S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
442645 CN 5/9,16/2013

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
1998	2009	1344432-A0000180000	Lourdes Pares & Juan E. Pares & Migdalia Pares

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4373, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442230 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **County of Hendry,** 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
1880	2009	1264432-A0001930000	Neri Vasquez

The North one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 300, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441097 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
2540	2009	1214334-010000K0020	Elbert Allen Jr

Lots 2, 3 and 4 in Block K of HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441105 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Verona A, LLC,** 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
1502	2007	1244432-A0001240000	Gary Scott Miller

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5186, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441090 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ella III, LLC,** 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
1637	2007	1264432-A0001530000	Gary Scott Miller

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 320, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441101 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
2758	2008	1214334-010000Q0330	Samuel Moody and Tracy Moody Thomas

Lots 42 and 43, Block Q, HARLEM SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442243 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **County of Hendry,** 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
1920	2009	1274432-A0000380100	Prudence Richards

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 783, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441103 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
2027	2009	1354432-A0000140000	Pablo & Migdalia Ramos

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4645 in 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442233 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **County of Hendry,** 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
2007	2008	1264432-A0000040100	Carlos Viana Dantos

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, 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 Tract 1122, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441089 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

Public Notice

AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL

A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 22 de mayo de 2013 a las 7 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia del Condado Central ubicado en 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación.
442039 CN 5/9,16/2013

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 26-2012-CA-000352**

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2005-L3, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-L3
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
JAMES VACCA, et. al.,
Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 23, 2013, and entered in Case No. 26-2012-CA-000352 of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Credit in and for HENDRY County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF TNDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2005-L3, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-L3 is the Plaintiff and JAMES L, VACCA A/K/A JAMES VACCA is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash are held in the second floor lobby Clerk of Courts Office C.E. Hail Building, at 11am on the 12th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 23, BLOCK 2199, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 109, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
and commonly known as:
6046 PECAN CIRCLE, LABELLE, FL 33935**

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

DATED at HENDRY County, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2013.

BARBARA S. BUTLER, Clerk
HENDRY County, Florida
BY: /S/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Michelle Garcia Gilbert, Esq./Florida Bar #549452
Laura L. Walker, Esq./Florida Bar #509434
Lisa N. Wysong, Esq./Florida Bar# 521671
Daniel F. Martinez, II, Esq./Florida Bar #438405
Kalei McElroy Blair, Esq./Florida Bar #44613
Jennifer Lima Smith/Florida Bar #984183
GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110, Tampa, FL 33607
(813)443-5087
"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, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935-County Phone; 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service".
"Apre ako lei fet avek Americans With Disabilites Act, tout rnoun kin ginyin yun bezwen spdsiyal pou akomodasiyon pou ye patisipe nan pwogram sa-a dwd, nan yun tan rdzonab an ninpot aranjman kapab fet, yo dwd kontalcte Administrative Office Of Th e Court i nan nimero, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935-County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 oubyen 1-800-955-8770 i pasan pa Florida Relay Service."
"En accordance avec la Lai des "Americans With Disabilities", Les personnes en besoin dune accomodation speciale pour participer a cos procedures doivent, dans un temps raisonable, avante d'entreprendre amine autre cl6marche, contacter l'office administrative de la Court situd au, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935-County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 ou 1-800-955-8770 Via Florida Relay Service,"
"De acuerdo con el Acto o Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, Inhabilitados, personas en neccsidad del servicio especial para participar en este procedirniento & bran, dentro dc un tiernpo razonable, antes de cualquicr procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935-County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8770 o 1-800-955-8771 Via Florida Relay Service.
442003 CN 5/2,9/2013

**CITY OF CLEWISTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CDBG HOUSING PROGRAM**

The City of Clewiston hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of up to three (3) single family homes located in the City of Clewiston as a part of the City's Housing Program which consists of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Proposals are due no later than 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 30, 2013 and delivered or mailed to: Ms. Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk, City of Clewiston, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 (the City will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Proposals should be submitted in a separate sealed envelop marked "CITY OF CLEWISTON HOUSING PROGRAM - RFP #3". All bids must be accompanied by Pur-7068 "Public Entity Crimes Report", proof of insurance, licenses and the "Vendor Drug Free Work Place" form. Forms must be fully executed by the responder and returned with the bid. Contractors must submit two (2) signed originals and one (1) copy of their bid responses in order to be considered for bidding.

For specific project information, contact Ms. Nancy Phillips at 561-432-1524 or by email at nsp920@aol.com. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in the City of Clewiston Commission Chambers at the Clewiston City Hall.

A **mandatory** meeting and contractor walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers of the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid. All potential bidders must be in the Commission Chambers no later than 10:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to accept or reject any bids. The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.

Marilyn McCorvey
City Clerk
441694 CN 4/25/2013

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
2531	2009	1214334-01000010090	Daisy Hill Life Estate And Toshia R. Drummond

Lots 9 and 10, Block I, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 2 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441104 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1828	2009	1254432-A0002670000	Ismael Portalatin Gonzalez

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4954, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441094 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
2160	2009	1364432-A0001480100	Omar & Damaris Rodriquez

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4011, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442231 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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
1940	2009	1274432-A0001240000	Raul Hernandez

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, 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 No. 699, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442229 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A, LLC,** 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
2528	2007	2024329-28000000820	Osvaldo & Jana Alfonso

Lot 147, Section 1, LABELLE FORD PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441093 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
1941	2009	1274432-A0001270100	Raul Hernandez

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, 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 No. 698, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442232 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1712	2009	1244432-A0001130100	Orlando Naranjo Jr. TR & Laida Naranjo Cassanova TR

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5183, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441099 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Crystal I. LLC,** 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
1661	2007	1264432-A0002340000	Helen Sparks + Joey C. Scott

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida., excluding the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 409 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441098 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
2134	2009	1364432-A0000830000	Nellida Cuego

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4713, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442242 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1311	2009	1134432-A0002020100	Lou's Properties, Inc.

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest 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 Tract 3068, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441092 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1822	2009	1254432-A0002540100	Jose M Vera Ramos

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4962, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441091 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
1992	2009	1274432-A0002740000	Orlando Naranjo

The West one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet and the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 231, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442241 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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
2118	2009	1364432-A0000150000	Lou's Properties Inc.

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4899, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**

Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442236 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1912	2009	1274432-A0000170000	Lou's Properties, Inc.

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 843, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441100 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LABELLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be a LaBelle Municipal Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 15th, 2012 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Chambers, located at 481 West Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

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

Don Davis, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
442419 CN 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1769	2009	1254432-A0001140000	Arnold D. & Claudia Hessen

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, 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 Tract 1143, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**
Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441102 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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
1945	2009	1274432-A0001430100	Orlando Naranjo TR & Aida Naranjo TR

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 58, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**
Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442238 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry,** 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
1690	2009	1244432-A0000430100	Orlando Naranjo Jr. TR + Laida Naranjo Cassanova TR

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5328, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd** day of **May, 2013.**
Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441096 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HENDRY COUNTY
REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Hendry County hereby provides notice that the following parcels of land owned by the County are available for sale and the County is receiving offers:

Parcel 1-29-43-18-030-0000-025.0
Block 2, Lot 25, Evelyn Terrace Subdivision, Hendry County, Florida

Parcel 1-29-43-18-030-0000-069.0
Block 4, Lots 69 & 70, Evelyn Terrace Subdivision, Hendry County, Florida

Parcel 1-29-43-18-050-0003-008.0
Block 3, Lot 8, Royal Palm Estates No. 5, Hendry County, Florida

Parcel 1-29-43-18-070-0004-004.0
Block 4, Lots 4 & 5, Royal Palm Estates No. 7, Hendry County, Florida

Interested persons should contact Terri Banky, Belle Realty Co., 863-675-7522 or terri@bellerealty.com, who will then contact the County to proceed further.
442782 CGS/CB 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1387	2009	1144432-A0001900100	Orlando Naranjo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2742, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441095 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2179	2009	1364432-A0002050100	Eduardo Chavez & Lorena De Villalobos

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4155, 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 **First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th** day of **June, 2013.**
Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442237 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ONGOING MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL PLANNING, SURVEYING, ENGINEERING AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SERVICES

RFQ # 2013-17

Opening Date and Time: May 23, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking professional planning, surveying, engineering, and economic analysis consultant services for ongoing assistance in these functional areas.

Firms submitting must have expertise in the following areas: 1) functional, comprehensive and small area planning, 2) land development regulations, and 3) economic, market and fiscal impact analysis. Proposers can have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services. Firms are not required to submit a proposal for all three areas of expertise that is desired. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Section III, Submissions Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. 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 Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., May 23, 2013, 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 RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, by calling (863) 675-5220 or by email, jmcelhaney@hendryfla.net. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. There may be awards to multiple firms for various services and there is no guarantee for any particular level of work. 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 RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
442273 CB/CN 5/2,9,16/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2124	2009	1364432-A0000310100	Stanley F. Gronkiewiecz & Joan E. Rzepka

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4836, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442239 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2172	2009	1364432-A0001830000	Caminito Fond-Rose

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal over the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4051, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1944	2009	1274432-A0001430000	Orlando Naranjo TR & Aida Naranjo TR

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet and North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 57, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013_ at 7 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.
442040 CN 5/9,16/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Air Resource Section, South District Office
Draft Minor Source Air Construction Permit
Project No. 0510022-004-AC
Fiberstar, Inc.
Hendry County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Fiberstar, Inc. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is Mr. Dale Lindquist, President, Fiberstar, Inc. 1700 County Road 833, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

Facility Location: Fiberstar, Inc. operates the existing Fiberstar, Inc. plant, which is located in Hendry County at 1700 County Road 833 in Clewiston, Florida.

Project: This project adds a Citrus Drying System No. 2, which includes one dryer, with associated control equipment consisting of cyclones and one baghouse. Two EXEMPT electric grinders and one EXEMPT silo with baghouse to the existing facility. The potential emissions of the total Fiberstar, Inc. facility upon completion of the project are Particulate Matter (PM) at 92.67 TPY, Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 59.34 TPY, Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 20.96 TPY and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 70.76 TPY.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the South District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is P.O. Box 2549, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-2549. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is (239) 344-5600.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: (850) 245-2241). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.
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Public Notice

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

442240 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 5/28/13

SUBJECT AREA: 213 Instructional Increments, Performance Pay, Differentiated Pay and Administration Tuition Reimbursements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for instructional increments, performance pay, differentiated pay and administration tuition reimbursements.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.22 (1)(c)4, and 1012.66 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1012.22 (1)(c)4, and 1012.66 F.S.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for instructional increments, performance pay, differentiated pay and administration tuition reimbursements.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on May 28, 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.

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Public Notice

Legal Notice
Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay, Florida, will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two Commissioners to fill the unexpired terms of two Commissioners. There will be one Commissioner elected representing seat "4" and one Commissioner elected representing seat "5". The Candidates elected will serve until the term expires or until the suspended Commissioner is reinstated by the Governor of the State of Florida.

Each Candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large. The Election will be held in the Commission Chambers at 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida.

City of South Bay
Jessica Figueroa
City Clerk

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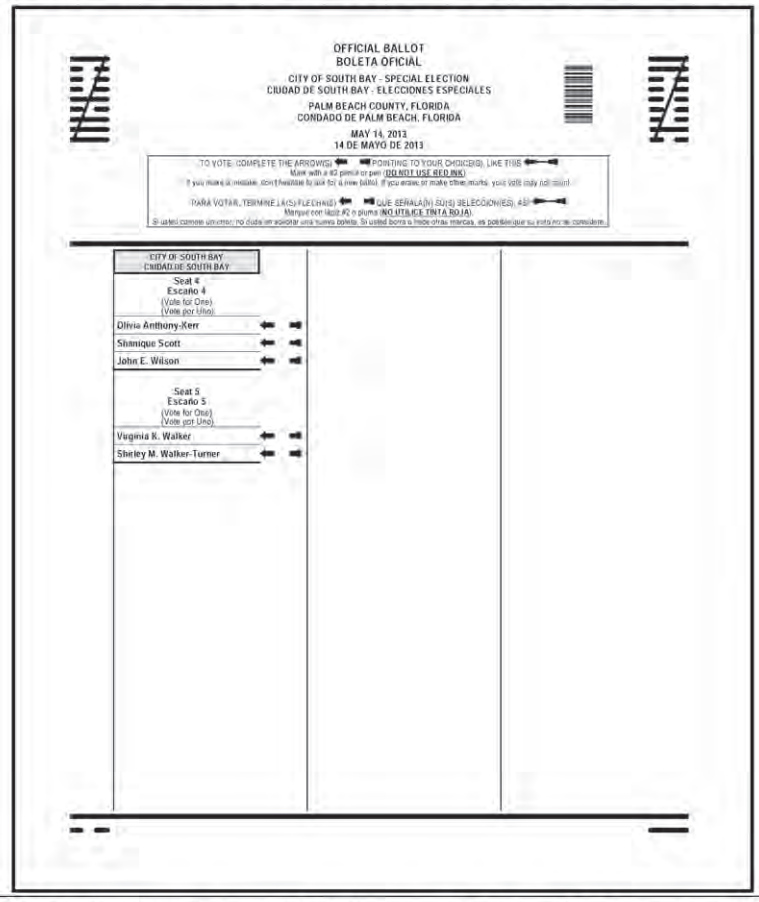

YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter ID Card. You must notify the Elections Office if you move from the address listed on your Voter ID Card. If you are unsure of the polling location of your new Precinct, call 561-656-6200.

The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.

SU CENTRO ELECTORAL está nombrado en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Tendrá que informar a la Oficina de Elecciones si se muda de la dirección nombrada en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Si no está seguro del lugar donde debe votar en su nuevo distrito electoral, llame al 561-656-6200.

LAS URNAS ESTAN ABIERTAS DE LAS 7 AM A LAS 7 PM EL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES.

CURRENT AND VALID PICTURE AND SIGNATURE ID IS REQUIRED when you go to your polling place to vote. Each elector is required to present a current and valid Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card, or any other acceptable picture ID listed under F.S. 101.043.

SE REQUIERE IDENTIFICACION VALIDA Y VIGENTE CON SU FOTOGRAFIA Y FIRMA cuando usted va a los centros de votación a emitir su voto. Cada elector debera presentar la licencia de conducir de la Florida, Tarjeta de identificacion de la Florida válida y vigente o cualquier otra identificación con foto aceptable bajo la lista del FS 101.043.

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Everglades Federal Credit Union Appoints New CEO

The Board of Directors of Everglades Federal Credit Union is proud to announce the appointment of Marta Smith as the new President and CEO. Ms. Smith has been with the institution for over 14 years and has held a Vice President title for the past 11 years.

Marta Smith.

"The Board feels it was a natural fit as Ms. Smith has overseen all day to day operations for the past several years," commented John McCallum, EFCU Board President.

Her focus has always been to keep the credit union current with emerging technologies and is constantly updating the Credit Union's website and offering such products as online banking. Most recently, she has implemented mobile banking, which allows members to access their accounts from mobile devices and perform transactions such as balance inquiries and fund transfers.

"We are one of the first to offer such products locally," states Ms. Smith. "I am always researching and am on the forefront of breaking technology. I am constantly trying to find ways in which to assist our members conduct their business in a safe and convenient environment." Having seen the credit union double in size since the time she started with the Credit Union, her plans are to continue the growth and expansion of services offered to its members.

Goodwill Breaks Ground at Apartment Complex

Affordable, disability-accessible housing will soon be available in Clewiston. Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has broken ground on Sweetwater Place, an income-subsidized apartment complex for people with physical disabilities

Sweetwater Place will be Goodwill's fourteenth housing complex in Southwest Florida, and first in Clewiston. In Hendry County, the organization also operates Palmetto Ranch, a 28-unit complex in LaBelle.

"Goodwill and our board of directors made a commitment several years ago to expand our services in Hendry County," says Goodwill COO Rick Evanchyk. "Since then, we have grown our retail stores in Clewiston and LaBelle, opened Job-Link centers in both cities, and now we will have affordable, accessible housing in both, as well."

SUBMITTED PHOTO

At the completion of the construction project, Sweetwater Place will provide 14 HUD-approved units specially designed to accommodate people with physical disabilities.

Accessible apartments are constructed with conveniences like assistance railings, widened doorways, roll-in showers, and lowered sinks, countertops, and mirrors. Goodwill's barrier-free housing communities also have on-site community rooms, a laundry room and a picnic/patio area.

Sweetwater Place will be located on West Ventura Ave., two blocks west of Berner Rd.

Construction of the apartment complex will be completed by Westco Builders of Florida, Inc. with an anticipated opening date in late October. The complex was designed by Associates in Architecture.

Applicants interested in living at Sweetwater Place must meet medical and income requirements, and must pass a background check to be considered for residency. For more application guidelines, call Morgan Puletti at (863) 674-5779.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides programs and services to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to independence.

Supported programs include Goodwill Job-Link centers, disability-accessible housing, and the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute. In 2012, Goodwill served more than 30,000 Southwest Floridians in Hendry, Glades, Lee, Collier, and Charlotte Counties.

Goodwill's housing division, Southwest Florida GWI Housing, provides barrier-free housing for persons with physical disabilities providing the opportunity for affordable, convenient, independent living to enhance the overall quality of life.

School Briefs

Bus Drivers Wanted

Hendry County School Board is recruiting substitute bus drivers. If anyone is interested, please contact the Transportation Department at 863-983-1516.

Tobacco-Free Partnership

The Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership will conduct a meeting/training on Wednesday, March 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Clewiston High School, Room 211 (Mrs. Elliott's Room). Business will consist of a Tobacco Policy review, SWAT updates, overview of tobacco goals, a tobacco cessation class update, and a workshop on employer cessation benefits. For more information, please contact Valarie James at 863-674-4041 ext. 128 or e-mail her at valarie_james@doh.state.fl.us.

Heartland Honor Band

It is my privilege to announce that Clewiston High School has five students

that were selected for the 2013 Heartland Honor Band.

Alyssa Miller (Freshman)
Kendra Young (Junior)
Myleigha Entwistle (Junior)
Alex Caballero (Sophomore)
Jazmine Thompson (Senior)

LaBelle High School also has two students participating, so Hendry County

will be well represented.

Eastside Elementary Honor Roll 3rd 9 Weeks

A Honor Roll Kindergarten

Matthew Almon, Zachary Alston, Terelle Alvin, Isaiah Christian, Jazmine Flores, Marcus Givens, Imani Greaves, Melanie Gonzalez, Crystal Guppy, Liliana Hayes, Jenesis Hernandez, Debra Lerma, Joel Leon, Jason Lovell, Tyana McIntyre, Erico Mejia, Daniel Millian, Jarell Mills, Christopher Paniagua, Leslie Perez, Valentino Pupo, Isaac Rios, Isayah Rodriguez, Mia Rosales, Aima Sanchez, Kerrvon Summers, Jer'Reka Taylor-Small, Byron Taylor, Gerardo Villegas, Adalisia Velasquez-Puentes.

A/B Honor Roll Kindergarten

Christopher Alfonso, Z'nyree Belle, Miriah Carmona, Miguel Centeno, Suelyn Flores, Jose Garcia-Mancia, Giovanni Garcia, Roderick Jones, Louie Madrigal, Zachary McNeil, Justice Morris, Andy Olmos, Osmel Ortez-Dominguez, Eduardo Ortez, Oliver Perez-Salinas, Ana-Bella Perez, Dulce Perez, Jayden Ramos, Travis Reese, Alyssa Rodriguez, Joseph Saba, Desiree Salazar, Jeremiah Salgado, Jayleen Staples.

A Honor Roll First Grade

Jasmin Centeno, Jessica Esparza, Jadin Herrera, Leslie Jones, Luke Llossas, Wyatt Kurtz, Jatavius Macklongs.

A/B Honor Roll First Grade

Cari Anthony, Zy-Mauria Benniefield, Ahtziri Cardenas, Jean Diaz, Jessica Diaz, Victor Duprey, Ivan Flores, Zachary Frotten, Kayla Hurtado, Javary Jones, Jesus Juarez, Ricardo Lara, Dakota Long, Gabriel Lumpkin, Frank Moody, Salome Ortiz, Emmanuel Paniagua, Mildred Pascual, Marco Perez, Persais Roman, Wendy Sanchez, Lizmarie Vargas, Tafarya Williams.

A Honor Roll Second Grade

A/B Honor Roll Second Grade

R'Daisha Brown, Derrenae Bryant, Nasir Calloway, Brendaliz Cervantes, Riley Chapelo, Joseph Claro, Jayla Crespo, Aliah Cruz, Kevin Freeman, Yael Garcia, Nathalia Gonzalez, Jeremy Greaves, Nahdia Ifill, DyVeesha Myers, Daniel Olmos, Adrian Paige, Juan Perez, Jalyn Porth, Rachel Reese, Romeo Rodriguez, Azucena Sanchez, Jose Vega, Ingrid Zetino.

A Honor Roll Third Grade

Andre Guajardo

A/B Honor Roll Third Grade

Sharon Abreu-Castro, Silvestre Angulo, Christopher Alston, Donovan Baker, Breana Bedward, Sebastian Castruita, JaBrian Davis, James Edwards, Chris-Shariea Hardy, Haley Lovell, Jonathan Villegas-Calderon, Angelissa Perez, Mario Tamayo, Zanaya Tulloch, Ethan Weiss.

A Honor Roll Fourth Grade

Evelyn Jones, Marshall Kurtz, Denzel Rubia.

A/B Honor Roll Fourth Grade

Lauren Berry, Julia Bristoll, Kimberly Cardenas, Fatima Emran, Shar-Nae Footman, Joseph Guasp, Michelle Hernandez,Yesenia Mejia, Roldan Millian, William Murphy, Monserrat Paniagua, Eduin Perez, Gabriela Perez, Jessica Perez, Hisham Ramadan, Prudencio Ramos, Malachi Summers.

A Honor Roll Fifth Grade

Dakota Ali, Taylor Bain,Tierra Bradford, Du'Aricka Bryant, Deyla Cardenas, Jaivus Chavers, Kiyah Coco, Yolanda Cruz, Sebastian Diaz, Mar'Lawshawndra Ellison, Cade Gibson, Miranda Giddens, Kenia Granados, Isaac Harper, Isaac Hernandez, Jenna Hernandez, Jermaine Hill, Bruce Jones, Juan Luna, Cherica Marshall, Alexa Navarro, Damaya Paige, Kalei Peele, Anthony Perez, Enrique Perez, Daniela Pupo, Wisam Ramadan, Giovanni Reyes, Anthony Rodriguez, Cristian Romero, Kristi Rosquette, Danisha Ross, Stephanie Salto, Jisela Staples, Candiya Washington, William Westberry, Bailey Williams.

School Readiness Enrollment

ELCSWFL is currently enrolling into the school readiness program. If you think that you may qualify for the school readiness program, please apply online at,http://www.elcofswfl.org/parents-SPE.php, to be pre-qualified by our CCR&R Advisors.

Currently, ELCSWFL is enrolling different age groups in the four different counties, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee. In all counties, we are enrolling children 0-5 years of age, including those with special needs and children of teen parents. In Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties, we are enrolling income-eligible children up to nine years of age. If you are currently receiving services based on income eligibility, and may have older siblings that were never enrolled, please contact our offices.

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Clewiston Tiger Pride Kicks Off New Season

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The Tiger Pride Wrestling Club traveled to Hialeah Gardens High School to compete in the club's first tournament of the season.

With a lot of new faces and a few familiar faces, the club traveled with 12 wrestlers Saturday morning.

Hunter Barnes and Arelys Valles led the way, capturing Gold medals in their respective divisions. Barnes was victorious in all four of his matches by way of pin, putting away all of his opponents in the first period.

"I don't think Hunter wrestled a full match combined all day, he did quick work and moved on. He's really coming into his own and as the competition gets tougher, so will he," stated the coaches.

Senior state qualifier Arelys Valles, who on Thursday, will be signing a commitment letter to attend Missouri Baptist University on a wrestling scholarship, competed in two divisions, boys and girls, capturing the gold medal in the girls division.

Matthew Vary placed third in his respective division, winning two matches on the day. Bryce Barnes won three matches taking home second place in the tournament.

More impressive than his second place finish was the fact that Bryce is only two weeks removed from tonsils surgery and has only had one practice prior to the tournament.

He recorded two pins and a technical fall on the day.

First year club wrestlers Logan Crumb, Sean Chadwick and Joseph Claro Jr. each recorded wins on the day, with Joseph earning two victories.

Other Tiger Pride competitors on Saturday were Ryleigh Flynn, Matthew Johnson, Daryl Spooner, Troy Wilcher.

The Tiger Pride Wrestling Club will be back in action on June 1 in Davie, Florida.

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Pictured above is the Tiger Pride Wrestling Club. On the bottom row (from left to right) are Renaldy Tapia, Bryce Barnes, Logan Crumb, Ryleigh Flynn, Joseph Claro Jr., Javian, Ortez, and Robert Flynn. On the middle row (from left to right) are Daryl Spooner, Hunter Barnes, Arelys Valles, and Troy Wilcher. On the top row (from left to right) are Kris Smith, Matthew Johnson, Matthew Vary, and Sean Chadwick.

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FCAT Rally

Eastside Students enjoyed the FCAT Rally on Friday, April 9. The FCAT Rally was a way to motivate the students and try to ease nerves over the FCAT Test, held between April 15 and April 26. Teachers from each grade performed a skit which all the students loved.

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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

Motorcycles popular in South Florida

Win a 2014 Ford Mustang at Seminole Casino Brighton

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center presents Street Beat!

Hallstrom Planetarium showcases 'The Planets'

State forests offer off road trails

There are two designated Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas on Florida State Forests that offer many miles of trails to explore: Croom Motorcycle Area at Withlacoochee State Forest, and the OHV trail system at Tate's Hell State Forest.

As an OHV rider on public lands you are responsible for knowing all rules and regulations that apply. When purchasing an OHV permit, a complete listing of all rules and regulations will be provided. Rule compliance will help to ensure this riding opportunity continues to exist.

It is important that all riders think 'safety first' and abide by all rules. Unforeseen hazards can exist and trail conditions are subject to change. Riding safely within your abilities and following all rules will reduce the risk to yourself and others.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), and off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) are the only unlicensed motor vehicles allowed in designated OHV areas.

Photo courtesy Florida State Parks

The law defines an all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) as any:

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OHV/ATV enthusiasts in Central Florida will find miles of trails within the 2,600 acre Croom Motorcycle Area (CMA) at Withlacoochee State Forest.

Open seven days a week, CMA offers something for every rider in the family, including a training area and young rider area. Spend the day or try out our campground for longer stays.

For more information, contact the Florida Forest Service Withlacoochee State Forest Recreation/Visitors Center, 15003 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34601; call 352-754-6896 or Email Withlacoochee State Forest.

Area special events...

The Planets

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Hallstrom Planetarium will present the galactic show, "The Planets." In a recorded narration by Kate Mulgrew (Captain Janeway of "Star Trek: Voyager"), Mulgrew takes the audience on a grand tour of the solar system and visits to Earth's neighboring worlds. See a comet collide with Jupiter! Fly along the Mariner Valley, the Grand Canyon of Mars, and stand at the edge of the 10 mile-high ice cliffs of Uranus' moon, Miranda. Travel to far-flung Pluto and out to the distant realms of other solar systems in this exciting show.

The Planets will be presented on May 17 & 18, and June 14 & 15. Planetarium show times are Friday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 1 and 2 p.m. Tickets are $3 each and may be purchased at the IRSC Box Office at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center or by calling 1-800-220-9915 with VISA, Discover, American Express, or MasterCard or visit www.irsc.edu. Planetarium shows are recommended for adults and for children over the age of four. The Hallstrom planetarium's temperature is maintained at 72 degrees and visitors may want to bring a light jacket or sweater.

Art show at Dolly Hand Center

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's spacious Grand Hall often plays home to visual art exhibits by local artists. Exhibits take place in conjunction with Guest Artist Series performances. The Grand Hall is open Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon and one hour before all performances. Other viewing times available upon request. To inquire about exhibiting artwork in the Grand Hall, contact Leigh Woodham at 561-993-1160. From April 18-May 14, the gallery will feature Artwork from VSA Florida—Palm Beach County.

Photo courtesy Palm Beach International Raceway

Motorcycle racing available in area

Fans of motorcycle racing can find a variety of events in the Lake Okeechobee area.

- The L-Cross facility, 27531 E State Rd. 78, Okeechobee, offers 1200 acres of wilderness with 10-miles of hare scramble routes. There is a motocross track and Pee-Wee track. The facility hosts other events such as mud bogs, For more information, call 863-763-0569, or online go to Website: www.l-cross.com.
- Palm Beach International Raceway, 17047 Beeline Hwy. Jupiter, was formerly known as Moroso, Palm Beach International Raceway has a 2.034-mile state-of-the-art road course featuring some of the fast and challenging corners. PBIR offers a full sportbike trackday schedule. For more information call, 561-622-1400 or go online to www.morosomotorsportspark.com.
- Orlando Speed World Dragway, 19442 East Colonial Drive (Highway 50). Orlando, offers motorcycle racing. For more information, call 407-568-1367 or go online to www.speedworlddragway.com.
- Thunder MX Park, 7543 NE 48th St Okeechobee 34974, has 1.9 mile track. They also offer a Pee Wee track and trails throughout the park. For more information, call 863-983-1894 or go online to www.seminoletribemotocross.com/thunder.html

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Celebrate Mother's Day at Josiah Restaurant at their Mother's Day Buffet on Sunday, May 12. Diners will enjoy the Ham Buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for $15.99 a person. Another savory buffet offered is the Prime Rib Buffet from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. for $19.99. The regular menu will not be available.

The casino just keeps on giving with their "Cases of Cash." Win your share of up to $2,500 cash! There's one winner of up to $2,500 per hour from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Earn entries each day with additional entries just by playing your favorite machines.

It's an unforgettable Memorial Day weekend of non-stop winning with 100 winners each taking home $100 cash. There are 10 winners per hour between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, and again between 8 a.m. and noon on Monday, May 27.

Head to Seminole Casino Brighton on Thursday, May 30 for your chance to win loads of Free Play prizes. There are 10 drawings between 4 and 8 p.m. with the prize amounts getting even bigger and better as the night goes on!

The hottest seat in the house may just be the one you're sitting in. Win your share of $3,000 cash on Thursday, May 16. There are three winners of $250 each every two hours from 3 to 9 p.m. Just play your favorite machines with your Players Club card properly inserted for your chance to win.

Win your share of $5,000 cash on Friday, May 24 with two winners every hour between 7 and 11 p.m. For your chance to win, just play your favorite machines with your Players Club card properly inserted. Any seat could be a winner!

Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last. On Wednesdays, from 8 to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

Please contact the casino or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com for information on bus transportation and group packages.

See the Player's Club for promotion details. Must be at least 21 years old and a Seminole Player's Club member to participate. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1.888.ADMIT.IT.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 419 slot and gaming machines, live action blackjack e-tables, a six-table poker room, and high-stakes bingo action, and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere, and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located in Glades County in the Brighton Indian Reservation, 17735 Reservation Rd., 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

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Motorcycles popular in South Florida

Motorcycles are a familiar sight on South Florida roads. The Sunshine State has more than half a million motorcycles, according to the Unites States Department of Transportation—and that doesn't even count the motorcycles on Florida roads that are registered elsewhere.

Motorcycles are used both for transportation and for recreation in the Lake Okeechobee area as riders enjoy the less congested roads in the rural areas.

While some riders prefer to ride alone or with a few friends, a wide range of clubs offers opportunities to ride with a group.

Some clubs specialize by motorcycle, such as clubs for owners of Harley-Davidson or BMW motorcycles. There are clubs for women, clubs for active duty and retired military, clubs for law enforcement officers and clubs for retired firemen. There are Christian motorcycle clubs. There is even a motorcycle club in Coral Springs for nudists.

In addition to organizing motorcycle rides, shows and events, most motorcycle clubs also do some charitable work such as toy runs and "poker run" fundraisers.

• The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is the largest American motorcyclist organization. It serves as an umbrella organization for local clubs and sporting events. As of March, 2006, the AMA counts 269,884 active members. Its mission statement is "to promote the motorcycling lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling." The organization was founded in 1924 and now has more than 1,200 chartered clubs. For area events and more information, go online to, www.americanmotorcyclist.com.

• Alpha and Omega, Christian Motorcyclists Association Chapter in West Palm Beach meets at 5217 S. Military Trail on the third Friday of each month at 7 p.m. The club plans sponsors and special events. For more information online, go to http://cmaser6.org/FL/ALPHAANDOMEGA.

• WomenRide is an all female motorcycling group with chapters in West Palm Beach, Martin, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. For more information online go tto http://www.womenride.org.

• ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. They lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. They promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness. They host toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. ABATE has chapters in Martin, Highlands, Palm Beach, Indian River, St. Lucie and Collier Counties. For more information online go to www.abateflorida.com.

• The Blue Knights is a non-profit fraternal organization of active duty and retired law enforcement men and women who enjoy riding motorcycles. This international organization has more than 600 chapters in 29 countries. The individual chapters support charities such as Make-A-Wish Foundation and Toys for Tots. Blue Knights Florida Chapter VII serves Broward and southern Palm Beach Counties; Chapter X is in Port St. Lucie; Chapter XVI is Cape Coral. For more information online, go to www.blueknights.org.

• The Armed Forces Of America Motorcycle Club is a National Organization with Chapters throughout the United States. The clubs are made up of active duty, reserve, honorably discharged, and retired veterans of the Armed Forces of America. For more information online, go to www.afmcfl.com.

• Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club is comprised of mostly African American retired vets, active military, reserves, attorneys, police officers, sales executives, government workers and many more. For more information online, go to /www.bsmcsouthfl.com/.

• The Chrome Angels of Central Florida are an independent motorcycle riding association made up of women, bound together by a love of riding and a desire to make a positive impact in the community. Their main focus is to support breast cancer research and to help its victims. For more information online, go to www.chromeangelscentralflorida.com.

• Chrome Divas, based in Fort Myers, are women of all ages and from all walks of life, who all share the love of motorcycles. For more information, e-mail bahdbettie@embarqmail.com or chromedivasfmcc@gmail.com for meeting location and time.

• Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association's mission is to maintain public awareness of Veteran issues and to remember our Brothers and Sisters who have fallen, have been taken prisoner, or are missing in action while serving their country during an armed conflict.

We welcome all Combat Veterans who honorably served in the Armed Forces during Korea, Viet Nam, Kosovo, Panama, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq or any other combat theater.

There are four chapters in Florida. For more information online, go to www.cvma20-2.com.

• Defenders motorcycle club is a club for active and retired law enforcement officers. For information on the Central Florida chapter go to www.cfl.defenderslemc.org. For information on the Palm Beach County chapter, go to http://palmbeach.defenderslemc.org/. For the Treasure Coast Chapter, go to http://treasure.defenderslemc.org.

• Florida Retreads meets every second Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Cross Roads Restaurant, 5050 128th Ave., Okeechobee. For more information, contact Bob and Karen McGhee 772-528-4547 or emaillobosmcg@aol.com or go online to www.floridaretreads.org.

• Nam Nights's mission is to honor the memory of American veterans and police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to assist veterans and police officers in their time of need and to promote community awareness through sponsorship and participation in various fundraising events. For information, email Highlands Chapter President, Ric "Porky" Poteat at detective577@wildblue.net; or Palm Beach County Chapter President, Anthony "Tony Chrome" Schebell at tchrome@aol.com or call 561-723-5956.

• American Legion Riders are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. For more information about chapters in your area, go to www.legion.org/riders/ or contact your local American Legion.

• Florida Patriot Guard is a group of motorcyclists who attend veterans funerals in order to show respect for the fallen and to protect the mourners, strictly legal and non-violent means. For more information online, go to www.floridapatriotriders.org.

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Corps of Engineers offers regional recreational areas

From the Army Corps of Engineers

Each year, more than 6 million people travel to South Florida to visit Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway. Whether you like to camp, fish, bike, or relax and enjoy nature's beauty, the lake and waterway have something for everyone. Recreation facilities are easily accessible from Interstate 95 or Interstate 75.

Lake Okeechobee, covering 730 square miles, is the largest Florida lake and the second largest freshwater lake within United States borders.

Part of the Florida National Scenic Trail, 110 miles of the Herbert Hoover Dike is the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST).

The Corps manages eight recreation areas: W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam North and South Recreation Areas, Ortona Lock & Dam North and South Recreation Areas, Port Mayaca Lock & Dam Recreation Areas North and South, and St. Lucie Lock & Dam North and South Recreation Areas.

There are three Corps managed campgrounds with 109 campsites (including 16 boat-in sites) at W.P. Franklin North, Ortona South and St. Lucie South.

Project-wide, there are 22 recreation areas managed by other agencies located at: Pahokee City Park, Jaycee Park in Okeechobee, Okee-Tantie near Buckhead Ridge, Clewiston City Park, Torry Island in Belle Glade, Nubbin Slough, Harney Pond Canal, Henry Creek, Bare Beach (Dyess Ditch Canal) near Lakeport, Fisheating Creek, Rardin Park near Belle Glade, South Bay, LaBelle, Phipps County Park near St. Lucie Lock & Dam, Barron Park in LaBelle, Alva, Liberty Point (Uncle Joe's Fish Camp), Indiantown Marina, Buckhead Ridge, Clewiston Marina, Chancy Bay and Moore Haven.

There are five corps-managed boat ramps at W.P. Franklin North and South recreation areas, Port Mayaca, Ortona North recreation area and St. Lucie South recreation area.

The corps has three visitor centers: W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam Recreation Area, St. Lucie Lock & Dam Recreation Area and the South Florida Operations Office.

Camping

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District manages campgrounds located one each at Ortona, St. Lucie, and W.P. Franklin Lock Recreation Areas. Golden Age and Golden Access Passports are accepted at all campgrounds.

You can make reservations for your favorite campsite up to 180 days in advance! The process is quick, easy, and convenient. Make your reservation at www.recreation.gov. or call the NRRS toll free number 1-877-444-6777 or TDD at 1-877-833-6777. Operators for the toll free number are available March 1 through Oct. 31: 10:00 a.m. until midnight (Eastern) and Nov. 1 through Feb. 29: 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. (Eastern). Internet reservations may be made at any time.

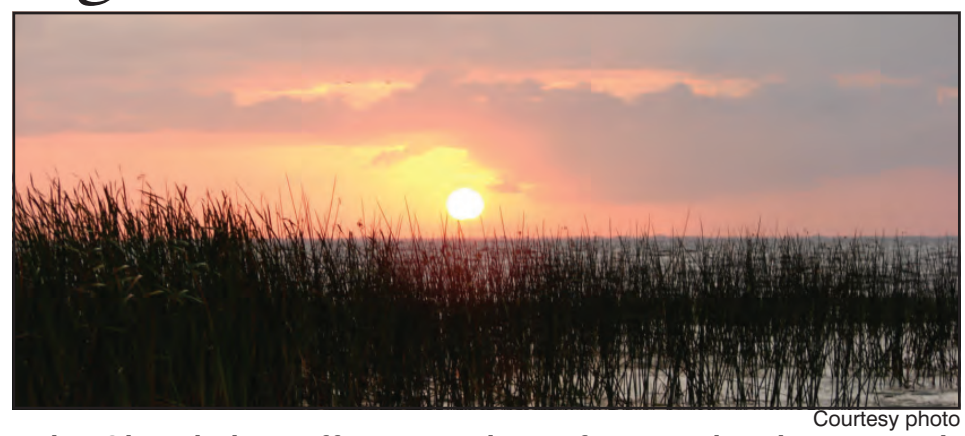
To obtain the new passes individuals must appear in person at a National Park Service, United States Forest Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management or Bureau of Reclamation recreation sites that charge fees. A listing of these areas by state can be found at www.recreation.gov.

Day use areas

Day use areas along Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway provide visitors with the opportunity to fish, picnic, swim, or bike. Facilities such as boat ramps, playgrounds, and picnic shelters provide an excellent setting for a family get together or a day of rest and relaxation. In some areas, day use fees are charged for use of the boat ramps and swimming beach. Annual passes are available for $30 at the South Florida Operations Office, the W.P. Franklin visitor center and the W.P. Franklin North and St. Lucie South campgrounds. For family reunions, company picnics, or a casual get-togethers, picnic shelters are available for advance reservation. Picnic shelters have electric and water facilities, BBQ grills and are located close to restroom facilities.

• W.P. Franklin South facilities include: Swimming beach ($1- $4), Picnic tables, two Picnic shelters ($35; call 239-694-2582), Boat ramp ($3), Restrooms, Visitor Center, Playground, Horseshoe pit, Sand volleyball court. Directions: From I-75, take Exit 141 (Highway 80-Ft. Myers/LaBelle). Travel east 2.4 miles past Highway 31 to Old Olga Road. Turn left on Old Olga Road and travel 2.2 miles to the WP Franklin Lock Recreation Area entrance road, turn left and follow to recreation area. From LaBelle, travel west on Highway 80, 5.5 miles past the intersection with Highway 884. Turn right onto Old Olga Road, travel 0.3 miles to the WP Franklin Lock Recreation Area entrance road, turn right and follow to recreation area.

• Ortona North facilities: Picnic tables, two picnic shelters ($35; call 863-675-8400), boat ramp ($3), restroom. **Directions**: From LaBelle, travel north on Highway 29 four miles from the 29/80 intersection, then east on Highway 78 (turn right) for approximately 5.9 miles, go south on Highway 78A (turn right) and follow for 1.9 miles to the day use area. From Clewiston, travel north on Highway 27, go to Moore Haven and continue 5.5 miles north (from the county courthouse), go west on Highway 78 (turn left) 8.8 miles to Highway 78A, then go south on Highway 78A (turn left) and follow for 1.9 miles to the day use area.



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Lake Okeechobee offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

• St. Lucie South facilities: Boat ramp ($3), Fishing area, Picnic tables, Picnic shelter ($35; call 772-287-1382), restrooms, visitor center, horseshoe pit, playground. **Directions**: From I-95, take Exit 101 (Stuart/Indiantown), following SR 76 W for 0.5 miles to Locks Road. Turn right onto Locks Road and follow signs at the Canal Street intersection into the campground.

• St. Lucie North facilities: Fishing pier, group area, picnic tables, picnic shelter ($35; call 772-287-1382), nature trail, restroom. **Directions**: From St. Lucie South Recreation Area, walk across the dam to the North Day Use Area.

Boating and fishing

For the boat traveler, Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway are quite a transition from the pace of busy coastal cities to the tranquility of Florida's heartland. The Okeechobee Waterway is 152 miles in length from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean and divided into three distinctive sections: the Caloosahatchee River, Lake Okeechobee, and the St. Lucie Canal. The Caloosahatchee River (76.6 miles) is the most scenic part of the waterway thanks to off-channel oxbows of the old river. On Lake Okeechobee, the captain has the choice of two routes for crossing. The first route is an open-water crossing (39 miles) and the second route (50 miles) follows the shoreline before entering a tree protected rim canal.

The Corps of Engineers manages five navigation locks and five boat ramps along the waterway at: St. Lucie South Recreation Area, Ortona North Recreation Area, W.P. Franklin South and North Recreation Areas, and Port Mayaca. A $3 fee is charged for boat ramp use, except Port Mayaca, which is free of charge. Annual passes are available for $30 at the South Florida Operations Office, the W.P. Franklin visitor center and the W.P. Franklin North and St. Lucie South campgrounds or you can download and submit an application to purchase an annual pass via mail. In addition, boat ramps managed by other organizations are located along the waterway and around the lake.

Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway has a reputation for excellent fishing. More than 60 species of fish are found in the lake. The most sought-after are the Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, and the famous Okeechobee Catfish, and Black Crappie, locally known as "specks." Fishing enthusiasts who travel the waterway may also find salt water species such as Tarpon and Snook near the W.P. Franklin Lock and the St. Lucie Lock.

Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

Visitors can enjoy walking, hiking, rollerblading, bicycling and horseback riding around Lake Okeechobee. Designated as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail in 1993, the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail is an approximately 110-mile trail encircling the lake. More than half of the trail is paved, and the remainder consists of a two-track gravel roadway on top of the 35-foot high Herbert Hoover Dike.

The height above the surrounding area provides hikers, bikers, and wildlife watchers with scenic vistas of the lake. The trail is open year round and can be utilized for short day hikes or loop hikes. There are 14 camping areas available on or adjacent to the trail. Hunting is not permitted on any section of the trail. No fees or permits are required for trail use. Access can be gained from any recreation area located around the lake.

Courtesy photos

Motorcyclists participate in special events such as the Ride for Rights, which was sponsored in April by the The 19th Judicial Circuit Victims' Rights Coalition.

Motorcycles, part of American history, change with the times

Motorcycles have been used for transportation and entertainment for generations in the United States.

The first motorcycle was built in 1867 in France but was powered by a steam engine. In the United States, Sylvester H. Roper developed a twin-cylinder steam motorcycle, with a coal-fired boiler between the wheels in 1868.

The first gasoline-powered motorcycle was built by German inventors Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach in 1885. Motorcycles quickly became a popular form of efficient transportation in Europe.

In 1901, the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company was formed in Springfield, Mass. Harley-Davidson, also an American company, began manufacturing motorcycles in 1903.

By 1931, Indian and Harley-Davidson were the only two American manufacturers producing commercial motorcycles. This rivalry continued until 1953, when the Indian Motorcycle factory in Massachusetts closed and Royal Enfield took over the Indian name.

It was not until after WWII that motorcycle sales really took off in the United States, becoming popular with soldiers returning from the war. These soldiers formed some of the first motorcycle clubs.

The first "baby boomers"—children of the WWII veterans—started buying their own motorcycles in the 1960s.

Honda entered the American motorcycle market in a big way with a popular 1962 ad campaign "You meet the nicest people on a Honda," and in just three years the number of registered motorcycles in the U.S. doubled. By 1975, there were more than 5 million motorcycles registered in the United States.

Motorcycle sales slumped in the 1980s, as baby boomers were busy raising their own children. But as their children grew older, many of the baby boomers once again felt the call of the open road and returned to motorcycling, this time choosing larger, more expensive bikes.

Higher gasoline prices have also been good for motorcycle sales.

In 2012, there were approximately 9.47 million motorcycles registered in the U.S.

The sunny states of California, with more than 743,000 registered motorcycles, and Florida, with more than 594,000 lead the nation.

What will the future bring? Manufacturers already produce motorcycles that run on ethanol for the South American market. Hybrid motorcycles and electric motorcycles are also entering the market.

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May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recognizes May 2013 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Motorcycles can be easily hidden in traffic, so it critical for motorists to watch for motorcycles to ensure everyone's safety.

Here are several safety tips to help motorcyclists stay safe:

• Don't buy more bike than you can handle;

• Hone your skills by taking a training class;

• Wear protective gear including helmet(Riders without a helmet are 40 percent more likely to suffer a fatal head injury in a crash and three times more likely to suffer brain injuries than those with helmets, according to government studies);

• Drive defensively (in multi-vehicle crashes, car drivers were at fault 60 percent of the time so be extra alert);

• Brighten up (wear bright colors to make you more visible);

• Avoid bad weather;

• Watch for road hazards;

• Before each ride make sure your bike and is working properly (lights, horn, tires, etc); and,

• Ride responsibly, "Don't Drink and Ride."

FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad said, "The department remains steadfast in our commitment to ensure all motorists enjoy safe travels on our roadways. This safety campaign is an important tool to raise awareness of this critical issue."

"Florida's mild climate and beautiful scenery make it very attractive for Florida residents to own a motorcycle. Those same characteristics make it a popular destination for many motorcycle riders who visit our state each year," said Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Julie Jones. "Car and truck drivers should expect to share the road with motorcycles each day. Awareness of the limitations of other vehicles on the road and driving accordingly will make the traveling experience in Florida more pleasant and safer for all."

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The Rim Ditch Bike Fest in April featured a motorcycle show with custom motorcycles.

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Street Beat, Inc.

BELLE GLADE—Street Beat, Inc. will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade, on Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Founded in 1996 by Kenneth & Nerissa Jackson, Street Beat Inc. (SBI) is critically acclaimed for its efforts to train youth to become self-reliant, by focusing on personal development through discipline and the arts. SBI's Choreographer/ Artistic Director, Shanique Scott creates choreography that infuses Hip-Hop, Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical movements to the latest contemporary gospel tunes. For more information, call the box office at 561-993-1160.

Annie Get Your Gun

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Performing and Visual Arts Department will present the hit musical "Annie Get Your Gun" starting Thursday, May 9. The show will run May 9-12 with shows Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and matinée performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. With music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" shares the classic fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley (1860-1926). Tickets can be purchased online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone. For informmation, call 1-800-220-9915.

Jazz Market, Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society hosts a Jazz Market in historic downtown Fort Pierce on the waterfront of Indian River every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Every Tuesday, the Sunrise Theatre at the Black Box, 1117 South Second St. in Fort Pierce, features Jazz Jams from 7 to 10 p.m. Upcoming Jazz Jams are planned for May 14, 21 and 28.

Wednesday Jazz Jams are every other Wednesday at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Upcoming Jazz Jams are set for May 15 and 19.

50 Shades! The musical

FORT MYERS—"50 Shades! The Musical," a hilarious parody of the Fifty Shades of Grey phenomenon, will premiere in Fort Myers on May 10 at the Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall at Edison State College, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers. "50 Shades! The Musical" opens with a ladies book club deciding to read "Fifty Shades of Grey." Through their interpretation of the novel, the audience is lead on an uproarious roller coaster ride of this unlikely bestseller. For more information, call 239-481-4849.

Historic fish camp brings visitors back to the Big 'O'

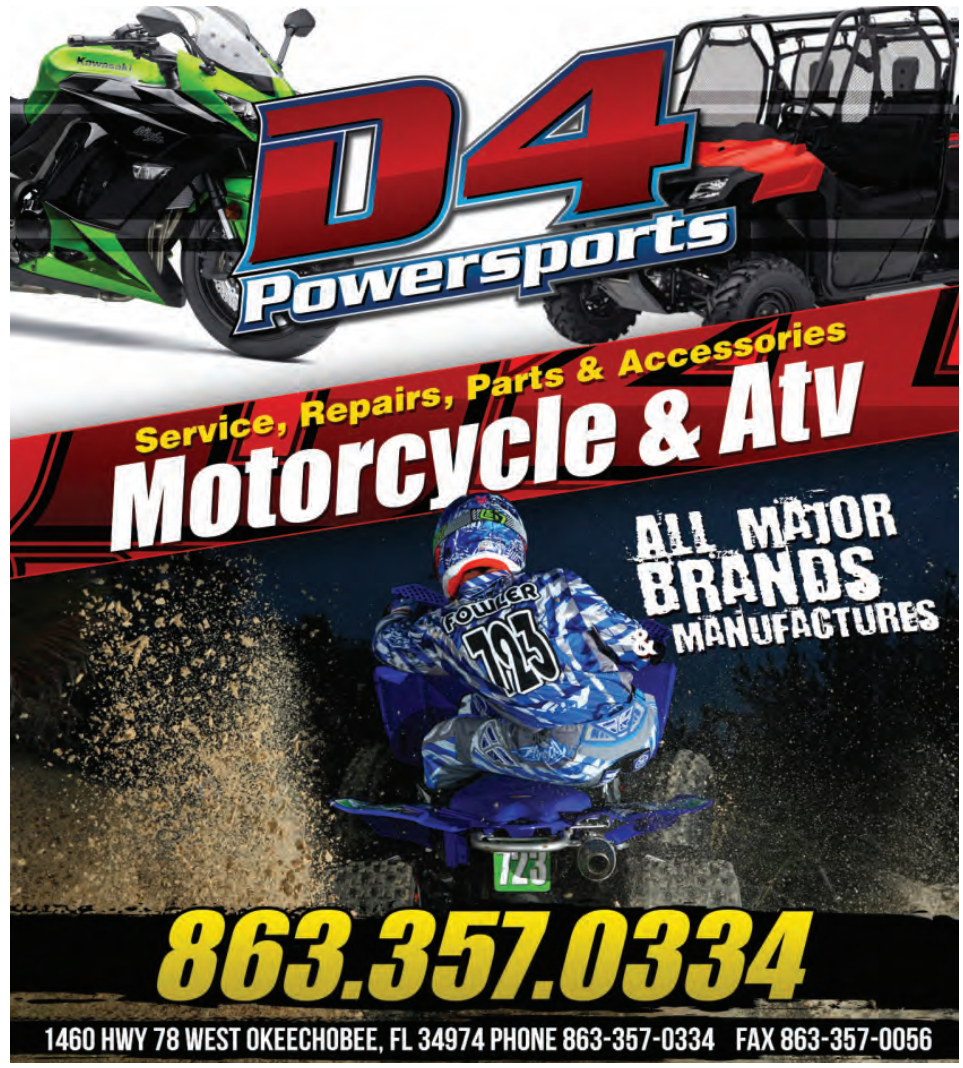
Want to enjoy Lake Okeechobee but don't have your own boat? No problem.

Lake O Boat Rentals is located at The J & S Fish Camp. J & S has been around since the 1920s and still has the rustic feel of the old fish camps around the lake that are few in number these days.

"We have people coming back to the lake to rent boats with their parents or children that haven't been back to the Lake Okeechobee area in many years," said Juli Wright. "It's exciting to be a part of seeing business coming back to the lake!"

"The fishing has been great, with large bass being plentiful as well as specs, and shellcrackers and bluegills are coming on," she said.

Lake O Boat Rentals has access to the lake at the camp and offers 18 unimpeded miles of beautiful Rim Canal for fishing and nature at its best on Lake Okeechobee.

They rent John boats, bass boats and pontoons. They have a marine mechanic on premises. They also offer live bait, crickets, shiners, minnows and worms, and light tackle at the baithouse. Recreational fuel is available on site.

J & S Fish Camp rents cabins and camping spots, and operates the Gator Hole Tavern. On Sundays there is live music and always something on the grill.