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## Fishing Tournaments Are Not Just For Marinas



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BY MELISSA BELTZ  
The Clewiston News

Junior bass fishermen fought the rain last weekend to compete in the B.A.S.S. Nation Florida High School Series held at Roland Martin Marina and Resort in Clewiston on June 22 and 23.

The series consisted of junior fishermen from across the state and awards were presented in three categories, including an 11- to 14-year-old amateur division, a 15- to 18-year-old pro division, and a high school division. 56 junior pro fishermen and 34

amateur fishermen competed for the top spot in the series. Trenton Penuel from Marion County Junior Bass Masters won the 15- to 18-year-old division with a total of 20 fish weighing 36.81 pounds. Dustin Bozeman of Lakeland Junior Bass Masters took second for the 15- to 18-year-old division and Jeremy Knepper of Florida Trails Junior Bass Masters took third place.

Shawn Odor Jr. of Quincy Junior

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## Dr. Charles Opens New Clewiston Practice

Influenced by patients, new practice gives unique care to community

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
The Clewiston News

June 8 marked the grand opening of Dr. Hans Louis-Charles' new General Practice in Clewiston. This new practice provides patients with unique care and signifies a new era of medicine: for the people, by the people. Fueled by his patients and compassionate volunteers, Dr. Charles' practice has set a new tone

for the way residents will receive care in Clewiston.

It has been a long road leading up to June 8 for Dr. Charles, who never even considered practicing medicine in a small town before moving to Clewiston in 2007. In fact, Dr. Charles' journey to Clewiston began in a small port city in the north of Haiti. Born in Port-de-Paix, Haiti, Dr. Charles came to the United States with his parents in 1980, where he spent the next decade living in Miami. His studies took him from the Miami heat to the northern cold when he transferred to Temple University in Philadelphia. After graduating from medical school in 1996, Dr. Charles came back to the

Miami area to teach at Miami-Dade Community College. He resumed his medical studies in 2001 and completed his residency in Wilkes-Barre, Pa in internal medicine. But Florida called his name once again in 2005, when Dr. Charles moved to Clearwater to work at the Morton Plant Hospital. In 2007,



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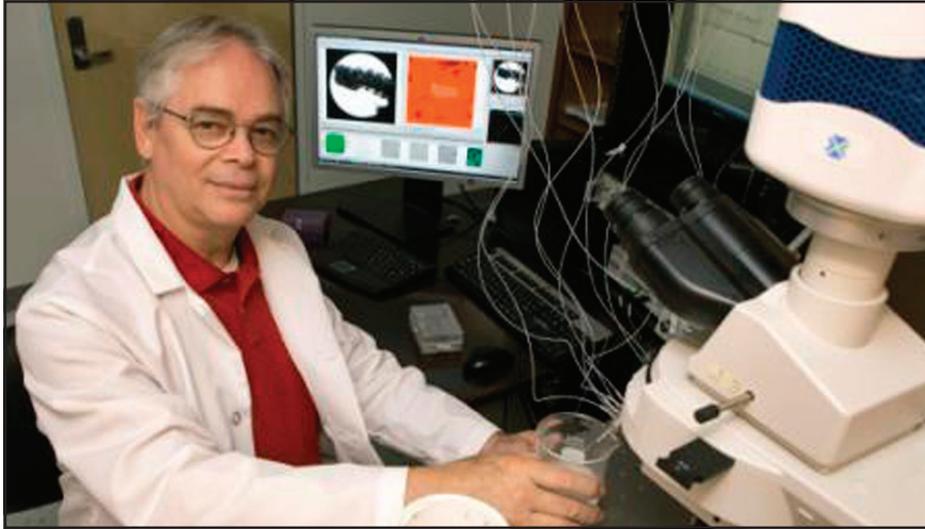


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# UF Targeting Malaria-Carrying Mosquitoes



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Pictured above is the Entomologist Jeff Bloomquist, a professor at the University of Florida, in his laboratory on the UF main campus. Bloomquist is part of a research team developing insecticides that kill mosquitoes but are harmless to other organisms.

BY TOM NORDLIE  
IFAS News

In malaria-ridden parts of Africa, mosquito netting protects people from being infected while they sleep. Now, a University of Florida entomologist wants to improve the netting by coating it with insecticide toxic only to mosquitoes.

The insecticide would work by interfering with an enzyme found in the nervous systems of mosquitoes and many other organisms called acetylcholinesterase. Existing insecticides target the enzyme but affect a broad range of species, said entomologist Jeff Bloomquist, a professor in UF's Emerging Pathogens Institute and its Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Acetylcholinesterase helps regulate nervous system activity by stopping electrical signaling in nerve cells. If the enzyme can't do its job, the mosquito begins convulsing and dies. The research team's goal is to develop compounds perfectly matched to the acetylcholinesterase molecules in malaria-transmitting mosquitoes, he said.

"A simple analogy would be that we're trying to make a key that fits perfectly into a lock," Bloomquist said. "We want to shut down the enzyme, but only in target species."

Malaria is spread by mosquitoes in the Anopheles genus, notably *Anopheles gambiae*, native to Africa. The disease is common in poor communities where homes may not have adequate screens to keep flying insects out.

Malaria is caused by microscopic organisms called protists, which are present in the saliva of infected female mosquitoes and transmitted when the mosquitoes bite.

Initial symptoms of the disease can include fever, chills, convulsions, headaches, and nausea. In severe cases, malaria can cause kidney failure, coma, and death. Worldwide, malaria infected about 219 million people in 2010 and killed about 660,000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 90

percent of those infected lived in Africa.

Bloomquist and colleagues at Virginia Tech, where the project is based, are trying to perfect mosquito-specific compounds that can be manufactured on a large scale and applied to mosquito netting and surfaces where the pests might land.

It will take at least four to five years before the team has developed and tested a compound enough that it's ready to be submitted for federal approval, Bloomquist said.

The team recently published a study in the journal *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* comparing eight experimental compounds with commercially available insecticides that target the enzyme.

Though they were less toxic to mosquitoes than commercial products, the experimental compounds were far more selective, indicating researchers are on the right track, he said.

"The compounds we're using are not very toxic to honeybees, fish, and mammals, but we need to refine them further, make them more toxic to mosquitoes and safer for nontarget organisms," he said.

In the project, Bloomquist tests experimental compounds on *Anopheles gambiae* mosquitoes, held in a quarantine facility on the UF campus. He worked at Virginia Tech for 20 years and came to UF in 2009. Bloomquist joined the project at the behest of lead investigator Paul Carlier, a professor of organic and medicinal chemistry in Virginia Tech's College of Science.

Funding for the project came from a five-year, \$3.6 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

In Florida, malaria was a significant problem in the early 20th century, transmitted by native *Anopheles* mosquitoes. The disease has been greatly curtailed via mosquito-control practices, but even today, cases are occasionally reported in the Sunshine State.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

### 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.

This is a 12-step program for drugs and alcohol. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Gene at 863-983-4437.

### Raft Race

On Friday, June 28, the Raft Race weekend will kick off with a Pirate Party at 9 p.m. at The Tiki Bar. On Saturday, June 29, the Great American Raft Race will begin at 2 p.m. at The Tiki Bar/Roland &amp; Mary Ann Martin's Marina. For more information, call 983-3151.

### Gospel Sing

While Billie Swindle's Red Barn takes a hiatus, there will be a Gospel Sing at the First Christian Church located at 201 N. Francisco St., inside our air-conditioned facilities. Different groups will be featured every first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. The Simple Faith Trio will be here Friday, July 5.

### Free HIV testing

National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), held annually on June 27, encourages people to get tested for HIV.

Early HIV diagnosis is crucial so that people who are infected can fully benefit from life-saving treatments, and so they can take extra precaution to prevent transmission to others.

Currently, almost 40 percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV in the USA have already progressed to AIDS, which means they were probably first infected years before and didn't know it.

In observance of NHTD, Hendry and Glades County Health Departments will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Thursday, June 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and again from 1 p.m. to

4:30 p.m. at our three clinic sites: 1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven; 1100 Olympia St, Clewiston; and 1040 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle. Please, "Take the HIV Test, Take Control."

### E-Books for Children

The Clewiston library is offering to help children develop their reading skills and have fun with the new E-Books for Children. It includes Accelerated Readers (AR) books in an e-book format and allows children to read along (or not) as the narrator reads. There are three different packages providing material for children ages 0-18. They are now accessible from home, school, on iPads, iPhones, etc., or here in the library. Here is information for accessing them:

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www.TumbleBookCloud.com - username is "clewiston" and the password is "login"

www.TBCJR.com - username is "clewiston-jr" and password is "login"

Please note each is for a different age level so you can look at them all and decide which is best for your children. Also, games are included. Call your library for further information on using this exciting source of reading for your children.

Coming soon is the the new website for the Hendry County Library System.

### Library summer program

Library summer program is heating up. The theme this year is "Dig into Reading." The staff has lots of fun activities, prizes, and surprises lined up for our little customers. Please be sure to bring them in and register them to win a prize for their reading efforts.

The Clewiston Youth Book Club continues every other Wednesday at 4 p.m. in your library. The last meeting had 15 in attendance and the book discussion centered around dinosaurs. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26 at 4 p.m. at the library. The discussion will be about books on genetics -- fiction or non-fiction.

### Library Opening Hours Change

Library opening hours will be changed as of August 6. The hours will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

### New Adult Book Club

Started June 18 at 6:30 p.m. The Book selected is Fareinheight 451. Come and pick up your copy at the library. All 18 and over are welcome.

### Seacoast National Bank

All branches of the Seacoast National Bank will be closed for July 4. Locations include Brevard, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. Please contact Charlene Beluscak, (772) 221-2851, for more information.

### Outstanding Community Service Award Nominations

The Clewiston City Commission is seeking nominations for the annual Outstanding Community Service Award to honor an individual who has made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. If you wish to nominate someone in the Clewiston area who deserves recognition, complete the nomination form and return to Marilyn McCorvey at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or call 863-983-1484. Nomination forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website. The City Commissioners will recognize the honoree at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner in September. Nominations must be received by August 5.

# Warning: Gift Card Scam

Recently, Hendry County residents have reported a postcard that states the recipient is eligible to receive \$100 in gift savings only good at Wal-Mart or Target stores. These postcards are appearing in mailboxes around the county.

Sadly, this is the gift (card) that keeps on giving -- right into the scammer's pockets. Postcards are being dropped into the mailboxes of residents in Hendry County, telling residents they are trying to be reached with exciting news about an unclaimed reward.

The postcard asks the recipient to call a toll-free number to claim the gift card. The sender lists a claim number at the bottom of the card. Once you call the number listed, you are urged to provide a "Visa or MasterCard number to cover a processing fee of \$6.95 for activation and shipping to your mailing address."

This is a new twist on a familiar scam involving gift cards that used email and text messaging in the past. Now it appears scammers are specifically targeting seniors who may not be

as integrated and active with texting and email communication.

"Be suspicious of any contest or sweepstakes

taxes, or other charges." Winning is free; a gift is something given willingly to someone without payment.



Pictured above is a gift card scam example.

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that asks for an upfront fee," said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden. "Legitimate sweepstakes companies will not ask you to pay handling fees,

Wal-Mart and Target have no connection with reward and gift savings sweepstakes and do not partner with agencies that encourage consumers to spend money on "sponsor offers" in the belief that they will eventually receive a high-value gift card. However, after fulfilling the "sponsor offers" the consumer may never even receive the gift card.

Protect yourself: Do not provide personal information to claim "prizes" or sign up for a "free trial." Never give your credit card number, social security number, or bank account information to pay for fees, taxes, or shipping costs for anything that you may have 'won' or are getting for 'free.' A true sweepstakes will not make a winner pay fees.

Check your bank statements and credit cards on a regular basis for unauthorized charges.

Contact local law enforcement and report any suspicious activity.

# Protect Yourself from Dehydration, Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke

BY PATRICIA DOBBINS

Hendry County Department of Health

As we head into the summer, temperatures will continue to rise. The Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties want you to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common in very humid environments. High humidity reduces the

effectiveness of sweating and cooling the body. To avoid becoming dehydrated, it is important to drink plenty of fluids -- especially water -- even if you don't feel thirsty. Signs of dehydration include thirst, weakness, nausea, muscle cramps, headache, and feeling dizzy or light-headed.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion can vary, but may include the following: heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness or weakness, dizziness and/or fainting, headache, nausea or

vomiting, your skin may be cool and moist, your pulse rate may be fast and weak, and/or your breathing may be fast and shallow.

When heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Try to cool off and seek medical attention if symptoms get worse or if the symptoms last longer than one hour.

Here are some ways to help prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke: drink lots of water or drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages, wear

lightweight and light-colored clothing, seek an air-conditioned location when possible, take a cool shower or bath, do not engage in strenuous activities when you know temperatures are at high levels.

Plan ahead. If you know that you will be outside for extended periods of time, please be sure to have water available. Get into the habit of drinking water throughout the day -- not just when you feel like you have a dry mouth.

## Retirement Plan Tips for Conservative Savers

Whether you're a risk taker or a more conservative saver, retirement planning should be a top priority. Taking charge of your savings, regardless of your life stage or savings style, can help to ensure you get "to" and "through" retirement and live the lifestyle you think is right for you.

If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, experts say that you can benefit by taking a closer look at your account to explore ways to combat risk and protect savings for the future.

"No matter what kind of saver you are, connecting with a retirement consultant or financial professional can help restore confidence in your retirement plan," says Chuck Cornelio, President of Retirement Plan Services at Lincoln Financial Group. "These individuals will review your risk preferences, as well as what's available within your plan to help you map out a path to retirement that is right for you."

Consider the following five tips that can help you manage risk and volatility within an employer-sponsored account, like a 401(k) or 403(b):

**Know your plan:** Many options within an employer-sponsored plan are designed to offer capital protection and volatility management.

Some can accommodate changing market conditions, seeking to protect growth as the market fluctuates and defend against losses.

Knowing what investment options are available to you is the first step to protecting your savings.

**Consider lifestyle options:** Your risk tolerance may change over time based on how many years away you are from retirement.

For example, investments known as target date funds are designed to manage risk over time without moving assets out of a retirement portfolio, so participants always stay invested. The flexibility of these funds can cover a broad range of risk tolerance.

**Explore in-plan guarantee options:** Some features in today's retirement plans include guaranteed income options that can provide savers with a steady income stream in retirement, while also offering protection against

downturns in the market.

**Review your investments:** Ask your employer about retirement planning education, online tools or one-on-one support to get a better handle on whether your investment strategy is in line with your overall retirement goals, as well as your risk tolerance. Take advantage of all the resources available to you.

**Stay the course:** A common mistake people make is letting their emotions lead to actions.

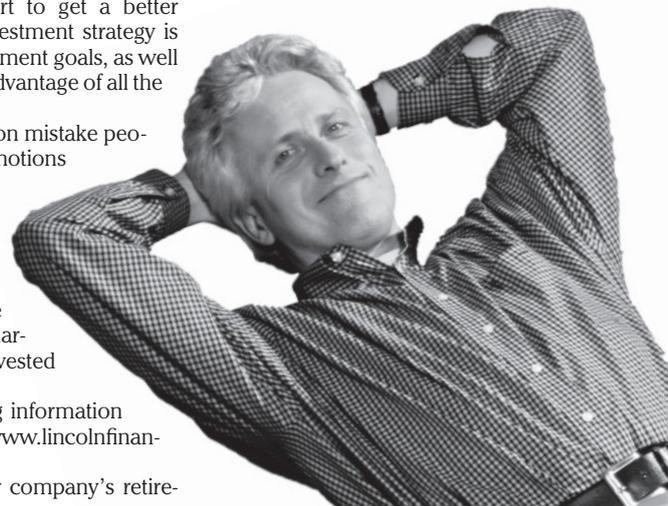
Resist the temptation to move out of your investments into areas you think are more stable.

The best way to prepare for retirement is to ride the market's waves and remain invested for the long-term.

More retirement planning information and tools can be found at [www.lincolffinancial.com](http://www.lincolffinancial.com).

If you're enrolled in your company's retire-

ment plan, remember to stay on track to be better prepared for the years ahead.



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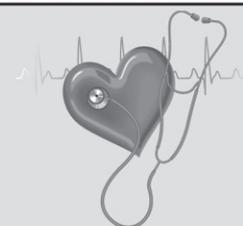
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# Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Clumsy type
- 4 Like a male lion
- 9 Sits for a portrait
- 14 Popeye's Olive
- 15 Clamorous
- 16 Posthaste
- 17 Longtime Elton John label
- 18 Eschew punishment, in an old saw
- 20 With, in France
- 22 Movie-rating org.
- 23 Santa \_\_\_ winds
- 24 Positive particle
- 26 Carson's sidekick
- 29 Really puzzling
- 32 Currency-stabilizing org.
- 33 Geography suffix
- 34 Part of Columbus's fleet
- 37 "Toy Story" space ranger
- 42 What there oughta be
- 43 Luau souvenir
- 44 "I hate it!"
- 46 Athletics group for kids
- 51 Not as tidy
- 54 Shaving aid
- 55 Refugees' subj.
- 56 Key \_\_\_ pie
- 59 Tornado-riding dog
- 60 From afar, and how 18-, 29-, 37- and 46-Across literally end
- 64 "\_\_\_ Got a Secret"
- 66 "Rosemary's Baby" author Ira
- 67 Perfumer's compound
- 68 Yet, poetically
- 69 Amens
- 70 Unfeeling
- 71 Monopoly quartet: Abbr.

**DOWN**

- 1 Half a tuba sound
- 2 Bart Simpson's "Holy cow!"
- 3 Likely to evoke yums
- 4 The Phillie Phanatic, e.g.
- 5 Alsatian dadaist

- 6 Linguist Chomsky
- 7 O.K. Corral gunfighter
- 8 Imagined
- 9 The other half of a tuba sound
- 10 Uncover, poetically
- 11 "Adia" singer McLachlan
- 12 Prefix appealing to frugality
- 13 Car buyer's choice
- 19 Dial on a dash
- 21 Takeoff approx.
- 24 21st Greek letter
- 25 "Joy to the World," e.g.
- 27 When repeated, a 1987 #1 hit for Billy Idol
- 28 Lille lady friend
- 30 "F" that most school kids look forward to: Abbr.
- 31 It's measured in degrees
- 35 Less deserving of a Christmas present?

- 36 Have a debate about
- 38 Microwaves
- 39 Düsseldorf duo
- 40 Giggle in an IM
- 41 Cash drawer
- 45 Seagoing pronoun
- 47 Skinny swimmers
- 48 Puts pen to paper
- 49 Place to grab a bite
- 50 From \_\_\_ Z
- 51 \_\_\_-mouthed: indirect
- 52 Lauder of lipstick
- 53 Some Balkan natives
- 57 Sail support
- 58 Opposite of ecto-
- 61 Backgammon cube
- 62 "I know people" people
- 63 100 yrs.
- 65 USNA grad

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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# Religion Column

## Puppy Biscuits, Robin Hood, Ananias and Sapphira

BY REVEREND SAMUEL S. THOMAS, PH.  
D.+  
Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Sometimes our dog is reluctant to eat her dinner. She is accustomed to eating it in the living room from her bowl near the television. If another dog appears on the TV screen, she'll bark and eat all that has been set before her.

I've concluded that she feels the TV is a large window. She'll even smell behind it looking for that other dog from time to time. We've asked her if she'd like to share her dinner with those other dogs; apparently, and emphatically, not!

There have been times when she didn't particularly like what was set before her. I'll flip through channels to see if I can find a dog in an advertisement to "motivate" her and it usually works. The thought of sharing doesn't fit well with her canine instincts. Apparently, that's so with humans, as well. I've seen kindergarten children being chided by a teacher to share toys or share their cookies; they never seem to be overjoyed at the prospect of parting with something for the benefit of another.

Adults also do not seem to look at sharing as an opportunity to help for the most part. This is a learned act of charity that does not seem to be ours just from our natural instincts. Nevertheless, the human instinct to be compassionate when we see someone who is hurting or defenseless has moved all of us from time to time. It's harder when people are not in our presence, unknown to us personally, or maybe even thought to be unworthy of our help. My ministry is an attempt to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves" when it comes to using the resources entrusted to me to share.

There is a call to be a "cheerful giver" – God loves them (2 Corinthians 9:7) and that we should give something we decide on giving without reluctance or compulsion (ibid). A more drastic account is reported in Acts 4 and 5: Things were going well for the "believers" and they shared what they had; nobody claiming possessions for their own (Acts 4:32ff).

Then there were no needy persons among them (v.34), but all did not live happily ever after. One couple, Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold a piece of land but decided to keep some of the money for themselves (Acts 5:1ff). Historians report that this kind of sharing was practiced for a short time and this kind of "communitistic" system only in limited places.

What seemed to be the problem was not the "holding back," but the deceit. Ananias might have said "We're saving for our children's education" or "We're putting aside something for our old age," followed by "...but here's the rest." But they did not; apparently, being able to share more but saying to themselves "too bad for the needy!"



SAMUEL S. THOMAS

The message: "Share what you have to share, but don't be greedy or deceitful about it." Somewhere between Robin Hood (who stole -- that's right, stole -- from the rich and distributed) and Ananias and Sapphira, comes a message of sharing; being a joyful giver. After all, sharing means you do keep something for yourself too. The question is "How much?" and the answer is "Let your conscience be your guide."

Now, every once and awhile, my dog will bring me one of her puppy biscuits. She doesn't have to do that; it's an act of pure charity on her part. Apparently, she doesn't recognize that I don't need any more food, or that I may not really want it.

I pretend to eat it, then give it back. Affection and sharing are closely linked -- I'm grateful at that moment that I'm not one of the dogs on TV or I'd be out of luck. At any rate, she has shown me something about sharing what I have. If she can do it, so can I. So can we all.



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### Patricia Ann Bickers

#### McQueen, 83

CLEWISTON — Patricia Ann Bickers McQueen was born March 26, 1930 in Indianapolis and passed away at home on Sunday June 23, 2013 surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Cleste Seamon Bickers; her husband of 57 years, Robert D. McQueen Sr.; her grandson, Thomas Q. McQueen; her brothers, Wesley Bickers Sr., Charles Bickers, and her sister, Gertrude Day.

She is survived by her loving sister, Betty Husion; seven precious children, Carolyn Sharp, Robert (Lynette) McQueen, Donald (Monika) McQueen, Nancy (Ronald) Butler, John (Maryann) McQueen, Larry (Robin) McQueen and Patricia L. McQueen; 20 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

During her working life, Pat was employed at the Circle Theater where she met her future husband. She also worked at Western Electric (until she went to lunch). Pat was the school bus driver at St. Roch School, for the Roncalli High School band, and extra school activities. She retired after working at the Indianapolis International Airport as a transit security agent. Pat was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church for more than 45 years and was a winter member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Moore Haven, Florida for over 20 years. She was a devoted mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and a selfless volunteer as evidenced by her contributions to mercy meals, cleaning the church, volunteering at St. Roch School and Roncalli High School, democratic precinct committee chair person for Perry Township, working at bingo and serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday June 27, 2013 at 10 a.m. in St. Roch Church. Friends may call on Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Daniel F. O' Riley Funeral Home where morning prayers will be said on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. prior to Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Roch Church Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [orileyfuneralhome.com](http://orileyfuneralhome.com).

### Julie Pinter, 82

MOORE HAVEN — Julie Pinter passed away June 22, 2013 in Lehigh Acres.

She was the daughter of Vincent and Lena Csi-ti.

She married Joseph J. Pinter; he preceded her in death.

She was a real estate manager for many years.

She is survived by her son Joseph and his wife Sylvia; her daughter Susan Karkowski and her husband Jack; grandchildren Joseph Jr and his wife Ana, Donna, William, Julianne, Sarah; along with her many great grandchildren; nieces; nephews and many local, national and international friends.

We would like to thank her dear friends and neighbors for all their help throughout her illness.

We will miss her dearly.

Cremation arrangements are incomplete with Akin-Davis Funeral Home.

### Calixto Garcia-Iniguez, 88

BELLE GLADE — Our dear father, born April 5, 1925 in Havana, Cuba, passed away on Monday, June 17, 2013.

He was pre-deceased by his wife of 54 years, Lucia Garcia-Iniguez.

Calixto is survived by his daughters, Lucy (Monte) Marshall of St. Louis, Mo., Rose (Rodi) Bowen of Tampa, Fla and Mercedes (Mark) Motzer of Tampa, Fla. He leaves behind six grandchildren Heather (Dave) Andrews, Christine (Andy) Steiner, Cindy Marshall, Kyle Marshall, Blake Motzer, and Andrew Motzer and one great-grandchild Conrad Steiner. He is also survived by his three beloved brothers Carlos Garcia-Iniguez of Miami, Fla and Justo Garcia-Iniguez of Pembroke Pines, Fla, and Rafael Garcia-Iniguez of Houston, Texas.

He was an agronomist who contributed greatly to the Glades sugarcane community and enjoyed spending time outdoors. Our father also leaves many friends and co-workers from the Belle Glade & West Palm Beach area – too many to mention but very dear to us. He will be greatly missed by all. He was an inspiration to all who met him and because of him, the world is a better place.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 21, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Palms West Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will follow at 2 p.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church in Wellington, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions can either be made to the LifePath Hospice or Alzheimers Association.

Arrangements by the Palms West Funeral Home & Crematory, Royal Palm Beach, FL 561-753-6004, Family Owned & Operated [www.palmswestfuneralhome.com](http://www.palmswestfuneralhome.com)

# Syngenta Florida Agriculture Scholarship

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Florida high school seniors and college students pursuing a career in agriculture are eligible to enter.

"Syngenta is committed to investing in the future of agriculture in Florida. We believe that encouraging our best and brightest to pursue agricultural degrees is the key to finding solutions for the challenges facing modern agriculture," said Mary DeMers, Syngenta vegetables portfolio communications lead. "We're excited to read about the innovative, new marketing strategies that scholarship applicants envision for the produce industry."

The \$5,000 scholarship opportunity is available to students who meet one of these requirements: any high-school senior participating in Florida 4-H or FFA programs who will attend either the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida; the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture at Florida A&M University; or the Horticultural Science program at Florida Southern College in the fall.

Any student (graduate or undergraduate) enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida; the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture at Florida A&M University; or the Horticultural Science program at Florida Southern College are also eligible to apply.

As part of the application, students will be asked to submit a marketing plan (750 words or less) demonstrating how to drive demand and sales of Florida fruit and vegetables to tech-savvy consumers.

Applications are due by August 16, 2013, and can be submitted online at [www.SyngentaFFVAScholarship.com](http://www.SyngentaFFVAScholarship.com) or sent to:

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Please feel free to contact Bonnie Thomas directly if you have any questions about the scholarship information included below or you would like additional details.

The winner will be announced in September and presented with the scholarship during the FFVA 70th Annual Convention at The Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Fla., Sept. 24.

## Avoiding Student Loan Debts

With college costs skyrocketing, more college students are waking to the realization that they are trapped under massive debt. It doesn't have to be this way, say experts.

The numbers are staggering, as 65 percent of student loan borrowers misunderstand or are surprised by aspects of their student loans, according to studies. And student loans account are the most common form of increasing debt among ages 18-24, with 60 percent of students graduating with an average of \$24,572.45 in student loan debt.

Students are not being taught enough financial responsibility, say experts at Lexington Law,

a leading provider of consumer credit correction services. Only four states require a class in financial education. As such, many educators are urging greater financial education requirements.

In the meantime, there are things students can do to avoid getting buried under debt. A recent survey revealed that one in three graduates would have pursued one of the following, if they could do it all again: scholarships, financial aid, start saving earlier, pursue higher paying major, and working while in college.

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<http://www.pirtleconstruction.com/company/prequalification.aspx> for pre-qualification information and forms.

# Survey Reveals Floridians Conflicted about Immigrants

BY MICKIE ANDERSON  
IFAS News

Floridians have negative feelings about undocumented immigrants, but an overwhelming majority favor policy that would allow such immigrants a path to U.S. citizenship, a new University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences survey suggests.

The survey of 507 Floridians found that although many see undocumented immigrants as threats to their economic well-being and personal safety, they still had "pockets" of sympathetic views toward those trying to establish themselves as U.S. residents, said Tracy Irani, director of the UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education, or PIE Center, the research group that led the study.

"They definitely have some concerns and some less favorable perceptions about undocumented immigrants, but despite that, still, the majority feels positively about there being some pathway toward citizenship for undocumented immigrants," Irani said. "To me, that's the big takeaway."

Jack Payne, UF's senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources, said the immigration survey results point out precisely why the university must take a leading role in studying immigration and educating the public about the pros and cons of immigration reform.

"To solve an issue, you must understand that issue," Payne said. "Immigration is a critical issue for Floridians – it's affecting agriculture, which is a key economic driver in our state, it affects our public schools, and our health care system ... we can't separate ourselves from it."

Irani said the study found significant knowledge gaps about current and pending immigration policy.

Among those gaps, many respondents knew that undocumented immigrants often work in agriculture or outdoor industries, such as construction or roofing, but only six percent of respondents knew that many work in the hospital-ity industry.

About 58 percent of respondents did not know that babies born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants are automatically granted U.S. citizenship.

And more than half of the survey's respondents were unaware of the E-Verify system being considered as a mandatory check to see if potential employees are authorized to work in the United States, she said.

73 percent of survey respondents said they believe undocumented immigrants are a burden on the economy more than an asset, and 58 percent of respondents agreed with the statement "undocumented immigrants reduce the number of good jobs for Americans."

Despite those negative feelings, 85 percent said the government should either allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S. and eventually become citizens or require them to leave and return and become citizens only if they meet specific requirements.

Only 15 percent said they would prefer the government to force undocumented immigrants out of the U.S. permanently.

The survey showed that 44 percent of respondents reported knowing someone who came to the U.S. in the last 10 years, either documented



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or undocumented. 39 percent of those said they consider that person a friend.

Survey respondents were asked to assign levels of importance to a number of topics, and immigration was not among their chief concerns.

Only 70 percent of respondents reported it as extremely or highly important, dead last behind the economy, health care, water, the federal budget deficit, housing, K-12 education and higher education.

The survey respondents were selected as a demographically representative sample of adult Florida residents. This is the second of four surveys PIE Center officials hope to conduct every year to track public sentiment over time. Besides immigration, the other topics include water, endangered species, and perceptions about organic and non-organic foods and agricultural practices used to grow them.



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Petition Number: VC13-0001

Resolution Number: RES2013-31

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 28th day of May, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida adopted Resolution No. 2013-31. The effect of this Resolution is to vacate the public's interest in the right-of-way or portion of right-of-way legally described as follows:

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

- 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.

Karson Turner, Chairman

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

# Hendry County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet Held



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Pictured from left to right are Pro Steadman Scholarship Recipients Brianna Davis and Mandi Perry, with Sonja Crawford.

The Hendry County 4-H Program held its Annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the John Boy Auditorium.

Members received award pins in the different 4-H project areas from cooking and arts and crafts, to steer, swine and dairy goats. Moreover, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members received awards for their project record books.

Leaders were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the 4-H program



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Pictured from left to right are Colette Willis (eleven years of service), Marsha Bechtel (21 years of service), Pat Bosley (36 years of service), Carmen Corbitt (outstanding leader of the year), and Sonja Crawford (4-H coordinator).

from one year to 36 years of service.

Mrs. Carmen Corbitt was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award after receiving letters of recommendation from her 4-H club.

This is Mrs. Corbitt's third year providing leadership to the Hendry County 4-H Swine Program. Several 4-H members received special recognition for their accomplishments in 4-H: Stormey Green received the Outstanding Junior 4-H Award plaque, Harley Yates received the Outstanding In-

termediate 4-H Award plaque, and Shelby French was awarded the Outstanding Senior 4-H Award plaque.

These awards were based on letters received from 4-H leaders outlining their accomplishments in the overall 4-H program.

Brianna Davis and Mandi Perry received the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The Hendry County 4-H Staff would like to ex-



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Pictured are the Outstanding 4-H'ers Stormey Greene, Harley Yates, and Shelby French.

press their appreciation to the parents, leaders, volunteers, and special guests, who attended the Awards Banquet in support of the 4-H program.

These volunteers provided their time and talents, in reaching the lives of so many youths in Hendry County.

Last but not least, the Hendry County 4-H Staff would like thank the city of Clewiston for allowing the banquet to be held at the John Boy Auditorium.



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## AAU National Competition

Pictured above from left to right are Frances Ramos and Montana Powell. They have just returned from competing in the AAU Regional Competition in Orlando. Both girls have qualified to compete at the AAU National Competition held in Detroit, Michigan. They are currently trying to raise funds to be able to attend the event. If you are interested in helping these young ladies, please contact the Director, Jackie Tucker, at 983-2298. They are Junior Coaches of the Clewiston Sugar Dolls.

## Fishing

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Bass Masters won the 11- to 14-year-old division with a total of 20 fish weighing 23.84 pounds. Logan Hill and Jackson Williams of Lakeland Junior Bass Masters won second and third place, consecutively.

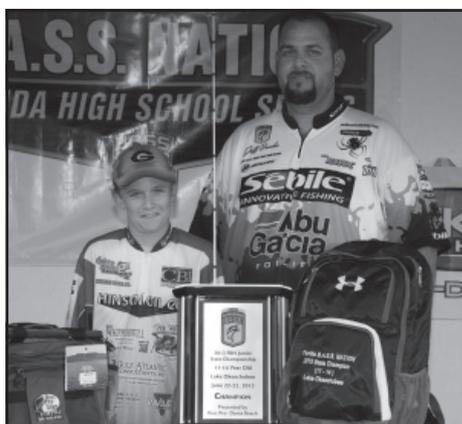
The Junior Bass Tournament was attended by 90 families from across the state. Mayor Philip Roland commented on the impact that these kinds of events have on the community.

"The thing that everybody has to understand is that all the restaurants and all the living facilities in Clewiston are touched by this -- it's not

just [Roland Martin's] Marina -- so the economic impact is spread out through the whole community," said Mayor Roland. "The support for the 90 kids who fished in the tournament was probably over 200 people, which makes, probably, 300 people who ate dinners, who bought gas, who spent money in our community. Say there's 300 people who come into a community of our size that stay at least four days and it costs upwards of 100 dollars a day -- you can do the math."

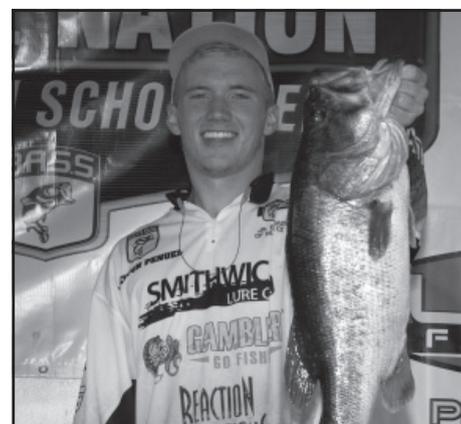
The math comes out to \$120,000 that is pumped into our community.

"That's a big impact on our community," commented Mayor Roland. "It's a big thing, especially, on a weekend in June. ... And to look at the smiles on those young men's faces, and girls, it's a great thing."



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Pictured are 11- to 14-year-old division winner Shawn Odor Jr. and Florida B.A.S.S. Nation Youth Director Jeff Brooks.



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Pictured is the winner from the 15- to 18-year-old division, Trenton Penuel with his big bass catch of the day.



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# Keep Pets, Livestock Away from False Parasol Mushrooms

BY TOM NORDLIE  
IFAS News

Dogs are notorious for eating just about anything, and the nastier, the better -- which is why a University of Florida expert is advising canine owners to keep an eye out for poisonous mushrooms as summer approaches.

One particularly common species is known scientifically as *Chlorophyllum molybdites* and often called the false parasol, said mycologist Matthew E. Smith, an assistant professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The large, light-colored fungus grows in grassy areas, such as lawns, throughout the Eastern United States and in California.

"Mushrooms can grow very quickly, so it's important to be observant," Smith said. "If you have a puppy or a dog, you should check the yard before you let the dog out, or supervise it when it goes outside." Though poisoning cases are rare, the false parasol causes intense gastrointestinal distress in people and may be deadly to dogs and horses. Puppies and adult dogs that like to chew are especially at risk for ingesting the fungus.

The false parasol is easy to spot against a grassy background. White or tan, it has a domed or flat cap and a thick stem; at maturity it may be several inches tall. Colonies often grow in circles, called "fairy rings."

Smith suggests that animal owners learn to identify the species, check their property often and destroy the mushrooms if they appear where animals might eat them.

When a veterinarian suspects mushroom poisoning, Smith is sometimes called upon to identify any fungus fragments that have been recovered.

It's not an easy or pleasant task, but Smith said he's glad when he can give owners helpful information. He's been involved in 10 to 15 cases of suspected mushroom poisoning in dogs since arriving at UF about 18 months ago.

Photographs can aid identification, he said, especially if they show intact specimens and the area where the fungus grew.

False parasols are responsible for more human poisonings than any other U.S. mushroom species, but they are seldom cited in animal poisonings, said Michael Beug, a professor emeritus with The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., and a noted mushroom expert.

Hard statistics on dog poisoning cases are kept by the North American Mycological Society, and their records from 1980 to the present include just three cases with the false parasol.

However, Beug noted that when he hears about a case of mushroom poisoning in an animal from Florida, it invariably involves the false parasol.

"*C. molybdites* can be pretty devastating," Beug said. "Especially if it's eaten raw, which is the way dogs eat them." There's generally not much that veterinarians can do for afflicted dogs except provide intravenous fluids and palliative care to reduce distress and discomfort.

Fido isn't the only animal potentially in danger: Livestock are at risk, too.

Grazing animals such as horses may consume wild mushrooms accidentally as they browse on grass and other forages. Horses suspected of consuming false parasols should receive immediate veterinary care.

Smith's overall advice: Discourage dogs from investigating wild mushrooms.

"And don't let your dog eat any mushrooms, even supermarket ones," he said.



PHOTO/TYLER L. JONES

Pictured above are six examples of the mushroom *Chlorophyllum molybdites*, which is toxic to people, dogs and horses.



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Pictured above is expert Matthew E. Smith and his dog Pica encountering a toxic mushroom.



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## Doctor

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Hendry Regional Medical Center (HRMC) extended an offer to Dr. Charles to be their inpatient hospitalist -- which he accepted -- and he promptly moved to Clewiston, where he now calls home. "I never thought I'd be in a small town. I always thought I'd be in a big city practicing medicine," remarked Dr. Charles in an interview with The Clewiston News.

He explained, however, that moving to Clewiston was an "excellent" decision.

"I got to know the community, and Clewiston has been very good to me," said Dr. Charles.

Dr. Charles worked at HRMC for eight years before he was let go after approaching the Hospital Board about opening his own practice.

"I thought about opening my own practice for two or three years and I hoped to do it together [with HRMC]," he explained. According to Dr. Charles, the board told him there was a legal issue which kept HRMC from partnering with him on his new venture.

Although, there was a suggestion of sadness

in his voice when he explained the situation, Dr. Charles in no way sounded resentful. In fact, Dr. Charles' time at HRMC is the reason he opened his practice in the first place.

Dr. Charles explained that it was his patients who put the idea of opening a private practice into his head.

"I became well-known in the community and my patients kept asking me, 'Why don't you open your own practice?'" said Dr. Charles. According to Dr. Charles, when patients needed follow-up care, they wanted to see him.

Unfortunately, he could not provide such care because he was the inpatient hospitalist, which meant he cared for hospitalized patients only.

The idea for Dr. Charles' new practice was fueled by his patients, and those same patients are still the fuel behind the fire. Since the grand opening on June 8, Dr. Charles is already seeing 100 patients at his new practice.

What makes Dr. Charles' practice so special? According to Dr. Charles, it is because his practice is "people driven" -- it was the people of the community who put the idea into his head in the first place. It is also the way his practice delegates care to specialists that makes it unique.

"Specialty care is lacking in Clewiston", ex-

plained Dr. Charles. "People have to drive 60 or more miles to see a specialist and, in my opinion, that is wrong." Dr. Charles hopes to bring the specialists to Clewiston, and partnering with Dr. Moise Anglade, a cardiologist at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, Fla., will help to do that.

Dr. Charles' commitment to his patients and to the community is reminiscent of the late Dr. James D. Forbes, and Dr. Charles has been compared to Dr. Forbes by the people who work with him. Dr. Charles, although humble, agreed with his colleagues.

"I worked with Dr. Forbes for over two years before he retired.

He was a people person and he was exceptional in the community for over forty years. I have never seen that before and I have the utmost respect for the man," said Dr. Charles. Before concluding the interview, Dr. Charles made sure to thank the community for welcoming him so graciously.

"I had never heard of Clewiston before [moving here]," said Dr. Charles, "but I want to thank the community for welcoming and supporting me."



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Pictured are Dr. Hans Louis-Charles and County Commissioner Janet B. Taylor at the Grand Opening of Dr. Charles' new practice on June 8.

# HCSO Sgt. Appointed Head of State Agricultural Intelligence Unit



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Pictured are Sergeant White and horse, Mandy.

Charles White of Clewiston, Florida is an Agricultural Unit Sergeant with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and was elected President of the Florida Agricultural Crimes Intelligence Unit (FACIU) at their annual training seminar in Daytona Beach on May 16.

FACIU is a nonprofit organization made up of law enforcement officers in the specialized field of agricultural-related crimes investigations, with the purpose of sharing information on crimes affecting the agricultural communities throughout the great state of Florida.

The Intelligence Unit began in 1978 with the gathering of agricultural deputies from several counties along with the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement. By 1980, these meetings evolved into an intelligence exchange unit known as the Florida Citrus and Cattle Intelligence Unit.

In 1985, the organization changed its name to the Florida Agricultural Crimes Intelligence Unit.

Ag Deputies are responsible for the investigation of a wide variety of farming, ranching and agricultural-related crimes that can be anything from theft of livestock, plants, farm equipment, fuel, or metal, to trespassing, improper use of four-wheelers, illegal dumping, loose livestock on the highway, and animal cruelty.

HCSO offers a county-wide farm/ranch watch program that works in the same way as a neighborhood crime watch.

HCSO has two full-time Ag Deputies and three part-time Reserves that are hands-on with ranchers, farmers and land owners, introducing ways to secure equipment, sheds, vehicles, produce and livestock, in order to deter crime.

Sgt. White began his law enforcement career in 1978 as a Fish and Wildlife Officer, serving in Broward, Collier and Hendry County. In 1982, he joined U.S. Sugar Corp. as Captain of Security.

In 1998, this Captain of Security was converted into a contracted law enforcement position through the HCSO where White continued serving as an Agricultural Investigator, and in 2009 was promoted to Sergeant of the Ag Unit.

Sgt. White said he is honored to serve as the unit's president and proud to represent Hendry County. White has been a member of FACIU since 1984 and served as last year's President of the Southern States Livestock and Recovery

Enforcement Association, which consists of law enforcement officers across the nation.

White's first action as FACIU President is for the unit to participate in the Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention in Marco Island during the week of June 17 to June 21.

The Florida Agricultural Crimes Intelligence Unit website partnered with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and is shared under the Florida Fusion Center Network site. If you are looking for an Ag Deputy in your county or wish to join FACIU, contact your local law enforcement agency and ask to speak with one of their Ag Deputies.

As a member of the Southwest Florida Large Animal Rescue Team, Sgt. White (black shirt/cowboy hat) assisted with the rescue of a horse that had fallen into a ditch bank along the river and couldn't get out on her own.

They were able to hoist the horse out of the ditch and after being checked out by a local Vet, the horse was walked home by her owner.

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# Chief Gutshall Awarded for Excellence

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
The Clewiston News

**Police Dept. receives awards as a tribute to their tireless efforts and commitment**

Clewiston Police Chief Don Gutshall was honored with an Appreciation Award last Monday, June 17 at the 61st Annual Summer Training Conference

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Pictured right is Police Chief Don Gutshall's Appreciation Award, presented by the Florida Police Chief Association on June 17.



and Exposition, presented by the Florida Police Chief Association (FPCA). Chief Gutshall is one of six active members of FPCA's training committee, which sets mandates

for police officer training in the state of Florida. Chief Gutshall responded to

his award saying it was a wonderful thing to be called out and recognized in front of his peers. He also commented on how great it is to be part of the FPCA's training committee, because the Clewiston Police Department is recognized across the state for the programs it implements. "It's a real thrill for a small police department to go to Miami-Dade and other big counties and have officers say, 'Oh you're from Clewiston? You guys are doing such and such' -- It's just a real thrill," said Chief Gutshall with an insuppressible smile. The Clewiston Police Department has also been recognized the past four consecutive years (2008-2012) for keeping its citizens safe -- one of two police departments in the state of Florida to receive this recognition.

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Clewiston Police Department received recognition for keeping its citizens safe the past four consecutive years. Pictured left is the 2012 award.



# 26th Annual 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest

The 26th Annual 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest was held at the Clewiston High School Auditorium. There were 18 fourth and fifth grade speakers and six sixth grade speakers.

In the fourth and fifth grade division, first place was awarded to Angely Rosas from Westside Elementary School with her speech titled "Hilariously Hazardous to Your Health." Second place went to Westside Elementary School's Tyrese Holmes with his speech titled "My Spring Break Adventure." Jacob Howard of Country Oaks Elementary School achieved third place with his speech titled "Avoid Writing a Speech." Betty Sanchez of Central Elementary School took honorable mention with her speech titled "Cuba and Its People."

The Judges Choice Awards in the fourth and fifth grade division were awarded to the following

speakers: Most Humorous Award went to Sabastian Diaz (EES), Kenna Pack (UES) received the Most Educational Award, Daniella Pupo (EES) was honored with the Most Original Award and Best Presentation of a Serious Issue was awarded to Desiree Martinez (WES).

In the sixth grade division, Clewiston Middle School's Juan Puentes captured first place with his speech titled "Kids Make a Difference: Stop the Bullying." Second place was awarded to Alexandra Quintero of Clewiston Middle School with her speech titled "White Bengal Tigers." Placing third was MacKenzie Hudson of LaBelle Middle School with her speech titled "My Cousin Steven." Honorable mention went to Arleth Ortiz from LaBelle Middle School with her speech titled "Books." The Judges Choice Awards in the sixth grade division were awarded to the follow-

ing speakers: Caitlin Ruiz (CMS) for the Most Humorous Award, the Most Educational Award went to Alexandra Quintero (CMS), Dominic Aguilar (LMS) captured the Most Original Award and Juan Puentes (CMS) with the Best Presentation of a Serious Issue.

The winners of the speech contest received a wooden plaque containing the 4-H/Tropicana Speech emblem sponsored by Tropicana Products, Inc. In addition to the plaques, first through third place winners will be awarded monetary awards in the amounts of \$30, \$20, and \$10, respectively, sponsored by Hendry County 4-H. Furthermore, the first place winners received a scholarship to attend 4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, June 10 through 14, sponsored by Tropicana Products, Inc. The winners of the Judges Choice Awards received trophies spon-

sored by Hendry County 4-H.

To all of the 24 speakers, you did a fantastic job in presenting your speeches. To the school coordinators and teachers involved with the 4-H/Tropicana Speech Contest, you did an outstanding job in preparing your students for the school contest, as well as for the county contest. Furthermore, thank you parents for getting your child to the competition and for all the help you gave them. Many thanks to Mr. Frank Dowdle, Mrs. Debbie Marino, and Mr. Butch Wilson for taking time from their busy schedules to serve as official judges. Last but not least, thank you to our sponsor, Tropicana Products, Inc., for making this event possible, as well as to Mrs. Lee, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Puletti and the Hendry County School Board for allowing the contest to be held at the Clewiston High School.



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Pictured above are the 4th and 5th grade winners of the Tropicana Speech Contest. From left to right are Betty Sanchez, Jacob Howard, Tyrese Holmes, Angely Rosas, Sophia Kirstein, Sebastian Diaz, Angela Johnson, Kenna Pack, Daniella Pupo, and Desiree Martinez.



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Pictured above are the 6th grade winners of the Tropicana Speech Contest, Arleth Ortiz, Mackenzie Hudson, Alexandra Quintero, Juan Puentes, Caitlin Ruiz, and Dominic Aguilar.

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# Your Hometown Electric Utility Prepared for Any Storm

OPINION ARTICLE BY RHONDA DAVIS  
Office Manager, Clewiston Utilities

June 1 marked the start of the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. Forecasters predict a busier than normal season with 13 to 20 named storms, including seven to 11 hurricanes, with three to six of those major storms. While no storms are forecasted for the immediate future, we at Clewiston Utilities are prepared to provide reliable electric service during all types of weather.



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Customers sometimes ask us whether a local utility has the resources to provide reliable service and timely restoration in the event of a natural disaster. The answer is: absolutely. Community-owned utilities have an exceptional track record, and Clewiston Utilities' service reliability is supported by our local presence and an alliance with Florida's other municipal utilities.

At Clewiston Utilities, we live and work in this community, so we know the area and its residents. If you ever have a problem with your service, you can call and talk to someone locally.

When we dispatch our line crews to take care of a problem, they get there quickly and stay until the job is done.

If we are hit by a major storm, our utility participates in a mutual aid agreement with other municipal utilities statewide. If we take a hit, they will come help us, and if they're hit, we will help them. We even have partnerships with municipal utilities in other states. So, we have the resources we need even in a worst-case scenario. This agreement has worked well, most recently in October 2012, when several Florida utilities traveled to the Northeast to assist with restoration efforts following Hurricane Sandy. This is just one of many examples of how municipal utilities work together for the shared benefit of their communities.

So, while we hope for a mild and trouble-free hurricane season, we want you to know your hometown utility has the community power and statewide strength to provide reliable service in any season.

## ARREST REPORT

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

### Robert Camejo, 24



Arrested on 6/18/13, by Sgt. Scruggs  
For Aggravated battery, offender knew/should have known victim is pregnant

### Christina Harris, 33



Arrested on 6/19/13, by Officer McLeod  
For Battery on officer and resisting an officer

### Alberto Castillo, 30



Arrested on 6/22/13, by Officer Rojas  
For DUI and driving with suspended license, habitual offender

### Harrison Downs, 30



Arrested on 6/22/13, by Deputy Bolt  
For Possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1000 ft of specified area; possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1000 ft of specified area; possession of drug paraphernalia Arrested on 6/22/13, by Deputy Bolt



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## Children 'Sworn In' as Jr. Officers

Clewiston Police swore in 35 new "officers" at the Clewiston Public Library on June 25. A class of 35 summer camp attendees, aged between five and seven, were "sworn in" as junior officers after Clewiston Police talked about safety issues with the youngsters. With the Oath of Honor taken and sticker badges displayed proudly on their chests, Clewiston's future officers are ready to protect and serve!

### 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report South Shore Water Association/City of Clewiston

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre agua de beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. This report is provided pursuant to Federal and State drinking water requirements. We are pleased to report that our drinking water exceeds all federal and state requirements.

Your water source is City of Clewiston Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant, which draws water from the Floridan Aquifer. After the RO process, the water is disinfected and fluoride is added to the drinking water. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, or want to obtain a copy of this report, please contact the office at (863) 983-2323.

South Shore Water Association routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012. Data obtained before January 1, 2012, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

The FDEP conducted a SWAPP assessment of this water system in 2012. The assessment found 3 petroleum storage tanks as possible contamination sources. The concern level is moderate. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
  - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
  - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
  - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
  - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In this table you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): measure of radioactivity in water

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (m/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Libby Source of Contamination
Radon 226 + 228 or combined radon (pCi/L)	Quarterly	N	1.7	0-1.7	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (m/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Libby Source of Contamination
Fluoride (ppm)	3/11	N	0.87	NA	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories; water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	3/11, 7/11	N	0.02	0-0.04	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	3/11	N	73.2	NA	N/A	160	High water hardness; leaching from soil
Arsenic (ppb)	3/11	N	2	NA	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Barium (ppm)	3/11	N	0.0014	NA	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (m/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Libby Source of Contamination
Chloramines (ppm)	Monthly 2012	N	2.65	2.55 - 2.85	4.0	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Hardness (ppm) (CaCO <sub>3</sub> eq.)	9/11	N	1.72	NA	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Date of sampling (m/yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Libby Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	9/12	N	0.0233	2	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservative
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	9/12	N	3.5	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

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**CLEWISTON - Individual acres** for sale, 197 Taft St. 5 acres \$60,000.; 630 Romero St. 3.75 acres with trailer \$50,000.; 10 individual 1.25 acres \$9,000 each acre lot.; 165 and 175 Verda St. sale \$90,000. farm that includes double wide trailer, all animals, stables. Qualify financing available. Call 786-253-7114 (Spanish) or 786-270-6689 (English).

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## Mobile Homes

### Mobile Home Rent

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**5br, 2bath** doublewide located on 1/2 acre lot in Horseshoe Acres. Easy financing with your average credit. Only \$54,900. Call Kenny 863-673-4325 or 863-675-8888

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### Residential - Rental Properties for Sale - Moore Haven

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•2 double lots or 4 single lots  
•One large lot with 2/2 Mobile Home  
•1.17 Acres on Saddle Lane with Fix-R-Up Mobile Home  
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## Recreation

### Campers/RVs

**Wanted all Travel Trailers, Motor Homes and Fifth Wheels.** Any Condition, Cash paid on the spot. Call 941-347-7171

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## Public Notices

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### Public Notice

### Public Notice

#### \*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 18, 2013, for the following Proposals:

E1M34 - Pavement markings on State Road 93 (I-75) and interchange ramps from south of Tucker's Grade northerly approximately 3.451 miles, to south of North Jones Loop Road in Charlotte County Budget Amount: \$149,330.77.

E1N00 - Pavement-core-backfilling, and maintenance of traffic for pavement coring at various locations in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, and Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$141,400.00

E1N02-R0 - Cleaning, Desilting, Pipe Lining and Repair with Video Inspection. Charlotte, Lee, Glades & Hendry Budget Estimate: \$130,045.00  
446328 CN 6/27;7/4/2013

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice I hereby given that in accordance with chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, and that said budget is on file in the office of the district, 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District will meet in the office of the District on JUNE 27, 2013 at 2:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Sugarland Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD  
PRESIDENT  
446297 CN 6/27/2013

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice I hereby given that in accordance with chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, and that said budget is on file in the office of the district, 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District will meet in the office of the District on June 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry Hilliard Water Control District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HENDRY HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD  
PRESIDENT  
446299 CN 6/27/2013

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice I hereby given that in accordance with chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, and that said budget is on file in the office of the district, 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District will meet in the office of the District on June 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Flaghole Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
JOE MARLIN HILLIARD  
PRESIDENT  
446295 CN 6/27/2013

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS

#### MOWING IN HENDRY COUNTY

BID NUMBER: 2013-23

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Mowing in Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by calling (863) 675-5220 or by email to [jmcelhane@hendryfla.net](mailto:jmcelhane@hendryfla.net).

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. There may be awards to multiple firms, possibly one per service area. 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 Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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

Karson Turner, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
446108 CN/CB 6/20,27/2013

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

#### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
2595	2010	1364432-0100000120	Manuel A Marrero

Lot 12, THE WOODLAND II SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 12, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st** day of **August, 2013**.  
Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446364 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 2008-832CA on February 11, 2013 in the matter of Crop Production Services, Inc. F/K/A UAP Distribution, Inc., as plaintiff and D & G Farming, Inc., and David Herrera a/k/a David Herrera, Sr. as defendant, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:

2004 Beige Chevrolet Tahoe, vehicle identification number:  
1GNEK13Z64R166936.

and on July 11, 2013, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (-TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff  
Hendry County, Florida  
By: Lt. Andy Lewis  
444767 CN 6/6,13,20,27/2013

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, for the year 2012, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, He will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, He may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Board of Supervisors  
Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard  
President  
446298 CN 6/27/2013

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS,

#### AGENTS/BROKERS, SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS AND

#### DIRECT WRITING INSURERS FOR PROPERTY

#### AND CASUALTY INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

RFP NUMBER: 2013-20

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by staff for recommendation. 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 July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by email at [jmcelhane@hendryfla.net](mailto:jmcelhane@hendryfla.net) or by calling 863-675-5220.

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

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

Karson Turner  
Chairman  
446661 CN/CB 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **TC 10L, 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
897	2010	1284329-0100000070	Joe Lopez & Manuel Pizana Est

Lot 7, LAKESIDE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 173, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445539 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**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
803	2007	1274331-0100000071	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, lying East of the West boundary of the 42 foot canal.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445518 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**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
802	2007	1274331-0100000021	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter lying East of West boundary of 42 foot canal, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445517 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine;
2. Election of Supervisors; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Friday, the 14th day of June, 2013.  
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District  
446095 CN/CB 6/20,27/2013

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**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
2192	2009	1364432-A0002460000	Lou's Properties Inc

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4202, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445527 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp**, the holder 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
3041	2010	1144334-0700000060	Victor L Perez

Lot 6, MIDSTATE SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in a portion of unsurveyed Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 132 and 133, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**

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

446366 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**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
804	2007	1274331-0100000100	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, excluding that portion lying West of the 42 foot canal. Also known as part of Lots 10 and 15, Block N.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445519 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, LLC**, the holder 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
1049	2010	1044430-01000050020	Santos M & Irene Perez

The East 1/3 of Tract 3, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

The West 2/3 of Tract 2, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**

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

446356 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder 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
1823	2008	1224432-01000810030	Celia Rubin + Ruth Czuberburg + Dallah Czuberburg + Vivian Goldkener

Lot 3, Block 81, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446367 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp**, the holder 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
615	2010	1174329-0700000020	Agustin Atunex + Eusebia M Sanchez + Humberto Mendoza

Lots 82, 83 and 84, SOUTH LABELLE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 49, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446362 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **TC 10L, 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
770	2010	1264329-02000020031	Tonie Marie Tolar

The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, less the North 25 feet and the East 20 feet for the road right-of-way, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. ALSO known as Lot B-4, LABELLE ACRES NO.2, an unrecorded plot

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445538 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**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
2083	2009	1354432-A0001690100	Rafael M Santi Quinones

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot No. 3758, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court

445525 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **County of Hendry**, the holder 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
3176	2008	2054329-A0000360200	Ruth W Stevens TR

Begin at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5; thence N 00 degrees 31' 15" W, 1215.41 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; continue 31.71 feet; thence N 56 degrees 56' 49" W, 42.48 feet; thence S 33 degrees 03' 11" W, 23.32 feet; thence S 43 degrees 30' 32" W, 16.19 feet; thence N 46 degrees 29' 29" W, 44.01 feet; thence S 44 degrees 14' 42" W, 44.55 feet; thence S 79 degrees 51' 08" E, 124.72 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446378 CN 6/27;7/4,11,18/2013

**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:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Paul Mastrella LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the TC 10L, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TC 10L, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF
EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY ENGINEERING AND/OR INSPECTION SERVICES
RFQ # 2013-22

Opening Date and Time: July 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
Hendry County is requesting submittals from qualified engineering individuals or firms interested in providing miscellaneous utility engineering and/or inspection services.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000537

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2009CA001151

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to disposal of County property entitled as follows:

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 10, 2013, and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000537 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and ELMIRA L. JOHNSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELMIRA L. JOHNSON N/K/A NORMAN JOHNSON; JOSE A. DIAZ; KAREN L. DIAZ; are the Defendants.

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 02 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 07 SECONDS ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAM SOUTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 609.16 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 02 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 07 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 609.16 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF "A" ROAD (60' WIDE); THENCE S 84 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 15 SECONDS W ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 338.41 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER; THENCE S 03 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 32 SECONDS W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 607.90 FEET; THENCE N 85 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 58 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 344.10 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XVI, DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-306, METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: JOSE RAFAEL SIBELLO A/K/A JOSE R. SIBELLO
1274 HOOKERS POINT ROAD
CLEWISTON, FL 33440
OR
POE: TAMPA TANK
5205 ADAMO DRIVE, TAMPA, FL 33619
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE RAFAEL SIBELLO A/K/A JOSE R. SIBELLO 1274 HOOKERS POINT ROAD CLEWISTON, FL 33440
OR
POE: TAMPA TANK
5205 ADAMO DRIVE, TAMPA, FL 33619
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.

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the Clewiston City Commission will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on July 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. During the Public Hearing, the City Commission proposes to enact second reading of an ordinance which is set forth as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL HEARING OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 316.003 (91) FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UTILIZE CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFF TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 316.0083, ET. SEQ. FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the inspection of any interested parties and interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinances. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance.

Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk  
 City of Clewiston, FL  
 446343 CN 6/27/2013

**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
800	2007	1274331-010000M0101	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter lying East of the right-of-way of the 42 foot canal, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Part of Lot 10, Block M.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.  
 Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court

445516 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF WORK PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to "The Water Rights Compact Among the Seminole Tribe of Florida, The State of Florida, and The South Florida Water Management District", the **27th Annual Work Plan** of the Seminole Tribe of Florida has been submitted to the South Florida Water Management District (District).

The Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe), 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024, has submitted, on June 17, 2013, the **27th Annual Work Plan**. The Work Plan describes existing and proposed activities on Seminole land. The Brighton Reservation is located in Glades County, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Township 39 South, Range 32 East, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Township 39 South, Range 33 East. The Immokalee Reservation is located in Collier County, Section 11, Township 47 South, Range 29 East. The Big Cypress Reservation is located in Broward County, Township 48 South, Range 35 East, and, in Hendry County, Township 47 South, Ranges 32-34 East. The Hollywood Reservation is located in Broward County, Townships 50-51 South, Range 41 East. Coconut Creek Tribal Trust Land is located in Broward County, Section 18, Township 48 South, Range 42 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the Work Plan or submit a written request for a copy of the Staff Report containing proposed agency action regarding the Work Plan by writing to: Regulation Division, South Florida Water Management District, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680; such comments or requests must be received within 30 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this Work Plan. A copy of the Staff Report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an Administrative Hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request therefore after reviewing the Staff Report.  
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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2012-207 CA**

U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1995-8, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, as Servicing Agent  
 7360 S. Kyrene Road  
 Tempe, AZ 85283,  
 Plaintiff,

v. ROBERT MEZA, MARY MEZA,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT, pursuant to Plaintiffs Final Summary of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated, in Glades County, Florida, described as follows,

**LOT 8, COUNTRY MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3 AND 4, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1995 BROOKHOLLOW 40 x 24 MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER 146M91855AB. Commonly known as: 1265 SEMINOLE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the at the Front Steps Clerk of Courts Office, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 11th day of July, 2013.

**If you are a subordinate lienholder claiming a right to proceeds 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.**

**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 appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 BY: Tina Espinosa  
 Deputy Clerk

445836 CN 6/20,27/2013

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013, 2:00PM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR  
 HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
 446301 CN 6/27/2013

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 To Whom it May Concern, The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded a Bull from the Musee area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the Bull.  
 446729 GCD 6/27 & 7/4/2013

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids on July 8, 2013 for Bid #Q13-0008, Welding Equipment. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board  
 Ray Cillard, Chairman  
 446640 CN/CB 6/27/2013

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO.: 22-2009-CA-000055**

CITIBANK NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-HE4 TRUST, Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 JILLIAN SANTIESTEBAN, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 11, 2013, and entered in Case No. 22-2009-CA-000055 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit and in for Glades County, Florida in which Citibank NA, as trustee for WAMU Series 2007-HE4 TRUST, is the Plaintiff and Jillian Santiesteban, Luis Santiesteban, Source Mortgage, Inc., are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Glades County, Florida on the 11th day of July, 2013, at 11:00AM, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**LOT 7, OF RIVERVIEW, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 128, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 2155 RIVERSIDE DR., MOOREHAVEN, FL 33471**

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

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 12th day of June, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Glades County, Florida  
 BY: Tina Espinosa  
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623  
 (813) 247-4743  
 09-16198

**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 Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-4771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 445838 CN 6/27;7/4/2013**

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2013 AT 2:00 PM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR  
 FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
 446296 CN 6/27/2013

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27 2013, 2:15PM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR  
 SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
 446302 CN 6/27/2013

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
**CHARLES MANUEL MARTINEZ,**  
 Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of CHARLES MANUEL MARTINEZ, deceased, whose date of death was July 29, 2012 and social security number is \*\*\*\*-\*\*-1872, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33375. The name and address 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 PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 20, 2013.

OWETA GAYLE DAVIS  
 Personal Representative  
 135 Taft Blvd.  
 Clewiston, FL 33440

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 09-213-CA**

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.  
 Petitioner  
 VS.  
 RICHARD J. MARQUITH A/K/A RICHARD MARQUITH; PATSY A. MARQUITH A/K/A PATSY MARQUITH Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 20, 2013, and entered in Case No. 09-213-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit and in for HENDRY County, Florida. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is Plaintiff and RICHARD J. MARQUITH A/K/A RICHARD MARQUITH; PATSY A. MARQUITH A/K/A PATSY MARQUITH; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OP CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO, COURT SE, AT 25 E. HICKPOCHEE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA 33935, at 11:00 A.M., on the 31st day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 57, TANGLEWOOD OAKS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 176, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2013.  
 BARBARA S. BUTLER  
 As Clerk of said Court  
 By: /S/ J. Bevis  
 As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact 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, Kahane & Associates, P.A.

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 Designated service email:  
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 FILE NO.: 10-10913 BOA  
 446595 CN 6/27;7/4/2013

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 1050 Commerce Dr. Suite B. Fax (863) 612-1158

# Opinion Article from the American Sugar Alliance: *Sugar, Sugar Everywhere*

If you love sugar, here's some good news: America is sitting on a mountain of cheap sugar right now.

If you produce sugar or think a domestic sugar industry is important, here's some terrible news: America is sitting on a mountain of cheap sugar right now.

Through a loophole in NAFTA, Mexico has flooded America with subsidized sugar, sending our surplus stocks to an all-time high of two million tons. For context, that is enough unneeded sugar to give every man, woman, and child in the United States 14 pounds of sugar on top of what they are already consuming.

With so much excess, it's not surprising that sugar prices are nearing lows not seen since Ronald Reagan sat in the Oval Office.

Unfortunately for grocery shoppers, this hasn't translated to cheaper food, just bigger profits for food manufacturers. And unfortunately for farmers, there's no end in sight to Mexico's subsidize-and-dump approach.

The Mexican government owns and controls about 20 percent of Mexico's sugar industry, which is about one million tons of sugar a year. Coincidentally, Mexico is now shipping more than one million tons to the United States every year -- even if it means intentionally shorting its own market.

As a result of Mexico's policies, sugar prices are a lot higher in Mexico, but Americans are having a hard time breaking into that market. In fact, my company has been unsuccessful in repeated attempts to sell sugar south of the border over the past few months.

It is a case study in the one-sided nature of sugar trading around the world, and right now this inequity is threatening 142,000 American



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sugar jobs and our nation's ability to grow an essential ingredient here at home.

Whether it's government ownership in Mexico, or Brazilians using three decades of subsidization to gain control of 50 percent of global exports, the sugar market is far too distorted.

So how can we address this distortion and help a free market take hold? Some have suggested sending American sugar farmers subsidy checks to level the playing field. Sugar, which is currently the only major commodity not to receive subsidy checks, has politely declined these handouts.

Others have advocated letting subsidized sugar overrun America and becoming dependent on foreign suppliers. Considering the food security implications with foreign food dependence, this unilateral disarmament idea has gained little traction.

Sugar producers are pushing for a free-market approach known within the industry as the zero-for-zero strategy. Under this concept the U.S. sugar industry has offered to give up its government policies as soon as foreign subsidies can be eradicated.

This isn't the first time the zero-for-zero approach has been brought up. Sugar producers urged the elimination of all global subsidies and border protections 30 years ago when market manipulation was first becoming prominent.

The industry knew then, and knows today, it can thrive in a free market where the best businesspeople, not the most subsidized, win.

The question is, will the idea gain traction this time around at home and abroad?

If not, Americans better get used to depending on Mexico and other bad actors around the world.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Westside Elementary Honor Roll, 4th 9 Weeks 12-13

#### KINDERGARTEN

##### "A" Honor Roll

Madison Alford, Samantha Aragus, Sarah Ascencio, Keira Baldonado, Phillip Berry, Sarah Bonner, Sahara Calderon, Ethan Casas, Priscilla Centeno, Saul Cervantes, Steven Cossio, Kayden Couse, Kinsey Couse, Kailynn Davis, Deante Davis, Mya Dukes, Erica Flores, Justin Fonseca, Eduardo Garcia, Takobe Holmes, D'Asia Hughes, Hector Hurtado, Kalyn Johnson, Charli' Lanfair, Jenna Lester, Nija Ligon, Akeelah Ling, Bethany Lopez-Morales, Alicya Luna, Rubi Martinez, Daniel Mata, Adrian Mata, Walter McKown, Lindsay Miller, Sofia Miranda, Ty'remy Paseler, Michael Perez, Isaiah Quinones, Michelle Ramirez, Cedric Ramirez-Jackson, Ruben Rivera, Cody Rivera, Steven Toledo-Garcia, Prestyn Torres, Jaylin Velasquez, Elizabeth Villatoro, Joseph White, Annie Xue, Daisy Yanes, Derek Zulu

##### "B" Honor Roll

Elias Almanza-Garcia, Ca'vorris Ammons, Angel Argudo, Alysa Bass, Kar'Nijah Burey, Anthony Busin, Amanda Calvo, Alicia Diaz, Raylee Ervin, Osbaldo Farfan, Jose Farfan, Osvaldo Flores, Yzabella Fuentes, Jaiden Gomez, Tyler Hall, Salomon Hernandez, Tyler Hough, Jada Ifill, Rafael Jorge, Hannah Knight, Analyse Martinez, Llefri Masariegos, Omar Padilla, Javier Reyes, Cristobal

Romero, Nevaeh Rosario, Key'vayea Shannon, Qwanell Smith, Adalena Tarter, Derrick Webber, Jr.

#### FIRST GRADE

##### "A" Honor Roll

Jenna Ali, Jy'rah Ammons, Kianna Baldonado, Jesus Beraza, Jonathan Blanco, My'keria Brooks, Alexandro Depaz, Roger Galvez, Bailey Grooms, Jazmin Hammond, Tristan Heron, Jasmine Hurtado, Michael Longoria, Jayvion Mann, Haley Matos, Linda Matos, Melania Mendoza, Dionne Molde, Sharon Morales, Javian Ortez, Blake Patterson, Amber Payne, Santos, Perez, Kelly Reyes, Hunter Robertson, Jalandy Roman, Jordan Rouse, Kevin Ruiz-Romero, Ciara Smith, Jordan Smith, Alessandra Suarez, Caleigh Uselton, (Stella) Delaney Uselton, Ashton Walker, Paige Wright, Kevin Xue

##### "B" Honor Roll

Rashad Abuasbeh, James Addison, Jacob Aguirre, Aracely Aragus, Blake Barnes, Aiden Brocard, Angelica Castenada, Jose Corchado, Alejandro Delafuente, Sofia Diaz-Mendez, Aliany Dominguez, Daniel Figueroa, Sonya Florentino, Rylie Harrelson, Zailin Jackson, Jessie Lee, Landon Marquith, Jovani Martinez, William Pascual, Ayden Peterson, Jerrell Radcliff, Melanie Ramirez, Cynthia Rivera, Josten Rivera, Lilly Shine, Za'Marrian Teel, Kadin Tommie, Gabriel Trevino, Ashley Velasquez, Emily Wright

#### SECOND GRADE

##### "A" Honor Roll

Jenna Autrey, Fererico Contreras, Sergio Contreras, Ashley Cruz, Laura Davila, Daniel Drummond, Mario Lopez, Gabriel Medrano, Uriel Paloblanco, Yoselyn Rangel, Maria Tady

##### "B" Honor Roll

Ralph Barnes, Alexia Beraza, Chauncy Cobb, Kiara Corchado, Jaslyn Creagh, Madison Dowd, Andrea Figueroa-Padilla, Romance Freeman, Davarian Harris, Adriana Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Michelle Landaverde, Miguel Marrero, Kayla Mathis, Samara Matos, Annabely Perez, Emely Perez, Anthony Rivera, David Rojas, Karson Sanchez, Marisol Serrano, Aniyah Sesay, K'Juan Smith

#### THIRD GRADE

##### "A" Honor Roll

Kyla Baldonado, Madeline Heron, J.Wyatt Hughes, Jaylin Ifill, Chassity Stinson, Mason Timgren

##### "B" Honor Roll

Samuel Ackley, Evelyn Ackley, Katelin Aragus, Hayli Calderon, Jasmine Camanos, Giselle Delacruz, Alex Dominguez, Jennifer Garcia, Shamira Garcia-Barbon, Kyla Glidden, Roberto Gonzalez, Julia Hammond, Roland Loreto, Rylie Patterson, Alisia Perez, Mia Rivera, Melquisedec Silva, Kayleigh Torres, Hadyn Velasquez, Fabian Villagomez, Wyatt Wetherington, Kaniriya Williams

#### FOURTH GRADE

##### "A" Honor Roll

Devin Autrey, Zaylen Bennett, Jessania Blanco, Melody Gallardo, Angely Galvez, Gabriel Garcia, Madison Holloway, Treyvon Holmes, Dawnielle Jeudy, Aniya Johnson, Takaela Johnson, Emalee Kelley, Edward Padilla, Isaac Perera, Eileen Perez, Jessica Perez, Jacee Rivera, Marissa Trimble, Andrea Valadez

##### "B" Honor Roll

Brianna Aguirre, Annette Blanco, Bailey Bryant, Hermione Calderon, Angelica Contreras, Kyleigh Davis, Gabriel Garcia, Oniyah Hunter, Morris James, Kristina Kidwell, Melanie Longoria, Desiree Martinez, Adrian Mendoza, Bethany Miller, Aaliyah Pagan, Sequoia Robinson, Iraliz Rodriguez, Argelio Rodriguez, Tamata Rodriguez, Belinda Roman, Parker Watson, Jose Zeferino

#### FIFTH GRADE

##### "A" Honor Roll

Annabella Delafuente, Kayla Drummond, Adalmarie Hernandez, Fernanda Paniagua, Angely Rosas, Angel Vera

##### "B" Honor Roll

Jacob Bradley, Jose Carbajal, Genesis Chavez, Isabell Espinoza, Luz Guevara, Tyrese Holmes, Makayla Hough, Tiera Hughes, Jonas Ilagan, Dyniesha Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Karlee Lamb, Kaitlynn Lee, Juan Moran, Israel Pagan, Perla Ramirez, Brittany Thomas, Alberto Trevino, Blake Whitlock, Kaleigh Williams

# Inland Birding Fun: Eastern Screech-Owl (EASO)

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Eastern Screech-Owls are common east of the Rockies in woods, suburbs, and parks, particularly near water where there is a fairly open understory.

They breed from southern Canada to central Mexico and in the eastern United States to the Florida Keys.

Nesting usually occurs from March through May, but fledglings were reported in June, July, November and December during the first Breeding Bird Atlas Survey (1987).

An Eastern Screech-Owl is a short, stocky bird about the size of a pint jar, with a large head, yellow eyes, and almost no neck.

An adult is an inch shorter and has an inch less wingspread than a Burrowing Owl. This Screech-Owl can be gray or mostly reddish-brown, but the red and brown morphs are more common in Florida.

These birds are patterned with complex bands and spots that provide excellent camouflage against tree bark.

Males are smaller and more agile flyers and hunters than the females.

Eastern Screech-Owls are more often heard than seen. Both males and females sing, with the most common sound being an even-pitched trill that is often called a "bounce song" or tremolo; and a shrill descending whinny.

Pairs and families use the three to six second long "bounce song" to keep in touch.

Mated pairs may sing to each other day or night, but the male has a deeper voice than the female.

The one-half to two second whinny is used to defend territories.

These owls have many calls which range from soft low hoots to loud sharp screeches, which indicate alarm or agitation.

They also make a three to four note chuckle or rattle when they are being mobbed by other birds.

Eastern Screech-Owls are most active at night, but they often hunt at dawn or dusk, and occasionally in daylight.

These small owls tend to pounce from perches or make short flights to capture their prey.

Their diet consists mainly of bats, fish, tadpoles, invertebrates, birds, small birds, and mammals, including rats, mice, squirrels, and rabbits.

They will cache extra food in tree holes for as long as four days. The ground below the owl's roost is often littered with oval pellets made up of bones, fur, and feathers of their prey.

This owl species nests in hole and cavities that they never dig themselves.

They depend on tree



holes opened or enlarged by woodpeckers, rot, fungus, or squirrels. Eastern Screech-Owls readily accept nest boxes and sometimes nest in woodpiles, crates, or mailboxes.

The female lays two to four all-white eggs on the debris at the bottom of the nesting cavity.

She incubates the eggs for 26 days. When nesting, the female stays in the hole except for brief dawn and dusk excursions.

The male brings his mate and the young food. The young fledge when they are about 26 to 30 days old, but the parents continue to feed the young for eight to 10 weeks after fledging.

For information about the free trip to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) July 20 go to: [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) Reservations required.

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Pictured left is an Eastern Screech-Owl in a nest box.

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