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## CPD Solves \$225 Toilet Paper Theft

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
The Clewiston News

Two women were arrested on July 1 in conjunction with a possible theft at Dollar General, according to a report released by the Clewiston Police Department.

Clewiston Police responded to a call from a Dollar General employee who said she saw two women leave the store with unpaid items. According to the report, the employee said she followed one of the women, who was wearing a striped dress, around the store after seeing a pack of Dollar General brand socks hidden in the woman's purse. The employee lost sight of the woman in the striped dress and realized they both had left the store. The employee watched to see which car the two women were getting into and was able to provide Clewiston Police with a description of

the vehicle, according to the employee's statement in the report.

Clewiston Police officers stopped the described car near the exit of the Dollar General parking lot and approached driver, Jaqueline Scott, 30, of Belle Glade, and passenger Latosha Spaulding, 31, of Clewiston. Officers saw that Spaulding was wearing a striped dress, like the one described by the employee. Through an open window, the officers could also see two folding chairs, packs of socks strewn across the floorboard and "several" boxes of toilet paper stacked from floor to ceiling in the car, according to the report.

The officers inquired whether or not the women had paid for their items before leaving Dollar General;

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## Proposed PD Takeover Could Save Nearly \$1M



### Sheriff and Mayor weigh in on PD Takeover Talks

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
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Mayor Phillip Roland and Sheriff Steve Whidden weighed in on the talks of Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) possibly taking over the oper-

ations of the Clewiston Police Department as early as October of this year.

Since the rumors were confirmed last week by City Manager Al Perry, Police Chief Don Gutshall has given his opinion on the matter, stating he does "not think it is a good idea," nor does he believe support will be found within the community for the measure.

Job security for Clewiston Police employees is one of many concerns Chief Gutshall has about the possible takeover. Sheriff Whidden, however,

assured the Clewiston News in an interview that the same police officers who now patrol the city of Clewiston would continue their same patrol routes if the takeover were to happen; also, just as the Clewiston Police currently does not patrol outside the city limits unless there is an emergency, the same rules would still apply to for-

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## Chamber Hires New Director

Board of Directors names Electa Saker as the new executive director for Clewiston Chamber of Commerce

BY MELISSA BELTZ  
The Clewiston News

After their meeting on Tuesday, July 2, Clewiston's Chamber of Commerce interviewed its top two applicants for the vacant executive director position.

A decision was made by the Chamber's board members and an offer was

extended to Electa Saker of Naples, Fla., according to Denise Hatton, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Saker has a background in hospitality and currently works as the special events manager for Hilton Hotel in Naples.

As special events manager, Saker was responsible for negotiating and

executing private events, collaborating with clients, negotiating contracts, and marketing and brand awareness.

Saker also has experience in fundraising and worked for the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, where she worked as a resource development associate.

Saker will begin her new position

as executive director on August 1, after she makes her move from Naples to Clewiston.

The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Meet and Greet in August, in order for the public to meet Saker officially.

More information on the Meet and Greet will be provided in the Cham-

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# Religion Column

## When Free Is Not Free, and When It Is!

BY REV. SAMUEL S. THOMAS, PH. D.+  
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One group with whom I shared decided to take a one-day cruise and I enjoyed the break from our usual routine. Mealtime came and we ate together. The person waiting on our table invited us each to take a chance of a prize ticket and added, "I guarantee you'll win." I declined and he repeated his offer. I was assured of winning. "You can't lose," he promised. I declined a second time and he realized that I would not be a taker. It wasn't that I doubted I would win something, my doubt was about the usefulness of the prize.

Maybe I would have won a trip at a time that would be pre-empted by other events, maybe the trip would leave from another port in a distant city, perhaps the prize would mean that I'd have to buy something to go along with my winnings in order to cash in. My decision was not to play, in that way, I'd win by breaking even! Other times, I've been told I've won something: tickets to a distant amusement park requiring travel, meals, a hotel and time away.

My free gifts were certainly coming with costs. Once I won a Pontiac. I needed to call a certain number in Nevada to learn the details, so I called "collect." The woman on the other end of the telephone line had to check with her boss to see if they would accept my collect call, and she learned they could not do so. I felt that if they could afford to give away a car, certainly, they could accept my phone call -- but no.

I understand "free" as meaning without any strings, requirements, attachments, conditions, limitations, drawbacks, interlocking clauses, or ... free. I get this idea from Scriptures. I read that we have our problems, limits and drawbacks by virtue of "human nature" -- we live in an imperfect world and it rubs off on us. We inherit our mortal, lesser nature by virtue of being born. It all comes with conditions. How many times have I seen people sacrifice their values to do right out of fear? Or how many times do people act without looking at the consequences of their actions, being overwhelmed by the emotions and passions of the moment? Living in the world

comes with "strings attached," even when our intentions are the best or when we know better. Paul writes that sin entered into the world through one man and we all suffer for it.

Well, however it arrived, it is obvious that we're living with it. If there is to be any corrective change for humanity then it must be without conditions or "fine print," otherwise, we'd be back where we started and finding that the

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— S. Thomas

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correction to the problem had conditions, just like the problems we faced in the first place. Saint Paul addressed this condition in his Epistle to the Romans, "The gift is not like the trespass (5:16)." The gift of which he speaks is the gift of justification before God; no condemnation that comes with conditions, just God's grace for humanity.

That's a gift that comes without conditions, strings or limits. That is the promise of John 3:16-17: God loved the world, and the things that ultimately cause people to perish will no longer keep them from having life. We were born not to be condemned by our limits or anyone else's limits placed upon us, we were born to live here and hereafter. When people receive very valuable gifts from time to time, they wonder, "What's the catch?" Who gives away a new car, a trip or a pass to a very expensive amusement park without expecting at least something in return? If your experiences are like mine, there is always something else involved.

Then I think about God's grace and how it involves "no catch"! That's a very pleasant surprise! But then again, it's from God and I can believe in it. Free, no catches, and the greatest gift of all.

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## HRMC announces new ER Nurse Manager



**- Kara Helvey**

Hendry Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the selection of Kara Helvey as the hospital's new ER Nurse Manager.

Kara was born in Pahokee Florida. She spent much of her childhood in the sweet town of Clewiston, visiting back and forth with her grandmother. Kara graduated from Glades Day School in Belle Glade. She attended Palm Beach State College and, in 1999, received her associate degree as a Registered Nurse.

Choosing a career in the medical field wasn't a big surprise for those who knew Kara. She comes from a family of doctors and nurses. Both Kara's paternal and maternal grandmothers were nurses. Her maternal grandfather was the renowned Dr. E.C. Johnson, a general practitioner and one of the founders of Everglades Memorial Hospital that was formerly located in Pahokee.

Having been employed at Hendry Regional Medical Center since 2002, Kara initially started on a per diem basis and later became a full-time employee. She has worked as an emergency room nurse, critical care nurse and operating room nurse at Hendry Regional. Kara assumes her new position with much experience and professionalism.

Kara is very excited about making positive changes in the emergency room at Hendry Regional Medical Center. Her goal is to increase patient flow and decrease patient wait time in the emergency room. She states that her personal vision aligns directly with the hospital's mission statement - To Excel in Quality, Compassion, and Innovation to make our Community Healthier. "I want the people in our community to be very proud of Hendry Regional Medical Center," says Kara.



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**Florida Press  
Association****COMMUNITY OPINIONS****Editor's Note:** The following quotes are a sampling of the most popular discussion comments on The Clewiston News' Facebook page.**ISSUE: Talks of HCSO Takeover****Kathy Caballero:**

Great the resource office that works at the Clewiston Middle school didn't want to help my son when he got stabbed in the face. He told me my son was big enough to take care of himself and he is a HCSO employee! I made over 10 calls to complain on him and no one would return my phone calls to get justice I had to have the city police arrest the person who did it and the resource officer was so mad he kicked everybody from the middle school at of his office. Well if this is an example of the work ethic they have this is the worst thing to happen.

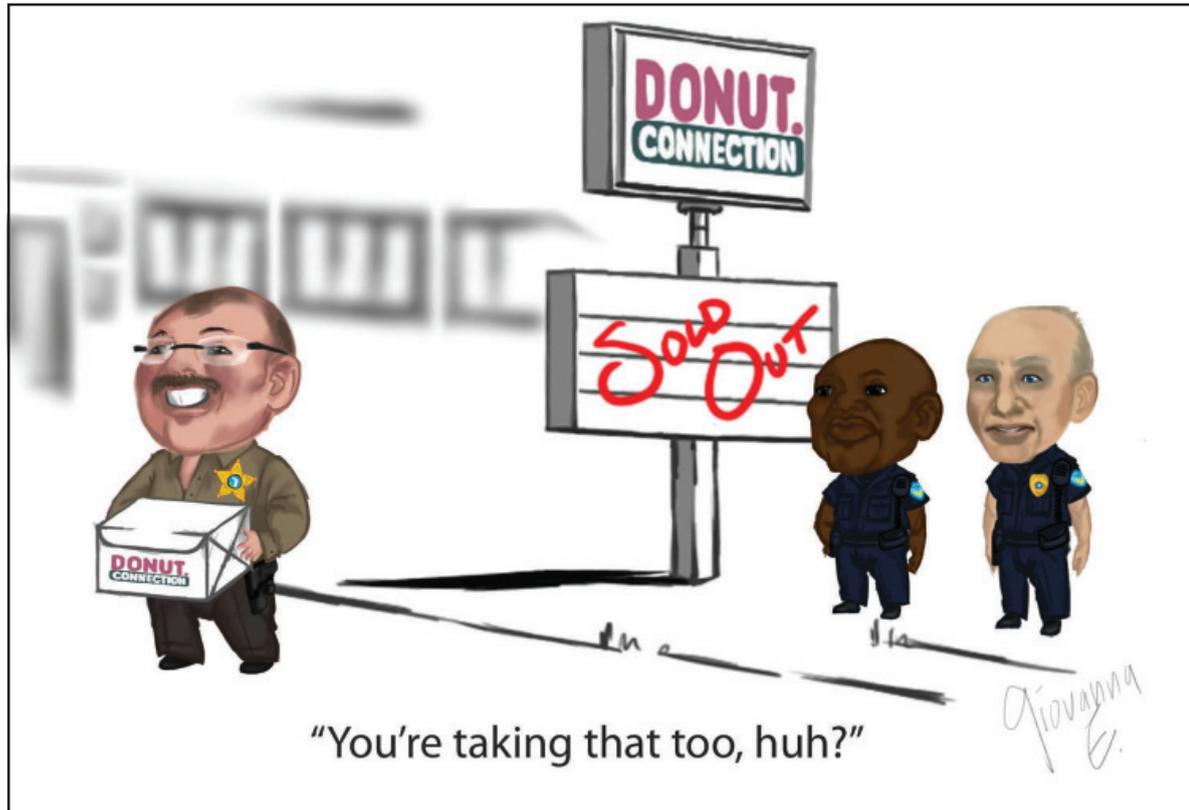
I was on the opposite side and the only one who helped my son was the city police and the sheriff office act like they had better things to do.

**Jeff Barwick:** We need to get all the facts on such an idea. How much money can be saved? Are they going to return the savings to us taxpayers or just find other special pet programs to spend the money on? For sure, there is no way that the HCSO can be as responsive as the CPD. They'll do their best, I'm sure, but you just can't get the same response time.

**Donna Martinez:** I don't think them eating was the issue, it is the fact they leave there vehicle running while they do. If its a K9 unit then I see nothing wrong there either but 9 x's out of 10 its not. I do feel response time will become longer and I also feel bad for the families that will lose income until they find something else. All in all City of Clewiston people will lose out in the end but I guess we can hope not.

**Michael Ellis:** Clewiston residents complain about everything! A lot of people are complaining about this because you all won't be spoiled anymore! If the S.O. takes over there's no more of that walking into Gutshall office when your bad kids get arrested and demanding something gets done about it like you all own the PD!

**Josh Cook:** Response times are horrible because the cops are either in a restaurant and have to walk all the way out to their cars, they are sleeping in their cars under a shade tree, busy buying drugs, or currently violating someone's



rights... It's the fact that they are burning \$4 a gallon fuel so their car is cool when they get back in it an hour later. Wish I could afford that, but I cant because all my money goes to taxes so they can do it instead.

**MyView OfPhotography:** I believe it might do some good, the CPD I feel does not have enough man power to take on several cases at once.. I also feel that the HCSO is equipped a lot better for certain type of issues.

911 for my hubby, an officer was there right away and taking his vitals and stuff. As I know also SO officers are trained the same way but will there always be an officer in less than five minutes away?

**John Patacco:** keep them please cause I have a nutty neighbor across street they do a good job on that nut!

**Kenneth Holland:** On a personal level, a member of the city PD charged me with a DUI for sitting in a parked car with no keys. (I had the charges dropped by the state) If officers are not going to do their jobs correctly then

perhaps a takeover is needed. After all the Chief doesn't answer to the public as he is hired by the city not elected by the public.

**Russell Day:** it will save money on running the facility.

**Evelyn Scroggins Rogers:** Are you really saving money? The budget won't change that much because you still have to pay your officers. How would you divide the duties? How much would the cost of uniforms, repainting the cars, all the things needed for a change going to cost taxpayers? Why not leave things as they are?

**Joshua Linder:** Look what happen to Belle Glade after they took away Belle Glade PD! Something to think about!

**“Look what happened to Belle Glade after they took away Belle Glade’s PD! Something to think about!”**

— **Joshua Linder**

**Ginnie Fountain:** Stupid idea. Citizens within the city limits will suffer big time if HCSO takes over.

**Stefanie Smith Garrett:** How many meals does the average person eat in a 12-hour period? I would say 3 meals ... breakfast, lunch , and dinner. So in their 12 shift we can assume they will eat 3 meals right?! So why does it surprise anyone to see them eating a meal somewhere?

**Cindy Layton:** Would end up being like Pahokee and Belle Glade.

**Linda Beebe Duggins:** People should keep in mind that police officers are also trained in first responders. A few years ago I had to call

# Judge blocks plan to dump sand in Cowbone Marsh

BY KATRINA ELSKEN  
INI

A state plan to dump tons of sand into Cowbone Marsh in Glades County has been blocked by a judge's ruling.

On July 3, Division of Administrative Hearings Judge Bram Canter recommended denial of permit changes which would have allowed dumping of 27,000 cubic yards of sand into Cowbone Marsh, ruling in favor of the challenge by nonprofit citizens groups Save Our Creeks and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida.

Judge Canter wrote in his 28-page recommended order that the state's plan would adversely affect public welfare by impairing navigation and recreation on Fisheating Creek.

"Adequate measures are not included in the permits to ensure that after backfilling and planting, the creek would have the ordinary attributes of a creek," the judge wrote.

The judge noted that "the proposed backfilling would not restore a typical stream profile, deepest in the middle and becoming more and more shallow moving toward the banks.

"That kind of profile can be seen in the photographs of Fisheating Creek taken before the cookie-cutter project. The proposed modification calls for filling the cut channel from 'bank to bank'."

He also noted that "the proposed modification would not restore the natural depths of the creek.

The backfilling plan calls for a finished grade of plus or minus six inches above the adjacent marsh. A final grade of zero to plus six inches would essentially eliminate Fisheating Creek."

The judge concluded that the proposed modifications would not restore the pre-existing hydrologic conditions of the creek.

Save Our Creeks board member Erica Lynne said Ellen Peterson, past president of Save Our

Creeks who died in 2011, "would be thrilled with this decision. Opening and preserving the public's access to Fisheating creek was her mission. I know she was smiling on Friday."

Save Our Creeks board member Paula House said the state's plan was "a ham-fisted attempt to eradicate Fisheating Creek through Cowbone Marsh in order to further industrialization and water storage plans favored by Florida State Audubon (not a part of the National Audubon Society) and agri-giant Lykes Brothers."

Ms. House said these interests support altering the natural environment as an alternative to effectively restoring and preserving the Everglades.

"With Fisheating Creek gone, the coup would be complete," Ms. House said. "Lands belonging to the people of the State of Florida, such as Fisheating Creek, must be managed to preserve their natural conditions, allow for the propagation of fish and wildlife and traditional recreational uses such as fishing, boating and swimming. The state's plan was found to be directly contrary to these requirements."

The backfilling plan would have cost the taxpayers approximately \$3 million.

## Creek has history of lawsuits

Lykes Brothers acquired the land around Fisheating Creek in the early 1900s. In the 1980s, Lykes Brothers closed public access to its land along the creek and obstructed access to the creek by boats.

By 1989, Save Our Creeks challenged the Lykes Brothers authority to restrict public access. At issue was whether or not Fisheating Creek was considered a navigable waterway, in which case it was considered state property. A landmark 1998 state court decision ruled the stream navigable.

The case was appealed and in 1999, a settlement was reached. As part of the settlement,

the state purchased approximately 18,000 acres along the stream, which became the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. The state also bought a conservation easement on more than 41,000 acres of Lykes Brothers land (known as the Fisheating Creek Expanded Corridor) and agreed to maintain a navigation channel in Fisheating Creek from Lake Okeechobee to Palmdale. This agreement calls for aquatic weed control and removal as well as removal of fallen logs and obstructions. It does not authorize dredging.

Over the years, the Fisheating Creek channel within Cowbone Marsh had filled in with vegetation. After the FWC acquired the property, they hired a contractor to spray and then cut through the vegetation with a mechanical machine known as a "cookie-cutter."

According to court documents, a cookie-cutter has two cutting wheels at the front of the vessel to shred and side cast vegetation. The cutting wheels also act as propellers to propel the cookie cutter forward.

In July 2010, before the work was completed, the Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District's Regulatory Division issued a cease and desist order, claiming that the "cookie cutter" was not just cutting vegetation but had actually dug up part of the creek bed and had created a large channel resulting in increased water flow out of Cowbone Marsh, draining much of its 2,500 acres.

The matter was referred to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Under the Clean Water Act, the corps regulates the discharge of many wetlands such as Cowbone Marsh.

According to court documents, before the cookie-cutter project, the navigable channel of the waterway was "one to two feet deep."

According to a Save Our Creeks spokesperson who enjoys boating in the area, the channel is now about three feet deep. Due to recent heavy rainfall, the water level in that area is currently two feet or more above the cut.

In 2011, EPA ordered interim corrective action in an attempt to repair the damage.

The state put in check dams and weirs to slow the flow of water while keeping the creek open to navigation. When this was deemed ineffective, the FWC proposed to refill the cut, using clean sand as fill. In June 2012, FWC applied for a "minor modification" to the existing permits, seeking to backfill the area where the cookie-cutter cut a channel with approximately 27,000 cubic yards of sand.

On Oct. 2, 2012, Earthjustice, which represents Save Our Creeks and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, challenged the permit change, stating that the proposed fill would block that part of the waterway completely.

Last week, the judge found in favor of the petitioners. While the judge pointed out that the current depth of some areas is unnatural, due to the cookie-cutter work, he stated that the proposed backfilling would not restore the natural depths and would not maintain the navigability of the creek.

"Lykes Brothers has been using its political heft for years to try to keep the public from boating and fishing on the creek, and today we won," said Earthjustice attorney Alisa Coe on July 5. "The plan to fill a two-mile section of a stream with sand was just nuts. Florida boaters and sportsmen should not have to deal with the state trying to block them from the public waters we all have a right to use."

Fisheating creek is a tributary of Lake Okeechobee, accounting for approximately 9 percent of the water entering the lake.

*Note: Some information for this article came from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District web site, Save Our Creeks and Earthjustice. The judge's ruling is online at <http://www.doah.state.fl.us/ROS/2012/12003427.pdf>.*



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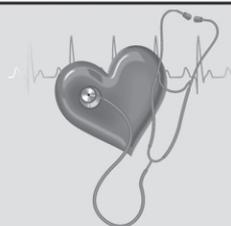
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- 10 Niña or Pinta
- 14 Pressed into service
- 15 Fox's "War Stories With Oliver \_\_\_"
- 16 Mystique
- 17 Sporting, with "in"
- 18 Raccoon relative
- 19 Suggestive look
- 20 Wrigglers' waterway?
- 23 Flik in "A Bug's Life," e.g.
- 24 Like some narratives
- 25 Connect (with)
- 29 Patsy
- 31 Poetic preposition
- 32 Source of tricks?
- 33 Mail carrier's romantic activities?
- 37 On the calmer side
- 40 Also
- 41 Bad day for Caesar
- 42 Fortress for summer shoes?
- 47 "Verses" poet DiFranco
- 48 Objecting word
- 49 You can get down from them
- 53 Concert harp parts
- 55 Artistic structure
- 57 "Take Good Care of My Baby" singer Bobby
- 58 Collage of potpourri bits?
- 61 Emporium
- 64 Poetry Muse
- 65 Component
- 66 "King of New York" director Ferrara
- 67 Gardener, at times
- 68 Patsy
- 69 Oldest British service branch
- 70 Vehicles on runners
- 71 Pentathlon weapon

- 2 Italicized
- 3 Rough house?
- 4 13th-century Scandinavian epic
- 5 Numbers that aren't programmed
- 6 Fibrous sponge
- 7 Melee
- 8 Sgt. Snorkel's bulldog
- 9 Spun
- 10 Spicy condiment
- 11 Color wheel unit
- 12 Argumentative state
- 13 What amateurs rarely shoot
- 21 Eye on CBS, e.g.
- 22 Actress Sorvino
- 26 Footnote abbr.
- 27 Level-headed
- 28 Quiche essentials
- 30 Page with some right angles?
- 31 Auto pioneer
- 34 Delicacy
- 35 Literary olio
- 36 Going into overtime
- 37 "I need it yesterday!"

- 38 Country road
- 39 "National Velvet" writer Bagnold
- 43 Fit
- 44 Polishing outcomes
- 45 Babysitting nightmares
- 46 Stylish ride
- 50 Make equal
- 51 Cook's illustrated offering
- 52 Lounge sofa

- 54 In a germane manner
- 55 Bit of dandruff
- 56 Stopped waffling
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- 60 Hardy's "\_\_\_ the Obscure"
- 61 Sixth-day creation
- 62 Law school accrediting org.
- 63 Race in the driveway

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION HENDRY COUNTY RESCHEDULED LPA HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on **July 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to consider the Preliminary Plat Application of River Landings (PL13-0001), a subdivision of a portion of Sections 21 and 28, Township 43 South, Range 28 East. The subdivision is located north of SR 80, south of the Caloosahatchee River, and is adjacent to the west side of the Riverbend Motorcoach RV Resort.

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

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

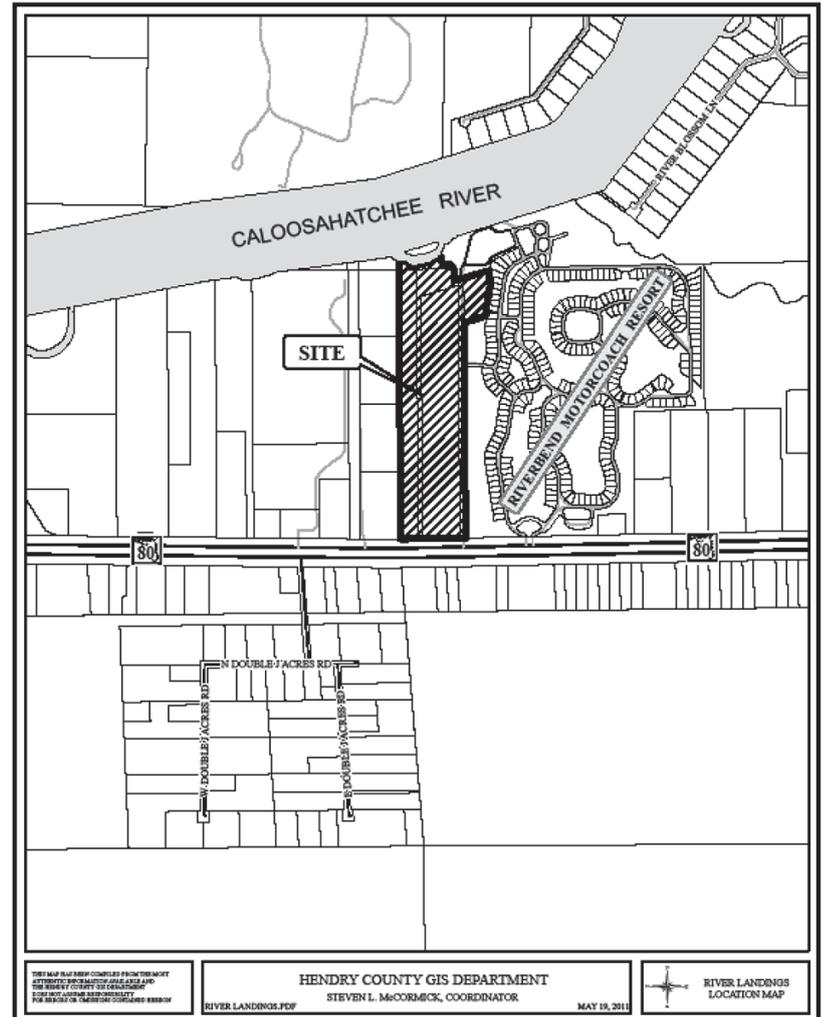
**Petition Number:** PL13-0001

**Applicant:** Tice Street, LLC, represented by Davidson Engineering

**Location:** 5992, 5970, 5942 West SR 80, LaBelle, FL

**Property size:** 30.20 acres +/-

**Request:** The applicant is seeking approval of a preliminary plat for a RV motorcoach development in accordance with RZ12-0007.



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RIVER LANDINGS LOCATION MAP

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### Celia A. Stapler, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Celia Ann Stapler of Pahokee passed away July 1, 2013 at Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade.

She was born August 13, 1932 in Canal Point. She was a lifelong resident of the Glades area and was a nurse for Ceasar Orduna for 30 years. She loved to travel to the mountains to visit family and friends. Her greatest fulfillment in life was caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Oliver Richard Stapler.

She is survived by her daughter, Olivia Kaye Arlington (Bill) of Okeechobee; granddaughter Gina Meegan (John) of Cibolo, Texas; two great grandchildren, Kayla and Trevor Meegan; and her sister Ollie Arlene Rashley of Okeechobee.

A Celebration of Life was held 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972.

### Eva Elizabeth Sapp, 89

CLEWISTON — Eva Elizabeth Sapp passed away July 7, 2013 in Atlantis, Fla.

She was born Dec. 14, 1923 in Arcadia, Fla. to George W. and Alma (Yeager) Summeralls. She was married to Thomas V. Sapp; he preceded her in death on July 11, 1990. She was a nurse for many years.

Survivors include son, George Sapp; daughter, Margaret Sapp; brother, Charles Summeralls; and sister, Alma Rice; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston with Rev. John Hicks officiating. Interment was Wednesday, July 10, 2013 in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Visitation was Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston, FL.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

### Santiago Villatoro, 47

CLEWISTON — Santiago Villatoro passed away July 4, 2013 in West Palm Beach.

He was born May 23, 1966 in El Salvador to Epifanio and Maria (Lasaro) Villatoro. Mr. Villatoro married Idelsis Pena.

Survivors include his wife, Idelsis Villatoro; three daughters, Rosisela, Victoria Ubina, and Lisney Kenia; three brothers, Ricardo Villatoro, Victor Villatoro, and Ofany Villatoro; and five sisters, Maria Villatoro, Blanca Villatoro, Claudia Villatoro, Maria Lola Villatoro, and Maria Santos Villatoro.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Iglesia Apostolico Maranatha, Clewiston, with Pastor Luis Ramirez officiating. Interment was in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

## Theft

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the women informed the officers they did and produced a receipt.

Unfortunately, the toilet paper, the folding chairs and the packs of socks were not included on the receipt. At this time, the Dollar General employee who initially called Clewiston Police positively identified Scott and Spaulding as the two women who left the store without paying for merchandise.

The employee also told police there was a shopping cart located outside of the store holding boxes of toilet paper which she regularly checked on throughout her shift.

When the employee looked outside to see which car the two women were getting into, she noticed the boxes of toilet paper were no longer in the shopping cart, according to the report.

Scott and Spaulding admitted they did not pay for the toilet paper when officers asked to

see another receipt. The officers then asked Scott and Spaulding to drive back to Dollar General so an inventory of the unpaid items could be taken.

The total amount of the unpaid items was \$355.75, including \$212.25 worth of toilet paper and \$100.50 worth of miscellaneous clothing, according to the report.

The Dollar General employee told the officers she wished to press charges against Scott and Spaulding and the officers arrested the two women for grand theft; in addition, Spaulding, who already had an active trespass warning at Dollar General, was charged with trespassing after warning, according to the report.

As the officers were placing Scott and Spaulding into their patrol cars, one of the officers asked Scott whether she had any weapons on her person, to which she responded there was a thermometer in her bra.

According to the report, the thermometer was in its original packaging and Scott admitted it, too, was stolen from Dollar General.

## Takeover

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mer police officers if the takeover were realized, according to Sheriff Whidden.

"There would be the same amount of officers on the streets of Clewiston as there are now, plus there would be deputies in the city, as well. They would have more services on the ground than they do now, and the officers that the city pays for are zoned out in the city, meaning they would not leave the city, unless there was an emergency. ... So [the citizens] would have more officers, plus the resources that the Hendry County Sheriff's Office has, like the investigative services," explained Whidden.

Sheriff Whidden said the proposal could save the city about \$900,000 per year, money he believes should be returned to the taxpayers.

Sheriff Whidden also explained that he was for combined law enforcement efforts even when he worked as an officer at the Clewiston Police Department.

"There's a divide between the city and Hendry County Sheriff's Office. We can't hear each other on the radio -- there's no cooperation there since we changed radio systems. If we unified and if we merged with the city, crime solvability would go up," said Sheriff Whidden, adding, "Right now, the Sheriff dispatches EMS to a scene and Clewiston Police dispatches the Fire Department to the same scene. It takes time and there's confusion."

Mayor Roland focused mostly on the fiscal aspect of the takeover talks and reiterated that these are just preliminary talks.

"We're just looking into things that cost us a lot of money and seeing whether we can possibly give the same service with less amount of money," said Mayor Roland. "You've seen it all over the state of Florida ... most individual police departments are going out because of what people say is dual taxation. Whether that's the honest to God truth or not, I don't have the answers to that, I hope we can make a decision on it that the board is satisfied with and everyone else is satisfied with, including the taxpaying public."

One thing both the mayor and the sheriff agreed on is consolidating the dispatch system. As of now, the Clewiston Police and HCSO have different dispatch systems and those two systems cannot communicate with one another. Mayor Roland said having one dispatch system is "the most important thing we can have," even

if the two systems remain separate.

Ultimately, the decision will be put before the public in a referendum. Because the Clewiston Police is a chartered police department, the public will have to decide in a vote whether or not to dissolve the department -- if the talks ever make it that far.

Police Chief Don Gutshall does not believe the public will support the measure.

"It's certainly nothing that we have to be concerned about immediately," said Chief Gutshall. "We have a chartered police department, meaning to do away with it, you need a referendum. I don't see that happening before October."

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# South Florida beaches are popular

For those who enjoy swimming in the ocean, south Florida's coastline offers plenty of choices in public beaches.



## Swimming at state parks

- **Avalon State Park**, State Road A1A North, Fort Pierce, has more than a mile of increasingly rare undeveloped beach front. The park provides habitat for many species of wildlife. Threatened and endangered sea turtles such as the loggerhead, Atlantic green and leatherback nest on the beach during the spring and summer. Dune crossovers protect the fragile dune ecosystem. The park is ideal for swimmers, snorkelers, fishermen and sunbathers for beach recreation. Swimmers and snorkelers are advised to be cautious of underwater obstacles left behind by amphibious warfare exercises during World War II. Visitors can enjoy a meal at sheltered picnic tables overlooking the beach. Admission fee is \$2 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 772-468-3985.

- **Fort Pierce Inlet State Park**, 905 Shorewinds Drive in Fort Pierce, features a breathtakingly beautiful half-mile beach perfect for swimming, snorkeling, surfing, and scuba diving. Beachcombing, picnicking, or just relaxing on the sand are also popular activities. Dynamite Point was once the training site for WWII Navy Frogmen, but is now a haven for birdwatchers. Along the south end of the park, Fort Pierce Inlet is a popular place for anglers to catch their dinners. Jack Island Preserve, located one mile north of the park, has trails for hiking, bicycling, and nature study. At the west end of the Marsh Rabbit Run Trail, visitors can climb an observation tower to get a bird's-eye view of Indian River

and the island. A primitive youth/group campground is available on a reservation basis; please call the park. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 772-468-3985.

- **John D. MacArthur State Beach Park**, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive in North Palm Beach, offers a unique mixture of coastal and tropical hammock and mangrove forest. This barrier island provides a haven for several rare or endangered native tropical and coastal plant species. The park's Nature Center shows visitors why the park is a biological treasure. Visitors can swim, picnic, and surf at the beach; scuba diving and snorkeling are also popular activities. Birdwatchers can see herons, brown pelicans, terns, sandpipers, and gulls. Anglers can fish in the lagoon by wading, kayaking, or canoeing. They can also fish from non-swimming areas of the beach. Admission is \$5 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 561-624-6950.

- **St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park**, 4810 S.E. Cove Road in Stuart, is accessible only by boat, but it is worth the ride. A boardwalk takes visitors across mangrove forests and hammocks of live oaks, cabbage palms, paradise trees, and wild limes to a neatly preserved Atlantic beach. During the summer months, the island is an important nesting area for loggerhead, leatherback, and green turtles. They come ashore at night to dig holes in the beach sand where they lay their eggs. The preserve is a favorite for nature students interested in learning about the native flora and fauna of Florida barrier islands. Visitors come to

swim, sunbathe, or picnic at the pavilion on the quiet beach. Others make the trip for the great surf fishing. Snorkeling and scuba diving are also popular activities. Admission is \$3 per boat. For more information, call 772-219-1880.

- **Lovers Key State Park**, 8700 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach, is one of four barrier islands that make up this state park. A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits, and bald eagles. The two-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shelling, swimming, picnicking, and sunbathing. Black Island has over five miles of multiuse trails for hiking and bicycling. Anglers and boaters can launch their vessels from the park's boat ramp. The park's concession offers kayak tours, as well as bicycle, canoe and kayak rentals. For tour reservations and rentals of bicycles, canoes and kayaks, call 239-765-7788. Admission is \$8 per vehicle (for up to 8 persons). For more information, call 239-463-4588.

- **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**, 1135 Gulfshore Drive in Naples, features a mile-long stretch of white sugar sand. The 166-acre park is a tropical paradise for beach lovers, boaters and divers. The beach is a popular spot to sunbathe, swim, beachcomb, snorkel and picnic. At the beach along Wiggins Pass, where swimming is not allowed, fishing is a popular activity. Boaters can launch their vessels into Water Turkey Bay and travel to the Gulf or up the Cocohatchee River for both saltwater and freshwater fishing.

Kayakers can enjoy paddling through estuaries and scuba divers can explore the hard bottom reef in the Gulf. At the north end of the island, a tower gives visitors a bird's-eye view of Wiggins Pass and the surrounding coastal habitat. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 239-597-6196.

## Other public beaches, Atlantic Coast

- **Alex's Beach**, one mile south of Jensen Beach on Highway A1A, in Jensen Beach is open for swimming, shelling, and dune walkovers. The beach is pet friendly and ample parking make this beach a favorite.

- **Bathtub Reef Beach**, 1585 S.E. MacArthur Blvd., Stuart, on the south end of Hutchinson Island, is one of the most popular sunning and swimming beaches. Scuba diving is also available offshore in the shallow waters around the reef.

- **Chastain Beach**, 1213 S.E. McArthur Blvd, Stuart, is between House of Refuge and Bathtub Reef along Highway A1A. The beach is not guarded year round, so check to make sure a lifeguard is on duty. (The historic House of Refuge was originally built and manned to help shipwreck survivors.)

- **Frederick Douglass Park**, 3500 S. A1A, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, is on South Hutchinson Island. The beach covers 13.7 acres. Lifeguards are on duty during summer months only.

- **Glasscock Beach**, 4775 N.E. Ocean Blvd, Stuart, Martin County, is off High-



## Stay safe when swimming

Swimming, one of the most popular activities in the country, is a fun, active, and healthy way to spend leisure time. Every year, millions of people visit recreational water sites, such as swimming pools, water parks, hot tubs, lakes, rivers, or the ocean.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) encourages all parents and child

care givers to be more careful in their everyday responsibilities including swimming. DOH supports the work of Safe Kids Florida, a member of Safe Kids Worldwide and supports the following tips:

- NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE NEAR WATER.

- Tell children never to run, push, or jump on others near water.

- Learn infant and child CPR.
- Children should always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Inflatable inner tubes and “water wings” are not safety devices.
- Teach children to swim after age 4.
- Make sure children swim within designated swimming areas of rivers, lakes and oceans.

## Beat the heat with pools or water parks

**W**ith the summer sun blazing, south Florida residents head to area swimming pools and water parks. South Florida offers a wide variety of swimming choices, from county public swimming pools to water parks.

- The Okeechobee Sports Complex Pool, 640 Northwest 27th Lane in Okeechobee, is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. through Aug. 18. The L-shaped pool has a shallow area for the little ones as well as lanes for more serious swimmers. There are two waterslides which are supervised by lifeguards. On Thursday nights, the pool is open for Family Swim Night from 6 to 8 p.m. the pool will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The pool offers senior water exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Regular admission is \$3 per person. Discount rates are available for groups. Family swim night admission is \$2. Senior water exercise fee is \$2 per day. The pool is also available for rent for private parties. For more information, call 863-467-7667.

- Clewiston's public swimming pool at 113 W. Osceola Avenue in Clewiston, has both a water slide and a diving board. The pool is under construction currently, should reopen later this month. For more information, please call 863-983-7656.

- Pioneer Park Aquatic Center, 866 State Road 715, in Belle Glade, is the perfect place to cool off on those scorching, hot days. The center features a public swimming pool with three waterslides and tipping buckets in the shallow end. The pool is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission fee is \$1. Swimming lessons are also available. Pioneer Park also has a Splash Park; this area has no admission fee and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 561-993-3892.

- The Immokalee Sports Complex is a large fitness and activity center located at 505 Escambia St. in Immokalee. The Immokalee Sports Complex has many amenities including an aquatic facility with a 25-yard by 25-meter pool (heated), 1 one-meter springboard, slide and

children's activity pool (heated). Summer pool hours (through September) are Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Winter pool hours are Monday-Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. If the temperature is 59 degrees or below, the park may close water facilities. For more information, call 239-657-1951.

- Lion Country Safari, 2003 Lion Country Safari Road, Loxahatchee, a drive-through safari and walk-through amusement park, has a 4,000 square-foot water spray ground with 23 interactive water features located in the walk-through, “Safari World.” Discounts are available if tickets are purchased online. The park is open daily from 9:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 561-793-1084.

- Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, 15000 Livingston Road in Naples, is Collier County's only water park. Sun-N-Fun Lagoon includes four pools, a long lazy river, a lit splash playground or interactive water feature, five exciting water slides, a concession stand other typical amenities such as restrooms and lockers. The park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during the summer and weekends, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year. Operating hours are subject to change during inclement weather. Those over the age of 60 qualify for a senior discount. Groups

of 20 or more persons may qualify for a group rate. For more information, call 239-252-4021.

- Sunsplash Family Waterpark, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., in Cape Coral is a 12-acre waterpark with more than two dozen wet and dry attractions, including a tube ride, waterslides, and a tot spot. Season passes are also available. Hours of operation through Aug. 7 are Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aqua Theater night is July 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. Family fun night is July 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 8-Sept. 29 the park will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Labor Day, the park will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family Fun Nights are planned for Aug. 10 and from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information online, go to [www.sunsplash-waterpark.com](http://www.sunsplash-waterpark.com).

- Rapids Water Park, 6566 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 2. For ticket and other information online, go to [www.rapidswaterpark.com](http://www.rapidswaterpark.com). Rapids Water Park offers 29 water slides. The park includes a 25,000 square-foot wave pool, lazy river, body and tube slides, activity pools and a children's water play area. The park also has some unique water rides. Big Thunder is a four-person Tornado tube ride. Black Thunder is another four-person Tornado tube ride in total darkness. In addition there are two raft rides.

## BEACHES

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way A1A north of Jensen Beach Causeway. This beach is perfect for surfing and shelling.

- **House of Refuge Beach**, one mile south of Stuart Beach on Highway A1A in Hobe Sound is a good spot for snorkeling.

- **Jensen Beach**, 4191 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Jensen Beach, at intersection of Highway A1A and State Route 732, is a popular spot for visitors. The park area has volleyball courts as well as bathrooms and showers.

- **Kimberly Bergalis Beach**, off South A1A on South Hutchinson Island, has lifeguards on duty during summer months only. There are covered picnic areas, restrooms and showers.

- **Pepper Park Beach Park**, 3375 N A1A, Fort Pierce, on North Hutchinson Island includes 52.4 acres and is guarded year round. The beach has a large pavilion, picnic tables with grills, restrooms, showers, playground, volleyball, basketball, tennis courts, ample parking. This beach is next to the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum.

- **Stokes Beach** off Highway A1A in Jensen Beach offers opportunities for swimming, surfing and snorkeling.

- **Waveland Beach**, 10350 S. A1A, on South Hutchinson Island, includes 3.6 acres The beach is guarded year round and has bathrooms & showers.

### Gulf Coast beaches

- **Fort Myers Beach**, off Estero Boulevard in the City of Fort Myers Beach, is on San Carlos Bay, which is wide open to the Gulf of Mexico, although not actually on the gulf. It is billed as the safest beach on the Gulf Coast because of its calm and shallow waters. There are more than 30 beach access points. The beaches are open from sunrise to half an hour past sunset.

- **Sanibel Island** is a barrier island just offshore from Fort Myers, accessible by the Sanibel Causeway. The island has sandy beaches that are well known for shelling. The beaches have public restrooms. Beach parking is \$2 per hour. There is a \$6 bridge toll to get to Sanibel. Captiva Island, also known for its beaches, is accessible over a bridge which crosses at Turner Beach.

## Visit a state park in July

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida State Parks and Office of Greenways and Trails invites visitors and residents to visit a state park and trail for outdoor recreation, events and family fun throughout July. Governor Rick Scott proclaimed July as Recreation and Parks month, observing that parks and recreation programs build family unity, strengthen neighborhood involvement and promote cultural diversity.

“July is the perfect time for residents and visitors to take the time to enjoy the many activities available at one of our award-winning state parks and trails,” said Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgiore. “Florida's state parks are a great place for families and friends to experience the outdoors and build a healthy lifestyle together.”

Recreation and Parks Month recognizes the importance of recreational and educational opportunities available at parks and trails, including boosting economies, attracting new business and increasing tourism. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, nearly 25 million people visited Florida's 171 state parks and state trails.

This July, the department encourages residents and visitors to visit a state park in their district for exciting events and activities. An easy way to plan a fun trip to a park this July is to download the Florida state parks mobile app, available for free download for smartphone users. This interactive guide gives users access to all state parks and trails with information on park amenities, facility maps and a real-time calendar of events.

# Win a 2013 Ford Fusion at Seminole Casino Brighton

OKEECHOBEE—This July, Seminole Casino Brighton has a fusion of games and a Ford Fusion giveaway! Play all throughout July to earn daily entries into the grand prize drawing on Saturday, July 27 at 10 p.m.

How good are your guessing skills? Try them during Seminole Hi Lo. On Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 28, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., five lucky winners will have the opportunity to win \$50 to \$500 in Free Play. Draw a card and guess if the next card will be Hi or Lo. Make sure to have your Player's Club card inserted into your favorite machine for your chance to play.

In July, poker players can win a seat at Seminole Casino Brighton to the \$10 Million Guarantee Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open (SHRPO) at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood. The top 30 players with 30 hours of recorded poker play can earn entry into the satellite Texas Hold'em Tournament on Sunday, July 28. Satellite tournament prizes include a share of \$1,500 in Free Play and a seat in the SHRPO.

Poker players also can buy in for \$125 to the Mega Satellite Tournaments every Sunday through July for the chance to win a seat to the \$1 Million Mega Tournament. One winner per every 10 players will win a seat!

We're bringing the latest and greatest in slots! New slots include Family Guy, Wizard of Oz Around the Globe and CSI. Many more are on the way.

The casino also recently installed an all-new air filtration system.

Please contact the casino or visit [www.seminolebrightoncasino.com](http://www.seminolebrightoncasino.com) for information on bus transportation and group packages.

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

## About Seminole Casino Brighton

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

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located in the Brighton Indian Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, in Glades County, FL 34974. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998 or visit [seminolebrightoncasino.com](http://seminolebrightoncasino.com).



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# Summer music...

## Jazz Market, Jazz Jams

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

Every Tuesday, the Sunrise Theatre at the Black Box, 1117 South Second St. in Fort Pierce, features Jazz Jams from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday. Jazz Jams are every other Wednesday at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## Conch Stomp Band

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—The Conch Stomp Band will perform bluegrass music at the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park on July 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

## The Untold Riches

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—The Untold Riches will perform bluegrass music on the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park Amphitheater on July 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, please call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

# Area special events...

## Art show at Dolly Hand Center

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

## P1 Superstock Power Boat Race plus Aquax Jet Ski Race

PAHOKEE—The Lake Okeechobee Resort and Marina will host a World Series P1 Super Stock open-water Power Boat Race and the Aqua X Jet Ski series on July 19 through July 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Lake Okeechobee Resort and Marina, call 1-855-99-LAKE (844-995-2536).

## Day of the Cowboy

OKEECHOBEE—The National Day of the Cowboy Celebration will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on Saturday, July 27. The celebration will start with a cattle drive from downtown Okeechobee going east on State Road 70 to the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The day-long festival will include demonstrations of saddle making and whip braiding. Ranch rodeos will be held at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Agri-Civic Center arena. Spectator entrance to the Agri-Civic Center is off State Road 710.



## Learn to surf

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—Introduction to Surfing will be presented at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park on July 21 at 1 p.m. Ranger Rob Matriscino will instruct kids and adults on the basics of surfing. Lessons will be on land and in the water. Bring your surfboard if you have one. Reservations required. Participants must be able to swim and at least 10 years old. Those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and reservations, please call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. The class is free with park admission. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

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## 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 McGee, 64**

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Arrested on 7/4/13  
For Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon w/ intent to kill

**April Hester, 37**



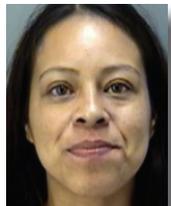
Arrested on 7/1/13, by Officer Bozzi  
For Possession of drugs with intent to sell; fugitive from justice, out-of-state

**Guardionex Mercado, 32**



Arrested on 7/7/13  
For Obstructing justice

**Cathy Jumper, 35**



Arrested on 7/5/13, by Sergeant Malley  
For Driving with suspended license, subsequent offense

**Jose Rosado, 35**



Arrested on 7/5/13  
For Damage of property, subsequent offense

**Jacqueline Scott, 30**



Arrested on 7/1/13, by Officer Rojas  
For Larceny

**Dalia Torres, 53**



Arrested on 7/3/13  
For Child neglect, wo great bodily harm

**Latosha Spaulding, 31**



Arrested on 7/7/13, by Officer Rojas  
For Larceny

**Javier Rodriguez, 19**



Arrested on 7/5/13  
For Possession of weapon

**Douglas Perkins, 35**



Arrested on 7/2/13  
For Possession of controlled substance wo prescription

**Derrick Webber, 31**



Arrested on 7/5/13  
For Battery second or subsequent offense

**Luis Fuster, 28**



Arrested on 7/7/13, by Sergeant Malley  
For Burglary

No Photo Available

Arrested on 7/7/13  
For Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon wo intent to kill



### Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County

Needs your help locating Elsworth Seales, 30, of Clewiston. Elsworth Seales is wanted on a warrant in connection with the following charges: failure to appear for jury trial, burglary with assault/battery, grand theft and robbery. Elsworth Seales is 6'0" and approximately 350 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information on his whereabouts, you are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-"TIPS" (8477).

# Animal of the Week



### Meet Happy

Happy is a Cur mix. He is about 10 months old and was found abandoned on June 27 on W.C. Owens in Clewiston. Now, Happy needs a good home! If you are interested in adopting Happy, please contact Animal Control at 863-983-1474, or stop in to their facility located at 1320 S. Olympia St in Clewiston. It will be necessary to get Happy neutered and vaccinated if you decide to adopt him. Clewiston's Critter Care offers low-cost spay/neuter programs and low-cost vaccinations.



Alexander Alvarez was arrested on May 20, 2013 on charges of battery and cruelty towards a child. Those charges have since been dropped. Alvarez is clear of all charges.

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## Announcements

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**OPERATORS**  
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## Business Opportunities

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## Garage/Yard Sales

**MOVING SALE**  
704 Seminole Ave, Clewiston  
July 13; 8AM - 2PM

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## Employment Full Time

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**CLEWISTON HOMES / MOBILE HOMES**

- 4/2.5 Large lot w/pool Pinewood \$459,9K
- 4/2 w/Furnishings 620 Haiti \$119K
- 5/2 1395 Art Lawrence Rd \$110K SHORT SALE
- 4/2.5 C.B.S Home 119 W. Esperanza \$184,9K REDUCED
- 2/1 CBS 721 Florida Ave \$ 37,5K
- 4/2 Mobile Home 685 Tammy Rd \$62,5K
- 1.25 ac. 3/2 Mobile Home 263 Horse Club \$60K
- 3.78 Acres 2/2 491 Co. Rd 720 \$185K
- 3/2 M.H. 712 Alabama \$29,9K
- 3300 Hendry Isle Blvd \$94,900 w/MH
- 3/2 250 E. Circle Dr. \$115K

**MOORE HAVEN / LAKEPORT / ORTONA**

- 2/2 M.H. 1339 Jerdik Dr. Lake Access \$117,5K
- 2/2 hm. on 1.85 ac Short Sale \$59,9K/ORTONA
- Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 w/Boat House Lowry Ln. \$100K
- Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 Lowry Ln CBS REDUCED \$189,9K
- 1/1 1339 Old Lakeport Rd #22B, \$22,5K
- 2/1 CBS 401 Ave. F. \$39,9 K
- 3 Waterfront lots, \$33K each Moore Haven
- Waterfront lot w/lake access \$30K Lakeport

**ACREAGE, LAND & LOTS**

- 30 Acres "Muckland" Moore Haven \$6,500 per acre
- 4535 Palomino Dr. .75 acres \$29K
- 1026 Gratton Rd. Residential lot .29 acres \$16,5K

- 17 ac. w/large home, guest home, pole barn, Hwy 78 frontage
- Highlands Co. 10, 28, & 80 AC. Parcels, Owner Fin. Avail.
- 5 acres Ladeca, fenced only \$55K
- 2.5 acres Pioneer Plantation only \$25K
- E. Del Monte/N. Francisco, Res. Lot \$75K
- 918 ac former Shrimp Farm So. Clewiston \$6,5K per acre
- N. Francisco Res. Lot \$25K Owner Financing

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- Fully equipped Rest. Clewiston 113 N. Francisco \$1,200 mo.
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- Hwy 27 Restaurant \$1,000 per mo LEASE OR \$150K
- Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$360K REDUCED \$290K
- Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
- Hwy 27, (14, 279 sq. ft.) Commercial Building \$349K
- Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease/Sale
- .35 ac. Corner Lot - East of Bello's Jewelry \$65K
- Former Hacienda Rest. Hwy 27 Fully Equipped \$800K
- Retail/Office 141 S. Deane Duff \$250K
- Retail/Office 225 E. Ventura \$350 K
- 316 Bond St. REDUCED \$139,9K or lease \$1,400 mo.
- 215/217 Margaret St. Duplex \$49,9K

**RENTALS**

- 2/1 Townhomes Lopez St. Move in Special \$550 mo
- 4/3 Exec. Home w/pool \$1600 mo.
- 1/1 Efficiency w/all utilities \$600 mo.
- 1/1 Efficiency Bond Street \$500 mo.

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**Mobile Home Rent**

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**Public Notices**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 13-6-CP**

IN RE: ESTATE OF **WILLIAM D. SIMMS, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of WILLIAM D. SIMMS, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 13-6-CP, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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: July 4, 2013.  
Personal Representative: MARY MOORE  
Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALD SILVERMAN, ESQ. Florida Bar No. 0740111  
25 West Flagler Street #900 Miami, FL 33130  
Tel. No. (305) 358-5690  
Fax No. (305) 358-1126  
Bar Form No. P3-0740  
446851 CN 7/4,11/2013

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**

The undersigned does hereby certify that they will be conducting a Restaurant business at 675 W. Hickpochee Ave., Florida, under the fictitious name of Pancho & Corieone Mexican & Italian Grill and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Italmex, LLC  
675 W. Hickpochee Ave  
LaBelle, FL 33935  
Ownership of Pancho & Corieone Mexican & Italian Grill is as follows:  
Italmex, LLC

It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation to register the said name of Pancho & Corieone Mexican & Italian Grill under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.  
447331 CN 7/11/2013

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on 07/20/2013 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

- Askey Murphy - Unit J-69**  
Misc. baby items
- Edvado Romero - Unit J-27**  
Misc. items
- Gabriel Blandon - Unit J-52**  
Tools, small reg. water cooler & misc. items
- James Louk - Unit J-7**  
Misc. items
- Matt Berry - Unit D-19**  
Sofa, loveseat, chair & tables
- Jeremy & Charity Howell - Unit #1**  
Piano, tables, large AC, desk & misc. items
- Wendy Valdez - Unit A-7**  
Furniture, Christmas items & misc. items  
447671 CN 7/11,18/2013

**NOTICE: AUCTION** on Friday, July 12th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of: David Robinson:** Stereo, pots and pans, fryer.  
446809 SUN 7/4,11/2013

**Public Notice**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on July 22nd, 2013 at 10 am @ Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:  
**2000 Ford, VIN: 1FAFP4040YF111131**  
\*\*\*We have the right to refuse any and all bids\*\*\*  
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**  
You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 6 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.  
447032 CN 7/11,18/2013

**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	1174329-07000000020	Agustin Alvarez + 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 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
2326	2008	1364432-A0001470000	Carlos A Alvarez

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4014, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.  
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Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
446374 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
Neil T. Little 4057 Calogosa Loop LaBelle FL 33935  
Palena R. Dorsey 210 N. Palomino St Clewiston FL 33440  
Joseph M. Moulton 814 Della Tobias Ave Clewiston FL 33440  
Michelle L. Lowman 4052 E. Sunflower Cir. LaBelle FL 33935  
Lafonda D. Stewart 441 E. Trinidad Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Tony L. Kinsler 1004 Bayberry Loop Clewiston FL 33440  
John K. Mabry 34835 N. Horseshoe Rd. Clewiston FL 33440  
William D. Lyons 923 Carolina Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Willie C. Pierce 544 W. Alverdez Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Ernest C. Clark 724 Central Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Esteban Muro 624 Orange Rd. Clewiston FL 33440  
Troy D. Woodard 1158 Della Tobias Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Alton Grimsley 923 Virginia Ave. Clewiston FL 33440  
Juan O. Guzman 30680 New Housing Rd. Clewiston FL 33440  
Andrew L. Jaques 6825 Santa Fe S. Unit 126 LaBelle FL 33935  
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Steven B. Wilcoxson 401 E Rd. LaBelle FL 33935

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592.  
**El Aviso se da por Este Medio:**  
Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su ineligibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no  
447553 CN 7/11/2013

**Public Notice**  
**AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL**  
A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 24 de julio de 2013 a las 6 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia del Condado Central ubicado en 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación.  
**447033 CN 7/11,18/2013**

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

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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

**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 proposals 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 [jmcclain@hendryfla.net](mailto:jmcclain@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.  
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446661 CN/CB 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**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
1016	2010	1344529-A0000020400	Faustino Hernandez-Antonio

A parcel of land in the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 45 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows; Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 34 and run N 89 degrees 36'20" E, along the North line of said Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, a distance of 834.45 feet; thence S 00 degrees 23'40" E, a distance of 60.00 feet to the South right-of-way line County Road No. S-830-A and the Point-of-Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00 degrees 00'19" E, a distance of 291.74 feet; thence N 86 degrees 03'32" E, a distance of 139.47 feet; thence N 89 degrees 36'20" E, parallel to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A, a distance of 166.48 feet; thence N 00 degrees 00'19" E, a distance of 283.11 feet to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A; thence S 89 degrees 36'20" W, a distance of 305.62 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  
446362 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

**Public Notice**  
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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
1823	2008	1224432-01000810030	Celia Rubin + Ruth Czukerburg + Dalliah Czukerburg + 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.  
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446367 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3041	2010	1144334-07000000060	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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1862	2008	1224432-A0000710000	Juan Perez

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5295, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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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.

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Dated this **19th day of June, 2013**.  
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Hendry County, Florida  
446378 CN 6/27/7/4,11,18/2013

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
446362	2013	6/27/7/4,11,18/2013	

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

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

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

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

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

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000055**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
MICHAEL A. MAURO, et al,  
Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure of Order dated June 24th, 2013, entered in Civil Case Number 26-2012-CA-000055, in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. MAURO, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

**THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25.00 FEET, RESERVED FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.**

**SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE WESTERLY 15 FEET THEREOF AND OVER THE WESTERLY 30 FEET OF THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET THEREOF.**

**TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND INGRESS/EGRESS OVER THE EASTERLY 15 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL:**

**THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, LESS THE SOUTH 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE WEST ONE-HALF OF TRACT 102, LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.**

**TOGETHER WITH 2002 NOBI MOBILE HOME ID # 60E41H16, TITLE # 8725243 AND ID # N810315B, TITLE # 8725177** at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Hendry County Courthouse, Highway 80 and Main Street, 2nd floor hallway, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM on the 28th day of August 2013. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of its pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
DATED: May 10, 2013

\*In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, 25 EAST HICKPOOCHEE AVENUE, LaBelle, FL 33935-1760, telephone (863)675-5217, TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

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BY: /s/ J. Bevis  
Hendry County Clerk of Court  
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**COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**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:

- www.tumblebooklibrary.com -- username is "clewiston" and the password is "libra"
- 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 new website for the Hendry County Library System.

**Library Announcements**

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

**Upcoming Events**

- Water Safety for children - 7/16/2013 - 12 a.m. Ages 7 and up
- Cowboys and Ranching - 7/ 18/ 2013 - 10 a.m. Ages 8-11
- Meet the Fireman at the Library - 7/23/2013 - 1 p.m. Ages 7 and up

**Archive: 300 Gallons of Liquor Stolen from Court House**

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

**Friday, July 11, 1930**

Three hundred gallons of moonshine was stolen from the office of Wm. T. Hull, clerk of the circuit court at LaBelle last Tuesday night. The robbery was discovered early Wednesday by Mike Rasaman, janitor at the country site.

The thieves entered through the private office of Mr. Hull by breaking a window glass and prying open the lock. The liquor was stored in the vault which is protected against fire with steel shutters over the windows. The large steel door to the vault had been left open due to a broken combination on the lock. The small fire doors were closed but broken open by the thieves. A long rope was tied to the center of the door and by prying with a bar the door was sprung open.

A liquor guard had been maintained in the building until the high water in LaBelle forced most of the people to evacuate the lowlands. The clerk feeling that the liquor would be destroyed by court order released the guard and placed the liquor in the vault. The liquor was in fifty-five gallon barrels and was captured by Deputy Ed Butler in Clewiston at the home of J.

- Children's story time at the Library - 7/24/2013 - 9:30 a.m. - Ages Preschool
- Face Painting at the library - 7/25/2013 - 10 a.m.- All invited
- Dig into Reading Book Dollars drawing for Bikes and scooters - 7/25/2013 - 11 a.m. - All invited
- Florida Highwayman Art Exhibit - 7/29/2013 - 4 p.m. - All invited

**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.

**Kids' Expo: Back to School**

There will be a free health event for children on Saturday, August 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following two locations: Florida Dept. of Health in Hendry County (1140 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle) and Florida Community Health Centers (315 South WC Owens Ave, Clewiston).

There will be free eye screenings, dental screenings and hearing screenings, as well as free school shots, school supplies (limited), kids' haircuts (limited), kids books, bike safety

supplies and free child identification kits. There will also be free information about school bus safety, hurricanes and disasters, healthy eating and nutrition tips, as well as games and prizes.

These are the Community Partners coming together for our kids: Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Florida Dept. of Health - Hendry County, United Way, The Salvation Army, Hendry County Emergency Management, Florida Community Health Centers, Kiwanis Club of LaBelle, several local businesses, community volunteers and many others.

**Trust Quartet Concert**

On August 2, the Trust Quartet will preform from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Christian Church located on 201 Francisco Ave. in Clewiston. Refreshments will be provided.

**Family Movie Night**

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston is hosting a free Family Movie Night on July 12 starting at 6 p.m. Come join us as we watch "The Incredibles" on the big screen. There will be free food, prizes and admission. First United Methodist Church is located on the corner of W.C. Owen and Osceola. Call Dave Berkley at 863-983-5269 for more information.

**Brotherhood Breakfast**

On Saturday, July 20 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the New Bethel A.M.E. Sons of Allen will be hosting a Brotherhood Breakfast at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, located at 959 Della Tobias Avenue in Harlem. We are looking to have a spiritual bonding moment with all men from our area over breakfast. Donations are welcome.

T. Anglin several weeks ago.

According to information received at the News office the thieves were well posted on where the liquor was kept. A small truck or car was backed up to the court house, loaded with gallon jugs and bottles. A small piece of garden hose was used to cypher the liquor from the barrels. The hose and several empty bottles were found the next morning in the clerk's office.

Guy M. Strayhorn, states attorney has taken charge of the investigation and has several finger print experts working on the case.

According to his information the thieves entered the court house around two o'clock. It was

pointed out that several hours were required to empty five barrels of shine containing fifty-five gallons each. The county jail is located on the third floor of the court house, almost directly over the clerk's office. It was also reported that one of the deputy sheriffs was sleeping directly above the vault where the liquor was stored.

The lack of law enforcement in Hendry County during the past year has caused considerable comment over the county. Petitions for the removal of Dan McLaughlin as sheriff has been sent to Governor Doyle E. Carlton and his action in the matter is expected to be received within a few days.

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# Inland Birding Fun: Grasshopper Sparrow



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Pictured above left is the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow (*floridanus*) and above right is the Eastern Grasshopper Sparrow (*pratensis*).

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry Glades Audubon

Grasshopper Sparrows occur in North and Central America, Ecuador and in the West Indies. At least four subspecies of this sparrow occur on the North American continent. The migratory Eastern subspecies winters in Florida and breeds in Georgia. Other subspecies also winter in Florida and return north to breed.

The resident Florida Grasshopper Sparrow is non-migratory with a range that is limited to central and southern Florida. This endemic subspecies, found in no other place in the world, is thought to live its entire life within a few miles of its birth place. With the loss of suitable habitat, fire ants, diseases and genetic problems, the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow is "perhaps the most endangered bird in the continental United States," according to Dr. Paul Gray, Audubon of Florida Lake Okeechobee science coordinator.

The Florida Grasshopper Sparrow is a small, drab, short-tailed sparrow about five inches long. It is generally darker on top and whiter underneath than the migratory subspecies. The top of its head is mostly black with a light median strip.

The Florida non-migratory species is patterned in brown, white and black, with yellow in the bend of its wing. Its bill is thick at the base and longer than the migratory species' bill. It has flesh-colored feet. The life expectancy of an adult Florida Grasshopper Sparrow is about three years.

This small secretive bird's song is usually heard before it is seen. Males sing from perches on shrubs and grasses from late March through

July, in order to maintain its territory. It is more frequently heard from sunrise to 9 a.m. or for about 15 minutes before sunset. Its primary song begins with two or three weak introductory notes, followed by a longer, higher-pitched, insect-like "buzz." A less frequent song is a rambling warble.

This ground dwelling sparrow occurs in the Kissimmee River Basin and west of Lake Okeechobee on dry saw palmetto prairies or grass pastures where there are bunch grasses or low shrubs.

Frequent wildfires and prescribed burns maintain the suitable habitat needed for the Florida subspecies to forage effectively. Their diet consists of insects, spiders and seeds.

Florida Grasshopper Sparrows build their nests on the ground at the base of saw palmetto or clumps of dense vegetation in open areas. The female lays three to five eggs in a domed nest, constructed of dried grasses. She incubates the white eggs, speckled with reddish-brown, for 12 days. Both sexes care for the young for six to eight days. The breeding pair may attempt to nest a second or third time during the nesting season.

During the winter there are opportunities for volunteers to help with research and monitoring during "sparrow drives" at the Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park. Reports and photographs of this species in inland Florida are needed to determine the extent and range of this unique bird.

For information about the free trip to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) on July 20, go to: [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) Reservations are required for these escorted driving trips.

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