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Lake 'O' Reaches Critical Levels

Corps maximizes flows from lake, while SF-WMD closes locks at night

BY MELISSA BELTZ
The Clewiston News

South Florida's rainy season has been especially relentless this year, causing Lake Okeechobee's water levels to rise to alarming levels. The lake now stands at 15.78 feet as of July 30, and continues to rise, with rainfall occurring almost daily.

High lake levels have serious consequences, especially during the height of hurricane season. Is it the responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers to keep an eye on water levels and to take action when the lake reaches critical levels. John Campbell, public affairs specialist for the Army Corps of Engineers' Jacksonville Division, which oversees Lake Okeechobee, explained that the Corps has been releasing water from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River to the west and the St. Lucie Canal to the east.

"As we've gotten deeper and the lake has continued to rise, we've increased the water we've been releasing and we're now discharging at maximum capacity, which varies

due to several factors," said Campbell. Those factors include tidal influences and how much water is already in the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Canal. "We're attempting to push out all that we can, but the lake continues to rise because of inflows from the north, mainly, the Kissimmee River Basin, as well as Fisheating Creek."

This season's heavy rainfall is not helping the Corps' efforts. From January 2 to July 30, the district-wide rainfall -- which includes 16 counties stretching south to north from eastern Miami-Dade to southern Orange and east to west from Broward, Palm Beach and Martin to Lee, Collier and northern Monroe -- was 35.05 feet, 6.5 feet higher than average, according to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

"Our biggest concern is the Herbert Hoover Dike," explained Campbell. The dike was built by the federal government in the 1930s, after two hurricanes caused earlier embankments to collapse, killing more than 2,500 people in 1926 and 1928. Originally, the dike consisted of 67.8 miles of levee along the south shore of the lake and 15.7 miles along the north

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Pictured above is Highwayman artist Al Black with several of his paintings. Black held a small art exhibit at the Clewiston Library on July 29.

Lifelong Journeyman, Artist, Highwayman

Florida Highwayman shares paintings at library art exhibit

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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Brightly colored poinciana trees and serene, moonlit rivers lined the Clewiston Public Library's main room

on Monday, July 29, as Florida Highwayman artist Al Black presented his sought-after paintings in a small art exhibit.

The line of paintings represented more than just Florida's beautiful

landscapes, they represented Black's journey from roadside art seller to Hall

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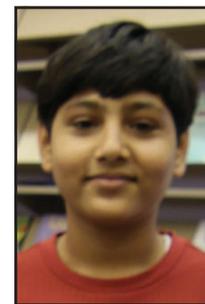
Library hosts kids' Summer Reading Program, face painting

BY MELISSA BELTZ
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The sounds of laughter echoed from the Clewiston Public Library's main room on Thursday, July 25, as dozens of kids built Lego structures with brightly colored designs on their faces. Mustachioed boys and butterfly-branded girls darted from table to table partaking in one of the library's last programs of the summer.



Jessie Blanco



Dhruvill Gadani

Diego Rodriguez, owner of a recently opened arcade in Clewiston, volunteered a number of Lego sets for the kids to enjoy while he painted their faces using his own airbrush machine and paints.

Despite the smiles on the children's faces as they skipped away

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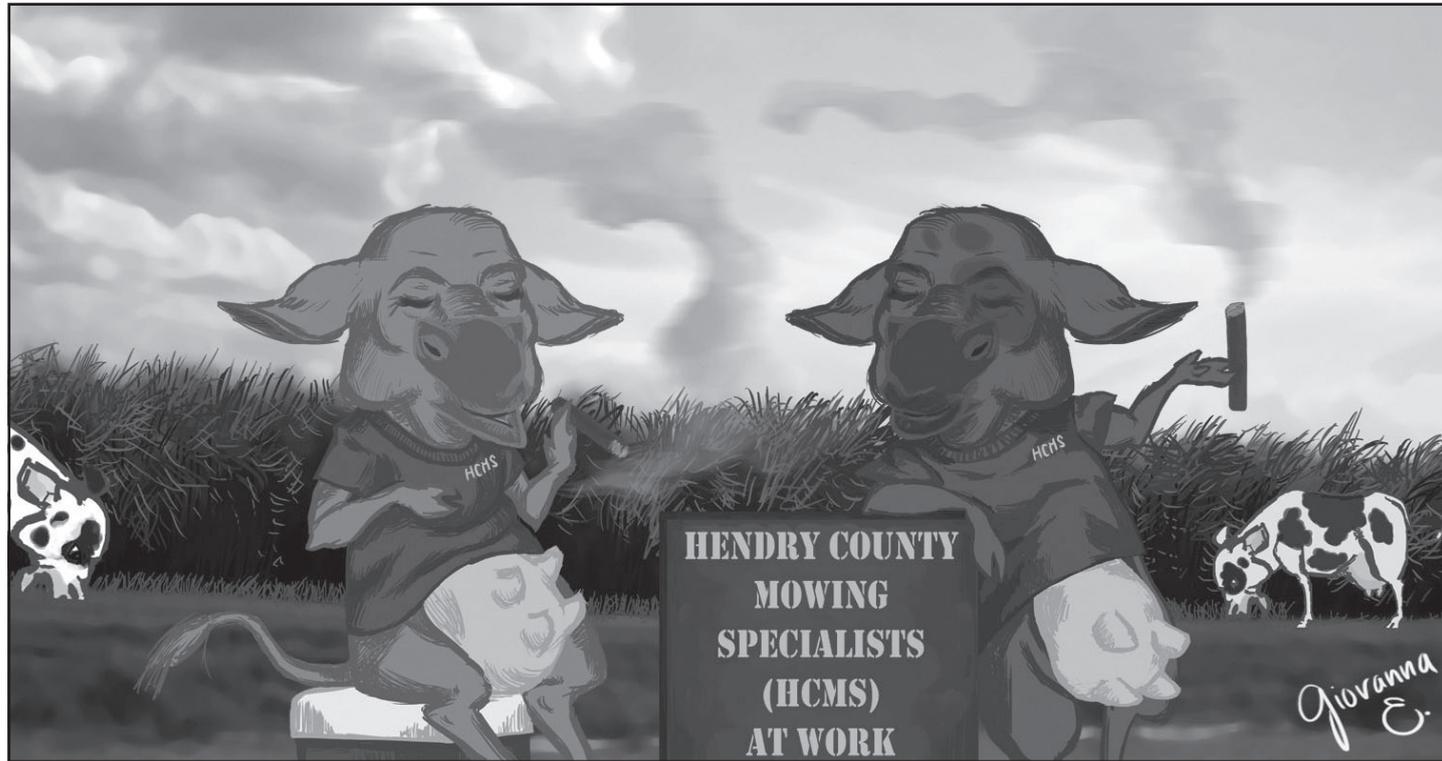


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COMMUNITY OPINIONS

Editor's Note: The following quotes are a sampling of the most popular discussion comments on The Clewiston News' Facebook page.

ISSUE: BOCC Makes Mowing an Issue

“The county was hiring and it was either this or handle the Airlades project.”

On County Mowing

Beth Mutchler Sample: Well I think they should keep up the cemeteries. And as far as mowing ditches, how about keeping up with the drainage issues. Some of us have been under water for months due to lack of drainage and we have been paying into a drainage MSBU for years.

Matthew Waddell: All the county tax dollars stay in LaBelle anyway. Private companies can do it better cheaper and more frequently.

Billy Klay: Why do we know about these meetings when they're over? It's my tax money. Don't I have a saying in these matters?

Stephanie Sherrell-Vinson: Amazing how they are just noticing the mowing issue ... it's been going on for years ... Maybe they should look into hiring more people to get the job done. Offer more jobs in the county and also keep the county looking nice. Hopefully, they can start to maintain them more often. Most people are mowing the ditches out by the road because if not, when they mow their yards, the part the city is supposed to take care of is knee-high. Cemeteries should be kept up more often. They will mow around the sign that says Clewiston and then leave the rest high grass. Its tacky. Even though we are outside of the city limits right now, if you ride down our road or around the block nearby, the grass is kept up on the sides of the road and in ditches, my father mows them. Lots of people on this road handle it even though the county is suppose to.

Richard Cuevas: Translated, someone's family related to the city has a lawn mowing company so let's give them a contract.

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Religion Column

Put Yourself in Good Hands

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$10 with the Walmart special. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth over \$33 million. A football in my hands is worth an afternoon of fun. A football in the hands of Peyton Manning is worth \$15 million a season.

A golf club in my hands is almost useless. But in the hands of Tiger Woods, it's worth multiple major golf championships. A piano in my hands will pluck out a simple and crude "Yankee Doodle," but in the hands of an accomplished musi-

cian, it can produce a concerto.

In all of these things, the worth and value of the object depends mostly on whose hands it is in. The most ordinary object can become great in the hands of a master. Likewise, the most ordinary person can also become great when they place themselves in the hands of a master.

As Christians, we are blessed to have the Master of masters wanting to make masterpieces out of each one of us, regardless of who we are or what we've done.

The Bible is full of stories of how God did extraordinary things through ordinary people who placed themselves in His hands. In the hands of the Master, they became masterpieces. A rod in Moses' hand parts a sea that had been an obsta-

cle. A sling shot in the hands of David becomes a mighty weapon that slays a Goliath of a problem. A boys' simple lunch of two sardines and five small barley rolls, when blessed by the hands of Jesus, becomes a feast that feeds a multitude.

The stories continue, but they are more than just accounts of what God did then, they are testimonies of what God is still doing today.

The reality is that amazing things still happen when ordinary men and women place themselves in the hands of God.

What seems improbable or impossible becomes a reality. Things are accomplished that seemingly could not have been accomplished: seas of obstacles are parted, Goliath problems are done away with, and the little becomes much

— all because of the Master's touch.

These things can happen in our lives when we place our hopes, our dreams, our families and our relationships in God's hands, and we see what kind of a masterpiece He creates for us.

Great things also happen when we are able to place our concerns, our worries and our fears in the Master's hands and let Him handle those, as well.

If we are able to do these things, then we will find that we not only will be in good hands, but we will be in God's hands.

We will come to know His peace that passes understanding and we will experience His blessings in ways that we have never experienced them before.

Inland Birding Fun: White-eyed Vireo

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry Glades Audubon

The White-eyed Vireo's breeding range extends from Nebraska to Massachusetts, south into Eastern Mexico and throughout Florida. The Florida resident population usually nests in May or June, however, up to two broods may be raised from late February to mid-August.

Its wintering ground extends from the Southern Gulf Coast region to Central America, from coastal North Carolina to the Bahamas, and from Bermuda south to the Caribbean. Peak migration in Florida is normally in March and April and during September and October.

This small songbird has olive-green upper parts, yellow sides, a white throat and two white wingbars. It has white eyes with yellow spectacles. Immature birds have plumage similar to

the adult birds, but they have brown eyes.

Both the male and the female White-eyed Vireo sing their primary song on the wintering grounds. They are known for their explosive song made of short, rapid and harsh notes, with sharp chips at the beginning and the end.

White-eyed Vireo are usually found in habitats that contain scrubs in overgrown pastures, old fields, wood margins, cypress swamps and mangroves. They usually avoid urban areas, but may be found in wooded parks or undeveloped wooded areas.



PHOTO/KENNETH COLE SCHNEIDER
Pictured above is the White-eyed Vireo.

These birds bathe by rubbing against the wet foliage.

White-eyed Vireo will make short hops or flights and pause to look for insects by tilting their heads and peering. They pick, hover and reach, lunge, hang and leap as they glean for insects, spiders and small lizards. In the fall and winter, they supplement their diet with seeds and berries.

The White-eyed Vireo's open cupped nest is usually located in a dense thicket, suspended from a small branch located in the fork of a tree about one to eight feet

above the ground. This nest, made up of leaves, bark, plant fiber or bits of paper, is held together with insect silk and spider webbing. The outside is decorated with lichens, moss or leaves and is lined with fine grass, small roots or hair.

The female lays a clutch of three to five white eggs with sparse brown or black spotting. Both parents take turns incubating the eggs for 12 to 15 days. The young, born helpless and naked, fledge at about 14 days old.

White-eyed Vireo are being heard and seen throughout inland Florida. Go to online websites or use apps to listen to the calls of this common breeding bird.

For information about the free trips to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) on August 17 or September 21, go to: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or call 863-674-0695. Reservations are required for these escorted driving trips.

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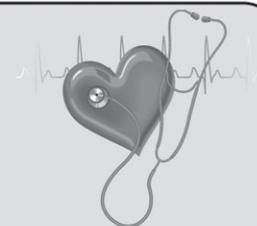
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- 6 Free stuff at a party, in slang
- 10 Throws in
- 14 Have because of
- 15 Supergirl's Krypton name
- 16 Munich Mrs.
- 17 "Great taste ... less filling" beers
- 18 Srs.' nest eggs
- 19 Keister
- 20 Siblings, sons, daughters, etc.
- 23 35mm camera type
- 24 Anxious med. condition for TV's Monk
- 25 Actor McKellen
- 26 Onetime telecom giant
- 29 "Along related lines ..."
- 33 Cosmetician Lauder
- 34 Like sorted clean socks, hopefully
- 35 More than half
- 38 Push-up muscle, briefly
- 40 Greek sandwich
- 41 Desk compartment
- 44 Simple question type
- 47 Main thoroughfare
- 50 They're two sizes above M's
- 51 Out ___ limb
- 52 "The Raven" monogram
- 53 AQI monitor
- 56 Have the song memorized
- 60 Goose egg
- 62 "Are you ___ not?": "Joining us?"
- 63 "Kim" actor Flynn
- 64 Gung-ho
- 65 Old Italian coin
- 66 Half a Washington city
- 67 ___ de foie gras
- 68 Negotiator's goal
- 69 Eyelid woes

- 1 Gulps (down) greedily
- 2 "Count on me"
- 3 "Great" Russian czar
- 4 Summers in Paris
- 5 Toss back jiggers of liquor
- 6 Superficial, as beauty
- 7 Fend (off)
- 8 Saudi ___
- 9 Streetlight of old
- 10 Jackson 5 hairdo
- 11 Grunt work
- 12 Flood control structure
- 13 Eat dinner
- 21 German's eight
- 22 Most-draftable status
- 27 Wedding cake section
- 28 Prefix with plasm
- 30 Food packaging fig.
- 31 "Later, gator"
- 32 Energy
- 35 17th-century year when Henry Hudson entered his bay

- 36 Baseball's Hershiser
- 37 Literary language of India
- 39 ___ cortex: outermost brain tissue
- 42 Suffix with sock or switch
- 43 Went on a rampage
- 45 "Freeze, Fido!"

- 46 Sibling's sons
- 48 Actress Kazan
- 49 Once every 12 months
- 54 Worker, briefly
- 55 Book of maps
- 57 Lymph ___
- 58 ___ Bora: Afghan region
- 59 Part of Q.E.D.
- 60 Reheat quickly
- 61 Perón of Argentina

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Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 17.7 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 15.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 14.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 15.0 cents per gallon higher

than this day one year ago.

"After an impressive run that saw the national average begin to approach its springtime high, it appears prices have plateaued -- at least for now," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Oil prices appear to be taking a breather, but with the peak of hurricane season approaching, a continued upward trajectory in gasoline prices is certainly possible, should we see a major storm take aim for the Gulf. Crude inventories have also declined four consecutive weeks, and large decreases in crude inventories in the near future may be cause for rising oil prices as well," DeHaan said.

Phosphorus Reductions Continue to Improve Everglades Water Quality

Improved farming techniques help achieve phosphorus reduction goals

For the 18th consecutive year, water flowing from farmlands in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) achieved phosphorus reductions that exceeded those required by law.

Implementation of improved farming techniques, known as Best Management Practices (BMPs), produced a 41-percent phosphorus reduction in the 470,000-acre EAA farming region south of Lake Okeechobee for the Water Year 2013. Just west of the EAA, the 170,000-acre C-139 Basin also met its goal of reducing phosphorus discharges to historical levels.

“Reducing phosphorus through the technol-

ogy of Best Management Practices consistently proves to be an effective strategy for improving Everglades water quality.”

2,673 metric tons of phosphorus from leaving the EAA. In the C-139 Basin, a BMP program has been in place for the past 10 years. In November 2010, the program requirements were enhanced to better control nutrient runoff. For the Water Year 2013 monitoring period, the target load was 22 metric tons. Data show the actual mass of phosphorus discharged from the basin during that time was 10 metric tons, less than half the target load.

Stormwater Treatment Areas Provide Additional Improvements

Water leaving the EAA and C-139 Basin receives additional treatment in one of several Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) before entering the Everglades. These constructed wetlands are filled with native vegetation and use “green” technology to further reduce phosphorus levels.

Since 1994, the network of five STAs south of Lake Okeechobee — currently with 57,000 acres of effective treatment area — have treated 13.4 million acre-feet of water and retained more than 1,707 metric tons of phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the Everglades. Last year, the STAs treated approximately 1.16 million acre-feet of water, retaining 84 percent of phosphorus from water flowing through the treatment cells.

Through the end of April 2013, more than 4,390 metric tons of phosphorus have been prevented from entering the Everglades through treatment wetlands and the BMP program combined. Overall, Florida has invested more than \$1.8 billion to improve Everglades water quality since 1994.

Water Quality Improvement Projects
Last year, the District completed several water quality improvement projects to further enhance its water-cleaning efforts. Construction was completed on STA-2 to nearly double its size in western Palm Beach County to 15,500 acres. Known as Compartment B, the 6,817-acre expansion will help the STA achieve optimal performance.

A 4,656-acre expansion of treatment wetlands in southeast Hendry County, known as Compartment C, was completed. Compartment C will further improve water quality flowing into the Everglades. This \$47.5 million investment connects two existing Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA-5 and STA-6) in the EAA and more than doubles water treatment capability at the site.

“Reducing phosphorus through the technology of Best Management Practices consistently proves to be an effective strategy for improving Everglades water quality.”

— Daniel O’Keefe

The most commonly used BMPs are more precise fertilizer application methods, refined stormwater management practices and erosion controls to reduce the amount of phosphorus transported in stormwater runoff to the Everglades and connected water bodies.

Monitoring Documents Nutrient Reductions
The BMP program continues to perform extremely well. Farmers in the EAA achieved phosphorus reductions well beyond their target despite challenges, including the impact of heavy rainfall in the region from Tropical Storm Isaac.

To meet the requirements of Florida’s Everglades Forever Act, the amount of phosphorus leaving the EAA must be 25 percent less than the amount before phosphorus reduction efforts started. The overall average annual reduction from the implementation of BMPs over the program’s 18-year history is 55 percent, more than twice the amount required by law. A science-based model is used to compute the reductions and make adjustments to account for the influences of rainfall.

When measured in actual mass, 109 metric tons of phosphorus were prevented from leaving the EAA and entering the regional canal system, which sends water into the Everglades, during the Water Year 2013 monitoring period. Over the past 18 years, the BMP program has prevented

construction of 110,000 acre-feet of additional storage adjacent to existing Everglades STAs and better controlling water flow into the treatment wetlands, thereby improving their performance. These storage areas, known as Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs), will be designed to assist all five Everglades STAs.

Design and construction of the Stormwater Treatment Area 1-West expansion, increasing by 50 percent the treatment capacity of water quality facilities currently discharging into the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional sub-regional source controls in areas of the eastern EAA, where phosphorus levels in runoff have been historically higher, build on the District’s existing BMP Regulatory Program.

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Marion France Stafford, 62

MOORE HAVEN — Marion France Stafford passed away July 26, 2013 in Moore Haven.

He was born Aug. 14, 1950 in Sebring, Fla., to the late Buford and the late Leona (Cassels) Stafford. Mr. Stafford married Elthea Hensley. He served in the United States Army. He worked as a law enforcement officer for many years.

Survivors include his loving wife, Elthea Stafford; one son, Bryan (Chantell) Stafford; two daughters, Jennifer (Tony) Bevis and Jessica Stafford; one sister, Annette (Tommy) Braswell; grandsons, Wyatt and Mason Stafford; two nieces; five great nieces; and one great nephew.

Graveside services were held Wed., July 31, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven with Rev. Tommy Bevis officiating. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

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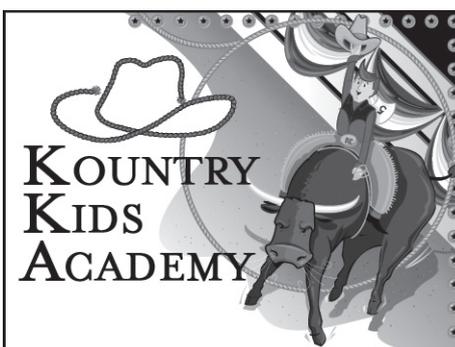
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Tiger Pride Claims Three Golds

Tiger Pride Wrestling Club completes its season with final tournament

The Tiger Pride Wrestling Club was in action last Saturday in Ft. Lauderdale, competing in the Calvary Christian wrestling tournament. Making the season's final trip were ten wrestlers, six of

coaches.

First year wrestlers Blake and Frankie Barnes each won four matches on the day, taking home the silver medal. This marked Frankie's second silver medal performance of the year, and it was Blake's highest finish of the season, beating his prior two bronze medal finishes. Joseph Claro Jr. won three matches on the day, earning the bronze medal.

"Joseph has improved every week, he wrestled some very tough opponents on Saturday to earn his medal. We are very excited about his progression as a young wrestler," said the coaches. Other tiger pride competitors were Dallas Vallejo, Arellys Valles, Matthew Vary and Matthew Johnson.

The tiger pride wrestling club would like to thank everyone who, at one point or another, contributed to the club in any way. The club grew from eight wrestlers to nearly 20 from last year to this year. This is a direct testament of how parent, sponsors and coaches have been getting the word out. Most importantly is the work these young wrestlers are willing to put in to build and keep wrestling alive and relevant in the Clewiston community.

"All three guys were outstanding on Saturday, each wrestling very tough and recording victories against quality opponents."

— Tiger Pride coaches

whom earned medals.

The club crowned three gold medal winners on Saturday, the most in a single tournament this season. Bryce Barnes, Hunter Barnes and Javian Ortez each won five matches on the day and claimed gold. It was the second gold medal performance for all three wrestler this season.

"All three guys were outstanding on Saturday, each wrestling very tough and recording victories against quality opponents," commented the



Submitted photo. Pictured above is the Tiger Pride family, including, from the bottom row left to right: Hunter Barnes, Blake Barnes, Joseph Claro Jr., Javian Ortez and Bryce Barnes; from the middle row left to right: Sandy Williams, BJ Barnes and Arellys Valles; from the top row left to right: Courtney Ervin, Matthew Johnson, Kris Smith, Matthew Vary, Gary Adkins, Renaldy Tapia, Nicole Barnes and Bo Barnes.



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Reading Program Winner

Pictured left is Claudia Sanchez with her prize for winning second place in the Clewiston Library's Summer Reading Program. Library Director Ava Barret mentioned that Claudia enjoys her time in the library and spends many hours there.

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Lake

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shore. After a major hurricane in 1947, additional construction was necessary and in the 1960s, 143 miles of levee, as well as 19 culverts, hurricane gates and other water control structures, were built and named the Herbert Hoover Dike.

The integrity of the dike, however, has been compromised.

“Because of construction methods used in the 1940s and 50s, there has been erosion. As the lake rises, our concern becomes the stability of the dike,” explained Campbell. When the lake reaches levels in the 16 to 17 feet range, the water puts excess pressure on the already com-

promised dike. 16.5 feet, we will do inspections on a daily basis. That’s a proactive measure, to detect issues before they become major issues,” said Campbell.

High lake levels not only affect the integrity of the dike, but pose an increased risk for residents who live nearby during hurricane season.

“As a hurricane comes within striking distance, there’s so much water in the lake it’s like a small ocean, and the winds can generate a pretty powerful storm surge, which could impact residents who live along the lake’s edge,” said Campbell. “When [Tropical Storm] Isaac hit in 2012, we received heavy precipitation which amounted to a three-foot increase in a one-month time period. Last year at this time, the lake was between 12 and 12.5 feet. Isaac hit in August. By early October, the lake was 15.93 feet, where it topped out. We haven’t hit that point yet, but we’re well on our way. Clearly, we’re much earlier into the wet season. If we were to see a tropical event that causes a three-foot rise, the lake would be above 18.5 feet. That’s cause for concern. We’re doing our best to stabilize the rise in the lake ... but Mother Nature has a role in that, too.”

— John Campbell

Campbell explained that managing the lake levels is a balancing act.

As water is released from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Canal, coastal areas are adversely impacted.

“It’s very challenging. The thing we have to balance is the impact to coastal areas when we release water from Lake Okeechobee,” said Campbell.

As of July 30, inflows into the lake totaled 16,215 cubic feet per second, with outflows totaling only 9,473 cubic feet per second. Campbell explained that if rainfall continues at its current rate, the lake will continue to see inflows that exceed outflows.

“The Corps’ highest priority is public safety and actions are being taken to stabilize the dike. The Corps is working on a number of projects to reduce the risk of dike failure, but they will take several years to complete. We started working on some in 2007 and there’s enough work on the dike to take us past 2020. These are long-

term fixes,” explained Campbell.

Not only is the current level of Lake Okeechobee causing concern over the stability of the dike and the risk it poses should a hurricane hit, the levels have also caused SFWMD to close the Clewiston locks (S-310) from 9 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., with a lock operator controlling the lock during daytime hours.

Gary Ritter, intergovernmental and outreach representative for SFWMD, explained that when water levels reach the “trigger point” of 15.5 feet, the locks are put into “operational status,” because the high water level poses a flood control problem.

“The locks are in operation from 5:30 in the morning until nine o’clock at night. Otherwise, the lock is in operation and boaters just have to ‘lock in and out’ during the daytime,” explained Ritter.

Boaters who don’t make it to the Clewiston locks by 9 p.m. will have to remain on the lake until the lock reopens in the morning. Ritter is confident in the local boaters, however, and believes they are aware of the new schedule so stranded boaters should not be a problem.

“Most boaters are familiar enough now with the lock schedule. We sent out enough press releases,” said Ritter, adding that several other locks on the lake close at night during the summertime in any event, including locks on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee.

Whether it’s the new lock schedule or the threat of a failure in the dike, the rising water level of Lake Okeechobee affects all south Florida residents.

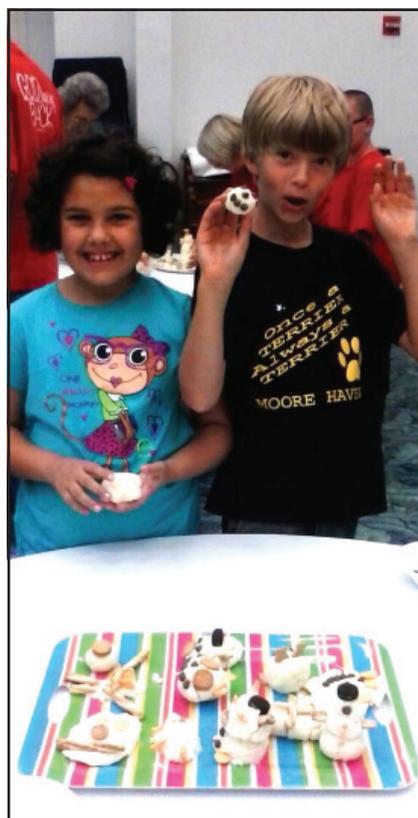
“It’s a very complex issue,” said Campbell. “But the biggest reason behind our efforts is public safety.”

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promised dike.

In 2007, an adjusted water control plan was passed and implemented in 2008. The new plan, called 2008LORS, attempts to maintain lower lake levels in order to preserve the Herbert Hoover Dike, according to SFWMD. Previous water control plans, which allowed water levels to reach into the 17 to 18 feet range before it was necessary to take action, caused erosion of the dike, including internal seepage. The current plan lowered the level at which action should be taken to 15.5 feet. The lake has now surpassed that level, and the Corps is doing everything in its power to reduce the water to a lower level.

“The rising lake adds to rising concerns. We will start taking a lot of proactive action. We’ve started doing weekly inspections of the dike, especially in certain areas that were known to have problems in past. If the lake reaches a level above



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Florida Snowmen

Ali Cruz and Sean Luke Bender make Florida Snowmen out of mashed potatoes at First United Methodist Church’s Christmas in July dinner.



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Laurie James at Camp Pioneer

The Clewiston Rotary Club sponsored special needs camper Laurie James to a week at Camp Pioneer for the mentally challenged in July. Pictured are Clewiston volunteer Sybille Dorelien with campers Laurie James and Anne Reid.

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from Rodriguez's painting chair, the main event was still to come. As part of the library's summer reading program, seven lucky kids would be announced as this summer's top readers and the winners of one of three prizes. Fifth place winner Lindsay Sanchez, fourth place winner Kimberly Hunter and third place winner Cherica Marshall each received Visa gift cards for their commitment to reading this summer.

Two second place winners were announced

Jessie Blanco won first place for the girls and also took home a brand new bicycle. Jessie's first place win was well-deserved, as she read over 85 books!

Javier Gonzalez and Diana Acuna of Yo Gusto and All Juice and Beverage, along with City Commissioner Julio Rodriguez, donated money for the prizes. Gonzalez and Acuna also brought cases of Yo Gusto's yogurt drink for everyone in the library to enjoy.

"We love kids," said Gonzalez when asked why he wanted to help the library with its program.

"And we wanted to help out the community!" added Acuna.

At the Hispanic Americans of Stature Awards ceremony, held at the library in May of this year, Gonzalez -- whose father was honored at the ceremony -- was approached by Director Barrett to provide dona-

tions for the summer reading program. Gonzalez jumped at the opportunity and donated \$300 for the prizes, but the cases of free yogurt drinks were his idea.

"Next year we will give even more," promised Acuna.

Though Thursday's prize giveaway marked the end of the library's summer programs, Director Barrett's brain was still teeming with ideas on how to make the library even better.

"We want to reach out to the community more because very few people know what we're doing here," said Barrett. Some of those "unknown" things include Rosetta Stone, which the

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— Ava Barrett

next, one boy and one girl. Raishad Pearson won second place for the boys and took home a new scooter. Claudia Sanchez won second place, representing the girls, and also took home a scooter.

Library Director Ava Barrett was happy to announce Claudia as the second place winner because she is always in the library reading.

First place and the grand prize also went to both a boy and a girl. The first place winner for the boys was Dhruvill Gadani, who read the most out of all the children who participated in the program. Dhruvill is now the proud owner of a new bicycle -- the perfect summer present.



PHOTO/GIOVANNA MORAFLORES

Pictured are some of the children who participated in the Summer Reading Program.

library now has on all of its computers for the community to utilize. Currently, the library offers basic Spanish for Rosetta Stone, but plans on getting more languages, starting with English as a second language, according to Barrett.

Another program Barrett is excited about is the Tumble Books program, which offers free e-books for children ages zero to 18. Barrett hopes to get Tumble Books into each of Hendry County's schools. Central Elementary School in Clewiston currently uses Tumble Books.

Barrett also spoke about the teen area in the library. According to Barrett, the only thing that makes it a teen area is the sign hanging on the wall that says "Teen Spot".

Barrett introduced some ideas on how to make the area more suitable for teens, including holding a drawing contest, where the winners' drawings would be painted on the wall in the teen area. Barrett also hopes to find -- budget permitting -- used furniture and decorations to spruce up the area. She also welcomes any donations.

Barrett's visions for the future are grand and her ambition is promising.

"I love my job and all I want to do is help people," said Barrett.

If you would like to learn more about the library, or if you are interested in donating, please contact Ms. Barrett at 863-983-1493.

Art

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of Fame inductee.

Black is one of 26 original Florida Highwaymen, a group of African-American painters who sold their artwork out of the trunks of their cars along Interstate-95 and State Road A1A during the 1960s, '70s and '80s.

The group disbanded in the 1980s, but a resurgence in demand for their work, and their induction into the Florida Artist Hall of Fame in 2004, brought several members of the group back to painting, according to the Florida Highwaymen website.

In 1962, Black, now 67, began as a salesman for the original painters of the group, selling paintings to hotels, doctors offices, and other businesses.

At the time, art galleries were not interested in buying from unknown, African-American painters. For this reason, the Highwaymen were forced to sell their paintings anyway they could to anyone who would buy them.

Black eventually transitioned from salesman to painter. Black explained that paintings were often damaged during transport from the artists' house to the businesses, and it was his job to fix the paintings before they were sold.

In this way, Black learned how to paint and, naturally, became one of the original Highwaymen artists.

Black, like all the Highwaymen artists, is a landscape artist and derives his inspiration from Florida's beautiful flora, lakes, canals and sunsets.

Black has painted everything from the royal poinciana tree and windswept palms, to sunsets

over backwood marshes, the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee.

The intense, vivid colors produced by Florida's tropical environment translate into Black's work, and is a key aspect of each of the Highwaymen's paintings.

Having painted the landscapes around Florida for so many decades, Black said he no longer needs to go to the locations in order to paint, the landscapes are so ingrained in his mind he can paint by heart.

Black's favorite location to paint is the south fork of the St. Lucie river, which boasts undisturbed, tree-laden areas of river.

Black still goes to shows with many of the Highwaymen, although the artists he grew up with have since passed away. The Highwaymen's paintings are in high demand and Black must often work on five to six paintings at a time.

"I paint all day. Sometimes, I wake up at six in the morning and don't stop until eight at night," said Black, who also prefers to work in complete silence.

Black, along with the other 25 Highwaymen, have come a long way since their trunk-selling days.

Since being inducted into the Florida Artist Hall of Fame, galleries cannot get enough of the Highwaymen's work, hence the increased work load for Black.

Apart from art galleries, Black sells his paintings at shows and online. Each year, Black donates one of his larger paintings to the Hendry Regional Foundation for auction and holds an exhibit at the Clewiston Library.

Black currently resides in Fort Pierce and welcomes anyone interested in buying a painting to contact him at 772-940-6966.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 09-00055

CITIBANK NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU SERIES 2007-11E4 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. KILIAN SANTIESTEBAN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 10, 2013, and entered in Case No. 09-00055 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which Citibank NA, as trustee for WAMU Series 2007-11E4 Trust, is the Plaintiff and Ethan Santiesteban, Luis Santiesteban, Source Mortgage, Inc. are defendants, the Glades County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Moore Haven, Florida 33471, in Glades County, Florida on the 15th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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

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

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 26th day of July, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950, and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL, 35471. 449183 GCD 8/1,8/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA FAMILY DIVISION CASE NO. 13-DR-119

IN RE: CARLOS MARTINEZ, Petitioner, vs. YADIRA L. ZUNIGA, Respondent,

PAULA TOVA, Third Party Respondent/ Grandmother.)

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY

TO: Yadira L. Zuniga, 1550 Old US Hwy 27, Clewiston, FL 3340

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, Carlos Martinez or his attorney, whose address is 1617 Hendry St. # 314, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, on or before (date), before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

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

Dated: 7/15/2013

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /S/ R. Delacruz Deputy Clerk

448764 CN/CB 8/1,8/2013

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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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3195, 2010, 1214334-01000130100, Leroy & Lynvetta A Myers

Lot 26, Block 13, HARLEM ADDITION No. 4, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448392 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to purchase preference for local vendors and businesses:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE XI. PURCHASE PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-187; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she will 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.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Karson Turner, Chairman

448899 CN/CB 8/1/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3408, 2010, 2024329-0500080090, Ervin A Keltling Jr and Kandis M Keltling

Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 8, ANDREWS ADDITION TO LABELLE PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 47, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448393 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4068, 2008, 4104329-06021940140, Ray A Flores

Lot 14, Block 2194, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448382 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2396, 2009, 1314433-A0003380000, Lou's Properties Inc

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5865, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448381 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2056, 2008, 1264432-A0001950000, Ana Von Buren Wenzel

The North one-half of the West one-half of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 293, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448374 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1862, 2008, 1244432-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.

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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448371 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3130, 2008, 2024329-670000B0090, Mary Culliver Est c/o Brenda K Kendrick

Lot 17, Block B, Sunset Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448376 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Clewiston City Commission will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on August 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. During the Public Hearing, the City Commission proposes to enact second reading of an ordinance which is set forth as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SAID CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Marilyn McConvey, City Clerk of Clewiston, FL 44892 CN 8/1/2013

*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 15, 2013, for the following Proposals:

EIM20-R0 - Underdeck Herbicide Application and Litter Removal in Charlotte & Lee Counties. Budget Amount \$120,000.00

EIM21-R0 - Underdeck Herbicide Application and Litter Removal in Glades & Hendry Counties. Budget Amount; \$150,000.00

EIM63 - Applying thermoplastic traffic stripes and markings on State Road 60 from west of Broadway Avenue (U.S. 98), easterly approximately 0.858 miles, to west of State Road 555 (U.S. 17), in the City of Bartow, Polk County. Budget Amount: \$107,950.32

EIN04-R0 - Thermoplastic Removal and Replacement, Polk. Budget Amount: \$447,000.00 448370 CN/CB 7/25;8/1/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SKY VALLEY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to the Sky Valley Municipal Service Benefit Unit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE III. MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING AND BENEFIT UNITS, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-38, SKY VALLEY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Karson Turner, Chairman

449142 CN/CB 8/1/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4028, 2008, 4104329-060000D0010, Praim Gagraj & Margha Mahabir

Tract D, Block 2196, PORT LABELLE UNIT 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of G-2, S 00 degrees 40' 08" E, along East right-of-way of Birchwood PKY1013.9 feet to Point-of-Beginning; thence S 68 degrees 15' 26" E, 220 feet; thence S 32 degrees 48' 48" E, 220 feet to North right-of-way of Garden Road, West along right-of-way on curve, delta 03 degrees 14' 56", radius 4850 feet, length 275.01 feet to point of compound curve to right, delta 90 degrees 06' 50", radius 46.36 feet, length 72.92 feet to the East right-of-way of Birchwood PKY; thence N 00 degrees 40' 08" W, along East right-of-way 230 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448378 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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:

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3333, 2010, 2014329-01000410060, Sabitree Bhagwandin

Lots 15 and 16, BUSH SUBDIVISION of LaBelle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 7, 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 Fifth Thursday in the month of August, 2013, which is the 29th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2013.

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

448397 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY JAIL INMATE MEDICAL

RFP No. 2013-25

Opening Date and Time: August 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals for medical services to inmates in custody at the Hendry County Jail, LaBelle, Florida. Such services shall be provided at the jail or at the contractor's premises. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by August 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by email at jmcnelaney@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

Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 362012CA000856XXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RAMIRO T. GIL; et al.
Defendants,

**NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 11, 2013, end entered in Case No. 362012CA000856XXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and RAMIRO T. GIL; MARIANN GIL; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerks Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935, 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 13, IN BLOCK 20, OF MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT 1300K 3 AT PAGES 37 THROUGH 39, INCLUSIVE. OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on July 12, 2013.

BARBARA BUTLER
As Clerk, Circuit Court
BY: /s/ J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

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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.

Emette Miles, 28



Arrested on 7/18/13, by
Officer McLeod
For Fugitive from justice
in state

Darryl Fuentes, 21



Arrested on 7/16/13, by
Sergeant Malley
For Firing missile into
occupied vehicle; criminal
mischief damage over \$1000;
possession of cocaine

Larona Hall, 39



Arrested on 7/24/13, by
Officer Williams
For DUI

Eric Galassini, 32



Arrested on 7/28/13, by
Officer Chamberlain
For Fugitive from justice
in state

Eugene Cypress, 32



Arrested on 7/28/13, by
Officer Hicks
For Fugitive from justice
in state

Genell Roberts, 33



Arrested on 7/28/13, by
Officer Williams
For Possession of controlled
substance without
prescription; DUI; resisting
an officer with violence; bat-
tery on officer; driving with
suspended license, habitual
offender

Why Talking With Your Teen is Difficult



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BY THE AMERICAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATION

Virtually every parent has found that trying to communicate meaningfully with their teenager can frequently be an impossible, frustrating task.

Such an experience can have parents wondering what is wrong with them or with their teenager. The reality is that what they're experiencing isn't unique or unusual, but rather the result of issues almost all teens face.

A main factor is that it isn't easy being a teenager in today's world. Not only are there the variety of unsettling biological, psychological and emotional changes that come with normal teen development, but today's teens face the added pressures of school grades, extracurricular activities, increased public visibility (thanks, Facebook), along with the anxiety of college or a career in the very near future.

Teens tend to feel that their parents just aren't able to understand all the changes and pressures they're facing, in part because they don't understand much of it themselves.

They want more freedom and the trust of their parents, but when they start sharing feel-

ings of insecurity or uncertainty they fear their parents will see them as still immature and unready for the freedoms they desire. They also recognize they need their parents' love and respect in order to gain their freedom and so are

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usually willing only to share their strengths and positive achievements.

While it's helpful to understand what is limiting open communication, the only real solution to improving parent-teen talks is to keep on trying. How you communicate matters, too. Being overly judgmental, saying “no” too quickly to requests for more freedom or dismissing the teen's concerns quickly shuts down communication. Instead, be understanding when mistakes are made and offer positive responses when good things happen.

Be supportive and let your teen know that you understand and sympathize with issues he or she is facing.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
802	2009	1274329-01000G10380	Leon + Isidora Gonzalez

From the intersection of the North line of Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of SR 29, run South 03 degrees 45' East along said centerline 2899.3 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence North 86 degrees 34' East, 450 feet; thence South 03 degrees 45' East, 50 feet; thence South 86 degrees 34' West, 450 feet; thence North 03 degrees 45' West, 50 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. LESS the Westerly 50 feet for R/W of SR 29. Also known as Business Lots 38 and 39, Section G-1, LABELLE RANCHETTES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **29th day of August, 2013**.
 Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013**.

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

448398 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
701	2009	1264329-02000020030	Larry Dewayne Perkins Est + Dennis A Perkins

The South 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 and the East 20 feet for the road Right-of-way, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Being Lot B-13, LABELLE ACRES, an unrecorded subdivision. LESS the following: Beginning at a point 25 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, thence West 208.91 feet; thence North 208.71 feet; thence East 208.71 feet; thence S 208.71 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, a portion of that tract also described as B-13, LABELLE ACRES, all lying and being in 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 **17th** day of **July, 2013**.

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

448385 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN & PERMITTING SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING/INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTING A 12-FOOT WIDE TURN LANE FROM SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND CR 835 TO THE PROPOSED MAIN ENTRANCE OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HENDRY COUNTY

RFQ No. 2013-24

Opening Date and Time: August 29, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services for constructing a 12 foot wide turn lane from southbound and northbound CR 835 to the proposed main entrance of a commercial development known as Southeast Renewable Fuels in Hendry County, Florida. **Two** firms will be selected, one for the design & permitting services and one for the construction engineering/inspection services of the project. Firms submitting must have expertise in roadway and drainage design permitting services, and construction engineering/inspection services. The County will not allow the same firm to perform the design & permitting services and the construction engineering/inspection services for this construction project. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., August 29, 2013, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, by email at imc@hcnay.com or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request.

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

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

Karson Turner, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
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Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to solid waste and recyclable materials collection and disposal:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-10, ARTICLE IV, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-10-66, FRANCHISES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Karson Turner, Chairman

449141 CN/CB 8/1/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2362	2009	1314433-A0001350000	David & Yasmin K McGee

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5847, 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.

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 Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013**.

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

448380 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 101, 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
1136	2010	1224331-010000L0010	Silvia Hinojosa

The Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road over the East 30 feet thereof. (Lot 8, Block L, Pioneer Plantation, unrecorded subdivision.)

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

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

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 Dated this **17th** day of **July, 2013**.

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

448388 CN/CB 7/25;8/1,8,15/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 26-2011-CA-000309

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-20 Plaintiff(s),
 vs.
 Section.
 CARMEN R. PEREZ et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 11, 2013, and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000309 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-20 is the Plaintiff and CARMEN PEREZ; GERARDO B. VELAZQUEZ; YAMAJRA LUGO PEREZ AND MANUEL L. DEL LLANO, JR. are the Defendants; I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash are held in the second floor lobby Clerk of Courts Office C.E. Hall Building, at Hall Building, at 11am on the 28th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 15, IN BLOCK 450, GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWSTON FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 71-78 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 322 W TRINIDAD AVE., CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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

DATED AT HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, this 12th day of July, 2013.

BARBARA S. BUTLER, Clerk
 HENDRY COUNTY, Florida
 By: /s/ J. Bevis
 Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, HENDRY COUNTY, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935- County Phone: 863-675-5204 MD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

Apré aloki ki fat avek Americans With Disabilities Act, tout moun kin ginnyin yun bezven spesyal you akomodasyon you yo patisipe nan pwogram sa-a dwe, nan yun tan rasonab an ninpot aranjman kapab fet, yo dwe kontakte Administrative Office Of The Court i nan nimdro, HENDRY COUNTY, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935, County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8771 ou-byen 1-800-955-8770 pasan pa Florida Relay Service, "En accordance avec la Loi des "Americans With Disabilities". Les personnes en besoin d'une accommodation speciale pour participer a ces procedures doivent, dans un temps raisonnable, avante d'entreprendre aucune autre demarche, contacter roffice administrative de la Court situe au, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935, County Phone: 863-675-5204, TOD 1-800-955-8771 ou 1-800-955-8770 Via Florida Relay Service," "De acuerdo con el Acto 6 Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos. Inhabilitados, personas on necesidad del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento debran, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte, HENDRY County, 25 EAST HICKPOCT-ME AVENUE, LABELLE FL 33935, County Phone: 863-675-5204 TDD 1-800-955-8770 o 1-800-955-8771 Via Florida Relay Service".

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Moore Haven Middle/High School Replacement – GMP 2. Sealed Bids will be received by the Construction Manager at the office of Manhattan Construction (Florida), Inc., 3940 Prospect Avenue, Suite 101, at 9:00 a.m. on August 13, 2013 for the following Bid Packages:

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| BP#1A Survey | BP#2A Earthwork |
| BP#2B Demolition | BP#2C Fences |
| BP#2D Site Utilities | BP#2F Irrigation & Landscape |
| BP#3A Concrete & Masonry | BP#5A Structural and Miscellaneous Steel |
| BP#5B Handrails and Railings | BP#6A Rough and Finish Carpentry |
| BP#7A Roofing | BP#7B Waterproofing, Dampproofing, Joint Sealants & Firestopping |
| BP#7C Insulation | BP#7D Exterior Finish System |
| BP#8A Steel Doors and Frames | BP#8B Wood Doors |
| BP#8E Overhead Coiling Doors | BP#8D Aluminum Storefronts, Windows and Mirrors |
| BP#9A Wood Flooring | BP#9B Metal Framing & Gypsum Board Assemblies |
| BP#9C Tile | BP#9D Acoustical Ceiling & Acoustical Wall Treatment |
| BP#9E Resilient Flooring | BP#9F Painting |
| BP#9G Final Cleaning | BP#10A Visual Display Boards |
| BP#10B Toilet Compartments & Urinal Screens | BP#10C Fire Extinguishers, Cabinets and Accessories |
| BP#10D Aluminum Walkway Covers | BP#10E Operable Panel Partitions |
| BP#10F Toilet Accessories | BP#10G Metal Lockers |
| BP#10I Identifying Devices | BP#10J Corner Guards |
| BP#10K Cubicle Curtains and Tracks | BP#10L Defibrillator Specialties |
| BP#10M Flagpoles | BP#11A Stage Curtains |
| BP#11B Food Service Equipment | BP#11C Laundry-Residential Appliances |
| BP#11D Gymnasium Divider Curtain | BP#11E Projection Screen & Projection Mounts |
| BP#11F Theater and Stage Equipment | BP#11G Athletic Equipment |
| BP#11H Safes | BP#12A Millwork and Casework |
| BP#12B Telescoping Bleachers | BP#12C Auditorium Seating |
| BP#12D Window Treatments | BP#12E Floor Mats |
| BP#13A Sound Conditioned Rooms | BP#14A Elevator |
| BP#15A Plumbing | BP#15B HVAC |
| BP#15C Fire Sprinkler System | BP#16A Electrical |

All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted.

Bidders shall submit a complete "Bidder Pre-Qualification" form to Manhattan Construction (Florida), Inc., two days prior to the time designated for bid receipt. A copy of the Pre-Qualification form is bound within the Bid Documents

Access to our virtual plan room on isqft.com with all bidding information, can be obtained by contacting Lyn Ross via email at lross@manhattanconstruction.com. Bids must be submitted on an exact reproduction of the bid forms supplied on our plan room. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked as to Bid Package and Subcontractor's Name.

The Owner and Construction Manager reserve the right to waive any or all irregularities and informalities and to reject any or all proposals for any reason. The Construction Manager will evaluate all proposals received and will award the Subcontract in accordance with its best interests, based upon such evaluation in its sole discretion.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Clewiston Recreation

The Clewiston city pool is now open! Currently, the pool is open to the public Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pool's hours of operation will change once swimming lessons end.

Library Announcements

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

Monday and Thursday- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Sunday, Closed

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.

Trust Quartet Concert

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

Ministerial Association

The Clewiston Ministerial Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Education Room of Hendry Regional Hospital at 12 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 6. All ministers are invited. Call 863.983.5269 for more information.

VBS at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Clewiston invites all children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th Grade to Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will be held August 4 through 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come join us as we experience the thrill and excitement of Colossal Coaster World, while learning to Face Fear and Trust God! For more information, contact Ginnie at 863.983.5555.

Men's Auxiliary Dinner

At the Men's Auxiliary Dinner there will be BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and a drawing for cash prizes.

For a \$10 donation you get one dinner and a chance to win \$100, \$200 or \$300 cash prizes.

The dinner will be held Saturday, August 17 at the VFW, 501 S. Francisco St. Dinners will be served at 12 p.m. and the drawing will be held

at 8 p.m.

Sweetest Town Playground

The deadline for purchasing a personalized park picket is August 2.

By purchasing a picket, not only are you making a valuable contribution to the community, but your name or sentiment will be a permanent fixture of the park, as well. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call 863.228.3690.

Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston is holding a pancake breakfast and yard sale on Saturday, August 10, starting at 9 a.m. Call 863.983.5269 for more information.

Kids' Expo: Back to School

There will be a free community-driven 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.

VFW Ladies

Auxiliary Happenings

On Community Fun Day (Saturday, Aug 3), we will be giving out free school supplies, free snow cones, free face painting and will host a cakewalk, where you can win different cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and cupcakes.

Thanks to our sweet town's merchants, we will have some terrific prizes for our raffle drawing. The day promises to be a fun time with all the activities being offered by the various sponsors. While you are visiting the Ladies Auxiliary activities, you might consider making a donation into one of our jars.

Last year, many of our visitors made donations and we used every penny to purchase classroom supplies needed by the teachers of three elementary schools. Every teacher was surprised and grateful. Some teachers commented they never had this happen before.

Thanks to our generous community it did happen and will happen again. So don't forget to put something in those donation jars.

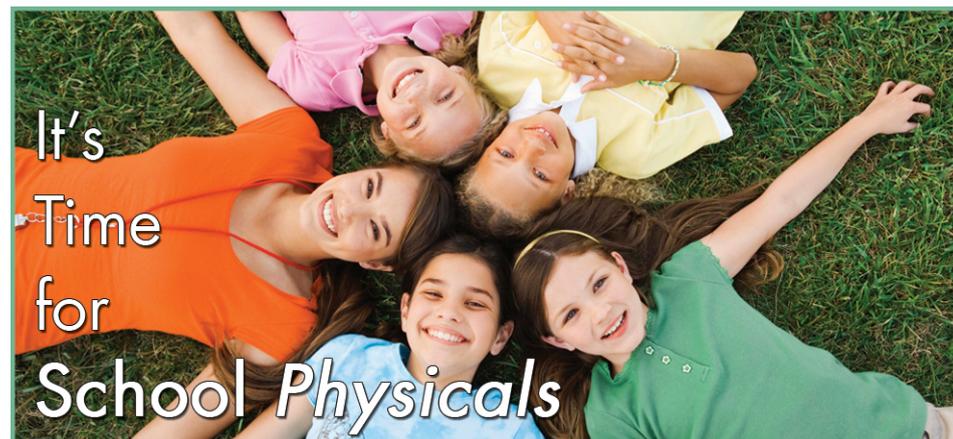
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Children's Face Painting

Pictured left is Diego Rodriguez painting children's faces at the Summer Reading Program awards ceremony at the Clewiston Library. Approximately forty children had their faces painted.



It's Time for School Physicals

Hendry Regional Medical Center is all set to provide school physicals for the children in our community.

Summer is still in full swing, but the first day of school will be here before you know it. If you haven't already scheduled an appointment for your child's school or sports physical, now is the time to do it - don't wait!

Often, school physical examinations are the only times throughout the year that children visit medical facilities. We suggest using the yearly school physical as an opportunity to build and add to a child's complete medical history. This can help ensure that the youngster's progress and development over time are monitored and that potential emerging problems are detected.

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