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Families displaced after a fire tore through their apartment building last week were helped by the American Red Cross, which provided a shelter for them at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church.

## Fire Victims Remain at BG Shelter

*Red Cross sets up temporary shelter for 45 people*

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA  
The Sun

Approximately 45 people spent the night in a shelter following a fire that torched through their apartment building on Sunday, reported the American

Red Cross. On Tuesday morning, the majority of the displaced residents were still at the shelter, waiting for word on when they might be able to return home.

According to published reports, the fire at the beige-colored apartment complex on Fifth Street in Belle Glade was started by an electrical short underneath a bed in one of the 30 apartment rooms.

Fire rescue personnel were dispatched to the area at approximately 4 p.m. that day. They arrived to find a blaze making its way across the structure, reaching from apartment to apartment. Crews were able to put the fire out fairly quickly, and all residents managed to escape without any

injuries.

Officials with the Red Cross said that only about four units seemed to have suffered extensive damages, but all apartment dwellers were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

"The whole bottom floor of the apartment was affected," said Thomas Hernandez, Red Cross disaster specialist. "The hallway was completely destroyed."

Police were assigned to the outside of the home where, on Tuesday morning, they maintained watch to prevent anyone from breaking in. The wooden steps of the home were com-

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## Glades 'A' School Moves into New Building

PAHOKEE SCHOOL  
CONSIDERS FURTHER  
EXPANSION

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA  
The Sun

Dignitaries, community leaders and charitable patrons were on hand on Monday for the opening of the new building of the Glades Academy Charter School in Pahokee.

According to the school's administrator, Don Zumpano, the event may just be the beginning of a larger expansion of the facility.

While still too early to determine just how ambitious those plans might be, as school officials celebrated the grand opening, work was being made to provide an addition to the new facility.

And that certainly would be a good thing.

Mr. Zumpano takes pride in the fact that the school is one of the few "A" school in the Glades, and he attributes the success to hard work.

"The entire staff gets involved with the children, the administration, office people, everyone is directly involved with the children on this campus," said Mr. Zumpano, who is not afraid to say that the school's tougher role with children yields results.

"We insist on discipline and good behavior. The problem today with children is that they're not coming to school prepared to work," he said, adding that the challenge is in instilling the ethics of the school early on.

"Every year we see several new students with bad habits," he said. "Once they understand that we are a learning institution and not a playground, we start to see a progress."

Glades Academy is currently in the

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## Student Reports Gunshots at Everglades Prep

PBSO investigates shooting at Pahokee school

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, just before 2 p.m., a student from Everglades Preparatory Academy, 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, was walking in the breezeway between classes when he heard shots fired in his direc-

tion. The victim ducked into a classroom and was not injured.

Witnesses tell deputies that three or four black males were seen either running from the area or on bicycles leaving the area.

A perimeter was set up utilizing K-9 units and the PBSO Helicopter, suspects were not located.

If anyone knows anything about this shooting they are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS.



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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Glades Central

#### Semester Exam Schedule:

• Monday, Dec. 19  
Period 1: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (EXAM)  
Period 2: 9:35 to 11:35 a.m. (EXAM)  
Lunch and dismissal: 11:37 a.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20  
Period 3: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (EXAM)  
Period 4: 9:35 to 11:35 a.m. (EXAM)  
Lunch and dismissal: 11:37 a.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 21  
Period 5: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (EXAM)  
Period 6: 9:35 to 11:35 a.m. (EXAM)  
Lunch and dismissal: 11:37 a.m.

• Thursday, Dec. 22  
Period 7: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (EXAM)  
Period 8: 9:35 to 11:35 a.m. (EXAM)  
Lunch and dismissal: 11:37 a.m.

### Pioneer Park Elementary

#### Welcome Aboard!

Pioneer Park would like to welcome Kristen Lamareux to our Sugar Bear staff. Kristen, our new Attendance Clerk, is the cheerful young lady with the smiling face greeting visitors and assisting with clerical duties in the front office. Kristen is from the Glades and we would like to welcome her as our newest Sugar Bear.

#### FCAT Summit

Principal Adam Miller, along with Reading and Math Specialists from the District Office and the Transformation Team met in the Learning Team Room with Pioneer Park Elementary staff on Monday, Dec. 5, for a special FCAT Summit. Principal Miller spearheaded a brainstorming session addressing key FCAT teaching approaches targeting student needs and research based strategies. All present were invited to share their input on focused FCAT instruction. Samplings of questions opening the floor were: What is FCAT instruction? What is it not? What are the highest needs of our students? How can we help all learners, increasing the gains of those currently performing at a high level of academic performance and students, such as nonreaders, who are exhibiting critical needs? When will the targeted FCAT instruction begin and how will it best fit in with the flow of our current daily learning schedule? Principal Miller notated the resulting focused instructional plan and timing implementation which will allow ongoing instruction to continue. Ms. Tonya Grant, Learning Team Facilitator, prepared a final outline of the FCAT instructional plan of action and distributed copies to all.

#### Vision and Hearing Screenings

Once again, Ms. Felicia Wilbon, from the Health Care District was on hand Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, to give vision and hearing screenings to students. We asked Ms. Wilbon to share a little information with us on how she works in tandem with public schools. Ms. Wilbon has worked with the Western Palm Beach County schools for 16 years. She visits schools in the Glades, Wellington, Royal Palm Beach, and Loxahatchee among others. The information on the registration is the access point by which screenings may be given to students. On the student registration is a question asking parents if they give permission for their child to receive health screenings and to participate in a dental fluoride program. Unless the parent checks no, Ms. Wilbon gives vision and hearing screenings to all new students. At higher grade levels, less comprehensive screenings are given. Ms. Wilbon explains that the reason the younger children are given more vision testing is because some problems become much harder to correct as time passes and the health care district focuses on catching them as early as possible. The students look into a vision machine which is also used for adults applying for their driver's license. Students are tested on their color vision, muscle imbalance, myopia, and hyperopia. The hearing screenings are given at 20 decibels, which is the same level used by the school district's audiologists.

Thank you for your dedicated work in helping our students Ms. Wilbon.

#### Diagnostic Testing

Pioneer Park held its mid-year diagnostic testing from Monday, Dec. 5, through Wednesday, Dec. 7, for all students in grades 2 through 5. These tests are modeled on the FCAT tests and are given in FCAT testing environments. Diagnostic results pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of each student and inform specific needs of individual students as well as helping teachers to fine tune their teaching accordingly. The testing also familiarizes students with the actual FCAT exam process thereby reducing anxiety and building confidence.

#### Reflex Math Training

Second through fifth grade math teachers attended a Reflex Math training Thursday, Dec. 8, in the computer lab at 2:30 p.m. Reflex Math is a game-based, interactive, fact fluency program which constantly monitors student progress and makes learning fun and exciting for students. Since this program is billed as a system designed for "the next generation" we encourage our dedicated math teachers who are indeed passing the torch of learning on.

#### Holiday Celebration

Mr. Kelvin Johnson, Parent Liaison, announces Pioneer Park's fourth Family Involvement Night revolving around the theme, "Holiday Celebration!" Come out Thursday, Dec. 15 and hear our students present another beautiful Holiday Extravaganza of singing and dancing under the direction of our own multitalented music teacher, Ms. Martinez. Come out and support our students, participate in our Student Advisory Council and enjoy the food and door prizes which will be part of our Sugar Bears' Holiday Celebration. Hope to see you there.

### Pahokee Elementary

#### Food for Our Families Drive

Pahokee Elementary School would like to thank all of the families for contributing to this year's collection of non-perishable food items for the Annual Food for Families Drive.

The students brought in a total of 2,252 non-perishable items. The school was able to provide a full thanksgiving basket to 22 families from the school.

#### Holiday Shop

Pahokee Elementary School is sponsoring a

holiday shop from Dec. 19 through 22. Come out and shop for your family and friends. Students will have a scheduled time to visit the Holiday Shop with their class.

#### Special Thanks

Pahokee Elementary School staff and students would like to thank our community business partners: Bridges of Pahokee, Pahokee Youth Enrichment Academy, Pahokee Mentoring Center, Back to Basics Inc., PNC Bank, City of Pahokee, Boys and Girls Town, Area Agency on Aging/Foster Grandparent Program and all our volunteers and community supporters for all donations, services and support given to Pahokee Elementary School. We are extremely grateful and hope that you will continue your mission of giving.

### Belle Glade Elementary

#### Schedule of events

- Dec. 15: Honor Roll Celebration
- Dec. 19 - 21: Pre-K will be having a "Cookies For Cancer" cookie sale from 1 to 2 p.m. "Cookies For Cancer" is an organization that raises funds for pediatric cancer.
- Dec. 21: Holiday Program (Kindergarten to second grade) at 9 a.m.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Christmas Gala

Annual Christmas Gala Celebration given by United M. B. Church on Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at the old Pahokee School Cafeteria. A photographer will be available to take single or family portraits. Dress in your Sunday Best or Semi- Formal Attire.

For more information, you can contact Mrs. Mary Harper at 561-914-2157 or Mrs. Mary Pringle at 561-985-0533.

### FIU Scholarship for Hispanic Students

FIU's Agroecology Program will award more than \$330,000 in scholarships to Hispanic students by Dec. 15.

FIU plans to give away 15 scholarships worth as much as \$24,000 each to fund research, service-learning projects, professional networking activities and internships.

The scholarships are designed to help students prepare for careers in agriculture, food and natural resource sciences. The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hispanic Serving Institutions Education Grants

Program.

Applicants must be current or prospective FIU students, United States citizens and of Hispanic origin. If you would like to know more, please visit <http://news.fiu.edu/2011/11/agroecology-program-to-award-more-than-330000-in-scholarships/33317>.

To arrange an interview with the Agroecology Program manager or director, please contact Evelyn S. Perez at 305-348-4493 or [esuperez@fiu.edu](mailto:esuperez@fiu.edu) at the following information.

### Change a Life

To become an adult literacy volunteer please call the Belle Glade Library at 561-996-3453. No previous experience is required as training is provided in a one-day workshop that gives you an overview of strategies for tutoring adult learners.

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# Inland Birding Fun: Wood Duck (WODU)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND  
Hendry-Glades Audobon

Birders and photographers are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual STA5-Clewiston Christmas Bird Count (FLSO) on Saturday, Dec. 31. Join one of seven teams who will be surveying the 15-mile diameter count circle located 20 miles south of Clewiston.



Margaret England

The North Team will meet at 7 a.m. at Clewiston Beef O 'Brady's, the West Team will meet at C&B Farms at 7:30 a.m. and the other teams will begin at the STA5 gate at 7 a.m. During last year's STA5-Clewiston CBC

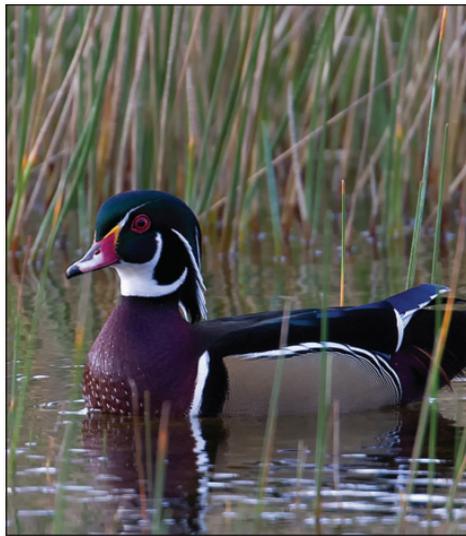
birders reported 105 species and tallied the high counts in United States for nine species which included Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Anhinga, Purple Swamphen, American Coot, Snail Kite, Western Kingbird, Indigo Bunting, Diskcissel and Boat-tailed Grackle. One bird missing from last year's STA5 CBC report was the Wood Duck. In previous years, two to five were reported by observers.

The Wood Duck was once a threatened species in the early 1900s, but has since become one of the most widespread breeding waterfowl in Florida (FL Breeding Bird Atlas). The Wood Duck is a medium-sized perching duck. It is one of a few duck species that have strong claws that can grip or perch on branches. When swimming they bob their heads back and forth in a jerking motion. The adult male has iridescent chestnut and green plumage and red eyes with a white flare down the back.

The adult female is less colorful and has a white eye-ring and whitish throat. Both adults have crested heads. The male's call is a thin, rising and falling whistle. Females make a loud "oo-eek, oo-eek" sound when alarmed or when taking flight. Wood Duck feed by dabbling in water making short shallow dives or by walking on land. Their diet consists mainly of plant material, such as berries, acorns and other nuts, seeds of grasses and sedges, wild grape, and duckweed but they will also eat insects and a few crustaceans. Wood Ducks cannot make their own nest cavities.

They use natural cavities in trees or man-made nest boxes which are normally situated near or over water, but they have been known to nest up to 1.2 miles from the nearest water. If nest boxes are too close together females will lay eggs in the nests of other females. Females usually lay 7 to 15 white-tan eggs that incubate in about 30 days. The day after hatching, ducklings will climb out of the nest opening and jump to the ground from up to 290 feet without injury. The mother calls them as they make their way to water where they find food on their own.

Join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding and photography trips. You and your guests are invited participate in upcoming birding trips or the Christmas Bird Count Dec. 31 at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5). For more information, please e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or phone 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades



Male Wood Duck.

PHOTO / DON HAMILTON

Audubon programs is available on the HGAS web site at [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org)

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**Thursday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East wind around 11 mph.



**Saturday:**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.



**Sunday Night:**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.



**Friday:**  
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### John William Drake, 84

CLEWISTON — John William Drake, age 84, of Clewiston, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, at Cape Coral.

John was born Aug. 8, 1927, in Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe C. Drake Sr. and Winnie (McGlothlin) Drake; and brother, Henry Drake Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Emily (McLain) Drake; two sons, John Robert Drake (Diane) of Bellevue, and William C. Drake (Kelly) of Clewiston; one sister, Ettie Laurie Crossland (Aaron) of Kearny, Ariz.; one brother, Joe C. Drake, Jr. (Wanda) of Riverton, Wyo.; and five grandchildren.

He was a resident of Clewiston for 59 years and owned and operated Drake's Dairy west of Clewiston. He served in the Navy during World War II from 09/05/1945 to 08/18/1946 and the Korean War from 11/06/1950 to 03/07/1952. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clewiston. He was a 50 year Perpetual Member and Past Master of Sugarland Lodge 281 F. & A.M. He was a 32 degree Perpetual Member of Valley of Ft. Myers Scottish Rite. He was an Honorary Member of Moore Haven Lodge 61 F. & A.M. and a member of Moore Haven Chapter 116 Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of Lake Okeechobee Scottish Rite Club. He served on the Board of Directors of Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The funeral service was held 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at First United Methodist Church, Clewiston, with Rev. John Hicks officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

### Barbara Evelyn Betts

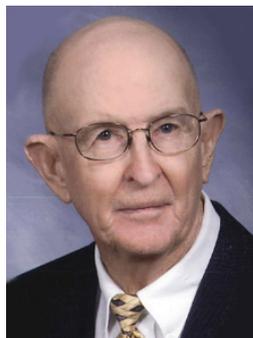
OCALA — Barbara Evelyn Betts, of Ocala, passed away on Dec. 10, 2011.

She was born Aug. 2, 1946, in Middletown, Conn. She was a singer, songwriter and musician, blessing many with her music. Barbara grew up in Clewiston, where she was an active member of the Church of Christ and volunteer at the Hendry County Hospital.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Gerald C. Betts; and her sisters, Sandra Stanley, Judy Weaver, and Sally Williams. Barbara was well known in her community for her giving heart and warm smile. She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at the Central Church of Christ in Ocala, on Dec. 15, 2011, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name.



# Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

Wow, only two weeks 'til Christmas. Does everyone have the tree up and the shopping done? I still have a lot to do including the shopping and putting up the tree, but the bass fishing has been too good to stay home.

The water level on the lake has remained pretty steady at around 13.75 feet above sea level and the rain we received over the weekend should even bring it up a little. We have had a few fronts move through the area the last couple weeks but it really hasn't affected the fishing much.

The bass are being caught from the north end of the lake all the way to the south and every-

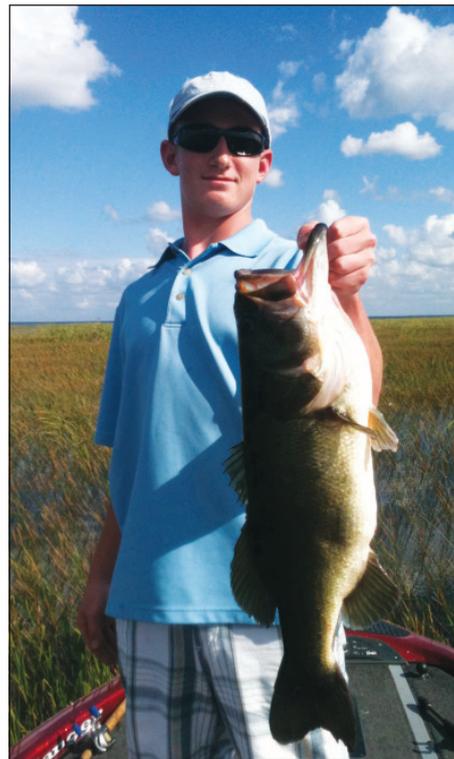


PHOTO / MARK KING  
Ben Riffland with an Okeechobee hawg caught in a sea of grass.

where in between. This year should be a record-setting year again as was last year, with average tournament weighing bags to win are more than 30 pounds in five fish.

I have been fishing from the North Shore area down to Kramer Island and have had a hard time patterning fish. But if you just keep fishing you will find them.

The bass seem to be moving around a lot right now and it can make it a little tough to find a concentration of fish. I have just been putting the trolling motor down and covering a lot of water and finding the fish.

Some areas that have been really good are the East Wall, Grassy, Long Point, around Observation Island, Turners Cove, and Cochran's Pass but out on the outside grass line.

The bass are really scattered out as you get back in the grass and not really concentrated like they should be and, as we head into January, there should be a big push of bass moving in to spawn. I have been catching bass on wild shiners, artificial lures, and have even been catching bass fly fishing.

For artificial lures I have been using the Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper and the new Big Dipper most of the time. On the cold front days, I

have been throwing a Salt Stick O also made by Charlie's Worms and fishing it real slow.

With all the grass that we are fishing in I recommend at least fifty pound braided line and heavy action rods to get the bass out of the heavy cover and to the boat. I have also been trying the new craze in the fishing industry called an Alabama rig, it looks like an umbrella rig that the offshore guys use but a smaller version for bass fishing.

I have been using the Zipper Dippers on it and have caught some bass but not any really big fish yet. It works great on the outside of the grass or where the grass is really scattered and thin. I will have more to report on this rig as the season progresses here on Okeechobee.

We have had reports of the crappie fishing being pretty good with the area around Bird Island, the rim canal south of Clewiston, and the Kissimmee River great places to start. Jigs and minnows are both working. Good luck, tight lines, and hope to see everyone on the water soon.

Capt. Mark King is a full time guide out of Roland Martin's Marina and Resort in Clewiston. Give him a call at 863-677-0983 or go to [www.markingfishing.com](http://www.markingfishing.com) to book a trip.

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### Georgina Kaye

#### Grasshopper Bert, 36

CLEWISTON — Georgina Kaye Grasshopper Bert, age 36, of Clewiston, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at Clewiston.

Georgina was born April 17, 1975, in Tahlequah, Okla. She is the daughter of George and Dale (Jumper) Grasshopper.

She is survived by her three daughters, Katherine Joyce Bert, Juli-Anne Jumper, and Johnnie Sue Russell; two sons, Roderick George Bert, and Kylan Jas Jumper; her father, George and mother, Dale (Jumper) Grasshopper; two brothers, Jason Grasshopper, and Joseph Grasshopper; and fiance, Johnny Russell.

The funeral service was held 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at Big Cypress First Baptist Church, CR 833 (Big Cypress Reservation), Clewiston, with Pastor Joshua Leading Fox officiating. Interment was in Big Cypress Cemetery, Big Cypress Reservation. A Memorial service will be held on Dec. 17, 2011, in Tahlequah, Okla.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

# Former NFL Player Donates Laptops to Hometown School

Alternative education program for “at-risk” students receives technology donation to increase self confidence and literacy in science.

The holidays are coming early for the Crossroad Academy “Science Wizards” program thanks to former NFL player and Belle Glade native, Fred Taylor. Thirty laptops will be donated on Monday, Dec. 11, through his charitable foundation.

Crossroads Academy is an alternative school in Belle Glade serving the needs of “at-risk” students. Crossroads Academy serves up to 300 students per year in grades 6-12.

Over 86 percent of the student body receives free or reduced lunch.

Program sponsor and science teacher Sheree Cuthbert and Principal Diane Howard see the donation as a launching pad to promoting science

literacy and self esteem to their students.

The Science Wizards Program through hands-on learning, mentorship and leadership opportunities, provide students the opportunity to work with mentors/classroom teachers, who will model and foster leadership, affirm academic excellence as an expectations, as well as promote careers in science and technology.

The Fred Taylor Foundation strives to improve the quality of life of children challenged by adverse physical conditions or socio-economic circumstances through enrichment programs that encourage youth to reach their highest potential.

Taylor was inducted into the University of Florida’s Athletic Hall of Fame and the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Early Holiday Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, advertising deadlines for the Clewiston News, The Glades County Democrat and The Sun will be as follows:

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# FIRE

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promised, and they cautioned people from stepping on them.

All of the displaced were taken to St. John's Missionary Baptist Church on Southwest Eighth Street. The Red Cross set up a shelter at the location, and families were provided with sleeping cots, food, and clothing.

Red Cross officials continued providing aid through its area chapter disaster action team through the week. The team was also working

last week with the city of Belle Glade to find more permanent housing solutions for the various community members affected by the fire.

Officials promised they would continue working to help the residents.

"Everybody got out and that's what's important," said Mr. Hernandez. "We'll do what we can to take care of them."

Meanwhile, many other community organizations, have started to pitch in to the effort. One of those is the Lighthouse Café, which was sifting through clothing this week to donate to the displaced families. But there are still more opportunities to help.

The Red Cross is asking anyone with a desire to help the families to make a donation to the organization. If you would like to help, visit [www.pbtcredcross.org](http://www.pbtcredcross.org), or call 1-800-833-0599.



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The fire did not completely destroy this apartment building, but did cause significant damage to some rooms.



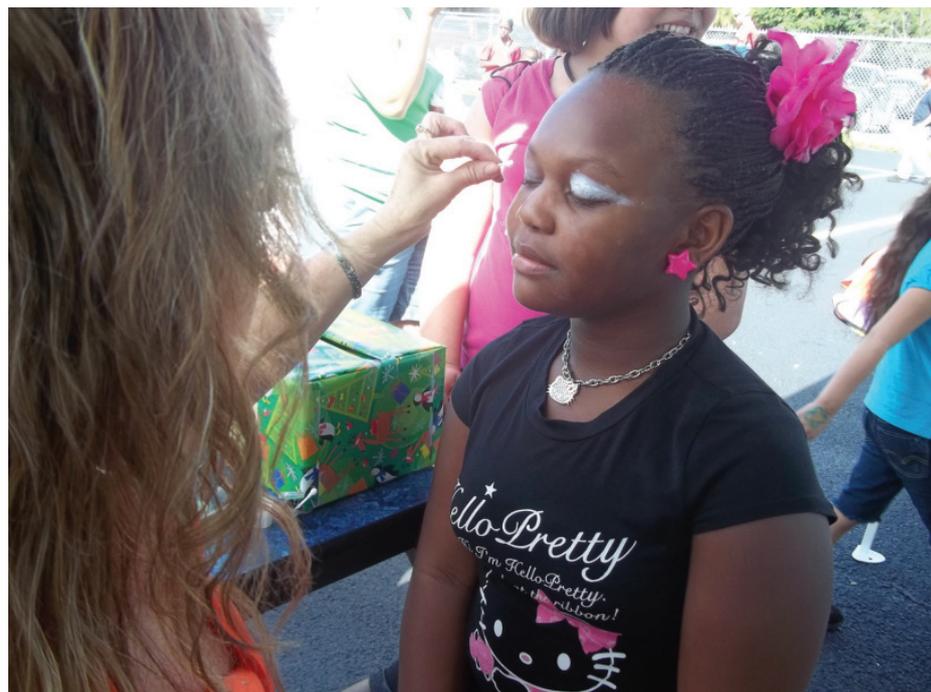
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Residents were hoping that a solution would be found soon for their housing situation.



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St. John's Missionary Baptist Church houses residents.



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## All dolled up

Left: Octaesia Young has her face painted at the KEC/Canal point Elementary Fall Carnival. Right: Lonterria McFadden and Derkerria Best wait to get their nails painted at the KEC/ Canal Point Fall Carnival.

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3619 2008 4104329-03020990020 Open Space Land, LLC  
Lot 2, Block 2099, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3980 2008 4104329-04021560040 Tracy J. Miller  
Lot 4, Block 2156, Port LaBelle Unit 4, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3542 2008 4104329-02020800140 Judy G. Hunnell  
Lot 14, Block 2080, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3692 2008 4104329-03021190160 Edmest C. Chang & Said Etanawy  
Lot 16, Block 2119, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3617 2008 4104329-03020980170 Robert Goldberg  
Lot 17, Block 2098, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
3577 2008 4104329-030000L0020 Odilance Sillen  
Tract L2, Block 2102, Port LaBelle, Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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Lot 14, Block 2080, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
1407 2007 1224432-01000700040 Zo Do LLC & Janet Ames Scharf  
Lot 4, Block 70, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1410	2007	1224432-01000701030	Zo DO LLC & Janet Ames Scharf

Lot 13, Block 70, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, 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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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Winder VI, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
157	2007	1064428-A0000930000	John C. Shelley Swearingen

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2539	2008	1314433-A0001780000	Georgina Garcia

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5768, 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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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1875	2008	124432-A0001040100	Izquierdo Amparo Gonzalvo

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5216, 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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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4025	2008	4104329-05021860240	Manuel Garcia

Lot 24, Block 2186, Port LaBelle Unit 5, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 104, 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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404380 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1634	2008	1224432-01000030080	Azteca Montura Inc

Lot 8, Block 3, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2548	2008	1314433-A0002260000	Everinda Toledo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5826, 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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1893	2008	1254432-A0000120100	Rafael Rodriguez Journet Julia Rivera Corujo

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5127, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1544	2008	1154432-A0000370000	Carlos R. Morales

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3274, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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

404388 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3637	2008	4104329-03021040060	Maribel Lombo, Ramon Leyva Bahar & Carlos A. Nieves Lombo

Lot 6, Block 2104, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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

404345 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**HENDRY COUNTY**  
**SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE**  
**SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY,**  
**FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND**  
**FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29**

**BID No. 2012-04**

**Opening Date and Time: January 19, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.**

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. 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 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on January 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Atkins, 1514 Broadway, Suite 203, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 239-334-7275.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 405352 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011/1/5/2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1897	2008	1254432-A0000230000	Berner Joseph & Lindalle Joseph

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5152, 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 Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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

404378 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2543	2008	1314433-A0001940000	Raul Martinez

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5703, 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 Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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

404389 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2584	2008	1314433-A0003940000	Pagan Juan H. Matias

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest 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. Also known as Tract 5982, 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 Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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

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**DIRT SALE BID**

The Barron Water Control District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of about 280,000 cubic yards of dirt along several canals. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 AM, January 5, 2012, at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, FL.

To inquire and receive detailed bidding specifications and instructions, call 863-675-0346 or email BWCD12@embargamail.com or visit the office.

The owner reserves the right to hold all proposals for sixty (60) days and to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.,  
 General Manager  
 Barron Water Control District  
 404137 CGS/CB 12/8,15/2011



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

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 1/10/12
SUBJECT AREA: 111 Non-Discrimination

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for non-discrimination.
CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 413.08(3) F.S., Title VI and VIII of C.R.A., 1001.42, and 1001.43 F.S.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES
ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
RFQ No: 2012-08
OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Public Notice Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 2:00 PM, by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn.: Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 50 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935;

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NOTICE OF HEARING
WATER CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
To the owners and all persons interested in the lands corporate and other property in and adjacent to the Central County Water Control District, "the District."

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Employment
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FLEET TECHNICIAN
Incumbent performs a wide range of services to diagnose and repair District fleet units including cars, trucks, diesel engines, and small and heavy equipment.
High School Diploma or GED is required and 4+ years experience servicing, diagnosing and repairing cars, trucks, diesel engines, and equipment.

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I-INVITATION TO BID
BID # 2011-2
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Canals 7 & 8/Riverside
Sealed bids for the replacement of the above referenced Canals 7 & 8/Riverside will be received by the Central County Water Control District Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as "District" at:

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until January 18, 2012 for Bid #12-0002, Legal Services Board Attorney. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674-4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FOUNDATION ANNUAL RETURN
The annual return of The Faass Foundation, Inc. is available at its accountant's office, located at 381 SR 80W, PO Box 2298, LaBelle, FL 33975, for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who request such inspection within 180 days of the date of this notice.

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.  
262008CA000430XXXXX

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-HE1,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
JOSE E. CERVANTES; ANTONIA PEQUENO, et al.,  
Defendants

## RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated October 6, 2008 and an Order Resetting Sale dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000430XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Lasalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-HE1 is Plaintiff and JOSE E. CERVANTES; ANTONIA PEQUENO; 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 Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 in Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF BLOCK 39, LABELLE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 47, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS 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 December 2, 2011.

BARBARA BUTLER  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By: J. Bevis  
As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
PO Box 11438  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438  
Telephone: (954) 564-0071  
404564 CN 12/8,15/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
File No. 11-CF-35  
Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD M. CAUSEY  
Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Richard M. Causey, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 15, 2011.

Personal Representative:  
David E. Causey  
227 Bilbao Street  
Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Travis W. Trueblood, LLM  
Attorney for David E. Causey  
Florida Bar Number: 0417890  
TRUEBLOOD LAW GROUP P.A.  
P.O. Box 1270  
805 U.S. Hwy. 27, Suite 1  
Moore Haven, FL 33471  
Telephone: (863) 946-9160  
Fax: (888) 659-6339  
E-Mail:  
ttrueblood@truebloodlawgroup.com  
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## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09001283CA

BANKUNITED  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
JORGE H. PEDROZA; MARIA DEL PILAR LACOUTURE; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 28, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09001283 CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida. BANKUNITED is Plaintiff and JORGE H. PEDROZA; MARIA DEL PILAR LACOUTURE; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURTHOUSE, AT 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A LOT NO. 2805, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: /S/ J. Bevis  
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935, Phone No. (941) 335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-9558771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services); Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 404334 CN 12/15,22/2011

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Bookkeeping/Accounting Services

The Port LaBelle Community Development District will receive sealed proposals until Monday, January 2, 2012, to perform Bookkeeping/Accounting Services. The District Office is located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, LaBelle, Florida. The proposal may be sent by mail, fax or electronic mail. You may call the office at 863-675-5770 for transmittal information and specifications.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.  
General Manager  
405296 CGS/CB 12/15/2011

## Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000975

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
GILBERT ERIC TAYLOR, et al,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000975 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and GILBERT ERIC TAYLOR; SELENA TAYLOR, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of Dec., 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 61, TANGLEWOOD OAKS, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 176, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: 2001 MOBILITY, VIN#N81055A & N810055B.

A/K/A 4088 BLUE CYPRESS COURT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 1, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /S/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-9558770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.  
404537 CN 12/8,15/2011

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Bookkeeping/Accounting Services

The Barron Water Control District will receive sealed proposals until Monday, January 2, 2012, to perform Bookkeeping/Accounting Services. The District Office is located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, LaBelle, Florida. The proposal may be sent by mail, fax or electronic mail. You may call the office at 863-675-0346 for transmittal information and specifications.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.  
General Manager  
405295 CB/CGS 12/15/2011

## RELIGION COLUMNS

## A Christmas Story

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS  
First United Methodist Church

It was a cold December afternoon. All day long Pastor Jerry and Jim had been delivering Christmas boxes to families, many of which would get nothing else for Christmas that year. The pickup had been loaded when the two men started out, but now only one box remained.

The address on the card meant a drive of several miles beyond the city limit, and the weather was getting worse. "What do you think?" Jim asked. He was the driver and it was his truck. Pastor Jerry knew what Jim was thinking. Why drive way out in the country when we could give this last box to someone close by and be home in thirty minutes? It was a tempting thought. Jim, however, answered his own question, "Well, let's give it a try. If we can't find the place, we can always come back and give the box to someone else." The rain was pouring down by the time they reached the address on the card.

The old white framed house stood on a hillside overlooking the valley. The men slipped and slid as they carried the box up the hill. The red clay offered no foothold. They climbed the high steps to the porch, and set the box down. They straightened up just in time to glimpse the face of a small boy at the window. He'd been watching them coming up, and now announced their arrival with excitement, "They're here, Grandma, they're here!" The door opened and an older woman in a plain dress and white apron greeted them. "I told you, they would come," a child's voice said from behind her. The little boy rushed to the box and began pulling at the goodies inside. The woman told them that she and her grandson were all that was left of her family. The father and mother had divorced and gone their separate ways. The little boy had been left behind for Grandma to raise. She said, "I am so glad you are here. He was up early this morning looking for you. He sat by that window all day. I wasn't sure you would come and I tried to prepare him in case of a disappointment. But he just said, 'Don't worry, Grandma, I know they will come.'" That young boy didn't know it, but in a sense, he was speaking for all of us. A thankful people, more than one billion of us around the world, pause for a few moments this season and pray with faith.

## A Rescue Operation

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST  
First Christian Church

The happiest person is not someone who received a wonderful present on Christmas, but someone who, after days in an open boat, after hours in a crippled airplane, or after minutes in a burning building is rescued! We thrill when we read of the rescue of miners or of mountain climbers or of a child who has fallen deep into a well. What irony when a soldier risks his life to save a buddy, only to have this buddy refuse help, claiming that he can solve his own problem - and then he dies! The greatest rescue operation of all time began on the first Christmas Day. Yet most of us refuse to be rescued. We are confident that we can solve our own problems. We deny that we are in danger. But man's danger is fantastically great: All the "ordinary" dangers of sickness, accident, war, poverty and death, striving for the wrong goals of life: misplaced self-confidence, unawareness of the spiritual world, and the biggest of all, lack of realization that he is destined to live forever, either in

unspeakable sorrow or unspeakable joy. In fact, man's danger was so great that the infinite God had to become a man in order to rescue man. No one else could do it. God became man in the person of the baby Jesus. That is why Christmas is so important. You see man had sinned. Our sin was a rebellion against God; a selling of ourselves to the devil; a total pollution of our wills and souls. The only rescue from this out of degradation is by someone taking the punishment due us and also having the power to clean up our innermost being. And this is exactly what Jesus Christ did. Since He is the sinless Son of God, He could bear the infinite anger of God against all sin. And He sends His Spirit into the lives of all who believe His Gospel, repent of sins, confess Him before men, and are baptized (immersed) for remission of sins. Then we must be a part of His church, learning and practicing all that He commanded.

## Distractions and Beacon

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

I worked on a boat in and out of the Bahamas many years ago. One of the sights crossing the gulfstream at night were the lights on a tower in Bimini. This was often the first landfall as we'd enter the island chain and out of the familiar waters of the Florida coast. The night was dark, the boat would often roll if the wind picked up a chop and there were times that the nights were starless. Then, on the horizon would appear the lights; with that vision came a sense of not being alone, being on the right course, and a safe arrival in port was a short while away.

There were other times I have had this experience: a long air flight when the plane would descend through the clouds and there would be a city full of lights beneath us and the beacon at the airport would be a welcoming ray to say "You've arrived, you're almost home!" As God would have it, there was that other beacon, a star in the East on a winter night. It guided shepherds and wise men; and stood as a beacon for humanity leading people to the makeshift shelter for a mother and babe. Scientists have shown that the star in the East was most likely a convergence of stars; coming together to form that special great light to guide those who saw it and felt called by its radiance. The Biblical message, "We have seen His star in the East" is echoed time and again. The message of Christmas is one that brings light into a darkened world. That star served as a guide, a homing point, a way of orienting the path of the wanderer; and still does. In the midst of all of the "getting ready for Christmas," society may have taken away our homing beacon. People scurrying around, last-minute shopping, trying to get packages in the mail, planning to invite guests, wondering how to decorate the house, all of the parties and invitations to answer. No wonder that I hear every once and awhile someone say, "I wish they would cancel Christmas!" or, "I'll be glad when the holidays are over!" That's a very sad commentary. The message of the star in the East has been dimmed. The pre-Christmas season is a time of getting ready and preparing for the coming of the Lord into our world once more. That's what it is about. The rest? Those are the distractions. Drop through the clouds that they make, look to the horizon and search the light that guides us home again. John's gospel tells us, "The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world (Ch.1, v9)." May it shine in our hearts once more and guide us home.

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# SCHOOL

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middle of its 11th year of operation in the city of Pahokee.

Having operated for ten of those years at a site at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the move to the new location at 7368 State Road 15 – where New Hope Charities is situated – is the right move at this time, explained Mr. Zumpano.

He remains grateful for the support of Father John Mericantante and his church.

“They were phenomenal, absolutely. They were beautiful to us for ten years and in Father John we couldn't have found a more wonderful, dedicated man and we miss him,” he said.

The school is funded through a combination of public funding and private donations. Being a charter school allows it to accept private funding as well.

In this area, the Fanjul family of the Florida Crystals company plays an important role.

Fanjul family members were on hand for the grand opening this week, and regularly hold fund-raising events to help keep the school operating.

The 116-student school actually moved into its new facility at the start of this school year. The school has six full-time teachers, several part-time teachers and offers music and art classes to children.

The school teaches Kindergarten through Fifth grade, but with the additional expansion will consider adding more grade levels.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured left to right: J.P Sasser, Mayor of Pahokee; Marcia Andrews, board member, Palm Beach County School Board; Representative Mack Bernard, District 84; Emilia Fanjul, Glades Academy chairperson; Gerard Robinson, Commissioner of Education for the State of Florida; Ann Blades, Glades Academy board member; Guillermo Rivera, Glades Academy board member; and Father John Mericantante, Glades Academy board member.

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## Alava exhibit impresses

Glades' own son Ibrahim Alava had a terrific showing of his photography work at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. His photography highlights the natural beauty of the Everglades. The photography exhibit will run until tomorrow and is free of charge.

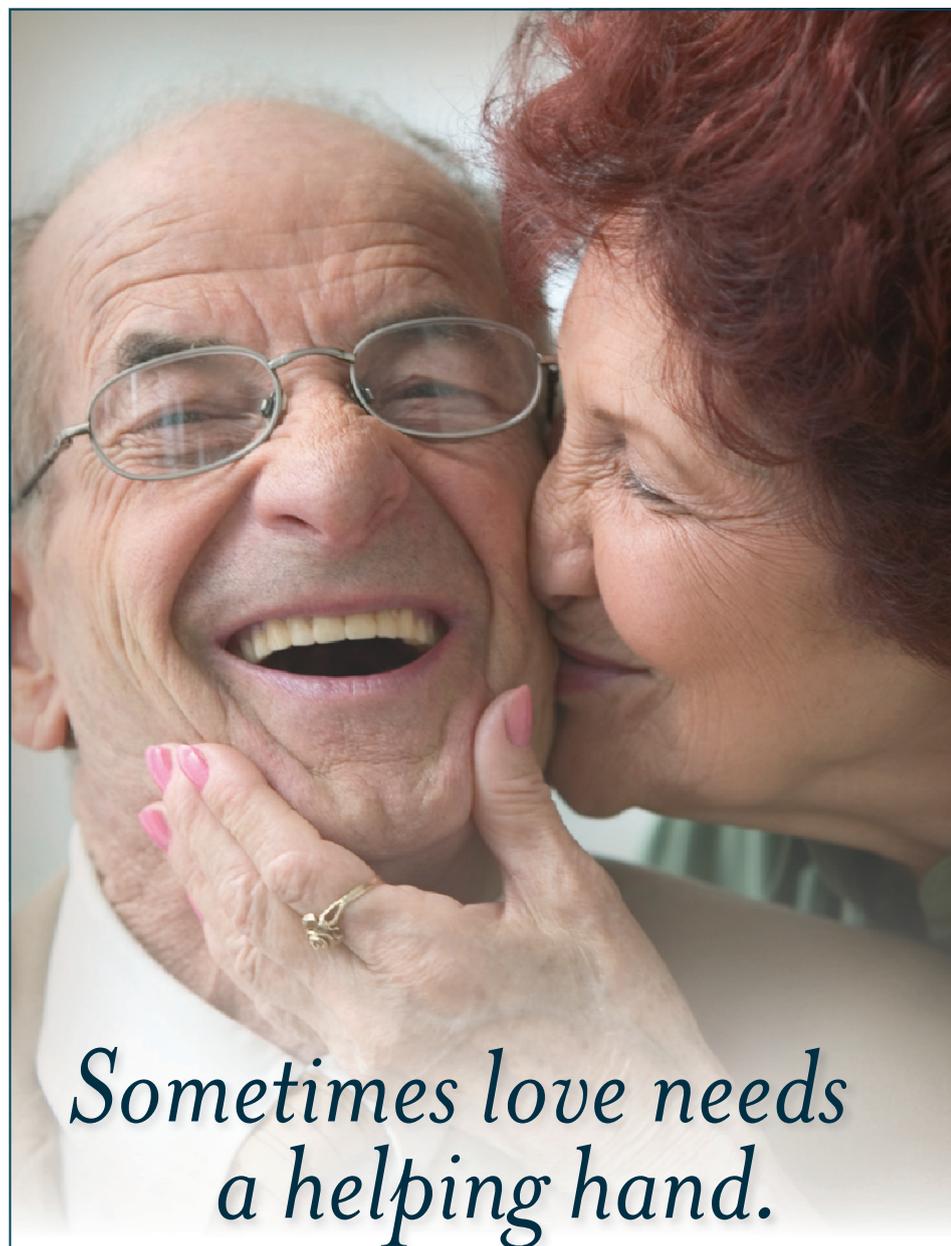
## December Calendar of Events:



- Dec. 16 - Twilight Friday Golf 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 17 - Junior Golf Clinic 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - Free Class: Men work with the Pro on your Short Game, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 20 - Ladies First: Until the Ladies Tee Off Men Off on The Back (Mornings)
- Dec. 22 - Junior Golf Clinic, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day: Closed
- Dec. 27 - Ladies First: Until the Ladies Tee Off, Men Off on The Back (Mornings)
- Dec. 28 - Buy Two Sleeves of Titliest - Free Cart for Members, after 2 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - Jr. Golf Clinic, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pre-High School Ages) | Golf Tournament 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (High School Ages)

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