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McMillan: Friend, Father Remembered

FISHING LEGEND GUNNED DOWN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



PHOTO / JEFF ENRIQUEZ

Locals say they will miss Jimmy McMillan, who was gunned down on New Year's at the Alabama Georgia Grocery store in Belle Glade.

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

To hear them all tell it, a more genuine person could have not have been found casting lures on the lake than Jimmy McMillan, Glades residents said.

He was the personification of a fisherman: experienced, cool, classy. He spent more than three decades learning the lake - its ins and outs,

the hot spots, the migratory patterns of fishes, how weather and the sun affected the lake...everything. He understood the science behind it and the gut instincts that trumped it -- a quality that earned him the title of Angler of the Year.

A person might have been hard-pressed to find better fishing advice.

Luckily for them, he was always available to talk fishing.

"I can remember times I would go over to his house and stand in his garage and he would give me tips and pointers about fishing," recalled a friend, Curtis "Boo" Mosley. "I will miss our talks about fishing and will

always be thankful for him inspiring me to tournament fish."

Everything for McMillan was hard-fought, which made his victories all the sweeter. His accomplishments were well-known in the fishing world, and especially on Lake Okeechobee.

And then Monday happened.

Not more than six hours after the New Year rang in, McMillan lay mortally wounded in his own store on Martin Luther King Blvd. in Belle Glade. The suspect, for reasons that are unknown, infiltrated the store with a gun in an attempt to rob the busi-

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Year in Review

Editor's Note: The following is part 2 of the Year in Review, highlighting the most important stories of 2011.

July

•July 7: The urgency of rehabilitating the aging infrastructure in the Glades communities is linked to the area's most vital resource: water. Piping running underneath the three cities has seen better days and is no longer functioning as it should. The constantly shifting earth, the interaction between dirt and piping, and time itself has eroded the capacity of the pipes to deliver water from the recently built water treatment plant to the homes of customers. The result is a perfect storm of misfortune for Glades residents. Just three years after being constructed, the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant, the brain of the system, is in need of dire repairs to avoid compromising delivery to paying water customers in the three rural cities, operators say.

•July 14: Pahokee Mayor J.P. Sasser found himself in a tense situation on Tuesday night following the Pahokee City Commission Meeting. As he walked to his home, walking in the area of South Elm Street, the mayor reported hearing multiple gunshots fire in the dark. Uninjured by the shooting, the mayor quickly called the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The incident happened just after 10 p.m. on Tuesday. The sheriff's office released little information about the shooting earlier this week, reporting that the mayor saw at least one subject at the scene: a tall, black male who was wearing all black.

•July 21: After years of asking for guardrails to make State Road 80 a safer highway for motorists, Glades residents can breathe easily knowing that the project has started. Crews can be seen working on the installation of the guardrails just outside of Belle Glade. The first few feet of what will encompass an 18-mile barrier have been set. The project is the

direct result of an inordinate number of drowning deaths along State Road 80. Connecting the Glades cities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee to West Palm Beach, the canal-lined roadways have caused the death of mostly Glades residents across the years.

•July 28: To anyone even remotely familiar with the South Bay area, including the thousands of motorists that make it a habit to drive through the area each year, the railroad cottage is a perennial sight. The two-story building facing off at an angle from U.S. 27, near the city limits, has stood in some form or fashion for years. Meant as a tourism destination, the building languished. Some questioned if it would ever be completed, with each passing year doing little to convince anyone that the project hadn't been altogether abandoned by the people who championed it in the beginning.

August

•Aug. 4: Mario is a determined, overachieving and unselfish individual. Just about everyone who knows the former Glades Central Raiders quarterback/linebacker Jamarius 'Mario' Rowley can say that about him -- and much more, perhaps. For a supremely talented athlete of his type, Rowley's had to overcome the lack of an official college scholarship offer, two consecutive heartbreaking losses in the past two Class 2A state championship games against the Cocoa Tigers and the passing away of perhaps the three closest people in his life. None of that, however, stopped Mario from achieving his childhood dream -- an opportunity to play football at the college level.

•Aug. 11: As the Pahokee Blue Devils fifth-year head coach, Blaze Thompson is looking forward to a better overall season than the last one. With the vast majority of his players coming in as underclass-

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Pioneer Park Elementary

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Ms. Bonnie Desplas, our ever resourceful art teacher did it again. Coordinating with the very generous grant foundation "Back to Basics" based in Wellington, Ms. Desplas was the conduit for our students each receiving new shoes, socks, undergarments, and their very own gift. Ms. Desplas arranges for the pick-up and delivery of all items to the school and with the fine arts team distributes the gift packages to students. The team also assists more than three hundred students with trying on shoes in search of that just-right fit! They managed to make this flow smoothly with the help of homeroom teachers during the fine arts block over the course of a couple of days. Thank you to Ms. Desplas and the foundation for their generosity! For many years now our students have been the proud recipients of new school uniforms, shoes, socks, and basic necessities to get the year started and in December look forward to their holidays being brightened by Ms. Desplas and her team.

Panther Run Rocks That Holiday Giving Spirit!

Our sister school, Panther Run Elementary, has once again generously pulled together to help students have a wonderful start to the winter break. The joyous beaming faces of our students opening their gifts in awe have been priceless! Thank you Panther Run and to everyone who gave from the heart to make our students feel special.

Pre Winter Break Meeting

Pioneer Park staff gathered in the Media Center Monday, December, 11, for updates on the FCAT cut scores. Principal Miller explained the upcoming changes for Florida schools which will further raise the bar for the FCAT test. Expectations will be higher and the work will be more rigorous. These changes will demand outcomes that place our student at a globally competitive level.

Battling the Winter Slide

Principal Miller encouraged teachers to send home reading kits for each child to continue their reading. Research shows that reading is like any progressive skill, "use it or lose it." Students who don't read over school breaks actually regress and their reading levels drop and comprehension declines. Home reading over the break will help combat the "winter slide" in which students who don't use their reading skills lose them. Third through fifth grade students especially need to keep their chops up as the FCAT will be fast approaching following the break. We want our stu-

dents to continue their steady uphill climb.

Dwyer Finalist

Congratulations to the very caring, creative, talented and gifted teacher, Ms. Geraldine Russell who has taught for more than thirty years in the Glades. Ms. Russell goes above and beyond to patiently guide her kindergartners through their first year's journey of literacy, building a solid educational foundation that will benefit them for life. Congratulations Ms. Russell, your peers have voiced their resounding declaration and no one can think of a more deserving teacher.

New Year's Resolutions

Following is a sampling of New Year's Resolutions from fourth and fifth graders:

"My New Year's Resolutions is to ..."

"Pass the FCAT by studying Math, Writing, and Reading." Zakiya Evans 4th grade

"Paying attention at all times, talk less and make honor roll." Christine Jeune 4th grade

"To read a lot and get better on my vocabulary to know bigger words and use juicy words in my sentences for writing." Yawanda Larieux

"To become better in Reading, Writing, and Math so when FCAT comes, I will make a good grade!" Alaija King 4th grade

"Make good grades throughout the school year." Adrian McDonald 4th grade

"To celebrate New Year's Eve with my family." Brianna Gallegos 4th grade

"To try to stop bullying." (Anonymous) 5th grade

"I want to make a 5 on FCAT and go to 5th grade." Anga'neka Carter 4th grade

"Pass writing and go to 5th grade." Tanayrie Morales 4th grade

"Pass every class and go to 5th grade." Genesis Montalvo

"To have straight A's, to be good in school and stay out of trouble." Odieu Hilaire 5th grade

"To do better in Math by studying time tables and division." Brushyra Williams 4th grade

"Be good, make honor roll, and don't give teachers any problems." Shelley Jeune 4th grade

"Pass fifth grade and try to impress my teachers by doing good work, making A's & B's." Marc Petit-Frere 5th grade

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.

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.

Glades Day School

Upcoming Events

- Christmas break ends Jan. 9
- Monday, Jan. 9: No school - Teacher Work Day
- Tuesday, Jan. 10: Students return Back-To-

Citizens of the Month

- PreK-3: Eric Nguyen
- PreK-4: Tyler Burch
- K-5: Kelsey Kennedy
- 1st Grade: Hana Lohmann
- 2nd Grade: Landry Pitts
- 3rd Grade: Dean Congleton
- 4th Grade: Tye Fountain
- 5th Grade: Kamryn Kennedy
- 6th Grade: Cassidy Redish
- Enrichment: Tyler Nesbitt

3rd Grade Students of the Month

Ruth-Anne Lively and Kolton DesRochers

First Baptist Church Choir

Choir students performed their Christmas Musical, "Camel Lot" this past Sunday evening.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Everglades Research and Education Center

The Everglades Research and Education Center is holding a Friday Seminar Series on Jan. 6 at 10:45 a.m. They will be discussing "Memoirs of an Everglades Pioneer." A book talk based on the story of a courageous woman and her family as they created a new life in the wilds of southern Florida during the early 1900's, as told by her granddaughter, the book's editor, Patricia Winne Adams.

MLK Parade

The City of Belle Glade invites you to participate in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade to be held on Monday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Pursuing the Dream."

If you are interested in entering a float, car or walking unit in the parade, please complete the attached form and return to any member of the committee or to Mary O. Evans at the city of Belle Glade by email at mevans@belleglade-fl.com or fax at 561-992-2221 by Monday, Jan. 9.

The Parade line up will begin at 9:00am at Lake Shore Middle School - West Canal Street North. All entries should be in place no later than 9:30 a.m.

Committee members are Ms. Mary O. Evans, Chairperson, Mayor Steve Wilson, Reverend Willie Lawrence, Mr. Eddie Rhodes, Mr. Kevin

Wright, Mr. Jerome Govan, Sergeant Terrence Carn and Mrs. Arrie Patrick.

The memorial service will begin immediately after the conclusion of the parade on the Loading Ramp.

2012 College Scholarship Program

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The application can be downloaded from the Property Appraiser's web site at www.pbcgov.com/PAPA. The deadline to submit the 2012 application is March 31. An Employee Scholarship Committee selects the five winners.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a resident of Palm Beach County, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The college or junior college they plan to attend must be accredited.

Funds are raised through volunteer employee donations from participants in Friday Casual Dress Day. For more information, call 561-355-3230.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Red-shouldered Hawk (RSHA)



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Red-shouldered Hawk.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Happy New Year! Join in the fun of reporting or submitting a photo of the first bird you heard or saw in 2012 by posting on the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society's Facebook Page. One popular FOY ("first of year) species is the Red-shouldered Hawk. They are probably the most vocal American hawk. Red-shoulder Hawks are often seen circling above their territories and repeatedly calling "kee-aah" three to four times.

Two of the five subspecies of Red-shouldered hawk breed in Florida. These common raptors are probably the most numerous and widely distributed Florida hawk. One of the two species which lives in South Florida is commonly referred to as the "pale race" because it is smaller and paler gray than other Red-shouldered Hawk subspecies.

The Red-shouldered Hawk is a medium-sized raptor with a robust body and broad wings. Adults have barred rusty-red underparts, brownish head and reddish chest. Their red "shoulders" are visible when they are perched. This hawk has a long black tail with four or five narrow white bands. When in flight pale crescents on the wings are visible from below.

These raptors are usually found in forests with open understory located near water. They will perch in trees or hop on the ground in order to forage for easily captured prey such as toads, snakes, frogs, rodents, and small birds. Their stick nests are usually located in large

mature trees with good canopy cover. The nest is lined with bark, mosses, lichens and twigs. The adults will return to the same nesting area repeatedly where they breed from January through May or June. Normally two whitish eggs with brown are laid in a bulky nest that is placed in a tree's fork. The eggs are incubated for about 33 days. Chicks are born helpless, with open eyes and covered with buffy brown down. The young birds fledge in 40 to 45 days.

They are often chased by American Crows, but will join forces with the Crows to chase Great Horned Owls out of their territory.

If you would like to participate in upcoming bird trips to STA5 or receive the Hendry-Glades Audubon digital newsletter, e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



Margaret England

Lake Okeechobee Fishing Report

BY MARK KING

The New Year is here and the fishing here on Lake Okeechobee just keeps getting better by the day. The lake level is at 13.65 feet above sea level and is at a great level to allow us to fish almost anywhere on the lake including some places we have not had access to in a number of years. A cold front is moving through South Florida and after it warms up next week there should be a lot of bass moving in toward spawning areas. When the water cools off and then warms back up it triggers the bass to move in off the main lake toward spawning areas.

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. I do have some bad news to report, local FLW pro Jimmy McMillan was gunned down in his store during a robbery. Jimmy was loved by the fishing community around Okeechobee and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the McMillan family. The live bait bite on wild shiners has been off the hook the past week with five dozen shiners only lasting a few hours. The artificial bite has been off a little the past week but was really good up until then. Next week the full moon should push a lot of bass in to spawn and the artificial bite should be back in full force. The bass that I have been catching on artificial lures have been flipping in heavy cover, using a Charlie's Worms Flippin' Bug and a heavy one ounce tungsten weight. You will need a good heavy action rod to get these bass out of this heavy cover and braided line of at least fifty pound test is a must.

The bites are not one after another but the bites you do get are big bass. The only other way I was able to catch some bass last week was on a Charlie's Worms Zipper Dipper fished slow. If the weather cooperates this next week we should be able to catch bass off the beds in a lot of areas around the lake. Areas like the East Wall, Long Point, Pelican Bay, and along the shoal should all be good. We are still in January and, with that, cold fronts move through the area and can really slow the fishing down. Starting with wild shiners and then going to artificial lures works great on these colder mornings here on Okeechobee. I haven't had a lot of reports of crappie being caught but I know there are some being caught out off the main channel from Clewiston, in the rim canal, a few around Bird Island, and in the Kissimmee River. Jigs and minnows are both working well to catch them.



PHOTO / MARK KING

Patty Dixon from Freeport, Ohio.

If catching a trophy largemouth bass is something that you have always wanted to do then Okeechobee will be the place you will want to come fishing this year. We have already seen some really nice bass being caught and as we move toward the next few months the fishing will only get better. If you think the bass last year were big wait till you see what is caught this year. Until next week 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.markkingfishing.com to book a trip.

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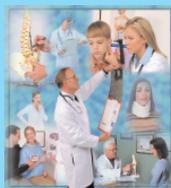
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Chippie Doesn't Sing Much Anymore

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

I have in my files a story that appeared years ago about Mary and her pet parakeet, Chippie.

Wanting to clean Chippie's cage, Mary stuck the open hose of a vacuum into the bottom of the cage. The phone rang, and she turned to pick it up. Mary had barely said "hello" when "fa-wumpa!"



John Hicks

Mary screamed, dropped the phone, turned off the vacuum and opened the bag. There was Chippie sitting up, somewhat dazed, but still alive, and completely

covered with dust.

Mary grabbed him, ran to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the running water. Then, realizing Chippie was wet and starting to shiver, she did what any concerned bird owner would do: she reached for the hair dryer and gave him a blast of hot air.

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him. One minute he was perched in his cage, happily singing. The next he was sucked up, dunked down, and blown over. The reporter who had initially written the story called a few days later to see how Chippie was doing. Mary told him that Chippie was doing okay, but shared, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares."

It's not hard to see why. Being sucked up, dunked down, and blown over will steal the song from the best of us.

We've all had days or weeks or years like that. There are times when life gets so tough that we just sort of sit and stare and wonder what's going to hit us next. If you've ever had a "Chippie" kind of day, or if you're having one right now, I have some good news that will fluff up your feathers, perk up your perch, and put a song back in your heart. At the point of our deepest need, we can be renewed, and our life situations can be transformed. I believe that God is in charge, and something good is therefore going to happen. It may not be what I want to happen. It may not be what I hoped would happen. Things may not go back to the way they were. But God gives new situations, new surprises, and new things that we may have never anticipated or imagined. God is with us and God will lead us to victory in our life.

Chippie doesn't sing much anymore, but we can.

Epiphany: A Manifestation and a Special Moment

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

The Christian season that follows Christmas is the "Epiphany." That Greek word means "manifestation" or "appearance."

It is commonly commemorated with the wise men who first visited Jesus and realized that indeed there was something very, very special about this infant (Matthew 2:1 and 7).

These astrologers were summoned by King Herod, who realized that something was afoot

in his kingdom. It seemed the world was going to welcome another king, and he sought to eliminate the new-born challenger. The wise men were commissioned to search out the babe, then report back. They didn't do it!

Those moments with Jesus moved them to give gifts instead of betrayal and scriptures tell us that they returned to their own country "by another route (Matthew 2:12)." They were those who first recognized the presence of the Lord with God using them (astrologers who interpreted the signs in the stars) to make His presence known in the world.

Herod would use these strangers to his kingdom for his own evil intents. Their discovery and their values would let them have no part in it. Those who encounter the Christ are changed and these three set a precedent that has changed humanity ever since.

They show that encounters with the Lord don't always come from expected sources or through expected ways. The vast majority of Jesus' followers have come from traditions and backgrounds other than those anticipated by Jesus' ancestors.

This is a time of year when I reflect on my own journey in faith; a grandmother who used to read me Bible stories, curiosity when the sciences didn't seem to have all the answers, finding a spiritual community that welcomed my search-

ing, realization that life meant more than just what was being presented in the media, searching for the one best way to invest my life...and on and on, pointing me to consider, search out, test, affirm, offer; each stage with affirmations along the way. An early mentor advised me to re-read each year my ordination vows and let them be a measuring stick for the past year and a guide for the year to come. I have done so most of the years afterward; January 5th being the date of that ordination to my ministry of 45 years now.

I've reflected with others on their special times of commitment, the promises made at baptisms, the services of confirmations, the vows taken at marriage, and to look back on the workings of the Lord in their lives. No doubt there were some unexpected twists and turns along the way, some hard spots and some unexpected joys but through it all seeing the hand of God at work.

In our own ways, when we seek God, we will find Him. May we have the wisdom of the Wise Men and pay Him homage, turn away from those who would do evil, use the gifts He has given us in the service of others, and realize what great gifts we all have received at His hands.



Sam S. Thomas

Will Anything Be 'New' For You?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

Jeremiah, the prophet, has reminded us that "the mercies of the Lord are new every morning." And Paul declares that for Christians "everything is new." "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creation; old things are passed away,

behold, all things are become New." (II Cor. 5:17). But are we experiencing this newness of life?

We can just consider I Thess 5:5-8, "For you are all children of the light and of the day, and do not belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Watch for His return and stay sober. Night is time for sleep and time when people get drunk.

But let us live in the light, keep sober, protected by the arm of faith and love, and wearing as a helmet the happy hope of salvation."

Renewed faith would make a New Year. How do you renew faith? Only by the Word of God. Go to Bible School each Sunday. Attend mid-week Bible Study each week. Read your Bible daily. Memorize important verses of scripture each week.

Renewed love would make a New Year. How do you renew love? By the fellowship with God's loving people. Be in Worship, faithful in fellowship around the table of love each Sunday.

Renewed hope would make a New Year. How do you renew hope? By looking up into the sky from whence the Lord Jesus is coming for you! By renewing the Holy Spirit attitude in your life. The expectant, the God is winning, upward, thankful perspective!

Let me conclude with a little recipe for PROGRESS: If you haven't been faithful every Sunday in church, start to be faithful. If you have been coming only Sunday Morning, start coming Sunday Night.

If you have been faithful all day Sunday, start to mid-week Bible Study. If you are doing all this there is still more, begin to memorize scripture. And don't forget, "The tithe is the Lord's!" "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse of the Lord!"

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2012 Retail Gas Prices Likely to Set Record Highs



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Gas prices could be as high as \$4 by Spring 2013.

Possible \$4 gallon price by Spring 2013

The U.S. average price of gasoline today, \$3.26/g, has declined significantly in recent months but still remains 21.3 cents per gallon higher than the U.S. average price recorded last year at this time.

"As 2011 has come to a close, that's cause for concern," says Gregg Laskoski, Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Why? For the past seven years, the average price movement from the beginning of the year to the peak price posted during the year has been \$0.93 cents per gallon, and as high as \$1.31/gallon."

"Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we've seen for the past seven years. 2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05 and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon," Laskoski said.

Florida average "start price" to peak retail gasoline prices:

2007

- Start Price: \$2.32/g on 1/1/2007
- Peak Price: \$3.13/g on 11/14/2007
- Difference: 81.2 cents per gallon

2008

- Start Price: \$3.08/g on 1/1/2008
- Peak Price: \$4.05/g on 7/15/2008
- Difference: 96.8 cents per gallon

2009

- Start Price: \$1.63/g on 1/1/2009
- Peak Price: \$2.71/g on 10/31/2009
- Difference: 108.1 cents per gallon

2010

- Start Price: \$2.66/g on 1/1/2010
- Peak Price: \$3.07/g on 12/29/2010
- Difference: 40.7 cents per gallon

2011

- Start Price: \$3.07/g on 1/1/2011
- Peak Price: \$3.92/g on 5/4/2011
- Difference: 85.8 cents per gallon

"In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon and only once in the past seven years was the spread below .82 cents per gallon.

And, while we typically anticipate "peak" prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009.

While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn't move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year's end, we could be paying over \$4/gal next spring," said Patrick DeHaan, another Petroleum Analyst with GasBuddy.

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Vicki L. Cox, 68

MOORE HAVEN — Vicki L. Cox, of Moore Haven, passed away December 31, 2011, at Raulerson Hospital.

She was born January 6, 1943, in Grand Coulee, Washington to Otto and Bessie Winnette. She came to Okeechobee from Massachusetts in 1985. She was a homemaker of the Catholic faith and member of the Lakeport Garden Club.

Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her father, Otto Winnette; mother, Bessie Fletcher Winnette; sister, Alura Barr; and brothers, Larry and Warren Winnette.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Billy Cox; sons, Terry Cox (Sierra), Todd Cox (Erin Christle); Siddhi Ramji (Katie Cook); granddaughters, Macy Cox and Caydence Cisneros; and sister, Colleen Cross.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Earl Cline of Palmdale Baptist Church officiating.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. Second Street, (863) 763-2111.



Roy D. Lundy, 84

MOORE HAVEN — Roy D. Lundy, of Moore Haven, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at his home in Moore Haven.

Roy was born March 23, 1927, in Moore Haven. He is the son of the late Paul Edger and the late Amy (Surgnier) Lundy.

Roy was the Sheriff of Glades County from 1956 to 1981. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven and a 50 plus year member of the Moore Haven Lodge 61 F. & A.M.

He is survived by his two sons, Roy D. Lundy, Jr. (Sandra) of Moore Haven, and Jack E. Lundy (Janice) of Moore Haven; grandchildren, Scott Lundy (Nicole), Brad Lundy (Leslie), Jaclyne Pollard (Dwayne); great-grandchildren, Garrett Lundy, Katelyn Lundy, Carolanne Lundy and Aubrey Pollard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Scott Lundy in 1989; and two grandchildren, Samuel David Lundy and Amy Elizabeth Lundy.

The funeral service was held on Friday, December 30, 2011, at First United Methodist Church Of Moore Haven, 300 Avenue L. S.W., Moore Haven, FL. Rev. Charlie Watts officiated. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

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Wild Hogs - Nuisance or Hunting Opportunity?



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Hunting dog.

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal pursued each winter by Florida's more than 200,000 hunters. But, there's another big-game species that's hunted quite a bit too and is especially popular with hunters in the southern and central parts of the state: the wild hog.

Wild hogs, also called wild boars or feral pigs, aren't native to Florida. They either were introduced by colonists or may even have been brought over by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. Hogs provided a major food source for the early settlers, and those pigs that escaped or were released adapted and prospered readily in Florida's mild climate and varied habitats. Though nonnative, you can hardly tell, because wild hogs are plentiful throughout Florida and can be found in all 67 counties. They live in various habitats but prefer moist forests, swamps and pine flatwoods. Abundant populations of wild hogs occur west of Lake Okeechobee, between the Kissimmee and lower St. Johns river basins, and farther north along the Gulf coastal marshes between the Aucilla and Withlacoochee rivers.

Wild hogs are omnivorous and feed by rooting up the ground with their broad snouts, leaving some areas looking like plowed fields. Because of this, they are considered by many agricultural producers to be nuisance animals. Their diet consists of grasses and flowering plants in the spring, fruits in the summer and fall, and they eat roots, tubers and invertebrates throughout the year.

As with all animals, it's against the law to release wild hogs on public lands. It's also not recommended on private lands either, unless the property is surrounded by adequate fencing.

Wild hogs have an annual home range of more than 10 square miles and are prolific reproducers. A healthy female (sow) can breed when only 6 months old and continue to breed every six months, producing four to 14 piglets per litter.

They're not listed as game animals by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) but are considered wildlife. And even

though wild hogs can have negative impacts on native vegetation and wildlife, they're an important food source for several native species, including the alligator, bobcat and black bear, as well as the endangered Florida panther and threatened American crocodile.

Wild hogs also make for a great hunting opportunity. This especially is true in the southern portion of the state where, in some areas, wild hogs actually have replaced deer as the preferred hunting species. Because of the abundance of hogs there and the fact these regions tend to have smaller-bodied deer with lighter racks, hog hunting has gotten pretty popular in those parts.

On private property with the landowner's permission, you may hunt or trap wild hogs year-round. Also, there are no size or bag limits. You may harvest either sex, and you don't even need a hunting license to do so. That goes for nonresidents as well. Now I do need to make you aware that when hunting one of the state's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you will need a valid Florida hunting license and a management area permit. On most WMAs, wild hogs may be hunted during all hunting seasons except spring turkey. But if it's during archery season, you must use a bow; during muzzleloading gun season,

you'll have to use a muzzleloader. Also, on some WMAs, daily bag limits do apply, and in some cases, there's a minimum size limit on what you can shoot.

During this time of year, many of the WMAs' small-game seasons are going on. The great thing about that is you never need a quota permit to hunt during a WMA's small-game season, and on most of them, hogs are legal game. The only thing is, you can't use a centerfire rifle during that season, but you can use a shotgun with buckshot or a slug, or a rimfire rifle like a .22 magnum, or even a pistol if you want.

In addition to still hunting for hogs from a stand or blind, there are those hunters who prefer to catch them with traps or by the use of dogs. Special pens with trap doors work well when baited with acorns or slightly fermented corn. Dogs, such as black-mouth curs and pit bulls, make good "catch" dogs because they can be trained to capture hogs, which they do by biting down on their ears and pinning them to the ground. So whether you think wild hogs are a nuisance or a hunting opportunity, they're a critter some of us are dealing with one way or another. Here's wishing all you hunters a great season and a wonderful new year!



PHOTO / JUAN LOPEZ

Wild hog.

**Public Testing of
Tabulation Equipment**

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 for the Testing of the Tabulation Equipment to be used in the Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on January 31, 2012.

**El público que Prueba del
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El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio en el Supervisor de la Oficina de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Avda., LaBelle, a las 2:00 de la tarde el Jueves, 12 de Enero de 2012 para el Probar del Equipo de Tabulación para ser utilizado en la Eleccion de Preferencia Presidencial Primaria el 31 de Enero de 2012.

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Time-Saving Tips and Tools to Help You Multi-Task



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With today's busy schedules, most people wish they simply had more time. But while you can't add hours to the day, you can free up your time by streamlining your to-do list with time-saving tools.

From the kitchen to the office, people are looking for new technologies to help them become more efficient. In fact, according to a survey conducted by research firm Toluna, and cordless phone manufacturer VTech Communications, 81 percent of respondents rank devices that help you multi-task and get more things done as very important.

So if you are feeling strapped for time, stay up to date with these multitasking tips:

Automate Your Finances

By automating your finances, your banking can take place while you sleep.

The first step is to sign up for direct deposit at work. Likewise, you can set up direct debit for your monthly bills. If you need to access any of your statements, you no longer need to sort through your file cabinet. It's all easily searchable through your online account.

So stop sorting mail, filing, paying bills and visiting your brick and mortar bank, and go take a bubble bath instead.

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Mosquito Borne Disease Advisories and Alerts Lifted

The Palm Beach County Health Department has lifted the mosquito borne disease alert for Dengue and the advisory for West Nile Virus that were in effect the last quarter of 2011.

"We continue monitoring for all mosquito borne diseases and encourage all to keep up their mosquito bite prevention methods," said Health Department Director Alina Alonso, MD. Dr. Alonso added there have been no reported locally acquired cases of these diseases for several months which prompted the alert removal.

In October two people were diagnosed with locally acquired Dengue which prompted the alert and in early December laboratory confirmation of an individual having West Nile Virus prompted the advisory to be continued. The Dengue cases were the first in the county since the 1930's and it

had been five years since the last human case of West Nile Virus was confirmed in the area. These diseases are not transmitted person to person and are only acquired through the bite of a mosquito.

To help protect against mosquito bites people should drain any standing water from around the home or business as mosquitoes can leave their eggs in the smallest water reservoirs. All are also advised to cover their windows with screens in good condition, use air conditioning when possible and cover themselves with light weight long sleeve clothing and pants. Insect repellants containing DEET or picaridin are also effective in preventing the mosquito from biting.

Persons experiencing symptoms should see their medical provider or if severe visit the nearest hospital or clinic.



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Snow day

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Ribbon-Cutting for Health Care District's New Eligibility Office



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Mayor Steve B. Wilson, City of Belle Glade; Donia Roberts, Esq., Glades Rural Area Support Board Member; Brian P. Gibbons, Jr., FACHE, Administrator of Lakeside Medical Center; Ronald J. Wiewora, MD, MPH, CEO and Chief Medical Officer, Health Care District of Palm Beach County; Ryan Shackelford, Belle Glade Chamber Director; Brian R. Lohmann, Health Care District Board Member; Gilbert Alvarez, Glades Rural Area Support Board Member; Commissioner Diane Walker, City of Pahokee; Effie C. Grear, EdD, former Health Care District Board Member; and Dan Liftman, Staff Assistant to Congressman Alcee L. Hastings.

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce welcomed members of the local community on December 20th to celebrate the opening of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's new Eligibility Office. The "Western County Eligibility Office" is centrally located at 1201 NW Avenue L in Belle Glade and will improve access for more residents in the Western communities to apply for the Health Care District's health coverage programs.

"For 23 years, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County has improved access to quality health care services for all Palm Beach County residents and throughout that time we have always maintained an eligibility office and dedicated staff here in the Glades," said Ronald J. Wiewora, MD, MPH, FACP, FACPM, the Health Care District's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer. "We thank the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and its Executive Director Brenda Bunting for hosting this event to raise awareness in the community about our new location."

An estimated 50 people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house, which included tours of the office and an opportunity for guests to learn more about the Health Care District's health coverage programs and services. Among the dignitaries at the event were Steve B. Wilson, Mayor of Belle Glade; Diane Walker, Commissioner of Pahokee; Dan Liftman, Staff Assistant to Congressman Alcee Hastings; Theresa Fordham-Jones, Staff Assistant to Mack Bernard; Commissioner Brian R. Lohmann, the Glades representative on the Health Care District Board; Dr. Effie C. Grear, former Glades representative on the Health Care District Board; Brian P. Gibbons, Jr., FACHE, Administrator, Lakeside Medical Center; Glades Rural Area Support Board members Gilbert Alvarez and Donia Roberts, Esq.; and representatives of many local health and social service agencies.

"The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce appreciates the Health Care District's nearly three-

decades of service to our community," said Brenda Bunting, Executive Director of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. "This new office and the services the Eligibility Staff provides will play an important role in keeping our community healthy."

The Health Care District's health coverage programs are designed for residents who do not qualify for other state or federal health coverage programs and who do not have access to or are unable to afford private health insurance. The District administers the Coordinated Care Program for eligible uninsured Palm Beach County residents as well as Personal Health Plan, a Medicaid HMO, and Vita Health, an affordable health coverage option for working individuals and families.

"The Health Care District's health coverage programs provide medical care and peace of mind to more than 45,000 of the county's residents every year," said Commissioner Brian R. Lohmann, the Glades representative on the Health Care District Board. "We hope that more Glades residents will visit our new Eligibility Office to see if they qualify for one of our programs."

"In these difficult economic times, many in the Glades communities are in need of health coverage," said Karis Engle, Executive Director, Glades Initiative, Inc. "Our agency frequently refers residents to the Health Care District's Eligibility Staff to assist with the application process for health coverage. The new Eligibility Office is right across the street from the U.S. Post Office in Belle Glade which makes it a convenient location."

To contact the Western County Eligibility Office, call 561-992-4255. For more information on the Health Care District's health coverage programs, call 1-866-930-0035 or visit our websites at www.hdcpcb.org (for information on the Coordinated Care Program), www.vitahealth.org (for information on Vita Health) and www.mypersonalhealthplan.org (for direct access to information about our Medicaid HMO.)

SCHOOL

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They did a phenomenal job! Some sang solos and some had speaking parts. We are very proud of our baby gators! Students attended their last day of choir yesterday and had their holiday party. Choir will resume for students after the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Pastor David Broadbent Visits the Lower School

Pastor David Broadbent visited campus during our Morning Devotions today and spoke about loving God and loving one another. Students enjoyed watching his message using a projector. What a great start to our day that was!

Glee Performance

Some of our Lower School students worked hard all week to prepare for their performance with Glee. Students did a wonderful job at last night's Glee Christmas Party! Way to Go!

Math SuperStars

Math SuperStars worksheets are now available on Edline and will not be sent home by the teachers. Please visit www.gladesdayschool.com, Lower School, under "Contents" choose "Math SuperStars." Worksheets can be found in the folders under each prospective grade.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Join us for a tour of our school and visit with our teachers. Registration packets will be available. Child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 to enter kindergarten.

•Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. at Tripp Hall. RSVP by email to csanford@gladesdayschool.com.

Please contact the Lower School office for more information.

Campus Preview

Glades Day School will host a Campus Preview on Jan. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Gove Elementary School

Volunteers of the Month

Kudos to the following volunteers for contributing over 10 hours of volunteer service during the month of November: Jacqueline Betancourt, Rudelys Betancourt Lara, Miriam Fiallo, Amanda Ford, Lucille Holley, John Kujawski, Caridad Lo-

pez Morales, Liset M. Gutierrez, Mercedes Navarro, Maria Nunez, Willie Perry, Rony Sylvain, Yolanda Treto and Dorca Valdes. The Gove Family appreciates their support!

Special Thanks

On behalf of our families we extend a sincere 'thank you' to the National Honor Society at Western Academy Charter School for sponsoring 15 families for Thanksgiving.

Because of their generosity, each family received a basket of canned goods and gift cards to Winn Dixie.

We commend Ms. Linda Terranova, Principal, for her continued support and for instilling in her students a sense of giving.

Fine Diner Award

Congratulations to the following homerooms for earning the "Fine Diner Award" for the month of November. Students received a special dessert in the cafeteria compliments of PTO. Kindergarten: Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Dorta, Mrs. McAllister, and Ms. Mayorquin. First Grade: Ms. Long, Mrs. Robert, and Mrs. De Jesus. ESE: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Shannon, and Ms. Luma. Second Grade: Mrs. Rayburn, Ms. Blandon, Mrs. Guerry, Mrs. Gonzales, Ms. Michno, and Mrs. Barreto. Third Grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. Burphy, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Mangual, Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Dorta, and Mrs. Hodkin. Fourth Grade: Mrs. Bratt, Mrs. Marrero, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Rimes, and Mrs. Nassopoulos. Sixth Grade: Mrs. Hanse, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. EAsdale, Ms. Jacks, and Mrs. Lutz.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to the following classrooms for having the highest student attendance for the month of November: First Place- Ms. Hansen's Gr. 5 (the students received a special cookie celebration delivered to their classroom). Second Place- Ms. Easdale, Gr. 6; Third Place- Ms. Rice, Gr. 4; Fourth Place- Ms. Cano, Ms. Velasco (Kindergarten), Mrs. Rimes, Gr. 4 and Mrs. Carrasco, Gr. 5. Second through fourth grade winners received a special recognition during the morning announcements.

Gove Artists

Congratulations to the following Gove artists who represented our school in the K-12 District Art Show, 'Rave Reviews': Kathia Alvarenga (Gr. 6), Mario Mendez-Rivas, (K), Dakarai Coleman, (K), and Shakira Lee (Gr. 6). The art was on exhibit from Dec. 7 to 15 at Fulton Holland Education Center (district office). A reception for the artists and their families was held on December

7th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the district office. We thank Mrs. J. Schmidt, Art Teacher, for entering our students' work in this annual event.

"Pawtastic" Behavior

The following classes are to be commended for achieving the goal of obtaining 14 paws for good behavior: Mrs. Easdale, Mrs. Carrasco, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Long, Mrs. Huertas, Mrs. Chapman, Ms. Jacks, Ms. Michno, and Mrs. S. Miller. All of the classes will have the opportunity to play Wii games during a designated time. Congratulations to all and keep up the "Pawtastic" behavior! We thank Mrs. Zavala for overseeing this new initiative to promote good behavior throughout the school.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 23 to Jan. 9: Winter Holidays
- Jan. 10: Classes Begin

KEC/Canal Point Elementary

Food For Families Ice Cream Celebration

Third Grade students brought in the most canned items during the Food for Families drive and were rewarded with an ice cream party. Third grade students brought in over 338 cans to share with the community! The goods were given to local food pantries. Way to go, third grade!

First Grade Visits Glades Health Care Center

The First Grade Classes at KEC/Canal Point Elementary School visited Glades Healthcare Center in Pahokee on Tuesday, December 20th. The classes sang Christmas songs, recited poems, and handed out handmade crafts and cards. The residents got in on the fun by singing along with the children, clapping, and dancing. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

First grade teachers Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Coppin, Mrs. Sprouse, Mrs. Warwick and students would like to thank their hardworking volunteers that helped make this trip possible: Mrs. Jo Ann Lairsey, Mrs. Petra Ebangi, Ms. Bernice Bell, Ms. Sarah Edwards, and Mr. Jemmott. Words can not express how much our volunteers are loved and appreciated!

Box Top Winners For December

We are continuing to collect box tops for need student items. The following students won the raffle for the month of December.

- Kindergarten: Snowy Day-Lazaro Valdez
- 1st grade: Snow Day-Selena Hernandez

- 2nd grade: Snow-Zayra Flores
- 3rd grade: Snowy the Surprise Puppy-Rommel Molina
- 4th grade: Diary of a Wimpy Kid-Kalabie Pyfrom
- 5th grade: Diary of a Wimpy Kid-Lonquinten McFadden

Honor Roll Students For The First Trimester

Students who achieved honor roll status were rewarded with a Sundae Party on December 2. Parents were invited to join in on the delicious fun!

- Kindergarten: Guadalupe Alfar, Tanya Baker, Ariyan Baker, Myracle Cooper, Daniel Gonzaelez, Kamarion Mullins, Timothy Myrick, Corey Wilkerson, San'Cori Wilkerson, Mikayla Williams, Kimberly Bahena, Kenneth Brown, Yomel Mederos, Deaysha Milton, Tony Richardson, Noel Rosas, Arnelius Wells, Ajaisia Crawford, Lynnard Evens, Tashay Scott, Shilayah Smith

- First grade: Zariah Brooks, Jatarvis Brown, Judy Jencik, Layla Perez, Alexander Ramirez, Melanie Razo,Zarian Reddick, Oniel Seniorine, Gabriela Wheeler, James Whitfield, Bijay Boldin, Yaritza Gallardo, Mikenzia Golphin, Alaysia Samuels, Hector Servin, Javorian Wimberly, Ariel McPherson, Carliss Osborne, Kelishyah Roberson, Joshua Walkes, Jakyia Posey, Caronlina Fonseca, Tamari Baker, Mariah Brooks, Normanesha Harris, Dewayne Holmes, Shamyla Johnson, Tristan Kinsler, Roshakeria Johnson, Joequan Polk, Natalie Razo, Deshon Williams, JoeQuavian Young,

- Second grade: Miguel Zapata, Nathaniel Young, Cedrick Washington, Calvin Walker, Sherman Raymond, Tyreek McPherson, Kanarian King, Abigail Garcia, Robert Cortez, Antonio Boldin, Keyonvis Bouie, Bryanna Crawford, Zayra Flores, Jose Gallardo, Ralston Henry, Arnold Jimenez, Gissele Zavala, Juan Carlos Corona

- Third grade: Cristoval Castaneda, Jasmyn Crawford, Heaven Dukes, Abnelle-Jean Louis, Jaheim Littles, Miguel Medina, Jaylen Williams, Kimberly Fonseca, Brianna Paniagua, Cornelius Wells

- Fourth grade: Lenkevius Johnson and Takaili Wilson

- Fifth grade: Anthony Calderon, Jakobie Jones, and Octaesia Young

McMILLAN

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ness. Faced with the possibility of leaving without taking any money with him, the assailant chose to fire a gun and take a life instead.

Emergency crews rushed in to provide aid to Jimmy, air lifting him to Delray Medical Center, where he later died as a result of his injuries. Jimmy would unfortunately become the first confirmed murder victim of the year for Palm Beach County.

Investigators report that a black male wearing a ski mask was seen fleeing from the scene.

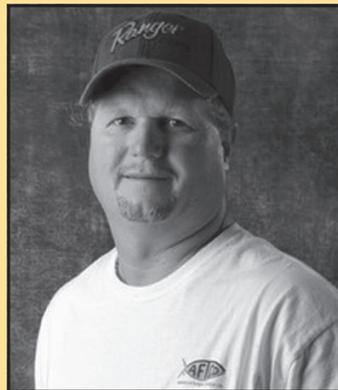
Detectives are working diligently on the case, hoping that someone with more information on what happened will step forward and help them to put the murderer behind bars.

What seems more longstanding is that Mc-

Millian's achievements will not be overshadowed by the details of his death as in the immediate days following the incident, the grocery store was shut down. Someone had placed a row of red roses on the front doors, and two poster boards were hung where mourners wrote their final goodbyes. Friends had trouble making sense of the crime.

Mark King, who often stumbled into a smiling and talkative McMillan on the lake, wondered if McMillan's many years of service to the community was worth it in the end.

"Jimmy provided a service to some folks that most wouldn't even give the time of day to, and (he) did nothing against those people in Belle



Jimmy McMillan

Glade," Mark said. "I know if they catch this guy they will only put him in jail and in my opinion that is not enough."

The sentiment echoed in responses from others.

"He was taken away so young in life; just when he has sons who need the father image during this time of their life," said Sara Phillips, a family friend. "They've been robbed."

But despite what everyone else had to say about the man, few had more appropriate things to recount than Jimmy's own family.

An article written around this same time last year demonstrates the affection with which McMillan will be remembered most dearly by those who loved him. In January 2011, FLW Outdoors followed a hot story – that

of a father and son who were quickly becoming legends on Lake Okeechobee. The reporter asked the younger McMillan to explain the significance of his father on his own career as a fisherman:

Brandon McMillan can remember when he was seven years old and his dad would wrap him up in a sleeping bag on frigid winter mornings for a ride across Lake Okeechobee to his best fishing hole.

"Back then, tournaments were mostly two-man team events and you could bring in 10 bass per boat," McMillan said.

"I can remember being huddled down in that warm sleeping bag watching dad catch bass after bass and wanting to fish like him."

If you have any information, you are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS. A \$25,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect in the McMillan murder case.

Brenda Bunting and Jeff Enriquez contributed to this story.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1272	2007	1224432-01000130030	Estate of Benjamin A. Aruca And Estate of Martin Aruca

Lot 3 in Block 13 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405825 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1678	2008	1224432-01000220010	Francisco Ramos Mendez & Irma Maldonado Bermudez

Lot 1, Block 22, 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
1156	2007	1144432-A0002470100	Carlos Pelaez & Otto A Villamizar

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2895, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "C", one commissioner elected representing Seat "D", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "E". Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Belle Glade for at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The first day for qualifying begins January 31, 2012, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 14, 2012, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) until said date and time. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

Registered voters in Precincts 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6028, 6029 and 6030 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 13, 2012.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the particular office that such candidate seeks in this particular election, a Run-Off Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat. To qualify as a registered voter for the Run-Off Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 27, 2012.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
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 CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
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PALM BEACH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD)
NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGE FINANCING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications from individuals seeking funding under the **Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)**. Pre-applications are available directly from HCD or may be downloaded from the HCD website at www.pbcd.gov/hcd. Applications must be submitted in person and will be accepted year-round until funding has been exhausted.

Activity Description:
 The NSP II First and Second Mortgage Loan Program was developed to provide first mortgage loan financing at 4 percent interest rate (4.9% APR) fixed for 30 years, and a second mortgage loan at zero percent interest, in the form of a forgivable loan to run concurrently to the first mortgage loan for 30 years. The first mortgage loan is amortized over 30 years and has mandatory escrow requirements for real estate property taxes and homeowners hazard insurance. The second mortgage loan does not have a monthly repayment requirement. The second mortgage loan provides "gap" financing. Eligible uses of the second mortgage are: down payment assistance, closing costs, and rehabilitation costs. Eligible dwellings must be foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant residential properties located within the Urban Redevelopment Area (URA) or the Glades Regional Target Area (GRTA). Eligible households earning up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI), who do not own a home are eligible to participate in the program (credit and asset provisions apply). The home must remain the principal residence of the applicant for the life of the loan.

Amount Available:
 \$11,865,400.00 is available for first and second mortgage loan financing.

Rate	Term	Points	Maximum after rehabilitation value
4% (4.90% APR)	30 years	0	\$211,375*

*HUD Median Purchase Price Guidelines

Eligible Applicants:
 Eligible applicants for the NSP II include individuals who are not current homeowners, have a middle FICO credit score of 600, and meet income and household eligibility guidelines. Eligible applicants are required to reside in the home as their principal place of residency.

Eligible Rehabilitation:
 Applicants may use up to \$50,000 to rehabilitate the dwelling. Rehabilitation funding will be deducted from the maximum award of the second mortgage loan.

Program Requirements/General Information:

- Affordability Guidelines:**
 Annual Income Limits for West Palm Beach and Boca Raton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) FY 2011 Area Median Income (AMI) \$63,300
- Eligible Program Areas:**
 All properties purchased must be located in either the County's "Urban Redevelopment Areas". The east area boundaries are generally described as: **Community Drive to the North; the Lake Worth Drainage District L-14 Canal to the South; I-95 to the East; and extends to various points West as far as Jog Road; or the Glades Region Target Area generally described as: the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point.**
- Other criteria:**
 The sales price (including any rehabilitation) cannot exceed \$211,375, which represents 95% of the median sales price, and must reflect at least a one percent (1%) discount of the "as is" appraised value. The home purchased must be used as the purchaser's primary place of residence. The first mortgage will be provided in the form of a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, with an interest rate not to exceed 4% (APR of 4.9%).

The second mortgage loan may also be provided to NSP II homebuyers to assist with rehabilitation, closing costs, and down payment assistance. The second mortgage loan provided shall not exceed \$100,000 for very low income applicants (0-50% AMI), \$65,000 for low income applicants (51-80% AMI), and \$50,000 for moderate income applicants (81-120% AMI). The second mortgage loan shall bear no interest and shall be forgiven after thirty (30) years if all affordability provisions are met. All mortgage financing requests are subject to funding availability.

Paper Copy Version: can be picked up at Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No alterations or deletions to the application formats are allowed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Map of Palm Beach County Urban Redevelopment Area



The Zip Codes which are located within the east "Urban Redevelopment Area" are listed below.

ZIP CODES	GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
33406	North of the L-8 Canal; East of Military Trail; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of I-95. (Palm Springs)
33409	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Military Trail; South of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Village Blvd.; and West of I-95 (West Palm Beach)
33413	North of Southern Blvd.; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of the E-3 Canal (Greenacres)
33415	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)
33417	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Florida's Turnpike; South of the M Canal; and West of Military Trail. (West Palm Beach)
33461	North of the L-14 Canal; East of I-95; South of the L-8 Canal; and West of Military Trail. (Palm Springs and Lake Worth)
33463	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Sherwood Forest Rd.; South of Lake Worth Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)



All the above listed zip code areas contain portions which are not within the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Some of the above listed zip code areas are mostly outside of the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Only properties located within the portions of the zip codes falling within the URA boundaries are eligible for NSP-2 assistance.

Glades Region Target Area:
 The target area encompasses the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point. The creation of the GRTA added nine census tracts to the NSP2 Program. These are census tracts 80.01; 80.02; 81.01; 81.02; 82.01; 82.02; 82.03; 83.01; and 83.02.

For additional information about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II, please call (561) 233-3655 or (561) 233-3688.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED CAN BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3660.

PUBLISH: December 18th, and 25th; January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
987	2007	1134432-A0000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, 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 5665, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

405820 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1698	2008	1224432-01000310140	Myleen Barrera

Lot 14, Block 31, 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.

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

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Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Board of County Commissioners
 Hendry County, Florida
 406480 CN/CB 1/5/2012

Employment Full Time

Assistant to the Foreman

Alico, Inc. is seeking an Assistant to the Foreman in our Citrus Division. This position is responsible for setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, herbicide, fertilize, disc, spray, hedge, etc., as well as checking irrigation systems. Position will perform duties with little or no supervision from foreman. Will be responsible to train others and fill in for others, including Foreman, as necessary.

Must have a thorough knowledge of the geographic make up of fields; must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions; must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment. Must have the ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently and to keep proper and adequate records.

Position requires an Agriculture related degree and a minimum of 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license, a valid pesticide license is preferred, and must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted.

Qualified candidates should submit their resume to hrdepartment@alicoinc.com or fill out an application at our Corkscrew Barn located at 4625 County Rd 850, Immokalee, FL 34142.

The Company maintains a drug free environment and is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment Medical

HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST

Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks Healthcare Specialist. Responsibilities: Disease management programs, clinical evaluations, equipment set up & education. Be the doctor's eyes in the home setting. RN, RRT, CRT licensed as applicable. Great personalities with strong work ethic needed. Competitive salary, benefits & career paths. Drug Free Workplace, EOE. Please fax resume to Angel, 863-763-5191

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Employment Full Time

UTILITY OPERATOR

Alico, Inc. is seeking a Utility Operator for our Sugarcane Division. This position is responsible for the care and maintenance of assigned equipment by setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, fertilize, disc, spray, etc. Operates semi-truck, dump truck, loader, as well as other misc. agricultural equipment. Works under little or no supervision from foreman.

Must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions. Must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment used. Ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently. Ability to keep proper and adequate records. Demonstrates safe operation skills of all equipment. General knowledge in repair and maintenance of all agricultural equipment assigned. Performs other duties as may be required from time to time.

Minimum 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted including, but not limited to, various attachments and related equipment parts.

Qualified applicants should complete an application at the Sugarcane Barn located at: 7515 Collins Slough Rd., Felda, FL 33930.

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Glades Resort - On river, off Hwy 80, 2br 3ba, 2 car garage, Florida room, large corner lot. Close to the golf course & boat yard. \$875 mo. (970)708-9993.

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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. 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
688	2007	1204529-A0000260100	Robert Dale Dunaway and Pamela O. Dunaway

The parcel hereon described is situated in the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 29 east, Hendry County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, being the Point of Beginning, thence N 05 degrees 25'10"W, (basis for bearing being the Sun Oil Company Plat, as prepared by Johnson & Hall Associates, Inc.), along the West section line of said Section 20, a distance of 1,486.38 feet; thence N 89 degrees 32'13" E, along the quarter-quarter section line a distance of 469.26 feet; thence S 05 degrees 25'10" E, a distance of 1,487.96 feet to the South section line of said Section 20; thence S 89 degrees 43'54" W, along said South section line, a distance of 469.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 30.00 foot road easement along and across the North boundary thereof.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 1/24/12

SUBJECT AREA: 339 Homeless Students

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 F.S. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.01(12) and 1003.21 F.S. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 - 11436; Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311 - 6315

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for homeless students.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 24, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(f), F.S. 405624 CN 12/29/2011 1/5,12/2012 CB 1/12/2012

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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2011-111CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA LOU GRAHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EMMA LOU GRAHAM, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2011; File Number 2011-11 ICP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 5, 2012.

DEMETRIA ANN MARCUS
Personal Representative
1006 Empire Street
Plant City, FL 33563

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, for the following Proposals:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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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.

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

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000042
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 22-2011-CA-000106
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2011-CA-000106 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida

Public Notice

CITY OF CLEWISTON
115 W. VENTURA AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440
Notice is hereby given that the City of Clewiston City Commissioners will hold a Public Workshop on the Clewiston Boat Basin Improvements at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012 at the John Boy Auditorium.

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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".

You are notified that the District has filed in the office of the secretary of the District a resolution to consider approval of an amended water control plan, "WCP," to provide for the following elements making the District's WCP consistent with the District's Environmental Resource Permit with South Florida Water Control District; and, providing for a special assessment associated with the completion of the District's Reservoir Levee. Said amendments are summarized as follows:

- 1. Completion of Reservoir Levee Improvements** - Construction of the 2.5 miles of the levee that remains to be completed in order to allow water retention at design/permitted capacity;
- 2. Installation of Two (2) Additional Pumps** - The installation of two additional pumps upon completion of the Reservoir Levee thereby increasing the District's permitted pumping capacity from 250,000 gpm to 300,000 gpm, a net 50,000 gpm theoretical increase in pumping capacity;
- 3. Inclusion of Woodlands Subdivision in the District's Geographical Boundaries** - The District's legal description contains a scrivener's error thereby not closing the legal description of the Woodland's Subdivision as it relates to the geographical boundaries of the District;
- 4. Provision for a Special Assessment Funding the Reservoir Levee Completion** - The District intends to fund the Reservoir Levee Improvements referenced herein by a special assessment not previously authorized by law through the provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes; and,

On or before its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices, Montura Ranch Estates, 475 South Cabbage Palm Road Clewiston, Florida, 33440 written objections to the proposed plan amendment may be filed with the District at the aforementioned address. A public hearing on the proposed plan amendment will be conducted at the scheduled meeting and written objections will be considered at that time. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board of Supervisors may determine to proceed with the process for approval of the proposed plan amendment and direct the District Engineer to prepare an engineer's report identifying property to be taken, if any, assessing benefits and damages, and estimating the cost of improvements associated with the proposed plan amendment. A final hearing on approval of the proposed plan amendment and Engineer's report shall be duly noticed and held at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting within 60 days after filing of the engineer's report with the Secretary of the District.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
406561 CN 1/5,12,19/2012

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hedrick Brothers Construction / Asset Builders (Construction Managers) for The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida; will receive 'Subcontractor Qualification Information' until January 13, 2012 for Phase Two - Gove Elementary School Modernization, Belle Glade, Florida.

Phase Two will consist of construction of a new 121,000 sf / 924 student station Elementary School.

The Project is scheduled to achieve LEED Silver Certification.

Phase One Site Remediation / Site Preparation work is not included within Phase Two.

Interested bidders that have been previously pre-qualified by the Construction Manager are required to complete Subcontractor Request for Invitation to Bid.

All other interested bidders are required to complete Subcontractor Qualification Statement.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a minimum goal of 9% Certified African American M/WBE participation for this Project. Only firms Certified by the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida or State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity or its successors are accepted for participation as an African American M/WBE Firm.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida has a goal of at least a 10% Local Vendor and Local Worker Participation. Local is defined as Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Canal Point and Lake Harbor.

Construction funding for the project is secured through a Federal Assistance Program for Qualified School Construction Bonds. All Subcontractors shall be required to comply with all applicable requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and Department of Labor regulations.

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager reserve the right to reject any or all offers / proposals or to accept any offers / proposals which is in its best interest. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and / or Construction Manager also reserve the right to waive any informalities, irregularities and technicalities in procedure.

All cost incurred by Subcontractor / Proposer in preparing a proposal response shall be the sole responsibility of the Subcontractor / Proposer.

Interested Bidders, please forward your request for a 'Subcontractor Qualification Statement' by email to estimating@hedrickbrothers.com or fax to 561.681.5088.

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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
HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
FM# 428104-1**

RFQ No: 2012-08

OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Henry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. 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 Henry 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.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Henry County Purchasing Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Henry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

The solicitation does not commit Henry 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.

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000128**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT M. SHEFFER, et al,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2011 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000128 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and ROBERT M. SHEFFER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 N/K/A CLARA SUE HELLARD, and TENANT #2 N/K/A DAFNEY L. ALBRITTON are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**PARCEL 1
LOT 4, POLLYWOG CREEK, A MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**PARCEL 2
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 3 INCHES BY 3 INCHES CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 117 AND 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID POLLYWOG CREEK SUBDIVISION, 32.70 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 42.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 129.89 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 153.08 FEET TO SAID NORTH LINE OF POLLYWOG CREEK AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING.**

THERE IS A MOBILE HOME AFFIXED TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. (REDM)(1997), I.D. #(FLA14611078A&B).

A/K/A 22530 SHAWNEE 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 December 14, 2011.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Julie Yarbrough
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 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 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.
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SFWMD Installs Deep Exploratory Wells in Florida



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of the drilling platforms that will be exploring the lower Floridan Aquifer.

Test wells will help evaluate the aquifer 2,700 feet below ground

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

To support and sustain the water supply in Central Florida, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is currently drilling test wells up to 2,700 feet deep in previously unexplored portions of the Lower Floridan Aquifer.

"The Lower Floridan Aquifer in this area is largely uncharted territory, and its potential for boosting regional supplies is not yet known," said Terrie Bates, Director of the SFWMD Water Resources Division. "This could be a significant and viable alternative source to meet water needs in future years."

The SFWMD Governing Board approved a contract for additional well drilling and testing, a continuation of an overall exploratory program initiated earlier this year. Drilling sites include locations in Osceola and Polk counties.

Traditional water supplies, especially from shallow aquifers, are limited in many parts of the region. Alternative water sources, such as the deep Lower Floridan Aquifer, are being explored for potential use to meet future public water supply demands.

Data from the wells will be provided to the Central Florida Water Initiative, a partnership of utilities, stakeholders, the South Florida Water Management, St. Johns Water Management and Southwest Florida Water Management districts.

The goal of the initiative is to gather additional information on alternative water supply that will potentially increase regional water supplies and improve the ability to protect natural systems.

The drilling operation is a meticulous, time-consuming effort. When drilling half a mile below ground, it takes 50 minutes for the excavated rock to reach the surface.

Lower Floridan Aquifer

In Florida, much of the public water supply comes from groundwater. Florida's aquifers, which supply more than 8 billion gallons of water each day, are among the most productive in the world.

The Floridan Aquifer System is the main source of groundwater in the Kissimmee Basin. It is comprised of multiple layers of rocks overlain by unconsolidated sediments. Some of these rock layers are porous and hold water, while others impede its movement.

The permeable zones of the Upper Floridan aquifers are the main portions used for water supply. Much less is known about the deeper portions of the aquifer.

Research currently under way on the Lower Floridan will help determine the aquifer's depth, water quality and other factors that will help identify its potential, long-term sustainability as a water resource.

By compiling and evaluating data from the test wells, the SFWMD and partner agencies will have a clearer picture of how the Lower Floridan Aquifer operates and how to better manage and protect the region's water.

Twelve Resolutions for 2012

Florida Dept. of Health

The New Year is a time to reflect on past accomplishments and memories, but it is also a time to think about new goals and plans for the year to come.

1. Designate a "family night" every week. Having together time as a family is so important to a child's life. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) wants to encourage parents to select one night a week to spend together in the upcoming New Year. Cook a healthy meal and sit down to eat together.

Have a game night, or take the kids outside to exercise or play. A recent study showed that the more often children have dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Strive to make every night a family night to protect your children in 2012! For more information on how to make life better for all Florida's children, visit The Ounce of Prevention at www.ounce.org.

2. Eat Florida Fresh. Let Florida's Department of Agriculture (DACS) help you Eat Florida Fresh all year long with their Flavorful Seasons cookbook. Not sure what Florida fruit or vegetable is in season?

Use this tool to help you always stay fresh! Encourage healthy eating in your youngest family members with Fresh From Florida Kids offering recipes and tips for moms to stay on track as children grow. Create healthy eating habits and be positive role model for your children to imitate in 2012.

3. Quit smoking. Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Last year, about half of them tried to quit, yet few (6.2 percent) were successful. As 2012 approaches, Tobacco Free Florida is encouraging smokers in the state to use the program's free and convenient quit resources to start the year smoke-free and increase their chances of staying smoke-free for good. Evidence-based cessation counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies (NRTS) provided by the program can double to triple your chances of successfully quitting.

4. Resolve to be ready! FEMA and Florida's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) encourage you to make a resolution that is easy to keep and can save lives.

For 2012, Resolve to be Ready for emergencies by taking simple steps to prepare your family, your home, your business, and your community in the face of potential disaster. Get informed about the different types of emergencies that can happen in your area and the appropriate responses, make a family disaster plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved in community preparedness to be ready for anything in 2012.

5. Get back to nature! Participation in traditional outdoor activities is dwindling. Today's children are increasingly disconnected from nature and devote nearly eight hours a day to entertainment media and "media multi-tasking," while the number who spend time hunting and fishing continues to decline. Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN) is a statewide network that partners with schools, communities, youth organizations, volunteers, land owners, and donors, to enrich and expand participants' understanding of conservation and natural Florida by providing outdoor experiences for youth.

6. Spend more time with seniors in your life. Florida's 60-plus population of more than 4.45 million represents 23.6 percent of the state's population – almost one in four Floridians. But often there is a natural gap in understanding between people of different generations. This year, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs

(DEA) encourages you to take the time to find connections through intergenerational activities and programs that teach youth and elders how to relate to each other. It can be as simple as reading to one another, baking together, going fishing, playing card games or sharing music—anything that helps create opportunities for elders, mature adults, young adults, teenagers and children to spend time together in order to build and strengthen relationships.

7. Travel more—and travel green. If you vow to see more of the world this year, make sure you are viewing it through green-colored glasses. Traveling green helps the environment around you and is relatively easy to accomplish. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages travelers of the New Year to increase their environmental cognizance by staying at one of the 167,000 green hotel rooms in Florida, ranging from 4-room properties to 5,500-room resorts, including all Disney resort properties. DEP's Green Lodging program accounts for 681 designated facilities around the state, which have adopted numerous green practices that conserve energy, reduce water consumption, protect air quality and reduce waste.

8. Reserve time to read to a young loved one. Reading is healthy—for the mind, soul and imagination! Make an effort to mark allotted time each month to read to or with a younger one. Your quality reading time could have an overwhelming impact on their educational future. Research from the Florida Department of Education (DOE) shows that children who read just 20 minutes a day are more successful students and have a reduced chance of dropping out of school. In addition, one of the most consistent predictors of children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parents' expectations of the child's academic achievement. Venture into different media – everything from magazines and newspapers to books and blogs count!

9. Plan ahead to bolster your future. In tough economic times, pledging to secure a job by an outlined deadline can be challenging. This New Year, refocus your time on familiarizing yourself with the available resources that can help you for years to come. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) boasts a variety of go-tos for seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, teachers, state government employees, and green-sector interests. Research job openings, create a great resume, apply for jobs, and research labor market trends in DEO's Job Search Resources and develop an awareness of the workforce world around you.

10. Volunteer in your community. Volunteering is a humble act of kindness that can have great magnitude on the community around you. Rather than viewing volunteerism as a good deed, volunteerism can be looked at as a way of life.

Volunteering can be as simple as planting flowers at a neighbor's house to as committed as visiting a foreign country to teach a language. No matter how you decide to volunteer—there are always people in need—and the world around you will benefit from your thoughtfulness. Begin your New Year with a fresh schedule of civic participation—Volunteer Florida is a great resource to help you get started. Locate a volunteer center, roll your sleeves up, and help your community!

11. Wear your seatbelt. The most important way to ensure safety while driving is to wear a seatbelt all the time, every time. Fortunately, Floridians are making headway on incorporating seatbelt-wearing into their driving habits. The Florida Department of Transportation's (DOT) newest Florida Safety Belt Use Final Report

showed that the statewide seat belt use rate for Florida is 88.1 percent, its highest level to date. Although this number is promising, it illustrates that a percentage of residents still aren't prioritizing their safety in the car. In fact, in 2010, Florida experienced 1,450 traffic deaths of drivers and passengers in safety belt equipped vehicles.

The tragic note of this is that 54%, or 777, of these people killed were not wearing seat belts. The best way to accomplish this continuously is to develop a routine and adhere to it.

Don't turn on your car until you have completely fastened your seatbelt, and remember that "sometimes" doesn't equal safety. To make sure that you do buckle up and drive safely, make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to get

to your destination. Buckle Up in 2012 – Every Time, Every Trip!

12. Find peace of mind with Florida KidCare. Start 2012 off with the peace of mind knowing that your child is insured with Florida KidCare. KidCare is a comprehensive insurance program that allows families to have access to health care for their children.

Most families pay as little as \$15 or \$20 per month and some pay nothing at all. Kids' health plays an important role in a child's success at school, on the ball field, in the dance studio and on the playground.

So don't wait until for an emergency before prioritizing health care and give yourself a year full of peace of mind.

CLEWISTON GOLF COURSE



January Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 5 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 8 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 9 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 10 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 12 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 14 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 15 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 16 - City Holiday - Open. Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 17 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 19 - Members Play for \$9 Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 21 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart; Jr. Golf 10 a.m. - Noon.
- Jan. 22 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 23 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 24 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 26 - Members Play for \$9; Crooked Hook 8:30 a.m.; Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 29 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get Free cart
- Jan. 30 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 31 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m.; Swinging Golfers Mtr. Homes 10:30 a.m.

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men, he stopped short of saying that he expects the team to win its seventh state title this year. Granted, there are at least several challenges this year's team will have to face this season. While there's not much that can be demanded from the relatively young squad – the 2010 team did finish with a 3-7 overall record, the program's first losing season since 2000 – Thompson is, nonetheless, relatively excited by the talent and potential he sees from his players thus far.

•Aug. 18: A number of Glades Central football players found themselves in a different kind of environment on Tuesday. The players arrived promptly that morning to Peppi Headstart in Belle Glade, where the order of the day was in teaching children the importance of eating healthy. Players lugged fruits and vegetables with them, teaching the kids why it's necessary to stay away from the junk food that so many of them are accustomed to eating. If they want to grow up to become great football players, or just healthy people in general, they need to eat their veggies, the players said.

•Aug. 25: State championship or bust. Year in and year out, nothing short of that is acceptable in Raider Country. New Glades Central head coach Roosevelt Blackmon – the third one at the helm in five seasons – knows what's at stake each season for the Muck's premier high school football program. And he knows there's a plethora of supremely talented athletes on the team who share that same vision. The annual Muck Bowl against cross-town rival Pahokee must be won as well. From the surface, it seems as if both aforementioned expectations are unrealistic for a program to achieve every season.

September

Sept. 1: The city of South Bay has made its position clear that it supports the work of its city manager, Corey Alston. Alston was presented with a three-year contract with the city in August, and received accolades from commissioners regarding his performance so far. The contract and evaluation was approved at the August 16 regular city meeting. As part of the new agreement, the city maintains the right to terminate the contract at any time. If the city chooses at any point to terminate without cause, Mr. Alston will receive six months severance pay. During the meeting, the commissioners agreed to pay Mr. Alston a salary of \$105,000 annually. The raise represents a \$15,000 increase, but is still lower than managers in the neighboring cities of Belle Glade and Pahokee.

•Sept. 8: Redistricting meeting hears comments Last Thursday morning, 17 members from the Florida House and Senate listened to comments and concerns from community leaders and members from around the lake in regards to redistricting plans. Senator Don Gaetz (R) and Rep. Denis Baxley (R) chaired the early morning session held at the Hendry County Health Department auditorium. A crowd slowly trickled in as the meeting began. A number of maps that had proposed redraws of the districts lined a wall and were mentioned in an opening statement by Rep. Baxley. As of that morning, 51 complete and partial redraws were submitted to the committee for consideration and more were promised to come.

•Sept. 15: The proposition is dire, but easy to understand: it is costing the GUA more to provide its services to residents than the revenue it is making. GUA the lumber store would reach the invariable conclusion to shut its doors. GUA the restaurant would, too. But GUA the water provid-



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Glades Day players looked on as the Clewiston Tigers outscored them.

er to the Glades region is left without any choices. The utility system, which combined the water services of the tri-city area of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee in favor of a uniform authority, as of Tuesday afternoon was without answers for how to keep its own doors open. For the GUA (Glades Utility Authority), the saying that when one door shuts, another opens might be modified to reflect the reality of the situation: that when one door shut closed, another one shut with it. The authority is in the hole, is looking at a potential \$100 million project to rehabilitate water flow to residents and businesses, may be losing one of its single-largest water customers, and is seeing much resistance from all sides on a possible water rate hike.

•Sept. 22: Hitch and go! For the Clewiston Tigers, who came into their Sept. 16 road game against the Glades Day Gators with a 0-2 record, the above play call could go down as a season-changing breakthrough moment of sorts. With just 11:18 left in the fourth quarter – Clewiston was already facing a 13-7 lead at this point – Glades Day's young secondary unit didn't see it coming, but the Tigers lined up at Clewiston's 29-yard line to try out an end-zone pass. Clewiston junior quarterback Tyler Clemmons, with the protection of his offensive lineman, threw a perfect pass to the left side as Tigers playmaker Ahmad Richards caught the pigskin and raced his way untouched into the end zone for a 20-7 lead and eventual win. "I knew I was going to get it," Richards said of the game-winning catch. "It was a great play call by our coaches."

•Sept. 29: Fade to Stretch. The top overall play of the Glades Day-Jupiter Christian district dogfight, played on Sept. 24 at Dwyer Football Field in Palm Beach Gardens, occurred on the Gators first offensive series in its 34-28 overtime win over the Eagles. With the score tied at 28-all, Glades Day got the ball first. After a 2-yard run from junior tailback Kelvin Taylor (40 carries, 283 yards, 4 TD), Gators senior quarterback John Barr (2-for-4 passing, 37 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT) called out a fade play at the Eagles 8-yard-line. That's when senior playmaker Steven 'Stretch' Williams (two catches, 37 yards) muscled his way past a Jupiter Christian cornerback into the end zone and caught the wide-open 8-yard touchdown for the six-point lead.

October

•Oct. 6: The discussion on how to provide one of the most essential elements to the Glades – water – takes on the form of a winding and

difficult-to-navigate argument among the parties tasked with ensuring that all residents have access to it. Water is the backbone of any viable community. It has been for centuries beginning with the aqueducts and irrigation systems of old civilizations, yet, here in the Glades, getting access has been an engineering and accounting nightmare. It is becoming too costly to provide water to the 9,000 water customers in the Western communities of Palm Beach County.

•Oct. 13: Derrick L. Beckford of Belle Glade is not a stranger to the court system. The relatively young man, at just 28 years of age, has served as a defendant in nearly 20 cases since 1999 for various crimes. So it may not have come as a shock when he was arrested again a few weeks ago. What is surprising is the charge: sitting on a dairy case. No, the alleged gang member was not found in possession of a weapon – although deputies did pat him down in search of one – Beckford was arrested instead for "possession of dairy case, egg basket," a crime punishable by up to one year in jail. It is a charge that is rarely made.

•Oct 20: For the second year in a row, the Pahokee Blue Devils will be sitting at home in the postseason. Moments after Pahokee (1-6 overall; 1-3 in District 7-3A) finished its Oct. 14 homecoming game with new district foe Calvary Christian (Ft. Lauderdale) – a 34-12 blowout loss – fifth

year head coach Blaze Thompson mathematically eliminated from the Class 3A playoffs. Truthfully speaking, it's not like Pahokee was a favorite to reach this year's postseason from the get go – especially with fellow district foes and clear-cut favorites American Heritage (Delray Beach) and Cardinal Newman (West Palm Beach) seemingly well on their way to locking up the two District 7-3A postseason spots.

•Oct. 27: 'I was making a sandwich' said woman arrested In the first recorded incident of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich arrest in Western Palm Beach County, a woman facing charges of aggravated assault did not manage to convince a deputy of her innocence. Moments after her single-line response, she was taken to jail. Approached with information that her landlord claimed she had threatened her with a knife, the woman rejected the accusation with a response that the deputy did not find amusing: "It was a butter knife. I didn't try to cut her. I was making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich." The incident happened on Saturday, Oct. 22 on Northwest Avenue I in Belle Glade.

November

•Nov. 3: In a heart-felt and emotional acceptance speech, long-time Glades resident Leigh Woodham clutched her "Citizen of the Year" plaque and, addressing her husband Brent, said, "I don't know if I've ever thanked you for bringing me to Belle Glade. Have I? I just want to tell you ... I'm so glad you did!" Chamber Board member Karen Corbin-Wheeler presented the coveted award to Woodham during the 47th Annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, Tuesday, October 25 in the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The theater is same venue where Mrs. Woodham has worked as the executive director for 15 years. "Our community is wise to recognize this lovely and beautiful lady as 2011 Citizen of the Year," said Mrs. Corbin-Wheeler.

•Nov. 10: It was a scoring party for Glades Central during its Nov. 4 homecoming game against Boynton Beach. With both teams locked in to compete in this year's Class 5A playoffs, the formula was really simple. The winner of this game would become the District 14-5A champions and the loser would be the runner-up. Suffice to say, the Raiders played their most complete game to date as they blew out the Tigers, 70-7, to take the district crown. It took less than five

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Children at Peppi Head Start in Belle Glade were treated to a day with the Glades Central Raiders.

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minutes in the first quarter for Glades Central (9-0 overall; 4-0 in District 14-5A play) to put up points on the scoreboard, as Raiders senior quarterback Tanner Redish (8-for-10 passing, 152 yards, 3 TD) found fellow senior Jaime Wilson for a 10-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring at 7-0.

•Nov. 17: All three of the area's high school football teams were part of season finale games each program will likely never forget. Over at Effie C. Grear Field in Belle Glade, the Raiders posted their most lopsided Muck Bowl win over the Blue Devils in history, by a 70-0 margin. Meanwhile, at South Fork High School in Stuart, Glades Day junior running back Kelvin Taylor passed Hall-of-Famer Emmitt Smith to become the FHSAA's all-time leading rusher in the Gators 43-29 road victory. It doesn't get much better than that in Muck City – as far as the regular season is concerned.

•Nov. 24: A poet, an animator, a theatre educator and a painter were the four artists who responded to a call for an "Artist Conversation" held recently at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. Organized by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the event may have garnered a smaller number of respondents compared to the other locations that were held throughout the county, but still served as a sounding board for the things that local artists would like the county to do in offering them more exposure, or perhaps even business opportunities to showcase their art in a way they have never been able to do previously.

December

•Dec. 1: During the first Glades Day School play-off football game last Friday night, Nov. 18, a very special dedication was made. The football field was dedicated to J.O. and Eleanor Schlechter for their limitless support of the school over the past 40 years. The field was given a new name, "Schlechter Stadium" and a rock with a plaque was placed at the entrance of the field signifying the dedication. Many past and present board members were present as current Chairman of the Board, Brian Lohmann, made the following presentation.

•Dec. 8: Duke got loose. In what was widely billed as Florida's "Game of the Year," the much-anticipated matchup between Glades Central and Norland (Miami) eventually turned into a one-sided affair at Effie C. Grear Stadium on Dec. 2. Playing in front of a standing-room only crowd of more than 8,500 people, the Class 5A-Region 4 final was relatively dominated by Norland senior running back Randy "Duke" Johnson, who steamrolled Glades Central's vaunted defense for 265 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the Vikings 29-13 road win over the Raiders. Interestingly, however, the University of Miami commit – arguably Florida's best overall athlete – didn't really get going until the second quarter, when he scored his first touchdown off of a 3-yard scamper to pull the Vikings (13-0 overall record) into a 7-7 tie with the Raiders. Even then, it had the feel of quite possibly a Glades Central win, thanks to a 10-yard touchdown run by senior Dominique Gibson (two rushes, 14 yards, 1 TD) that gave his team a 7-0 toward the end of the first frame.

•Dec. 15: 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

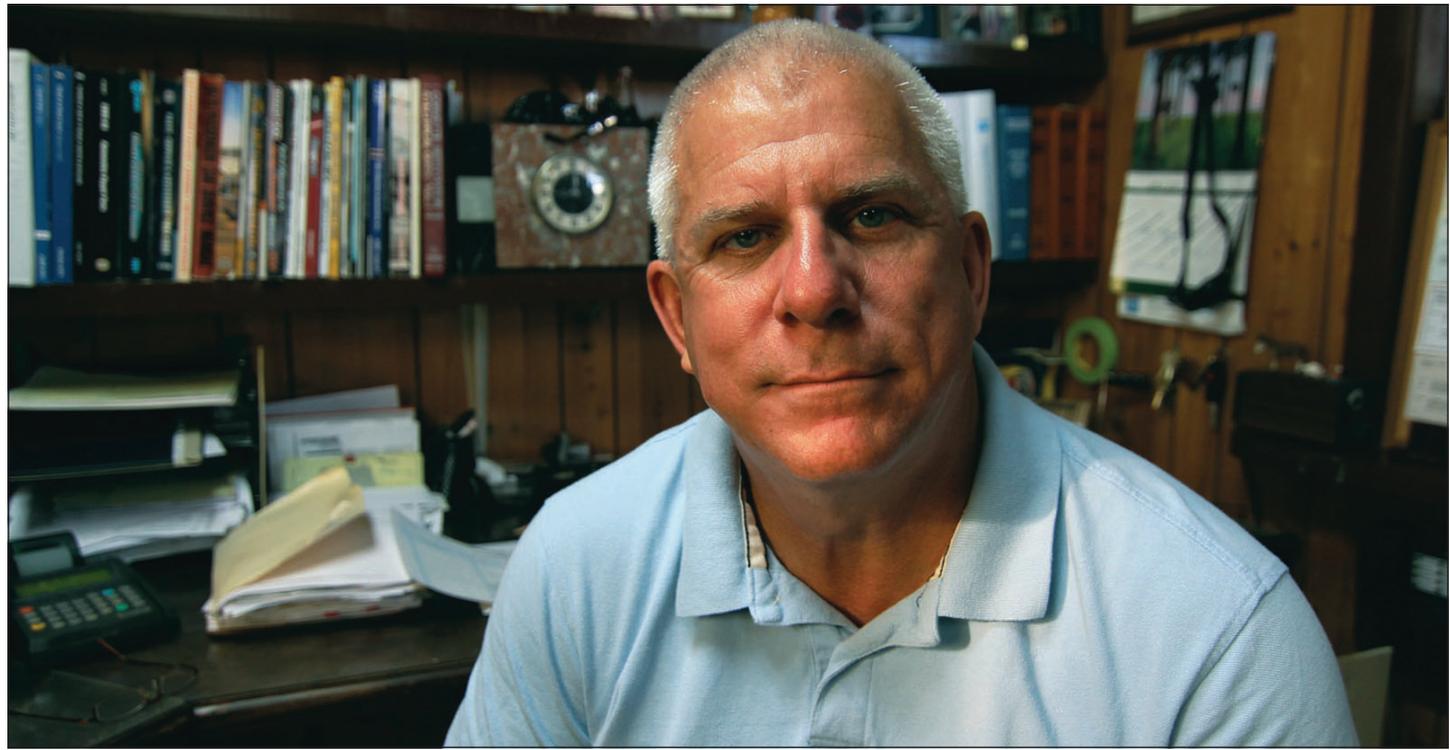


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Mayor J.P. Sasser wasn't afraid when an assailant shot at him outside his home.

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.

•Dec. 22: A man died after being shot in Pahokee on Saturday morning. Later that night, another man was shot and killed in Belle Glade, in one of the deadliest single days of violence in the Glades in the past year. The first man was reportedly gunned down in the area of Rardin Avenue

and Booker Place in Pahokee at approximately 11 a.m. on Dec. 18. Investigators with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said that an older model white Crown Victoria was seen leaving the scene, according to published reports. The second incident happened just ten hours later, in what investigators are saying was an unrelated killing. In that incident, a man was shot and killed

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