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No Election for South Bay

Contests in Belle Glade and Pahokee continue forward

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

It was an easy election year for the two South Bay Commissioners who ran unopposed, as no challengers stepped up to try for their seats on the city's governing board.

The story is not the same in the sister cities of Belle Glade and Pahokee, where three races will be closely watched by residents as Election Day rolls around.

Vice Mayor Linda Johnson and Commissioner Joe Kyles will stay on for another term as commissioners in South Bay with the qualifying period for any potential challengers ending officially at noon on Valentine's Day.

The two commissioners will serve for three more years before

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The FLW Tournament, held last Thursday, turned out to be a success despite some afternoon showers on the lake.

Tharp Notches First Walmart Flw Tour Win

Win happened on favorite lake

BY BRETT CARLSON
FLW

In his brief time as a professional bass fisherman, Randall Tharp has achieved considerable success – numerous Triple-A wins, top-10 finishes and over a half million dollars in career earnings. But up until today, he'd never won the big one – falling just short last year at both Okeechobee and at the Forrest Wood Cup. This week he was able to accomplish two of his biggest goals simultaneously – winning a Walmart FLW Tour event and winning a major tournament on the Big O.

Tharp has been performing at such a high level lately his victory is hardly a surprise. Even he knew it. Randall Tharp celebrates after learning he won the 2012 FLW Tour event on Lake Okeechobee.After finishing second to friend Brandon McMillan last year, Tharp prophetically said on stage, "I will get my win down here; there is no doubt I will."

Tharp proved to be a man of his word. Coming in to this event, he had six consecutive top-10 finishes on Okeechobee spanning FLW and BASS competition. The EverStart pro and wife his Sara travel to the lake every winter to shoot television shows, enter a few tournaments and sample some of the best bass fishing southern Florida has to offer. It's become almost a second home. This year, they headed south on Nov. 15 and with his free time, Tharp learned as much as he could about every single mat on the lake.

Then he went to work – catching giant stringers the first two days and then grinding it out as the blustery cold front arrived. He had several different areas, all located from either the Monkey Box to Horse Island/Dyess Ditch – areas Tharp believes simply hold the biggest bass on the lake.

Each day he concentrated on one technique – flipping, and the bait he used might surprise some people. Instead of the more popular brand-name baits, Tharp flipped a Bitter's Best Value BFM (Bigger, Fatter, Muskrat), a beaver-style bait in Black Blue Glitter color. The retail price on these BFMs? A whopping $5 for two packs of 10. Tharp would rig the bait on either a 1 1/2 or a 2-ounce black tungsten weight depending on the wind and how compact the mats were. He would tie the BFM to 70-pound Diawa She shows off for the camera. Samurai braid and flip with a 7-foot, 11-inch Halo Twilight Series rod.

"I tried to make something else work in the three days of practice, but it never happened," said the EverStart pro. "So going into the tournament I knew I was going to flip the thickest, nastiest mats. But I didn't know what areas were going to be the real

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School Briefs

Pioneer Park Elementary

Word Study Framework

Grades 1 – 3 began implementing their Words Their Way word study weekly frameworks this week. On day one the teacher introduces the new sort and students help prepare their sorts.

Day one includes reading the words together, defining new words, setting up the headers and explicitly modeling the sorting.

Students check and reflect on their own sorting by asking "What do these words have in common and discussing any "oddball" words.

For example a long "a" word that is spelled with an "ai" instead of a long "a" word with a silent "e." On day two students participated in their independent sorts as teacher circulates. Day three is the partner sort. On day four students sort the words quickly and then either write the words in their word study folder/journal or paste their words in their journal. In second and third grade students write on their page why these words are sorted the way they are. For example: These words all have a short "a" and are "cvc" (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Day five is the weekly assessment. The assessment would include ten words from the sort and ten different words that follow the same principle to see if the student transferred the skill.

The students embraced the Words Their Way word work enthusiastically. The word work is a ten minute follow-up to the Reader's Workshop.

Many thanks to Kristen Rulison, District Reading Instructional Specialist, for guiding teachers on how to implement this great instructional tool.

FCAT Writes

Fourth grade students began their Saturday tutorials two weeks ago to further polish their writing skills and prepare for the upcoming FCAT writes. Students are being tutored on the following skills: Focusing on topic, following a logical organizational pattern, including a beginning, middle and a conclusion, while using transitional words, the writing should make ample use of supporting ideas.

The writing piece should transmit a feeling of being complete or whole. The writing should reflect a mature command of language, grammar, and accuracy in word choice. Complete sentences should be used, with an overall subject verb agreement. Sentence structures should vary so the writing does not feel forced. The reader should feel a sense of flow and author's voice throughout the writing.

This level of writing is attained through specific instruction, explicit modeling and extensive practice.

Book Clubs Rule!

Third through Fifth grade readers are developing their FCAT skills while enhancing their overall skills as readers through their book clubs within the Reader's Workshop forum.

Students enjoy reading at their independent level while comparing and contrasting, examining main idea, identifying the type of passage, discussing the setting, characters, how the characters change and the character's point of view.

They are exploring order and sequence of events, plot development, identifying problems and solutions, relevant details and author's purpose among many other skills.

They will also explore test taking strategies.

Learning in Progress/Do Not Disturb!

As the clock rapidly counts down to FCAT, Mr. Miller, Principal has placed a premium on instructional time with a moratorium on unnecessary, ill-timed classroom interruptions.

Anyone needing to speak to a teacher, ask a question, make a delivery, schedule a meeting, or request materials will kindly be requested to wait till break time or after school.

We also ask that all students be in school on time every day, the whole day to maximize their learning time. The current series of lessons follow a sequential order much like building blocks. Please partner with us to ensure a solid foundation for all of the students.

Parent Night Rocks!

Please join us February 16 for the monthly SAC meeting in the cafeteria at 5 p.m. to be followed by the annual Black History program.

Under the direction of the talented music teacher, Ms. Martinez, who always inspires the best from the students, this presentation of the struggles and ultimate overcoming spirits of heroes such as Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Mary McCleod Bethune, Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, with moving, uplifting songs and step dances directed by Ms. Atkins is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

Please come out and enjoy the students as they pour their hearts into interpreting their portrayals of these American heroes.

Gove Elementary

Art News

Presidents' Day weekend is fast approaching (Feb. 18 to 20). That means, it is time for the annual ARTIGRAS Festival at Abacoa in Jupiter, Fla. This year, Gove Elementary has four student artists participating in the Student Youth Art Competition. The students are: Sydney Arroyo (Gr. 6), Donald Brown, (Gr. 5), La Shawn Eason (Gr. 4), and Miguel Gonzales (Gr. 3).

Students are judged by grade level and a first, second and third place winner is selected at each level. This year over 700 student artists are participating in this contest. They are proud that their

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Community News and Information

NCCER Welder Program

Corporate and Continuing Education at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade will be offering the NCCER Welding program starting Feb. 17 through July 14.

This program is a 390 hour training program that will teach the individual new welding technology being conducted in the workplace such as new ways to bond dissimilar materials and non-metallic materials. Also, advances in laser beam and electron beam welding, new fluxes, and other new technologies. For more information, call 561-993-1175.

PBSC District Board of Trustees

The Annual Community Forum with Palm Beach State College District Board of Trustees will be held at the Belle Glade campus on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 5 p.m., followed by the Regular District Board of Trustees Meeting at 6 p.m. Please contact me Heather Love at 561-993-1126 for more information.

Understanding through Education

Over the years, the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (P.B.S.O.) has expanded the involvement of community members in community-based crime prevention efforts by offering a Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Police Academy (C.P.A.) provides a mechanism for educating the public about the criminal justice system. The main goal of the academy is to partner with the community, explain the operations of the Sheriff's Office, and encourage citizens to undertake measures to prevent crime victimization.

The Sheriff's Office C.P.A. will meet once a week on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Western Substation located at 38840 State Road 80, in Belle Glade. The course consists of eight weekly sessions. A course review and graduation ceremony completes the Academy.

A light meal will be provided between 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for each class. If you have any questions pertaining to this Academy, please feel free to contact the P.B.S.O. Western Substation at 561-996-1670.

2012 Homestead Exemption

Property Appraiser Gary R. Nikolits, CFA, reminds new homeowners they may qualify for Florida's Homestead Exemption property tax savings benefit. Florida grants qualified residents a standard $25,000 exemption off a property's assessed value. An additional exemption benefit up to $25,000 from the standard $25,000 may also apply.

If you purchased a home in 2011, the filing deadline is Thursday, Mar. 1. You can apply in person at any of our five Service Centers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Delray Beach, Royal Palm Beach or Belle Glade. To apply in person, the deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 1.

To apply online, the deadline is 11:59 p.m., March 1. To qualify, the property must be the owner's primary residence as of Dec. 31, and the owner must be a permanent resident of Florida and cannot hold any residency-based benefits in other Florida counties or states. For more information, please call 561-355-2866.

2012 College Scholarship Program

Property Appraiser Gary R. Nikolits, CFA, is happy to announce that the Property Appraiser's Office is now accepting applications for its 2012 College Scholarship program. The Property Appraiser's Office presents $1,000 scholarships each year to five college-bound students. Since 1993, the Property Appraiser's Office has awarded $99,000 in college scholarships.

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.

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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Members of Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition Trek Through Region to Raise Awareness

BY GARY E. BITNER

Back roads to the west of Lake Okeechobee will be the backdrop for the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition over the next week, as a photographer, bear biologist, and filmmaker continue their cross-Florida trek from Flamingo in Everglades National Park to the Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia. They are scheduled to cross State Road 70 somewhere west of Okeechobee on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Along the way, the hardy travelers will move through public and private wilderness via kayak, bicycle and on foot in order to call attention to the urgent need for the establishment of a wildlife corridor from one end of Florida to the other. The corridor is needed, they say, for the movement of water and animals, especially animals that need a wide range for breeding in order to ensure the genetic health of their species.

Members of the expedition recently stopped at Billie Swamp Safari on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation. They were warmly welcomed by Seminole leaders, who strongly supported their conservation outreach efforts.

"The Tribe has always made it a part of their way of life to take care of the land," said Tony Sanchez, President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., and Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council. "Being in the woods was always part of how we grew up. We had to pay respect to our surroundings."

Mr. Sanchez, Seminole Tribe of Florida Board Member Joe Frank, and Billie Swamp Safari Director Jacob Osceola Jr. were among a group of Seminoles and friends who were on hand to show their support for the adventurous trip from the bottom to the top of Florida. Florida folk music and lunch were shared with the three visiting trekkers: photographer Carlton Ward Jr., bear biologist Joe Guthrie and filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus, who is documenting the expedition for public television.

The trio is quick to point out that many educators, conservationists and government officials have long been focused on establishing a wildlife corridor, which all consider critical to a healthy environmental future for Florida. They say their 400+-mile off-road trek through wilderness, rivers and swamps is all about building awareness of the hard work of many committed conservationists throughout the state.

PHOTO / GARY BITNER

At Billie Swamp Safari, a videographer from the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition films Tony Sanchez, President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., and Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council.

"People have been working toward a wildlife corridor for a very long time," said Mr. Ward, who posts many of his expedition photographs to Facebook as part of a focus on public awareness. "We're following the Florida Ecological Greenways Network, critical linkages created by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and scientists at the University of Florida."

"We're trying to be a lens into these landscapes and the stories people have toward conservation. Crossing the Big Cypress National Preserve, the diversity of animals out there was really incredible," said Mr. Guthrie. "We saw tracks for panthers and bears, plus otter, fox, bobcat, opossum, raccoon and rabbit."

The health of Florida's black bear population is a critical issue, says Guthrie, a bear biologist. Estimates of the state's bear population run from over two thousand to over three thousand bears, with the largest population in Big Cypress and the highest density in Ocala National Forest. Smaller bear populations pocketed in other parts of Florida need to stay connected to stay healthy, he says.

Added Ward Ward, "What can happen, if you're not careful, is that you could turn these places into islands; these places need to be connected so that water can move and wildlife can move."

Seminole Tribe Board Member Joe Frank said it was his pleasure to welcome members of the Expedition to the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation and Billie Swamp Safari. "Florida is losing wildlife habitat by the minute," said Mr. Frank. "The Tribe has always taken development at a slower pace, so we can take into account wildlife concerns. We're at the epicenter of panther habitat. We thank you for trying to raise awareness of it."

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner also met the trekkers at Billie Swamp Safari. "We're excited about this group here," he said. "We're excited about you being in Hendry County. I hope this gains a lot of traction."

Margaret England, president of the Hendry-Glades Audobon Society, said, "This is raising awareness of inland Florida, the heart blood of Florida, because of the water. This brings awareness of the diversity of habitat that birds need for food, shelter and water."

Following their stop at Billie Swamp Safari, south of Clewiston, the group headed north and then west along the Caloosahatchee River, before turning north again and then tracking back east toward Lake Okeechobee. They also plan a stop at the Brighton Seminole Reservation, crossing U.S. 27 several times as they head north toward Sebring. From there, the route passes east of Orlando, as the expedition heads north to the Florida-Georgia state line.

They plan to cross a combination of public and private land, much of it owned by large landholders who are sympathetic to the goals of the group. Members of the expedition say conservation easements support local landowners and help to establish the wildlife corridor.

The trip hasn't been without its minor mishaps, according to the team. Just as they began their trip at Flamingo in Everglades National Park, a battery caught fire on board their boat. And early one evening, as they were trying to make up time while daylight slipped away, they accidentally poled up onto the backs of two alligators. Both incidents ended safely, if not quietly.

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Members of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition are, from left to right, photographer Carlton Ward Jr., bear biologist Joe Guthrie and filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus.

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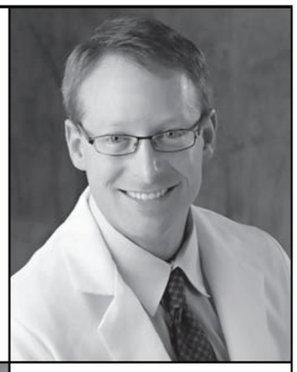

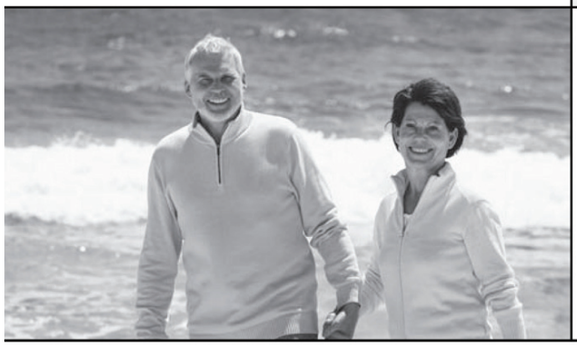

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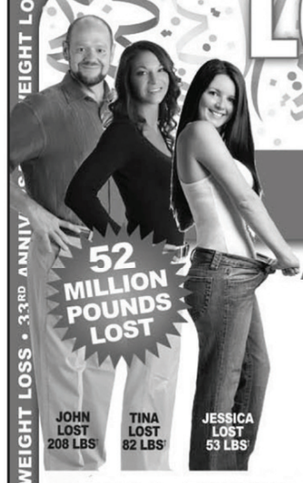

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Thursday Night:
A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 6 and 8 mph.

Friday:
A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Friday Night:
A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 8 mph.

Saturday:
A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind between 7 and 13 mph.

Saturday Night:
A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday:
A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 81.

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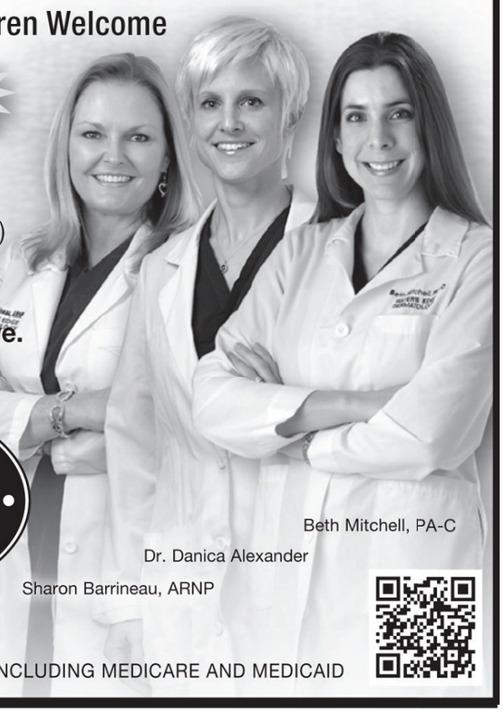

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Charlotte J. Norwood, 72

CLEWISTON — Charlotte J. Norwood, age 72, of Clewiston, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, in Clewiston.

Charlotte was born Nov. 23, 1939, in Cape Charles, Va., and had lived in Clewiston for 22 years.

She is survived by her son, Christopher Norwood of Pennsylvania; daughter, Lisa Norwood of Florida. Charlotte had two grandsons, Katlin and Mason.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erskin Lamar "Buck" Norwood in 2004.

The funeral service took placed Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Renee Zahn officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-Clewiston.

Diane Louise Griffith

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Diane Louise Griffith, artist, writer, teacher, was born Sept. 2, 1946. She passed away Jan. 19, 2012, at her home in Mayfield, Ky.

She had been a resident of Clewiston, Fla., for 26 years. She is survived by her husband, Lonza Griffith Jr.

Services will be 6 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Clewiston.

Johnnie D. Harper, 90

CANAL POINT — Johnnie D. Harper, 90, of Canal Point, passed away Feb. 7, 2012, at Royal Manor in Royal Palm Beach.

He was born July 14, 1921 in Douglas, Ga., to Doc and Ollie Harper. Mr. Harper proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He was of the Baptist faith and worked as a mechanic.

Mr. Harper was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Harper; son, Charles D. Harper, Sr.; daughter, Shirley Ann Harper; and granddaughter, Jeannie Lynnette Dixon.

He is survived by his brother, Bubba Harper of Adel, Ga.; five grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation was 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at Canal Point Baptist Church. Funeral services followed at 12 p.m. with Pastor Doug Nickalson officiating. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 205 NE 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL, 34972.

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 4.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.63/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.3 cents per gallon in the last week to $3.47/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 51.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 18.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 12.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 34.8 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Retail gasoline prices have continued to slowly rise across a majority of the United States," said Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "With the exception of one state- Wyoming- all states are seeing their gasoline prices averaging over $3/gallon again, with some of the largest cities- New York City and Los Angeles closing in on $4/gallon," DeHaan said.

New Gate System on Lock Would Protect Manatees

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District will host a public meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, to discuss the scheduled temporary closure of the Moore Haven Lock on the Okeechobee Waterway from April 2 - May 25 during installation of the Manatee Protection System (MPS).

The meeting will be held in the South Florida Operations Office conference room, 525 Ridgelawn Rd., Clewiston, Fla.

An open house will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m. Technical experts will be available before and after the formal presentation to provide information and answer questions about the project.

"Work is tentatively scheduled to begin April 2 when water levels are lower and will take approximately two months to complete, prior to the start of hurricane season," said Al Bruns, USACE project manager. "The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the installation process and answer any questions or concerns."

No boating traffic will be allowed to use the Moore Haven Lock during the installation process which consists of de-watering the lock, mounting the MPS to the lock gates, testing of the system and re-watering the lock.

The Manatee Protection System has been manufactured and above-ground fixtures have been installed. Work is expected to take no more than two months to complete.

Installation of the MPS is part of the Manatee Pass Gates project, with the primary goal of safeguarding Florida's endangered manatees from serious injury or death at water control structures and navigation locks by modifying these structures with the MPS.

Using a set of acoustic transmitters and receivers, the MPS detects the West Indian Manatee and prevents the gates from closing and harming the protected animal.

The Manatee Pass Gates project received authorization in the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act of 1994.

The project is located in southeast Florida at selected Okeechobee Waterway and Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) project navigation locks and water control structures located in areas within West Indian manatee habitat.

The federal government listed the West Indian manatee as an endangered species in 1967, and actively began protecting the manatee under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973. To this day, the manatee remains on the endangered species list.

The primary goal of the Manatee Pass Gates project is to safeguard Florida's endangered manatees from serious injury or death at water control structures and navigation locks by modifying these structures with a manatee protection system (MPS).

This system is designed to detect the West Indian manatee and prevent the gates from closing and harming the protected animal.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, south Florida's water control structures and navigation locks were once the second highest cause of human-related manatee deaths in the state. The flood gates and canal locks potentially kill manatees by crushing or drowning them.

The MPS consists of a set of acoustic transmitters and receivers that run from the bottom of the gates to the water line.

The MPS turns on when the gates are approximately 15 percent from the fully-closed position. If the signal between the sensors is interrupted by a manatee, the lock gates automatically stop.

After a programmed delay to allow the obstruction to clear, the gates will attempt to close again. If the obstruction is clear, the gates will close. If the obstruction is still present, the gates will stop again.

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Tips for Recycling

BY PAT DOBBINS

Have a heart ... think about "going green"!

The 3 R's of the green slogan - reduce, reuse, and recycle offer basic guidance for working toward a cleaner, healthier environment. Two great places to start are at home and at work.

Recycling involves taking a product at the end of its useful life and re-processing all or part of it to make another product. Recycling is a simple way that you, as a consumer, can help out the environment and help preserve our natural resources from being depleted. So, get involved and get green.

So many items used in our modern lifestyles can be recycled. Here are some:

Electronics

CDs and DVDs, Cell Phones, Computer Monitors, Computers, DVD Players, Inkjet Cartridges, MP3 Players, Office Machines, Televisions, VCRs, Video Games, and Consoles.

Plastic

Number Four Plastic, LDPE, Number Six Plastic, Polystyrene, Number Seven Plastic, Plastic Bags, Plastic Bottles, Plastic Casing, and PVC.

Not all communities collect plastics, and not all plastics are recyclable. Follow the guidelines for your local community by finding out more from the county recycling department. Only recycle those plastics that are allowed. Remove plastic lids and rings from containers because often they are not recyclable. Rinse out containers and flatten them before placing them in recycling bins. The smell of sour milk coming from a discarded milk jug is pretty nasty and can attract animals and insects.

Paper

Books, Brown Paper Bags, Cardboard, Cartons, Catalogs, Computer Paper, Magazines, Mail, Newspapers, Paperboard, and Phone Books.

Most municipalities will accept different types of paper. Paper should be sorted by type. Construction paper, brightly colored "astro bright" papers, and greasy or waxed coated papers aren't allowed because they can ruin a batch of paper which is being recycled. These must be thrown in the garbage. Toilet paper, tissues, tissue paper, and paper towels must also go in the garbage as well.

Cardboard

Cardboard can also be recycled in most communities. Your cardboard should be flattened for easy pickup. Do not recycle cardboard that is greasy (such as pizza or donut boxes) or wax coated (such as meat and certain produce boxes). The wax and grease can ruin an entire batch of cardboard that is being recycled. How can you tell if the cardboard is wax coated? Scratch your finger over the surface; if you see wax under your fingernails, it means the cardboard needs to be tossed in the garbage.

Metals

Aerosol Cans, Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Foil, Metal, Clothes Hangers, and Steel.

Most communities take cans of all types. Before tossing metals in the recycling bin, rinse the cans thoroughly to remove all traces of food. Food particles can attract insects and; food contaminants can ruin a batch of recycling. Also try to remove the paper label and flatten before throwing in the recycling bin.

Glass

Glass must also be rinsed, and sorted by color. Remove the lids and bottle tops since these can contaminate the batch of glass recycling. Do not include mirrors, dishes, light bulbs, or ceramics.

Here are a few handy tips:

Collect newspapers in a paper grocery bag or in tied bundles (Did you know that it takes up to 75,000 trees to produce one Sunday edition of the New York Times!)

Don't recycle wet cardboard. It can clog sorting machines. Throw it away to keep it from contaminating the rest of the load.

Don't recycle bottle tops; they're not made from the same plastic as recyclable bottles. But if you forget, don't sweat it. They'll be sorted down the line. (Quick fact: The energy saved by recycling one plastic bottle can power a computer for 25 minutes.)

Rinse cans, but crushing isn't required. The aluminum can is the most common as well as the most valuable recycled item in the United States. It can be recycled again and again, and so efficiently that a can is regenerated and back on the shelf in as little as 60 days.

Cleaning

Don't worry if you can't get the lime out of the beer bottle or the last of the peanut butter from the jar. The recycler's machinery will zap all contaminants. But do empty and rinse glass jars and containers.

Here are some ways that things are recycled:

- Plastic soda bottles can be recycled into pillow fill.
- Plastic milk bottles, detergent bottles can be recycled into new detergent bottles.
- Take-out boxes and shampoo bottles can be recycled into drainage and irrigation pipes.
- Grocery bags and shrink wrap can be recycled into new bags.
- Yogurt containers and bottle caps can be recycled into plastic lumber.
- Packing peanuts can be recycled into plastic lumber.

Note: Squeezable ketchup bottles and microwavable dishes can't be recycled.

Don't contribute to dangerous seepage in landfills by throwing hazardous materials in the garbage. Please take these items to special locations in your community where they can be disposed of properly.

One of the most common contaminant that recycling centers may deal with is plastic bags. Many folks properly sort their recycling but then use a plastic bag to dispose of the recyclables. Others will drop empty plastic bags into plastic recycling. Plastic grocery bags should be placed in a recycling bin at your local grocery store. Dry cleaning bags and hangers can be returned to the dry cleaners.

Following these tips helps to keep recycling centers operating at maximum efficiency. It will also reduce bad odors and help keep animals from rooting around your recycling bins. But most importantly of all, it will prevent perfectly good recyclables from ending up in the landfill, and, therefore, help to keep the environment cleaner and healthier for everybody. That's why being green is so important!

Putnam to Appear at Ag Expo

Event returns, demonstrates county's strong agricultural roots

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Clewiston News

The upcoming Ag Expo in Clewiston is promising to be such a worthwhile event that even Adam Putnam will be stopping by to pay a visit.

The Florida Commissioner of Agriculture will be in Clewiston, visiting local schools and plans to attend the expo.

"He feels strongly enough about Hendry County's ag contributions to come down from sessions," shares Susan Jordan, with the Hendry Economic Development Council. Putnam will deliver the keynote speech at the expo, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m.

Last year's inaugural ag expo was a complete success, according to the Hendry County EDC, with many folks coming to the Clewiston area to participate in the events of the day.

It was a great sight: heavy equipment filled the grounds near the Clewiston Golf Course where the event was staged, and auctioneers made their way in a mobile unit, farmers making their best bid on various tractors and other farm equipment.

The idea was the result of a brainstorm between U.S. Sugar and the Hendry EDC to showcase the strong agricultural roots of the area.

According to Jordan, ag shows are popular all around the country and South Florida, but have been missing from the local landscape.

"Well, why not?" the parties asked themselves and the expo got its start.

As many as 1,000 people attended the heavy equipment auction alone last year. The hope heading into this year's event is that more local residents will come out for the expo.

In line with that goal, the organizers have rounded up distributors showing off their newest equipment and technology.

Exhibitions and demonstrations will be held while "acres and acres of used equipment" are auctioned, said Jordan.

The event kicks off at 8 a.m. and winds down at sunset at the Clewiston Air Strip at the end of San Luiz Avenue.

According to organizers, the event is held in conjunction with the Weeks Sugarland Heavy Equipment Auction.

Other details: At 10 a.m., UF/IFAS will be coordinating a Biofuels Symposium to "dispel any myths about biofuels in South Florida."

The Clewiston FFA members will be selling grilled luncheon as a fund raiser for their chapter. The event is free and so is the parking.

Corps to Continue Water Releases From Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced Friday that it will continue releasing water from Lake Okeechobee, sending additional fresh water into the Caloosahatchee Estuary.

The new release began Feb. 10. The Corps is making the release in a pulse-like manner to mimic a rainfall event, similar to releases that began on Dec. 16.

The target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary for this release is an average of 450 cubic feet per second (cfs) over a seven-day period, as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) east of Fort Myers.

Water managers expect this release of water to help to push back saltwater intrusion, which will have other associated benefits to the estuary.

The low volume releases are expected to help push back saltwater intrusion, reducing impacts and degradation of the freshwater tapegrass and other submerged aquatic vegetation.

Friday, the lake stage was at 13.20 feet. The lake is currently within the Operational Band of the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (2008 LORS). At current levels, the Corps may make releases up to 450 cfs to the Caloosahatchee Estuary and 200 cfs to the St Lucie.

The Corps and partner agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess system conditions, and may decrease releases if local basin runoff contributes to flows.

Do you have a Preschool age child?

If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).
Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.
Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.

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Inland Birding Fun: Red-winged Blackbird (RWBL)

PHOTO / **LARRY FROGGE**

Male Red-winged Blackbird.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

One of the most abundant and boldly colored birds in North America is the Red-winged Blackbird. The male is a stocky, broad, glossy blackbird with red-and-yellow shoulder badges. This stocky bird has a conical bill and medium-length tail.

Females are streaky brown with a pale breast and often have a whitish eyebrow. Young birds resemble the female, but are paler below and have buff feather fringes. The Red-winged Blackbird's call is a high whistle with the male's song a scratchy "conk-la-ree" and the female's song a "chit chit chit chit chit teerr." The oldest recorded Red-winged Blackbird was 15 years and nine months old.

In inland Florida, Red-winged Blackbirds are a permanent resident that is found around freshwater ponds and marshes in rural and urban areas. Their diet consists of weed and grass seeds, grains, insects and other invertebrates.

During the breeding season they are found throughout Florida where they nest in loose colonies. Females build nests by winding stringy plant material around stems of cattails, marsh plants or small shrubs. She adds wet leaves or decayed wood to the woven nest then she plasters the inside with mud. When finished the nest is four to seven inches across and three to seven inches deep.

Three to four eggs with pale blue-green to gray with black or brown makings are laid from March to July. The eggs hatch within to 12 days with the young fledging in nine to 10 day.

Become a "Citizen Scientist" and help report Red-winged Blackbirds and other bird species during the 2012 GBBC. It is easy for youth and adults to submit lists daily for 15-minute or more observations of birds you can identify for any or all days during the Feb. 17-20 to the GBBC web site at www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston. To reserve one of these free trips or to request information about Great Backyard Bird Count contact Margaret England by e-mail at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or the Hendry-Glades Audubon.

The Big "O" Birding Festival will be held March 28-31. Join us for the largest bird-themed event in South Central Florida, located on the Southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee, the state's largest lake. Wide vistas of blue skies, oak-canopied rivers, quaint, small, antique towns and farming communities offer visitors a taste of inland Florida. Some of the state's rarest plants and animals are found here including the Snail Kite, Florida Scrub Jay and Florida panther.

For information or to volunteer, call 863-675-5264 or e-mail bigobirding2012@gmail.com. Please visit their web site at www.bigobirdingfestival.com or www.twitter.com/BOBF2012 or www.facebook.com (search for big o birding festival 2012).

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CHANGE TO CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-2.2, LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, TABLE 53-1, TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 1-53-3.8, PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS, AND CREATING SECTION 1-53-6.18, GOVERNING PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on February 28, 2012, at 5:05 p.m., Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

School

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very own, Sydney Arroyo, was selected as a finalist and on Saturday, Feb. 18, on the Main Stage at ARTIGRAS, the winners will be announced. Sydney's artwork will be on display throughout the festival. They are very proud of the accomplished Gove artists and thank Mrs. J. Schmidt for entering the students' work in the yearly event.

Gove's Kindness Tree

To promote Character Education at school, the students will have an opportunity to participate in a school wide character building activity. A large paper tree has been placed inside the cafeteria. Each classroom will receive a package of blank leaves that will be distributed to the students. Within the classroom setting, students will be encouraged to write on each of the leaves about a time that they were kind to someone else. When the leaves are completed, classrooms will be asked to visit the cafeteria to place their "kindness leaves" on the tree. We encourage everyone to visit the cafeteria to see the growth of the "Kindness Tree" and to read about the many acts of kindness performed by the students. Special thanks to Mrs. Schmidt and the Art Club for designing the beautiful "Kindness Tree" and to Dr. Riker (Counselor) for overseeing this great initiative.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to the following classrooms for having the highest student attendance for the month of January. First Place: Ms. Ms. Bratt (Gr. 4) and Ms. Cabrera (Gr. 5). Both homerooms will be receiving a special cookie celebration delivered to their classrooms. Second Place: Ms. Dorta (Gr. 3), Ms. Rimes / Ms. Rice (Gr. 4), Ms. Villanueva (Gr. 5), and Ms. Hansen / Ms. Easdale (Gr. 6). Third Place: Ms. Cano / Ms. Mayorquin (Gr. K), Ms. Miller (Gr. 5), and Ms. Jacks (Gr. 6). Fourth Place: Ms. Miller, Ms. Charron, and Ms. Brown (Gr. 3). All of the winners will be announced during morning announcements. We thank PTO for their support in recognizing perfect attendance on a monthly basis.

Math Awards Ceremony

Mark your calendars for the Math Challenge Awards Ceremony to be held on Feb. 21, for students in Grades three through sixth.

Medallions will be presented to those students who increased one or more levels from the Fall to Winter Diagnostics. After the ceremony, the students will enjoy an ice cream sundae. Parents of the students earning an award will be invited to attend and encouraged to participate in the Math and FCAT parent training session following the ceremony.

Upcoming Events

•Feb. 28, 29 and March 1: FCAT Writes Gr. 4

Belle Glade Elementary

•Belle Glade Elementary is in the home stretch in fourth grade as the FCAT Writes is rapidly approaching on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Please mark your calendars now as we will need all students here on time and in class at 8 a.m. on that day.

We are working diligently at this point to stress the importance of writing two full pages loaded with lots of details and great vocabulary. The students should also use at least one simile and quotation marks in their writing.

Students are being encouraged to do their very best on all of the upcoming practices. We are having after school tutorial for writing with Mr. Hanlon and Mrs. Holden before the FCAT Writes.

•The Parent Center is staying active. There was a Parent University Workshop which showed parents how to use board games to help increase vocabulary and improve reading, writing and math skills. We have many board games that can be signed out to take home and try with your children.

Glades Day

Stanford Achievement Test 10th Edition results for lower school

The students in grades Kindergarten through 6th are at or above the average grade level in the following: reading-95 percent, language-99 percent, math-95 percent, environment/science-98 percent, complete battery-97 percent.

These are very remarkable results. As the end of the year approaches, we are preparing to take the SAT 10 assessment for 2012. The assessment testing window is April 16 to 20. Please mark this on your calendar and refrain from scheduling any appointments during the assessment period.

Upcoming Events

•Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 18

•Grandparents' Day/Book Fair on Monday, March 12, Breakfast in Tripp Hall and Fair in the gym

•Birthday Celebration for Dr. Seuss on Friday, March 2

•No School on Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day)

•Washington, D.C. Trip (6th Gr.) from April 10 to 14

•SAT 10 Testing from April 16 to 20

•St. Augustine Trip (4th & 5th Gr.) from April 25 to 27

Gator Network

The next Gator Network meeting will be held in the Teacher's Lounge Room #16 on Monday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. The Gator Network is for anyone who has an interest in Glades Day School. The Network is a way for teachers, parents and friends to communicate about what is happening at Glades Day School, as well as, a place for people to share their ideas.

Lower School Spanish

During the first semester under the direction of Mrs. Fliehs, the students were given music lessons to prepare them for the Christmas Program which was held in December.

Mrs. Betty Ruiz has taken over during the second semester and has been teaching and working with the students on their basic Spanish skills. The students have been practicing what they are learning and they are enjoying every minute of it.

Moya Photography

The Kindergarten class will have their individual and group cap and gown pictures taken on Thursday, Feb. 16. Girls are to wear a white dress, white socks, and white shoes. Boys are to wear dress pants and a white shirt (tie optional).

Winter sports pictures will also be taken on this day. Students should bring their uniforms to change into for their pictures.

Box Tops

Students will continue to receive "No Uniform Days" for turning in $1 in Box-Tops to their teacher. Students who turn their Box-Tops in by Wednesday, Feb. 29, will receive a "No Uniform Day" on Friday, Mar. 2.

The Power of Reading Aloud to Children

Researchers estimate that young readers who engage in reading for just 10 minutes a day, read over 600,000 more words each year than students who do not. Increasing the reading time to 20 minutes a day raises the words read to over two million a year (Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998; Hart and Risley, 2003).

100th Day of School Activities

Lower School students had a very fun and exciting day celebrating the 100th day of school with a lot of class activities. Students made crafts, presented projects, and counted food in groups of 100.

Pahokee Middle-High School

There will be a College Information and Financial Aid Workshop on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.

Please bring the following items:

•Your Social Security number

•Driver's License (if any)

•2011 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned

•Your parents' 2011 Federated Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student) IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ

•2011 untaxed income records

-Veterans benefits records

-Child support received

-Worker's compensation

•Your current back statements

Resolution of Appreciation

A resolution of the city commission of the city of Belle Glade, expressing our appreciation to those who provided assistance to individuals affected by the fire at 511 SW 5th Street.

WHEREAS, on Dec. 11, a fire at 511 SW 5th Street left a 30-unit building uninhabitable and about 60 people were left without a home; and

WHEREAS, the outpouring of support from the community for these individuals has been overwhelming; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of several individuals and organizations went above and beyond in assisting the residents with obtaining housing and other essentials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade recognizes St. John First Missionary Baptist church, led by Reverend Robert Rease, in providing critical and timely assistance to these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Glade recognizes the American Red Cross and their Disaster Response Team, the Lord's Place, Christ Fellowship, Gulfstream Goodwill, Okeelanta Corporation, Employees of GEO in South Bay, Ms. Washington's Laundry Mat, Bill Cortell of the Horizon Hotel,

James Houston of Houston Reality, and Ms. Theresa Fordham-Jones from the office of Representative Mack Barnard for their assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Belle Glade recognizes Palm Beach County's Department of Community Services, Division of Human Services staff who provided much needed assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City's efforts were lead by Mayor Steve B. Wilson and City Manager Lomax Harrelle, with many members of City Staff providing much needed assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of Belle Glade, Florida,

SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby adopts this resolution commending and expressing our appreciation to St. John First Missionary Baptist Church and Reverend Robert Rease; to the American Red Cross and their Disaster Response Team, Palm Beach County Department of Community Services, Division of Human Services, to the Lord's Place, Christ Fellowship, Gulfstream Goodwill and Okeelanta Corporation, Employees of GEO in South Bay, Ms. Washington's Laundry Mat, Bill Cortell of the Horizon Hotel, James Houston of Houston Reality and Ms. Theresa Fordham-Jones from the office of Representative Mack Barnard, for their support and assistance to our residents who were victims of this tragic fire.

SECTION 2. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to each of the above mentioned organizations and individuals.

DONE AND RESOLVED at regular Session of the City Commission of Belle Glade, Florida, this 6th day of February, 2012.

Mayor Wilson
Vice Mayor Wilkerson
Commissioner Asia-Holley
Commissioner Grear

Hendry County School Board Legal Advertisement

The School District of Hendry County is soliciting proposals from firms to provide:

Group Medical Insurance Benefits

The District has a strong preference for fully insured programs. No self insured programs should be submitted.

Interested parties who wish to submit proposals may obtain a copy of a Request for Proposals from the District by contacting Mr. Michael Yanosik, Chief Financial Officer at (863-674-4100) or by obtaining a copy from him at the Hendry County School Board Finance Office, 111 Curry Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

Proposal responses are due 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012.

The District and its representatives reserve the right to waive formalities or informalities in proposals, to reject, with or without cause, any or all proposals or portions of proposals, or to negotiate or not negotiate with individual proposers, or to accept any proposal(s) or portions of proposals deemed to be in the best interest(s) of the District. The District's decision on which firms are selected will be final.

Hendry County School Board
Dr Sally Berg, Chairman

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Attorney trains students

James Tuthill, a retired attorney, came to speak to Belle Glade Elementary's gifted class on Supreme Court cases. Students are studying cases for the Palm Beach County Academic Games that are held at John I Leonard High School. He explained the case, opposing points of views, the justice that made it law, and various other specifics of the cases that were needed. He also explained the branches of government and parts of the Constitution, judges and how they are appointed and their terms of service. Students enjoyed the explanation of everything, and he encouraged every student to study, read and all they too can be an attorney or anything else they want to become. The gifted students are in fourteenth place for the games and realized how much Mr. Tuthill's talk helped them at the games.

Election

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the next election.

Other unopposed victories went to Mary Ross Wilkerson in Belle Glade and Keith Babb in Pahokee. The long-time commissioners went unchallenged this election year, giving them the automatic win for their respective seats on their commissions.

With two seats being challenged, the city of Belle Glade will be busy on Election Day. Voters are expected to show up at the polls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 13 to decide the future of seats currently held by Commissioner William Grear, and one left vacant by outgoing Commissioner Gwen Asia-Holley.

Grear has been challenged by Larry Underwood for his seat, while Johnny Burroughs Jr. and Ralph Walker face one another for Asia-Holley's former seat on the board.

In Pahokee, current Vice Mayor Henry Crawford Jr. will be defending his seat from his political challenger, Felicia Hill.

If necessary, a run-off election date of March 27 has been set.

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Reading Counts Challenge

The Reading Counts Challenge has begun. The challenge is between the elementary schools in the Glades. Each month the schools try to have the most students reach their reading counts goal. The school with the highest percentage is the winner for the month and takes to their school a trophy. Belle Glade Elementary has won for the months of November and December. Keep up the great work and keep reading!

CLEWISTON GOLF COURSE

February Calendar of Events:

Feb. 16 - Twilight Thu Scramble event 4 p.m.
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In the subsequent investigation handled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Don Gutshall, Clewiston police chief, said that it was not the first time that the manager was reported to be acting in the role of a law enforcement officer. During his interview with investigators, Chief Gutshall said that one of his own officers spotted McKown "out at night stopping cars with the flashing lights on his work vehicle."

With the report completed, Hamid Hunter of the State Attorney's Office determined that the three felony charges McKown faced – two counts of false impersonating an officer and one count of criminal actions under color of law -- could not be pursued due to "insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt."

In his comments, Hunter urges the city to adopt a conduct policy regarding city officials and their use of badges.

Report Response

Mayor Rick Miller on Friday said he had yet to formally review the report, but said he was satisfied with the findings of the State Attorney in the case. He remained critical of the FDLE's investigation.

"From what I heard, it was one-sided," said the mayor. "He (Steve McKown) was given an opportunity to speak, but he wanted an attorney present and they weren't interested that way."

While he had not seen the report, the mayor said he had been receiving calls about its content. "I've had such a hard time (with the report)," said Rick Miller. "I've never seen any evidence of those kinds of behavior at all. To me it seems out of character."

Being around McKown more so than the other commissioners, the mayor reported, he has yet to see evidence of the type of characterization of the manager on display in the pages of the report.

"Like anyone, he has his faults, but he's very quick to correct," he said, stating that this is McKown's first time as a city manager. He regretted that the report was made public. "I think it's unfortunate for the city, and it puts it in a bad light," the mayor said. "But it's out there and now we have to deal with it."

"I believe the State Attorney's Office, whether they decide to go forward or not, that does not mean that violations of law did not take place," said Commissioner Mali Gardner, who has been vocal in requesting a copy of the report.

Beyond the report, she said she also had issues with other items related to the city manager, reflected in her inquiries into the use of city credit cards by key staff, namely the manager, and the city's recent award of a bonus for the manager in December, which she calls a violation of state law.

"In dealing with city government and in dealing with city managers, there comes a point when you do trust the judgment of the city manager," she offered. "There comes a point when you have concerns. I hope that the commissioners will continue to ask questions."

She said she will continue pushing the issue until the point that commissioners address her concerns.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Julio Rodriguez reinforced his position that there is a need for greater transparency at the city.

"My concern is that we're working with the lights off," said the commissioner, commenting that the report in question was requested by commissioners but had yet to be presented to them. "The report wasn't available to us when it happened. That's what concerns me. As a commissioner, it's embarrassing that the public comes to me and questions things that are going on."

For his part, the commissioner said he was not forming any decisions on the manager's future and would like to hear what his fellow commissioners have to say about the matter.

"I don't really know what the consequences will be at the moment," he said. "Certainly Mali and I are in agreement about some of the things that we're not comfortable on. There are some red flags that we're concerned about. I'm not on Commissioner Mali's bandwagon, but we share the same opinion."

He acknowledged that there is a "difference of opinions" between the divided commission, but hopes that the members of that commission will serve in a unified manner to get past the situation.

Other people who work with McKown stood up to defend him.

"I've never had any problems with him," said Tommy Perry, who serves as the city's engineer. "I find him to be an honest and forthright person." Mr. Perry said he continues to be surprised that the resulting investigation is not laid to rest with the State Attorney's position.

"People made an allegation that's been investigated, found to be baseless, and we ought to move on from that," he said. "It sure would be a shame for the man's job to be impacted because someone made baseless allegations."

Mr. Perry continued, "Well, everybody in the community knows that it was investigated and there was no reason to move forward. Some of the commissioners seem to not know that."

Commissioner Joey Miller seemed to agree. "Since Steve's been on board, the city has moved in a positive direction every year. He's a great ambassador to the city. I know there's just one side in the report but from my understanding, he broke up a fight. Is there criminal intent in breaking up a fight? No, I think he just broke up a fight. Any reasonable citizen would have tried to break up a fight, if not, something's wrong."

Responding to the part of the report that mentioned the city manager operating in the role of a law enforcement officer, Police Chief Don Gutshall responded.

"Anything that appears to be criminal in nature, I would follow up on it," he said. "If I thought it had happened, I would have followed up on this."

The city manager was contacted for his story but referred questions to his attorney.

Valentin Rodriguez, representing McKown, said there would be no comment. "We take the position that the State Attorney made the right decision in not charging him." He said his client's position will be muted, explaining that, "although no charges were filed, it doesn't mean charges can't be filed."

Online, where the document was released, a number of private citizens seemed ready to take up the issue at a future commission meeting. It was unclear at the time of this writing whether that was a genuine plan of action or a response to the immediate release of the report.

The mayor offered last words.

"I certainly feel for the guy. I feel for him as a person. It feels like there's been an attack on his person and character," he said. "Some of this will play out over time."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2432	2008	1074433-03000010300	Leysa Rodriguez Ramos

Lot 30, Block 1, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **18th** day of **January, 2012.**

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

408290 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2949	2007	4104329-03021030130	First Equity Funding Corp

Lot 13, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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409252 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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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
3153	2007	4104329-06021980120	Deano's Full Service Inc.

Lot 12, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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409241 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2904	2007	4104329-02020830130	John C. Swearingen

Lot 13, Block 2083, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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409266 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2497	2008	1074433-03000230090	Manuel Gonzalez

Lot 9, Block 23, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2575	2007	2024329-670000B0300	Javaris J. James

Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of the New York Street abutting said lots, Sunset Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ilene & Jon Klasfeld Co Tr,** 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
3701	2003	3014334-01001630130	Andrea S. & Ralph J. Marotta

Lot 16 and 17, Block163, of the General Plan of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71-78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
236	2007	1194428-A0000790000	John C. & Shelley Swearingen

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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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
191	2007	1074428-A0001410000	Michael D. Kelly

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A, 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
2609	2007	2184329-03000002290	Elizabeth G. Mack & Dana Brown

Lot 229 thru 240, Block 9, Evelyn Terrace, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 46, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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409314 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2547	2007	2024329-46000000070	Park Investments Group, Inc.

LaBelle, Millers Subdivision, Lot 11, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 88, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2950	2007	4104329-03021030140	First Equity Funding Corp

Lot 14, Block 2103, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3577	2008	4104329-030000L0020	Odilance Silien

Tract L2, Block 2102, Port LaBelle, Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Hendry County, Florida

408286 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 95-268DR on November 30th, 2011 in the matter of Zenoria T. Mckinney, as petitioner and Shep Harris, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

Lot 28, Block "K", HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, including the 1986 Fleet wood 14X52 Mobile Home, Vin No,: LFLSP1AG257011902, and Title No.: 43345287. Also known as 1011 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston Florida 33440.

and on March 15th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.

IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9=800-955-8771 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lt. Andy Lewis
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2709	2008	1214334-010000K0130	Ursula K. Fuller

Lot 17 and 18, Block K, Harlem Addition No. 1, to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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408010 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2738	2008	1214334-010000P0050	James Watson and Joel Mendoza

Lot 8, Block P, Harlem 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2564	2007	2024329-670000A0140	Marcellous Smith & Sophia L. Harris

Lot 25 and 26, Block A, Sunset Park, a subdivision of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1980	2008	1254432-A0002240100	GAME Investments Inc

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as tract 4999, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2270	2008	1354432-A0002320100	GAME Investments Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3876, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1883	2008	1244432-A0001220100	GAME Investments Inc.

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5195, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1937	2008	1254432-A0001020000	GAME Investments Inc

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1180, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2272	2008	1354432-A0002380100	GAME Investments Inc

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, 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 3881, 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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Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012.**

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

409264 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1981	2008	1254432-A0002260100	GAME Investments Inc

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5016, 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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Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012.**

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

409222 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2564	2008	1314433-A0003180000	Moises Rivera Diaz Jr.

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5745, 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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Dated this **18th** day of **January, 2012.**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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
2032	2007	1314433-A0000530000	Park Avenue Investments Group Inc.

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 6019, 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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Dated this **18th** day of **January, 2012.**

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

408292 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. 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
2040	2007	1314433-A0000970000	Pilar Home Developers, Inc

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6077, 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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Dated this **18th** day of **January, 2012.**

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

408007 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2044	2007	1314433-A0001370000	John C. & Shelley Swearingen

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5907, Montura Ranch Estates.

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

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

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Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida

408282 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Seven K Estates Subdivision Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, for assessments on properties for drainage purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2012, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days days prior to the date of the hearing.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
408755 CB/CN 2/2,9,16,23/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEXUAL PREDATOR AND SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider changes to the residency restrictions on sexual predators and sexual offenders, entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1-14.7, ARTICLE III, OF THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO SEXUAL PREDATOR AND SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Tristan Chapman, Chairman
409454 CN/CB 2/16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1411	2004	1154432-A0001260100	Edward C. Lowe

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 3180, 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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Dated this **1st** day of **February, 2012.**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
409286 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1032	2007	1134432-A0001430000	Maria Perez

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road to the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3049, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida
408287 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1711	2007	1274432-A0001540100	Elena E. Rodriguez

The North one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 114, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida
408289 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2156	2008	1274432-A0002430000	GAME Investments Inc

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 175, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2364	2008	1364432-A0002470000	Rex C. & Mary Lou Ransom

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4171, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
409265 CN 2/9,16,23 & 3/1/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FEE

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider changes to the economic development ad valorem tax exemption application fee entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE VIII OF THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-118, RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Tristan Chapman, Chairman
409192 CN/CB 2/16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
787	2007	1274331-010000H0110	Derrick & Vonnette Douglas, Raymond & Barbara Dillon, Wesley & Pearl Gallimore, Errol C. Shim, Michael & Marjorie Gosley

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 11, Block H, of Diamond "J" Estates, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1775	2007	1344432-A0000960000	GAME Investments, Inc.

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, extending or shortening its East and West boundary line so as to terminate at the North boundary line of Providence City, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 29, 30 and 31, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4237, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
408291 CN 1/26 & 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF FILING ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is given to all persons interested in the following described land and property in Hendry County, Florida, to wit: 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," that the engineer hereto appointed to determine benefits and damages to the property and lands situated in the District and to determine the estimated cost of the proposed water control plan or plan amendment, filed his report in the office of the secretary of the district, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida on the 22nd day of February, 2012, and you may examine the report and file written objections with the secretary of the district to all, or any part thereof, on or before February 15, 2012. The report recommends The Central County Water Control Plan be amended 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,

A final hearing to consider approval of the report and proposed water control plan or plan amendment shall be held at its regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
407529 CN 1/19,26 2/2,9,16/2012

Public Notice

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Pride Citrus Development) 12551 Wainwright Drive, Immokalee, FL 34142, has submitted Application 120106-11 for modification of Water Use Permit 26-00126-W to irrigate 906.8 acres of agricultural and landscape lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer and the project is located in Sections 16-21, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Nobles Farms, Inc (Barfield Grove) PO Drawer 2310, Labelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 120109-7 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00278-W to irrigate 354 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Sandstone Aquifer and the project is located in Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 29 East.

Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, 202 Blount Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, and Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc, 12425 28th Street North, St Petersburg, FL 33716 (Pride Citrus Development) has submitted Application 120111-12 for modification of Surface Water Management Permit 26-00126-S for 2,137.8 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Okaloacoochee Slough and the project is located in Sections 16-21, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR REPAVING CR 835 FROM 7.66 MILES SOUTH OF US 27 TO 6.65 MILES SOUTH OF US 27, CLEWISTON, FL FM# 430094

RFQ No. 2012-10

Opening Date and Time: March 8, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with repaving CR 835 from 7.66 miles South of US 27 to 6.65 miles South of US 27 in Clewiston, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in design, permitting, and construction inspection services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., March 8, 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 Hendry 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, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
409451 CN/CB 2/9,16,23;3/1/2012

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 2/28/12

SUBJECT AREA: 221 Terminal Pay

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for terminal pay.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1012.61, 1012.65, 1012.27, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.

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 requirements for terminal pay.

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 February 28, 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)(e), F.S.
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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 2/28/12

SUBJECT AREA: 221A Terminal Pay

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408692 CN 2/2,9,16 CB 2/16/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 12DR19

DANIEL MATTHEW BINDER,
Petitioner
and
KIMBERLY WALKER BINDER,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Kimberly Walker Binder,**
925 Washington Ave.,
Alton, IL 62006

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Daniel Matthew Binder, whose address is 1047 Mayford Lake Rd., Moore Haven, FL 33471 on or before 3-30-2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

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

Dated: February 2, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
409841 GCD 2/16,23;3/1,8/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11-CA-751

QJG, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAIME, INC., a Florida corporation, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO and THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and for Attorneys' Fees and Costs dated 1/26/2012, in the above-styled cause, the office of Barbara S. Butler will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LaBelle Courthouse Complex, Clerk of Courts Office, C.E. Hall Building, 2nd Floor Lobby, 25 E. Hickpoochee Ave. Labelle, FL 33935, at 11:00 a.m. on Feb. 29, 2012, the following described property:

a spirituous alcoholic beverage license, being license #BEV 36-00020, a 3CPS quota alcoholic beverage license which License is issued in Hendry County, Florida.

If you are a subordinate lienholder claiming a right to the funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated: 2/2/12

BARBARA S. BUTLER
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ R. DE LA CRUZ
Deputy Clerk
409827 CN 2/16,23/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found four horses from the Muse area and one from the Lakeport area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horses.
409860 CGS 2/16,23;3/1/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 22-2010-CA-000163

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
Plaintiff,
VS.
SHANNON M. PIGOTT, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 1-20-2012 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000163 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and SHANNON M. PIGOTT; RALPH M. PIGOTT; TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN DOE; TENANT #2 N/K/A JANE DOE are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will set] to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR. HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 1st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

TRACT 23, FIRST ADDITION TO LABELLE HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 73, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1996 BRENNER MANUFACTURE'S SERIAL NUMBER / VIN NUMBERS: 10L25176X AND 10L25176U

HUD CERTIFICATION LABEL NUMBERS: FLA58838 AND FLA588837

MANUFACTURER'S NAME: LIBERTY HOMES

TRADE/MODEL: KC285628

DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 04/10/1996

A/K/A 4532 LOBLOLLY BAY RD. 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 January 25, 2012.

Joe Flint
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09078421

****See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whoie office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000874

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOSE L. MUNOZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 8, 2012, and entered in Case NO. 26-2009-CA-000874 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and JOSE L. MUNOZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE L. MUNOZ N/K/A MARGARITA OTALVARO; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 2535, UNIT 13, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 55, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A UNIT 13, BLOCK 2535 PORT 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 February 9, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09076595

**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whoie 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 this proceeding.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-001187

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.
RICK A. SHEPHERD AKA RICK SHEPHERD , et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-001187 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and RICK A. SHEPHERD AKA RICK SHEPHERD; CONCETTA M NASO AKA CONCETTA NASO; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will set] to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR. HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE EAST 160.21 FEET OF THE WEST ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS THE NORTH 25.00 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST 160.21 FEET OF LOT 74 LABELLE ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION

A/K/A 291 CASE ROAD, 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 January 30, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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409020 CN 2/9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 02/18/2012 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by: 863-675-1025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000702

JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JULIE C. WILKINS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2011-CA-000702 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and JULIE C. WILKINS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JULIE C. WILKINS N/K/A WAYNE WILKINS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OP U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 19, BLOCK 2. BELMONT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN FLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 9, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 441 1ST AVENUE, 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 January 30, 2012.

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

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Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-80Q955-8771, (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
409019 CN 2/9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or 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.
410013 CN 2/16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF A TOWN HALL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that The City of South Bay will hold a Brief Meeting on February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the City Commission Chambers, located at 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, FL 33493.

Publish: February 16, 2012
City Clerk's Office
410025 CN/CB 2/16/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000554

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.
BEBI SAHEED, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 1, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000554 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and BEBI SAHEED; RASHEED M. SAHEED; TENANT #1 N/K/A SHEIK M. SAHEED; TENANT #2 N/K/A BIBI H. SAHEED; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will set] to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR. HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 149 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE 240 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE 129 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT THE SOUTH 35 FEET OF AFORE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND WHICH IS FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.
A/K/A 984 NOBLES ROAD, 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 January 30, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000061

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOYCE E. DANIELS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 2, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000061 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and JOYCE E. DANIELS; RANDAL T. DANIELS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will set] to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR. HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 24, BLOCK 2110, PORT LABELLE, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGES 73 THROUGH 85, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5007 DANIA CIRCLE, 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 February 2, 2012.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee will hold a meeting February 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Administrative office, Conference Room #2, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

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.

Deferred Compensation
Advisory Committee
410038 CN/CB 2/16/2012

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/ SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7pm at the CCWCD Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the loan commitment letters, proposed SFWMD water storage agreement, street lights, and signage, and any other business that may come before the Board.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE.

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Construction Notice to Mariners
Partial Obstruction of Okeechobee Waterway
HERBERT HOOVER DIKE
Culvert 1A
Glades County

The waters of the Okeechobee Waterway adjacent to Herbert Hoover Dike and Culvert 1A will be partially obstructed due to construction activities. Recreational and commercial boaters are asked to use precaution when navigating through this section of the waterway between the Alvin L Ward park boat ramps and Uncle Joe's Fish Camp boat ramps. Signs and navigational markers will be in place before the construction area to instruct mariners to reduce speed and use caution.

Type of Operation: Cofferdam construction to facilitate culvert replacement

Location of Operation: Okeechobee Waterway 81°0'34"W 26°48'56"N

Duration of Operations: Jan 2012 – Oct 2014

Vessels involved: Barge = Mobro 203; Push boat = The Badger

VHF-FM radio frequencies monitored: Channel 13 and 16

Point of Contact: Eric Garcia, Odebrecht Construction

24 hour phone number: 305-965-9199

Chart number: 11428, Dated 01 Aug 20

Religion Columns

The Most Excellent Way!

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

There are many things that the Apostle Paul says of love. He would, for instance, say that love is the only thing that can help you to clear, straight thinking.

Lovelessness dims and dulls the mind; it is a sort of myopia which does literally prevent a man seeing beyond his own nose. His cosmos, as was said of some one, is all Ego; and he lives blind to the rest of reality. And so far from making you a sentimentalist love makes you a realist. For it is a pure illusion to say that love is blind. Love has eyes all round its head, and it sees truth that is hidden from the unloving. Someone has said that you cannot understand Wordsworth unless you love him, but that is universally true. You never truly understand anything or anybody that you do not love. Nor will you see or say the truth about men or things until you love them. And I am sure that the Apostle Paul would say concerning love that it is the only thing that can enable us to live effectually. The man who lives in pride and envy and hate is living on his moral capital, for these things bring no return to his soul. But love is that strange commodity whereof the more you give the more you have. Every word or act of love adds to your moral reserves: mercy which is part of love. It is twice blessed and it blesseth him who gives and him who takes. It is like some shining seaway that bears on the waves rich argosies that come and go with precious cargoes never diminished, enriching both him who sells and him who buys. Some day we shall be wise enough to see that it is better to make a friend than to make a fortune, to have cultivated a genius for fellowship than to have acquired laurels of fame, to become rich in love than to be replete with things. Life does not consist in having a good hand, but in playing a bad hand well. And most of us have bad hands - hands made bad by our own folly and perversity and indolence; but there is a secret for playing bad hands well. And it is just this that Paul is speaking of here. Love means "to seek the highest good!"

Heart Love

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Try this! Put your fingertips from your right hand up against the fingertips of your left hand. You have just made a bridge. But if you bend your fingertips together, and let your joined thumb tips drop a little downward, your hands create a heart. How you formed this heart with your hands is what Heart Love is all about - it joins together and bends a little to meet the other. Heart Love is a love that gives of itself to another person then forgets the favor rendered. It is a love that finds something to love in the seemingly unlovable. Heart Love states, "I love you and I want you to be happy and to achieve the fullest stature of your being." Heart Love is what God has given us, and is what we are called to give the world.

One night on Broadway, Mary Martin was preparing to go on stage, as she had a 1,000 times before in Rodger & Hammerstein's *South Pacific*. Just before she took stage a note was handed her. The note was short. It simply said: "Dear Mary, A bell's not a bell until you ring it. A song's not a song until you sing it. Love in your heart is not put there to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away." The letter was signed by Oscar Hammerstein, who was that evening on his deathbed. When the play was over the cast rushed her backstage and asked, "What happened? We've never seen you perform that way before?" Mary read to them Hammerstein's note and said, "Tonight, I gave my love away." Make the heart again with your hands and put it up to your face. Take a look around and imagine taking a snapshot through your hand heart of everything and everyone around you. The challenge before us is to continue to look at the world and people around us through our Heart Love perspective that others might know and experience God's Heart Love through us. Remember, we are not necessarily called to like everyone, but we are called to love them. (Check out 1 John 4:7-8) The ones we love are not supposed to be perfect, but it is the choice to love others and give love away that matures and perfects each one of us as Christians.

Putting Sickness Behind

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

Bea Arthur, when she played "Maude" on TV was noted for her snappy comebacks and putdowns. Every once and awhile she'd run out of things to say in response to someone where she was attempting to one-up. Her parting shot when at a loss for a reply was, "God'll get you for that!" It was as if that God could be somehow invoked to punish those who disagreed with her or when all else fails, point out that the challenger was going to get it because that was what God would have wanted. It was comic. When at a loss for words, invoke God to punish others.

Some cynic has said, "Life is a downer, then you die!" That's too bad he feels that way. He doesn't see that his life is not the end; that even if all sorts of bad things happen here, there is a life to come where it will be immensely better. Nor does he see that life here is not all bad. In fact, for most of us there are things that we regard as "bad" but also things to be seen as "good." Then there is hope; that there will be a respite from things that upset us or cause us difficulties, or make us ill or handicap us in some way. Most of all, that's not God's nature nor His relation with us. Two individuals are mentioned in the New Testament who suffer from "demon possession." (Matthew 8:28ff) We might find another explanation for their illness today but what is obvious is that they were suffering. Their "possession" caused them to be so violent that people were afraid to even be around them. When Jesus dares to pass nearby, they shouted, "What have you to do with us Son of God" and "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Their questions betray what the world has done to them. There is no expectation that God's son will make anything better. They expect that even more torture will follow because of His encounter with them. They anticipate an end of suffering; the "appointed time" will bring it and they worry that more will be inflicted upon them in the meantime. That, of course, isn't what happened. They are rid of their "demons" and healed. Cynicism has no place in the understanding of what the Lord is about, why He came, what He set out to do. It is understandable why they feel the way they do. We are not here to suffer, to be negative, to fear the life to come as a threat rather than a heavenly blessing. God, indeed, is not out to get anybody. Those who see Him as other than loving, forgiving, compassionate, kind, caring need to rid themselves of the "demons" that have (mis) shaped their understanding of His true nature.

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deal. The whole key to me winning was knowing when to go to the good places. Once the fish started biting, I'd run to those big-fish areas. Waiting to go to those key places was painful. But if I would have gone there earlier, I would have screwed them up."

Tharp described the action in some of these better areas as a game of chess.

"I know where all the best stretches of mat are. From there it was just determining what was and what wasn't getting fished and managing them accordingly. The key area I used today and on day two really had smaller, isolated mats. I made good moves for four days."

To cement his dominating week, Tharp sacked 23 pounds, 2 ounces on a day when only four of the top 10 pros caught a limit. His total weight of 101 pounds, 12 ounces gave him back-to-back Okeechobee tournaments over the century mark and the new FLW Tour record for margin of victory (23-9). Tharp EverStart pro Randall Tharp gets his long-coveted win on Lake Okeechobee.earned $125,000.

"I've been coming down here now for six years and I still can't get enough of it. My first bass I ever caught was on this lake. I've said many times if I could win one tournament in my career it would be here. So now I've got that out of the way and I can set my sights on other places. But this place has always been No. 1 for me."

The only thing Tharp didn't do this week was break McMillan's total weight record.

"I want to dedicate this win to Jimmy and the McMillan family," Tharp said. "They've been through a lot. Jimmy was probably the best fisherman to ever fish this lake and ever will fish it and his sons are following in his footsteps and he's proud of them. I guarantee it."

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Randall Tharp.

Cox Hangs On To Second

John Cox of Debary, Fla., never threatened Tharp Sunday with a small limit weighing only 8 pounds, 6 ounces. But he was able to tap into a unique postspawn pattern right outside the off-limits area, just past Roland and Mary Ann Martin's Marina. After takeoff the first day, Cox faked engine problems as the field drove past him so as not to tip off his location.

Despite catching a small limit Sunday, John Cox retained his second-place position on the leaderboard, earning $35,000.Catching 25-pound-plus sacks the first two days, everything was going according to plan until the wind shifted to the north.

"Today I decided to go north and flip mats in an area that was nice and calm," said Cox, who fished in the Taylor Creek area on day four. "It's an area I was saving. I check it every year when I come to Okeechobee. It always looks good, but it never produced in practice until this year."

The mats really didn't produce much as Cox caught only a few keepers flipping. Most of his catch randomly came from throwing a small square-bill crankbait around the "V" in the lock area.

Each of the past three days, Cox started his morning with a Rattle Head spinnerbait. Then he eventually switched to flipping a Rattle Head football-head jig tipped with a Reactions Innovations Beaver. Early in the week pitching the jig to pencil reeds and then shaking the rod proved especially effective.

For finishing in second place with a total weight of 78 pounds, 3 ounces, he earned $35,000.

"Randall really deserves this and I'm pretty darn happy with second. It was definitely worth it to go up north today – that kept me where I am. My other area was just trashed by the wind."

York Rises To Third

Perhaps the biggest beneficiary of the windy weather during the final round was Monroe, Ga., pro Jeremy York, who caught a 13-pound, 5-ounce stringer Sunday from Uncle Joe's Cut. York, who took 12th last year on Okeechobee, finished this year's event third with a total weight of 74 pounds, 2 York misses one and re-rigs his bait while wondering if it was a big one.ounces, earning $30,000.

"The fish down in southern Florida are just so much different," he said. "I don't want this to sound arrogant, but I understand what they're thinking and how they behave."

York spent the entire week in Uncle Joe's, flipping a 4-inch Big Bite Baits Fighting Frog along a 5-mile stretch of canal. He made approximately a 1 1/2 passes per day, methodically picking apart gator grass in 2 or 3 feet of water.

"They were just not eating it as good today," York said. "It was more of a reaction bite, so they wouldn't get it as deep or hold onto it as long. I lost a 3-pounder right away this morning and two 5-pounders in the last hour of the day."

York said execution when fishing gator grass is extremely difficult.

"That gator grass was tough stuff. It's not like hydrilla or hyacinth; this stuff was connected. There are times when I couldn't get a 12-incher out of there."

Ferguson Climbs To Fourth

Art Ferguson III caught the second-heaviest stringer of the day and climbed from ninth to finish the tournament in fourth place. His day-four stringer weighed 18 pounds, 4 ounces, pushing his total Fourth-place pro Art Ferguson III shows off his kicker bass from day four on Lake Okeechobee.weight to 71 pounds, 5 ounces – earning $25,000.

During the early part of the week, Ferguson capitalized on a school of bass he found blowing up shiners in practice. They stayed put and the St. Clair Shores, Mich., triggered them by making long casts and slowly reeling in plastic baits such as 10-inch worms, lizards and Senkos.

After day two, he realized he pretty much milked the schooling area for all it was worth. So he made conscious decision to fish conservatively on day three so he would make the top-10 cutoff.

"Craig Powers told me a few years ago that sometimes you have to make business decisions out there," said Ferguson, who used to guide on the Big O. "So that's what I did. I picked up a Senko with a split shot and made sure I got my limit."

After squeaking in with only 6 pounds, Ferguson set the bar higher the final day knowing he couldn't do any worse than 10th.

"When the wind blows like it did today on Okeechobee, you only have a few choices – one of which is a rim canal. So I picked up a Strike King Series 5 crankbait and I had a limit by 8:50 this morning."

Ferguson's schooling fish were located near the Indian Prairie Canal and his crankbait area was the main rim ditch near Uncle Joe's Cut.

McMillan Fifth

Six weeks after the tragic murder of his father Jimmy, the 28-year-old McMillan was able to Brandon McMillan looking for a good bite. successfully focus on fishing for a few days. He started off the week strong – catching a giant 33-pound stringer. But then the bite got tougher and McMillan thinks he got too impatient.

"I just wanted to come in and compete," said the 2011 Okeechobee champion. "It's been a challenge the last month or so to think about fishing. But it's been good. I'm happy with what I did this week. The wind and weather just really hurt me."

If he couldn't repeat, he was hoping Tharp would claim his first win.

"He works harder than anyone out here, so he deserves it. I gave it all I have, but he beat me fair and square. That Tharp, he's a tough one to shake."

Like Tharp, McMillan flipped mats in the North Shore and Monkey Box areas. He too used a 1 1/2-ounce weight, although he preferred a Gambler creature bait called Why Not.

The local Clewiston, Fla., resident caught two bass worth 3 pounds, 4 ounces Sunday – by far his lightest sack of the week. McMillan's four-day cumulative weight registered 64 pounds, 6 ounces, good enough for fifth place and $20,000.

Rest Of The Best

Rounding out the top 10 pros at the FLW Tour event on Lake Okeechobee:

6th: Bryan Thrift of Shelby, N.C., 61-12, $17,000

7th: Roland Martin of Naples, Fla., 59-6, $16,000

8th: Scott Martin of Clewiston, Fla., 56-3, $15,000

9th: Steve Kennedy of Auburn, Ala., 55-8, $14,000

10th: Nick Gainey of Charleston, S.C., 54-5, $13,000

The next FLW Tour event is slated for Lake Hartwell in Anderson, S.C., March 8-11, the first of six Majors.

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FWC Moves Forward on Plan to Conserve Florida Black Bears

Glades and Highlands Counties home to about 175 bears

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is moving ahead on its plan to manage and conserve Florida black bears so they are never again at risk of extinction.

With the bear population rebounding from about 300 to 3,000 over the past 40 years, the FWC recognizes Florida's conservation success with bears and recommends the state's largest land mammal be removed from the threatened species list.

On Feb. 9, the Commissioners discussed the draft Florida Black Bear Management Plan, a proposed black bear conservation rule, and heard public comments and suggestions. Final action on the draft bear management plan and rule was not taken today. The Commissioners are scheduled to take up a revision of the draft plan and the rule during their June meeting.

Pointing out a paragraph in the draft bear plan tracking the fall and rise of Florida's bear population, Commissioner Brian Yablonski said, "We had 750,000 people in Florida in 1914 and we had roughly 3,000 bears, and here we are at the last data point in 2002 and we've got 17 million people in 2002 and about 3,000 bears. That's an amazing success story. I think this is a very positive day."

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Commissioner Richard Corbett said, "The major focus is how we manage and protect with a major population increase of bears and a major population increase of humans."

The draft bear management plan, released on Nov. 10, 2011, was followed by a two-month period of public input, which included public workshops in Bristol, Naples, DeLand and Gainesville. Floridians offered feedback at the workshops, online where the draft plan was posted at MyFWC.com/Bear, and by mailing written comments. About 2,500 comments were received from private citizens and stakeholder groups on the draft plan. Additionally, people had the opportunity to speak at today's meeting.

The public commented on issues such as updating bear population estimates, reducing human-bear conflicts and continuing the review of land-use changes impacting bear habitat.

Members of the public also expressed opinions on whether to allow bear hunting in Florida and whether taking bears off the state's threatened species list would impact bear conservation.

FWC staff is recommending following many of the public's suggestions to change, clarify and improve the overall plan.

Commissioners also gave tentative approval to a proposed FWC rule that would make it unlawful to injure or kill bears, continuing protections similar to the ones granted to bears as a state threatened species. The rule additionally commits the FWC to working with landowners and regulating agencies to guide future land use to be compatible with objectives of the bear plan.

The draft plan proposes

• Seven bear management units (BMUs) to reflect areas where Florida's black bear populations are concentrated. The units would offer the opportunity for local input on managing bear populations and habitat.

For example, the Central BMU, based in Ocala National Forest, has the largest estimated population of about 1,000 bears; the East Panhandle BMU encompasses Apalachicola National Forest, with roughly 600 bears; and the South Central BMU in Glades and Highlands counties has about 175 bears.

• Creation of "Bear Smart Communities" in areas of high bear activity. A "Bear Smart Community" would involve its residents, businesses, public agencies and schools in educating people about how to live in bear country and respond appropriately to human-bear conflicts.

For example, the U.S. Air Force's Hurlburt Field in Okaloosa County switched to bear-proof garbage cans and dumpsters, instituted an active education program and trained personnel in appropriate responses to human-bear conflicts. After two years of these efforts, Hurlburt experienced a 70-percent reduction in human-bear conflicts.

The Florida black bear is among the 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida's new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans be created for all species that have been state-listed and that plans be updated at specified intervals.

Those management plans give citizens an active role in Florida's efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.

For more information about bears, go to MyFWC.com/Bear.