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Construction Projects Present Opportunity For Local Jobs

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS MAY SOFTEN GLADES EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

One of the Glades's major areas of concern presently has to do with the high percentage of people who are unemployed. Work on the part of local leaders remains very much fixed on addressing the situation through economic development opportunities and other job creation engines, but progress on this has been slow.

Toward that end, some of the more ambitious undertakings in the Glades are being steered aggressively in the direction of job growth. Two school district construction projects are moving forward with the explicit understanding that contractors will make a determined effort to hire local workers for the duration of the

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Red Cross Opens New Facility in the Glades



PHOTO / BRENDA BUNTING

Local leaders and officials gathered recently for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the site of the new American Red Cross building in Belle Glade. The location will continue to offer residents essential emergency services in times of disasters. It was donated to the agency.

Preparing the Glades for Safety or Disaster

BY AMANDA RAMOS-GUY
The Sun

The Glades is no stranger to natural disaster; many of its citizens have weathered at least one hurricane in the last decade. But hurricanes are not the only problems that can plague the community: storm surges, wildfires, and residential fires are among the perils that can leave citizens in dire need of assistance.

All of this underscores the importance of having an immediate response agency such as the American Red Cross on call to help. When disasters strike, it is the local group of Red Cross volunteers that springs into action and provides immediate relief

to victims of disasters, often helping them to find suitable emergency housing and food assistance.

Recently, Temple Beth Shalom do-

on Tuesday, June 5.

The new facility will offer Glades residents a multitude of resources. Volunteers are present to teach vari-

ous classes to anyone wishing to prepare for an emergency. Classes are available for everyone from youth to seniors, for those who seek to take classes for personal reasons or as a requirement for employment or school admission.

ated the building formerly known as the Glades Jewish Community Center to the American Red Cross. Workers and volunteers have worked to restore the 6,635 sq. ft. service center to its current condition. Although some restoration work remains, workers and volunteers celebrated its open house

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age community partners in new and meaningful ways that will benefit all of our neighbors," said Tammy Jackson-Moore, director of the Belle Glade of-

Swimming lessons, lifeguard train-

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- Tammy Jackson-Moore, director of the Belle Glade office

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Inland Birding Fun: Burrowing Owl (BUOW)



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Florida Burrowing Owls.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Burrowing Owls are known locally as “Howdy Owls.” They will bob their heads up and down as if saying “howdy” as a sign of distress, when excited, or for judging distance.

It is estimated that there are about 3,000 of these birds in Florida. This “species of special concern” is the only North American Owl that nests underground. They use burrows year-round for roosting during the winter and raising young during the breeding season.



Margaret England

The Florida Burrowing Owl is a small owl about nine inches in height with long legs and a short tail. Both sexes are about the same size. They lack ear tufts of the more familiar woodland owls. Adults have dark brown plumage with extensive barring on the belly and heavily streaked foreheads. Juveniles have paler markings than the adults.

The owl's song is a two-note “coo coo” with the call being a series of rattles, clucks and chatters. The longest living banded wild Burrowing Owl on record was about 8.5 years old.

These birds are attracted to elevated areas along canal bank and road berms, as well as dry open native prairies, pastures, recreational lands

and residential areas where there are cleared areas with short ground cover. Burrowing Owls usually dig their own burrows, but will use gopher tortoise and armadillo burrows.

These burrows, extending four to eight feet underground, are lined with various materials such as grass clippings, feathers, paper, and manure.

Burrowing Owls forage for food throughout the day, but are most active in the morning and evening. They hunt by catching food with their feet while walking, hopping or running on the ground or flying from a perch.

Their diet includes a variety of insects and vertebrates including crickets, beetles, lizards, frog and road-killed animals.

Burrowing Owls will nest colonially with just a few feet separating each burrow. Eggs are laid from early October to early May with the peak being mid-March. Three to ten white eggs are incubated for about 30 days and the young fledge in about 40 days after hatching.

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for free birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on July 14 or Aug. 18.

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Fatherhood Initiative

Father's Day event

The Pahokee Housing Authority invites you to come celebrate Father's Day. The event will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Pahokee.

There will be games, food, music, and other activities for children and adults. This is a free event so come out and enjoy the day with your

father or son.

Open house for Technical Trade Programs

Palm Beach State College is hosting an open house to highlight in-demand technical trade training programs, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Technical Education Building, Belle Glade campus.

Guests can get information and talk with instructors in the welding, cosmetology, heavy equipment mechanic, and nail specialist programs.

In addition, Corporate and Continuing Education staff will be on hand for attendees to learn about course offerings in entrepreneurship, bookkeeping, web design, computer basics, and more. This event is free and open to the public. For details, contact Lester Mosely at moselyl@palmbeachstate.edu or 561-993-1427.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Pioneer Park Elementary

Young Author's Conference

The last week of school proved to be a very exciting and eventful one. On Tuesday, June 5, we held the Young Author's Conference. Guest orientation began in the Media Center at 8:30 a.m. and visitors began classroom visitations with K-2 from 9 to 10 a.m. then visited with third through fifth from 10 to 11 a.m.

All students were recognized in assemblies held throughout the school at varying times throughout the day and each student received Young Author's writing kits in their writing tool kit bags. The Young Author's Awards program began at 12 p.m. in the cafeteria with a luncheon for winners. First, second, and third place winners, with an overall first place achiever for each grade during this elegant ceremony. Winners, their families, the participating judges, and visiting community members enjoyed this event together. We would like to thank the judges, committee members, Mrs. Martinez, our music coordinator, Mr. Fuller, our sound coordinator, and our contributors for their time and generosity. Special thanks to Ms. Chris Boldin, Principal Adam Miller, and Assistant Principal Michael Rieckenberg. Thank you for encouraging our children in their writing and for giving them this wonderful opportunity to feel successful. A special shout out to the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies: Alaija King and Jairi Williams, Jada Dean, for the Pledge of Allegiance, Kieria Howard, for the welcome, Cejun Peaks, for the occasion, and ushers: Isabel Delacruz, Eduardo Rodriguez, Elaundra Peaks, Kenya Pitre, and Manuel Tapia.

A Fond Farewell

On Thursday we bid adieu to our long term Reading Coach, Ms. Chris Boldin. Mr. Miller spearheaded a surprise going away gathering for her after school in the media center. Ms. Boldin received a beautiful live floral plant arrangement and a plaque commemorating her contributions to our reading successes over the years. Ms. Boldin has been with the school district for over thirty years.

During her tenure, she has attended many reading conferences across the country, including the International Reading Association and more recently with the Readers and Writers Project through Columbia University's Teacher's College. She helped Pioneer Park teachers steer our young readers through tremendous growth and awesome accomplishments in their reading for many years. Mr. Miller expressed his sincere gratitude for Ms. Boldin's dedicated service. Ms. Boldin gave a brief thank you speech and many present rose to thank Ms. Boldin for the unique ways she has helped teachers and students at Pioneer Park Elementary. Enjoy your new job, Ms. Boldin, we wish you the best!

Moving On Ceremony

On Wednesday, we held our Moving On ceremony for our fifth graders. Students dressed in crisp black and white and marked this momentous milestone with their parents and families present in the cafeteria. Goodbye to our future Roadrunners and Raiders! You have run a good race. Now kick it into high gear, remembering that little brothers, sisters, and cousins are looking up to you! Stay awesome and keep reading!

Summer Reading Celebration

Our 2012 Summer Reading Festival includes two authors, who have already visited Pioneer Park: Michael Sterns, May 21, and David Mark Lopez, June 13.

Please save the dates of June 20 for author Kate Klise and June 28 for author Cynthia Lord. Both are scheduled to visit our media center beginning at 9 a.m. until noon on their respective days. Parents, please bring your children out to hear these children's authors give readings from their books and hold question and answer sessions with our students on reading and writing,

including the publishing process.

You may call Ms. Jeannie Britt at 993-8600 to confirm (each author's visit with no unexpected cancellation). We also greatly encourage you to take advantage of the Summer Reading Campaign; our media center will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning on June 12.

Come out and see Mrs. Pena and Ms. Martinez, enjoy fun activities, check out books, join a Sugar Bear summer reading book club, log your reading minutes, and build your skills and levels! Don't forget Sugar Bears, we are open for your reading enjoyment and want you to attend! Many thanks to the Pew Foundation for this wonderful reading enrichment opportunity!

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Protect Yourself From Heat Exhaustion

Summer brings a lot of heat

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

The temperatures keep rising as we slowly head into the summer.

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments are urging folks to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion vary but may include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

- Skin: may be cool and moist
- Pulse rate: fast and weak
- Breathing: fast and shallow

If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

Help the person to cool off and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

What to do if heat exhaustion is suspected:

- Drinking cool, nonalcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician
- Resting in an air-conditioned environment
- Taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath
- Wearing lightweight clothing
- Heat exhaustion/heat stroke prevention tips
- Drink lots of water or drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages
- Get lots of rest
- Take a cool shower or bath
- Seek an air-conditioned location when possible
- Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing
- Do not engage in strenuous activities when

you know temperatures are at high levels.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common in very humid environments. High humidity reduces the effectiveness of sweating and cooling the body.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature.

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids.

To avoid becoming dehydrated, it is important to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, even if you don't feel thirsty. This is particularly true on days when temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and higher.

Depending upon your physical activity and heat exposure during hot weather, it's a good idea to drink more water.

Health experts have found that fluid requirements vary from person to person.

Persons who have medical conditions such as kidney and heart disease, who require a fluid restricted diet, or who have problems with fluid

retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.

Knowing the signs of dehydration and knowing what to do is very important. Signs of dehydration include thirst, weakness, nausea, muscle cramps, feeling dizzy and light headed, decreased urine levels and/or urine that has a strong odor or is darker than normal, tiredness, sluggishness, irritability and headaches.

All, some or none of these signs may be present so the best way to avoid dehydration is to monitor water or fluid intake and modify activity or reduce the length of activity according to weather conditions.

Don't wait for the dry mouth, flushed skin, headaches, light-headedness or fatigue. You should prevent dehydration by drinking fluids throughout the day.

Help to avoid becoming dehydrated by staying out of the direct sun, wearing light colored loose fitting clothing, limiting physical activity, and using fans when available.

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22 New FWC Officers Ready to Protect State's People, Natural Resources

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The motto for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement was on the minds of 22 new officers Friday when they graduated as the FWC's 18th officer class.

At a ceremony at the Florida Public Safety Institute, near Tallahassee, they pledged their efforts to patrol Florida's lands and waters and protect and preserve its people and resources.

Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, mentioned how FWC officers are the first point of contact most people have with the agency.

"This privilege carries great responsibility," Brown said. "As they interact with the public, I know these new officers will uphold our values: integrity, professionalism, dedication and adaptability."

As FWC officers, they will patrol Florida's

lands – nearly 54,000 square miles of it – as well as more than 12,000 square miles of water.

Due to their jurisdiction and specialized training and equipment, they are often the first to be able to respond to boating accidents, missing boaters and lost campers, hikers and hunters. In 2011, FWC officers saved nearly 900 people during search-and-rescue missions.

"These officers will be protecting the 'Fishing Capital of the World' and one of the largest public hunting systems in the country," said FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The new officers began their training in December. The beginning part of each FWC academy teaches recruits basic law enforcement



techniques and skills.

"During the final eight weeks of each academy, we focus on the unique information and skills it takes to be an FWC officer," Brown said.

The specialized training involves firearms proficiency, wildlife identification, vessel operation, defensive tactics, all-terrain vehicle operation, detection for boating and driving under the influence and a focus on state and federal wildlife, fisheries and environmental laws.

The new officers will spend the next three months with a field-training officer and are assigned to the following counties:

- Oliver Adams – Monroe
- Justin W. Miller – Glades
- Megan Aswall – Martin

- Domingo Montalvo-Diaz – Miami-Dade
- Randall Bibler – Monroe
- Gregory Patterson – Highlands
- Adam Bunker – Miami-Dade
- Paige Pestka – Miami-Dade
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Mary R. Rackstraw, 99

FORT MYERS — Mary R. Rackstraw, passed away on Sunday, June 10th, 2012.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late Andrew L. Rackstraw of Clewiston, Fla. {d. 1988}. She was born on January 14, 1913, in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mrs. Rackstraw was a woman of many talents. After her graduation from Marshalltown High School she went to work in a clothing store by the name of LynMar Frocks and quickly rose to the position of manager. Following her marriage to Byron DeLoss Chamness, in 1936, they moved to Sacramento, Calif. in 1940, and then to Mobile, Ala. in 1942. She had a great love for reading and worked for the Mobile Press Register as "Miss Mary" the Children's Editor and did a weekly radio show reading stories that children had submitted to her. She loved performing in plays for the Mobile Theater Guild and the Joe Jefferson Players.

While in Mobile, Mary also worked at Brookley Air Force base until it closed and then went to work for the United States Customs Service where she met Mr. Rackstraw. After their marriage she moved to his home in Miami. After their retirement they moved to Clewiston.

Mary is survived by her son, Corey Chamness, Sr. and daughter-in-law, Pat Chamness of Fort Myers; her daughter, Pamela Jane Chamness and her son-in-law Thomas Beiter of LeRoy, N.Y.; she has Stepsons, Frank Rackstraw and his wife, Patsy of Dothan, Ala., and Andrew L. Rackstraw, Jr. and his wife Peggy of Ocala, Fla.; Stepdaughter, Peggy Schuberth and her husband Joseph of Cromwell, Conn.; Mary is also the beloved grandmother of 12 grandchildren, Corey Chamness, Jr., Noelle Chamness, Kevin Chamness, Jenevieve Stepanik-Heaney, Kathryn Stepanik, Frank Rackstraw, Jr., Lori Ann Rackstraw, Jennifer H. Rackstraw, James Rackstraw, Jeremy Schuberth, Joseph Schuberth and Jason Schuberth; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at Iona-Hope Episcopal Church, 9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Iona-Hope Episcopal Church. Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service has been entrusted with final care.

Jorge E. Soto, Sr., 93

CLEWISTON — Jorge E. Soto, Sr., passed away Friday, June 8, 2012, in Lakeland, Fla.

Jorge was born June 28, 1918, in Bayamo, Cuba. He is the son of the late Francisco Soto and the late Eugenia Figueredo Vega.

He came to this country in 1962 escaping Communism to provide a free life for his family. He worked in the sugar industry at Moore Haven Mill and Okeelanta Mill until his retirement at the age of 72. He graduated from the School of Commerce in Bayamo, Cuba with a degree in Accounting.

He was a proud member of the Hendry County Republican Party and assisted in numerous campaigns for many Republicans in the area. He was an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins and his beloved N.Y. Yankees.

He is survived by his wife, Maria J. Soto; six children, Jorge Jr. (Adriana), Maria Eugenia (Julio), Esperanza, Juan (Cindi), Mali (Terry) and Maria 'Chuchi' (Rich); sister, Luciola Soto Landrove of Elizabeth, N.J.; he leaves behind 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren in which he imbued a legacy of life, freedom and love of family. He was preceded in death by ten siblings.

The family mourns his peaceful passing and rejoices in the sure knowledge that he is in a better place. He led a full life and with his wife of 64 years, raised a strong and loving family.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. Interment was in the Ridgelawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Charles Edgar Elliott, 76

LABELLE — Charles Edgar Elliott, age 76, of LaBelle, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in Lehigh Acres. Charles was born January 2, 1936 in West Palm Beach. He was a former resident of Pahokee.

Survivors include his mother, Christine W. Elliott; brother, Jess P. (Sharon) Elliott of Atlanta, Ga. and Michael J. (Sherry) Elliott of LaBelle; nephews and nieces, Joseph (Mette) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Lilley, Mary Lynn (Kent) Mathis, Jennifer Evans and Mandy (Tom) Bird. He was preceded in death by his father, Jess M. Elliott.

A memorial service was Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church in LaBelle with Rev. John Bennett officiating.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle

Ann E. Coverdale, 82

BELLE GLADE — Ann E. Coverdale, 82, died Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.

Born in Tennessee, the daughter of John and Marie Payne, Mrs. Coverdale had lived in the Glades since 1939.

She had worked in the circulation department for the Clewiston News and the Glades County Democrat for several years.

Survivors include her daughter, Zandra

Bell and her husband Donald of Marathon; daughter, Vivian Crawford and her husband Dennis of Clewiston; son, Ronnie Page of Fort Pierce; son, Richard Coverdale of Belle Glade; grandchildren, Erik, Kurt, Jason, Kendra, Zondra, and Tony; great grandchildren, Joey, Kristian, Chloe, Emma, Brock, Noah, Zachary, Zane, and Jade Elizabeth; great great grandchildren, Ethan, Emily, Kyleigh, and Karleigh.

Mrs. Coverdale was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Donald Coverdale; her sisters, Jenny, Katherine, and Vivian; and her brother, Lewis.

Visitation was 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Aycock Funeral Home in Stuart, Florida. Funeral service was 11 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2012 at Aycock Funeral Home with interment to follow at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Coverdale's honor to the Debbie Howell Trust at the First Bank of Clewiston, in care of Deborah VanSickle.

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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen in the past week, averaging \$3.35/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen in the last week to \$3.56/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were lower than the same day one year ago and are 27.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased during the last month and stands lower than this day one year ago.

"While price decreases have heated up on the West Coast, such decreases are drying up in other areas- such as the Great Lakes," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While current factors still point to some falling gasoline prices in some areas, mainly the West Coast, oil prices haven't continued to shed as much value in the past week. Prices in the past few years have bottomed out in June, we could see a similar situation play out this year," DeHaan said.

Lake Okeechobee Angler Dies in Lightning Strike

BY ERIC KOPP

A Miami angler was killed on Lake Okeechobee Friday when he was apparently struck by lightning. Lorenzo Magdaleno, 51, Miami, was pronounced dead at the Indian Prairie Canal boat ramp Friday, June 8, by emergency medical personnel from Glades County, said a spokeswoman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). In the same bass boat was David M. Hardin, 37, of Pleasantview, Tenn. He was taken to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee, where he was treated and released. Carli Segelson, public information coordinator for FWC, said the incident happened around 1:30 p.m. while the two men were fishing in Glades County. They were competing in the TBF Federation Division Championship bass tournament being fished out of Okeechobee. Ms. Segelson said FWC personnel escorted the men in the 21-foot Triton bass boat back to the Indian Prairie Canal boat ramp where Mr. Magdaleno was pronounced dead.

The freak incident caught most by surprise.

"I've been in the federation for more than three decades and nothing like this has ever happened before," said Robert Cartledge, TBF president and CEO. "We've had other tragedies, such as heart attacks," he continued. "But we never had an accident fatality and certainly not a lightning strike."

The three-day division championship tournament included 84 anglers from seven states.

Mr. Magdaleno, 51, was a veteran angler and

a member of the Florida Bass Federation and the Homestead Hawg Hunters club for more than a decade. Preliminary reports outlined a quickly moving afternoon storm that passed over part of the lake. Other parts of the lake remained clear and sunny, while some were cloudy with "drizzle." Mr. Magdaleno and his partner were fishing approximately 45 minutes away from the tournament launch area, the Scott Driver Boat Ramp in Okeechobee County. Mr. Magdaleno was in the front of the boat running the trolling motor as it was "his half of the day." (TBF division championships are draw events where both anglers get control of the boat and choose the water for one half of each tournament day.) Mr. Magdaleno's partner, Mike Hardin who was the boat's owner, caught a limit during the first half of the day and was fishing off the back deck to allow Mr. Magdaleno his best chance to finish off his limit. Mr. Hardin was knocked off his feet by the strike and awoke after an undetermined amount of time on the back deck of the boat not knowing what had exactly happened. Mr. Hardin was examined at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee and released.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lorenzo's extended list of family and friends, the Florida Bass Federation, as well as, Lorenzo's partner for the day, Mike Hardin, who was in the boat with him during this tragedy," Mr. Cartledge, stated.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication – June 14, 2012

Name of Responsible Entity – City of Clewiston

Address- 115 West Ventura Avenue

City, State, Zip Code – Clewiston, Florida 33440

Telephone Number – 863-984-1484

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 25, 2012, the City of Clewiston will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to rehabilitate ten (10) single family housing units that are owned by low-to-moderate income persons. The City received \$700,000 in CDBG funds through CDBG Grant 12DB-H02 for this project. All housing units will be located within the City Limits of Clewiston.

The City of Clewiston has determined that the activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City Clerk's Office, City of Clewiston, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) to Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk. Additional project information is contained in the ERR on file at Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All comments must be received by June 22, 2012. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Clewiston requesting a release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Clewiston certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Richard Miller in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Clewiston to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Clewiston certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Clewiston; (b) the City of Clewiston has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Clewiston to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Richard Miller, Mayor

Name and Title of Local Government's Certifying Officer

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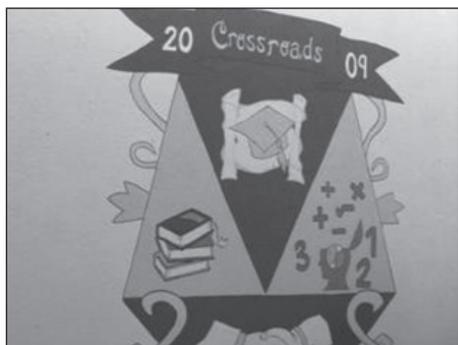
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Creativity on Permanent Display at Crossroads Academy



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An inspiring story was unveiled on Wednesday, May 30, at 9 a.m., when city officials, school administrators, and Abrakadoodle art leaders convened with student designers at Crossroads Academy in Belle Glade to reveal a new, student-designed school crest.

The new crest was the culmination of a year-long school art project sponsored and led by Abrakadoodle-Greater West Palm Beach. Presented with an Abrakadoodle certificate of achievement for their efforts were student artists: Hayley Lopez (right), Ron'Shae Graham (left) and Devonte Lawrence (back, right). Also shown in the photo is Abrakadoodle instructor Cayla Coco (back, left).

Shirley Walker-Turner, Mayor of South Bay said, "I encourage each of you to take advantage of this opportunity now because you will not have this day again. What's gone is gone."

As a result of such great talent these students



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demonstrated, Abrakadoodle hopes to continue to provide an ongoing Art Education Program to the Crossroads Academy for the upcoming school year.

Words were shared by Shirley Walker-Turner, mayor of South Bay; Steve Wilson, mayor of Belle Glade; J.P. Sasser, mayor of Pahokee, as well as a heartfelt expression of gratitude from Abrakadoodle's Gillian Gordon to her instructor Cayla Coco. Closing remarks were provided by assistant principals Jeremiah Stewart, Anne

Dorsey, as well as Derrick Hibler, Principal of Crossroads Academy.

SCHOOL

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Summer reading enrichment for incoming freshman through 12th grade is Monday, June 11 to 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily. Transportation will not be provided.

Gove Elementary

Perfect Attendance Recognition Program

Congratulations to all of the students who received the "Perfect Attendance" Award for the 2012 school year. The students were recognized on May 30 for their attendance accomplishments and treated to a movie and snack following the recognition program.

We thank Dr. Riker, Guidance Counselor, for overseeing the program. Special thanks to PTO for providing the snacks.

Summer Programs for Students

Gove Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in various summer pro-

grams to prevent the "summer slide" in reading and math. One program, sponsored by the Pew Foundation, will follow the theme of "Read around the World."

The purpose of this project is to prevent the summer slide by challenging the students to maintain or increase their current reading level as measured by the district and state assessments.

Research reveals that students who do not read over the summer months lose ground and often spend the beginning of the school year trying to regain previous end of year reading levels. Gove plans to provide students with access to as many books as possible during the summer months.

The students will also have access to the Media Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 and 11 a.m. to exchange books and to log their reading time as the students will also participate in the Scholastic Read for the World Reading Challenge.

This program runs from June 11 through Aug. 13. The second program, Destination / Riverdeep Summer Program, runs from May 28th through July 20th. This program is a computerized reading and math program which the students can access from any computer with internet access.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adoption of remedial amendments to the Future Land Use Element Text and Maps and the Traffic Circulation Element of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with a previously approved Stipulated Settlement Agreement pertaining to the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

ORDINANCE 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE TEXT AND MAPS IN THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND THE FELDA COMMUNITY OVERLAY AND TRANSITION LAND USE CATEGORIES (INCLUDING CHANGING DESIGNATION FROM TRANSITION TO MULTI-USE) OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such 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.

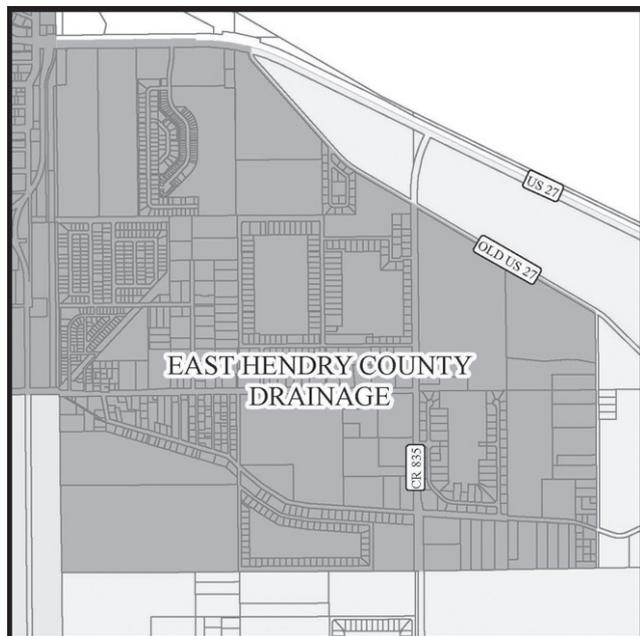
Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



HENDRY COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

DID YOU KNOW...



East Hendry County Drainage District (EHCCDD) maintains the canals, ditches, and storm water treatment areas in the area shown on the left. As part of the Federal Clean Water Act, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) determined that EHCCDD needed a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit. The NPDES permit is a reporting tool that FDEP and EPA use to ensure that municipalities and special districts are properly implementing storm water pollution prevention programs. These programs utilize Best Management Practices or BMPs which are storm water pollution prevention activities or storm water pollution controls. These can take the form of structural components, like the pump station in the area operating at the proper stages or silt fences around construction sites. They can also take the form of community clean ups and education.

This flier is a reminder that everyone plays a part in keeping our water resources clean. The storm water from the EHCCDD flows north to Lake Okeechobee via the Clewiston Canal. The lake replenishes water storage areas, helps to irrigate agricultural lands, provides backup water for urban areas, and plays a major role in supplying water for the Everglades.

Illicit discharge or illicit storm water discharge means any discharge into the MS4 and/or waters of the United States that is not composed entirely of storm water, except discharges made in accordance with a county issued development order consistent with the MS4 permit, an independent NPDES permit, or as a result of fire fighting activities.

Many seemingly harmless household activities, such as dumping yard waste, draining swimming pools, or household waste water from washing machines, dishwashers or water softening devices into ditches, storm drains and canals are also classified as illicit discharges.



These activities can and do cause severe problems in our waterways. Ditches and storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. They flow directly into streams, lakes, rivers, estuaries, bays and eventually the Gulf of Mexico.

All residents of Hendry County can do their part by properly disposing of wastes and reporting any illicit discharges or illegal dumping to the Hendry County Waste Management office at 863-675-5252.

ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE NUMBER 88-9

"No person shall throw, place or deposit, or cause to be thrown, placed, or deposited any solid waste of any kind into or on any of the public streets, roads, highways, bridges, lands, or upon the premises of any other person within the unincorporated area of the County except as specifically authorized by the Board for the disposal of such solid waste. It is unlawful for any person to collect or transport solid waste for hire or remuneration or other consideration in any form without first having a County franchise agreement or securing permission from the franchise hauler. All disposal required by this Ordinance shall be done only at a County designated or approved Solid Waste facility.

NUMBERS/ADDRESSES

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Religion Column

A Radical Plan to Pay Taxes; And a Time-Tested One

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

When we took a "cruise to nowhere" one weekday while I was in Fort Lauderdale, it became obvious that one of the purposes of the voyage was to play games of chance. One of the ladies in the church I served came to me with a twenty-dollar bill in her hand and asked if I thought she'd get it back if she wagered it.

I suggested that she might throw it overboard, hope a fish eat it, and hope that she would catch that fish; that she'd have a better chance of getting her twenty dollars back.

My reply was based on my knowledge of statistics; somebody has to pay for all of the over-

head, the upkeep, the crew, the maintenance of the ship that exceeds the fares paid by the passengers. As I thought about it; I reflected on Jesus and the temple tax (Matthew 17:24ff).

It seems that the local tax collectors asked Peter if Jesus didn't pay the temple tax. Peter in turn asks Jesus about it, and He replies "What do you think Simon ... from whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes -- from their own sons or from others?(v. 26)"

Peter answers "From others." Jesus answers that, then the sons are exempt; but adds a final thought -- Peter is to go to the lake, throw in his line, take the first fish caught and open its' mouth. Jesus tells him "Open it's mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours(v.27)."

Maybe my answer wasn't so far-fetched to the lady after all! In reality, there have been fish

caught with all sorts of items ingested; some are greater scavengers than others.

During a trip to the Holy Land, a lecturer said that there was a local fish that was attracted to shiny objects; again, maybe the idea of finding coins in fish is not out of the question.

My experience with fishermen, however, is that they seek the fish and don't set their hearts on finding coins inside of them. Nevertheless, they keep at it; the commercial ones turning their fish into something to give them a living, and pay taxes along the way.

A little less direct than what Jesus advised Peter about paying the temple tax; but when all is said and done, the end is the same.

I find the same end in many areas of our modern life. Sick? Prayers for healing but go to the doctors. That's part of taking advantage of God's revelation in our time: an admonition that comes

from some of the "In-between" (or Apocryphal) books between the Old and New Testament that were parts of scriptures in the first centuries. Finances a problem?

Look for work and pay bills rather than hoping to hit the lottery. Problems at home? One of the physician authors commented that if you keep doing the same things over and over, why should you expect a different outcome? He had a point. Pray, but seek help too. Someone also said "Good things come to he who waiteth -- if he worketh like blazes while he waiteth."

Fishermen seem to know this; and they're capable of doing a lot of great things.



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Persistent Speller Wins

Friday, May 25, marked the return of the BESOL Spelling Bee at Glades Central High School. The BESOL is a spelling bee for students who have lived in the United States for less than two years. Students studied a list of commonly misspelled English words and competed in two rounds to determine this year's winner. The preliminary round determined 9th, 10th, and 11th grade winners, who then competed in the final round against each other. After over an hour of competition Robed Valliere correctly spelled the word "stubbornness" to win this year's bee. All of the students were excited to show off their second language and are already studying for next year's competition.

National HIV Testing Day is June 27th

Wednesday, June 27, marks the 18th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), reminding all Americans that HIV testing is an important step in the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. Too many people don't know they have HIV. In the United States, nearly 1.2 million people are living with HIV, and almost one in five don't know they are infected. Getting tested is the first step to finding out if you have HIV. If you have HIV, getting medical care and taking medicines regularly helps you live a longer, healthier life and also lowers the chances of passing HIV on to others.

Every nine and a half minutes someone in the United States becomes infected with HIV, adding up to more than 55,000 annual new infections. Currently in Palm Beach County, less than two percent of persons living with AIDS or HIV are under the age of thirteen. For the first five months of 2012, 59 new AIDS cases were reported, a 22

percent decrease from the first five months of 2011 when 101 AIDS cases were reported. In addition, for the first five months of 2012, 97 new HIV infection cases were reported, a 30 percent decrease from the first five months of 2011 when 138 HIV infection cases were reported. As of May 31, cumulatively the number of AIDS cases in the county is 11,227 and HIV cases are 3,412. Palm Beach County's ranking in the state for HIV/AIDS is No. 4. As of March 31, 7,879 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Palm Beach County. It is estimated that this number could actually be 20 percent greater. The 20 percent is based not only on those who have not been tested but also includes people in care but whose test results have not been reported and thirdly, those persons in care but whose test results were reported from another state. Knowing your HIV status at an early stage of infection allows you to access medical care and treatment and support that can extend

your life. Early diagnosis of HIV infection can delay the progression to AIDS and reduce transmission of HIV to others.

The NHTD campaign also prevents new HIV infections by increasing education, awareness, and access to HIV counseling and testing services. This year marks the 28th year of the HIV test, which was first offered in 1985. A lot has changed since the first HIV tests were offered. With new rapid test technology, you can learn your HIV status in 20 minutes.

Multiple community-based organizations have partnered with the Palm Beach County Health Department to organize HIV testing activities that will take place throughout Palm Beach County during the week of NHTD - June 20 - 27. As the event approaches, check out the websites www.pbchd.com and www.HIVTest.org for a complete and up-to-date listing of all NHTD activities or call toll-free 1-800-FLA-AIDS.



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PROJECTS

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make a determined effort to hire local workers for the duration of the work.

Contractors selected for these projects have been supportive of the measure to hire local people for the Glades jobs with the intent of incorporating their participation during all phases of the work. In an effort to spur the initiative, contractors have been targeting residents of the area through various programs,

It is not a permanent solution to the unemployment woes, but in the present Glades economy, few are turning down the opportunity to find work, temporary or not.

The Palm Beach County School District recently gave the go-ahead for the modernization of two aging schools in the Glades: Rosenwald Elementary and Gove Elementary. The schools have seen better days, with the cost of modernization becoming a more feasible option than the cost of improving the facilities would have been.



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Work on the Gove Modernization project has started in Belle Glade.

Rosenwald Modernization

Suffolk Construction was recently chosen to assume the construction project for the modernization of Rosenwald Elementary. This \$10 million-plus project will result in a 40,776 square foot facility for the South Bay community. If work progresses as planned, the Rosenwald project will be completed in the summer of 2014, before the start of that school year.

In awarding the work to Suffolk, Palm Beach County School District required a commitment that the company would seek to fulfill at least 10 percent of its worker and vendor requirements with locals. A quarterly report of this will be submitted to the Tri-City Education Committee made up of representatives from the cities of Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee.

Company representatives have been equally adamant.

“A primary goal for Suffolk Construction is to make a difference long after the bricks and mortar part of the job is over, not just by providing job opportunities to the local community, but by ensuring these workers learn the skills necessary to keep building high quality facilities for future Palm Beach County opportunities,” said Dago Diaz, vice president of Suffolk’s Construction Education Group.

The company has partnered with local construction management sub-consultants Cooper Construction, Jackie Cooper president, and 2 SBW, Javin Walker president, to reach out to local residents during the construction process.

This group distributed the first of its newsletters on the project in April outlining job opportunities.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A rendering shows what Rosenwald will look like when finished.

Gove Modernization

The Gove Elementary project is a \$28 million project that is already underway next to the present school. This project was awarded to Hedrick Brothers Construction, which has also been making a concerted effort to involve more of the community, even during its initial conceptual planning, in the project.

The finished project will consist of a 121,000 square foot facility to accommodate nearly 1,000 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. This project is on schedule to be completed sometime during the 2013 school year.

The companies involved have not only sought those workers who are now qualified to do the work, but have been pushing more of the local workforce to receive the proper certification to be able to perform the job.

Both of the projects are relying on the local college, Palm Beach State College, to help in providing certification workshops, job fairs, and other programs.

A job fair for the Gove modernization project will take place later this month, on June 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Palm Beach State College. Workers to be sought include concrete/masonry/carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and site utilities workers. Future job fairs will be focusing on the areas of roofing, welding, painting, flooring, and landscaping work.

For its part, the Rosenwald project has announced future workshops, although the date of those workshops has not yet been determined.

FACILITY

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ing, and water safety classes are offered. With summer in full swing, Glades residents can take comfort in knowing that these services are available locally. Other classes that may be helpful to residents are: babysitting classes, first aid training, CPR, and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training and certification. Many classes have a fee and require a minimum number of

participants. Anyone interested in classes should contact the office at 561-996-4291 for more information.

The Service Center is holding a class for anyone interested in becoming a Trained Red Cross Volunteer on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The class is free. Space is limited and lunch will be provided. To register or for more information contact Colleen Raniere by phone at 561-650-9119 or by email, Colleen.Raniere@redcross.org. Because the American Red Cross is a non-profit organization, donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Donations can be made to the general organization or designated for the Belle Glade office.

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Fight Fleas

During its two to three week average life, a single flea will lay hundreds of eggs. Failing to stop the re-infestation cycle could make eliminating the problem nearly impossible. When fleas strike, nip the problem in the bud immediately. Keep your pet groomed and use a topical treatment monthly. Wash pet bedding, vacuum rugs

and carpets, and spray your yard. The good news is that keeping pets flea-free no longer needs to cost a fortune. New generic treatments on the market are affordable alternatives to popular veterinary brands like Frontline and Parastar.

For example, Fiproguard Max contains fipronil, a veterinarian-recommended active ingredient, and this new formula has been shown to kill fleas and ticks quickly. Just be sure to weigh your pet carefully to ensure the correct dosage. Don't guess your pet's weight!

War on Worms

Did you know almost all puppies under three months old have roundworms? It's no wonder why -- a female can shed up to 100,000 eggs every day! Unfortunately worms are common and there are multiple species to guard against. A pot-

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Take on Ticks

You may think of ticks as a concern reserved for camping trips and treks through the woods, but these creepy crawlers live in suburban yards and urban parks too.

A tick bite is not just an annoyance; it can lead to inflammation of the joints, lack of appetite, de-

pression, kidney damage and Lyme disease. Be sure to spot check your pooch (and yourself) after spending time in potentially tick-infested areas.

Never try to remove a tick yourself. If the head or pincers remain under the skin, you'll increase the chance of disease transmission. Apply a topical treatment that kills and repels ticks. If you prefer avoiding chemicals, try a combination of botanical oils that is deadly to ticks and insects but safe for pets and people.

For example the natural ingredients in Sentry Natural Defense are peppermint oil, cinnamon oil, lemon grass oil and thyme oil. More information on a natural approach to flea and tick safety can be found at www.sentrynatural.com.

ARREST REPORT

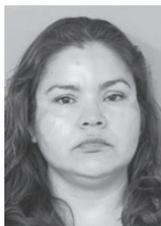
This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Fabian D. Lee, 26



- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested June 5 by DS R. Escarra
- Released June 6

Maria C. Sanchez, 36



- Cruelty toward child, aggravated abuse
- Arrested June 6 by DS Desmond
- Released June 7 on bond

Jabri Omar Mitchell, 35



- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Arrested June 11 by K. White
- Released June 11

Lashanica Fuquan Davis, 19



- Aggravated battery, use of a deadly weapon
- Arrested June 11 by DS K. Fisher

Chanika Jordan, 22



- Burglary w/ assault or battery
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Lorenzo C. Robertson, 49



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Juan P. Rodriguez, 24



- Battery on officer, firefighter, emt
- Arrested June 10 by Ofc. Derek Savage

Sherly Jessenia Pagoada, 26



- Stalking, follow harass cyberstalk another
- Arrested June 11 by DS Morley

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adoption of a Stipulated Settlement Agreement (Compliance Agreement) which will lead to remedial amendments to the Felda Community Overlay and Transition Land Use Categories in the Future Land Use Element along with amendments to the Traffic Circulation Element including associated maps. These specific Elements were challenged from the adoption of amendments to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan resulting from the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed agreement is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, La Belle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Karson Turner, Chairman
 Hendry County
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting herein referred, 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District Administrator at (239) 226-2000 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of May 2012.
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 11:30 A.M. in the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting herein referred, 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 based.

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DATED this 16th day of May 2012.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. CP12 11
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IN RE: ESTATE OF BJORN LUSTH Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Bjorn Lusth, deceased, whose date of death was February 26, 2012, file number CP12 11, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Rt 27, 500 Avenue "J", Moore Have, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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 - 2001 Pontiac, VIN: 1G2WP52K71F1611973
 - 2002 Toyota, VIN: JTEGH20V020048031
- ***We have the right to refuse any and all bids***
 419416 CN 6/14/2012

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CITY OF CLEWISTON Invitation to Bid One New Four-Wheel Drive Backhoe Combination Bid No. 2012-02

The City of Clewiston will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., local time, June 27, 2012, at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. At this time and place, the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The bids submitted are for **One New Four-Wheel Drive Backhoe Combination**. All bids should be in accordance with the specifications pertaining thereto, which may be examined at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, telephone (863) 983-1484, on the City's web site, www.clewiston-fl.gov, or contact Public Works Director, Sean Schreiber, 1300 S. Olympia Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440 telephone (863) 983-1471 for more information. Each bid must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked Backhoe Bid. Bids may be mailed to Marilyn McConvey, City Clerk, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, or hand delivered to the same address. No responsibility shall be attached to any officers for the premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to hold all bids for sixty days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid that in its judgment best serves the City.
 419324 CN 6/14/2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a Meeting of the Landowners of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Supervisors;
2. Receiving Annual Reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the Landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting herein referred, 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226-2000 at least five (5) days prior to the date of proceeding.
 DATED this 16th day of May, 2012.
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 417989 CN 6/7,14/2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a Meeting of the Landowners of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

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 DATED this 16th day of May 2012.
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 418013 CN 6/7,14/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2431	2008	1074433-03000010290	Danny Robert Cook

Lot 29, Block 1, 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.

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **June, 2012**, which is the **28th day of June, 2012**.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 417964 CN 5/24,31 & 6/7,14/2012

Public Notice

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
PAVING FOUR STREETS IN PIONEER PLANTATION IN HENDRY COUNTY
BID NUMBER: 2012-21
OPENING DATE AND TIME: JUNE 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Paving Four Streets in Pioneer Plantation in Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by June 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County 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:

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
MOWING ROADWAYS AND THE
SKY VALLEY M.S.B.U. IN HENDRY COUNTY
BID NUMBER: 2012-22
OPENING DATE AND TIME: JULY 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Mowing Roadways and the Sky Valley M.S.B.U. in Hendry County".

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Air Resource Section, South District Office
Draft Air Construction Permit 0510015-025-AC
Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation, Clewiston Facility
Hendry County, Florida
Applicant: The applicant for this project is Southern Gardens Citrus Processing Corporation.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000651
SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Whose address is: P.O. Box 11904, Tampa, FL 33680 Plaintiff,

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000194
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

Barron Water Control District will accept sealed bid proposals up to 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 18, 2012, for the sale of a 2005 Ford F-150 super-cab truck with a minimum bid price of \$4,000.00.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until June 15, 2012 for Bid #Q12-0008, Food Service Small Wares/Equipment, Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person desires to appear at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 62011CA000846CAXXXX

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

v. MICHAEL F. KNOTEK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL F. KNOTEK; and JOHN DOE(S) AND JANE DOE(S) AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 262011CA000846CA XXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein MICHAEL F. KNOTEK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL F. KNOTEK, and JOHN DOE(S) AND JANE DOE(S) AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, et al. are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Street, 2nd Floor Lobby, LaBelle, Florida, (Telephone 863-675-5204), Circuit Civil Division; Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 22 and 23, GOODNOS SUBDIVISION of Block 89 of the Town of LaBelle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 67, Public Records of Lee County, Florida, lying and being in, Hendry County, Florida.

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

DATED this 4th day of June, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Andrew A. Pineiro, Esq.
Pineiro Byrd PLLC
4600 Military Trail, Suite 212
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 799-9280 (telephone)
(561) 799-9287 (facsimile)

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
In accordance with the ADA, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, 239-533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 419247 CN 6/14,21/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2008-CA-17

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

-vs- Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, His Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devises, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescinding foreclosure sale dated May 7, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-17 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, His Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOOREHAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., June 28, 2012, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 1, MOORE HAVEN RIVER GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 130, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED at MOORE HAVEN, Florida, this 29th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Julie Braddock
JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Glades County, Florida

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
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Paying a Traffic Ticket? Text Messaging Can Save Time Waiting in Line

Clerk Bock introduces new service that lets customers check wait times by text

Clerk Sharon Bock announced a new service that allows customers to get wait times by text message or on the Clerk & Comptroller's website, in hopes of reducing the effect of shorter office hours and the closing of a branch office in the wake of recent legislative budget cuts.

By texting CLERKPCB to the number 41411, customers will receive a reply listing estimated wait times to pay traffic tickets at the Main Courthouse in West Palm Beach, the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach and the North County Courthouse in Palm Beach Gardens. The service will eventually be expanded to include the Clerk's office at the West County Courthouse in Belle Glade.

"So many people use text messages to communicate in their everyday lives," Clerk Bock said. "Setting up a service that allows people to get wait times by text message just made sense."

The new service should reduce the impact of the Florida Legislature's \$2.5 million cut to the Clerk's budget, which forced the closing of a branch office and a reduction in office hours.

There is no charge for this service, but standard messaging rates may apply. Wait times also are available for free at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/waittimes.

The online service allows anyone to check wait times to pay traffic tickets at the Main Courthouse, South County Courthouse and North County Courthouse. Wait times also are available on the website for civil court and probate court services at the South County Courthouse and North County Courthouse.

Customers should note that wait times may change before they arrive at the Clerk's office. "I'm committed to using technology to help

us provide fast, efficient service to Palm Beach County residents," Clerk Bock said. "I'm especially excited by technology that helps people save time. I hope our customers agree."

Starting July 2, the Clerk & Comptroller's office will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, instead of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Employees will use the time that the office is not open to the public to process documents, traffic ticket payments and other tasks that had previously been done for overtime pay after regular hours.

The Clerk's Mid-County branch in Royal Palm Beach, which was open twice a week for traffic ticket payments, also will close because of legislative budget cuts. State legislators slashed \$2.5 million from the Clerk's office budget for the 2013 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

For more information about the Clerk's office, please visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com or call 561-355-2996.

Keep Your Kids' Brains Active Over Summer

This summer, millions of kids will experience the dreaded "summer slide," described as the educational ground lost when young minds sit idle over summer.

"Many teachers spend the first four to six weeks at the start of each school year re-teaching material students have forgotten over summer," says Ron Fairchild, executive director of the Center for Summer Learning at The Johns Hopkins University.

To help your children avoid this intellectual slump and give them an academic leg-up come fall, keep them thinking over the summer by making learning fun. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Educational Outings

Be sure your summer is filled with outings that will jog your kids' noggins. Museums, historical sights and science centers are great combinations of learning and fun.

Turn a hike through the woods into an opportunity to learn about trees and wildlife. If you're going on vacation, encourage your kids to research the history and culture of your destination in advance.

Remember, even a trip to the ballpark can be educational. For a painless math lesson, talk stats about your favorite baseball team.

Smart Games

All those outings are going to mean a lot of time in the car. Rather than repeatedly answer the classic road trip mantra -- "are we there yet?" -- take advantage of the time together and use it to play games that challenge smarts.

Brain Quest (www.BrainQuest.com) for example, an educational tool popular amongst teachers, parents and children, helps bridge the gap in learning from the end of one school year to the start of the next.

Consider using their card decks and workbooks, full of curriculum-based content, as they are easy to pack into a hand bag or beach bag.



COURTESY PHOTO

You can easily turn those long boring road trips into fun and educational bonding experiences!

"I advise all my students to use learning tools like Brain Quest on summer vacation to avoid brain wipeout and get a jump on next year's material," says Kim Tredick, a 5th grade teacher in Santa Clarita, CA, and the 2006 Milken Award Winner.

"As one of my students says -- it's a first class ticket to straight A's!"

Pen and Paper

There's no better time than summer to curl up outside or on an extended road trip with a great book.

You can instill a love of reading in your children by arming them with both a library card and a summer reading list.

Be sure to visit your library frequently to refresh their reading material and help them get inspired. Most libraries host readings and book clubs, and even offer free classes. Take advantage of such programs.

If it's been awhile since your children used pen and paper, have them keep summer journals about their experiences. For those inclined toward fiction, encourage them to use the time off to write short stories or a novel.

A long vacation is no excuse to give a brain time off. This summer, turn down time at the pool and on the road into a learning experience.

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"I can only imagine their grief and emotion surrounding all of this. It is a shocking turn of events that reminds us all just how precious every single day is."

"To say that the final day weigh-in Friday was a somber experience would be a tremendous understatement, as all anglers and families there were impacted by the loss. TBF staff on site told me there was not a dry eye anywhere at the weigh-in as one after another every single state federation President in the southern division, every single angler, and even the angler who won the Ranger Cup bonus money; everyone who came up on stage pledged to donate their en-

tire prize check, every single dollar, to Lorenzo's family's needs. That is what our federation is about. We also want to thank all the emergency response personal, the TBF staff on site and all the state presidents and community volunteers who were pitching in to help our anglers during a time of crisis. I am honored to know these people and to call them friends. This exemplifies what it means to be a member of the federation "family" and it makes me very proud."

The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) is the oldest and largest grassroots fishing organization in America. TBF is owned by those it serves and is dedicated to the sport of fishing. TBF annually conducts over 20,000 fishing, youth, and conservation events and has provided the foundation for the bass fishing industry for over 40 years.

Some information for this story was provided by a press release from The Bass Federation Inc.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 "As you wish"
- 5 Plot that's "pulled"
- 9 British racecourse
- 14 Sooner than thou thinketh
- 15 Glissade garb
- 16 Yawning fissure
- 17 "Soylent Green" shocker
- 20 Like some pains
- 21 ___ tai: rum drink
- 22 In the know about
- 23 Attempt
- 26 Put on the market
- 28 "The Sixth Sense" shocker
- 34 Campaign staffer
- 35 Really irritate
- 36 Reinspire, as troops
- 37 Auto dealer datum: Abbr.
- 38 It's read at registers
- 41 Struggle
- 42 Amazon's milieu
- 44 Barcelona gold
- 45 Headliner
- 46 "Psycho" shocker
- 50 Partner of if
- 51 Burglar's haul
- 52 Toll lane choice
- 55 Eloped, say
- 57 It's not heard by other characters
- 61 "The Empire Strikes Back" shocker
- 65 Gussy up
- 66 Pound using feet
- 67 Meas. of how high you are
- 68 Western Union transmissions
- 69 Break in the music
- 70 "Calm down!"

- 5 Time zone word: Abbr.
- 6 Prompt to enter
- 7 Basic unit of matter
- 8 Simba's father in "The Lion King"
- 9 Powerful club
- 10 Slangy word of regret
- 11 Abner drawer
- 12 1952 Olympics city
- 13 Feds who caught Capone
- 18 Utah ski resort
- 19 Like calico cats
- 24 The "A." on many a patent
- 25 Rabbit's title
- 27 Instrument played with a plectrum
- 28 In the know about
- 29 Award named for a mystery writer
- 30 Former pen pal?
- 31 Middle-earth residents
- 32 John Smith may be one
- 33 Turned blue, maybe

- 34 Prayer period?
- 38 No great shakes
- 39 Like some exams
- 40 Extinct bird
- 43 "Count me in"
- 45 "Hmm ..."
- 47 It might be late-breaking
- 48 "What nerve!"
- 49 Crowd cacophony
- 52 Feline weapon

- 53 TT automaker
- 54 Toffee candy bar
- 56 Bewildered state
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **June 26, 2012, 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adoption of the Western Oxbow amendment to the Future Land Use Element and Map of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY 146+/- ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS RESIDENTIAL/SPECIAL DENSITY AND USE TO A NEW MIXED USE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WESTERN OXBOW MIXED USE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such 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.

Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scat-ala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

May Foreclosure Stats Show Large Increase from 2011

New case filings up more than 3 percent from April; nearly 62 percent since May 2011

The number of new foreclosure filings increased in May, with more new cases filed compared with the previous month and previous year, according to the latest statistics from the Clerk & Comptroller's office.

There were 1,356 new foreclosures filed in May, up 3.6 percent from the 1,309 cases filed in April, and up 61.8 percent from the 838 foreclosures filed in May 2011.

The uptick in foreclosure filings comes as the Clerk's office prepares for the effects of a \$2.5 million budget cut handed down by the Florida Legislature for the 2013 fiscal year.

Starting July 2, the Clerk & Comptroller's office will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, instead of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Employees will use the time that the office is not open to the public to process documents, update court files and perform other tasks that had previously been done for overtime pay after regular hours.

"We expect that our foreclosure division is one that will be heavily affected by these budget cuts," Clerk Bock said.

"My fear is if the trend of increased filings continues as it has in recent months, we will not have the ability to keep up with the volume. We will do our best, but it will be a challenge."

Foreclosure Sales Results

There were 781 properties sold during May's online foreclosure auctions, according to statistics from Grant Street Group, the facilitator of ClerkAuction.

Of those, 590 were sold back to the plaintiff – typically a bank or mortgage company – in the foreclosure proceeding, while 191 were sold to a third party.

There were 425 scheduled auctions cancelled in May, out of 1,206 advertised for sale. The cancellation rate was at 35.2 percent, compared with 29.9 percent in April. The average cancellation rate is about 30 percent.

The Clerk & Comptroller's office processes all foreclosure-related court documents, notices of action and motions.

After a foreclosure judgment, the office conducts the foreclosure auction and issues all post-sale documents, such as the certificate of title.

Information about foreclosures, updates about when certificates of title will be issued and links to auctions of Palm Beach County's foreclosed properties are available at www.mypalm-beachclerk.com.



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Florida Tops the Nation in Hispanic Graduation Rates

Minority graduates in the Sunshine State lead the U.S. across the board

Hispanic and African American students in Florida are much more likely to graduate from high school than their counterparts in other states according to a new national report.

Education Week today released the 2012 Diplomas Count report highlighting Florida's graduates compared to the nation.

The report, which is based on data from the graduating class of 2009, shows that Florida's Hispanic and African American students outpace the national graduation rate average by 9.6 and 3.5 percentage points, respectively.

Hispanic female graduates top the nation with 77.5 percent of female students graduating, more than 10 percentage points higher than the national average of 66.1 percent. The Florida Hispanic graduating class ranks second in the nation overall. Additionally, Florida's African American male students exceed the national graduation rate average by 4 percentage points.

"Florida is a leader in many areas of education, and I am incredibly proud of our students for this outstanding achievement. When we truly embrace diversity, it contributes to the great progress of our children," said Education Com-

missioner Gerard Robinson.

"I want to thank Florida's teachers for their hard work to prepare our learners for graduation, college and future careers. Our state is a great example of what happens when we work together for our students."

Florida ranks third in the nation for the largest increases in graduation rate during the past decade, rising from 52.5 percent in 1999 to 70.4 percent in 2009 (an increase of 18 percentage points), surpassing Maryland, Massachusetts, and Texas.

Among the nation's largest public school systems, Broward County (78.3) and Palm Beach County (75.4) graduation rates rank among the top ten in the country. Lee County ranked eleventh (74.6).

Diplomas Count is published by Education Week; the same organization that produces the Quality Counts national report on education. The focus of Diplomas Count is high school graduation rates and policies, as well as college standards.

Diplomas Count uses a graduation rate index called the Cumulative Promotion Index (CPI). The CPI includes students receiving standard high school diplomas as graduates.

For more information about the CPI and Education Week's Diplomas Count 2012 report, visit <http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html>.

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MRI is a means of creating images of your body, which do not use X-rays or radiation. The MRI machine acquires images by utilizing strong magnetic fields and radio frequencies that excite the hydrogen molecules in the body. These images show the soft tissues of the body (muscles, nerves, brain, discs, ligaments, etc.). In many situations, MRI offers unique information to assist your doctor in better planning of your treatment and care.

At Hendry Regional, we want you to be comfortable and feel safe during your MRI scan, which should last between 25 to 60 minutes. While lying inside a large tubular machine, the technologist will talk to you through an intercom system and guide you through the procedure.



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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions



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Win a Winnebago at Brighton Casino!

Plays, concerts, dancing and more ...

Blackbeard the Pirate

FORT PIERCE—The Sunrise Theatre and Misoula Children's Theatre will present "Blackbeard the Pirate" on June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South Second Street Fort Pierce. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The beautifully restored, 1,200-seat Sunrise Theatre, located in historic downtown Fort Pierce at 117 South Second Street, presents national touring musical and comedy acts, Broadway shows, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras. Also located within the theatre complex is the 220-seat Black Box Theatre, a state-of-the-art venue offering a variety of national, regional and local programming. The Black Box is home to the Ft. Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's Jazz Jams every Tuesday night. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

The Brand New Kid

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present "The Brand New Kid," adapted by Michael Friedman and Melanie Marnich from the children's book by Katie Couric, June 19-22. The play is a kids' musical about being different and overcoming teasing through the power of acceptance and friendship. Lazlo S. Gasky has just moved to the United States to start his first day of second grade — where he finds himself the target of the other kids' teasing. But when popular Ellie McNelly decides to take a chance on him, all the kids learn that our differences are what make us great. For more information, call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

Divorce Party, the Musical

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present "Divorce Party, the Musical" July 10-Aug. 19. Still reeling from her divorce, Linda is rescued by her three friends who have come to turn her despair into a weekend of hilarity. Using popular songs with clever new lyrics, the ladies sing and dance their way through the wildest divorce party ever. From the producer who brought you the off-Broadway hit Menopause the Musical, it's the ultimate Girls' Night Out, coupled with a healthy dose of comic mayhem and a touch of "naughty." For more information, call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

Showtune

BOCA RATON—Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre will present "Showtune," June 22-July 21. Showtune is a popular Off-Broadway musical revue celebrating the words and music of Broadway composer Jerry Herman. Songs featured in Showtune come from the Herman Broadway musicals: Milk and Honey (1961), Hello, Dolly! (1964), Mame (1966), Dear World (1969), Mack & Mabel (1974), The Grand Tour (1979), A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine (1980) and La Cage aux Folles (1983). For more information, call 1-800-564-9539.

Salute to the Spirit of America

BOCA RATON—The Carole & Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton, will host the Klezmer Company Ochestra's Salute to the Spirit of America, on June 24 at 3 p.m. Maestro Aaron Kula conducts the 60-piece KCO in a concert of beloved

American classics including music from Copland's popular ballet "Rodeo," Bernstein's "A Musical Toast"; and Tchaikovsky's rousing "1812 Overture." Guest vocalist Daniel Cochran will sing Copland's "Old American Songs" and "Singin' in the Rain" from the original film score. This year marks the seventh KCO Spirit of America concert celebrating FAU Libraries' Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection. For more information, call 800-564-9539.

Gulf Coast Symphony

FORT MYERS—The Gulf Coast Symphony Youth Concert Series will present "Happy Birthday America" on June 24. The event opens at 1 p.m. The concert starts at 2 p.m., at the Barbara Mann Performing Arts Hall at Edison State College, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919. For more information, call 800-440-7469 or 239-481-4849.

Love's Labour's Lost

BOCA RATON—Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre will present "Love's Labour's Lost," June 29-July 21. William Shakespeare's Love's Labor's Lost is considered his most intelligent and elevated comedy. In this upbeat and funny story, four young men resolve to give up wine, women and song. With the arrival of a princess from Paris and her entourage in Key West, however, each of the young men's resolve is tested. While each tries to hide their infatuations from each other, in the end their trysts are too hard to keep quiet. The play ends as they are all revealed and join in a gigantic celebration and dance. For more information, call 1-800-564-9539.

Area special events and celebrations planned ...

Clewiston Museum has Historical Eco Tours

CLEWISTON—The Clewiston Museum offers a Historical Eco-Tour. The trip starts with a morning at South Florida Water Management District's fabulous "Stormwater Treatment Area 5," a popular birding destination in Florida. The wonderful morning of birding is followed by a relaxing lunch at the scenic, Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston.

After lunch, the tour will travel on top of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's "Herbert Hoover Dike" for eight miles. Along the way, the tour guide will give an historical interpretation of Lake Okeechobee. The trip ends with a visit to the Clewiston Museum, which provides great exhibits on the area's history. For information, call 863-983-2870 or clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com.

IRSC Art Gallery open

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College's Art Gallery, L Building, Room 117, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery promotes understanding the Visual Arts through a diverse schedule and workshops by

professional artists. This allows students to gain practical experience from those contemporary artists who are successful in their profession. The Gallery seeks to showcase a breadth of artworks from student work to the most innovative artists working in today's environment. Currently each year IRSC's gallery has four professional shows, one national level competitive show, two student shows and a very popular all IRSC faculty show. For more information, call the gallery manager at 772-462-7824.

Day of the Cowboy celebrated

OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Main Street is currently seeking sponsorships and vendors for the National Day of the American Cowboy. This festival will held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on July 27 and 28 in conjunction with the Cattlemen's Association Ranch Rodeo. Please call 863-357-6246 for more information.



Redeem The Shadows fundraiser

STUART—Put your party shoes on and get ready to dance for a great cause! On Friday, June 15, Fred Astaire Dance Studio is hosting a grand opening party and fundraiser to benefit Redeem The Shadows, a local nonprofit dedicated to ending human trafficking in the United States. Festivities include a beginners dance class followed by a professional show, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres provided by Pei Wei and Kazu Japanese Restaurant, and wine. Join the fun at Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2147 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, Fla. from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person to be paid at the door. Call the studio at 772-678-7368 or Rachol at 772-285-9923 for more information.

Artists for a Cause event

STUART—Terry Barber, Executive Director of Artists for a Cause, has announced a four-part fundraising series called "Party Like A Rockstar" which will be held at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center, 2101 S. Kanner Highway, in Stuart. The premiere event of the series, on Saturday, July 14, is Beatles night featuring McCartney Mania, a Beatles cover band. For additional information call 772-419-8778.

Win a Winnebago at Seminole Casino Brighton on June 30

More than \$75,000 in cash and prizes planned

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is cruising into summer by giving away more than \$75,000 in cash and prizes! One lucky player will find themselves at home in a brand new Winnebago One. More casino play during June means more chances to win the vacation on wheels. The casino will award the road-conquering Winnebago on Saturday, June 30.

Win your share of \$20,000 cash during the Lucky Puck Hot Seats. Get the puck in and win! Come grab your seat and play your favorite slots each Thursday for your chance at scoring some serious cash.

The fun is always at full-tilt on Free Play Fridays! Now you can earn 2X as many points and use them on the same day. Earn Free Play Vouchers for every 250 base points and redeem them for posted value up to \$200 in Free Play every Friday in June. Plus, unredeemed vouchers are eligible for cash prize drawings on Friday, June 29.

On Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last.

On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open

Hotel important to Glades County history

By Anne Coffey

MOORE HAVEN—The old Moore Haven Hotel, built in 1916, overlooking the Three Mile Canal, now known as the Caloosahatchee River at Ave. K and Riverside Drive, has always been known as one of the most significant buildings in Moore Haven's history. One of the town's founders, James Moore, commissioned it hiring Frederick Gram's business partner, Marion F. George as the general contractor. The original design was quite elaborate but no one knows whether economic conditions or a desire to stay within the somewhat established vernacular convinced them to keep it simple.

The spacious building constructed of all wood took up one city block. It consisted of a central block covered by a front gable roof, flanked by two wings with low-pitched roofs. It was built as a wide, two-story frame structure with horizontal wood siding and imposing twin stunted turrets.

Traveling by packet boat and steamers, scores of travelers returned many times to view the meandering river and enjoy the hospitality of three separate

to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

As always, there is free bus transportation from the Hampton Inn in Okeechobee at 1200 State Road 70. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the bus picks up at 10:30 a.m. It departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bus picks up at 2:15 p.m. and departs at 7:30 p.m.

See the Player's Club for promotion details.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405, slot and gaming machines, a seven-table poker room, high-stakes bingo seats, a full service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big-city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road (SR 721) in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrighton-casino.com.

owners, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Edwards, Mrs. Katie King and her daughter, Mrs. Albertina Stroup. In 1919 it was sold to South Florida Farms and next leased to Mrs. M.I. Brassell and her daughter, Mrs. Olin Dayton, until 1919 when it was bought by J.R. Randle, owner of the posh Leon Hotel in Tallahassee. A 27-room annex was built onto the hotel and the newspaper, Jacksonville Times Union reported that it had 24 rooms with private baths.

Historic photos show much damage to the building after the 1926 hurricane. Older local folks swear that the building moved 15 ft. from its original location during this tragic event. The two turrets that served as markers for the hotel collapsed in 1938 during a party and were never replaced.

Although the hotel has been altered too many times and is now 40 ft. shorter than it started, it remains an imposing structure. The interior has been beautifully remodeled and the second floor has four comfortable apartments. On the exterior the full-width front porch remains, with a modern swimming pool and an elegant fountain graces the front lawn.



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Historic places are plentiful in Lake Okeechobee area

Florida's south central areas such as Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry and western Palm Beach counties played an important role in Florida's pioneer past. Many of these old buildings are still in use. For those interested in local history, there is plenty to see.

Okeechobee County

- Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 Northwest 2nd Street, Okeechobee, was constructed in 1926. This Mediterranean-Revival style Courthouse now holds county offices. It was designed by architect George Gaynor Hyde of Miami. Due to the collapse of the Florida Land Boom during its construction, a central dome that was originally planned was never built. After the 1928 Okeechobee hurricane, its hallways were used as a temporary morgue. In 1989, the Okeechobee County Courthouse was listed in *A Guide to Florida's Historic Architecture*, published by the University of Florida Press.

- Okeechobee City Hall, 55 S.E. 3rd Ave., was built in 1926 at the height of the Florida Real Estate boom. It continues to house Okeechobee City offices.

- The Freedman-Raulerson House, 600 S. Parrott Avenue (photo below) is a two-story, eight-room house built in 1923 as a family home by Abraham and Maud Freedman. It was later owned by the Raulerson family. This mission/Spanish revival building was added to the National Historic Register in 1985.



- The Battle of Okeechobee Battlefield site, four miles southwest of Okeechobee on U.S. 441 is being developed as part of the Florida Parks System. Currently, the battlefield is only open to the public during the annual Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment, which is held every February. The battlefield was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

- Okeechobee Livestock Market, (photo below) 1055 Hwy. 98 N., was built in 1937. As Florida's largest livestock market, it reflects the importance of the cattle industry to the region.



Glades County



- The Red Barn, (photo above) three miles west of County Road 721 on County Road 721 A. The Red Barn was built 1941 with help from the Civilian Conservation Corps to serve the Seminole cattle business. It has a dirt floor and rests on a concrete block foundation. Its roof was replaced in 2005 as a result of a hurricane. In 2008 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

- The Westergaard House, 270 Avenue L, Moore Haven (photo at right), was the home of Glades County's first pharmacist, Pieter Westergaard. It has been preserved by the Glades County Historical Society.



- The Glades County Court House, 500 Avenue J. in Moore Haven, was built in 1938 in the classical revival style. It was designed by Georgia-born American architect Edward Columbus Hosford, who is noted for the courthouses and other buildings that he designed in Florida, Georgia and Texas. In 1989, the Glades County Courthouse was listed in *A Guide to Florida's Historic Architecture*, published by the University of Florida Press.

- The Donnie Lundy Hardware Store is part of the historic downtown business district.



- The old Moore Haven Hotel, (photo above) overlooking the Caloosahatchee River, was built in 1916. James A. Moore who founded the town of Moore Haven that same year, was a prominent hotel owner.

- Ortona Indian Mound Park, 1800 Chiaha Road S.W. in Ortona, contains prehistoric Indian canals and the remnants of historic Indian mounds. The area was once called Chiaha, which means "high ground."

Hendry County

- The Caldwell Home, also known as the Myer General Store, 160 Curry St. in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

- The Forrey Building and Annex, (photo at right) 280 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. A downtown historic marker explains: "In 1895, prominent landowner and cattleman Captain Francis A. Hendry (1833-1917) platted a townsite at LaBelle, which was first settled as a center for cattle and citrus industries. A post office, general store, school, and a church were eventually built, and LaBelle became the first town and commercial center in what became Hendry County. Although Hendry is credited with settling LaBelle, E.E. Goodno (1858-1936), who purchased Hendry's former land holdings in 1903 and financed many of the town's first improvements, is recognized as the "Father of LaBelle." LaBelle's historic business district extends along and near Bridge Street from the Caloosahatchee River south to Hickpochee Avenue. At one time, both sides of the street were lined with commercial estab-

lishments, some of which featured living accommodations on the second floor. Sadly, many early downtown buildings were destroyed in a 1928 fire, but some have survived, including the Poole Store (1911), First Bank of LaBelle (1925), the Royal Poinciana/Newcomb Bakery (1911-1912 - one of the buildings constructed for both commercial and residential use). The Downtown LaBelle Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places."

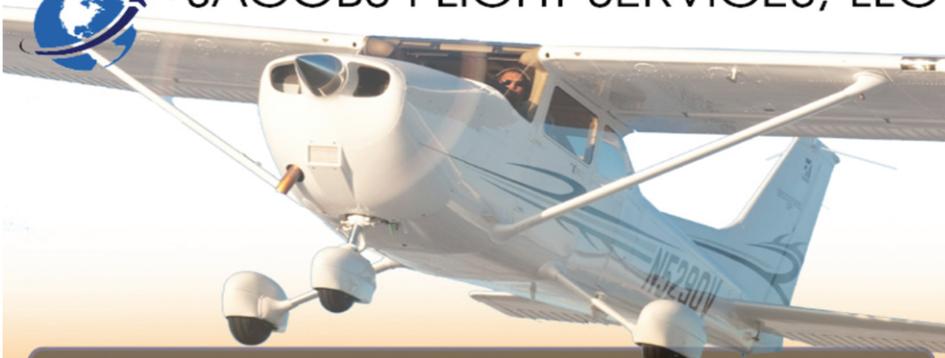


- The Hendry County Courthouse, at the junction of Bridge Street and Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. The courthouse was built in 1926. It was designed in the Mediterranean Revival-Mission Revival styles by architect Edward Columbus Hosford.

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• The Captain Francis A. Hendry House, (photo above) 512 Fraser St. in LaBelle, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Built in 1914 by Captain Hendry, who platted LaBelle in 1895 and for whom Hendry County is named, it is an excellent and wonderfully preserved piece of old Florida history and architecture of its period.



• The Historic Fort Denaud Bridge, (photo above by Waddy Thompson) SR 78 and Fort Denaud Road near LaBelle, is one of the few remaining swing bridges in Florida. The existing bridge, moved to its current location in 1963, replaced a bridge that had been condemned and removed in the early 1960s. It is named for Pierre Denaud, a French Canadian trapper who trapped, hunted and traded in the area during the 1830s.



• The Clewiston Inn, 108 Royal Palm Avenue (U.S. 27) in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The Inn was constructed in 1938. It was built in the Colonial-Revival style. The Inn is also famous for the Everglades Lounge with its unique wrap-around original mural completed in 1945, showcasing the unique ecology of the Everglades.

• The Dixie Crystal Theatre, also known as the Clewiston Theater, (photo at right) 100 E. Sugarland Highway in Clewiston, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The building is an example of the Art Deco architectural style that was popular in the 1930s.



• The Captain E. Deane Duff House, 151 W. Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.



• The Executive House, 125 W. Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.



• The Scharnberg House, 325 Del Monte Avenue in Clewiston, (photo above) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

• Clewiston Historic Schools, (photo at right) 325 E. Circle Drive and 4765 E. Osceola Avenue in Clewiston, were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.



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• Big Mound City, a prehistoric burial mound, in Canal Point was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

• Pahokee High School, 360 Main Street, Pahokee, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

• Pahokee Women's Club, S. Lake Drive in Pahokee, was built around 1939. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



• St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1200 E. Main Street in Pahokee, (photo above) was built in 1933 as a mission church of St. Ann's in West Palm Beach. The church contains 100-year-old pews and stained glass donated from St. Ann's during the depression. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



• The Hurricane Memorial in front of the Belle Glade Library, 530 South Main Street in Belle Glade (photo above), was sculpted by Ferenc Varga in memory of the nearly 2,000 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 16, 1928 hurricane, when the dike on the southern end of Lake Okeechobee gave way. The inscription on the base reads: "Belle Glade 1928 This statue is to honor the early Glades pioneers and the more than two thousand persons who lost their lives in the disastrous 1928 Hurricane."

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Okeechobee County murals honor area history

A series of murals in downtown Okeechobee celebrate art as well as local history.

The first historic mural in Okeechobee was spearheaded by the Okeechobee Historical Society and was painted on the north side of what is now the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Gymnasium. This mural was created in 1996 on the centennial anniversary of the first permanent settlers in what is now Okeechobee, Florida. The mural, painted by John Gutcher, depicts the arrival in 1896 of the Peter and Louisiana Chandler Raulerson family from the Basinger area. The center cameo of the mural shows their log house built three years later. Also depicted is a typical Seminole village of the time including pictures of the eight Seminole clan symbols: toad, snake, otter, bear, deer, panther, bird, and wind.

Following the success and popularity of this historic mural project, another Okeechobee community organization, Okeechobee Main Street, decided to sponsor more murals in the Okeechobee area. In 2006, Okeechobee Main Street organized their first mural project which depicts a cattle drive from 1937. This mural is on the Williams Building, which currently houses the Sprint store, 204 N. Parrott Avenue (U.S. 441 N) in Okeechobee.

Before work started on the mural, OKMS hosted an art contest and invited young artists to compete for a chance to help paint the mural, supervised by professional artists. These young people also served as the models for the crowd of youngsters who are shown in the mural.

The mural depicts young Haynes Williams riding his pony on the cattle drive through the town of Okeechobee. Nine year old Haynes was allowed to accompany his father, Zibe King Williams, and grandfather, Fitz Williams, on a three week long trip starting from Highlands County, passing through Okeechobee and ending at Allapattah Flats (now Palm City). The mural is a collage of images showing this memorable trip. A storm lights up the sky to reveal a representation of the City of Okeechobee. The cattle appear to jump out of the storm.

The large lasso draws the viewer's attention to the figures standing in front of a movie theater. This theater was in the center of downtown and spectators could emerge from the theater and watch the cattle drive.

These faces represent the young artists and their art director, who all painted the mural. These artists painted more than a building, they painted history and in doing so became history themselves as the artists who painted the first Okeechobee Main Street Mural.

Peek around the east corner of the mural and you will see Fitz Williams,

smoking his favorite pipe, and looking over the cattle on his land, 101 Ranch.

The mural was sponsored by Haynes & Susan Williams.

Bridgette Waldau designed the mural and was art director for the project.

Artists were Bridgette Waldau, Fawn McNeil Barr, Maureen Burroughs, T.J. Condon and Jillian Warren.

Junior artists included Lindsay Crum, Rocky Huddleston, Taneisha Mitchell, Rachel Muros, Brianna Skye Nunez, Jack Radebaugh, Hannah Sadler, Donny Sheldon, Nick Valcaniant, & Gabrielle Velie.

In 2007, the second mural in the OKMS project was completed, honoring the arrival of the railroad.

The Florida East Coast Railway was completed and the first train arrived in Okeechobee in 1915. With the completion of the ice plant in 1918, shipment of perishable goods to the northern markets was now possible and Okeechobee flourished. The major products were catfish from Lake Okeechobee, turpentine and timber from the pine woods, and fresh produce including citrus. In addition, cattle could now be marketed to distant points with ease and were loaded from holding pens just west of town.

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Courtesy photo

This historical mural was sponsored by Okeechobee Historical Society and major contributors Barnett Bank of Lake Okeechobee, Big Lake National Bank, Florida Power and Light Corporation, Okeechobee County School Board, Seminole Tribe of Florida, SunTrust Bank of Okeechobee.



A young Haynes Williams is shown riding his pony in the cattle drive mural on the Sprint store on Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee. The young artists who helped paint the mural were the subjects for the portion of the mural depicting a group of children.

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This mural in downtown Okeechobee celebrates the arrival of the railway in 1915.

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The mural is located on the S.W. corner of SE Park Street and S. Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee. Katy Scott was the artist.

In 2008, OKMS hosted a third mural project, this time honoring Okeechobee's first telephone company.

Shown in the mural are the first telephone installer T.A. Sizemore and the first telephone operator, Byrd Sizemore. The mural was created by Matt Budjinski.

The mural can be found at 115 S. Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee.

OKMS latest mural project is planned to be unveiled this month.

Old bank building mural dedication is planned for June 21 at 5:30 p.m. The bank

building will feature a series of murals on the areas where the building's windows and doors should be. Viewers will have the impression of looking through the windows or glass doors to see the history inside.

Originally constructed in 1923, the Bank Building has sat vacant for many years on the north side of State Road 70, with worn plywood covering its once shining glass windows. On June 21, the old Bank Building will shine again. With murals in each window and door, the building will again look alive and vibrant as images from 1930 through the 1950s can be seen from across the street and down the road. The dedication will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at approximately 6:30 p.m. while guests and visitors are treated with remembrances from the past. Gil and Marie Culbreth are the project sponsors. The artist is Joseph Steiert.



This mural honors Okeechobee's first telephone company.

State parks plan special events

Conch Stomp Band

Come listen to the Conch Stomp Band play a variety of bluegrass songs at the John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, on July 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, call 561-624-6950.

Untold Riches Bluegrass

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, will host Nathan Rich and Untold Riches Bluegrass at the park's amphitheater on July 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, call 561-624-6950.

A Photographer's View

Learn about perspectives on photography through the eyes of locally renowned artists Bruce Bain and Durga Garcia in a special photography class

at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program costs \$25 and includes park entry, class instruction, a guided tour and refreshments. The park is on U.S. 1. From I95 take Exit 96 and go east on Bridge Road to US 1. Turn right (south) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 3 miles on your right. To register for the class, or for more information, call 561-745-5551.

4th of July Firecracker 5K

Highlands Hammock State Park will host the 18th annual 4th of July Firecracker 5K race on Wednesday, July 4, at 7:30 a.m. Plaques will be awarded for overall, master and grand master male and female winners. There will be age group awards in 5 year age divisions, technical T shirts and ice-cold watermelon for runners. Shirts guaranteed only to the first 200 entrants. Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring. For information, call 863-385-4736 or email cbrojek@comcast.net.



Around the corner from the mural depicting a cattle drive through downtown Okeechobee, visitors can find a ranch scene with Fitz Williams, smoking his favorite pipe, and looking over-seeing the cattle on his land, 101 Ranch.



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Museums use historical buildings to bring the past alive

Communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee are rich in the area's pioneer history. This is evident in the many museums and historic buildings. In some cases, the museums are historic buildings.

LaBelle Heritage Museum's new location, 360 N. Bridge Street, is itself a LaBelle historical treasure, the old Poole Store, built in 1911.

The museum focuses attention on the people and the times that built LaBelle.

One of the museum's prize artifacts is the historic Warren Steam Engine from the commuter boat Navette, once owned by J.P. Morgan and eventually sunk from disrepair into an old section of the Caloosahatchee River.

Also on the first floor, take in the fossil and nature area, featuring ancient bones, many of which were discovered in the LaBelle area. Partway encircling the fossil room, local artist Meredith Marcum is gradually completing a mural depicting scenes from a prehistoric LaBelle.

An ADA ramp makes it easy for anyone to move from the parking lot into the building and plans are being made to put in an elevator to the second floor.

Upstairs, the visitor will soon be able to enjoy traveling history exhibits as well as do research on local history using historical documents and old newspapers such as the Caloohathee Current and the Henry County News.

An activity room for kids will help ensure that the importance of LaBelle's past remains part of the younger generation's consciousness.

The newly relocated LaBelle Heritage Museum is the repository for the community's collective history, offering a unique and fascinating look into the past in a charming new setting. It's the place to go for a new perspective on old LaBelle.

The Okeechobee Historical Society Museum is also housed in a building that is of historical value. It resides in the historic Tantie Schoolhouse, built in 1909.

The Tantie School was built in 1909,



The old "Tantie School" now houses the Okeechobee Historical Society Museum.

eight years before Okeechobee County was formed. It was originally located at what is now the corner of Southwest 5th Street and South Parrott Ave. and was designated School #14 by St. Lucie County. This area was first called "The Bend." In 1902, the settlement was named Tantie for teacher Tantie Huckaby. Tantie was renamed Okeechobee in 1911. By the fall of 1915, the school became so crowded, a tent had to be set up for the over-flow.

In 1916, construction began on the new two-story brick school. The old school became a private residence and was occupied until 1976, when the Watts family sold it to the Okeechobee Historical Society. The building was moved to its current location, 1850 U.S. Hwy. 98.

The school house and museum are open to visitors on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and other times upon request. For more information, call 863)763-4344. Guided tours are available by appointment.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum, 34725 West Boundary Road, Clewiston, is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Four main galleries explore various aspects of Seminole life and tradition and showcase many items from the museum's permanent collection.

A mile-long raised boardwalk through the cypress swamp, features over 67 types of indigenous Everglades flora and fauna.

The museum also includes a living village. Experience firsthand an authentic Seminole Indian Village, where Tribal Elders create sweet grass baskets, beaded necklaces and wood carvings.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum's various collections exist to serve as the repository for all archival and artificial items related to the Tribe. The museum collects, preserves, protects and interprets Seminole culture and history inspiring

an appreciation and understanding of the Seminole people.

For more information, call 863-902-1113.

The Clewiston Museum is located along U.S. Hwy. 27, in the heart of Clewiston, "America's Sweetest Town." The green vintage building dates back to 1928. The building originally housed the Clewiston News.

Tours start with the popular fossil collections that reminisce back to the days when prehistoric animals roamed Florida. These tours continue with exhibits of the early Native Americans that inhabited the Lake Okeechobee area and the Seminole people, who came later.

The heritage tour of the museum reflects the town's growth and history through educational videos and an array of displays that include the sugar cane industry, destructive hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 and Riddle Field, a training base for British cadets during World War II.

In October, the Clewiston Museum will present "Journey Stories," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, through a Florida Humanities Council grant. The exhibit will be on display at the museum starting October 22 thru December. The museum will also be presenting programs



The Clewiston Museum on U.S. 27, is in a building that dates back to 1928. Part of the museum is the old newspaper building, the original home of the Clewiston News.

on various Florida subjects through our speaker series, which entails five speakers this year. Seminole Heritage Day will be celebrated on April 20th with guest speakers to commemorate the Seminole people and their culture.

The Museum Archives provide information to persons researching the past or wishing to take a stroll down memory lane. It also provides a "Historical Eco Tour" for those who wish to bird and learn about the area's local flora, fauna and history. The museum is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 863-983-2870 or go to the website, clewistonmuseum.

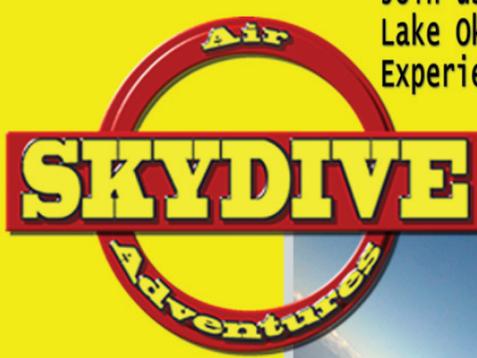


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The old Poole dry goods store is now the home of the LaBelle Heritage museum.



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