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The Henry Ford of the Sugar Business?

An intimate look at the life and career of the man at the helm, George Wedgworth

BY CHARLES JOHNSON

As executive offices go, George Wedgworth's is rather modest. Located in a rear corner on the third floor of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida's administrative building adjoining the big mill, it has the requisite pair of chairs and a desk with the usual clutter.



George Wedgworth in a picture dated from the 1960s.

The photos and paintings on the wall mostly feature the mill itself. A collage shows the sugar refineries the co-op co-owns in the U.S. and around the world.

At the edge of the far wall is a small window with a view of the parking lot, and beyond that, the outskirts of Wedgworth's hometown, Belle Glade, Fl.

The co-op recently celebrated running its 50th crop through the mill. Wedgworth has been the boss there for every one of those crops, and then some.

Two years before the first cane was milled here, he convinced 15 other farmers to join him in a co-op to produce sugar. Some had previously grown the crop, but acreage was severely limited by how much the Glades area's two existing mills could handle. Wedgworth Farms, for example, then grew 200 acres of sugar cane; now it has 5,000 acres of it, and cane is its primary crop.

Wedgworth had been growing vegetable crops like celery, but disliked being vulnerable to both wintertime freezes and market vagaries.

"I could see that sugar could be the answer to a lot of problems, but we had to get volume," he says. "I sat down with the president of U.S. Sugar, which dominated the business here then, and pleaded with him to take more volume from us. He wouldn't do it, and that's what prompted us to start the co-op."

Financing difficult

Then 31 years old, Wedgworth led the effort



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George Wedgworth's career is a long and storied one, about a man who decided to create his own opportunities when others closed down for him.

to organize. Financing proved tough to get, so the growers pooled their money and came up with 18 percent of what was needed to build a mill. He put a team together, and they did their homework, then made a successful pitch to the Columbia Bank for Cooperatives, which agreed to a loan for more than half the debt. Secondary financing came from the engineering company doing work on the mill.

"We paid off the debt within two years," Wedgworth proudly recalls.

The idea of growing sugar cane caught on like a muck fire among Belle Glade's vegetable farmers. Fifty-two growers were co-op members by the time the first cane went to the mill.

In 1962, the first year of production, they grew 21,649 acres of cane and milled about 77,000 tons of raw sugar. In 2012, co-op members, now down to 46 in number, grew 68,456 acres of cane that turned out 374,266 tons of raw sugar, along with 18 million gallons of blackstrap molasses.

That's enough sugar to supply the demands of 9 million U.S. consumers, according to the co-op's figures. Most of the molasses goes to Europe for cattle feed.

From the co-op's planning stages, Wedgworth got advice and expertise from the Fanjul family, who were major sugar producers in Cuba prior to Fidel Castro's revolution. In pre-Castro Cuba, the Fanjuls owned 10 sugar mills, three dis-

tilleries and lots of sugar cane-producing land.

In 1960, following Castro's takeover, the Fanjuls, led by Alfonso Fanjul, Sr., paid \$160 an acre for 4,000 acres just south of South Bay, Fla., not far from Belle Glade. They bought and disassembled three small sugar mills in Louisiana and shipped the sections by barge to south Florida. The parts were cobbled together to build the Fanjuls' Osceola mill.

A second Fanjul mill, Okeelanta, also south of South Bay, took shape on the site of the early-day cooperative planned community of that name. The Okeelanta settlement once had 110 fami-

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Inland Birding Fun: Common Gallinule (COGA)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Last year the American Ornithologists' Union officially changed the name of the Common Moorhen in the New World to its former name, Common Gallinule.

The Old World species are distinguished from New World populations by voice, subtle differences in appearance, and the English and scientific names.

The Common Gallinule is a widely distributed member of the rail family that breeds in suitable habitat in North, Central, and South America.

Adults are dark with a white flank stripe. They have a red bill and red frontal shield. Their bill is triangular shaped like a chicken's bill. The Common Gallinule has long toes which enable it to walk on soft mud and floating vegetation.

These birds are good swimmers, but they do not have lobes or webbing on their toes. Juveniles are brownish-gray with a drab maroon bill and no frontal shield.

The Common Gallinule has a variety of calls that include clucks, whinnies, cackles, squawks, and yelps. The Common Gallinule is often seen in freshwater or brackish marshes, ponds, canals, lawns, and rice fields.

Their diet consists mainly of seeds, invertebrates, and aquatic plants. They pick up food while walking or swimming.

When swimming they dip their head, dabble, or dive while hunting for food. These birds flip floating leaves when searching for snails.

These common birds breed all year long. Their nest is usually a wide bowl of grasses and dead plant material built on the ground in dense cattails or on floating vegetation. Both parents help incubate five to eleven gray or buff eggs with speckles or blotches for ten to 22 day.

The chicks are born with their eyes open and are covered with gray down except on the head and wings. The newly hatched chicks have spurs at the bend of the wings that help them climb into the nest or grab nearby emergent vegetation. In three weeks, the young feed alone and are independent at five weeks old.

At six to seven weeks of age, they can fly, but usually remain with the adults for a few more weeks.

Common Gallinule chicks and fledglings are being reported in inland Florida.

You are invited to join a team or volunteer to count Common Gallinule and other bird species

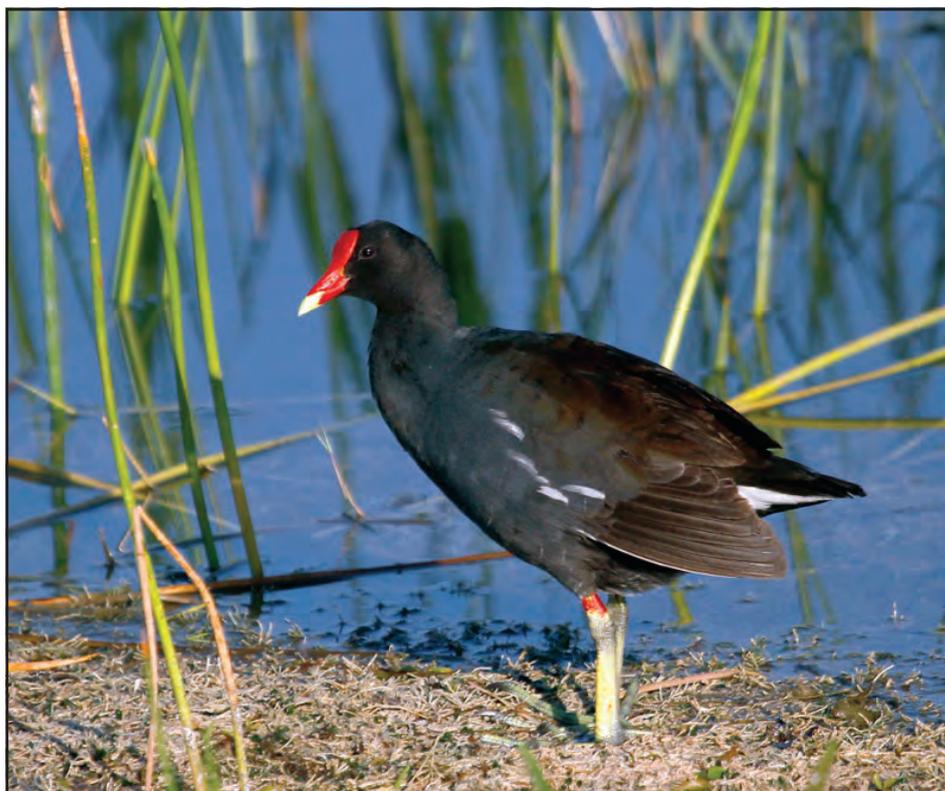


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Common Gallinule.

at your home or at locations in inland Florida during the Sept. 15 North American Migration Count (NAMC) sponsored by the Florida Ornithological Society and Audubon chapters. Phone or send an e-mail to Margaret England to request information about the 7th Annual Hendry-Glades NAMC.

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Summer Interview Series: Pioneer Park Principal Adam Miller

The principal at Pioneer Park School was busy this summer preparing for Rosenwald Elementary to move in and share facilities with his faculty. Still, he offered us an interview.

Q: What is your name?
A: My name is Adam Miller.
Q: What do you do?

A: I'm principal of Pioneer Park Elementary School. I definitely want to help people. My older brother went into business, so he's making a lot more money than me (laughs). But I really wanted to help people. That's why I got into teaching in the first place. It just made sense to go into leadership and be a principal. I'm very happy to be here at Pioneer Park. Every job I think has its ups and downs, and I've been experiencing a lot of ups at Pioneer Park.

Q: What is your pet peeve?
A: People driving on their cell phones. That's a big one. It happened to me this morning. (So you've never done it yourself?) I try not to. I try not to. I do the hands-free thing.
Q: What scares you?



A: What is my worst fear? It's not spiders! Heights. Definitely afraid of heights. I hate getting on a plane. I think as a kid at camp, there was this big tree house up in a tree, and I think I jumped off the side. I didn't get hurt or anything, but it was pretty high and it was a bad experi-

ence. I think I got in trouble for it, so ever since then I've been afraid of heights.
Q: Who would you want by your side at the moment of death?
A: My wife. (Why?) Because I love her. That's it.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Back to School Bash

The Belle Glade Back to School Bash is in need of volunteers to set up the Thursday before and on the day of Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Agency volunteers stay for the duration of the event and not just the hour your agency is there. Volunteer sign up is online at www.backtoschoolbashpb.com.

For more information, please contact Stephanie by email at ssaraco@gmail.com.

The King's Men

St. John 1st Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a charter bus to see The King's Men tour on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

There will be a cost for the bus ride. The bus will depart from the church's parking lot at 3:30 p.m. Admission tickets are also on sale at www.aarena.com or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information or bus seats, please contact Kevin Wright at 561-261-0717.

Summer Scholarship Awards

Palm Beach State College recently awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to Glades area students.

Thirty-nine students received scholarships to assist in the cost of attending summer classes at Palm Beach State.

Interested students can apply for additional scholarships which will be available in August. For additional information please contact Palm Beach State College - Belle Glade Campus Financial Aid Office at 561-993-1133.

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Another school year is closing in quickly. Be sure your kids are ready to perform their best.

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry-Glades Health Department

With only a few weeks left of summer break, parents are probably thinking about getting their child ready to go back to school.

Along with school clothes and school supplies, parents should make sure preventative health measures are included on their child's back-to-school checklist.

Success in school starts with keeping students healthy and safe. Parents should take their children to a health care provider for an annual "well-child" check-up and to make sure all vaccinations and medical records are in order.

Healthy eating, adequate physical activity, and good sleep patterns are also instrumental to success in school.

Parents should talk with their children about traveling safely to and from school. This includes planning safe routes for walking or riding a bike,

reminding them to stay on the sidewalk, crossing the street only at designated crosswalks, and showing them how to properly wear a bicycle helmet if they are riding a bike to school.

If your child is old enough to start driving a car to school, please remind them of some of the basic rules of the road.

Don't be afraid to talk to your teen about safe driving. Allow them to take Driver's Education if it's offered at their high school. Ask your vehicle insurance company about programs available to teach teens about safe driving tips.

Children in Florida should never have to be without health care. Insurance can improve a child's access to medications and treatment they may need to control childhood illnesses and decrease absences from school.

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U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Offers Food Safety Tips



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Experts say a full freezer will keep its temperature for two days if power is out. Are you ready in the case of an emergency?

Keeping food safe and accessible should be part of families' hurricane preparation tactics

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is urging residents of coastal states to plan ahead this hurricane season and minimize the potential for foodborne illness in the event of power outages, flooding, and other problems that could be associated with weather emergencies.

"As you prepare your home for hurricane season, remember to protect food from being exposed to contaminated water or unsafe storage temperatures in a power outage," USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Elisabeth Hagen said. "When it comes to emergencies of any kind, planning ahead is always the best strategy to help reduce the risk of foodborne illness."

FSIS encourages those living in coastal areas to be prepared, particularly when it comes to ensuring access to safe food and water after weather emergencies. Families should have an emergency plan in place that includes food and water safety precautions.

Steps to follow to prepare for a possible weather emergency:

- Keep an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer to help determine if food is safe during power outages. The refrigerator temperature should be 40° F or lower and the freezer should be 0° F or lower.

- Store food on shelves that will be safely out of the way of contaminated water in case of flooding.

- Group food together in the freezer — this helps the food stay cold longer.

- Freeze refrigerated items such as leftovers, milk and fresh meat and poultry that you may not need immediately — this helps keep them at a safe temperature longer.

- Have coolers on hand to keep refrigerator food cold if the power will be out for more than 4 hours.

- Purchase or make ice and store in the freezer for use in the refrigerator or in a cooler. Freeze gel packs ahead of time for use in coolers.

- Plan ahead and know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased.

Steps to follow if the power goes out:

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

- A refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours if you keep the door closed.

- A full freezer will keep its temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if half-full).

- If the power is out for an extended period of time, buy dry or block ice to keep the refrigerator as cold as possible. Fifty pounds of dry ice should keep a fully-stocked 18-cubic-foot freezer cold for two days.

Steps to follow after a weather emergency:

- Check the temperature in the refrigerator and freezer. If the thermometer reads 40° F or below, the food is safe.

- If no thermometer was used in the freezer, check each package. If food still contains ice crystals or is at 40° F or below when checked with a food thermometer, it may be safely refrozen.

- Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, soft cheeses, milk, eggs, leftovers and deli items) that have been kept in a refrigerator or freezer above 40° F for two hours or more.

- Discard any food that is not in a waterproof container if there is any chance that it has come into contact with flood water. Containers that are not waterproof include those with screw-caps, snap lids, pull tops, and crimped caps. Discard wooden cutting boards, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples and pacifiers.

- Thoroughly wash all metal pans, ceramic dishes and utensils that came in contact with flood water with hot soapy water and sanitize by boiling them in clean water or by immersing them for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of drinking water.

- Use bottled water that has not been exposed to flood waters. If bottled water is not available, tap water can be boiled for safety.

- Never taste food to determine its safety. When in doubt, throw it out!

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at www.AskKaren.gov or m.AskKaren.gov on your smartphone. Mobile Ask Karen can also be downloaded from the Android app store. Consumers can email, chat with a live representative, or call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline directly from the app. To use these features on the app, simply choose "Contact Us" from the menu. The live chat option and the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), are available in English and Spanish from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

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Coalition of Counties' Continuing Look at Lake O

Update on health of Lake Okeechobee, rehabilitation work, and call for consensus on work in the year ahead

BY PETE GAWDA
INI Florida

Unlike some meetings of a few years ago, the Wednesday, Aug. 1, meeting of the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon at the Okeechobee County Courthouse was marked by cordiality and consensus.

The organization is made up of representatives from Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Lee, Palm Beach, Hendry, Glades, Highlands and Osceola counties.

Okeechobee County Commissioner Frank Irby reported that his county was in the early

off wall project will be completed to Belle Glade.

Construction is currently under way to replace culverts 1 and 1A near Moor Haven as well as culverts 11 and 16 near Port Mayaca. The COE is in the process of abandoning culverts 7 and 9 and the Taylor Creek culvert, all in Okeechobee County.

"We are working with a schedule for culvert replacement," she said. The progress of the work relies on many factors including funding from Congress. She said the order of culvert replacement has to do with access. "Everything has to be done on the federal right of way."

Commissioner Echols expressed concern about not being informed of the shift in emphasis from dike rehabilitation to culvert replacement. "It seems the game plan changes and we aren't kept up to date," he said.

Calvin J. Neidrauer, chief engineer of South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Water Control Operations Bureau, gave an update on water conditions.

He said that district-wide, among the 16 South Florida Counties comprising SFWMD, rainfall for the current rainy season through July 30 is about

suggested sending two representatives of the coalition to Washington to lobby for their causes.

It was the consensus of the group to invite all 16 counties served by SF-WMD to the December meeting.

Commissioner Echols said his constituents were disgruntled about unfinished projects. "Let's get something completed instead of a lot of projects on the board," he said, suggesting long-term leases for SFWMD property that will not be used in the near future.

"We all get frustrated with projects not being completed," added Commissioner Heard.

The coalition then passed a resolution seeking continued funding for the C44 reservoir and stormwater treatment area project on the St. Lucie Canal to ensure its completion.

Michelle McGovern of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson's office told the coalition that the senator is trying to find funding for the state to help with their projects and also assisting with grants.

"We are all in this together," asserted Paul Gray of the Audubon Society of Florida. "What happens in one part of the system affects another." He noted that two third of the marsh area of the lake is dry right now due, in part, to LORS. He said the lake level is kept down because of the condition of the dike. He said the Audubon Society was in favor of fixing the dike as quickly as



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"It seems the game plan changes and we aren't kept up to date."

— **Commissioner Russell Echols', representing Glades County, comments after an update by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers explaining the organization's shift to culvert replacement on Lake Okeechobee**

stages of developing a public-private partnership for the revitalization of Okee-Tantie Campground and Marina.

"Martin County is in good shape," reported Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard. "Our estuaries look good."

Glades County Commissioner Russell Echols, who chairs the coalition, reported that work is finished on the Harney Pond Canal in his county.

Ingrid Bond, project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), gave an update on the Herbert Hoover Dike. For background, she stated that the dike is 143 miles long and contains five spillway inlets, five spillway outlets, nine navigation locks, nine pumping stations and 32 culverts.

She said the Herbert Hoover Dike is one of the few dams administered by the COE that is considered a level 1 risk. Of levels 1 through 5, level 1 is considered the most likely to fail. In response to a question, she stated that the number of level 1 dams varies but currently there are 16. The Herbert Hoover Dike has to compete with all the other level 1 dams for funding. Ms. Bond said that in the current fiscal year Congress appropriated \$85 million for the Herbert Hoover Dike. They are still waiting on funding for fiscal year 2013. Typically, she said, the Herbert Hoover Dike gets 20 to 25 percent of COE funds allocated for damn safety. She said there will be a new dam safety report by 2014.

The COE has divided the dike into segments called reaches. They have completed 20.7 miles of cutoff wall in the center of the dike in the reach between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade.

"We have changed our approach," Ms. Bond said. We used to have a reach-by-reach approach. We want to put taxpayers money on projects that are most at risk."

Now Ms. Bond said the emphasis is on replacing culverts which she said COE identifies as a higher priority. However, she said the reach 1 cut-

6 percent above average. He said Lake Tohopekaliga and Lake Istokpoga are at regulation schedule. Lake Kissimmee is below regulation schedule. However, that lake has been supplying water for the Kissimmee River restoration.

The wet season began earlier this year on May 8. Therefore, water conservation areas south of the lake filled up quickly. Mr. Neidrauer said that water from those areas is being sent to tide to make more storage area for future rains this rainy season.

Currently, at just over 12 feet, Lake Okeechobee is in the beneficial use band of the Lake Okeechobee Regulations Schedule (LORS) used by the COE and no releases are called for. However, the Adaptive Protocol, a document used by SFWMD that interprets the LORS for environmental purposes, called for pulse releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary in May, June and July. Currently the Adoptive Protocol does not call for releases because basin runoff is sufficient to maintain salinity.

Mr. Neidrauer said Lake Okeechobee has 99 active snail kite nesting areas in 2012—the highest number since record keeping began in 1992.

While predictions about the current rainy season are uncertain, he said predictions for the coming dry season are for above-normal rainfall.

"It is a delicate balance and there is a lot of competition for water." Mr. Neidrauer said of the process of regulating the lake level.

Commissioner Echols called for goals for next year. He asked that staff work with the individual members and put that item on the agenda for the September meeting. He noted there are many differences among the counties represented and he suggested they concentrate on areas where they are in agreement in formulating goals.

Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard called for more substantive discussion on the health of the lake.

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BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry-Glades Health Department

It's summertime! Baseball games, swimming, camping, hiking, or just playing outdoors — these are all great summer activities, but don't forget about ticks that may be in the same environment. There are several things you can do to help prevent tick bites and reduce your risk of tick-borne disease.

After being in wooded areas, grassy areas, or even after a summer picnic, you should check your scalp and hair, behind the ears, the neck, and under the arms. Usually ticks try to find a nice warm spot to hide and latch onto to your skin, but sometimes they can choose the strangest places, so please check your whole body thoroughly.

Some ticks are small enough to crawl into shoes or through socks, so when you are hiking, or taking a stroll through wooded areas, tuck your pant legs into your socks so that they cannot crawl up the inside of your pants. Also, it's a good idea to wear light-colored clothing, because it will help you spot any ticks that may be crawling around looking for a place to bite. For added protection, you can also use an insect repellent with DEET, but always follow the product instructions. Repellents containing 20 percent or more DEET can be applied to the skin, and can provide some protection for several hours. Please talk to your health care provider before applying any insect repellents on young children.

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Florida Weekly Gas Price Update and Outlook for Early August

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 11.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.53/g yesterday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 9.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.60/g, according to gasoline price website FloridaStateGasPrices.com.

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“Watching the national average last week, one might have expected war broke out in the Middle East or a major hurricane shutting down production, neither of which happened, yet gasoline prices spiked.”

— Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan

during the past week, prices Aug. 5 were 12.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 29.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 19.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.5 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

“Watching the national average last week,

one might have expected war broke out in the Middle East or a major hurricane shutting down production, neither of which happened, yet gasoline prices spiked,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

“The scary thought is what may happen to gasoline prices should one of the two actually take place. The Great Lakes was hosed with re-

finery issues and a major oil pipeline issue, and while other regions saw increases, they paled in comparison to those in the Great Lakes states.

The good news for motorists is that the end to the summer driving season and change to winter-spec fuel is in view, which will likely put downward pressure on gasoline prices,” DeHaan said.

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- 15 Puerto Rico, por ejemplo
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- 19 Model
- 20 Uncertain
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- 23 Rochester's love
- 24 One queued up for petrol
- 26 "So will I ... make the net / That shall enmesh them all" speaker
- 28 Sri Lankan king
- 31 Device for measuring a king's performance?
- 36 Takes over
- 38 "You must be looking for someone else"
- 39 Westernmost Rocky Mountain st.

- 68 Sink
- 69 Seller of SOMMARVIND beach accessories
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- 4 Place to enjoy the last blush of summer?
- 5 Andalusian aunt
- 6 Sharp
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- 8 Bollywood wrap
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- 11 "Don't be a fool!"
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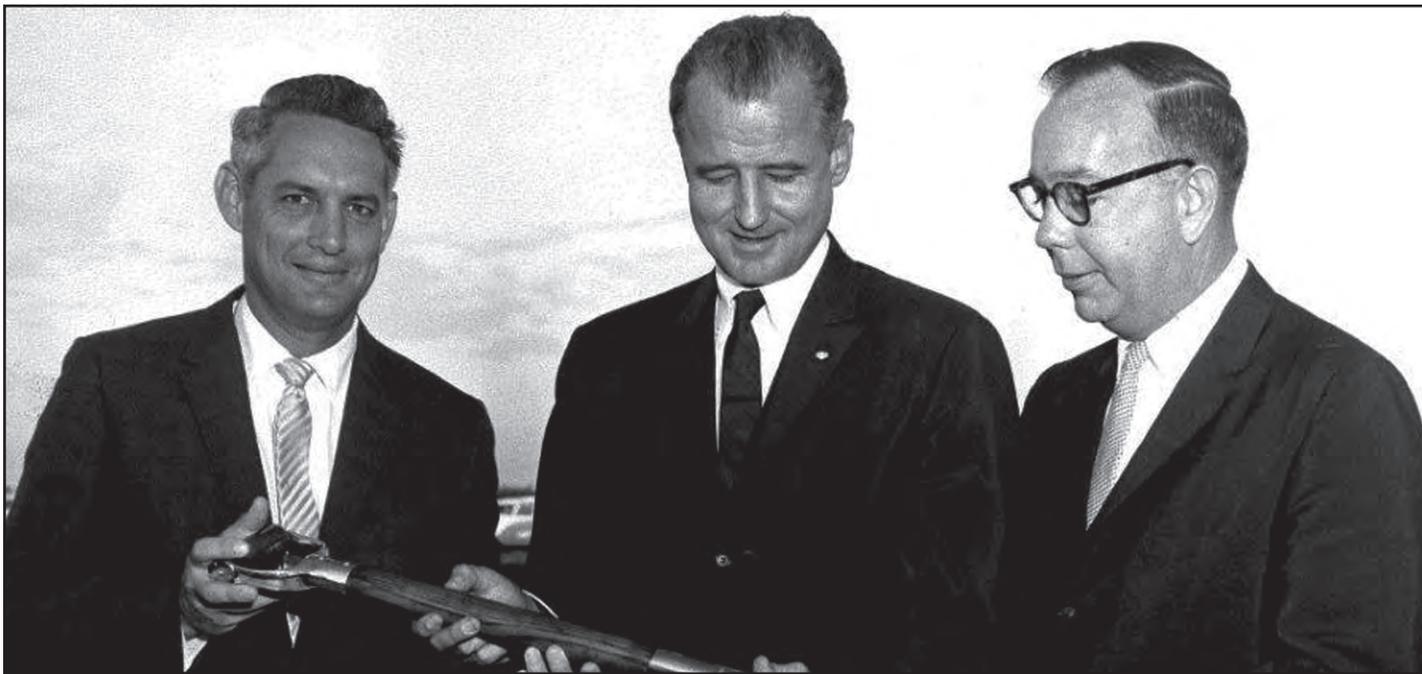
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Co-op

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lies living there, but after a couple of decades of struggle, it got wiped out by the devastating 1928 hurricane that killed as many as 3,000 people in the area. Despite the somewhat spooky history, the Fanjuls' Okeelanta project thrived.

When the elder Fanjul became interested in the fledgling co-op, he introduced the members to the engineering company that designed their mill. Meanwhile, Wedgworth befriended "Alfy" Fanjul, Jr., who helped other Cuban sugar industry veterans come to the U.S. as political refugees. Some got jobs working for the co-op just as it started up, and Wedgworth says they were key to its early success.

"It's impossible to overstate just how important the Cubans were in our early days. Our close business relationship with the Fanjul family furnished us with top quality people, who exited Cuba because of Castro.

Original board all farmers

"Our original board was all farmers. Many of us had grown cane for many years, but we had no experience in running a raw sugar plant or a refinery. The Cubans knew the details of running a sugar mill; they understood the business while we were still in the learning stages. Some of them worked for us for many years, and were excellent, excellent people — just the best. I don't know where we'd be now without them."

Now called Florida Crystals Corp., the Fanjul operation includes two sugar mills and 155,000 acres, along with its own packaging and distribution center. As the entities got bigger, ties between the Fanjuls and the co-op remained strong, and at the dawn of the 21st Century, the two began to partner in acquisitions.

In 2001, the co-op and Florida Crystals bought American Sugar Refining, which includes Domino Foods as its marketing arm and sells 1,400 branded sugar products, as well as some surprising competitors, like stevia. In addition, the co-op and Florida Crystals purchased eight sugar refineries in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and England.

The partnership helps them respond to customers' unique demands. When Wal-Mart told them in 2005 that it wanted a single supplier of sugar for the U.S., which required having a refinery west of the Mississippi River, they bought

California and Hawaiian Sugar Co., which runs a refinery at Crockett, Calif.

"Now, we turn out more refined sugar than any company in the world," Wedgworth says. "We're each part owners. It's an unusual arrangement, with each of us having three directors on the board. That's an even number. The lawyers said it would never work, but in 13 years we have never had a problem. It's really a remarkable success story."

The original co-op sugar mill was designed to grind 5,000 tons of cane daily. This year, an exceptionally good season during which the co-op broke 10 production records, the mill averaged 23,000 tons daily and turned out a record 26,000 tons on one particularly busy day. The mill operates 24 hours a day during the harvest season, which usually runs November through March.

Under Wedgworth's leadership as president and chief executive officer, the co-op discovered better methods of producing the cane crop as well as milling it.

For three decades, it relied on mostly Jamaican hand laborers to cut the cane. But Wedgworth knew as far back as the 1960s that arrangement had to change in order for the co-op mill to become a powerhouse producer.

"Hand labor would be the constraint to supplying the mill," he says.

Some people said big mechanical harvesters would mire in the muck soils. Wedgworth kept looking for a machine that would work in the Glades.

"Way back then, there was a two-row cutter that worked, but not nearly as well as what we found in Australia, he says. "I flew to Australia and looked at what they had, then had an ag engineer build a prototype. All our machines now are based on that design. They run on tracks, are designed for the U.S., and are manufactured in the U.S."

In 1992, the co-op went to mechanical harvesting on all its fields. The co-op owns the \$300,000 machines, and members pay an hourly fee for harvesting their crop.

Move good for farmers, mill

The move, without question good for the farmers and the mill, was a bit of a cultural tradeoff. Jamaican crews no longer walk single-file down the roads singing, machetes in hand, metal shin guards protecting their legs, and they no longer entertain locals with their Sunday afternoon cricket matches. With their departure, a

little of the old spark is missing from the scene.

Wedgworth, whose family moved to Belle Glade from Starkville, Miss., in 1930, when he was two years old, believes the co-op has been good for the community, employing 550 people, many of them engineers and technical workers.

His life story intertwines with that of the co-op and the sugar industry in a way few Americans ever have with any business. If he is not the Henry Ford or Bill Gates of the sugar business, he is something close to it.

As a youngster, when the family farm scraped by on its Depression-era vegetable business, that would have seemed far-fetched.

The Wedgworths came to Belle Glade because George's father, Herman, with a Ph.D in

beans were ready to be harvested, and workers had to be paid.

A Michigan State A&M College graduate like her husband, soft spoken 100-pound Ruth Wedgworth, mother of two daughters in addition to George, became an agricultural business dynamo who had a unique way of running things.

"She came on the scene when people looked at women in business as the exception," Wedgworth says. "She had management techniques she didn't learn in any school. She built a good team, which is the key to any successful business. She never gave an order — she made suggestions. A lot of people said she would be a failure, but she was very successful."

Ruth Wedgworth, a founding member of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, was Florida Woman of the Year in Agriculture in 1986, elected to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1988, and given honorary doctorates by the University of Florida and Florida Southern College. She died in December 1995 at age 92.

Big shoes for George to fill? Undoubtedly. But he approached the business world somewhat differently from his mother, with ideas borne out in the sugar cane growers co-op.

"My goal as a farmer was to have enough acreage to have a good economic unit," he says. "My mother did not like at least some of what I did. When I bought land and paid \$250 an acre for it, she was horrified; she didn't want to do it.

"She thought the land was overpriced. Of course, now it's worth a lot more than \$250. She was a vegetable grower and, prior to the sugar co-op becoming reality, I converted a lot of vegetable land to beef cattle. I bought land in Okeechobee, Osceola and Indian River counties and put cows on it.

Best hedge against inflation

"Land is probably the best hedge against inflation. Some people put their money in gold; some

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— George Wedgworth

plant pathology from Michigan State A&M College, took an \$1,800-a-year job at the University of Florida Agricultural Experiment Station here. He primarily worked on soil fertility issues, with a focus on micronutrients.

Herman Wedgworth saw something magical in the productive, fertile muck soil, bought 320 acres and, two years after arriving in the Glades, quit his job to grow vegetables full-time. He built a state of the art packing plant and the area's first precooling plant.

When George was 10 years old, he and a cousin were playing in the family packing house when a 10-ton ice machine tipped over and fell on Herman, killing him. Young George witnessed the accident and still gets emotional when talking about it.

His mother, Ruth, was at a local bank working out financial arrangements to keep the farm afloat when the accident occurred. She opted to stay in the Glades and continue farming. Years later, she said she had no choice in the matter —

put in a safety deposit box and leave it there. But with land, you can always produce something. We no longer have cattle, but we still have that land. We lease it for grazing rights and use it for hunting, mostly deer and turkey."

George was an athletic young man, captain of the football team at Belle Glade High School, where he graduated in 1946. Like his parents, he went to Michigan State College (now Michigan State University), earning a degree in agricultural engineering in 1950.

As a freshman, he tried out for the college basketball team. After a talk with the coach made him realize he would probably not see much playing time, he became the team manager, which kept him busy all four years of his college career.

Degree in hand, he returned to Belle Glade and was appalled at how Wedgworth vegetables were being marketed. "We had fantastic celery,

Solar-Powered Boat Crosses Lake Okeechobee

BY CHARLES M. MURPHY
Okeechobee News

A 6,600 mile journey dubbed the 'Solar Odyssey' began in late July for a ship that is completely solar powered.

The Ra, started in Clearwater on July 22, stopped in Fort Myers on July 25, and traveled up the Caloosahatchee River, across Lake Okeechobee and into the St. Lucie Canal and on to Ft. Pierce, before heading up north.

The 'Ra' stopped in Clewiston on July 26 and Indiantown on July 27. The crew planned to stop at 122 different locations on the tour. It could take the Captain Jim Greer, and his crew, close to six months to complete the voyage.

The goal of the project is to prove that solar power can be used to power boats and ships.

A film crew is also on board and they will take high definition video of the places they visit. They have also accepted donations of cash, fuel, and other items for the trip.

Among the other stops on the trip are Jekyll Island, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, Beaufort, North Carolina, Portsmouth, Virginia, Annapolis, Maryland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Atlantic City, New Jersey, New York City, Catskill, New York, Albion, New York, Erie Pennsylvania, Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Racine, Wisconsin, Cairo, Illinois, Clinton, Tennessee, Gulf Shores, Alabama, and then back into Florida.

The solar powered boat would be the first ever to traverse what is known as the great loop. The footage taken will be put into a new reality show and the film could last as long as three seasons.

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but the price we got was terrible," he says.

His mother responded by putting him in charge of the celery business. He used his engineering skills to build the first mechanical celery harvester and founded the Florida Celery Exchange to try to improve markets by encouraging farmers to sell the product in a team effort.

That experience helped him formulate the ideas that, a few years later, became the sugar cane cooperative.

The co-op's timing was perfect, Wedgworth says, looking back at the startup from the perspective of half a century. He says the sugar co-op didn't form because of Castro's takeover of Cuba. However, the politics of the day did help create markets for the co-op's sugar when the U.S. government officially backed away from Cuban sugar.

"Cuba was not a key consideration in our wanting to develop a processing plant," he says. "But the timing was perfect for us; it corresponded with Cuba's downfall as a sugar exporter to the U.S."

"We were fortunate. We had already been working with our growers to finance it, and had done a feasibility study. We started this effort before we knew what would happen with Castro."

"As it turned out, it gave us a source of a team of people who had experience processing cane, and when we came into production, marketing allotments had opened up. This all happened at the same time. For us, it was a Godsend."

After more than 50 years of leading the co-op, Wedgworth, now 83, is taking a step back, giving up his position as president and CEO. But he remains the organization's chairman of the board.



The new president is Tony Contreras, formerly executive vice president of marketing and refining operations. Jose Alvarez, former executive vice president of operations and general manager, now is CEO as well as general manager.

"The cooperative has been my baby," Wedgworth says. "I nurtured and watched it grow into an international sugar powerhouse. I will miss being a part of the daily challenges."

For all these years, for many onlookers, Wedgworth has been the focal point of the Florida sugar industry. He never hesitated to discuss issues in public forums, even as environmental groups zeroed in on sugar producers, blaming them for a

wide range of problems in the Everglades.

Environmentalists have vigorously opposed him most of the past 40 years, yet he still seems to harbor hope they will somehow see the light and start to understand Glades agriculture.

In an odd sort of way, he seems to have enjoyed the back-and-forth with the industry's opponents — the sort of fellow who wants everyone to have their say, to put all sides on the table.

After being skewered by big city journalists more times than he can count, he remains gracious and accommodating when a writer appears, notebook in hand.

Wedgworth's son, Dennis, now manages the

family farm, but that doesn't necessarily mean George is ready to relax in a rocking chair. Until a few years ago, he regularly played tennis and still looks capable of coming up with a pretty good serve.

Parting on this day, he responds to a question about his accomplishments by saying, "What matters is family — family and friends."

With that, he's out the door and down the elevator. He walks to his Buick LeSabre in the parking lot, raises a hand, and waves a salute.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Rosenwald Elementary

The 2012-13 School year has come with a few changes.

Rosenwald Elementary will be located on the campus of Pioneer Park Elementary. However, we will still function as a separate elementary school.

We would like to welcome Mr. Tyrone Fields and Mrs. Shamekia Camel to Rosenwald this year.

Changes to School Day

This year, the school hours will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The first day of school for students will be Mon., Aug. 20.

Registration

On Thursday, Aug. 16, parents can register their students at the South Bay Chamber from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Appropriate documentation is needed to register your child. Please contact the school at 561-993-8900 for specifics. Make sure to indicate your student/s' 2013 grade level and whether or not they are new to Florida/Palm Beach County.

Parents can also register their students at Rosenwald which is located on the same campus as Pioneer Park Elementary from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please contact the school at 561-993-8900 for specific documents needed.

Bus Schedule/Routes

The bus routes for students are available. Please contact the school for information. Also, a parent link will be sent with this information. Parents are encouraged to allow their students to ride the bus if applicable.

School Uniforms

Rosenwald's SAC voted to continue to wear uniforms for the upcoming school year. The fol-

lowing colors/styles should be worn:

- Tops - Long or short sleeved solid green, solid white, solid blue, solid khaki, or solid orange polo style which should be tucked in at all times.
- Bottoms - Pants, knee length shorts, skirts, or jumpers that are solid green, solid black, khaki, and solid blue.
- Shoes - Shoes are to have an enclosed toe and heel. (Shoes with wheels are prohibited for safety reasons.)

For cold weather: sweatsuits in solid blue, black, or hunter green may be worn.

Students are expected to dress according to uniform policy.

Dates to Remember

- Thursday, Aug. 16 - Registration at city of South Bay Chamber
- Friday, Aug. 17 - Meet and Greet
- Monday, Aug. 20 - First day of school

Lake Shore Middle School

Important Dates

- Pre-School Registration on Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 6th Grade/New Student Orientation/Class Schedule Pickup on Aug. 16th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m
- 7th-8th Grade Class Schedule Pickup on Aug. 16 (7th grade from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 8th grade from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)
- First day of School on Aug. 20 - Students should arrive no sooner than 8:15 a.m. daily. No supervision is provided prior to this time.
- Open House on Sept. 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m

Uniform Dress Code Policy

- Tops
- Polo Shirts ONLY. Must be solid color, plain

shirt, with no pictures or emblems.

- Colors are red, white, dark blue, maroon, and green only.

Bottoms

- Shorts, pants or skirts must be knee length (NO JEANS).
- Bottoms must fit properly and be buttoned at the waist.

- Colors are khaki or dark blue only.

Other

- Belts must be worn at all times.
- Closed-toed shoes or sneakers must be worn at all times.
- Students will only be allowed to use mesh book bags.

School Supply List

- Binder (1 ½ INCH) Reading
- 1 Binder (2 INCHES) Language Arts
- 10 Pocket folders with prongs
- 5 Composition Notebook (Black & White)
- 10 Spiral Notebooks
- Notebook Paper (wide or college ruled)
- Ballpoint Pens (black & blue)
- # 2 Pencils (2 packs)
- Colored Pencils (2 packs)
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Portable Pencil Sharpeners with cover
- Erasers
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Yellow Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Headphones or Ear buds
- USB Thumb Drive
- Kleenex Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Bags 1 Gallon

Additional requests for school supplies or donated items will come from the teachers during

the first week of class.

Belle Glade Elementary

2012-13 Dress Code

Belle Glade Elementary will enforce a mandatory dress code for the 2012-13 school year. This dress code was developed in compliance with School Board Policy 5.182 and received majority approval from the School Advisory Council, Belle Glade Elementary staff, and the community at large. This policy strives to enhance school safety, reduce peer pressure and student conflict, foster school pride, and enrich the educational environment.

All students are required to wear the following: Long or short sleeve collared polo style shirts, any solid color. Pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers in khaki, black, navy, gray, or green (no jean material). All pants and shorts must be worn on the waist and with a belt if they have belt loops. Jeans will be allowed on Fridays only with a school spirit shirt or any solid polo shirt. All shoes must be closed at the toe and heel. Heelies, flip flops, sandals, nor slides will be permitted at any time.

Kindergarten

1 backpack. 3 boxes of 16 crayons. 1 Fiskars scissors. 12 #2 pencils. 2 glue sticks. 3 two-pocket/three-prong folders. 1 roll of paper towels. 2 boxes of tissue. 2 crayon boxes. 1 package of markers. 1 box of baby wipes. 2 bottles of hand soap. 2 changes of clothing.

First Grade

4 packs of 12 #2 pencils. 4 glue sticks. 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags. 3 boxes of 24 count crayons. 1 paid of Blount scissors. 1 pencil top

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I'm Educated... A graduate from Clewiston High School Class of 1988, I have a Master's in Educational Leadership K-12 from Florida Gulf Coast University, 2003

I'm Experienced... I am actively involved **TODAY** and have been for over 10 years in programs in our community that enhance our children's lives. I've been rolling up my sleeves for years and getting things done for children because they are our most valuable resource.

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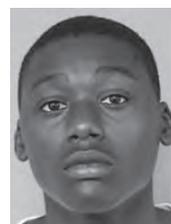
This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Any one who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Walisha Burks, 22



- Larceny - grand theft \$300 less than \$5,000 and burglary
- Arrested July 29
- Released on bond

Ransford Barnett, 18



- Carrying a concealed weapon, firearm, possession, or ammo by convicted felon
- Arrested July 31

Joseph Jean Baptiste, 39



- Burglary - unoccupied structure unarmed larceny
- Arrested July 31

James Saulberry, 35



- Marijuana possession with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a place of worship
- Arrested August 5

Robert Santoyo, 22



- DUI - unlawful blood alcohol level
- Arrested August 4

Nashon Williams, 21



- Fraud - false statement on affidavit with intent to defraud insurance, making false report
- Arrested July 26

Derrick Kirksey, 26



- Larceny - petit theft 2nd degree, 3rd or subsequent offense
- Arrested July 26
- Released on bond

Pablo Varela, 41



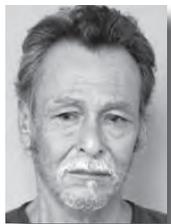
- DUI unlawful alcohol blood level
- Arrested July 29

Lorenzo Green, 40



- Burglary - unoccupied structure unarmed and larceny - grand theft \$5,000, less than \$10,000
- Arrested July 31

Inez Martinez, 56



- Battery - touch or strike and burglary occupied dwelling unarmed
- Arrested August 3

Guillermo Garcia, 26



- DUI - unlawful blood alcohol level
- Arrested August 5

James Russell Everett, 27



- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim was pregnant
- Arrested July 26

Winston Pinto, 25



- Lewd lascivious behavior - victim age 12 to 16 three counts
- Arrested July 27

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for
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Thursday, August 16, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, 109 Central Ave., Clewiston, FL 33935. If a quorum is not established, the alternative date is Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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
Tourist Development Council
423576 CN/CB 8/9/2012

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 16, 2012, for the following Proposals:
E1160- Drainage Improvements, Sidewalk Construction and Installation of Steel Picket Railing on State Road 35 in Hardee County-Budget Estimate: \$158,354.00.
E1167- Shoulder and Slope Repair, Sodding and Fertilizer in Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties-Budget Estimate: \$172,500.00
E1168- Removal and Replacement of Thermoplastic and Retro-Reflective Pavement Markings in Glades & Hendry Counties-Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
E1169- Clearing & Grubbing, and Tree Trimming & Removal in Lee & Charlotte Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
Z1012- Pre-Event Hurricane Contract for Generator Installation in Polk, Highlands, & Okeechobee Counties
Z1013- Pre-Event Hurricane Contract for Generator Installation in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Glades, & Hendry Counties
Z1014- Pre-Event Hurricane Contract for Generator Installation in Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559.
423182 CN 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2444 2009 1144334-01000000290 Gregoria & Rosa Flores
Lot 29, Twin Lakes Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 91 and 92, 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 First Thursday in the month of September, 2012, which is the 6th day of September, 2012.
Dated this 25th day of July, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
422723 CN 8/2,9,16,23/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2279 2009 1074433-03000020040 Mario Nodal
Lot 4, Block 2, The 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 First Thursday in the month of September, 2012, which is the 6th day of September, 2012.
Dated this 25th day of July, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
422725 CN 8/2,9,16,23/2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Conde, Steve A., 739 Riverbend Dr, Apt B, LaBelle Sands, George C., 420 Martine Luther King Blvd., LaBelle Stanton, Christopher M., 407 E. Obispo Ave., Clewiston Wiggins, Marquis S., 125 N. Isora St., Clewiston Williams, Robert F., 777 Swannee Ave., LaBelle

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2355	2009	1314433-A0001060000	Orlando Naranjo, Trustee & Aida Naranjo, Trustee

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6073, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of September, 2012, which is the 6th day of September, 2012. Dated this 25th day of July, 2012.

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

422728 CN 8/2,9,16,23/2012

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1594	2008	1154432-A0002060000	Maria C. Estrella & Rafael Estrella

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2551, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of September, 2012, which is the 13th day of September, 2012. Dated this 1st day of August, 2012.

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

423333 CN 8/9,16,23,30/2012

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

AIRGLADES INDUSTRIAL PARK

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES,

CLEWISTON, FL

FM# 410663-1-94

BID # 2012-24

OPENING DATE AND TIME: AUGUST 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Airglades Industrial Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, Clewiston, FL". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by August 30, 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.

A copy of the Instructions, Bid Documents, Plans and Specifications can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99A E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
423345 CN/CB 8/9,16,23/2012

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REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000531
Flat Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area - 202000

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the 2:30 p.m. opening time on September 20, 2012 for Flat Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area - 202000.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Conference) will be held on September 3, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clewiston Field Station Main Conference Room, located at 7425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston Florida. All Respondents who wish to respond to this solicitation must be present and on time at the Conference. Bids will not be accepted from Respondents who either did not attend the Conference or who are more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT ADMIT ANY RESPONDENTS AFTER 9:45 A.M.

Due to the importance of all Respondents having a clear understanding of the scope of work and requirements of this solicitation, attendance at this Conference by a representative of each Prime Respondent shall be a prerequisite for submitting a bid. A Respondent's failure to attend the Conference will result in the District declaring a submitted bid as non-responsive.

A Respondent's attendance at the Conference shall be evidenced by its representative's signature on the District's Sign-In-Sheet. Any bid received from Respondents who did not attend the Conference will be returned unopened.

Work site visits will immediately follow the Conference and may include travel through rough terrain and remote and heavy vegetative areas. Transportation to the Conference and work site(s) shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. Site visit attendance is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested Respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling the BID HOTLINE (800) 472-5290, option 1. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov. 423414 CN 8/9/2012

Public Notice

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 22-2008-CA-000291

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff,

ROSA L. MARTINEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 27, 2012 and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000291 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is the Plaintiff and ROSA L. MARTINEZ, et al, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURT-HOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 30th day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PARCEL OF LAND INTRACT 23 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, LYING IN THE WESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CRS AND THE NORTHWESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CSS, ACCORDING TO SAID PARCELS AS RECORDED BY GOVERNMENT PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL CRS AND RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OR ALONG CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.01 FEET; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE IN NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, PARALLEL TO SAID CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.02 FEET OR THEREABOUTS TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF PARCEL CRS, THENCE WEST ALONG SAID BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND IN TRACT 23, SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, LYING IN THE WESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CRS AND THE NORTHWESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CSS ACCORDING TO SAID PARCELS AS RECORDED BY GOVERNMENT PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL CRS AND RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OR ALONG CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.01 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO SAID CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF PARCEL CRS A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 1380 SW RIVER ROAD, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal, of this Court on July 31, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018

Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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**See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. 423309 CN 8/9,16/2012

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1 - INVITATION TO BID

BID # 2012-03

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
HERBICIDAL MAINTENANCE OF CANALS AND LEVEE

Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the above referenced **Herbicide Maintenance of 32.625 Miles of drainage canals and 8 miles of levee project** will be received by the Board of Central County Water Control District (hereinafter referred to as "CCWCD", "OWNER" and "DISTRICT"), at the District Manager's Office at the following address:

Central County Water Control District
475 S. Cabbage Palm Street
Clewiston, Florida 33440

until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid. Scope of Work, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Contract, General Conditions, Attachments and Addenda which comprise the Bid Documents. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may attend the bid opening. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid, and **bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.**

A pre-bid meeting shall be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida.

The work made the subject hereof is described in the bid documents titled **Herbicide Maintenance of Canals and Levee** copies of which may be obtained from Rock Enterprises, Inc., 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida, 33935, or from Central County Water Control District, 475 South Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440. For additional information you may contact Ms. Carolyn Hester, District Manager, at 863-983-5797, or Rock Abojaoude, District Engineer, at 863-612-0011.

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the CCWCD Board of Supervisors, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening during which time Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance.

In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances. All subcontractors shall be identified in the Bid and duly licensed.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the District will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Bidder shall submit such information as necessary to evaluate the Bidder's qualifications. The District reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and/or accept bids that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the DISTRICT, and the District specifically reserves the right to reject all bids and proceed to accomplish its objectives without awarding any contract pursuant to this invitation. The District also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time, which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond forty-five (45) calendar days from the bid opening date during which time the District at its sole discretion may release the bid security.

The Contract to be awarded hereunder shall be for a term of one (1) year, and renewable, at the discretion of the DISTRICT, for up to three (3) successive one-year terms.

DATED this 9th day of August, 2012.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

By: Carolyn Hester, District Manager
Benito Alvarez, Chairman
423340 CN 8/9,16,23/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2012-61CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ANTHONY H. WINOWIECKI
A/K/A ANTHONY WINOWIECKI,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(summary ancillary administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST
THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Ancillary Administration has been filed in the estate of ANTHONY H. WINOWIECKI A/K/A ANTHONY WINOWIECKI, deceased, File Number: 2012-61CP, by the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975-1760; that the total value of the estate is real property with a value of \$12,000.00, and that the name and address of the individual to whom it will be assigned after the entry of an order is: STEVEN WINOWIECKI, 2611 W. Long Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49685

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 9th, 2012.

IRENE BOWMAN
Petitioner

ERIC S. KANE P.L.
ERIC S. KANE, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No. 0847941
20900 N.E. 30th Avenue, Suite 403
Aventura, Florida 33180
305-937-7280
423347 CN 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

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, August 22, 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 decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing hereinafter referred to she or he 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. 423339 CN 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 08/18/2012 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by: 863-675-1025

Sweet Daughter Properties LLC
Unit 415
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Betty Sue Johnson - Unit J-6
Misc. Items
Yolonde Ju - Unit 105
Misc. Items
423538 CN 8/9,16/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2012-58 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
WALLACE RICHARD MCKENZIE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Wallace Richard McKenzie, deceased, whose date of death was May 7, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 0791, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 9, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Wallace Victor McKenzie
6206 Booth Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Ralph Elver
Attorney for Wallace Victor McKenzie
Florida Bar Number: 215848
P.O. Drawer 2280
LaBelle, FL 33975
Telephone: (863) 675-5800
Fax: (863) 675-4998
E-Mail: ralph@labellelaw.com
423223 CB 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2012-64-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RACHEL MITCHELL LANE
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Rachel Mitchell Lane, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are7109, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 9, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Eldene Spriggs
462 South Missouri Street
LaBelle, Florida 33035

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Ralph Elver
Attorney for Eldene Spriggs
Florida Bar Number: 215848
P.O. Drawer 2280
LaBelle, FL 33975
Telephone: (863) 675-5800
Fax: (863) 675-4998
E-Mail: ralph@labellelaw.com
423186 CB 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-000317

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.
RUBIN CONSTANT, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 16, 2012 and entered in Case NO. 26-2011-CA-000317 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and RUBIN CONSTANT, MILOSE CONSTANT are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 29th day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 17, BLOCK 2104 OF PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN FLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 73, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 5009 EARLY LANE, PORT LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 1, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (11D), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.
423330 CN 8/9,16/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Budget Workshop on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.
423481 CN 8/9/2012

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 09-1160-CA

PREMIER AMERICAN BANK, N.A., d/b/a FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK, a Florida corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JAMES M. LONG, JR., an unmarried man, all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the above-named Defendant who are not know to be dead or alive, whether as unknown parties may claim an interest as spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: James M. Long, Jr.
2565 Evans Road, #A
LaBelle, Florida 33935

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following described property in Hendry County, Florida, to-wit:

The West 1/2 of the East one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 South, Hendry County, Florida, less the North 30 feet for road right-of-way

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of written defenses, if any, to it on Kenneth K. Thompson, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 1150 Lee Boulevard, Suite 1, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936, on or before August 24, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, corner of S.R. 80 and Highway 29, LaBelle, Florida, either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS MY hand and seal of this Court on this 20th day of July, 2012.

BARBARA BUTLER,
CLERK OF COURT
By: /s/ J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk
422644 CN 8/2,9/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Palm Beach County (PBC) Board of County Commissioners' Resolution R-2012-0904 calls for a member of the PBC Water Utilities Department Advisory Board (WUAD) to be a resident of the Glades area and a customer of the Glades Utility Authority (GUA). The position is currently vacant and the Water Utilities Department is soliciting qualified persons to fill the position. The Water Utilities Department Advisory Board meets monthly at the WUD Customer Service Building at Jog Road in Boynton Beach. Regular attendance is required. All members are subject to the terms of the County's Ethics Ordinance. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and a resume or statement of qualification by August 15, 2012 to: Valerie Cintron, PBC Water Utilities, 8100 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33413.
423058 SUN 8/2,9/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000867

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,

v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JOHN J. KENSTLER, DECEASED, ET AL.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JOHN J. KENSTLER and JOHN KENSTLER, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN J. KENSTLER and JOHN KENSTLER, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was: 4031 ALBANY RD, LABELLE, FL 33935-5518

-And-
TRACIA LYNN HOLLINGSWORTH, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant, who is not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants.

Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Hendry County, Florida, to-wit:

LOT 21 BLOCK 2150, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 86, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, PA., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before August 31, 2012 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975-1760, either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS MY hand and seal of the Court on this 24 day of July, 2012.

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

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 Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
422724 CN 8/2,9/2012

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DO YOU LIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF CLEWISTON?

The City of Clewiston is pleased to announce the opening of the 2012 CDBG Application Cycle for Housing Rehabilitation Assistance. To qualify, your income, based on household size, must not exceed the following limits:

1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
\$26,600	\$30,400	\$34,200	\$38,000	\$41,050	\$44,100	\$47,150	\$50,200

You must own your home in order to qualify and your home must be within the City limits of the City of Clewiston.

If you feel you qualify, please pick up an application at:

Clewiston City Hall
115 West Ventura Avenue
Clewiston, Florida

Applications are also available online at www.clewiston-fl.gov For further information on obtaining an application, please contact the City of Clewiston at 863-983-1484.

Applications will be taken until August 27, 2012. Applications received after this date will be considered only if funding is available.



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How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

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Take Precautions To Avoid Mosquito Bites!

Florida Department of Health

Regular monitoring in Palm Beach County at seven strategically placed sentinel chicken flocks have revealed the presence of St Louis Encephalitis virus at one site in the western county. No human or other animal infections have been identified.

The Palm Beach County Health Department reminds residents and visitors to take simple preventive measures to protect against contracting mosquito-borne illnesses. The mosquito population grows in the summer which coincides with the time of year many residents and visitors are outdoors enjoying Florida's natural landscape. Residents and visitors can take simple steps to combat mosquitoes and prevent mosquito-borne illness.

"The sentinel chicken program was first established in 1978 throughout Florida," said Health Department Veterinarian Dr. Mary Echols. "This early warning system is vital to help make the public aware of the presence of mosquito-borne illnesses and the importance of mosquito-borne disease prevention."

The last positive result for the presence of St. Louis Encephalitis in Palm Beach County was in 2001. Health Department Director Alina Alonso, M.D., encourages basic prevention methods to help limit mosquito bites and exposure to mosquito-borne illness. The rainy season can signal an increase in mosquito populations.

"Residents and visitors need to take precau-

tions to prevent mosquito bites and eliminate mosquito friendly breeding places around their homes by remembering to Drain and Cover," said Health Department Director Alina Alonso, M.D.

- Drain any standing water around your home as even the smallest container can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes

- Check doors and window screen and repair any holes or tears

- Cover yourself with light weight clothing that has long sleeves, wear long pants and socks, and use an insect repellent following the manufacturer's recommendation

If outdoors at dusk to dawn, be cautious as mosquitoes are most active during these times; however some species of mosquitoes are also active during the day.

St. Louis Encephalitis virus is a mosquito-borne flavivirus that is maintained in a cycle between Culex mosquitoes and birds. Occasionally, an infected mosquito will bite a human, causing disease. Less than one percent of St. Louis encephalitis viral infections are clinically apparent and the vast majority of infections remain undiagnosed. Symptoms appear four to 21 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. When symptoms occur they can range from fever with headache to meningitis, encephalitis, and coma. People over the age of 50 seem to be at greater risk for severe disease. Anyone suspecting they are sick should contact their physician immediately. For more information on mosquito prevention, visit www.pbchd.com

School

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erasers. 2 boxes of tissues. 1 bottle of liquid hand soap. 3 spiral notebooks. 1 hand held pencil sharpener. 1 bottle of hand sanitizer. 2 rolls of paper towels. 2 two-pocket folders. 1 pencil/crayon box. 1 Ream Copier Paper. 1 backpack. **Public Library Card.

Second Grade

3 rolls of paper towels. 2 packs of 12 #2 pencils. 1 box of 16 crayons. 1 box of tissues. 1 pair of scissors. 1 pack of glue sticks. 2 packs of loose leaf paper. 6 two-pocket folders. 1 pack of colored pencils. 1 Ream Copier Paper. 2 spiral notebooks. 1 pack of erasers. 2 pencil sharpeners. 1 bottle of hand sanitizer. 1 bottle of liquid hand soap. 1 pack dry erase markers. 1 pack of colored markers. 1 pack of index cards. 1 pack of post it notes. 2 highlighters. 1 pens (blue, black, and red). 1 box of Ziploc bags (gallon or quart). 1 crayon box. 1 pair of black socks (for dry erase boards). 1 pack of assorted construction paper. **Public Library Card.

Third Grade

5 packs of #2 pencils. 6 two-pocket folders. 1 bottle of liquid hand soap. 1 bottle of glue. 3 packs of loose-leaf paper (wide). 1 pair of scissors. 1 pack of colored pencils. 2 boxes of tissue. 2 rolls of paper towels. 1 pack of assorted construction paper. 1 spiral notebook. 4 journal/composition notebooks. 1 pack of index cards. 1 pencil sharpener. 2 Reams of paper. 1 pack of erasers (small). 1 box of crayons. 1 jumbo eraser. **Public Library Card.

Fourth Grade

Pencils. 4 packs of notebook paper (loose). 2 boxes of tissue. 1 pocket dictionary. 1 pack

of erasers. 2 pocket erasers. 2 pocket folders. 1 roll of paper towels. 1 composition notebook. 2 three-ring binders (1 inch). 2 packs of dividers for binders. 1 pack of colored pencils. 2 bottles of liquid hand soap. 2 bottles of hand sanitizer. 4 spiral notebooks. 1 box of 24 crayons. 2 Reams of copier paper. **Public Library Card.

Fifth Grade

Pencils. 1 pack of colored pencils. 7 pocket folders with three metal clips. 1 pack of markers. 3 yellow highlighters. 2 glue sticks. 5 spiral notebooks (wide ruled). 2 packs of 12 #2 pencils. 4 packs of notebook paper. 2 boxes of tissues. 2 bottles of liquid hand soap. 1 roll of paper towels. 1 clipboard. 1 pencil box. 1 box of crayons. 2 handheld pencil sharpeners w/ tops. 2 Reams of copier paper. **Public Library Card.

Glades Central

Below are SY2012 - 2013 dates for Adult Education classes. All programs (with the exception of the Adult Education Center) are required to follow this calendar:

Term 1 (August 2012)

- Registration week: Aug. 20 to Aug. 24
- Classes begin: Aug. 27
- Classes end: Dec. 14
- No classes: Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Sept. 26

Term 2 (January 2013)

- Registration week: Jan. 7 to Jan. 11
- Classes begin: Jan. 14
- Classes end: April 12
- No classes: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 25 to March 29

Term 3 (2013)

- Registration week: April 15, 2013 to April 19,
- Classes begin: April 22
- Classes end: July 19
- No classes: May 27

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- **Creating new, local jobs** and strengthening the tourism industry
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July Is Dry for Most of South Florida

Caloosahatchee Basin rainfall below average; Miami and Broward are exceptions

BY GABE MARGASAK
SFWMD

From Orlando to the Florida Keys, much of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) 16-county region experienced below-average rainfall in July.

District meteorologists reported today the Upper Kissimmee Basin, the Southwest Coast, Caloosahatchee Basin and Martin and St. Lucie counties were among the driest areas in the region for the month. The opposite was true for eastern Miami-Dade and Broward counties, which saw above-average rainfall from storms in July.

"While it has been a relatively dry month, water levels are acceptable for this time of year," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "The drier conditions mean we have regained some storage capacity in the system, which helps us manage heavy rainfall if a storm comes through."

July Rainfall

July begins a typically hotter and drier period of the wet season that lasts into mid-August. District-wide rainfall this July was 5.96 inches, which is 85 percent of the historical average for this time of year.

The Upper Kissimmee Basin, the northernmost reach of the District and the headwaters of Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades, was the driest area, with 3.81 inches of rain for the month. This represents 55 percent of the average. Dry conditions continued to the south:

- Caloosahatchee Basin received 6.36 inches of rain, which is 82 percent of the average
- Southwest Coast received 7.02 inches of rain, which is 79 percent of the average
- Big Cypress Basin received 6.51 inches of rain, which is 80 percent of the average
- Martin and St. Lucie counties received 5.13 inches of rain, which is 78 percent of the average
- Eastern Palm Beach County received 5.45 inches of rain, which is 83 percent of the average

With several drenching storms, eastern Miami-Dade County received the most rainfall in the District during July, with 8.97 inches. This represents 136 percent of average. Also on the east coast:

- Eastern Broward County received 6.65 inches of rain, which is 102 percent of average

Wet Season So Far

The 2012 wet season began early on May 7, but rainfall totals so far have been tempered by several multi-day dry periods wedged in between heavy downpours and Tropical Storm Debby in June. District-wide, 19.44 inches of rain has fallen so far, which is 106 percent of average for this time of year.

As with July, eastern Miami-Dade County led the region in rainfall, with 29.17 inches, representing 140 percent of average for the wet season so far. Most of the District received nearly average rainfall, with the exception of some drier areas:

- Caloosahatchee Basin received 18.26 inches of rainfall, which is 92 percent of the average
- Southwest Coast received 17.43 inches of

rainfall, which is 80 percent of the average

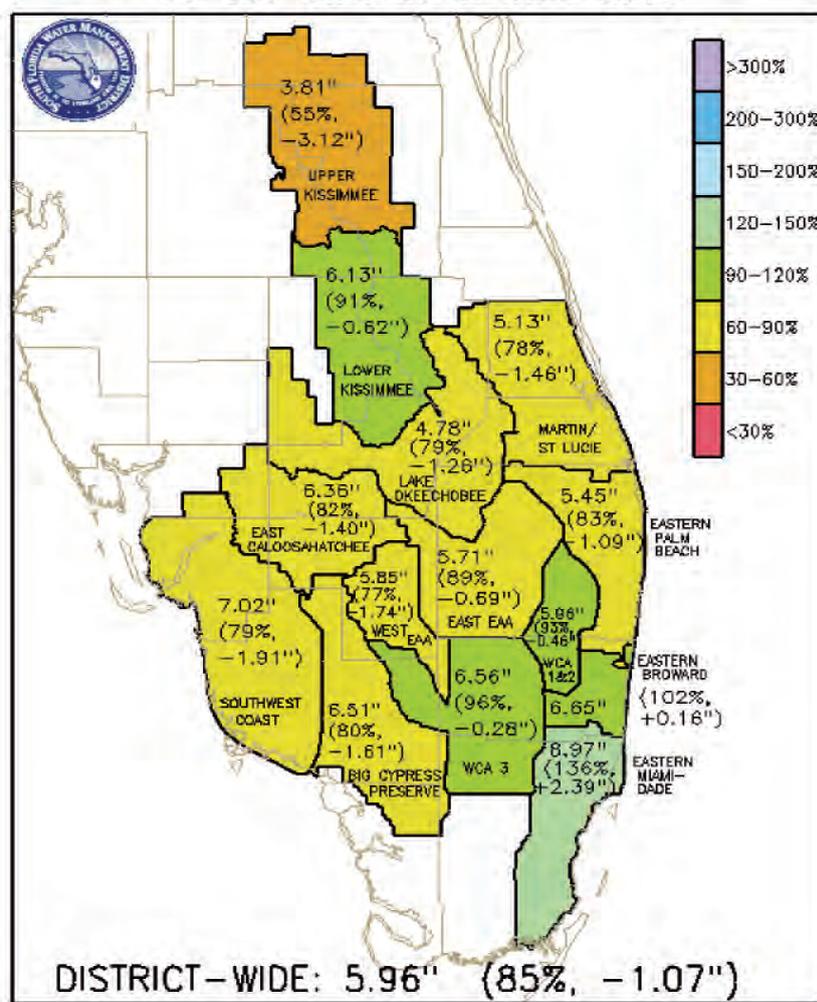
Lake Okeechobee, the backup water supply for Florida's lower east coast, is at 12.12 feet NGVD today. This is 1.65 feet below average for this time of year.

Currently, the U.S. Drought Monitor shows South Florida is free from drought conditions, however, the Southwest Coast and Caloosahatchee Basin continued to be classified as abnormally dry.

South Florida Wet Season Facts

- On average, South Florida's wet season begins around May 20 and ends around October 13, lasting about 21 weeks.
- Typically, about two-thirds of annual rains fall during the wet season, or approximately 35 inches out of 52 inches.
- Since 1932, virtually all wet seasons in South Florida have produced 2 to 4 feet of rainfall.
- June is usually South Florida's wettest month.
- The wet season has three general phases:
 - Memorial Day weekend through July 4 weekend, which are typically the wettest six weeks of the year.
 - Early July through mid-August, which are hotter and often drier.
 - Late August through October, which are characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly due to tropical activity and cold fronts.

SFWMD Rainfall
02-JUL-2012 to 01-AUG-2012



Hendry Regional Introduces Dr. Neal Abarbanell, ER Medical Director



Neal Abarbanell, M.D.
Emergency Medicine Physician
ER Medical Director

Dr. Neal Abarbanell came to Hendry Regional Medical Center as its new Emergency Room Medical Director in May of 2012. Since that time, he has assumed his responsibilities with great seriousness and a passion for excellence.

Dr. Abarbanell says, "We're an excellent team here, with wonderful nurses and doctors, and a supportive board and administrative staff. Our goal is for the community to have the best available emergency medical treatment, provided by skilled, professional, and courteous care providers. Emergency care is an integral part of this community; we should have peace of mind in knowing that there's an excellent hospital right here, close to home, ready to serve your emergency needs – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

Re-Elect SHERIFF STEVE WHIDDEN Hendry County 2012



Friends:

As you know, election year is here once again. I would like to express my appreciation for having the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff since January of 2009. When I ran for office in 2008, I campaigned on what I would do if elected Sheriff. Now, I have run on my record as Sheriff, which I am extremely proud of. I would also like to commend the men and women of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office for the many accomplishments that we have been able to achieve in these trying times. We have strived to bring honor, trust, stability and accountability to this office.

Like many Sheriff Offices throughout the state, we have been adversely affected by the economy. Realizing this, I had to make some "outside of the box" decisions to balance the budget, keeping your tax dollars in your pocket. It has been a struggle, but we have met and exceeded the goals I set for my first term

in office. This ad lists some of the accomplishments we achieved and how we met our goals, faced with funding shortages. Major accomplishments I would like to highlight during my term as Sheriff are as follows:

Although our nation has endured the worst recession since the 1930s; through unique budgeting techniques and extreme belt tightening, we have not increased the Sheriff's Office budget, while absorbing over 2.5 million dollars in federal and state mandated increases outside of my control. By reallocating resources and eliminating unneeded administrative positions, I've been able to add ten (10) additional deputies to the road providing full-time law enforcement to the outlying communities. Even in these economic times, we've been able to lower the overall crime rate with proactive patrols and better trained deputies. In the summer of 2012 the Hendry County Sheriff's Office will be a fully recognized, State accredited agency that will be held to a higher standard. We have also implemented numerous programs.

The future holds many challenges, and I look forward to serving you for a second term, as Hendry County needs stability in the Office of Sheriff. I know that together we can face these challenges. Thank you for your continued support and your interest in Hendry County.

Please vote August 14th 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at home (863) 612-0678 or email via steve@wewantwhidden.com.

Sincerely,
Steve Whidden, Hendry County Sheriff

VOTE AUGUST 14

MEET SHERIFF STEVE WHIDDEN

Law Enforcement Experience: CURRENT HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF

Albany Georgia Police Department Road Patrol Officer
Hendry County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff
Hendry County Sheriff's Office Investigator
(counter narcotics/general crimes investigator)
United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Clewiston Police Department Detective
Clewiston Police Department Road Patrol Officer
(Officer of the Year)



Biography:

- Born: Naples, Florida
- Graduated: Naples High School
- Mother: June Raulerson
- Father: Lance "Bubba" Whidden
- Wife of 15 years: Cassandra Whidden
- Children: Steven (18) & Kasey (15)
- Grandparents: Griffen & Ressie Whidden
- Church: Caloosa Baptist

Education:

- High School Diploma Naples High School
- Abraham Baldwin Police Academy Tifton, GA
- Kenneth A. Bragg Police Academy Tavares, FL
- Business Degree Univ. of Phoenix, AZ

Business Experience:

- Current Four Year Sheriff / Administrator, Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- Inventor/Entrepreneur
- President/CEO Narc-Scent, Inc.
- Invented, Developed and marketed a Law enforcement tool that aids thousands of police officers throughout the country. This product was so successful that it was featured in a Nationally published magazine. (Law & Order)

First term budgetary accomplishments - doing more with less

- **Sheriff's Budget** - I have not increased the Sheriff's Office budget, nor have I requested any additional funds from the County Commission, while absorbing over 2.5 million dollars in federal and state mandated increases outside of my control.
- **Reallocation of positions within the agency.** This allowed for the hiring of ten (10) additional deputies. Reallocating resources and eliminating unneeded administrative positions allowed for a reduction in the number of command staff from the prior administration. We went from eight employees with a Captain's rank or higher prior to my taking office to currently only four employees with Captain's rank and above. This includes the Chief Deputy and me.
- **Notice to Appear** - Since January 2009, all applicable non-violent misdemeanor arrests are given a Notice to Appear in Court rather than booking them into jail. This has reduced the average inmate daily population from 265 to 180, lowering the taxpayer burden of feeding and medicating these inmates. It costs taxpayers \$39.00 per day to house one inmate, not including medical expenses.
- **First On-Line Auction** - Have brought in \$90,184.11 since taking office. Parking lot auctions, held by previous Sheriffs, only yielded approximately \$10,000.00 average per year.
- **Fleet Gas Card Program** - Better audit trail. This program relieves unnecessary gas spending (cheaper fuel). The county buys 10,000 gallons of fuel at a time, if the prices at the gas stations drop below county price we go there, always getting the lowest price.
- **Investigative Cost Reimbursement** - Criminals reimburse the cost of the investigation, saving taxpayers money. This 1987 law had not been used until 2009.
- **Employee starting pay** - Reduced the starting pay for new hires while still remaining competitive with surrounding counties.
- **Unclaimed Evidence** - Utilized \$43,008.03 in unclaimed evidence money to help subsidize the budget.
- **Applied for and received Grants** - Supplements budget requests.
- **Scrutinizing Existing Contracts** - Renegotiated many contracts lowering prices, and eliminating frivolous costs to taxpayers.
- **Health Insurance Costs** - Along with the County, made adjustments to the health insurance program to offset an increase of over \$70,000.00 in health care premiums (the costs of health care premiums have increased 24% over the last three years).
- **Drug Seizures** - Have seized over \$133,111.51 in cash and tangible assets. All seized items being processed through the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
- **Donations** - Have received donations of vehicles and other much needed equipment from other law enforcement agencies. This helps offset deficiencies in budget.
- **Inmate Medical** - With the addition of a contracted negotiator, the agency has saved over \$300,000 in the first six months of this addition. This has a potential for enormous yearly savings. The county usually spends between \$400,000 and \$600,000 per year on medical needs for inmates.
- **Awarded a Grant for a Victims Advocate position.**
- **Upgraded to a new evidence room** - paid for with auction proceeds.

Agency additions - protecting our community physically and financially

- **Additional Narcotics Team** - Implemented a second narcotics unit. Narcotic arrests have doubled.
- **Added Deputies** - Additional ten deputies to the road, to include the second narcotics unit, a four man K-9 highway drug interdiction unit and four COPS deputies. This allows full time deputy coverage to outlying areas.
- **Jail Improvements** - Brought the jail from a dungeon like environment to meet current Florida Model Jail Standards. We have incurred zero lawsuits since taking office.
- **Community Policing Unit** - Implemented the first "trained" Community Policing Team, which specifically targets troubled communities.
- **Promotional Testing** - Implemented testing and oral promotional board to ensure that the Sheriff's Office receives the best supervision possible. One member of the public is on each board.
- **Evidence Room** - Upgraded to a new evidence room - paid for with auction proceeds.
- **Updated Firearms for Officers** - Original firearms were in disrepair.
- **Re-Opened Civilian Gun Range** - Continue working with the County on improving the Gun Range for civilians - now open more days to the public.
- **Checks and Balances** - Implemented safe guards to the jail canteen account so that embezzlement won't happen again.
- **Training Division** - Implemented an in-house training division for members of the agency.
- **Technology Updates** - Updated computer network to allow for faster, more secure and stable communications.
- **Electronic Reporting and Citations** - Allows deputies to spend more time patrolling your neighborhoods and less time in the office writing reports.
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** - Updated the SOP manual which was last updated in 1999. HCSO is now current with rules and regulations, Florida Statutes and Supreme Court case law in line with larger law enforcement agencies in the state.
- **Implemented Citizen Firearm Training Programs** - such as the concealed weapons permit class and civilian gun safety courses.
- **Federally Mandated Radio System** - Upgraded to the 800 MHz radio system for interoperability with no increase to the budget. This is the state law enforcement radio system. (FCC has mandated conversion to 800MHZ or narrow band existing radios by 2013.)
- **K-9 Sweeps** - Random narcotic sweeps in local schools by the K-9 Units.
- **Website** - More convenient for citizens to review (we now have jail bookings and arrests available to the public on our website; www.hendrysheriff.org)
- **House Cleaning** - Destruction of court evidence from closed cases dating back thirty years.
- **Community Social Outreach** - Facebook page for interaction and immediate updates at facebook.com/hendrysheriff
- **Video Visitation** - Implemented inmate video visitation (paid for by inmates through the inmate canteen account), which ensures officer safety by not having to move inmates from cell blocks to visitation.
- **Crisis Intervention Training** - Trained corrections staff and patrol supervisors to identify and provide the most effective and compassionate response possible to situations involving people in a mental health crisis.
- **Volunteers In Patrol** - From June 2011 to December 2011 the 60 volunteers put in 3,579 hours of patrol, saving taxpayers \$75,159.
- **Citizens Academy** - This free educational course offers an inside look into the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office, while at the same time providing the community with an in depth understanding of Law Enforcement.
- **Consolidated Dispatch** - Combined dispatch centers into one Communications Division at Port LaBelle Annex eliminating duplication of services and allowing for better shift coverage.
- **Emergency Medical Dispatchers** - Communications Operators are now trained in emergency medical dispatch saving lives when time is of the essence.
- **Port LaBelle Annex** - Coordinated the purchase of the new annex building in Port LaBelle. We now have Criminal Investigations and Road Patrol under one roof, allowing for better information sharing resulting in more cases solved faster.

Sheriff Whidden in the Community

- Started numerous community charity events such as The Annual Deputy Brian Haas Memorial Golf Tournament, The annual LaBelle and Clewiston Kids Fun Days and The Annual Hendry County Sheriff's Office "Ride Around the Lake" Motorcycle Rally, benefitting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches.
- School Programs D.A.R.E (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and Sheriff's Explorers (14-21 year old youth interested in a career in law enforcement).

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Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

**Florida Rodeo:
Old West
excitement
in the
Sunshine State**

**Festival
celebrates
alligator
hatching
season**

**LaBelle Firehouse Theatre
presents "Big Bad Musical"**

**Seminole Casino Brighton
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2012 Chrysler 300 sedan**



Baby alligators 'popping out' at Gatorama festival



At the Gatorama Alligator Hatching Festival, youngsters can watch an alligator egg hatch in their hands.

Courtesy photo/Gatorama

Wildlife education comes alive at Gatorama

PALMDALE—Do your children think education is boring? “It definitely does not have to be,” say Allen and Patty Register, owners of Gatorama. It is the time of year that chirping, grunting and snapping baby alligators emerge from their shells to meet the world. Gatorama is marking this occasion by hosting an “Alligator Hatching Festival” Aug. 18 through Aug. 27, at their animal park at 6180 U.S. Highway 27, Palmdale, Florida.

“This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about one of nature’s fascinating life cycles,” says Allen Register. “For the next two weeks we will welcome over three thousand alligators into the world at Gatorama. Guests will actually be able to see these little baby alligators wiggle out of the eggs.”

Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the populations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing. Alligator farming is an important part of the program.

There will be four programs Monday through Sunday. Regular admission is \$14.95. Children less than five feet are admitted for \$6.95. Regular admission includes the educational hatching program. For guests that want a hands-on experience, a “Hatch and Hold” package is available. This package allows the guest to actually hold an egg and let the baby alligator hatch in their hands. The cost for this experience is \$10.00. We offer 15 prepaid reservations per program. Then depending on how many eggs are hatching that particular day we will of-

fer another 20-30 eggs per program on a first-come, first-served basis. “This isn’t a drive through instant experience. We are totally dependent on Mother Nature”, says Allen Register. Birthing babies takes time. If everyone is patient we usually can accommodate everyone by the end of the day. This year we will offer new activities for kids to build their own gator tooth necklace or catch their own baby gators at the Baby Gator Round Up “pond”—bring your cameras! Outside food and add-on experiences require cash. The gift shop still accepts credit cards or cash.

“This year we are offering an after-hours program, Monday through Thursday. On those day we will stay open until 8 p.m. with our last hatching program offered at 7 p.m. This will help families make it out here after school lets out.” says Patty Register. “It will be a wonderful way for family’s to beat the weekend crowds and come after school hours. Food will be available—including Patty’s famous Gator Gumbo! Incubator reports can be followed on Gatorama’s Facebook page.

Gatorama opened in 1957 as one of Florida’s first alligator attractions. It is still a popular tourist attraction as well as an operating alligator farm. One of Gatorama’s main attractions for visitors and professional photographers is the natural Florida scenery in which these prehistoric beasts sunbathe in the warm tropical climate. Giant oak trees and palm trees cover the fifteen acre attraction. Visitors will also find other animals along the covered 1,000 foot walkway and wooden bridge panthers, bobcats, raccoons, peacocks, ducks and geese all call Gatorama home, as do six species of crocodiles including the American Crocodile. Gatorama is the largest captive breeder in North America of the Acutus Crocodile.

For more information and directions, call 863-675-0623 or visit www.Gatorama.com.

FWC workshop teaches women outdoor skills

WEST PALM BEACH—Are you an adventurous, nature-loving woman wishing to learn more about Florida’s great outdoors in a comfortable, noncompetitive, hands-on environment? If so, now is the time to register for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s (FWC), Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop near West Palm Beach.

The three-day workshop is Oct. 19-21 at the Everglades Youth Camp in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. The workshop begins that Friday at 10 a.m. and ends that Sunday with lunch.

Although designed with women in mind, the workshop is open to anyone 18 years and older wanting to learn or improve their outdoor skills and enjoy several recreational activities.

The program offers a fun and supportive atmosphere for participants wishing to try new things and enjoy the camaraderie of other women wanting to do the same. In four, three-and-one-half-hour sessions, the BOW workshop teaches some of the basic skills associated with fishing, hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation, at all levels of physical activity, with hands-on experience.

“The most popular classes women sign up for are handguns, archery, wilderness survival and outdoor cooking,” BOW state coordinator Lynne Hawk said.

Other classes available are canoeing and kayaking, reading the woods, geocaching and GPS, shooting sports, camping and backpacking, deer hunting, small game hunting, outdoor photography, wilderness first aid, map and compass, panfishing, fly fishing, bird watching, personal safety, shotguns, bass fishing, turkey hunting, hunter safety course, muzzleloaders, bowhunting and knot tying.

The cost for the three-day workshop is \$200, and there are half-price slots available for low-income participants, single parents and college students attending the workshop for the first time. There is also a \$50 early bird discount for participants who register by Sept. 19. The workshop is restricted to 100 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the BOW workshop or how you can register, visit MyFWC.com/BOW or call Lynne Hawk at 561-625-5122.

Cruise into Summer at Seminole Casino Brighton

August 25 Giveaway of a 2012 Chrysler 300 Sedan

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is cruising into summer by giving away more than \$85,000 in cash, free play and prizes! One lucky player will win a 2012 Chrysler 300 sedan on Saturday, Aug. 25. Earn entries beginning Aug. 1, and then get ready to hit the road.

Richard O. of Hollywood, Fla. won \$50,002 when he hit the Super Touch 6 Lotto Jackpot on Wednesday, July 25, at Seminole Casino Brighton. He wagered \$2.50 and hit 6 out of 6 for the jackpot win. The lucky player also won \$8,375 on the White Orchid slot machine on Sunday, July 8.

Every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., take a spin at our Sit-and-Go Slot Tournaments. You could win your share of \$12,500 in cash.

On Friday, Aug. 17 through Sunday, Aug. 19, guests will also enjoy a special seafood menu at Josiah. Experience the mouthwatering flavors of the sea! Savory seafood dishes include Clam Strips, Stuffed Avocado Lobster, Mussels Marinara, Fried Jumbo Shrimp Po'Boy and much more. Diners will also enjoy Surf and Turf specials such as Lobster Penne Alfredo and Best Steak on the Lake Combo, a 16-ounce prime rib and skewer loaded with jumbo butterfly shrimp and lobster tail chunks.

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 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

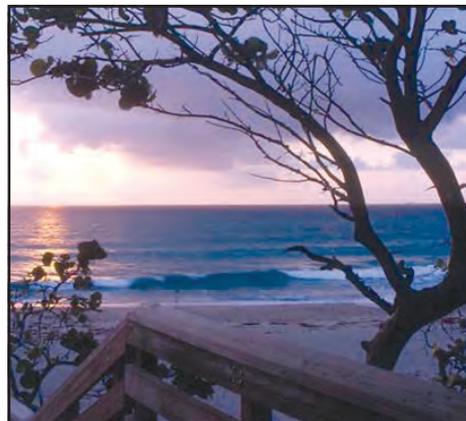
Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405-slot and gaming machines, a seven-table poker room, high-stakes bingo action and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions 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, in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

State parks to host events

• John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, will host the Conch Stomp Band on Aug. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. The program is free with park admission. For information, call 561-624-6950.

• Jonathan Dickinson State Park, off U.S. 1 (exit 116 off the Florida Turnpike or exit 96 off I-95) will host an art exhibit and reception for nature photographer Brent Anderson on Aug. 17 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event is free but donations to the park will be accepted. To RSVP call 561-745-5551.

• John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach, will host Bluegrass music by "Untold Riches" on Aug. 19 from 1 to



Courtesy photo

Concerts are planned at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

4 p.m. The program is free with park admission of \$5 per carload. For information, call 561-624-6950.



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Rodeo: Old West excitement in the Sunshine State

It may come as a surprise to some visitors that the sport of rodeo is alive and well in the Sunshine State. South Florida's pioneers brought cattle ranching to the area, and with it, the cowboy skills required for rodeo.

Rodeo fans find plenty of rodeos to choose from, including junior events for the youngest rodeo competitors, high school rodeo athletes hoping for college scholarships, working cowboys competing in ranch rodeos and full-time professional rodeo cowboys earning points for national championships in PRCA events. In recent years, Mexican rodeo has also found a home in South Florida.

All of the rodeos encourage the fans to make a lot of noise and have fun.

PRCA

According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA), legend has it that American rodeo was born on July 4, 1869 when two groups of cowboys from neighboring ranches met in Deer Trail, Colo., to settle an argument over who was the best at performing everyday ranching tasks. That competition is considered to be the first rodeo which evolved into rodeo as we know it today.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) was created almost by accident in 1936 when a group of cowboys walked out of a rodeo at the Boston Gardens to protest the actions of rodeo promoter W.T. Johnson, who refused to

add the cowboys' entry fees to the rodeo's total purse.

The promoter finally gave in to the cowboys' demands, and the successful "strike" led to the formation of the Cowboys' Turtle Association. The cowboys chose that name because, while they were slow to organize, when push finally came to shove, they weren't afraid to stick their necks out to get what they wanted. In 1945, the Turtles changed their name to the Rodeo Cowboys Association, and in 1975, the organization became the PRCA.

Ranch rodeo

Ranch rodeos, which have become more popular in recent years, attract working cowboys who work on South Florida ranches. The events in a ranch rodeo are based on the actual skills the cowboys use to work cattle. Unlike PRCA events, ranch rodeo is a team sport. Just as the cowboys work together on a ranch, they work together and help each other in the arena events.

Another difference is the equipment used. While PRCA cowboys use special rodeo saddles and equipment, those in ranch rodeos use the same equipment and tack that the cowboy uses in everyday work.

In addition to events such as calf roping and bronc riding, events in a ranch rodeo include team doctoring, team sorting, wild cow milking, calf branding, relay race, double mugging and colt riding (sometimes called the wild horse ranch.) In these events, the team works together to perform a task similar to those done on ranches. There are a few differences. The "brand" in the rodeo is covered with chalk or paint. "Doctoring" is indicated by dabbing a bit of paint on a cow to indicate giving it medicine.

Ranch rodeo rules vary from state to state and even from rodeo to rodeo explained Dusty Holley, Florida Cattle-men's Association director of field services. For those new to the sport, the announcer explains the rules to the spectators as the rodeo unfolds.

"Ranch rodeo resembles work that actually happens on a ranch with a team or crew of cowboys working on a ranch



Courtesy photo/Sandra Pearce

Various forms of bronc riding can be seen at most rodeos. For PRCA Bareback Bronc Riding, the cowboy must keep one hand in the air.

together," he said.

Bronc riding is similar to that seen in other rodeos, he explained, but closer to what actually happens on a ranch when a horse decides to start bucking. "You ride a regular saddle like you would work and ride every day. You are allowed to use two hands. You don't have to mark them out.

"It's more like a horse is bucking with you when you are working on a ranch. You don't have to have a hand up. You just have to stay on," he said.

For colt riding, instead of starting with a bronc in a chute, a haltered horse is in the arena, held by one member of the team while the others attempt to saddle it and then one team member must mount the horse and ride it to the end of the arena. This is no easy task and it is not unusual for this event to have no successful rides—sometimes the horses win.

In the double-mugging event, one person will rope a yearling calf and other team members will help take the yearling to the ground and secure the animal with rope.

One event you will not see at a ranch rodeo is bull riding. There is no reason for a cowboy on a ranch to ride a bull. Mr. Holley suspected that bull riding probably started with rodeo cowboys daring each other to prove how tough they were.

"In its original form it was probably 'hey, why don't you get on that bull,' and somebody did it," he guessed.

Mexican rodeo

In recent years, a different kind of rodeo has been gaining popularity in Florida. Mexican rodeos or charreadas include some familiar rodeo events, such as bull riding (although instead of riding for 8 seconds, the contestant tries to stay on until the bull stops bucking), and some events that are not seen in traditional rodeos in the U.S. such as trick riding. Mexican rodeos are also known for colorful traditional costumes and pageantry. Music plays a big part in Mexican rodeos, which are as much a social gathering as a sporting event.



Courtesy photo/Sandra Pearce

Rodeos often offer a few special events to allow children to participate. In Mutton Bustin' kids try to ride a sheep. The one who stays on the longest is the winner.

South Florida offers a variety of rodeos year round

There's plenty of rodeo action within driving distance of communities in the Lake Okeechobee area. Rodeos range from kids trying their skills in youth competitions to professional rodeo riders competing for prize money and points toward national championships at events sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Area rodeo events include:

- The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is sometimes the venue for horse shows, barrel racing competitions and Mexican rodeos. To check the current schedule, go to co.okeechobee.fl.us, click on "departments" (at the top) and then "Agri Civic Center & Fairgrounds" (at right.)

- Florida High School Rodeos are scheduled throughout the school year at arenas throughout the state. Last year two high school rodeos were held in Okeechobee. The schedule for the 2012-2013 school year should be posted shortly after the school year starts at <http://fh-sra.homestead.com/>.

- The Fred Smith Arena on Brighton Seminole Reservation often hosts Extreme Bull Riding, Barrel Racing and other rodeo and horsemanship events. For a current schedule, go online to www.rezrodeo.com.

- The Junior Cypress Entertainment Complex on Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation is a state of the art facility with a newly renovated rodeo arena which sits about 3,000 people. Rodeos and other events are scheduled throughout the year. A Jack Pot Rodeo is held on the first Tuesday and third Friday of each month. 4-H Play Days are held the first Saturday of every month. The facility is only 18 miles north of I-75 between Naples and Fort Lauderdale. For more information, online go to jrcarena.com or call 863-983-8923. The Big Cypress 4-H High Spirits Horse Club hosts speed events at the arena. For information, call Toi Koenes at 863-228-2872.

- Gethsemane Ranch, 22845 S.W. Martin Highway in Okeechobee hosts rodeo events the second Saturday of the month. Call ahead to find out about scheduling changes. For more information, call 772-597-0380.

Events on the calendar for the coming year include:

AUGUST 2012

- The Brighton Seminole Fred Smith Arena hosts monthly events. On Friday, Aug. 10, there will be a Friday Night Barrel Jackpot at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 11, the arena will host Dash for Cash Finals and banquet. Exhibition riders will be 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Youth compete starting at noon and the open class competes follow the youth event. The awards banquet will follow the show. The arena is off State Road 721 on Brighton Seminole Reservation in Glades County. For information online, go to www.rezrodeo.com.



Courtesy photo/Sandra Pearce

Bull riding is not a traditional ranch skill, but it is popular with PRCA rodeo crowds.

- The Ocala Shrine Rodeo is planned for Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2200 N.E. Jacksonville Rd. (CR 200A), in Ocala. For more information online, go to <http://www.ocalarodeo.com>.

SEPTEMBER 2012

- Okeechobee Cattlemen's Labor Day Rodeo will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center off State Road 710 in Okeechobee. On Saturday, Sept. 1, the first Ranch Rodeo will start at 7 p.m. On Sunday, Sept. 2, the second Ranch Rodeo will start at 2 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 3, the third Ranch Rodeo will start at 2 p.m. Ranch teams can register with Heather Rucks, Secretary 863-763-4740.

- On Sept. 15 the Arcadia Rodeo Arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) in Arcadia, will host a Youth Rodeo in Arcadia, at the Arcadia rodeo arena, starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

- The 2012 Statewide Ranch Rodeo Competition and Cowboy Heritage Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane in Kissimmee. Rodeo action begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Cowboy Heritage Festival offers crafts, cowboy artwork and poetry, storytelling, beef cook-off, whip cracking contest and much more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission to rodeo is \$10 for adults; free for children 10 and under. For more information, contact the Florida Cattlemen's Association at 407-846-6221.

OCTOBER 2012

- The popular Indiantown Rodeo is returning to Timer Powers Park on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27. Presented by the Indiantown/Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce, the rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Women's Pro Rodeo Association. The

rodeo will feature seven events each night, starting at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. Timer Powers Park is located at 20652 S.W. Citrus Boulevard in Indiantown. For more information, contact the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce at 772-597-2184.

- Youth Rodeo will be held Oct. 20 at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street

(right off of U.S. Highway 17) and starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

NOVEMBER 2012

- A Youth Rodeo will be held Nov. 17, at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

- The Professional Bull Riding Arcadia International will be held Friday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street in Arcadia. For more ticket information, please contact the Arcadia Rodeo at 863-494-2014.

DECEMBER 2012

- Dec. 15 - Youth Rodeo in Arcadia, at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

FEBRUARY 2013

- Feb. 16, 2013 - Youth Rodeo in Arcadia, at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street (right off of U.S. Highway 17) starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

- The Brighton Field Day Festival & PRCA Rodeo is held on the third weekend in February at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, off State Road 710 on Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation in Glades County. For more information, online go to rezrodeo.com, or call 863-467-6039.

- The Swamp Cabbage Festival is held on the last weekend in February in LaBelle. The festival includes a rodeo at the rodeo grounds on State Road 29 just south of LaBelle. For more information, call 863-675-0125.

MARCH 2013

- The Chalo Nitka festival in Moore Haven, held the first weekend in March, traditionally includes a rodeo. For more

information, online go to chalonitka.com or call 863-946-0300.

- March 8-10, the 85th Annual Arcadia All Florida Championship Rodeo will be held at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street in Arcadia. For more information, call 1-800-749-7633. Tickets go on sale in November. For more information online go to www.arcadiarodeo.com.

- On March 16, 2013, a Youth Rodeo will be held in Arcadia, at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street. The rodeo starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in is at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.

- The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rodeo is held in conjunction with the Okeechobee County Fair. In 2013, the fair will be March 12-17. The rodeo is traditionally held the first weekend of the fair, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center, off State Road 710. For more information go online to okeechobeecountyfair.com.

APRIL 2013

- A Youth Rodeo will be at the Arcadia rodeo arena, 124 Heard Street on April 20. The rodeo starts at 10 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Check in at 9 a.m. For more information, go to <http://www.arcadiarodeo.com>.


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Most rodeo events can be traced back to ranch work skills

Rodeo events may vary from state to state and even from rodeo to rodeo. At a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) Sanctioned Rodeo, there may be some PRCA events and some extra events that are not part of the PRCA, such as the children's calf scramble and the wild horse race. These events are usually open to everyone. To compete in a PRCA event, you must be a PRCA member.

Events common to PRCA rodeos include:

BRONC RIDING: Bronc riding is one of the rodeo events that started with a real life skill used on ranches. Training horses often involved riding a bucking horse. For the PRCA rodeo event, the horse is placed in a bucking chute and the cowboy climbs on the horse from above. When the rider signals he is ready, the gate is opened and the rider tries to stay on the horse for 8 seconds. In PRCA rodeo, the rider must keep one hand up and not touch the horse with his free hand. On the first jump out of the chute, the rider must "mark out" the horse, which means he must have the heels of his boots in contact with the horse above the break of the shoulders before the horse's front legs hit the ground.

Bronc riders are scored by rodeo judges on a 100-point scale and the potential for a high score depends on "the luck of the draw." Half of the points are awarded on how well the cowboy rides; half on how well the horse bucks. Since the horses are assigned to the riders by random drawing, bronc riders hope to draw a horse that will buck well... just not too well.

Saddle bronc riding and bareback bronc riding are similar events and the difference is in the equipment used. For saddle bronc riding, the rider uses a specialized saddle with free swinging stirrups and no horn. The bronc rider holds a rein that is attached to the horse's halter.

The bareback rider does not use a saddle and the horse does not wear a halter. The rider uses one hand to hold onto a rope rigging which goes around the horse at the withers.

STEER WRESTLING: In steer wrestling, also known as bulldogging, a horse-mounted rider chases a steer, drops from the horse to the steer, then wrestles the steer to the ground by twisting its horns. The steer wrestler is aided by a "hazer," a rider who helps keep the steer on a straight path.

The event starts with a steer in a chute. A barrier rope ensures the steer gets a head start. On one side of the chute is a hazer whose rides next to the steer to keep it on a straight line. On the other side of the steer is the mounted steer wrestler. The rider cannot start until the steer clears the chute. If a rider goes too



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In Steer Wrestling, a mounted cowboy tries to grab the horns of a running steer, and wrestle the animal until all four feet leave the ground.

soon, his horse will hit the barrier rope, "breaking the barrier," which means a 10 second penalty is added to the time.

When the chute opens, the 500-600 lb. steer runs out, shadowed by the hazer, the wrestler rides next to the other side of the steer, and leans down off his horse and drops down to grab the horns of the steer, an action which pulls him off the horse. The wrestler plants his heels in the dirt, takes one hand off the horns and grabs the nose of the steer, pulling the steer off balance, and taking the steer to the ground. All four of the steer's legs must leave the ground for a successful score. This is a timed event, with the time ending when the steer's legs are off the ground. Steer wrestling was not a skill commonly used on ranches. The event is said to have originated with wild west show performer Boll Pickett, who reportedly caught a runaway steer by wrestling it to the ground.

CALF ROPING or TIE-DOWN ROPING: Calf roping, also known as tie-down roping, has its roots in actual ranch work, because calves must be caught and restrained for various purposes on a ranch. In this event, the cowboy must rope the calf, jump off his horse, run to the calf while his horse maintains the tension in the rope, and then restrain the calf by tying three of its legs together.

At the start of the event, the calf is in a chute. A lever releases the chute, and when the calf runs into the arena, the rope that runs from the calf's chute to the area where the horse and rider wait is released. This gives the calf a head start. If a cowboy's horse starts too soon,

it "breaks the barrier," resulting in a ten second time penalty.

The cowboy ropes the calf, stops his horse quickly and dismounts, allowing his well-trained roping horse to back up slowly to keep the rope on the calf taut, but not pulling it off its feet. The roper runs to the calf, picks it up, flips it onto its side and ties three of the calf's feet together with a small rope called a "pigging string." The roper throws his hands into the air to signal he is finished and the time is stopped. However, he must then return to his horse, mount and ride the horse toward the calf to relax the tension in the rope. The timer waits for six seconds. If the calf frees itself from the pigging string before the time is up, the contestant is disqualified. This event can be incredibly fast. The world record for this event is just over 6 seconds.

BULL RIDING: The tradition of bull riding has little to do with ranch work and more to do with a cowboy's desire to prove his bravery and riding skills. According to the PRCA, modern bull riding might have its roots in Mexican contests known as charreadas. In the original concept, riding a bull was a form of bull fighting and riders attempted to stay on a bull until it stopped bucking. By the mid-19th century, the competition gained popularity in Texas and California. Wild west shows also sometimes included bulls or steers that had been gentled and trained to carry a rider. The formation of the Rodeo Cowboys Association (which later became the PRCA) in 1936 helped develop the rules of modern bull riding. In PRCA bull riding, the bull

is confined in a chute. The cowboy drops down on the bull's back and secures a good grip on flat, braided rope which has been fastened around the bull. The rider may only hold on with one hand. His free hand may not touch the bull. When the chute is opened, the bull will charge out and buck, spin and twist in an attempt to get rid of the rider. The rider must stay on for 8 seconds. Failure to do so means no score. The ride is scored by the judges on a scale of 100 points. Half the score is based on how well the cowboy rides. Half of the score is based on how well the bull bucks. Scores above 80 are considered excellent.

TEAM ROPING: In team roping, two cowboys work as partners. This sport comes from coordinated roping skills that ranch hands would use working together to retain an animal on the range. Both mounted cowboys start in an area called "the box." The steer starts in a chute. When the chute opens, the steer gets a head start. The "header" throws the first loop, which must catch the steer's head or horns. The header then "dallies" by wrapping his rope around the saddle horn and moves his horse to pull the rope taut, changing the direction of the steer. The heeler throws his rope, hoping to catch both of the steer's hind legs. The heeler then also dallies to stop the steer. When both ropes are taut and both horses are facing the steer, the time is recorded. The winner is based on time.

BARREL RACING: Called the "cow-girls' event," barrel racing is a timed race in which the rider makes a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. In youth rodeo, both girls and boys may compete in barrel racing, but in professional rodeo it is an event for women. The fastest time wins. If a racer knocks a barrel down, a five second penalty is added. While barrel racing is not part of ranch work, cowboys often raced each other to prove whose horse was fastest. and while working cattle, cowboys often had to make quick turns. Barrel racing was first promoted in Texas by a group of women who wanted their chance in the rodeo arena. At the turn of the century, there had been several famous women who competed in rough stock events against the men. But two fatal accidents put a halt to women's participation. In 1948, the Girls' Rodeo Association (later changed to the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA), was formed to allow women to compete in rodeo. Barrel racing events at PRCA Rodeos are actually administered by the WPRA.

Sources for this story included the PRCA web site and www.wikipedia.com.

Plays, concerts, comedy and more ...

The Big Bad Musical

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle, will present “The Big Bad Musical” on Aug. 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. and Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. as part of the children’s summer theatre program. For ticket information, call 863-675-3066. “The Big Bad Musical” was written by Alex Strum with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. Joel Hawkins, Myra Johnson and Deb Kirk will direct. This smart and wickedly funny musical lets the audience be the jury who must decide the outcome of the biggest trial ever in the fairy-tale world. The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by quirky characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. The two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after. Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself: Was he born a criminal, or made one?



Comedy Corner: Tom Ryan

FORT PIERCE—Comedian Tom Ryan will perform at the Black Box Theatre, 117 South Second Street, in Fort Pierce on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Ryan has been a full time standup comedian for over 20 years. He has made two appearances on the Late Show with David Letterman. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Sunrise Theatre, 117 South Second Street in Fort Pierce, and the Missoula Children’s Theatre tour will present “Jack and the Beanstalk,” with a children’s workshop Aug. 13-17, and a play performance Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. The play is an original adaptation of the classic children’s story. What happens when a young boy plants magic beans in his own backyard? For Jack, it is the beginning of a great adventure. With a little help from magic and a vegetarian giant, Jack learns a valuable lesson about true happiness. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Divorce Party, the Musical

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present “Divorce Party, the Musical” through 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.

Down the Road

BOCA RATON—The Florida Atlantic University’s Studio Two Theatre, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton, will present “Down the Road” on Aug. 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. “Down the Road” centers on a convicted serial killer and the husband and wife writing team hired to help him write an account of his crimes. The killer, Bill Reach, has admitted to the murders of 19 women, but there may have been more. Over many weeks of interviews, the couple—Dan and Iris Henniman—grow more and more uncertain of the ethics of what they are doing. Are they simply relating terrifying events, or are they helping readers consume rape, murder and mutilation as if they are consuming any other product of our society? Are they, in fact, helping to turn Bill Reach into a celebrity? Free reservations can be made at FAUStudioTwo@gmail.com.

Rock’n’Blues Fest

FORT PIERCE—A Rock’n’Blues Fest will be presented Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts, 117 South Second Street in Fort Pierce. The concert will include the Johnny Winter Band, the Edgar Winter Band, Rick Derringer, and Savoy Brown’s Kim Simmonds. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Area special events and celebrations planned ...

10th Annual Grape Stomp

LAKE PLACID—Henscratch Farms, 980 Henscratch Road in Lake Placid, will host the 12th Annual Grape Stomp on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors may stomp grapes to make their own wine. There will be a Lucy Look-Alike Contest at the band tent at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 863-699-2060.

Lake Placid Caladium Festival

LAKE PLACID—Lake Placid’s Caladium Festival, set for Aug. 24-26 in Stuart Park, 132 Interlake Blvd. in Lake Placid, celebrates the colorful caladiums grown commercially in the area since the 1940s. Caladiums are increasingly popular as landscape plants as their use is becoming more widely known. Much of the popularity is due to the bright color of the leaves, the versatility of the plant, and its simple growing requirements. They are a shade-loving plant from the rain forests of the Amazon basin. The plant has no pests and does not require any insecticide treatment or fertilization. The leaves are its feature and they are odor free. The caladiums are grown in large fields which have been compared to the tulip fields in Holland for their beauty during the summer months. The festival include bulbs and plants for sale, arts and crafts booths, food, an antique and classic car show, an art competition and entertainment. For more information online go to www.lpfla.com/caladium.htm.

Getting Your Art Out There

STUART—The Arts Council of Martin County will present “Getting Your Art Out There,” a seminar for those interested in juried shows, exhibits, galleries and arts festivals, on Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 772-287-6676 ext 14.

South Florida Ukulele Festival

DANIA BEACH—The South Florida Ukulele Festival will be held Aug. 18 at the Hilton Hotel, 1870 Griffin Road in Dania Beach. Registration includes ukulele technique workshops, hula workshop, performances and jam sessions throughout the day, ukulele raffle drawings and vendors followed by an evening concert. For more information, call 305-335-8856.



Archaeology Lecture Series

OKEECHOBEE—The Florida Public Archaeology Network and the Okeechobee County Library will present Archaeology Lecture Series, feature Dr. Rachel Wentz, on Thursday evenings, at the library, 206 S.W. 16th St. in Okeechobee. All of the programs start at 5:30 p.m.

On Sept. 20, the topic will be “Forensic Anthropology: How the Dead Died.” This program will look at how forensic anthropology helps solve crimes and determine cause of death through the analysis of human skeletal remains.

On Oct. 18, the topic will be “Chasing Bones: An Archaeologist’s Pursuit of Skeletons.” Travel with Dr. Wentz from Florida, through Europe, and into the Caribbean as she recounts her experiences learning how to analyze human remains to better understand the cultures from which they came.

On Nov. 15, the topic will be “Exploring Ancient Florida.” Millions of years ago, the peninsula that would become Florida broke from the west coast of Africa. Since then, its landscape has gone from an African-like savannah to a tropical paradise. Ancient mega-fauna that once roamed the forests and grasslands disappeared as humans arrived. See what Florida was like for the earliest Native Americans.

On Dec. 16, the topic will be “Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of a 7,000 year old Pond Cemetery.” Explore one of the most ancient, well-preserved archaeological sites in North America. The 7,000-year-old Windover archaeological site was a pond used for interment of the dead and produced over 160 individuals whose analyses have provided insight into the life and death of people during Florida’s Archaic period.

For more information, contact the Okeechobee Public Library at 863-763-3536.



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