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Christmas Comes to South Bay

CITY OFFERS VARIETY OF EVENTS TO ITS RESIDENTS, CONTINUES HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING TRADITION

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

It's a tradition that has been going on longer than many people remember: the city of South Bay spearheads a holiday gift giving event for its residents and their children, hoping to provide some Christmas cheer to many children who might otherwise go without.

Jessica Figueroa, South Bay city clerk, was one of many several people organizing this year's events on behalf of the city, which included everything from the toy giveaway that has marked the city's efforts in previous years, to a holiday senior dinner offered to local residents 50 years of age and older.

According to her, city employees understand quite well the situation that many local families still find themselves in this year – the smiles on the faces of some of the children during the Dec. 8 toy give away may have underscored the reality that for some of these, the gifts they received will be the only ones they will get

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Glades Day RB Kelvin Taylor (2012 Lou Groza High School Football Player of the Year) and his father, Fred Taylor (1993 Lou Groza High School Football Player of the Year) stand side-by-side at the 21st Annual Lou Groza Awards Ceremony.



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Glades Central sophomore Giovanni Lugo (center), with head coach Roosevelt Blackmon (left) and special teams coach Sam King (right), was nominated for this year's Lou Groza High School Placekicker of the Year.

Glades Day RB Kelvin Taylor wins Lou Groza High School Player of the Year

Giovanni Lugo nominated for Lou Groza H.S. Kicker of the Year

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

Kelvin Taylor made history at the 21st Annual Lou Groza Awards Ceremony.

Held on Dec. 4 at the Kravitz Center in West Palm Beach, the record-setting senior running back became Glades Day's first player to win the Lou Groza

High School Player of the Year award.

He follows in the footsteps of his father, retired NFL running back/potential Hall of Famer Fred Taylor, who won the Lou Groza High School Player of the Year award in 1993 as a running back for Glades Central.

It's the first time that a father/son tandem won Palm Beach County's most prestigious individual high school football award.

"I feel very blessed and humbled to be honored," the University of Florida-bound running back said. "I want to thank God, my mom and dad, my family, my coaches, my offensive line and everybody that helped make this

all possible for me. It feels real good to hold it down for Belle Glade and Muck City."

The Glades Day running back, who finished with 11,380 rushing yards for his illustrious five-year high school football career, beat out fellow senior running backs Greg Bryant (American Heritage-Delray Beach) and Lloyd 'Bam' Howard (Palm Beach Central-Wellington) for the night's biggest individual honor.

"It's crazy that I won't be playing high school football anymore," he said. "It feels like I have been there forever. I've been doing this since eighth grade, but it's time to close this chap-

ter and move on to another one. I'm looking forward to do big things at the next level."

Kelvin Taylor's dad spoke to the crowd during the awards ceremony.

"It has been an amazing experience," Fred Taylor said. "What catches me is the exposure it [the Lou Groza Awards] gives to the young men. It shows our young athletes the company they can be a part of as long as they're doing all the right things. It requires a level of hard work, dedication, talent, passion, along with good grades, to

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Dike Rehab is Priority Says Corps Official

BY CHARLES M. MURPHY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported progress on priorities set one year ago by the 16 counties of South Florida, namely the restoration of the Herbert Hoover Dike, the Kissimmee River restoration, the C-44 reservoir and storm water treatment area and the comprehensive Everglades restoration program, at the Lake Okeechobee Coalition meeting Dec. 6.

Col. Alan Dodd, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, reported over 21 miles of the Herbert Hoover Dike between Belle Glade and Port Mayaca, with the removal of culvert 14, and other projects are complete. Work is ongoing to replace four other culverts around the dike. Contracts to replace two more were awarded in September. The Corps is also in the middle of a dam safety modification study for the dike that will be done in 2014. The study will look at ways to reduce risks and improve the safety of the dike. Additional projects will be based on the results of this study and the total investment is \$1 billion.

"The problems really started in the 1980s, and you had two near failures in the 90s," Col. Dodd said. "Erosion occurred in the dike and that can lead to a failure. Many of the culverts were built in the 1930s."

He said the dike rehab is a national priority. Well over \$300 million has been spent so far.

"We've made progress but there is a lot of work to be done. This is a long-term project," he said.

Dodd said they continue to study the most cost effective means to strengthen the dike and improve the safety of communities around the lake.

The S-65 D boat ramp on the Kissimmee River was completed in November. It includes a dock, shell rock parking lock and entrance road, a waterless restroom facility, and solar lights. The replacement of the CSX railroad bridge in Okeechobee and Highlands counties over the river is ongoing.

Col. Dodd called the river project one of the most successful environmental restorations ever in the United States. Excavation in reach two and three were recently completed in Okeechobee

and Highlands County near Fort Basinger. River Acres improvements will be started next summer. About 90 percent of the river project is now complete. Close to 102,000 acres of historical river floodplain has been acquired, a \$300 million investment from the SFWMD.

About 3 miles of intake canal and 4 miles of the C-133 canal have been excavated, and access road work has been completed on the C-44 project in western Martin County. The goal is to capture damaging nutrients from the lake before it reaches the St. Lucie River. Over 12,000 acres will be purchased.

Ernie Barrett, Everglades policy director for the SFWMD, said the test cell is now complete, the design is completed, and permits secured for the entire C-44 project.

Congress approval is needed to move forward on the C-43 project in the Caloosahatchee River basin. Property is purchased, design is completed and permits secured for that project.

A public hearing hosted by the Corps will be held in Clewiston to discuss the Central Everglades Planning Project this month.

Mr. Barrett reported \$46 million is invested in

the next five years for dispersed water management projects on local farms and ranches. He reported the Lakeside Ranch Storm Water Area phase one in Okeechobee County is now fully operational. \$3.7 million is budgeted this year to complete this project.

Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard reported more and more people are upset about polluted water releases from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie River.

Glades County continues to work on permits for the Moore Haven Canal project.

Glades County Commissioner Russell Echols was retained as chairman for the next year.

Commissioner Carson Turner of Hendry County was re-elected vice chairman.

Commissioner Turner said he felt it is important to narrow the scope of priorities for future projects.

Commissioner Heard said they must complete projects and continue to support funding for those projects before moving onto future land purchases and new projects.

Clewiston Parish Celebrates 80 Years of Rich History

BY BOB REDDY
Florida Catholic

Near the shores of Lake Okeechobee, in the town of Clewiston, there is a parish which has served the sacramental needs of the faithful for 80 years. With a parish filled with people with a variety of backgrounds, the community has thrived and overcome great hardship to survive.

St. Margaret Parish has a storied history and was almost never established. One of the earliest Clewiston families, the O'Briens, served as a host family for travelling priests who visited on a monthly basis coming on horseback from the Tampa area. An anti-Catholic sentiment in the frontier community, including threatening letters and shots fired at their home, did not discourage the family until their house was burned down in 1924, years before the parish was founded. Fearing for their safety, the O'Briens fled the area and priests visited less frequently.

Seeing the situation as something he must address, then-Bishop Patrick Barry of the Diocese of St. Augustine decided to send Father Francis Finnegan to tend to the spiritual needs of the Catholics in the area and determine whether Clewiston was a suitable place to establish a permanent parish. Once a location was found, an architect was hired and Bishop Barry agreed to allow the building of St. Margaret Church and the assigning Father Finnegan as Pastor.

First Holy Communion was held in the not-quite finished church on August 7, 1931, with nineteen children receiving the sacrament. Saint Margaret Mission was formally established as a parish by Bishop Barry on February 7, 1932.

St. Margaret Parish Church was built as a central hub for the faithful, not only for people in Glades County, but those attending Mass from as far away as Hendry and western Palm Beach counties. As the parish grew in the 1930s and 1940s, and combined with an increasing number of Catholics living and working in the region, the parish established missions in LaBelle, Moore Haven, Buckhead Ridge and elsewhere. Many of these missions eventually became parishes

in their own right in what is now the Diocese of Venice and Diocese of Palm Beach.

"We have a rich history," said Father Jibani

Batista, the Administrator of St. Margaret and nearby Santa Rosa de Lima Mission. "This was a special Parish from its beginnings and we have grown and become an important part of the local community."

Father Batista oversees the sacramental needs of approximately 400 active families in this bilingual community which has many young families.

In honor of the 80th Anniversary celebration, Bishop Frank J. Dewane celebrated Mass for the Parish community on Nov. 30. Dur-

ing the Mass he noted the support of the community and the rich history of those who came before and the ongoing support of those who call St. Margaret

the center of their Faith life.

"You should be proud of the community you have here, it is filled with the Holy Spirit and

has been built on the love and support of those who have gone before," Bishop Dewane said. "The history is something to be proud of, but you must move forward and grow into the future as you live your lives as men and women of God."

Much of the industry in the area is based on, or serves to support, the local agricultural community, primarily sugar cane and citrus. There are also a large number of people who have connections to Lake Okeechobee, with fishing and tourism as the primary business.

The parish hall and other building serve as classrooms and offices for young and old alike, with outreach for youth, migrant workers, the elderly and the poor.

Catholic Charities has an office which run a food bank once a month and offers other assistance as needed.

A unique part of the parish community is the fact that the original church, built in 1932, still stands. Very small by modern standards, the church has served the community well through the years.

Sonia Baldonado explained that the parish has developed its own personality to fit the local community, which includes people from a variety of cultural backgrounds, which changes through the years adding to the dynamic parish community. "This has helped us grow and be an exciting place to celebrate God," Baldonado said. "Our celebrations are as a community, together and united."

Roxanna Paniagua noted that the parish has also been fortunate to be the home of a number of religious orders and currently there are two Missionary Daughters of Our Lady of Light working at the parish.

"We are an active community with outreach programs which keep this parish very busy," Paniagua said. There is an active food pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Store and outreach into the nearby work camps. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December typically has more than 350 dancers and other participants. The Knights of Columbus are active and work in organizing the annual Sugar Festival.

All of this and more helps the faithful gravitate to being very active in the life of the Parish, Paniagua said. With more people becoming active, there are naturally many more youth. The religious education program is expanding each year as the young people grow in their Faith and might one day become the future leaders of the Parish.

Father Bautista said the people sustain the parish with their passionate Faith. "We have the talents, energy and enthusiasm to accomplish anything."



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Belle Glade Elementary

Parent Data Chat Week

Parents of Intermediate students (3rd – 5th): Parent Data Chats were scheduled for the week of Nov. 26 to 30. Many parents came and we were able to speak with them about their child's current academic status and discuss ways to improve. Parents earned ten Eagle points for attending. To learn more or to schedule a meeting, contact the school at 561-829-4800.

Eagle Rewards

Did you know that you are earning points when you attend most of our school functions? Those points can be redeemed for special prizes and free admittance into most school sponsored events. To learn more about the Eagle Reward program, contact Ms. Malone at 561-829-4800.

Belle Glade Elementary School launches iConnect (E-Newsletter) - Going for the Gold

iConnect is a weekly e-newsletter that will keep stakeholders informed and connected with the academic success at BGE. We feel that this initiative will assist us as we go for the gold! This initiative is set to launch in January, 2013. If you are interested, please send your name and email address to kevin.wright@palmbeachschools.org. Please include iConnect in the subject section of the email. Your email address will be added to the distribution list. For more information, contact Kevin Wright at 561-829-4800 or by email at kevin.wright@palmbeachschools.org.

RIF Reading is Fundamental

Belle Glade Elementary will be receiving approximately 3528 new books from RIF to pass out to each student at BGE. In addition to the book order, there will be a Winter activity sheet for each child receiving a book. This is definitely a proud moment and will make a difference for the students at BGE.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sports Illustrated Contest

The Pahokee High School Football team has the opportunity to win \$25,000 from Sports Illustrated. You can help by typing in the following link and voting. Then share this information with your contacts. The school that gets the most votes will win! You can vote as many times as you would like to. Pahokee is currently ranked at number five.

Visit this website and vote <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/specials/underdogs/vote.html>.

Annual Christmas Gala Celebration

Annual Christmas Gala Celebration given by United M. B. Church with Rev. James White, pastor will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22. The Gala will be located at the Old Pahokee High School Cafeteria. There will be lots of food, fun and door prizes. A photographer will be available to take single and family portraits. Gifts will be given to all guests. Please dress in your Sunday Best/Semi Formal attire for this grand occasion.

For more information, please contact Lola Blackman or Alvina Angram at 561-449-3062.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Dec. 6: Early Release and Academic Bingo Night at 5:30 in the Media Center
- Wednesday, Dec. 19: Digital Storytelling Festival
- Dec. 24 - Jan. 7: Winter Holidays

Lake Shore Middle School

Lake Shore Middle School Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. We are looking forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided. Translators will be available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Woods at 561-829-1100.

Lake Shore Middle School held its first Algebra I Honors Parent Night on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. Parents and students received information regarding the changes to the state assessment, Algebra I Honors End-of-Course Exam (EOC), the impact of their child's performance on high school graduation and best practices for a successful school year.

Students who have embarked upon this rigorous journey of Algebra I Honors in middle school are committed to becoming life-long learners. Our mission is to attract and keep students interested in math. The students' understanding of the concepts and skills in algebra will allow them to describe the world around them with algebraic expressions, equations, graphs and statistics.

Parents and students excitingly participated in activities such as the Function and Relations Splash and the Sort/Math "The Coordinate Plane." These activities reinforced the students' use and understanding of mathematics vocabu-

lary of terms, properties, and characteristics. All participants left the training thirsty for more.

Stay tuned for the next Algebra I Honors Parent Night which will be held in February. Even more door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Ms. C. Jackson, Math Coach, at 561-829-1100 for more information.

Gove Elementary

Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to the following volunteers for being selected as "Volunteers of the Month" for November: Sydney Arroyo, Caridad Lopez-Morales, Clara Lopez, Aylema Molina, Mercedes Navarro, Reyna Perez, Willie Perry, Rosa Prieto, Eleonor Rodriguez, Andrea Sessano-Garcia, Joh-an Suarez Granados and Pateshia Vickers-Gulley. Each of them logged in more than ten hours of volunteer work during the month of November. The Gove Family appreciates their time and support.

Box Tops for Education

Once again, we congratulate the Martinez Family (Gabriel and Yesenia) for collecting 1,560 box tops labels since the beginning of this school year. Because of their efforts, our school received a check in the amount of \$156 from the Box Tops for Education Program; the money will be used in the Family Center to help defray the cost of many activities for students. Both Gabriel and Yesenia received a certificate of appreciation from Box Tops. We encourage the Gove Family

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: American Kestrel (AMKE)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

American Kestrels are North America's smallest falcon. The Northern American Kestrel subspecies occurs throughout most of the United States, but it is only found in Florida from September through March. The smaller Southeastern American Kestrel subspecies is a year round resident of the southeastern United States. They are larger than a Florida Scrub Jay and smaller than a Mourning Dove.

According to the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA), the Southeastern subspecies normally breed no farther south than Highlands or Lee County. The Southeastern American Kestrel is listed as a threatened species by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (BBA).

These fierce birds of prey, known locally as Sparrow Hawks, have brownish backs and buffy-white or off-white undersides with black flecking and a black band near the tip of the tail. Adults have pairs of black vertical slashes on the sides of their pale faces which are sometimes called



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American Kestrel.

a "mustache" or a "sideburn". Males have slate-blue wings while females wings are a warm reddish brown. Juveniles are similar to the adult females but have more heavily spotted white underparts and a more heavily barred back. American Kestrel's high-pitched calls "klee-klee-klee" or "killy-killy-killy" are often heard when they are in flight.

Southern American Kestrels are found in open pine savannahs, sandhills, prairies and pastures in Florida. They often end up as prey for larger birds such as Red-tailed Hawks, Barn Owls,

American Crows, and Cooper's Hawks as well as rat snakes, corn snakes and even fire ants.

During the day they are often seen perching on telephone wires along roadways which they use as hunting perches. American Kestrel pounce on their prey with one or both feet, but Kestrels will also capture their victims while they are in flight. Their diet consists mainly of insects and other invertebrates, as well as small rodents and birds. Other prey includes lizards, frogs, snakes, and bats.

American Kestrels nest in cavities including

old woodpecker holes, power poles, tree hollows, nooks in buildings, nest boxes, and other human built structures. Most nesting in Florida occurs March through June. The male searches for possible nest cavities which he shows to the female who chooses the nesting site. They do not use nesting materials. The female lays a clutch of three to five eggs pinkish to buff eggs with reddish-brown speckles which are incubated for 26 to 32 days. The young fledge in about 28 to 31 days. If there is enough food and the weather is favorable they will raise two broods during a breeding season.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers at STA5 on Dec. 22 or for the Dec. 29th Christmas Bird Count sends an e-mail to Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com. Meet at the east end of Deer Fence Canal Road at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required. Include your name and contact information including an emergency cell number, the date you want to attend the STA5 trip, and the number of participants in your party. You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. For a schedule of STA5 trips through Jan. 4, 2014 visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org. Please, share your birding photos, and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.

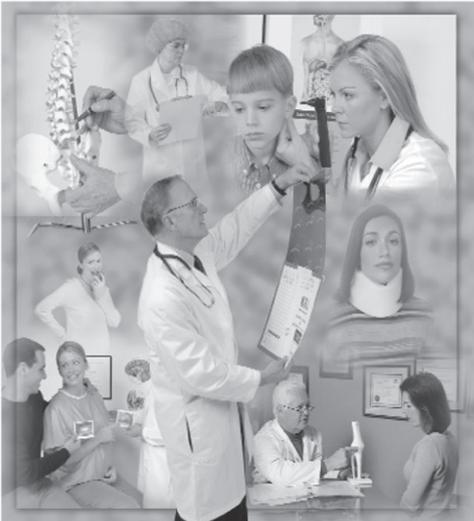


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Black Bears Very Active During Fall

Fall is the most active time of year for Florida black bears as they stock up on calories for the coming winter. Though black bears don't really need to put on pounds to survive the state's usually mild winters, they behave as if they do – eating about three times as much as usual.

Because bears are now busy filling their bellies, residents in Wakulla and Franklin counties may have even more bear sightings than usual.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) asks people to be extra diligent in securing food sources around their homes and businesses that can attract bears and create problems.

"Preventing bears' access to food is the most important thing people can do to keep bears and other wild animals out of neighborhoods," said Capt. Rob Beaton, area supervisor for the FWC. "If you are a Florida black bear, raiding a garbage can to eat leftovers may be more appealing than foraging in the woods for palmetto berries and acorns."

It is against the law to have food and attractants out for bears to access. And as bears are looking for food, the easier a food item is to get, the more likely it is that a bear will take advantage of it.

Bear-related calls to the FWC are up this year in many parts of the state. The FWC has received 152 calls in Wakulla County and 131 in Franklin County so far this year. Last year's totals were 110 and 93, respectively.

"Now more than ever we are relying on residents to keep bears from getting rewarded for being in neighborhoods," Beaton said. "You can call your local trash pickup companies for options. Waste Pro in Wakulla and Franklin counties offers a \$6 retrofit to trash cans that has proved effective."

To keep bears away from your home and neighborhood, follow these tips:

- Feed your pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding.
 - Secure household garbage in a shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
 - Put household garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
 - Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters with metal lids or metal-reinforced plastic lids and lock bars.
 - Clean grills and store them in a locked, secure place.
 - Remove wildlife feeders, or make them bear-resistant.
 - Protect gardens, apiaries, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
 - Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
 - Encourage your homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods secure that would attract wildlife.
- "Conflicts between Florida black bears and people are preventable," said Beaton.

"Most people who follow the FWC's advice on how to bear-proof their homes and businesses don't have conflicts with these large and

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The 2012 Big "O" Hike

Approximately 80 people showed up in Pahokee on Nov. 17 to support the Big "O" Hike, to go on the Wimp Walk, or to do the 12 mile walk on the road to Port Mayaka. Participants came from as far away as Oregon and from all over the State of Florida. At the end of nine days of walking the 110 miles, twenty six people were awarded certificates of completion. This completes the 21st year for the Big "O" Hike. You can start planning now to do the hike on Nov. 23 in 2013.

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CHRISTMAS

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this Christmas.

Approximately 250 toys were given out at city hall from a list of kids provided through Rosenwald Elementary and from around the city of South Bay, who were then chosen from a raffle. Another 15 bikes were donated to kids.

Given the small size of the city, with a population of about 4,500, city employees were able to identify children from the community who were most in need of the toys.

City commissioners and others helped to provide names, with city staff and commissioners living in the city. That level of familiarity would simply not be possible in larger cities.

Another highlight was the children's holiday event. Called "Our Children in December 2012" the event invited local daycares to bring their kids to city hall, where the children got a chance to meet Santa Claus, sing songs and receive goodie bags.

One last event will be held today, the holiday senior dinner. The dinner is a catered event that invites local residents 50 years of age and older to come out to city hall for a formal dinner. Gifts will be raffled off at the event.

Approximately 20 people have responded but the city has a budget for 40 more. If you would like to find out more, please call city hall at 561-996-6751.

According to Ms. Figueroa, all of the planning that went into the three events was worth it upon the sight of the children beaming with happiness.

"We just want everybody to be happy," she



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said. "And I would like the children to know what the holidays are all about."

Sponsors of this year's toy give away included Florida Crystals, U.S. Sugar, and the Okeelanta Corporation.

Palm Beach County played its part too, the

Toys for Tots program pitching in to help provide the toys to local children.

The holiday committee consisted of: Jessica Figueroa, City Clerk, Vicky Delbosbuez, Human Resources, Sonya Johnson, Office Assistant, Claudia Cano, City Staff, Omar Sheppard, Public

Works, Dennis Lawson, Public Works.

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Reaves Hendry, 88

PALMDALE — Reaves Hendry, passed away December 5, 2012 in Port Charlotte.

He was born Mar. 20, 1924 in Moore Haven to the late William E. and the late Mamie (Reaves) Hendry. Reaves worked in CC Camps in Highlands County before he served in the Army during WWII. After the war, he worked for Lykes Bros and then the Atlantic Coast Railways for a time. He worked for many years as a Bridge Inspector for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Reaves was instrumental in founding Palmdale Baptist Church and also served as a Deacon.

Survivors include his wife: Ona(Arnold) Hendry, son: Ray (Denise) Hendry of Palmdale, daughter: Diane (Ronnie) Carlton of Zolfo Springs, brother: Olsie (Audrey) Hendry of Lehigh Acres, sisters: Mollie Lanier of Palmdale, Loraine Shewmaker of TX, grandchildren: Will Hendry, Charles Hendry, Amanda Willis, Samantha Hendry, J.R. Hendry and Guy Carlton; ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 8, 2012, 11:00 am at Palmdale Baptist Church, Palmdale with Brother Paul Dixon officiating. Interment followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the service at Palmdale Baptist Church. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.



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FOOTBALL

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get to this level. We have to expose our young men to opportunities like this and inspire them to do their best...The sky is the limit."

Meanwhile, Glades Central sophomore kicker/quarterback Giovanni Lugo was nominated for this year's Lou Groza High School Placekicker of the Year. Lugo, who will have two more seasons left of high school football, faced off against

senior kickers Tyler Bugeja (Royal Palm Beach) and Cameron Golob (Palm Beach Central) for the special honor.

Lugo, who lost out to Golob for Lou Groza Kicker of the Year honors, looked forward to the future ahead.

"I'm blessed to be here as a sophomore," Lugo said. "I plan to make history in Palm Beach County and win this award for the next two seasons. I set my goals real high and I don't expect anything below that."

Chris Bean (Atlantic-Delray Beach) won this year's Lou Groza Head Coach of the Year, as he beat out Matt Dickmann (Seminole Ridge-Loxahatchee) and Stacy Sizemore (American Heri-

tage) for the honor. Meanwhile, American Heritage beat out Atlantic and Palm Beach Central for the Lou Groza Team of the Year.

Finally, this year's national collegiate finalists for Lou Groza Kicker of the Year – Caleb Sturgis (Florida), Dustin Hoffman (Florida State) and Cairo Santos (Tulane) – were in attendance at the Lou Groza Awards Ceremony, as they each engaged in their respective sit-down interviews with ESPN 760 (West Palm Beach) anchor/Lou Groza Awards host Jason Pugh.

The Lou Groza Award for the nation's best kicker will be announced tonight at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 3.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.31/g on Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.34/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 2.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 3.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 12.2 cents per gallon during the last month and

stands 5.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has continued to see a steady decline over the last week, and that trend will likely continue through this week at the very least," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Last week, the Energy Information Administration reported one of the largest single week increases in gasoline inventories in my recent memory, which will likely contribute downward pressure to wholesale gasoline prices in the days and perhaps weeks ahead," DeHaan said.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Increasingly rare PC monitors
- 5 Last name of the start of 48-Across
- 9 Supplement
- 14 Flood notable
- 15 "Iliad" warrior
- 16 Rank
- 17 Site of Napoleon's 1804 coronation
- 19 Condor's castle?
- 20 Reggie Miller, e.g.
- 22 Parting word
- 25 "Everybody Hurts" band
- 26 Long-eared hopper
- 31 9-3, 9-4 or 9-5
- 35 It might be casual: Abbr.
- 36 Actress Falco et al.
- 37 Hard to look at
- 38 Tolkien creatures
- 40 Last name of the start of 20-Across
- 42 Not looking well
- 43 Hollandaise ingredient
- 44 Salon offerings
- 46 [Sniff!]
- 47 Overly precious, to a Brit
- 48 Reign between the Qin and the Three Kingdoms
- 50 Letters from your parents?
- 52 Pernod flavoring
- 53 Actor born 7/13/1942 who played characters found in 20-, 26- and 48-Across
- 60 Often-filtered transmission
- 61 Degas subject
- 65 Photo finish
- 66 "... saw Elba"
- 67 "Grand" ice cream brand
- 68 Manuscript marks
- 69 Last name of the start of 26-Across
- 70 Basketful, perhaps

- 3 Bit of artwork seen in NBA games
- 4 Mouse reaction
- 5 H.S. safety org.
- 6 City WNW of Los Angeles
- 7 Tibetan for "superior one"
- 8 Farm team
- 9 With one's jaw on the floor, so to speak
- 10 Concocts
- 11 Jeanne
- 12 Jon Arbuckle's pooch
- 13 "When pigs flyeth!"
- 18 Toughen
- 21 Knack
- 22 Four-time Indy 500 winner
- 23 Scopes's defender
- 24 December hanger
- 27 Tall, dark or handsome: Abbr.
- 28 Flora and fauna
- 29 Togo neighbor
- 30 "... a Message": INXS song
- 32 Court star with the autobiography "Open"

- 33 Doles out
- 34 Parting words
- 39 "Picket Fences" Emmy winner Tom
- 41 Pen name?
- 45 Marcher's drum
- 48 Is ill with
- 49 Jackson or Johnson
- 51 TV's younger Dr. Crane
- 53 Garment edges
- 54 Latin lesson word
- 55 Deserve
- 56 Upper, in Upper Westphalia
- 57 Quaint negative
- 58 ___ market
- 59 "Chocolat" actress
- 62 Nev. neighbor
- 63 Where Cuomo is gov.
- 64 Cheroot residue

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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NFL Play 60

On behalf of the Gove Elementary Wellness Council, they would like to thank the Dairy Council of Florida, Mr. Randy Burnham, Ms. Allison Ducey and the NFL Play 60 initiative for making it possible for 20 of their students to participate in the pre-game and half time celebration during the Dolphins vs. Seahawks game on Nov. 25 at the Sun Life Stadium in Miami.

The members of the Wellness Council earned the privilege of participating in the half time festivities by completing several challenges set forth by the NFL Play 60 Grant. Some of the activities included: A "Morning Walk to School," a pep-rally to promote fitness and healthy eating, and a Quaker Oats Oatmeal Breakfast Challenge. The Council is currently planning other activities for the new year to include a health fair, a family fun-fitness night, an additional morning walk to school and other fitness and health initiatives. We also thank the following members of our staff for their support in helping the Council meet the goals of the grant: M. Kalsbeck, Coach Carril, S. Houston, S. Bynes, R. Bethel, J. Smith (Volunteer) and Mr. Edgcomb, Principal.

Holiday Party

Special thanks to the Wellington Landings Middle School Junior National Honor Society for sponsoring a Holiday Party for two of Gove Elementary's first grade classes. This has become an annual event where the students from Wellington Landings entertain first grade students with games, crafts, stories and treats. It was an enjoyable morning for all of the students.

KidBiz/Achieve 3000

Congratulations to Mrs. Ascheman / Ms. Wilson's class for being selected as a "winning class" in the "Read to Succeed" Contest sponsored by Achieve 3000. The students met the goal of the contest by having 75 percent of the students in their class complete at least four articles during the contest period which ended on Nov. 30. Gove Elementary was one of seven schools in Palm Beach County to win the contest. The students will receive prizes from the KidBiz/Achieve 3000 Program for their accomplishment.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 14: End of Winter Diagnostics

Pioneer Park Elementary

Ms. Jasmin's Reading Spot

Greetings students, families, fellow educators, and supportive community members! This week sights are set on scaling the rugged and majestic heights of best practice vocabulary instruction! Sometimes the hardest aspects students face in tackling a state test or an assessment in English Language Arts are the words we don't teach them! Vocabulary words that are hard to understand, but not specific can make reading and understanding any text/passage difficult. One of the ways we can help prepare our students for testing is by exposing them to a variety of vocabulary words that will support their reading and writing when taking a test. We need to be sure to review all English Language Arts strategies to help our students understand the

meaning of words. We must also advise our students to use their strategies in other content areas as well. Thus, we will continue to challenge our students by exposing them to the words and encouraging them to create a story by Friday. These stories will be submitted to Ms. Hall at the end of the week.

Ms. Parise's Sensational Science News

Congratulations Sugar Bears! Their devotion to Growing a Green School has resulted in the school being awarded another district funded reward check for Energy Savings! Pioneer Park will receive \$1,657 for our cooperation with the Energy Incentive Program.

SAC/Family/Math Night

Mr. Kelvin Johnson, Parent Liaison, would like to invite families, students, SAC members, and community members to the Dec. 20 Family Night. The SAC meeting will start promptly at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Math Coach, Ms. Shalanda O'Neal and our coaching and administrative staff and teachers want to make sure families know that they will be receiving special math tips for the holidays to prepare for FCAT. Student of the Month awards will follow the Math Night activities. This is the final Family Night of 2012, please plan to be there to support students!

Mathemagical Moments with Ms. Shalanda O'Neal

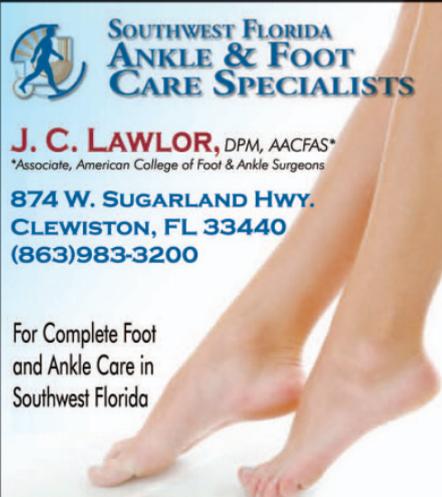
Often students assume that math is nothing more than a mix of numbers and symbols. It is for this reason that we must assist students with learning the language of math and how to express their thinking to themselves and others with clarity.

During recent classroom observations and walkthroughs, I have witnessed amazing teacher-led "Think Aloud" processes during whole group math instruction. Our next step to increase the rigor of mathematical fluency is for students to engage in "Math Talk" with their peers.

"Math Talk" is when students are allowed to confer, debate and reason with their peers regarding the math assignment at hand. We as educators understand that students often learn more from each other than from the instructor which is why "Math Talk" is essential to math comprehension. According to Robert J. Marzano, "One of the benefits [of grouping students and collaborative learning] is that it can enhance the processing of new information because interacting in groups provides students with multiple reference points." In the initial phase of implementing "Math Talk" students may be louder than normal and get off task at times. However, when students are allowed this freedom consistently and are held accountable for completing the assignment, these math discussions will become routine and will lead to increased math proficiency.

Following are math stem cards that I would suggest be laminated, cut and separated into baggies (one for each student). During collaborative and independent learning times, persuade students to use one or more stem cards to begin and push their math conversations both with you and their classmates.

For example, whole group instruction has been completed and students begin working independently at their desks while the teacher works with a small group... For those working independently at their desks, this would be the most effective time to use the math stems. I will be visiting classrooms all this week to help with the implementation of "Math Talk" and stem cards. Hopefully by the beginning of next week every Sugar Bear will be "talking math!" Remember, a silent environment is not a learning environment.



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Pahokee Rotary in Christmas Parade

Pahokee Rotary members participate in Pahokee Christmas parade. Pictured from left to right: Mike Garcia, Patti Aupperlee, Julia Hale, Liz Cayson, Kay Brand. Members present not pictured: Donia Roberts, Ariel Alejo, Derek Moore, Paul Allen, Angie Pope, and Lewis Pope.



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'Artful Reading' Awards

KEC/Canal Point Elementary students, Jamesian Austin and Kimberly Canales, received their "Artful Reading" Awards for their colorful artwork and interpretations!



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On Nov. 28 the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the City of Pahokee came together at Commissioners Park to dedicate a memorial monument to the City's Fallen Officers.

Samuel "Melvin" Stephens was killed in the line of duty on Jan. 24, 1971. He was a Pahokee Police Officer and was shot multiple times while conducting a traffic stop. Officer Stephens was not aware that the persons in the vehicle had committed several robberies during a crime spree prior to passing through Pahokee that night. His assailants were captured and sentenced to prison terms, one has since passed away while incarcerated and the second remains in prison to this day.

Deputies Jonathan Wallace and Donta Manuel tragically lost their lives together on Nov. 28, 2007 while attempting to assist in stopping a stolen vehicle being driven into the city of Pahokee. While deploying a device designed to deflate the tires of a vehicle they were both struck by another vehicle on the dark stretch of roadway.

These men gave their lives while attempting to serve and protect a community that they loved. It was their oath to serve and it is our duty to honor, with this in mind a monument was constructed in their memory.

The memorial can be found in the shade of a huge banyan tree in Commissioners Park, adjacent to the Lula V. York library in Pahokee. With the help of Glades Funeral Chapel, Woodlawn Monuments and Larry's Air Conditioning, the dream of a memory garden has begun to be made into a reality. Upon completion of renovations being conducted by the City of Pahokee to Commissioners Park there will be a beautiful spot for friends and family to stop and pay tribute to these young heroes. It will also serve as a constant reminder that democracy, decency, freedom and basic human rights are all protected by men and women just like these men every day.

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

South Bay

The South Bay Library branch is located at 375 S.W. 2nd Avenue in South Bay. For more information or for questions, please contact them at 561-992-8393.

Adult

Between the Covers: Adult Book Discussion Series on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Esther Berry will discuss "The Alchemist," by Paulo Coelho. Sign up and check out the book.

Pahokee

The Pahokee Library branch is located at 525 Bacom Point Road in Pahokee. For more information or for questions, please call 561-924-5928

Child

Thrilling Thursdays on Thursday, Dec. 13 and 20, at 3:45 p.m.

Totally express yourself through arts and crafts, music, and creative writing. Ages five and up.

Simple Gifts II on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.

Put the finishing touches on the gift you started last week, or make another! Families will create simple gifts to share with those they love. All ages.

Story Time on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 10 and 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m., and Thursday, Dec. 20, 10 and 10:45 a.m.

Stories and fun activities for children about love. Ages three to eight.

The Big Cookie Decorating Day! on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

Families are invited to join us to decorate cookies — the ultimate holiday gift! All ages.

It's (Almost) a New Year! on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.

Join us for stories and fun activities as we look forward to celebrating the New Year! All ages.

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Library branch is located at 530 South Main Street, Belle Glade 33430. For more information or for questions, please contact them at 561-996-3453.

Adult

Between the Covers: Adult Book Discussion Series Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m.

Sonja Lutz will discuss "The Glass Menagerie," by Tennessee Williams. Sign up and check out the book.

Child

Family Story Times on Monday, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 31, at 10:30 a.m.

- Dec. 17: Animal Sounds.
- Dec. 31: Snow.

Fun stories, puppets, and films for kids, moms, and dads. Ages two to five.

Family Story Times/Bilingual on Monday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Fun stories, puppets, and a film in Spanish for kids, moms, and dads. Ages four to eight.

Tween Book Discussion on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

We'll discuss "Rodrick's Rules," the second book in the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series by Jeff Kinney. Refreshments provided. Ages 10 and up.

Game Day on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.

Learn a new board game or play an old favorite. Ages seven and up.

Holiday Arts and Crafts on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m.

Make a fun craft and hear great holiday stories. Ages five and up.



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Canal Point Elementary Fall Carnival

KEC/Canal Point students enjoyed the annual Fall Carnival that was held on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Thank you to all of the parents, students, volunteers, donors and staff who supported this family friendly activity!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 261012CA000300XXXXXX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANK OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff,

vs. MARTHA C. HERNANDEZ A/K/A MARTHA CELINA HERNANDEZ; et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST NELSON HERNANDEZ, deceased, RESIDENCES UNKNOWN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Hendry County, Florida:

LOTS 14 AND 15, IN BLOCK 403, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE 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 SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 2691 East Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 303, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306 within 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on December 4, 2012.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

432416 CN 12/13/2012

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on December 27th 2012 @ 8 a.m. at Affordable Towing 749 NW Ave L Belle Glade FL 33430:

2002 Cadillac, VIN: 1GYE63772R106976

*****We have the right to refuse any and all bids*****

432528 CN 12/13/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend. 432385 CN 12/13/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

**CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000105**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
MATHEW HAUGHT A/K/A MATTHEW HAUGHT, et al, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11-13-2012, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000105 of the Circuit Court in and for Glades County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Wendy Haught, Mathew Haught a/k/a Mathew Haught, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Glades County, Florida at on the 17th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 40 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 2832 CR 731, VENUS, FL 33960

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

Dated in Glades County, Florida this 16th day of November, 2012.

Joe Flint,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Glades County, Florida
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk

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Attorney for Plaintiff
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If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 431365 GCD 12/6,13/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 222010CA000249CAXXXX

**LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF FNF SERVICES INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES A BURTON JR, et al., Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed November 13, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 222010CA000249CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Okeechobee, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 21st day of February, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 94 of a Replat of a portion of Third Addition to Buckhead Ridge, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 32, Public Records of Glades County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 20th day of November, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
431522 GCD 12/13,20/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

**CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 10-000048-CA**

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
SHERRY Y. ADAMS, et al. Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 8, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10-000048-CA of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Sherry Y. Adams, Nicky Holter, Buckhead Ridge Home-owners Association, Inc., PNC Bank, National Association, as Successor By Merger with National City Bank, as Successor By Merger with Harbor Federal Savings Bank, Unknown Tenant #1 n/k/a Nathan Holter, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in Glades County, Florida on the 27th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 22, BLOCK B, LAKEVIEW ESTATES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: MERI, MODEL: 1998, TITLE NUMBERS: 45262099145873395 ID NUMBERS: CF24424924A/24424924B INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS AND APPURTENANCES LOCATED THEREON AND TOGETHER WITH THE FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND FIXTURES SITUATED THEREIN AND LOCATED THEREON.

A/K/A 1011 CASEY LANE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Glades County, Florida this 9th day of November, 2012.

Albortelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
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If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 430888 GCD 12/6,13/2012

DIRT SALE BID

Barron Water Control District is accepting SEALED bid proposals up to 9:00 A.M., Friday, January 4, 2013, at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, FL for the sale of about 260,000 cubic yards of dirt along several canals.

To inquire and receive detailed bidding specifications and instructions contact the District office at 863-675-0346, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday.

The District reserves the right to hold all proposals for sixty (60) days and to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, and to waive technical errors and informalities and to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District,

Lester B. Baird
General Manager
432533 CN/CB 12/13,20,27/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on December 24th 2012 @ 10 a.m. at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, FL 33440

**1993 Ford, VIN: 1FACP456PF120418
1992 GMC, VIN: 1GTDC1424N551291**

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Public Notice

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2012-25CP Division: Probate RE: THE ESTATE OF ROGER SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Roger Smith, deceased, whose date of death was March 13, 2012, and whose social security number is 263-11-0648, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P. O. Box 10, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court within 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 December 13, 2012.

Personal Representative: Diane Smith c/o Jeffrey A. Fadley, Esquire 807 South West 2nd Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974 Attorney for Personal Representative: JEFFREY A. FADLEY, P.A. Fla. Bar No. 035667 Attorney for Plaintiff: 807 South West 2nd Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974 Telephone: (863) 763-5733 Facsimile: (863) 763-6199 432302 GCD 12/13,20/2012

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- Township 42 - Range 29 - Sections-32
Township 43 - Range 28 - Sections-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30 and 31
Township 43 - Range 29 - Sections - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,33 and 34
Township 43 - Range 30 - Sections - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,32,33,34,35 and 36
Township 43 - Range 31 - Sections - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,27,28,33,34, and 35
Township 43 - Range 32 - Sections - 6,7,18,19,20,29,30,31 and 32
Township 43 - Range 34 - Sections - 7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21,22,23,24,25 and 26
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Township 44 - Range 29 - Sections - 4,9,14,15 and 16
Township 44 - Range 32 - Sections - 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36
Township 44 - Range 33 - Sections - 5,6,7,8 west half of 18,19,29,30,31 and 32
Township 45 - Range 29 - Sections - 8,9,16,17,20,21,26,27,28,29,32,33,34 and 35
Township 48 - Range 33 - Section - 9

If your real property is not located in the designated areas above, you need not concern yourself with this matter. Otherwise if you should have any objections or questions, please direct them to the:

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 12-000490-CA

JC GEMINI II, LLC, Plaintiff, VS. DAVID W. HART A/K/A DAVID WATSON HART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID W. HART A/K/A DAVID WATSON HART; JOHN W. STEPHENSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. STEPHENSON; IDA ANN STEPHENSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IDA ANN STEPHENSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), YE REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, TI-IE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: DAVID W. HART A/K/A DAVID WATSON HART; Whose residence(s) is/are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

Lot 27, Block 2034, PORT LABELLE SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiffs attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0539, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at HENDRY County this 27th day of November, 2012. 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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 431689 CN 12/6,13/2012

DATED at HENDRY County this 27th day of November, 2012. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2007-001116-CA

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006.18, Plaintiff, VS. OSCAR CEBALLOS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 28, 2012 and entered in Case No. 2007-001116-CA of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-18, is the Plaintiff and OSCAR CEBALLOS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OSCAR CEBALLOS N/K/A JANE DOE; EVERGLADES TREE SERVICE INC; TENANT #1 N/K/A SERENA GREEN; TENANT #2 N/K/A CALVIN BERT 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 2nd day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 6, BLOCK 70, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37-39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 230 N Quebrada Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this court on November 30, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F07055455 COUNTRY CONY B/C-R UNASSIGNED-Team 2 - F07055455 **See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 431980 CN 12/6,13/2012

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2058, 2009, 1354432-A0000800100, Carter Construction and Development, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4529, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday in the month of December, 2012, which is the 27th day of December, 2012. Dated this 14th day of November, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 431133 CN 11/22,29 & 12/6,13/2012

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The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2991 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Lots 159 and 160, Ford Park, Section One, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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ARREST REPORT

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

Jonesha Shuntay Curry, 21



- Aggravated battery, use of a deadly weapon
- Arrested Dec. 4

Jesse Dortch, 29



- Aggravated battery, knew/should have known victim was pregnant
- Arrested Dec. 7

Lemaine Jeanmarie, 19



- Homicide, murder first degree premeditated
- Arrested Dec. 8

Tyrone Campbell, 22



- Larceny, grand theft 300 less than 5,000 dollars
- Arrested Dec. 4
- Released Dec. 6

Otis James Williams, 30



- Kill, injure, possess alligator or egg w/o authority
- Arrested Dec. 6
- Released Dec. 6 on bond

Mauricio Castaneda, 45



- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested Dec. 9

John Willie Williams, 46



- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Dec. 9
- Released Dec. 9



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bookworms

KEC/Canal Point Elementary students visited Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Friday, Nov. 16. They took a tour, shopped for books and ate delicious sugar cookies! Students pictured are learning about how books are processed through the storeroom and then placed throughout the store. Thank you to the Mary and Robert Pew Education Fund and to Barnes and Noble Booksellers!

TAX SAVINGS

GARY R. NIKOLITS, CFA

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Filing Deadline for 2013 Tax Saving Exemptions is
March 1, 2013

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION and ASSESSMENT SAVINGS up to \$50,000

In order to qualify for this exemption and savings you must:

- Hold title to the property as of January 1, 2013
- Reside on the property as of January 1, 2013
- Be a permanent resident of the State of Florida as of January 1, 2013

When you apply for the exemption, please bring the following with you:

1. A copy of your recorded deed.
 2. Social Security Number of all property owners.
 3. Florida drivers' license (Valid in Florida Only License is for Non-Residents).
 4. Permanent residency proof (Alien Registration Card), if not a U.S. citizen
- In addition, please bring the following items which apply to you:
5. Florida vehicle registration.
 6. Florida voters' registration. (Matching the address where the exemption is being requested)
 7. Declaration of Domicile, if applicable.
 8. Death certificate, if applicable, for widow(er)'s exemption.

You can also apply online at [www.pbcgov.com/papa - Exemption E-file](http://www.pbcgov.com/papa-Exemption E-file)

You may also visit the Property Appraiser's office to file. If you do not drive, or do not have access to the internet, please call our office and an application will be mailed to you. Your application must be filed by **March 1, 2013** in order to qualify for a 2013 exemption.

Offices Hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Monday thru Friday

Downtown Service Center, Palm Beach County Governmental Center
1st Floor, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach(561) 355-2866
North County Service Center - 3188 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens (561) 624-6521
South County Service Center - 14925 Cumberland Dr., Delray Beach.... (561) 276-1250
Mid-Western Communities Service Center - 200 Civic Center Way, Suite 200, Royal Palm Beach.....(561) 784-1220
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MARCH 1, 2013 IS THE FINAL DAY TO FILE FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS

Senior Citizen Exemption: The additional exemption applies to all tax rates adopted by Palm Beach County and the municipalities of Boynton Beach, Haverhill, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Springs, Royal Palm Beach, and Wellington.
To qualify:

1. You must have a homestead exemption.
2. At least one homeowner, qualified for homestead, must be 65 years old or older as of January 1, 2013.
3. Your annual adjusted gross household income for 2012 must be less than \$27,000 (estimated).

Applications must be received by **March 1, 2013**. Please visit the office nearest you to apply.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
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IF YOUR HOMEOWNER STATUS REMAINS THE SAME, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC HOMESTEAD RENEWAL RECEIPT CARD FOR 2013

Please contact our office for additional information regarding Widow/Widowers, Disability, Veteran's Disability or Veteran/First Responder Surviving Spouse Exemptions.

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Jaime Perez, 1255 Riviera Ave., Clewiston
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR NEW WELL WITH RAW WATER LINE
The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its issuance of Permit Number 131079-001-DS to construct a new raw water well pump, discharged piping, appurtenances, along with raw water line to the existing water treatment plant serving approximately 40 people at a facility located at 11043 County Road 833, Clewiston, Hendry County Florida, to Alco, Inc., 10070 Daniels Interstate Court, Suite 100, Ft. Myers FL 33913.

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CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, VS. LOIS R. LASHWAY, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN STATE LOT 3 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 40 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 13, A DISTANCE OF 2167.51 FEET, TO THE 17 FEET CONTOUR LINE AS SURVEYED BY W.T. WALLIS, JR. (ALSO KNOWN AS THE WALLIS MEANDER LINE); THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID 17 FOOT CONTOUR LINE, A DISTANCE OF 504.13 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE PLAT OF PALM RIDGE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE EXTENDED ACROSS STATE ROAD NO. 721, A DISTANCE OF 70.88 FEET, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OFF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 721; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OFF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 273.67 FEET, TO A 5/8 INCHES IRON ROD WITH CAP STAMPED LS 5081 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OFF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 131.22 FEET TO A 90P NAIL; THENCE NORTH 27 INCHES 51 FEET 29 INCHES WEST, PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF PALM RIDGE SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 145.00 FEET, TO A 5/8 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 34 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET, TO A 5/8 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF PALM RIDGE SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 142.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO KNOWN AS LOTS 5 AND 6 OF ROGER SWANSON UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, IN STATE LOT 3, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Birding tours planned to stormwater treatment area

HENDRY COUNTY—Take a break from holiday stress and enjoy the area's natural beauty with a birding tour.

The Hendry-Glades Audubon Society will host a birding tour at the South Florida Water Management District Stormwater Treatment Area 5 on Dec. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Dec. 29, the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society will sponsor a trip to the STA as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count.

The stormwater treatment areas, owned and operated by the South Florida Water Management District, are vast, constructed wetlands that use vegetation to naturally cleanse excess nutrients from water before it enters the Everglades.

These remote, shallow-water marshes attract many species of nesting wading birds, migratory and other water fowl such as great blue herons, wood storks, snowy egrets, great egrets and roseate spoonbills.

Tours are open to anyone, but participants must register to reserve a spot on the trips.

Space is limited! Tours are capped at maximum of 60 participants, and may be more limited on some tours. The STA-5 schedule follows the tour information and directions.

Tour Information

Reminders: Take sunscreen, water, snacks, hats and wear closed-toe shoes. Tour-participants must stay on the levee. There is no age minimum for the trips. Birders will now be allowed to drive around cell 1B in a one-way fashion. Carpooling is strongly advised to minimize the number of vehicles in the area. The caravan will be led by a Hendry-Glades Audubon Society member.

Reservations are required. To sign up for the STA-5 Birding Tour, send an e-mail to Margaret England with your name and contact information, the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave a message at 863-517-0202. For general information, contact B. J. Kattel 561-682-6640.

STA-5 Directions

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Road (dirt road) for two miles, cross the bridge at STA-5; continue east on the unpaved road to the parking area east of the tower.

Via South Bay: Take US-27 north or SR-80 west (from Palm Beach) to US-27 at South Bay. Go west on US-27 toward Clewiston for 13 1/2 miles. Look for Evercane Road (CR-835) and the J & J Ag. Products sign. Continue south on CR-835 for about 26.7 miles to Deer Fence

Road. Turn left onto Deer Fence Road (dirt road) and continue about 2 miles, cross the bridge at STA-5; continue east on the unpaved road to the parking area east of the tower.

Directions from Naples/Ft. Myers area: If you live to the south, you should take Alligator Alley east to the Micosukee gas station at exit 49, and follow the directions above.



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Winter Wonderland at Seminole Casino Brighton

Ring in the New Year with cash giveaways, a special menu at Josiah, NYE Bingo session and more!

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—It's a winter wonderland thing at Seminole Casino Brighton, where luxury, cash and free play prizes help spread the holiday cheer! On Saturday, Dec. 29, win a luxurious Cadillac ATS and ring in the New Year in a new ride. Earn entries daily all month long, starting Dec. 1.

On Saturday, Dec. 22, Christmas trees aren't the only green you'll see when 50 players each win \$100 in cash. Then, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 50 lucky players will get into the spirit of receiving with a special gift of \$100 in free play.

Josiah will serve up hearty Christmas Day specials on Tuesday, Dec. 25, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guests will enjoy a roast turkey dinner or baked ham, with all the trimmings, and a dessert for \$13.95.

Come party with Seminole Casino Brighton and ring in the New Year with drawings to win your share of over \$10,000 cash. Five lucky winners will take home \$2,013. As we countdown to 2013, Seminole Casino Brighton will transform into a NYE party with a countdown in Times Square, free party favors, free champagne and special menu. Josiah's will serve up their Prime Rib Dinner for two (10 ounces each) which includes a choice of potato and vegetable. The entrée will be available from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and costs \$33.95. Surf & Turf comes with a 12-ounce rib eye, jumbo garlic shrimp and choice of potato and vegetable. It costs \$26.95. New Year's Eve festivities also include a special bingo session with over \$39,000 up for grabs. This also includes a \$12,013 Must Go jackpot game. Tickets are on sale now in the bingo hall.

Players can now enjoy bingo matinee sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Packs are \$18 and \$28.

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, 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. On Sundays, the bus picks up at 11:15 a.m. and departs at 6 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 six-table poker room, live action e-tables blackjack and roulette, 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, 34974 (in Glades County). For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.



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Florida holiday celebrations have own traditions

The Sunshine State may not evoke the traditional scenes of Christmas, but Florida's connection to the holiday is the oldest in North America.

According to historians, the first official celebration of Christmas in North America was very likely in the area of what is now Tallahassee. In 1539, Hernando De Soto celebrated Christmas while on his expedition through Florida in search for gold and a passage to China.

In the Lake Okeechobee area, two early Christmases held special meaning.

On Dec. 25, 1837, 2,000 U.S. Army soldiers and Alabama Volunteers arrived in the area east of what is now Orlando to construct a fort. They named it Fort Christmas.

That site of that fort is now the town of Christmas, Fla., which has a very popular post office this time of year. People come from miles around to have their Christmas cards postmarked "Christmas, FL!" If you go, expect to wait in longer-than-usual lines for what has become a holiday tradition for many.

Christmas, Fla. is located about 20 miles east of Orlando on Highway 50. The historical park and museum is located a few miles north of Hwy. 50 at 1300 Fort Christmas Road (C.R. 420).

In addition to the recreation of the historic fort, the town of Christmas is

also home to the world's largest alligator-shaped building, measuring at just over 200 feet.

Christmas 1938 is another important date in area history—the date of the Battle of Okeechobee.

As pioneers came to settle Florida, they brought with them their own holiday traditions. Frolics—a party with music and dancing—were popular gatherings for Florida settlers. For farmers and ranchers who rarely saw their neighbors, a gathering of the whole community was itself a reason to celebrate. Adding a tradition holiday made it even more special.

Patrick Smith's novel "A Land Remembered" described a Christmas frolic in Fort Drum, in what is now northern Okeechobee County:

Night beat him to the trading post, and the glow of coal oil lamps spilled from the old building when he rode up and hitched Ishmael. The frolic would not be held in the open this time since the barnlike meeting hall was now completed ...

For a moment Zech hesitated, feeling the urge to walk backward to the door and run for Ismael, then retreat to the prairie where he belonged. Had he known about Christmas frolics he could have purchased suitable clothes somewhere, but no one told him. He had never seen his father in a suit or his mother in a

blue dress with lace, and because of this he blamed them for his situation and felt anger at them for allowing him to come to the frolic dressed as he was. Then it came to him they wouldn't know either. Perhaps they once did, but that was too long ago in the past. In his memory he knew there had been no Christmas frolic in Florida for his mother and father and none now, and the sudden anger at them for something beyond their knowledge shamed him.

His embarrassment was his alone, for no one paid him even the slightest attention for the way he dressed. The black suits in the room were worn only for funerals and weddings and the Christmas frolic and by morning every man and boy would become a duplicate of Zech. If he had looked closer he would have seen

moth holes, torn seams and frayed collars and cuffs, outgrown pants four inches short, missing buttons and coat sleeves that came halfway to the elbow when an arm was bent.

A pot bellied stove at the left of the door grew ripe and turned red, overheating Zech and causing him to move away. One of the ladies in attendance said, "Would you like punch? ..."

Modern Florida communities have their own traditions. With no ice or snow for a sleigh to traverse, Santa Claus finds other means of travel. In Florida communities, Santa may arrive by boat, on water skis, by firetruck, by helicopter or even on a motorcycle. No matter his mode of travel, children are happy to greet the jolly man in the red suit.

Christmas season brings lighted boat parades

With "water, water, everywhere" it's no surprise that boat parades are popular in Florida, and lighted

Christmas boat parades are a visual treat.

OKEECHOBEE: The Okeechobee Yacht Club's 29th Annual Christmas Boat Parade is planned for Saturday, Dec. 15 on Taylor Creek. Boaters will meet on Taylor Creek just south of State Road 70 (by Burger King) between 5:15 and 5:45 p.m. Those who plan to be in the boat parade are asked to decorate their boats and string them with holiday lights. The parade starts at 6 p.m. and travels south on Taylor Creek to the Rim Canal, and then turns left (east) on the Rim Canal to end at the VFW Post on U.S. 441 S.E. For more information, call Arnie Welpley at 863-534-4777.

CAPE CORAL/FORT MYERS: The 35th Annual Cape Coral Holiday Boat Along will be held Dec. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. The parade will include approximately 100 boats decorated in a festive holiday fashion. At Four Freedoms

Park, the landlubbers watch the boats gather in the Bimini Basin before they begin meandering through the canals of south Cape Coral. Along with providing an ideal seat to watch the illuminated vessels, the park features holiday music, a visit from Santa, food and beverages for sale. For more information, contact 239-573-3125.

PUNTA GORDA: The 23th Annual Peace River Charlotte Harbor Boat Parade will be held Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. The parade can be viewed from land, personal watercraft or chartered cruise. For more information, call 941-769-0002.

TAMPA BAY: The Twinkle In Tampa Bay Holiday Lighted Boat Parade is planned for Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. along the water by Davis Island, Harbour Island and the Channelside District. Channelside Bay Plaza, located in the Channelside district of Tampa, is near downtown Tampa and easily accessible from the Selmon Expressway as well as I-4 and I-275. Parking is available at several public parking lots.



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The recreated Fort Christmas gives visitors a chance to step back into Florida's past. The nearby town of Christmas is busy this time of year as folks travel there just to post holiday cards and letters with a "Christmas, Florida" postmark.

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Santa on the firetruck

OKEECHOBEE—Santa will also travel around inside the city limits on a City of Okeechobee fire truck. On Dec. 19 he will drive through the northwest and northeast sections of the City of Okeechobee. On Dec. 20, he will travel through the southeast section. On Dec. 21, he will visit the southwest section of the city.

Car show in Barron Park

LABELLE—On Dec. 18 the South Central Fla. Car Club will be collecting toys and canned goods during their monthly Hot Rides and Hot Dogs Cruise In. This event is held in Barron Park in LaBelle from 5-7 p.m. It is not limited to cars and trucks- bikes are welcome too!! This is an annual event for the club. All items collected will be distributed locally. Early registration for the 7th Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise and Show is now open. The show is held Swamp Cabbage weekend. So dust off that ride, grab a neighbor and join us for a night of fun in the park. For more information, call 863-634-1791 or 863-234-8343.

Perspectives on Christmas

OKEECHOBEE—Pastor Dave and Linda Robertson and Fountain of Life Church present, “Perspectives of Christmas,” and original musical, on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. In this original musical drama, the story of the nativity is told from various points of view. Hear from Mary and Joseph as they remember back to that special occasion. Listen as Dim-eon and Anna sing of that day they had awaited for so long. See the wisemen and shepherds proclaim the birth of a king; The King! Location: 1302 S.W. 32nd St. Nursery available for ages 3 and under. Call 863-763-8945 or 863-801-1297 for more information.

Community Choir presents Christmas Cantata

OKEECHOBEE—In its 14th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, the Community Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, “God With Us,” seasonal favorites and Handel’s Hallelujah! Chorus from the Messiah, where the audience is invited to participate, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, and at 3 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 16, at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. 2nd St. Fifty-two voices representing 17 local churches will sing a variety of songs followed by the premier of the cantata which was composed by Frank Carter, especially for the Okeechobee Community Choir. Frank, who will be accompanying the choir, serves as the director of music and art at Good Shepherd United Methodist church in West Palm Beach, and is a very accomplished concert pianist as well as composer, and will be playing his Christmas Carol arrangements during the prelude and offertory. Frank will also have Christmas CDs available for purchase. Tickets are NOT required for admission. A love offering will be taken to help defer advertising costs. For more information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714.

Christmas on the Caloosahatchee

MOORE HAVEN—The annual Christmas on the Caloosahatchee will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Tom Perry City Park in Moore Haven. There will be lots of food, crafts, games, and of course Santa! For more information, contact Shelley Jones at 863-946-0737.

Art exhibit at Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

BELLE GLADE—Paintings by Sarah Bennett will be on display in the Grand Hall at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade, now through Dec. 18. The Grand Hall is open Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon and one hour before all performances. Other viewing times available upon request. To inquire about exhibiting artwork in the Grand Hall, contact Leigh Woodham at 561-993-1160.

Aviation Expo planned

SEBRING—Preparations for the 9th annual U.S. Sport Aviation Expo are swinging into high gear for the Jan. 17-20, 2013 event, and the Expo management team is looking for volunteers to assist them before and during the event, held annually at the Sebring Regional Airport. “We welcomed 16,000 people from throughout the world to our four-

day event this past January,” said Expo Director Jana Filip, “and there’s a myriad of jobs that we need help with. We’re hoping to recruit about 300 volunteers, and we’re hoping many of our previous volunteers will return.”

To learn more about the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, visit www.sport-aviation-expo.com or call 863-655-6444.



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Sacred Heart Church, 901 S.W. 6th Street in Okeechobee will present their annual Christmas Around the World celebration on Dec. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Megacon set for March

ORLANDO—MegaCon, the largest comic book, anime, gaming and multimedia event will take place March 15-17, 2013 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The original cast of “Star Trek: The Next Generation” will provide a special event on Saturday, March 16, in Hall F, at the Orange County Convention Center. Join the cast as they interact together with the audience. They will field and answer questions in an entertaining way that only they could do.

Event tickets are available on the MegaCon website now. Other special guests at the convention will include Paul Blake, Jeremy Bulloch and David Prowse (the original Darth Vader) from the Star Wars movies. Also scheduled to appear are Dean Cain from “Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman”; Lou Ferrigno, T.V.’s “The Incredible Hulk”; James Phelps, who played Fred Weasley in the Harry Potter Movies; and Michael Koske from “The Walking Dead.” For more information online go to www.megacon-convention.com.

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Holiday decorations for City of West Palm Beach includes a 35-foot Christmas tree made of sand.

Florida style shines in area holiday decorations

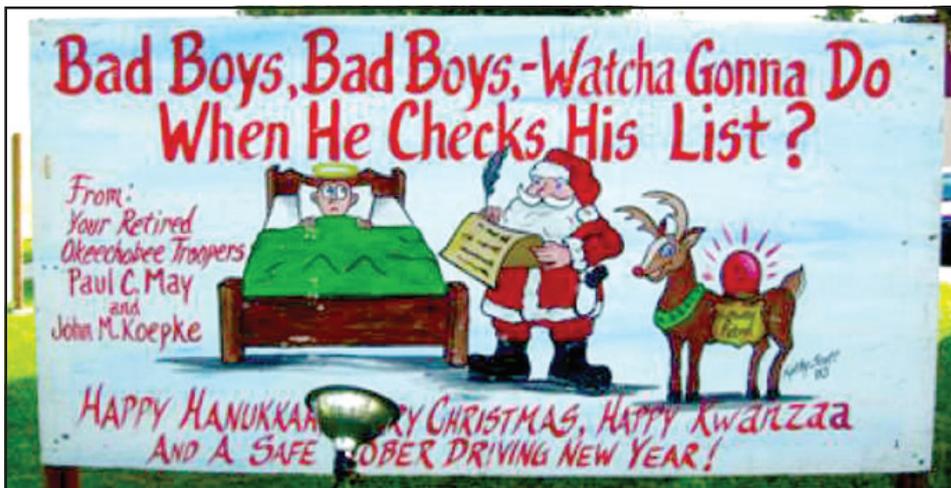
When it comes to holiday decorations, Florida communities have their own styles and traditions.

If you live in the Sunshine State, a Christmas tree doesn't have to be the traditional evergreen. Florida residents string lights on palm trees and oak trees. In the City of LaBelle, Barron Park's lighted trees reflect in the Caloosahatchee River, creating a magical effect.

This year, the City of West Palm Beach boats a 35-foot tall holiday tree sculpted from 400 tons of sand. The tree is strung with real lights and located on the Waterfront Commons. (For more information, see wpg.org.)

Some Florida communities have a different kind of "live" Christmas tree. Singing Christmas trees are tree-shaped scaffoldings lined with singers. In Belle Glade, the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's Annual Singing Christmas Tree features community volunteers.

In downtown Okeechobee, the local high school band boosters sponsor giant holiday cards in Flagler Park. The 8-foot tall cards can be enjoyed by those driving by. Or you can follow the band boosters's suggestion to take a "Holiday Stroll in the Park" to enjoy the artwork on the colorful cards.



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Giant holiday cards in Flagler Park greet visitors to downtown Okeechobee.

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Celebrate the holidays with a healthier lifestyle

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Holiday season is upon us. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or by having a few extra days to celebrate with family and friends, coming up with appropriate presents can be a challenge.

The key to gift-giving is matching the gift to the individual, while making sure it is something they'll enjoy, is hopefully good for them and not too expensive. And if it helps Mother Nature too, maybe that's the perfect gift. With that in mind, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has several suggestions for your holiday shopping.

How about an offering guaranteed to create a happier, healthier and more productive lifestyle? Richard Louv, chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network and author of "The Nature Principle" and "Last Child in the Woods," has made a solid case, supported by years of research, that connecting with nature results in those benefits. Being able to spend time in nature brings people of any age back to the roots connecting them with the nurturing earth.

In a time when frantic schedules, enclosed spaces and constant noise tend to drive us a little crazy, it is a real gift to get outdoors and relax with family and friends, get moving to burn off some excess holiday calories and open the door to better communications.

To start, how about planning a nature hike or fishing trip?

"Perhaps more than any other form of recreation, fishing and boating are critical to the health and well-being of America's outdoor heritage," according to the Outdoor Foundation. "By boat and on land, the first outdoor experience for many Americans is fishing, introducing tens of millions of people each year to the wonders of nature. Fishing also serves as an important bridge and top 'gateway' activity that leads participants to other outdoor passions."



Catch a fish and catch a smile! Florida lakes are a great place to spend holiday leisure time with family members.

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So why not invite your family and friends on a fun fishing trip, right here in Florida – the Fishing Capital of the World (FishingCapital.com)? An annual resident fishing license is easy to obtain at License.MyFWC.com, by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA or visiting a local retailer that sells fishing tackle and licenses. A five-year freshwater fishing license makes an especially great gift. While you are purchasing the license, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network to help the FWC with "Creating

the next generation that cares."

An annual freshwater fishing license costs just \$17. Since the average angler fishes 17 times a year (U.S. Census Bureau research) and enjoys four to five hours on a typical trip, the cost is less than a quarter per hour of fun and healthy recreation. When you purchase a license you are also providing a gift to nature and future generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has guaranteed that fishing license fees are protected by law and can only be

used for fish and wildlife conservation. Moreover, fees collected by the federal government on fishing tackle, pleasure boats and motor boat fuels provide additional funding for recreational fishing and conservation.

While putting a fishing-related gift pack together, you can find lots of information about fishing tips and gear at MyFWC.com/Fishing, along with fishing sites and up-to-date forecasts. One of the most fun tips is to have everyone register for Florida's freshwater angler recognition programs, including TrophyCatch and Big Catch, at TrophyCatchFlorida.com. When you register, you become eligible for a Phoenix 619 Pro bass boat and trailer, with a Mercury outboard and Motor Guide trolling motor. That drawing will be in October 2013.

However, for the hard-core freshwater anglers who travel from all across the world to fish Florida's fresh water, the ultimate catch is a trophy largemouth bass. The FWC and corporate partners reward anglers for reporting those fish and then releasing them to challenge another angler and to keep the fishery thriving. To learn more and keep informed, please "like" us at Facebook.com/TrophyCatch-Florida.

Another great gift that will help anglers boast about their sport while supporting conservation is a "Go Fishing" largemouth bass specialty license plate for their vehicle or trailer. Simply go to Buyaplate.com, or purchase a gift certificate at an authorized motor vehicle office.

Enjoy your holidays and a lifetime of active nature-based recreation. Get Outdoors Florida!

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Juan Siddi Flamenco

BELLE GLADE—Art Feagan's Juan Siddi Flamenco will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Under the artistic direction of Spanish choreographer Juan Siddi, some of flamenco's most unique and creative musicians, singers and dancers, from Spain and the United States, bring their talent to the stage with world-class performances that inspire audiences with exhilarating passion. Recognized for his remarkable stage talent, artistry, and stunning choreographies, Juan combines dancing, choreography, costumes and lighting to create an unforgettable performance. The box office is located at the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon. The box office also opens one hour prior to performances. For more information call the box office at 561-993-1160.

Broadway's Next H!T Musical

FORT PIERCE—The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning will present an arts and humanities series in 2013. All shows will be held at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, Fort Pierce. Curtain at 4 p.m. The first presentation will be Broadway's Next H!T Musical. Reviewed in New York as the best improv comedy in the city, this musical comedy is not like any show you have ever seen before. The hysterical Broadway's Next H!T Musical is the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Master improvisers gather made-up, hit-song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor and laughter. The New York Times calls this show "hilarious!" and the New York Post "Remarkable." For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at 1-800-220-9915.

Juke Box Jive

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Theatre, 241 North Bridge Street, will present "Juke Box Jive," directed by Nick Fidanza, Jan. 11-13 and Jan. 18-20. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the shows start promptly so please arrive 30 minutes in advance to be seated before the show starts. For tickets or more information, call 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

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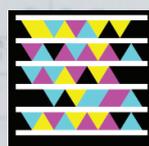
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