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2012 Year in Review

January

From an 'F' to a 'B', Glades Central Scores High

Anthony Anderson is ecstatic. In the three years since taking the helm at Glades Central Community High School, the principal has seen the school go from a 'D' school, to a 'C', to its current grade: a 'B.' The most recent score is the school's best. For a high school that has struggled with school grades from the introduction of the grading system in the late 90s, it is a resounding victory, explained Mr. Anderson.

PBC Fire Rescue's \$6 Million Investment in the Glades

A few years after assuming control of all fire rescue services in the Glades, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is making good on its plans to rebuild fire stations in Pahokee and South Bay. It is moving along swiftly on the two construction projects in the Glades, which should bring the fire rescue services squarely into the new century.

CEO, Wedgworth Steps Down, Position Passed Down to Contreras

After 52 years at the helm of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, its founder, President and Chief Executive Officer George H. Wedgworth announced that he has stepped down from day-to-day du-

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Xi Beta Tau hosts merry celebration



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Xi Beta Tau Sorority members and guests enjoyed A Merry Celebration at the home of Carlene and Bernie Walker in Wellington on Dec. 1. The group was merry as fund raising enabled the chapter to deliver poinsettias to the Glades Health Care Center and to assist a deserving family with a gift of \$500. Merriment and laughter abounded with talk of holiday travels and family gatherings, and the group enjoyed on the traditional Christmas fare of shrimp cocktail, prime rib and seasoned vegetables. Pictured are Teryl Collier, Jeannie and Joe Miller, Linda Stanley, Omaid and Dennis Milliron, Mirtha and Ronnie Graydon, Kay and Dick Korbly, Alina and Angel Armas, Sandy and Dennis Maynor and Carlene and Bernie Walker.

With Release of HS Grades, an Improvement and a Setback

GLADES AREA SCHOOLS RECEIVE THEIR GRADES

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

One of the biggest success stories from last year was the narrative that came from Glades Central Community High School; where a school that was publicly criticized for achieving the lowest possible grade two years in a row seemed to shape up and turn around its fortunes.

For years, Glades Central was one of the worst-performing schools in

the county, but its administration and teachers, under the supervision of a state team that helped to bring a renewed focus to the school's lessons plans, and direction, ensured that the school was not left behind, even as the policies of the Florida Department of Education changed with each year.

The hallmark came in 2011, when the school achieved a 'B' grade -- a tremendous turnaround from the 2007 and 2008 school years that were marked by the 'F' rating. With the release of this year's school grades by the state, Glades Central went down a letter grade and heads into the 2013 school year as a 'C' school.

Schools throughout the state are measured by two distinct components: performance, as measured by the results of state standardized tests, and learning gains, measured by factors such as academic gains for students in the lowest performing 25 percent. High Schools take yet another item into consideration -- "other" components, which take elements such as college readiness and overall graduation rate into account. High schools are rated on a 1600 point scale using these factors.

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Single Vehicle Crash Injures One

Man hospitalized with critical injuries

A man was hospitalized with critical injuries after being involved in a single vehicle crash on Canal Street in Belle Glade.

The incident was reported at approximately 8 a.m., according to a log entry provided by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The man, 53-year-old Michael Staples, of Belle Glade, was backing out of a driveway at 27 Canal Street when he struck a guardrail with the rear side of the vehicle, a 1994 Chevy Silverado.

He then accelerated forward on Canal Street headed towards Main Street, crossing over Main Street out of control of the truck.

Losing control of the vehicle, Staples was unable to steady the truck as it rotated in a circle and began traveling south toward Canal Street once more.

He would come to a stop, but not before crossing back over Main Street, striking a guardrail on the west side of the roadway, and being redirected in a southeast direction across Canal Street, where he finally struck a fence and tree on the east

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Inland Birding Fun: Eastern Phoebe (EAPH)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Birders and Photographers of all skills and ages are invited to participate in the Sixth Annual STA5-Clewiston Christmas Bird Count (FLSO) on Saturday, Dec. 29. Participation in the 2012 Christmas Bird Counts is free. Be a Citizen Scientist for the day and help collect data that will be used to track the location and frequency of bird species.

The STA5-Clewiston teams will meet at 7 a.m. at the STA5 Deer Fence Trailhead. For information about Florida Christmas Bird Counts go to the Florida Ornitho-

logical Society's website at <http://fosbirds.org> or register on Audubon Christmas Bird Count site at <http://birds.audubon.org>.

One of the 121 species reported during the 2011 Count was a common wintering flycatcher, the Eastern Phoebe, which rarely breeds in southern Florida. They usually arrive in Florida in late September or early October and return to their breeding ground by April. Their normal breeding range includes British Columbia and the United States east of the Rocky Mountains and as far south as Texas or northwest Florida.

The Eastern Phoebe is a plump songbird that appears large-headed for a bird of its size. The head often appears flat on the top, but phoebes will sometimes raise the feathers on their head up into a peak. They have a medium-length tail and short thin bills.

These flycatchers are brownish-gray above and off-white below. The sides of the breast have

a dusky wash. In the fall they will have faint yellow on the belly and whitish edging on the folded wing feathers. When perched they frequently wag their tails down and up. Their most common song is a raspy "fee-bee" with lasts about half a second, but they also make sharp "peep" calls. The oldest known Eastern Phoebe lived to be 10 years and four months old.

These birds prefer living in open woods located near urban yards, parks or rural farmlands where the forage for insects which they catch on the wing. They will also eat berries and fruit.

Females build a cup-shaped nest about 15 feet above the ground. This nest is often constructed in niches or under overhangs on manmade structures, such as bridges, culverts or ledges.

The nest, which is made from mud, moss and leaves mixed with grass stems and animal hair

usually takes about five to 14 days to complete. When completed, the female lays three to four mostly white eggs with occasional brown speckling which she incubates for 15 to 16 days. The young fledge in 15 to 16 days.

Join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding and photography trips. You and your guests are invited participate in upcoming Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 29 or birding trips on Jan. 5 and 19, at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5).

For information please e-mail Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2013 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



Margaret England



Eastern Phoebe.

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Will 2013 Be the Year You Quit Tobacco for Good?

Tobacco Free Glades County is encouraging tobacco users to create a comprehensive quit plan with the help of the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida's resources: The Florida Quitline, Web Coach or Area Health Education Centers' in-person services.

A quit plan is the first step for a successful quit attempt. For those who use tobacco, the most important step to take for a healthier and longer life is to quit. Tobacco users who quit can double their chances at success by using the state's free and convenient quit services.

"If you are resolving to quit tobacco for the New Year, there are resources available to help you," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "Counseling and medication are very effective and greatly in-

crease your chances of quitting and staying tobacco free for good."

Tobacco Free Florida's evidence-based resources include consultation from a certified and trained Quit Coach as well as FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), when appropriate. This combined approach of counseling and NRT can double or triple a tobacco user's chance of quitting.

Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Those who have tried to quit but relapsed in the past should try again because most former smokers made several attempts before quitting permanently.

Quitting tobacco is hard, but it is not impossible. In fact, there are more former smokers than current smokers in the state. However, not having a plan can make quitting more difficult.

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Winter Holiday Concert

Belle Glade Elementary School students presented a Winter Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 20, directed by Mrs. Schmidt, BGE music teacher. Songs representing Hanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa were performed by the students in Pre- Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. Selected Third and Fourth Grade students performed "Feliz Navidad", while Ms. Sheffield's and Ms. Walker's Gifted classes gave their rendition of "O Chanukah, a Kwanzaa song, "Habari Gani," and then rocked the house with "Jingle Belle Rock."

Thank you to the many parents who came to the program to support their children and Belle Glade Elementary School. At BGE we are on our way to an 'A'

Polar Express Week

The past week at BGE took a trip on the Polar Express. We spent the week reading the book and doing many activities dealing with the theme. On Friday, the students got to wear pajamas and participated in a "Pajama Jam."

This was a dance held for K-2 students and another for 3-5 grade students. The students also watched the Polar Express Movie. They were served chocolate milk and cookies. It was a great time for all involved.

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 Belle Glade Elementary. We feel that this initiative will assist us as we go for the gold! This initiative is set to launch in January.

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.

Saturday Tutorial

We will begin our Saturday Tutorial for grades 3-5 on Jan. 26.

Tentative Tutorial Dates:



SCHOOL BRIEFS

- Jan. 26
- Feb. 9 and 23
- March 9 and 23
- April 6 and 1

Belle Glade Elementary would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and be safe during the holiday season.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24 - Jan. 8: Winter Holiday
- Jan. 14: Tutorial, grades 3rd - 5th

Pioneer Park Elementary

Paint the Town

Ms. Yeannli Martinez, Music teacher, would like to cordially invite families and the community out to see students perform the Musical: "Paint the Town December."

This wonderful multicultural holiday celebration embraces Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Las Posadas and beyond through acting, dancing and singing. Please come out and enjoy the talents of students as they present a holiday musical designed to touch your heart. The show will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. on the cafeteria stage.

SAC/Technology Night

Mr. Kelvin Johnson, Parent Liaison, invites all families, students, SAC members and community members out to the Parent/Technology Night on Dec. 20.

The evening will begin with the SAC meeting at 5 p.m., followed by the Technology presentation by Mr. Ishizaki, Technology Coordinator and Mr. Fuller, Instructional Technology Support As-

sistant.

The Student of the Month Awards and the Holiday musical will be immediately following. This will be the last SAC meeting and Parent Night of 2012, please be sure and attend to support the Sugar Bears!

Ms. Jasmine's Reading Spot

Greetings students, families, fellow educators, and supportive community members! The strategy of the week is based on Bloom's Taxonomy question stems.

Stem questions have been researched and a list of questions has been created that can be used to help support students' reading comprehension skills. The skills in the cognitive domain of Blooms Taxonomy are what the focus will be on for the next month. Skills in the cognitive domain revolve around knowledge, comprehension and critical thinking of a particular topic.

The cognitive domain includes the following:

- Knowledge
- Comprehension
- Application
- Analysis
- Synthesis
- Evaluation

The key, as they rapidly progress towards FCAT/Assessments, is to expose students to higher order thinking questions like those found in state and district assessments. Families, we encourage you to use the stems when reading with your children over the break. Thank you and enjoy your holiday celebrations! Your children are our hearts, embrace your family time!



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Religion Column

A New Year: The Mayans Got It Wrong!

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

The New Year seems somewhat arbitrary. There is a Jewish New Year, a Chinese New Year and there were different dates in antiquity depending on whether a moon calendar or a sun calendar was being used.

It seems that we are going to celebrate it on January 1st which suffices for our world/country/community/calendar printers/datebooks/electronic watches, etc.

We forget that there is still a leap year. Why? To correct the inaccuracy of our dating systems; actually the year is about 365-1/4 days long, remember? Our precision is really up for grabs and a bit arbitrary. We correct every four years; adding a day.

Then, this is not entirely accurate, but it suffices for all practical purposes. I note that the Bible speaks of time in ways other than our ways. People come and visit for extended periods (e.g. Luke 1:56), live to incredibly old ages (e.g. Deuteronomy 34:7), look for signs as their guidance (e.g. Matthew 24:3) and even speaks of

not knowing days or hours (Matthew 24:36). It's interesting that we've passed through the Mayan calendar and predictions about the end of the world. Maybe the Mayans were the forerunners of those who claim to be religious and think they can predict end times.

I would conjecture that they share with the Mayans what scriptures say "no one knows about the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son of Man(ibid)!" One of the linguists pointed out that the ancient Greeks had two words for time; "chronos" or "clock time" and "teleos" or "event time."

We have become more involved with "clock time" while ancient people thought about "event time" and this is more akin to God's time. I had a former military officer in one Church I served who reminded me each Sunday that I started a minute early or was three minutes late in starting Church services.

One day I asked him "How old is this outfit, 2,000 years?" and he said "Yeah." I reminded him "John, for the first 1,400 years they didn't even

have clocks!" Life went on and people did quite well when they were more attuned to "God's time" and not "clock time!"

Living in eternity, God doesn't have to worry about days or hours, celebrate the new year coming in, remember birthdays or be concerned about his Heavenly beings getting "time and a half" or "overtime." Now, we've come to a new year. It is our demarcation of "chronos" and does serve some purpose.

People make resolutions; knowing that the time has come to do something about giving up smoking or losing weight or making amends or to do better with their relation with God. New Year's time is a reflection and

benchmark; not so good in the past, resolve to do better from now on.

It is a time to look forward in hope; what better symbol of a new year than a baby who is the living symbol of potential and hope?

New Year's has always been celebrated; not because of any absolute sharp division but because it gives us a minute to reflect, resolve, recognize, give thanks for the blessings of the

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past and be thankful for God's promises for the future.

I try to take time out to reflect at this time; being thankful for past blessings, resolving to try to do better in the year to come, thankful for the past year that has been given to me, being grateful for the hope for the time to come.

I trust that you have a happy and blessed New Year, filled with blessings and God's love.



Rev. Sam S. Thomas



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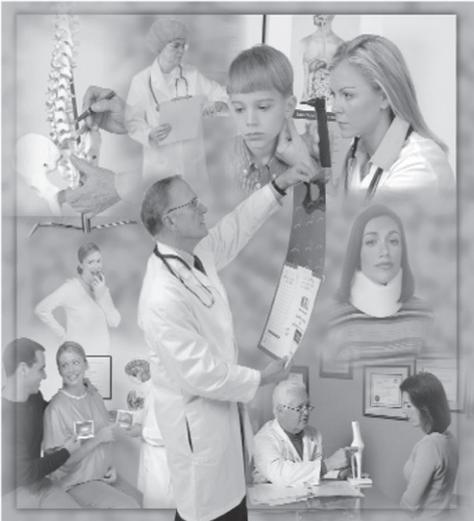
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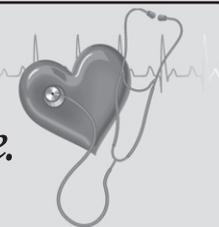
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SFWMD Highlights Restoring Natural Systems, Flood Control in 2012

From a major agreement to improve Everglades water quality to moving Tropical Storm Isaac's historic deluge away from populated areas, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) marked another year of service to 7.7 million Central and South Florida residents and significant progress on environmental restoration and water resource protection initiatives in 2012.

"We saw success in all facets of our core missions this year, including a milestone Everglades restoration agreement between the state and the federal government," said SFWMD Executive Director Melissa L. Meecker.

"With continued strategic planning, sound science and effective use of taxpayer dollars, we are poised to begin another year of protecting and improving South Florida's water resources."

Among the most significant achievements in 2012 was consensus between the State of Florida and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on new strategies for improving water quality in America's Everglades.

Based on months of scientific discussions, these restoration strategies will expand water quality improvement projects to achieve the ultra-low phosphorus water quality standard established for the Everglades.

Natural Systems Accomplishments in 2012

In addition to the new restoration strategies, the District completed significant work this year to restore South Florida's natural systems.

To improve water flow to the Everglades, the agency awarded a contract for design and construction of a pump station and six massive pumps that will deliver water from the 15-billion-gallon L-8 Reservoir in Palm Beach County.

This milestone paves the way for the reservoir to provide some of the increased water storage that is essential for Everglades restoration.

In the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary region, the District and its local partners completed several important projects to increase water storage and improve water quality.

Built and constructed by local communities and supported by the District, 2012 projects include:

- Powell Creek Filter Marsh: Completed in October by Lee County, the 18-acre filter marsh

and wetland preserve is improving water quality by cleaning water before it reaches the river, increasing storage and improving wildlife habitat.

- Dispersed Water Management C-43 Reservoir Interim Project: With Lake Okeechobee's water level rising in October from above-average rainfall, the District took emergency action to capture water on the site of a future Everglades restoration project to reduce freshwater impacts on the estuary.

Throughout its 16 counties, the District increased water storage by 6,855 acres-feet. This included the award of Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services contracts, encompassing eight agreements with private landowners to store water on their land.

The District also finalized the assessment of water farming on agricultural lands in the St. Lucie River and Estuary Watershed.

In Lake Okeechobee and Lake Istokpoga, the District planted more than 5,000 cypress pond apple and red maple trees.

In Lemkin Creek, a pilot project and study was initiated to enhance the production of apple snails, the primary food source of the endangered Everglades snail kite.

Important restoration work for natural systems improvements was also accomplished, including:

- Completing 30 percent of design for the A-1 flow equalization basin as part of the new restoration strategies

- Assisting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to speed planning for projects in the Central Everglades

- Completing the Lakeside Ranch STA – Phase 1, which is transforming ranch land into a 2,000-acre wetland that will clean stormwater runoff bound for Lake Okeechobee

- Completing the Deering Estate Flow, which is a way to help restore freshwater flows to Biscayne Bay

- Coordinating with local governments and administering programs to implement 23 local restoration, habitat and water quality improvement projects

Water Quality Improvements

Restoration of South Florida's natural systems includes improvements in water quality.

To date, \$1.8 billion has been invested in Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) construction, creating 57,000 acres of effective treatment area. In 2012, the District continued this work, including:

- Treating more than 700,000 acre-feet of water in the STAs, removing more than 178,000 pounds of phosphorus

- Implementing Best Management Practices on 640,000 acres of land, with an average phosphorus reduction of 55 percent over the program's 16-year history

- Achieving a 71 percent phosphorus reduction in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)

- Reducing phosphorus in the C-139 Basin by more than 15 metric tons

Scientific monitoring remains a key component of this work.

In 2012, District staff collected 38,260 water quality samples supporting 83 projects and studies and conducted 263,262 water quality data analyses.

Flood Control During Record Rainfall

Several large rainfall events impacted South Florida in 2012, the most notable being Tropical Storm Isaac. During the 1-in-100-year storm, nearly 15 inches of rain fell in a 72 hour period in western Palm Beach County. In response, the District moved more than 105 billion gallons of water away from residents in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The District also constructed an emergency weir and flow-way to relieve pressure on a levee adjacent to a residential area in Palm Beach County's western communities. The 140-foot weir can move enough water out of the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area to fill a residential swimming pool every 2.7 seconds until a long-term solution is completed.

Along with responding to storms, the District completed several important projects to ensure the regional flood control system is operating as

designed, including:

- Replacing Golden Gate weirs six and seven in the Big Cypress Basin

- Continuing East Coast Protective Levee repairs

- Overhauling nine main pumps and refurbishing engines

- Completing 494 inspections resulting in 45 infrastructure improvement projects

- Completing 300 survey and mapping requests

Mission Support Continues Efficiencies

In 2012, the District remained focused on ensuring accountability, transparency and public involvement in agency decisions. Efforts were directed toward accomplishing core functions, streamlining operations and achieving consistency across water management district boundaries. This work included processing 619 public records requests, conducting 55 Governing Board, Water Resources Advisory Commission Tropical Storm Isaac photo gallery (WRAC) and monthly regulatory meetings and expanding the District's website, www.sfwmd.gov.

Mission support success was also achieved in related work, including:

- Updating the District's five year Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Program

- Completing budgets in compliance with new state statutory guidance

- Completing a financing plan for Everglades restoration strategies water quality projects

- Achieving \$8.9 million in cost avoidance through contract negotiations

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Pictured is Morris Ridgdill, Earl (Chipper) Edwards, Bryan Beer, Glenda Wilson, Carey Soud, Karl Larsen, Deborah VanSickle, Miller Couse. Not pictured is Tommy Perry.

The holiday season is a time to celebrate the spirit of giving, and First Bank in Clewiston instilled that spirit on Thursday, December 20, when their Board of Trustees provided \$100,000 to the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Glenda Wilson, hospital foundation director, was on hand to receive the check from Carey

Soud, President of First Bank. In total, First Bank has given \$400,000 to the hospital foundation since 2006. They have earmarked \$45,000 of their latest gift towards the renovation of three patient rooms at Hendry Regional.

In acknowledging this charitable gift and First Bank's continuous generosity and support of Hendry Regional Medical

Center, Glenda Wilson said that comments on the bank's web site say it all: "First Bank has been helping meet the financial needs of the residents and businesses of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties since 1922. From that time to today we are committed to building relationships for the future through honor, integrity, and trust that achieve our customers' goals while having a positive influence on our employ-

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"First Bank's generosity has made a significant impact on improving patient care at Hendry Regional Medical Center," said Ms. Wilson.

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Christine W. Elliott, 100

LABELLE — Christine W. Elliott, passed away Dec. 20, 2012 in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Jan. 13, 1912 in Mill Town, Ga., to the late Charles James and the late Emma Caroline (Patten) Wheeler.

She was a former resident of Okeechobee, Pahokee and Canal Point. Christine was a former Trustee of Barron Library and Past President of United Methodist Women. She also was a member of Friends of the Library, LaBelle Beautification Committee, Pahokee & Clewiston Garden Clubs, LaBelle Heritage Museum and Alpha Sigma Phi in LaBelle. Christine was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Michael J. (Sherry) Elliott of LaBelle, Jess P. (Sharon) Elliott of Atlanta, Ga.; grandchildren, Joseph (Mette) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Lilley of LaBelle, Merry Lynne (Kent) Mathis of Jacksonville, Jennifer Evans and Mandy (Tom) Bird; great-grandchildren, Jared Mathis, Micah Mathis, Brandon Mathis and Lindsey Bird and nieces & nephews, She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jess M. Elliott; son, Charles Elliott, and four siblings.

A graveside funeral service was held Wed. Dec. 26, 2012, 11 a.m. at Port Mayaca Cemetery, Canal Point with Rev. Joe Wallace officiating. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 5, 2013, 2 pm at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, LaBelle with Rev. John Bennett officiating.

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ties at its annual membership meeting last week. He will remain chairman of its Board of Directors. Wedgworth has guided the Cooperative from its inception to what the Cooperative is today: a vertically integrated sugar cane operation that jointly owns the largest cane sugar refining company in the world.

February

Three Cities Prepare for March Elections

March is shaping up to be a very busy month for local elections, with seven city commission seats opening up next month. The races feature seats now assumed by commissioners who have represented their respective cities for many years, and races will be closely watched from now until the results come back on election day.

Players Ink College Football Letters

For the area's high school football seniors, National Signing Day is typically a crowning moment.

On Feb. 1, nine of the Muck's top players from the Class of 2012 officially ended their high school experiences by signing letters of intent to a variety of colleges nationwide. All of the National Signing Day activity happened in Belle Glade, as Glades Central and Glades Day were the only area schools that had players ready to make the big move.

With that said, it doesn't mean Pahokee won't be sending any of its players to college.

No Election for South Bay

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

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

Marina Improvements Made Seeking Influx of Visitors

From 2005 to 2008, the marina was closed for business. Campers took their business elsewhere to places like Clewiston, where the industry was not as affected.

Now, the city of Belle Glade, in partnership with the Torry Island Management Group, is doing all that it can to restore that business. The key word here is economic development, reports Lillian Tomeu, Belle Glade's grants and special projects manager.

March

Belle Glade Housing Stock Priority Issue for County

If there was a running undercurrent this week, it seemed to be that there has been enough talk; that the time for action is now.

That seemed to be the consensus of the county commissioners hosting Glades area representatives for a talk on Tuesday at the county chambers in West Palm Beach.

Enumerating the various issues affecting the Glades cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay, and focusing on the housing situation, the hosting county commissioners seemed as tired of the talks as anyone else in the room.

Could Sugar Be Regulated?

Should the government regulate sugar in order to preserve the health of the nation? According to one doctor, it should. Dr. Robert Lustig, who specializes in pediatric obesity, had his three-page article published in Nature magazine last month entitled, "The Toxic Truth About Sugar." Lustig's article calls for the regulation of sugar as a necessary measure to curtail its addictive qualities and wanton overuse.

Vulgar Picture Message Lands Belle Glade Man in Jail

A Belle Glade man was arrested last week on charges that he sent an image of his penis to an underage girl.

The man was caught when the child's mother intercepted the message. Although the man tried to blame a friend of his for the inappropriate message, investigators were able to retrieve the image from his phone and charge him for the crime.

Additional Hearing on Wind Farm Project Today

Wind Capital, a St. Louis-based company, has been moving full steam ahead with its plans to harness renew-able energy through the installation of 110 to 120, 500 foot wind turbines just outside of Belle Glade.

Now they are hoping hurricanes will not uproot their plans. Literally.

The reality of the South Florida Hurricane Season was one of the company's top ten concerns in locating a wind farm in the Glades, but the company feels secure enough that the turbines can withstand Florida's most potent natural force.

Wind Farm Project Moves Forward

As a St. Louis-based wind energy company achieves another milestone in locating a wind farm in Belle Glade, it begins looking for ways to partner even more closely with the community.

Wind Capital Group was given the okay last week by the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners to build a 114-turbine wind farm on land south of the highway connecting the Glades to the West Palm Beach area. The energy-generating wind turbines will begin approximately eight miles east of Belle Glade, extending nearly all the way to 20-Mile Bend.

April

Recognizing Excellence in Policing

Every once in a while, a deputy does his job so well that his superiors desire nothing else but to share the good news with the community.

Recalling a time when residents lashed out against law enforcement for not reducing crime, or being caught up in scandals – including the one that cost the city of Pahokee its police department years ago – it is refreshing to see one of Palm Beach County's finest turn in a good day at work.

Man Threatens to Kill Woman

It was a frightening scene in South Bay: a man threatened to shoot his girlfriend while their children stood by watching. He had already fired one round, missing the woman's shoulder but causing her a burn from the gunpowder blasting so close to her body.

The man's daughter phoned for help from inside of a closet at the mobile home. Her father was holding a gun and planned to shoot her mother, she told dispatchers. She reported that he was drunk at the time.

The incident happened March 24, at approximately 11 p.m. at the home on U.S. 27.

New Queen Crowned at 49th Harvest Queen Pageant

On Saturday, Kylie Pope walked into the Dolly

Hand Cultural Arts Center wearing a white evening dress, and she left with a sparkling crown to match. The young girl, assuming the stage like a seasoned pro, beat out more than a dozen other girls to win the coveted title of Harvest Queen.

The 49th annual pageant was held April 14 in Belle Glade.

Man Robbed Inside Bank of America

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Officials are investigating an early morning episode inside of a Belle Glade bank. A man was reportedly robbed of personal items and cash. The incident happened at approximately 9:15 a.m. at the Bank of America, 915 S. Main Street, reports the sheriff's office.

It is not known whether or not the suspect used any weapon in the robbery. Fortunately, no one was injured but the suspect fled the scene and law enforcement officers remain on the lookout for the suspect.

May

Sugar Co-op Celebrates 50th Harvest

The noble idea to empower farmers in the Glades area has reached an important milestone in its mission – 2012 marks the 50th crop anniversary of the Sugar Cane Growers Co-op.

The Belle Glade-based entity has existed for 52 years now, but did not process and harvest its first crop until 1962, according to the group.

Gove Celebrates Groundbreaking

Everyone loves the thought of getting something new or having a new beginning; teachers, students, and Belle Glade residents celebrated just that on Saturday, May 5.

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Gifts from Back to Basics, Inc.

Ms. Lunford's Kindergarten class at KEC/Canal Point Elementary is pictured with gifts that they received from Back to Basics, Inc. The class was thrilled.

Local Student Completes U.S. Navy Basic Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Guillermo D. Arones, son of Marleny L. Saavedra and Jose E. Mendoza, of Canal Point, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Arones completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety, survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills

and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

"Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Arones is a 2008 graduate of Coconut Creek High School of Coconut Creek, Fla.

GRADES

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This year, Glades Central received 959 points, which placed it firmly in the 'C' grade, a grade it last earned in 2009.

Pahokee High improves grade

Elsewhere in the Glades, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School improved its grade from a 'D' to a 'C' this year. That high school also achieved a 'B' grade, doing so in 2010, before dropping by two full letter grades in the following year. The worst performance for this school was also an 'F', an event that last took place 10 years ago, in 2002.

Though rated on a slightly different scale from Glades Central (1700 due to its classification as a combination school), the 955 points achieved by the school was sufficient to promote it to a higher grade. Helping the school in its classification from year to year is the number of students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program, which is counted as "participation in ac-

celerated curricula."

The high school grades are typically held until later in the year, and generally much later than grades become available for elementary and middle schools. These schools are graded on an 800 point scale, since the "other" components assigned to high schools (graduation rate, college readiness, advanced curriculum) are absent.

Schools in the Glades this year performed as follows:

- Pioneer Park Elementary School, 395 points, went down from a 'C' to a 'D'
- Lake Shore Middle School, 397 points, went down from a 'C' to a 'D'
- Pahokee Elementary, 435 points, went down from a 'B' to a 'C'
- Belle Glade Elementary School, 435 points, improved from a 'D' to a 'C'
- Rosenwald Elementary School, 457 points, maintained its 'C' grade
- K.E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary, 476 points, improved its grade from a 'D' to a 'C'
- Gove Elementary School, 530 points, improved by two letter grades, from a 'C' to an 'A'
- Glades Academy Elementary School, 557 points, maintained its 'A' grade from the year before

CRASH

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side of the roadway.

Emergency crews arrived to find an injured Mr. Staples still inside the vehicle. He was transported to Delray Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

The accident report does not mention what may have caused the accident to occur, and does not list alcohol as having played a part in the wreck.

No mention is made on whether or not Mr. Staples was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident either. Charges are pending.



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The Polar Express showing

Mr. Hibler and Mrs. Walker-Thompson, of KEC/Canal Point Elementary, served cookies, hot chocolate and candy canes to the entire school as the students watched the movie "The Polar Express" on Friday, Dec. 21. This was a culmination of a school wide reading of The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg.



In Memory of Tiffany Buckhanan

A Celebration of Life Ceremony for Tiffany Buckhanan will be held on December 29, 2012 at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds beginning at Noon.

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A nice breeze yielded some relief from the 80-degree temperatures as Gove Elementary celebrated the groundbreaking of their new school. Students, school board members, and city officials all swelled with pride and excitement throughout the festivities.

Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Hosts Citizens' Policing Academy

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recently hosted an eight-week Citizens' Policing Academy (CPA) in its Belle Glade office. The classes were held each Thursday night, beginning on February 23 and ending on April 12, with participants receiving a certificate of completion. The idea to hold the classes in the area came as a result of the negative perception many residents have regarding the operations of PBSO and law enforcement in general, explained PBSO officials.

Dr. Grear Leaves Legacy

Dr. Grear died last Wednesday from complications from heart surgery.

People interviewed for this article expressed a deep sense of sorrow for the loss of one of the Glades area's brightest advocates. Her unrelenting work in the area marked some of the most positive highlights in its history, including the desegregation of schools, the construction of Glades Central High School, and the work she put into championing the idea of a new hospital for Belle Glade to replace an aging, deteriorating facility.

The message was that the Glades area deserved better, but her manner of communicating this was laid out eloquently, and in the end, proved effective.

Glades Students Struggle with Reading FCAT 2.0

With the implementation of FCAT 2.0 and the more stringent guidelines it relies on, all eyes were on Palm Beach County schools last week as results were released high-lighting how third graders fared this year.

The new evaluation methodology, aimed at gauging the effectiveness of learning in the state, had many educators and parents wondering how their schools might perform under the new system.

June

Harvard Graduate Moves to Belle Glade

Tia Ray graduated from Harvard less than a month ago. On Tuesday, she arrived, suitcases and all, to her new home in Belle Glade.

The young woman will participate in an internship program here to further her studies in

the field of anthropology. Belle Glade, and the continually unraveling story it tells through the discovery of artifacts that once belonged to former cultures, was the student's primary pick out of more than a dozen sites around the country.

Red Cross Opens New Facility in the Glades

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

All of this underscores the importance of having an immediate response agency such as the American Red Cross on call to help. When disasters strike, it is the local group of Red Cross volunteers that springs into action and provides immediate relief to victims of disasters, often helping them to find suitable emergency housing and food assistance.

Recently, Temple Beth Shalom donated the building formerly known as the Glades Jewish Community Center to the American Red Cross. Workers and volunteers have worked to restore the 6,635 sq. ft. service center to its current condition.

A Look at the West Detention Center After One Year

For many years the old stockade where inmates were kept in Belle Glade was a slight bane in the existence of deputies. They had to contend with the indoor/outdoor facility. When it rained, deputies and inmates had to suffer through the rain.

It was an old facility that seemed to age rapidly with every passing year before it was determined the building had outlived its usefulness. That started a \$55 million construction project of a 242,308 square foot building that has brought the conveniences of a state-of-the-art jail to the Glades area.

PBSO Captain Takes Stroll on the Yellow Brick Road

Nancy Grimes, Western Palm Beach County captain overseeing Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay operations, was invited to participate in the rigorous program in Quantico, Va. The highlight of the course was the most innocently named part of: the Yellow Brick Road. Unlike MGM's beloved film, the road here is a tough and grueling one.

The test is an optional one, but Captain Grimes was not one to let down the folks at home rooting for her. The captain took on the challenging run, traveling a distance of 6.1 miles through a custom wooded trail built by the Marines. It gets its name from the yellow bricks the Marines placed at various spots to show the runners the way.

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.

Dwayne Anthony Bostic, 44



- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested Dec. 18

Latonya Michelle Canty, 33



- Aggravated assault, w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Dec. 13
- Released Dec. 22 on bond

Rodkeshia Joiner, 21



- Burglary, unarmed
- Arrested Dec. 19
- Released Dec. 20 on bond

Melvin Graham, 23



- Aggravated assault, w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Dec. 19

Jasmine Boyd, 18



- Aggravated battery, causing bodily harm or disability
- Arrested Dec. 20
- Released Dec. 21

Danny N. Ray, 29



- Aggravated battery, of fender knew/should have known victim was pregnant
- Arrested Dec. 22
- Released Dec. 23

Danny Ray Hartwick, 50



- Drug equipment possession and/or use
- Arrested Dec. 23
- Released Dec. 23

Miguel Angel Navarrete, 34



- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Dec. 23
- Released Dec. 23

Efran Gonzalez, 40



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- Arrested Dec. 20
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY,
FLORIDA**
CASE NO. 2012-CA-000079

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ERIE BRUNER A/K/A ERIE L.
BRUNER, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant
to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure
dated October 9, 2012, and entered
in Case No. 2012-CA-000079, of the
Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial
Circuit in and for GLADES
County, Florida. FLORIDA COMMUNITY
BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
(hereafter "Plaintiff"), is
Plaintiff and ERIE BRUNER A/K/A
ERIE L. BRUNER, GLADES ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC., are defendants.
I will sell to the highest and best bidder
for cash at the FRONT STEPS,
SOUTH DOOR of the Courthouse;
500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, at
11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of January,
2013, the following described
property as set forth in said Final
Judgment:

**LOT R OAKS SUBDIVISION,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN
PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 56 OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES
COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER
WITH 1999 REDMAN MOBILE
HOME, W/ #FLA146143266A
AND #FLA146143266B,
#79073474 AND 79073431.**

If you are a person with a disability
who needs any accommodation in
order to participate in this proceed-
ing, you are entitled, at no cost to
you, to the provision of certain assist-
ance. 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 within two working
days of your receipt of this Foreclosure
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voice impaired call 711.

Dated this 15th day of October,
2012.

JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Julie Braddock
As Deputy Clerk

Van Ness Law
1239 E. Newport Center Drive
Suite #110
Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
Phone (954) 571-2031
Fax (954) 571-2033
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.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND
FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**
CASE NO.: 2012-CA-486

ATLANTIC COAST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARTHA ALINA CONNELL, etc. et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant
to an order or a summary final
judgment of foreclosure entered in
the above-captioned action, I will sell
the property situated in HENDRY
County, Florida, described as:

**Lot 66, Holiday Isles, Unit 2, a
subdivision in Section 14,
Township 43 South, Range 34
East, according to plat thereof,
recorded in Plat Book 6, page
4, of the public records of
Hendry County, Florida.**

at public sale, to the highest and
best bidder for cash, at 11:00 a.m.
on the 30th day of January, 2013 at
Hendry County Courthouse Complex,
2nd Floor, Administrative Side, 25
East Hickpocoochee Avenue, LaBelle,
Florida in accordance Chapter 45,
Florida Statutes, Notice of such sale
shall be published as provided by
statute.

That 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 13th day of December,
2012.

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

LAWRENCE J. BERNARD, P.A.
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
480 Busch Drive
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32218
(904) 751-6980
432952 CN 12/20,27/2012

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY,
FLORIDA**
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2011-CA-001067

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KIRENIA RODRIGUEZ FUENTES et al,
Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant
to a Final Judgment of Mortgage
Foreclosure dated December 13,
2012 and entered in Case No.
26-2011-CA-001067 of the Circuit
Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial
Circuit in and for HENDRY County,
Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A. is the Plaintiff and KIRENIA RODRIGUEZ
FUENTES, JULIA RODRIGUEZ,
ESTELA D. FUENTES, A/K/A ESTELA
B. FUENTES, are the Defendants,
The Clerk of the Court will sell to the
highest and best bidder for cash 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, FLORI-
DA at 11:00AM, on the 16th day of
January, 2013, the following de-
scribed property as set forth in said
Final Judgment:

**THE SOUTH 1/2 OF WEST 1/2
OF SOUTH, 1/2 OF NORTH-
WEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4
OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SEC-
TION 27, TOWNSHIP 44
SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST,
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA;
SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT
FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND
UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS
THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF,
ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 68 IN
MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, AN
UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION
AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF WEST
1/2 OF NORTH 1/2 OF SOUTH-
WEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4
OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SEC-
TION 27, TOWNSHIP 44
SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST HEN-
DRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUB-
JECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR
INGRESS, EGRESS AND
UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS
THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF,
ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 69, IN
MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, AN
UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.
A/K/A 44S AND 45S BRIDLA
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 December 13, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida
33901, telephone number
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(TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via
Florida Relay Service, not later
than seven (7) days prior to this
proceeding.

DATED on Dec. 13, 2012.

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

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby cer-
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rante Mexicano Olguin and that said
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Salomon Olguin
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Clewiston, FL 33440
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Olguins is as follows:

Salomon Olguin 100%
DATE: 12/17/2012
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Florida Department of State, Division
of Corporations to register the said
name of Resturante Mexicano Ol-
guins under the provisions of Chap-
ter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of
1991.

Salomon Olguin
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Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2012CA000124**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting
through the United States Depart-
ment of Agriculture, Rural Develop-
ment, f/k/a Farmers Home
Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing
Service,
Plaintiff;

vs.
CARLEEN WILLIS DOWNING; et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Summary Final Judg-
ment of Foreclosure entered on De-
cember 13, 2012, by the above
entitled Court in the above styled
cause, the undersigned Clerk of
Court or any of his duly authorized
deputies, will sell the property situ-
ated in HENDRY County, Florida, de-
scribed as:

**Lot 10, Block 3D of SOUTH
RIDGE SUBDIVISION, accord-
ing to the plat thereof record-
ed in Plat Book 4, Pages 95
and 99, of the Public Records
of Hendry County, Florida**

at public outcry to the highest and
best bidder for cash on January 16,
2013, in front of the Office of the
Clerk of Courts, at the double doors,
second floor hallway, Administration
Building, Hendry County Courthouse,
25 E. Hickpocoochee, LaBelle, Florida,
beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to
all ad valorem taxes and assess-
ments for the real property described
above.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTER-
EST 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 AF-
TER THE SALE.

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODA-
TIONS BY PERSONS WITH
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Oliver, Administrative Services
Manager, whose office is located
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FL 33935, and whose telephone
number is (863)6755229, at
least 7 days before your sched-
uled court appearance, or immedi-
ately 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.

DATED on Dec. 13, 2012.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk of Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1760
LaBelle, FL 33975
BY: /s/ J.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2012-106-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF CECIL JOSIE JUMPER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Cecil Josie Jumper, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 9165, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 20, 2012.

Personal Representative: Myra C. Jumper 2782 Grapevine Crest Ocoee, Florida 34761

Attorney for Personal Representative: Ralph Elver Attorney for Myra C. Jumper P.O. Drawer Number: 215848 P.O. Drawer 2280 LaBelle, FL 33975 Telephone: (863) 675-5800 Fax: (863) 675-4998 Email Services: E-mail: ralph@labbellelaw.com E-mail: ralph@labbellelaw.com E-mail: ralph@labbellelaw.com 432915 CN 12/20/27/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2012-CP-29

In Re: Estate of JOHN JOSEPH OCIEPKA a/k/a JOHN J. OCIEPKA Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOHN JOSEPH OCIEPKA, a/k/a JOHN H. OCIEPKA, deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2012, and whose social security number is XXXX-XX-7428, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, 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 decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 20, 2012.

Personal Representative: Myra C. Jumper 2782 Grapevine Crest Ocoee, Florida 34761

Attorney for Personal Representative: Peggy M. Ocieпка 1105 5th Street, BHR Okeechobee, Florida 34974 Attorney for Personal Representative: CONELY & CONELY, P.A. Okeechobee, Florida 34973 By: Tom W. Conely, III Florida Bar #096482 Telephone: (863) 763-3825 3432771 GCD 12/20/27/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 10-CA-222

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, VS. HUGO VARGAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 11, 2012 and entered in Case No. 10-CA-222 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and HUGO VARGAS; NATASHA R. VARGAS; are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STAIRS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 17th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 9; THE WEST 68 FEET OF LOT 10, AND THE WEST 68 FEET OF THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 11, ALL BEING IN BLOCK 3, HORESHOHE ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 49 AND 50, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A 1999 REDMAN DOUBLE-WIDE, VIN #FLA14614531A AND #FLA14614531B. A/K/A 1216 ANVL SW WAY, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 18, 2012. JOE FLINT Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F10109542 COUNTRY-FHA--Team 2 - F10109542

**See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation 6 participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. 433245 CN 12/27/12 1/3/13

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE #: 2009-CA-000145

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP Plaintiff, VS. Brian R. Brubaker a/k/a Brian Brubaker and Cynthia Brubaker, Husband and Wife; Bank of America, National Association Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 11, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000145 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff and Brian R. Brubaker a/k/a Brian Brubaker and Cynthia Brubaker, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOOREHAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 24, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6, LESS THE NORTH 12' OF GLADES LITTLE RANCHES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1978 HOUS MOBILE HOME HAVING VIN'S: L1811PA AND L811PB, AND TITLE NOS. 15340592 AND 15340593, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO REAL PROPERTY.

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.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, FL 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

JOE FLINT CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Glades County, Florida Julie Braddock Deputy Clerk of Court

BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of Circuit Court P.O. Box 1760 LaBelle, FL 33975 By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 433064 CN 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2012CA-000386

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, VS. MONIQUE MATHURIN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 13, 2012, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, described as:

Lot 18 & South 45' of Lot 19, Block 4, LABELLE PARK, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 25, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 16, 2013, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Courts, at the double doors, second floor hallway, Administration Building, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, FL 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of Circuit Court P.O. Box 1760 LaBelle, FL 33975 By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 433064 CN 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2010-CA-000160

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, VS. ELLIS MONTALVO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012 and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000160 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and ELLIS MONTALVO; CARMEN C. BURGOS A/K/A CARMEN C. BURGOS-MONTALVO; are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 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 16th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 17, BLOCK J, FORT DAVID ACRES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1985 OLYMPIAN DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME ID#221002 A&B. A/K/A 4380 FORT KEIS AVE, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 14, 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 F10109542 COUNTRY-FHA--Team 2 - F10109542

**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 (MD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 433062 CN 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2012CA000383

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, VS. SYLVIA GREEN; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; PORT LABELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and INTERNATIONAL PORTFOLIO, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 14, Block 2161, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 16, 2013, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Courts, at the double doors, second floor hallway, Administration Building, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of Circuit Court P.O. Box 1760 LaBelle, FL 33975 By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 433060 CN 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2012CA000091

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, VS. DEANDREA Y. MARION, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 13, 2012, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, described as:

Lot 26, Block B, of Harlem Addition No. 9, Phase One, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 138 and 139, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 16, 2013, in front of the Office of the Clerk of Courts, at the double doors, second floor hallway, Administration Building, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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BARBARA S. BUTLER Clerk of Circuit Court P.O. Box 1760 LaBelle, FL 33975 By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk 433060 CN 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY HAS DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD TO CONSIDER A RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE PORT LABELLE UTILITY SYSTEM (PLUS). THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD INCREASE THE BASE FACILITY AND USAGE CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

The first public hearing will be held January 9, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., before the Port Labelle Utility System Advisory Board. The second public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., January 22, 2013, before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County. If approved, the rate increase will be effective for the January, 2013 usage billing issued in February, 2013.

Both public hearings shall be held in the County Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed change.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Karson Turner, Chairman 433156 CN/CB 12/27/2012

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Karson Turner, Chairman 433156 CN/CB 12/27/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO IMPACT FEES

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to impact fees entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-59, IMPACT FEES.

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

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Karson Turner, Chairman 433148 CN/CB 12/27/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE GLADEVIEW WATER CONTROL DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Gladeview Water Control District for the Year 2013. The Regular Board of Supervisors Meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month, and the Annual Landowners meeting will take place on the 4th Friday in June, unless meeting date conflicts with a holiday, and will take place at the Sugar Farms Co-op, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida. The dates and times are listed in the Schedule below.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

Friday, January 18, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting Friday, March 15, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 19, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting Friday, May 17, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. - ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Friday, July 19, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting Friday, September 20, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting Friday, November 15, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting

By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq. Gladeview Water Control District Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012 432930 CGS 12/27/2012

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By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq. Gladeview Water Control District Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012 432930 BGS 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3586, 2010, 2184329-03000002050, Elizabeth G. Mack & Dana Brown

Lot 205 thru 214, Block 10, EVELYN TERRACE, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 46, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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 January, 2013, which is the 24th day of January, 2013.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 432943 CN 12/20/27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2012-CA-000356

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. RAMON FEBLES, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2012-CA-000356 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and RAMON FEBLES, et al, are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 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 16th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO EXISTING OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES, ENFORCEABLE EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUBJECT TO TAXES AND ASSESSMENT OF CENTRAL COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT NO. 4308 IN MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. A/K/A 535 S CORAL 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 December 14, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 23018 Tampa, Florida 3362-5018 F11021966 COUNTY-CONV B/C-R-join-Tenn-2-F11021966

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000396

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. VERONICA P. RUIZ AKA VERONICA RUIZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000396 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and VERONICA P. RUIZ AKA VERONICA RUIZ; VICTOR M. RUIZ; ALEXIS L. RUIZ; XAVIER RUIZ; ANDREW T. RUIZ; are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 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 16th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment: THE EAST 261.50 FEET OF THE WEST 286.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 425.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 450.00 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS THE WEST 10 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 2000 REDMAN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# FLA14614955A AND FLA14614955B. A/K/A 3951 NORTH RIVER ROAD, LABELLE, FL 33935

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 14, 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 P09036088 WELLS-FARGO-Team 1 - P09036088

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

East Beach Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430 on the following dates and time:

Table with columns: MEETING, DATE, TIME. Rows include Board Meeting 1/16/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 2/13/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 3/13/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 4/10/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 5/15/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 6/12/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 7/10/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 8/14/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 9/11/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 10/16/2013 Following LO, Board Meeting 11/13/2013 8:00 A.M., Board Meeting 12/11/2013 8:00 A.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the District at (561) 996-2940 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 432139 SUN 12/27/2012

Public Notice

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

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Port LaBelle Utility District Municipal Services Benefit Unit for assessments on properties for maintenance of water lines within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2013, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2013, in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

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

Karson Turner, Vice Chairman BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA 432249 CN/CB 12/13,20,27/2012 1/3/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

South Florida Conservancy District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 on the following dates and time:

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Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 432238 SUN 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

South Shore Drainage District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 on the following dates and time:

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Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT 432237 SUN 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

East Shore Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430 on the following dates and time:

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Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 432188 SUN 12/27/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row: 2207 2010 1254432-A0002280100 Mercedes Teresa C. Avila

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot No. 4986, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

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 January, 2013, which is the 24th day of January, 2013.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 432942 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT for the Calendar Year 2013. All meetings of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District Board of Supervisors will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Educational Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

MEETING DATES: Thursday, January 31, 2013; Friday, February 8, 2013; Friday, March 9, 2013; Friday, April 12, 2013; Friday, May 10, 2013; Friday, June 7, 2013; Friday, July 12, 2013-ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING; Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING: Friday, August 9, 2013; Friday, September 13, 2013; Friday, October 11, 2013; Friday, November 8, 2013; Friday, December 13, 2013

By: CHARLES F. SCHOECH, Esq., Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012 432928 CGS 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HIGHLAND GLADES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Highland Glades Water Control District for the Year 2013. All Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the months listed below at 2:00 p.m. in the Law Offices of Caldwell Paçetti, Edwards Schoech & Viator LLP, One Clearlake Centre, 250 South Australian Avenue, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, Florida. The Annual Landowners' Meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of June at 2:00 p.m. the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, 3rd Floor, West Sugar House Road, Belle Glade, Florida.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

MEETING DATES: Monday, April 8, 2013; Monday, June 17, 2013, ANNUAL LANDOWNER'S MEETING; Belle Glade followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING: Monday, August 12, 2013; Monday, October 14, 2013; Monday, December 9, 2013

By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq., Highland Glades Water Control District Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012 432931 CGS 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row: 1617 2010 1144432-A0002170000 Denton II, LLC

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, 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 Lot No. 2956 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas, and Mineral reservations, conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

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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 January, 2013, which is the 24th day of January, 2013.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 432954 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row: 2535 2010 1354432-A0001100100 Muñil Espino

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot 4444 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas, and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 2012. Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 432950 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1478	2010	1134432-A0001610000	Ilene Klasfeld

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest 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 North 40 feet thereof, subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot No. 2985 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

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

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Dated this **12th** day of **December, 2012**.

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

432951 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3466	2010	2024329-2800000051	Mary Culliver Est & Winder VI, LLC

Lot 90, Ford Park Subdivision, Section One, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **12th** day of **December, 2012**.

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

432955 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2921	2009	2024329-37000000130	David A. & Nancy K. Bussell

Lots 27 through 41, inclusive, of LABELLE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 4, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

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

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Dated this **12th** day of **December, 2012**.

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

432944 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
870	2005	1134432-A0001660100	Andres Perez

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.

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 **January, 2013**, which is the **24th day of January, 2013**.

Dated this **12th** day of **December, 2012**.

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

432939 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Pahokee Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430 on the following dates and time:

MEETING	DATE	TIME
Board Meeting	1/16/2013	9:30 A.M.
Landowner Mtg.	2/13/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	2/13/2013	Following LO
Board Meeting	3/13/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	4/10/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	5/15/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	6/12/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	7/10/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	8/14/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	9/11/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	10/16/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	11/13/2013	9:30 A.M.
Board Meeting	12/11/2013	9:30 A.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the District at (561) 996-2940 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PAHOKEE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 432189 SUN 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2013 CLEWISTON DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Clewiston Drainage District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 350 W. Arroyo Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, 33430 on the following dates and time:

MEETING	DATE	TIME
Board Meeting	1/16/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	2/13/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	3/13/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	4/10/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	5/15/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	6/12/2013	2:00 P.M.
Landowner Mtg.	7/10/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	7/10/2013	Following LO
Board Meeting	8/14/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	9/11/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	10/16/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	11/13/2013	2:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	12/11/2013	2:00 P.M.

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Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CLEWISTON DRAINAGE DISTRICT
 432261 CGS 12/27/12

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3165	2010	1214334-010000U0080	Daisy Bell Williams

Lot 11, Block U, of Harlem Addition No. 3, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Dated this **12th** day of **December, 2012**.

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

432953 CN 12/20,27/2012 & 1/3,10/2013

Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICTS

Pelican Lake Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 on the following dates and time:

MEETING	DATE	TIME
Board Meeting	1/16/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	2/13/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	3/13/2013	10:00 A.M.
Landowner Mtg.	4/10/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	4/10/2013	Following LO
Board Meeting	5/15/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	6/12/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	7/10/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	8/14/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	9/11/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	10/16/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	11/13/2013	10:00 A.M.
Board Meeting	12/11/2013	10:00 A.M.

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Dated this 27th day of December, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 432191 SUN 12/27/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2036	2010	1244432-A0000220100	Jose Rigoberto Garcia, Maria Consuelo Garcia, and Luzday Garcia

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot 5430 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

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Winter Wonderland holiday musical

KEC/Canal Point Elementary School held their Winter Wonderland holiday musical on Thursday, Dec. 20. Students from 4th and 5th grade performed Feliz Navidad during the special. Andrew Whaley, pictured, tunes up his instrument in preparation for the holiday performance.

Tropicana Gift for Citrus Faculty Post Focused on Innovation

Tropicana Products Inc., a division of PepsiCo Inc., has pledged \$1.5 million to endow a professorship specializing in innovative citrus research to strengthen the Florida citrus industry, the nation's largest, University of Florida and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences officials and company representatives announced.

The endowment, to be known as "The Tropicana Professorship for Florida Citrus Innovation," will support teaching, research and outreach efforts dedicated to the future of the state's citrus industry.

The research is expected to target, among other things, advanced production systems, efficient water use, protection of natural diversity and sustainable citrus production.

Jack Payne, UF senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources, said the gift is much needed. Payne said it will fund a professor who will target research efforts aimed at helping the industry become more sustainable.

"Every agricultural industry must work to become more sustainable and our state's citrus growers are helping lead the way," Payne said. "The research goal here will be citrus trees that flourish with little impact on the environment. It's a wonderful goal and this sort of corporate partnership is critical to helping us reach it."

A more sustainable citrus industry, he said, would mean trees that thrive with less fertilizer and irrigation than are currently required, and being able to plant more trees per acre.

Oranges have been grown in what is now the state of Florida since the 1560s, almost 150 years before they were reported anywhere else in what would later become the continental United States, according to historical records.

"As the largest buyer of Florida oranges, ensuring that Florida citrus remains vital, competitive and sustainable for generations to come is paramount," said Neil Campbell, president of Tropicana Beverages, North America. "The University of Florida is world renowned for its agricultural research and science initiatives and we can think of no better partner."

Tropicana Products Inc., a division of PepsiCo Inc., is a leading producer and marketer of



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From left, Jack Payne, University of Florida senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources; UF President Bernie Machen, Neil Campbell, president of Tropicana Products Inc. and Mike Haycock, vice president of operations, Tropicana, enjoy a moment at an informal ceremony on campus to celebrate Tropicana's \$1.5 million donation to the university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The gift will endow a professor to specialize in innovative citrus research, such as advanced production systems, efficient water use, protection of natural diversity and sustainable citrus production.

branded fruit juices. PepsiCo is a global food and beverage company with net revenues of more than \$65 billion.

Mike Haycock, vice president of operations for Tropicana, said that as a longtime member of the Florida citrus community, the company understands how important this is to the state because, "Florida is where it all started for Tropicana back in 1947.

"Through this work and investment, together, we will help drive innovation and create solutions for a sustainable future for the Florida citrus industry, which continues to face serious chal-

lenges," Haycock said.

The Tropicana gift follows another \$1 million in USDA grant funding to UF/IFAS for citrus. Those funds will be used to support research aimed at preventing the insect that transmits citrus greening from being able to spread the disease.

Since 2006, the citrus greening, known to scientists as Huanglongbing, has cost Florida's economy an estimated \$4.54 billion in lost revenues and 8,257 jobs by reducing orange juice production, UF/IFAS studies have found.

Michael W. Sparks, executive vice president and the CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual, the larg-

est cooperative associated dedicated to helping the state's citrus growers, called Tropicana's gift a much-needed one.

"Florida citrus growers are currently facing the biggest disease challenge we've ever faced in HLB and the only way we are going to beat it is in the laboratory," he said.

"This endowment is a huge step forward in strengthening the resources we have in the fight against HLB and Tropicana and UF-IFAS should be commended for their commitment to a sustainable future for our \$9 billion industry."



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Rakes
- 10 Speedy
- 15 Chicago university founded in 1945
- 16 Participate in a secret joint venture?
- 17 Bag material
- 18 Orange ___
- 19 Prefix meaning "beyond"
- 20 Comfort, say
- 22 Marked simply
- 23 Justin Timberlake nickname
- 28 ER workers
- 30 SALT topic
- 31 Tank top
- 33 Party at the shore
- 38 Sixth-century pope
- 39 1960s music phenomenon
- 41 "Alice" star
- 42 Tourist information center handouts
- 43 Heavy weight
- 45 Fjord cousin
- 46 Cal. units
- 47 "Casino" Best Actress nominee
- 54 Windy City travel org.
- 56 Japanese veggie
- 57 A part of
- 58 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 60 Trademarked name for epinephrine
- 64 Stickpin target
- 65 Popular pie topper
- 66 Gordon ___: "Wall Street" role
- 67 Campers' tools

- 3 Longtime Chicago Symphony leader
- 4 Cuisine category
- 5 Pic source
- 6 Tiny tube travelers
- 7 Old Philly stadium, with "The"
- 8 "Half ___ ..."
- 9 Remove
- 10 Workout unit
- 11 Familiar game show address
- 12 It's often seen in a stack
- 13 Apple products
- 14 Two-point Scrabble tile
- 21 Ball game treat
- 24 Spanish roads
- 25 Drops off
- 26 College World Series setting
- 27 Bed threads
- 29 Quick trip
- 32 1998 N.L. MVP
- 33 Engine block component
- 34 County fair sight
- 35 Fighting
- 36 White wine apéritif

- 37 "1" in Spain, perhaps
- 39 Leave, in slang
- 40 Fruitless
- 44 Vietnam's Ngo Dinh ___
- 48 Conform
- 49 Clown's employer
- 50 Item of royal attire
- 51 Just about off

- 52 Printer problem
- 53 County seat of County Clare
- 55 Without restraint
- 58 Noodge
- 59 Nagano Olympic flame lighter
- 61 Washing machine meas.
- 62 MPG determiner
- 63 Bk. after Ezra

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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