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A snapshot of the Glades



PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

A scene not unfamiliar to residents from the Glades - a crew of farm workers stand at the ready on a field of sugarcane some miles east of Belle Glade. The burning prepares the stalks for transport to the sugar mill.

Busy Weekend for Fire Rescue

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue crews were busy this past weekend, as they responded to several potentially life-threatening situations.

•A single-engine crop duster was forced to make an emergency landing on the side of an airport runway in western Palm Beach County on Friday, Jan. 4. Palm Beach County Fire

Rescue officials stated that the pilot and passenger in the plane were not injured.

Sheriff deputies stated that the plane hooked to the right when the pilot attempted to land the plane.

•On Saturday, Jan. 5, a patient was transported to Lakeside Medical Center after being in a boating accident at Paul Rardin Park. Rescue units were advised that one person was in the water and being brought ashore by boat.

No information was available as of press time on the status of the person

who was injured.

•On Sunday, Jan. 6, a patient was taken to Lakeside Medical Center with minor injuries after the person's car fell into a canal near Northeast Third Street. Said car was filled up to the windows with water when Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue arrived on the scene.

In this case, the person was fortunate enough to have been rescued from the car, escaping a potentially deadly situation.

Kelvin Taylor Contributes to Team Highlight's Win in UA All-American Game

GLADES DAY LEGEND
NOW AT FLORIDA AFTER
UNDER ARMOUR
SHOWCASE

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

The Kelvin Taylor era is now officially over - at least on the high school level.

To cap off the running back's magnificent high school football career, the Glades Day legend didn't put up eye-popping numbers during the 2013 Under Armour All-American Game at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg on Jan. 4.

In Team Highlight's 16-3 win over Team Nitro, Kelvin Taylor (ESPN Recruiting Nation's No. 1 RB; No. 15 overall player in ESPN's recruiting rankings) had just 4 carries for 17 yards and 2 catches for 3 yards. But one of Kelvin Taylor's carries - a 14-yard run that reached Nitro's 6-yard line - directly led to the game's only score on the very next play.

With 12:02 left in the first half, Team Highlight quarterback Cooper Bateman threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Team Highlight wide receiver Josh McNeil to give his team a 10-0 lead they would never relinquish.

"I'm glad we were able to get a score on that play, but I thought Kelvin Taylor was going to put it in the end zone," Bateman said. "The line was solid on that drive and Kelvin just kept battling out there. He took us down there and made a big play."

In what turned out to be a defensive game - Team Highlight MVP Vernon Hargreaves III (Tampa Wharton

cornerback; ESPN Recruiting's No. 1 CB) led his team with 5 tackles, a pass breakup and a second-half interception - it really wasn't about the stats anyone put up.

In all honesty, Team Highlight gained just 139 yards in the game, while Team Nitro was limited to 88 total yards.

Nonetheless, Kelvin Taylor's teammates were still gushing about his abilities and his potential as a running back for the University of Florida.

"Kelvin Taylor's going to be big-time," Team Highlight WR Alvin Bailey said. "He didn't get a lot of chances, but every time he touched the ball, he made the most of it."

Hargreaves III concurred.

"He's fast and can make you miss," said Hargreaves, who is a fellow Florida commit. "He runs hard and can run you over. I can't say enough about him and the rest of our Florida commits."

Kelvin Taylor, who enrolled early as a college freshman at Florida earlier this week, recapped the game's action.

"I proved that I could play with anybody," Kelvin Taylor. "I'm very thankful to God and to Under Armour for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It was an experience I'll never forget. I had a whole lot of fun out there. I'm now focused on helping Florida get back on top."

Team Highlight head coach Herm Edwards, a former NFL head coach for the New York Jets (2001-2005) and Kansas City Chiefs (2006-2008), raved about how Kelvin Taylor performed throughout the week, which included

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Inland Birding Fun: Whooping Crane Update (WHCR)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

In the 1940's Whooping Cranes were on the verge of extinction with fewer than 20 birds in the wild.

Of the 600 that currently exist, only about 445 are found in the wild, with 115 of these being in the Eastern United States.



Margaret England

The migratory population has increased through the efforts of the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP), International Crane Foundation (ICF), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and

other organizations.

Over the years, twelve groups of Whooping Cranes have been lead by ultralights from Wisconsin to their wintering grounds at St. Marks Wildlife Refuge on Florida's Gulf Coast.

For eight years a second method, Direct Autumn Release (DAR), has been used to rear and reintroduce groups of first time migratory cranes.

At research facilities in Wisconsin the chicks are often raised next to and then later visited by wild adult Whooping Cranes who serve as imprinting models. Biologists at ICF's facilities wear costumes in order to mask the human form prior to the juvenile bird's release.

The young birds are released at locations where they can learn the migration route from older cranes. The six fall 2012 DAR Whooping Cranes were released on Oct. 23.

These Whooping Cranes are monitored by the Eastern Whooping Crane Partnership using transmitters and each crane has unique leg bands. The 2012 DAR Whooping Cranes have all completed their migration to Florida. Lily (14-12, male) migrated with Sandhill Cranes in November and is currently in Volusia County.

The other five arrived at a ranch in south Hendry County on November 9 and stayed together for several weeks. Currently, Tussock (13-12, female) and Cypress (15-12, male) are in Broward County. Sedge (12-12, male), Fireweed (16-12, male), and Rush (17-12, female) are in southern Hendry County. Fireweed was observed this past week at Devils Garden Bird Park.

For information about the park tours go to



PHOTO / RHONDA ROFF

Juvenile Whooping Crane.

www.devilsgardenbirdpark.com.

The transmitters on the DAR 2012 shifted to winter mode this week and will only transmit data every three to four days. Please submit your observations and photos to Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership at www.bringbackthecranes.org.

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP) "asks anyone who encounters a whooping crane in the wild to please give them the respect and distance they need. Do not approach birds on foot within 200 yards; remain in your vehicle; do not approach in a vehicle any closer than 100 yards.

Also, please remain concealed and do not speak loudly enough that the birds can hear you.

Finally, do not trespass on private property in an attempt to view or photograph whooping cranes (WCEP)."

Join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding or photography trips. You and your guests are invited participate in upcoming birding trips from Jan. 19 to 26 at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5).

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the new STA5 Deer Fence Trailhead. To make a reservation please e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or phone 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.

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Belle Glade Elementary

Eagle Rewards

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

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

iConnect is a weekly e-newsletter that will keep stakeholders informed and connected with the academic success at BGE. They feel that this initiative will assist them as they 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:

- Jan. 26

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

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 14: Tutorial, grades 3rd - 5th

Pioneer Park Elementary

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!

Rosenwald Elementary

28th Annual Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest

Rosenwald Elementary will be having its 28th Annual Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria of Pioneer Park Elementary. Rosenwald Elementary is currently located on the campus of Pioneer Park. Progress reports for all students will go home this week, so parents should review this information with their child.

Fair Tickets: Tickets to the South Florida Fair will be going home with students next Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Tutorial:

Saturday tutorial for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will begin this Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. A letter from the principal which includes all tutorial dates was sent home with students on Tuesday.

Math tutorial for 5th grade students will begin Wednesday or Thursday of next week. 5th grade students will receive permission slips indicating which day they will attend.

Rosenwald Elementary will begin its Student of the Week and Student of the Month recognition program next week. Stay tuned to see who will be selected.

Curriculum Night for 2nd grade parents/students will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 5:15 p.m. in the Media Center.

The School Advisory Council (S.A.C.) Meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

United M.B. Church 14th Pastoral Appreciation

On Saturday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m. there will be a "Brunch" honoring Sister Donna White. It will be held at 360 East Main Street at the City of Pahokee Wellness Center.

From Jan. 14 to Jan. 18, there will be a weekly service held at United M.B.Church at 7:30 p.m., honoring our pastor, Reverend James White. Services will be climaxing on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please come out and help us celebrate a preacher, teacher and visionary. May God bless each of you for your continual support.

For further information, you may contact Sister Allie Biggs at 561-449-5914 or Sister Deolores Maxey at 561-985-6242.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Festivities

The City of Belle Glade invites you to participate in the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade to be held on Monday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Honoring the Dream through Soul Music."

If you are interested in entering a float, car or walking unity in the parade, please stop by the City Hall Chambers and pick up an application. Return it to any member of the committee or to Mary O. Evans by email: mevans@belleglade-fl.com or fax 561-992-2221 by Monday, Jan. 14.

The Parade line up will begin at 9 a.m. on the east side of Lake Shore Middle School.

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Clyde Butcher Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary With President's Weekend Open House

The public is invited to join famed photographer Clyde Butcher and his wife Niki for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Big Cypress Gallery in the Florida Everglades.

The anniversary weekend activities will take place at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery in the Big Cypress Preserve, Western Everglades during the annual open house on Feb. 16 to 18.

During the three-day President's weekend event, guests are invited to meet the photographer, take guided swamp tours, and learn about Butcher's 20 years of displaying unique and beautiful black and white photography at the gallery.

"Twenty years! It seems like yesterday that we began the joy of hard work creating the dream of Big Cypress Gallery in a setting surrounded by the peace of over a million acres of wilderness," said Clyde Butcher.

"The public has been a big part of that dream, and we invite everyone to join with us as we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Big Cypress Gallery," he said.

Butcher will be in the gallery all three days to greet guests and autograph books from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m.

This rare opportunity to meet the photographer will also feature family friendly activities throughout the weekend including speakers throughout the day: Rangers from the Big Cypress National Preserve, Friends of Big Cypress, Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge and more.

There will also be guided wet swamp walks where visitors can explore the beautiful nature preserve right in the backyard of the gallery.

Guests interested in taking part in a wet swamp walk are asked to bring a bag lunch and reserve a space online in advance.

The times are as follows:

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids under 18 are free.

Free guided dry walks will leave every half hour with no reservation required.

Clyde Butcher's black and white photographs explore his personal relationship with the environment.

For more than forty years, he has been preserving on film the untouched areas of the land-

scape. His images are captured with an 8"x 10", 11"x 14", and 12"x 20" view camera.

The large format camera allows him to express the elaborate detail and textures that distinguish the intricacy of the landscape. The photographs range in sizes from 8"x 10" inches to 5'x 8' feet.

Recent projects include work for Florida's "Save Our Rivers" program, the South Florida Water Management District, the D.E.P., Divisions of State Lands, the Bureau of Submerged Lands and Preserves, Everglades National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, River Keepers, and the Wilderness Society.

Clyde has been honored by the state of Florida with the highest award that can be given a private citizen: the Artist Hall of Fame Award.

He was also privileged to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American Nature Photography Association and given the honor of being the Humanitarian of the Year for 2005 from International University.

He has also received the Heartland Community Service Award from the state of Florida for

educating the people of Florida about the beauty of their state.

The Sierra Club has given him the Ansel Adams Conservation Award, which is given to a photographer who shows excellence in photography and has contributed to the public awareness of the environment.

A large selection of Clyde's photography can be seen at his Venice Gallery & Studio in Venice, Florida, and at his Big Cypress Gallery, which is located on thirteen acres in the center of the Everglades, mid-way between Naples and Miami on Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41), in the Big Cypress National Preserve.

The gallery is surrounded by more than a million acres of National Park wetlands and cypress strands of wild Florida.

For more information go to www.clydebutcher.com/events.cfm



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December 2012 Rainfall is Scattered Throughout South Florida

December proved to be a month of contrasts where rain fell across the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)

Jupiter experienced a nearly 10-inch rainfall event on December 11, while Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties were more than an inch below average for the entire month. The Southwest Coast was slightly above average, while the East Caloosahatchee Basin was slightly below average.

"This variability of where the rain fell across the District shows the challenges we face in estimating where we will be later in the dry season," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "Fortunately, water levels in most areas remain well positioned at

this point in the dry season."

For the month, an average of 1.93 inches of rain fell across the District's 16 counties, representing 102 percent of average, or 0.04 inches above average.

The Lower Kissimmee Basin experienced the most rainfall for an entire basin, with 3.60 inches, representing 202 percent of average, or 1.82 inches above average. Eastern Miami-Dade County was among the driest areas, with 0.59 inches, representing 31 percent of average, or 1.32 inches below average.

Lake Okeechobee stood at 14.97 feet NGVD today, which is 0.23 inches above its average for this time of year. The lake stood at 15.08 feet NGVD a month ago.



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'Burrowing Owls and Moorhen Chicks'

Enthusiastic and entertaining Cape Coral wildlife photographer, Dan Tudor, will present a new slide-show and video clips of "Burrowing Owls and Moorhen Chicks" at the Hendry County Audubon Society program at 7 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 14. This free public program will be held at the Cooperative Extension, Dallas Townsend Building located at 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. Dan is well known for his Burrowing Owl slide-shows and video presentations at Cape Coral's Annual Burrowing Owl Festival and other various nature organizations throughout Southwest Florida. If time permits, Dan will share some images from his recent trip to Vancouver Island, B.C. of Beautiful Scenery Grizzly Bears enjoying Salmon. For more information contact Butch Wilson at 863-983-2870 or Margaret England at 863-674-0695 sta5birding@embarqmail.com. Visit the Hendry-Glades Audubon website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org or "like" us on Facebook.

Take a Bite Out of Your Family's Food Bills in the New Year

If it seems like your grocery store bills are getting bigger, you're not imagining it: food prices are on the rise, and poised to go higher.

Scarce rainfall plus last summer's record-breaking heat wave resulted in scorched crops in many of the nation's grain-producing regions.

The reduced fall harvest has created higher prices at the supermarket now, for products ranging from boxes of cereal to bottles of soda, and from bacon to beef. The World Bank has even warned that high and volatile food prices may be the "new normal."

Buy fewer processed food products

That means buying fresh fruit instead of processed packaged fruit snacks, or peanuts in the shell rather than shelled, roasted and salted peanuts in a can. Less processing equals greater value, explains Kara Newman, author of "The Secret Financial Life of Food: From Commodities Markets to Supermarkets."

"When you buy packaged food, only 15 to 20 cents of every dollar goes toward the raw commodities used in that product," Newman says, citing a USDA study that focused on price inputs for a typical box of corn flakes.

In that box, 15 percent to 20 percent of the price goes toward the raw corn, she explains -- the rest goes toward processing, transportation and fuel, advertising, and other expenses related to getting a box on a retail shelf.

Try out "Meatless Mondays"

Consider preparing vegetarian meals at least once a week. In 2012, the steepest food price increases were among beef and veal, and poultry products, according to USDA figures -- and those products are expected to trend higher still in 2013.

By comparison, fresh vegetables were the only category that saw a decline in prices last year. Can't bear to go completely veggie? Try subbing eggs, dairy and fish for beef and poultry -- those products have had slightly gentler price increases.

Cut out the middleman

"One of the secrets nobody tells you is that you can opt out of buying 'commodity products'

if you want," Newman notes. "To do that, shop at greenmarkets where you can buy direct from farmers and other food producers."

There are many different factors that influence food prices and many ways the financial markets influence prices in the supermarket, points out Newman, whose new book, "The Secret Financial Life of Food," explores the mysteries behind culinary trends, grocery pricing, and restaurant dining.

Thankfully, there also are many different ways you can help lower your family's food bills.

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The local branches of the Palm Beach County Library System are preparing for a busy February, with plenty of fun activities and chances for local kids and adults to take full advantage of their local library offerings.

Belle Glade branch

They are located at 530 South Main Street in Belle Glade. For more information, please contact them at 561-996-3453.

Adult

Between the Covers: Adult Book Discussion Series on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m.

Sonja Lutz will discuss "Saving Ruth," by Zoe Fishman. Sign up and check out the book.

Child

Family Story Times on Monday, Feb. 4 and 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Fun stories, puppets and films for kids, moms and dads. Ages 2-5.

- Feb. 4: Frogs
- Feb. 11: Valentine's Day

Family Story Times/Bilingual on Monday, Feb. 4 and 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Fun stories, puppets, and a film in Spanish for kids, moms, and dads. Ages 4-8.

What's All that Jazz About? with Shenole Latimer on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the colorful and expressive American music known as jazz through listening games, humorous demonstrations, and storytelling in this highly interactive and fun presentation with jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer.

South Bay branch

They are located at 375 S.W. 2nd Avenue in South Bay. For more information, please contact them at 561-992-8393.

Adult

Between the Covers: Adult Book Discussion Series on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Esther Berry will discuss "What Alice Forgot," by Lisa Moriarty. Sign up and check out the book.

Child

What's All that Jazz About? with Shenole Latimer on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 4 p.m.

Learn about the colorful and expressive American music known as jazz through listening games, humorous demonstrations, and storytelling in this highly interactive and fun presentation with jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer.

Bee My Valentine on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 3:45 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a cute craft that you are sure to buzz about. Ages 5-10.

President's Day on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

Celebrate President's Day with a craft and a movie. Ages 5-10.

Pahokee branch

They are located at 525 Bacom Point Road in Pahokee. For more information, please contact them at 561-924-5928.

Child

Fun Fridays every Friday at 3:45 p.m.

Participants "pick" their fun from a broad selection of games and art supplies. Ages 5 and up.

Story Times on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 10 and 10:45 a.m.

Stories and creative themed activities for children. Ages 3-5.

- Feb. 5 and 7: Love
- Feb. 12 and 14: Creative Writing
- Feb. 19 and 21: Heroes
- Feb. 26 and 28: Art

Reading Buddies every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Share your favorite books with a teen buddy and play literacy games. Grades K-5.

What's All that Jazz About? with Shenole Latimer on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.

Learn about the colorful and expressive American music known as jazz through listening games, humorous demonstrations, and storytelling in this highly interactive and fun presentation with jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer.

"I Have A Dream" Talent Program on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Students will showcase their talent through a variety of arts, tipping their hats to the inspirational writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All ages.

Thrilling Thursdays every Thursday at 3:45 p.m.

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Olla Vene Weeks, 91

Olla Vene Weeks passed away on Jan. 3, 2013. She had three daughters, one sister, three brothers, seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She lived a life devoted in love to her family.

A grave-site memorial service for Olla Vene Weeks will be held at ForeverGlades Memorial Cemetery, 1500 Gator Blvd., Belle Glade, Fla. on Jan. 12, 2013 at 1 p.m.

Olla Vene was loved by many and will be greatly missed. We can be assured she is now celebrating her new life in heaven with Jesus Christ! Please join us to honor the life of a strong and courageous woman.



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Corps Announces Re-Opening of Trail Section

Continues work in other locations

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that a section of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail from Moore Haven Lock north to Lakeport was recently re-opened after being closed temporarily during construction. Hikers, bicyclists and other recreationalists can enjoy more than ten miles of newly paved trail on the west side of Lake Okeechobee.

The 110-mile trail encircles Lake Okeechobee atop the 35-foot high Herbert Hoover Dike and provides excellent views of the lake as well as opportunities for fishing, bird watching and photography. Maintenance and rehabilitation work continues on other areas of the Herbert

Hoover Dike.

The section of the trail between Clewiston and South Bay remains closed to facilitate delivery of stone used for shoring up the dike in emergency situations. This closure will only be in effect during the workweek (Mon.-Fri); the trail will be open on weekends and holidays at this location.

The trail remains closed between Moore Haven and Uncle Joe's Fish Camp/Liberty Point to accommodate replacement of Culverts 1 and 1A, and between Belle Glade and Port Mayaca for replacement of Culverts 11 and 16 as well as ongoing work associated with the recently installed cutoff wall.

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The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in		Shift in	
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both	County Taxable Value		Taxes	
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested	Withdrawn or settled	Due to Board Actions			
Residential	0	0	0	2	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Commercial	0	0	0	3	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	2	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	10	10	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	10	0	2	12	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	6	23	17	\$ -116,472	\$ -116,472	\$ -899.27	\$ -899.27
TOTALS	0	10	6	42	48	\$ -116,472	\$ -116,472	\$ -899.27	\$ -899.27

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.

*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.

Chair's name	Al Perry	Phone	863-227-3757	ext.	
Clerk's name	Anita Bischel, VAB Clerk	Phone	863-675-5218	ext.	

UF/IFAS Expert Helps Solve 80-Year Mystery

BY TOM NORDLIE
UF

An 80-year search for a tree killer has ended, says a University of Florida forest pathologist who helped identify the fungus that virtually wiped out the Florida Torreya and fears it may threaten other species.

The fungus infects more than 90 percent of wild Florida Torreyas in their native range, which covers parts of North Florida and South Georgia close to the Apalachicola River, said Jason Smith, an associate professor with UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation, part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Smith is part of a research team that discovered the fungus, *Fusarium torreyae*, and formally described it in the journal *Mycologia*. Personnel from Atlanta Botanical Garden and the state Department of Environmental Protection are also involved.

"Over the years, the most common hypothesis was that a disease was killing Torreya," Smith said. "But nobody had pinned down the cause until now. Now we hope to use this information to conserve the species and make some progress toward re-establishing the tree in its native range."

The Florida Torreya is a primitive evergreen related to pines and firs. Once logged for its rot-resistant wood, the tree began dying off in the 1930s. Today, it's one of the world's rarest tree species, found primarily in Torreya State Park in Florida's Liberty County.

Though all adult Florida Torreyas are gone, the species may continue to survive in the wild in a stunted form.

Many of the remaining Torreya stumps send up healthy young shoots that survive until the fungus infects and kills them, usually about the time the shoots are 3 feet tall. A mature Florida Torreya tree can be 75 feet tall.

A few of the wild specimens are disease-free, and Smith says one of the research team's priorities is to conduct genetic testing to determine whether those trees possess natural resistance to the fungus. If so, it may be possible to induce

resistance in other Florida Torreyas through conventional breeding or other means.

The team is also raising healthy Florida Torreyas from seed. Some are being returned to the wild, but their prospects are uncertain. After extensive surveying, the researchers concluded that the fungus is present throughout the tree's native range.

To give those transplanted specimens a fighting chance, the researchers carefully select and prepare planting sites, amending soil and removing vegetation that might compete for sunlight.

"There's some hope," Smith said. "If we can reduce the stress on the tree by growing it under different conditions, we might be able to boost its natural resistance to the fungus."

The team also plans to analyze the fungus and investigate ways to manage it. Researchers believe the pathogen is not native to the United States, but determining its origins could be difficult.

The *Fusarium* genus is large and widely distributed around the globe, and scientists believe many species remain undetected in their natural habitats.

If the fungus' natural habitat is found, researchers may be able to pinpoint natural enemies useful in controlling the disease.

Ironically, Smith's biggest concern about the fungus doesn't even concern the Florida Torreya tree. He's afraid it will infect Fraser fir and red spruce trees, economically important species shown to be highly sensitive to the fungus.

Those trees grow in the Appalachian Mountains, several hundred miles north of the Florida Torreya's native range. In theory, they should be safe. However, a group of environmental activists has been raising Florida Torreya trees and planting them in the wild, including parts of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The activists say they believe the species was once native to the Southern Appalachian Mountains and want to re-establish it there. But Smith is worried they'll end up introducing the fungus.

"Almost all the cultivated Torreya trees we've seen have been infected," he said. "So we're con-



PHOTO / UF

Jason Smith, an associate professor with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, poses with a wild Florida Torreya tree at Torreya State Park in Liberty County, Fla., in this undated file photo. Smith is part of a research team that identified a pathogen responsible for killing adult Torreya trees since the 1930s. The culprit is a fungus, which the team described in a recent issue of the journal *Mycologia*. UF/IFAS photo by Adam Black

cerned that one of these Torreya being planted in the Appalachians could end up leading to infection of spruce and fir trees. The consequences could be disastrous."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE RODINA SECTOR PLAN POLICIES

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **January 22, 2013, 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider adoption of the Rodina Sector Plan policies to the Future Land Use Element and Map of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE 2013-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, BY REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICIES (ORDINANCE 2011-08) FOR THE RODINA SECTOR PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION IV, E. CONFORMING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, OF THE CONVERSION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available beginning Tuesday, January 15, 2013, for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

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

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Health Care District of Palm Beach County Receives Federal Grant to Fund Primary Care at Health Centers

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County has been awarded a U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant that will support the District's new role as a provider of primary care services at the Palm Beach County Health Department's four public health clinics.

This is the first step in a collaborative process between the Health Care District and the Health Department that will allow nearly 64,000 adult and pediatric patients each year to continue to receive primary care at these Federally Qualified Health Centers.

"We are proud to be a recipient of the HRSA grant as it will enable the Health Care District to preserve the primary care safety net in our county for low-income and medically needy residents," stated Ronald J. Wiewora, MD, MPH, the Health Care District's Chief Executive Officer and Chief

Medical Officer. "By assuming operation of this long-standing and vital clinic network, the Health Care District maintains critical access points of care for our most medically underserved residents."

The transition process will take approximately six months to implement and involves adult and pediatric services at the health clinics in West Palm Beach, Lantana/Lake Worth, Delray Beach and Belle Glade. The Palm Beach County Health Department will continue to provide these services at the sites during the transition period.

The other services provided at these facilities (including WIC, Dental, Family Planning, Homeless Care, Communicable Disease testing and counseling, maternity, immunizations, health coverage counseling, and Legal Aid services) will continue to operate as normal in the current

clinic locations.

"I thank HRSA for recognizing the importance this initiative has on improving the health of our community," said Benjamin Frank, Esq., Chair of the Health Care District's Board of Commissioners. "By assuming this new role, the Health Care District has an opportunity to provide residents across the county with a medical home model focused on delivering quality care."

Many of the patients served at the health centers are members of the Health Care District's health coverage programs. The Health Care District's Eligibility Offices and Pharmacies are also located at the four sites.

"We are working closely with the Health Care District to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for staff and patients," said Alina M. Alonso, MD, Palm Beach County Health Department Di-

rector and member of the Health Care District Board of Commissioners. "We are proud to be partners as we collaborate to serve the health needs of our community."

Transition plans include the implementation of an Electronic Health Record system as well as the hiring of a 78-member medical team, including doctors, nurses and related support personnel, to serve the primary care needs of existing and future patients.

"By working side-by-side with the Health Department, we have an opportunity to learn from their experience and wealth of knowledge," stated José A. Rodriguez, RPh, MBA, Chief Health Operations Officer for the Health Care District.

Three on Three Basketball Tournament

BY IRMA WOODS
Lake Shore Middle School

Lake Shore Middle School took part in the annual Palm Beach County Middle School 'After School 3 on 3 Tournament' for the first time on Dec. 1, 2012. One co-ed team and five male teams boarded the bus that Saturday morning to have fun and practice their sportsmanship, which were filled with excitement and lead by very well-mannered young men.

The intent of this tournament was to give young men who normally wouldn't have the opportunity to play on their Middle School team the chance to participate in organized basketball. All teams had to abide by the rules of passing the ball at least four times before the team could

take a shot. The ideal was to also show teamwork. Viewing the courts and seeing the students that represented Lake Shore, they did just that; worked as a team.

In the beginning it took some time, getting used to some of the newer players, but as the older guys took them under their wings the picture unfolded. In this picture one could view teamwork, sportsmanship, mentorship and leadership. The eighth grade boys lead with exemplary character and winning attitudes, on and off the court. I was touched when I saw an eighth grade student take a 6th grade student who just love the sport but didn't know the technique of the game. He pulled the sixth grader to the side and began to show him different screens and

picks. My heart was touched because purpose had been fulfilled.

In attendance were 26 students: 23 boys, three girls, five chaperons. There were a total of six teams. Only one team made it to the play-off and they had a record of 5-1. They were tied in the playoff and had to compete in a free throw shot off. It is sad to say that we lost the free throw

shot and were defeated by one free throw.

Although they were tired from a long day of blood sweat and tears, they left all of their efforts out on the court. Our students left with their heads held high.

I must say that after a long day being out with our students it was truly an enjoyable one where I didn't have to put out many fires, if any at all.

The Girls II Women Holiday Experience

Girls II Women is a nonprofit organization which was established in 1997 to help girls in under-served neighborhoods in Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach and Belle Glade to achieve their full personal and professional potential. Girls II Women educates, inspires and motivates girls, helping them build their self-esteem, knowledge, awareness and social skills.

The girls involved in Girls II Women are eager to excel in school, succeed in college and make personal and career choices that will help them build successful and fulfilling futures. We strive to equip these bright, forward-thinking students with the tools they need by:

- Introducing them to people, places, events and opportunities they may not otherwise experience

- Offering a network of mentors, which includes professional women who live and work in Palm Beach County

On Oct. 20, 2012, the girls from Lake Shore Middle School attended an Etiquette Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. The Etiquette Lun-

cheon educated the girls on how to use proper etiquette while allowing the girls to enjoy a well-prepared meal and to experience a prestigious tour of the Ritz. During the tour they received treats, such as cupcakes, after each stop. After the tour, they went to the Kid's room where that had the opportunity to use Mac computers, play music in the DJ Booth, dress up in different outfits and paint each other's nails.

The Girls II Women participants from Lake Shore Middle and Roosevelt Middle also enjoyed a Holiday Experience at The Flagler Museum in Palm Beach on Dec. 2, 2012.

They experience holiday traditions like the Annual Tree Lighting where they met Santa Claus, enjoyed refreshments, heard music on the historic organ and watch as Henry Flagler's youngest descendants light the Grand Hall Christmas Tree. The participants toured the Flagler Museum and learn the origins of American Christmas traditions. They also enjoyed lunch at the Breakers.



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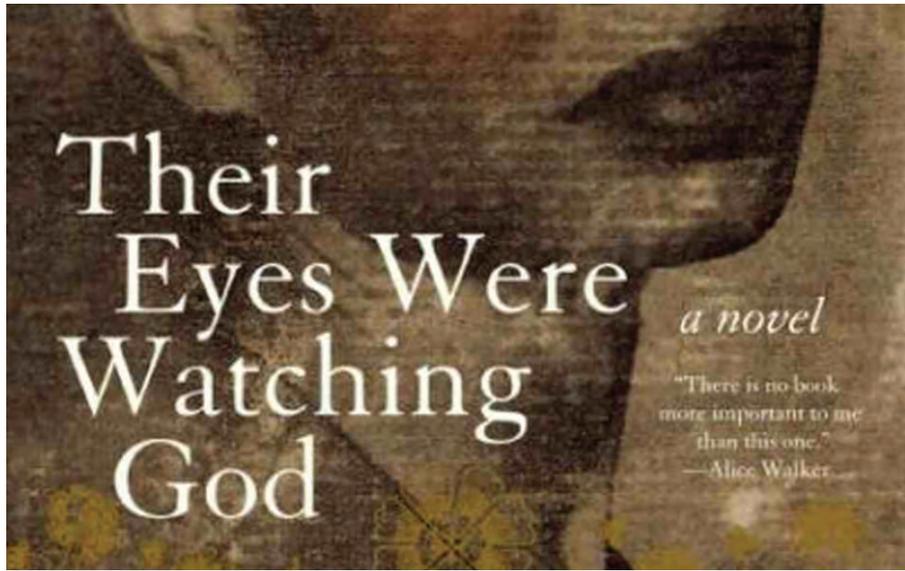
STEPHANIE HAYES ROBERTSON

On December 14, 2012, Stephanie Hayes Robertson graduated from Edison State College with her Bachelors in Science Degree in Elementary Education along with her Reading Endorsement, ESOL Endorsement and Exceptional Education Certification.

Stephanie is the wife of Jamie Robertson, and the mother of Corie and Travis Robertson. Stephanie earned her degree while working full time at GCSB and graduated with a 3.50 GPA. Stephanie will be employed by Glades County School Board as a Middle School Reading Teacher.

We are so proud of you!! Love always, Jamie, Corie and Travis.





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Program on Zora Neale Hurston

The Clewiston Museum is hosting an event this Thursday, January 10, at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker is Virginia Moylan. She will present a program on Zora Neale Hurston, the famous black writer that once lived in Belle Glade and Ft. Pierce. Mrs. Zora Hurston wrote several novels, but her greatest literary work was “Their Eyes were Watching God,” a story about several black families living in the Glades when the devastating Hurricane of 1928 struck. Virginia Moylan’s presentation is based on her recent book publication of Zora Neale Hurston’s life. Please come join us and enjoy a relaxing evening at the Clewiston Museum. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, contact the Clewiston Museum at 863-983-2870.

Religion Column

Epiphany: Wise Men and A Babe

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

I suppose the first Christian “converts” were the three Wise Men who visited the Lord at His birth. They were astrologers, believed to be originally from the Persian Empire of the day according to some scholars.

They were consulted by King Herod, who wished to use them to locate the Lord (Matthew 2:7) in order to kill Him and they searched out the Christ-child. Upon finding Him, they “were overjoyed (v. 10)” and left gifts. Obviously, the infant had a profound effect on them; and they did not return to Herod but went to their home country ‘by another route(v. 12).’”

A dream warned them to avoid participating in Herod’s evil: the meeting with the babe changed them and God revealed to them another calling. Many attribute Saint Paul as being the first Christian convert and I can well understand such an assignation. I also see God at work in human lives throughout history; setting the stage and converting paths; subtly and not-so-subtly calling people and changing lives. This season in the Church year for many Christians is the season of epiphany. It is a Greek word; meaning “manifestation,” “making evident” or “making known.”

This is what had happened with the Wise Men and why they have become associated with this season of the Church year: it is what happens in our lives and the lives of countless others when the Lord becomes known to them. It is the realization of God at work; of God’s presence and His personal contact with each of us.

The Wise Men certainly did find more than they imagined. A trip to investigate a birth turned out to be a life-changing event. That’s how it is for all who find God at work in their lives. Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3) becomes curious while shepherding one day; a bush is burning but not consumed.

He investigates and his curiosity leads him to encounter God. Saul on the road to Tarsus, with a mandate to persecute the Lord’s disciples (Acts 9:1), finds God manifested on the road to Damascus and his life is totally converted. The story of these manifestations go on throughout history and well into our own day and age. More importantly, they go on in your life and mine.

God manifests Himself to us; as we become aware of it, we are changed and the journeys of our lives continue in new and unexpected directions. The season of Epiphany can be a time of giving thanks for what God has done; not only for others but for each of us. God has made and continues to make Himself present as we each one day encounter our burning bushes or road to Damascus or call to not participate in evils. He is manifest in our celebrations and our joys, our moments of thanksgiving for unexpected blessings, our realization at times that we get better than deserved, our appreciation of those sent into our lives.

I am thankful for the many people that have guided me along the paths where I have found myself in my life; in the ones God has sent to be inspirations and mentors, in the things they have shared and shown me. The Lord’s manifestation that became an epiphany to the Wise Men continues; what’s more, it is something special and personal to each of us. This is the time I give thanks to God for His manifestation in my life; my epiphanies.

CORPS

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Contractors are using heavy construction vehicles and large equipment within all of these areas. Truck traffic on the roads is a constant flow, and any additional traffic on the narrow trail or

dike crest poses a safety hazard for recreationalists and equipment operators.

“We recognize the inconvenience caused by these closures,” said Robert Schnell, assistant chief of the Corps’ South Florida Operations Office (SFOO) in Clewiston, “However, safety for our workers and the general public is something we take very seriously. We want to keep people out of harm’s way when necessary, but we are always pleased to announce improvements and the re-opening of sections of the trail for public use.”

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Applicants must possess skills and abilities including, but not limited to, managing all aspects of public works, budget preparation, utilities, inter-governmental relations, economic and community development, and be proficient in the use of computers. Applicants must be able to recognize their role in keeping the city commission fully advised of all city matters, including financial conditions and the forecast of future needs of the City. City residency is required within three months of hire.

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- *918 ac former Shrimp Farm So. Clewiston \$6.5K per acre
- *N. Francisco Res. Lot \$25K Owner Financing
- *2 Residential lots horseshoe acres starting at \$2,250
- *2.5 acre Lots, Pioneer, w/imp starting at \$24,9K

COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT

- *Moore Haven Medical Office w/Equipment for sale or lease
- *Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 \$350K
- *Industrial/Rail Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
- *Hwy 27, 14, 279 sq. ft. Commercial Building \$349K
- *525 E El Paso Office w/apt. excellent condition \$105K
- *Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
- *.35 ac. Corner Lot - East of Bello's Jewelry \$65K
- *2/1 Duplex Margaret St. Reduced \$55K
- *316 Bond St. 1773 sq. ft. Apt lrg. lot \$179,500/lease \$1400 pe mo

RENTALS

- *3/2.5 Town Homes \$1,000 mo.
- *4/2 on 5 ac. (2150 Panama Ave.) \$1400 mo.
- *2/1 Townhomes Lopez St. \$650 mo. (low move in cost!)
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Resolve to Save More of Your Money in 2013

Two of the most commonly made and commonly broken New Year's resolutions are saving money and paying off debt. These are promises we all seem to make to ourselves every year with every intention of seeing through. But somehow, we wind up in the same spot we were before.

So how can you make sure that 2013 is the year you take control of your finances and start making your money work for you?

- Figure out what your objectives are -- be it

paying off debt, buying a first home, or saving for vacation. Identifying your goals can help you stay motivated. Consider placing a visual reminder somewhere you'll see all the time, like the refrigerator.

- Many people have no idea how much money they spend monthly. Creating a spending plan is vital if you want to make your money do for you what you want it to. If you share your finances with someone else, make sure he or she

is part of this process as well.

- Many financial services companies offer free tools to help you easily see what you've been spending and ways you can save. For example, the non-profit Family Credit Management offers spending plans, savings guides and a comprehensive personal financial goals workbook that help you to lay out a strong plan in an easy way. Visit www.FamilyCredit.org to see these and other financial tools.

- Make the small changes that add up to big savings. Most people have small expenses that they can live without. Maybe for you it's a coffee every morning on your way to work. If you do this every weekday, that adds up to \$1,300 per year! If that's important to you, then fine. But if it's not worth the annual amount you're spending, cut the cost.

The idea is not to strip the fun from your life, but to save money on things that you really don't care about. For more areas to save in your daily life, visit www.StopThinkSave.org.

- Involve your whole family. Many parents feel the need to shelter kids from financial strain, but budgeting is an invaluable life lesson that you can teach them by including them in the process.

- Ask for help! If you feel you could use some guidance, reach out to a certified credit counselor who is licensed by your state's banking department and has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. Visit www.FamilyCredit.org to find a certified counselor.

- Finally, figure out what to do with your new found savings! If you're not sure where you'd like to keep or invest your money, you can visit bankrate.com and investigate high interest, low balance requirement savings accounts.

Once you've completed these steps, you are on your way! Saving money is habit forming -- when you get your monthly statement and you see money building up, you'll want to put more and more away. It's a great way to get started on a financially successful New Year.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Early morning fire in Belle Glade

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, at a little after 3:30 a.m. crews from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Battalion 7 responded to a reported house fire in the 500 block of SE 2nd St in Belle Glade. First arriving crews from Station 73 were met with heavy fire conditions. The crews worked quickly to extinguish the fire and to keep it from extending to neighboring trees and houses. A resident of the house was found by the firefighters and had died. No firefighters or other citizens were injured. The exact cause of death of the resident and the cause of the fire are under investigation.



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.

Andrew Harold, 25



- Cocaine possession, w/ intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver
- Arrested Jan. 2
- Released Jan. 3 on bond

Cintelle Schoolfield, 33



- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested Jan. 3

Rayko Mora Guerra, 26



- Kidnap, false imprisonment, child under 13 years of age
- Arrested Jan. 4

Masoniek Stinfort, 27



- Carrying concealed weapon, firearm
- Arrested Jan. 5
- Released Jan. 6 on bond

Paul S. Simpson, 50



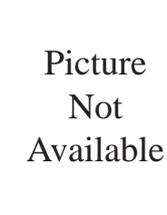
- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Jan. 7
- Released Jan. 7

Tamia Small, 35



- Aggravated battery, causing bodily harm or disability
- Arrested Jan. 6
- Released Jan. 7 on bond

Malisa L. Smith, 25



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Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman Hendry County Tourist Development Council 434132 CN/CB 1/10/2013

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 11000372CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, VS. AGUSTIN DERAS; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AGUSTIN DERAS, IF ANY; REYNALDO DERAS; IF ANY; UNKNOWNT SPOUSE OF REYNALDO DERAS, IF ANY; JOHN DOE OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN POSSESSION; All Unknown Parties Claiming By, Through, Under Or Against The Named Defendants, Whether Living Or Not, And Whether Said Unknown Parties Claims As Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, Or In Any Other Capacity Claiming By, Through Under Or Against The Named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s): AGUSTIN DERAS 3631 FORT ADAMS AVENUE FORT DENAUD, FLORIDA 33935 AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AGUSTIN DERAS 3631 FORT ADAMS AVENUE FORT DENAUD, FLORIDA 33035

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION FOR Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 4, BLOCK 9, FORT DENAUD ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 108, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Street Address: 3631 Fort Adams Avenue, Fort Denaud, Florida 33935 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Moskowitz, Mandell, Salm & Simowitz, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Fort Lauderdale, FLORIDA 33334 or before February 9, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Clewiston News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of January, 2013.

BY: /S/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, phone (863) 675-5229, e-mail doliver@ca.jcs20.org as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled appearance or other court activity. 433975 CN 1/10, 17/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 17th, 2013, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, 125 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935 If a quorum is not established, the alternative date is Thursday, Jan. 24th, 2013 at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman Hendry County Tourist Development Council 434132 CN/CB 1/10/2013

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262008CA000430XXXXXX

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2007-HE1, Plaintiff, VS. JOSE E. CERVANTES, et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 10/6/2008 and an Order Resetting Sale dated December 27, 2012, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000430XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein LASALLE Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-HE1 is Plaintiff and JOSE E. CERVANTES; ANTONIA PEQUENO; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF BLOCK 39, LABELLE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 47, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST PILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on January 2, 2013. BARBARA BUTLER As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /S/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk 433939 CN 1/10, 17/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 10:00A.M. January 29, 2013, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports.

Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Mark D. Colbert, Chairman 434122 CN 1/10, 17/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262009CA000468XXXXXX

CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE5, Plaintiff, VS. JANICE M. LEE; et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 05/07/2012 and an Order Resetting Sale dated December 11, 2012, and entered in Case No. 262009CA000468XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 20064155 is Plaintiff and JANICE M. LEE; WILLIE D. LEE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 14, BLOCK 7, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 5 TO CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 48-49, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST PILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on December 20, 2012. BARBARA BUTLER As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /S/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk 433448 CN 1/3, 10/2013

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on January 21, 2013 @ 10 a.m. at Clewiston Towing, 600 E Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, FL 33440

1996 Nissan, VIN: 1N4B031D3TC189235 1995 Freightliner, VIN: 1FUYDZ1B8SH830448 1999 Trail King, VIN: 1TKHA4525X8084566

We have the right to refuse any and all bids 434122 CN 1/10/2013

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, January 18th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1225 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

- Property of: Glades Insurance: miscellaneous boxes
Property of: Glades Insurance: miscellaneous boxes
Property of: Emmanuel Joseph: Desk and Chair

433731 SUN 1/10, 17/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262012CA000555XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. WALTER YATES COX; et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MELINDA ANN SHANOSKI Last Known Address 621 MERIT STREET CLEWISTON, FL 33440 Current Residence is Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Hendry County, Florida:

LOT 7, BLOCK E, SHERWOOD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT 5, PAGE 127 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA., TOGETHER WITH A 1996 REDM DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME HAVING IDENTIFICATION NOS. FLA1 4610175A AND FLA14610175B, TITLE NOS. 70124424 AND 70124425 AND RP NOS. R0638816 AND R0638817, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO REAL PROPERTY. You are notified against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on SHD Legal Group P.A., Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438, (954) 564-0071, answers@shdlegalgroup.com, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. DATED on December 31, 2012. Barbara Butler As Clerk of the Court By: /S/ J. Bevis As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 433945 CN 1/10, 17/2013

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Vanilisa Briones conducting a Mobile Detailing business at LaBelle, Florida, under the fictitious name of Ultimate Reflections and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Vanilisa Briones & Mauricio Briones 450 S. Elm Street LaBelle, FL 33935 Ownership of Ultimate Reflections is as follows:

Vanilisa Briones 50% Mauricio Briones 50% It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Ultimate Reflections under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991. Vanilisa Briones DATE: 11/20/12 434166 CN 01/10/2013

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Public Notice

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated December 20, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-17 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Luis M. Calvo and Nicoleta F. Calvo, His Wife are defendant(s), I, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MOOREHAVEN, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on January 31, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

JOE FLINT
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Glades County, Florida
 Julie Braddock
 DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
 433957 CN 1/10,17/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SHAWANO 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 Shawano Water Control District for the Year 2013. 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.

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NOTICE OF 2013 FGUA PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces public meetings to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida; DeSoto County, Florida; Hendry County, Florida; Pasco County, Florida; Polk County, Florida; and Lee County, Florida. The regular meetings for calendar year 2013 will be held on the following dates, times and locations:

- January 17, 2013 at 1:00 pm** West Pasco Government Center, Commission Chambers, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654
- February 14, 2013 at 10:00 am** Central Florida Development Council Office, 2701 Lake Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale, FL 33823 - This meeting will include the Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session.
- March 21, 2013 at 1:00 pm** Video Conference
- April 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm** Video Conference
- May 16, 2013 at 1:00 pm** Video Conference
- June 20, 2013 at 1:00 pm** North Fort Myers Public Library, 2001 N. Tamiami Trail, N.E., North Fort Myers, FL 33903
- July 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm** Video Conference
- August 15, 2013 at 1:00 pm** Lee County East Regional Library, 881 Gunnery Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
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The meetings above labeled as "Video Conference" will be held by the use of communications media technology only. Interested persons may attend at any of the following FGUA Customer Service Office locations: **Golden Gate:** 11985 Collier Blvd. Unit 7, Golden Gate, FL 34116; **Lehigh Acres:** 1229 Homestead Road North, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936-6016; **Pasco:** 6915 Perrine Ranch Road, New Port Richey, FL 34655; **North Fort Myers:** 5660 Bayshore Road, Suite 36, Fort Myers, FL 33917

The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2921	2009	2024329-3700000130	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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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000562

Slope Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3300 Sun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the **2:30 P.M.** opening time on **February 7, 2013** for Slope Mowing Services, Clewiston Field Station Service Area.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Conference) will be held on January 22, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clewiston Field Station Main Conference Room, located at State Road 832, 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston, Florida. All Respondents who wish to respond to this solicitation must be present and on time at the Conference. Bids will not be accepted from Respondents who either did not attend the Conference or who are more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT ADMIT ANY RESPONDENTS AFTER 9:15 A.M.

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

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

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

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

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FOOTBALL

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four practices at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

"I actually saw his father [former NFL running back/Glades Central alum Fred Taylor] before the game," Edwards said. "I told him, 'As great of a runner you were, your son is quicker than you'. With that said, he [Kelvin Taylor] has a great work ethic and attitude. I hope he has a great college football career. If he's good enough and God provides him with good health, then he may be on his way. But it's important that all of the players just take one step at a time. There's no need to hurry."

Fred Taylor offered some advice for his son (Florida's No. 2 overall recruit) as he prepares for his freshman season at Florida.

"He did a lot for his school and they did a lot for him," said Fred Taylor, who starred at running back for Florida from 1994-1997.

"Glades Day provided him an opportunity to play and to prepare him for college. He's always been humble and took the time to have fun. If he continues that at Florida, then I think he'll do just fine there."

Notes

Kelvin Taylor is one of 26 players in Florida's 2013 recruiting class, which ESPN ranked as No. 2 in the nation as recently as yesterday. Only USC (No. 1 recruiting class as of Jan. 9) ranks ahead of Florida – for now.

The much-heralded recruiting class includes



Kelvin Taylor (right) signs an autograph for a young fan (left) after the Under Armour All-American Game concludes.

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Hargreaves III (Florida No. 1 overall recruit), Bailey (Sefner Armwood; ESPN Recruiting Nation's No. 7 athlete), offensive lineman Roderick Johnson (American Heritage-Delray Beach; ESPN Recruiting Nation's No. 17 offensive tackle) and Caleb Brantley (Crescent City, Fla.; Florida's No. 3 overall recruit; ESPN Recruiting's No. 5 defensive tackle).

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WINTER SEMESTER 2012-2013
January 7, 2013 - March 22, 2103

MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLASSES

Tuition (Check or Money Order)

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
ABE	9900004-211	Mon-Fri	01/07/13	03/22/13	8:00am-11:00am	\$30	\$120	Mr. Way	Day Lab
ABE	9900004-212	Mon-Fri	01/07/13	03/22/13	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30	\$120	Mr. Way	Day Lab
GED Prep	9900026-211	Mon-Fri	01/07/13	03/22/13	8:00am-11:00am	\$30	\$120	Mr. Way	Day Lab
GED Prep	9900026-212	Mon-Fri	01/07/13	03/22/13	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30	\$120	Mr. Way	Day Lab
ESOL	9900040-211	Mon-Fri	01/07/13	03/22/13	8:30am-11:30am	\$30	\$120	Mr. Way Mrs. Rentas	C.A.S.

NIGHT-TIME CLASSES

Tuition (Check or Money Order)

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
ABE	9900004-213	Mon/Tues	01/07/13	03/20/13	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30	\$120	Mrs. Mosely	Day Lab
GED Prep	9900026-213	Mon/Tues	01/07/13	03/20/13	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30	\$120	Mrs. Mosely	Day Lab
ESOL	9900040-212	Mon/Tues	01/07/13	03/21/13	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30	\$120	Mrs. Jean	C.A.S.
ESOL	9900040-213	Tues/Thurs	01/08/13	03/21/13	6:30pm-9:30pm	\$30	\$120	Mrs. De La Salas	Montura's Club House

CONTINUING WORKFORCE EDUCATION CLASSES

Tuition (Check or Money Order)

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Sub Teacher	E91010P-211	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	\$95	Mrs. Way	C.A.S.

* Other classes may be offered provided sufficient enrollment.

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Public Notice

Notice of Intended Agency Action
 The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to re-issue (renew) a Water Use Permit (permit) with conditions, Permit # 26-00162-W, Application 120911-2, to Alico, Inc., 10070 Daniels Interstate Court, Suite 100, Ft. Myers, FL 33913, for the project called Alico Inc. Curry Citrus Grove ("Project"). The Project is an existing agricultural site with 250 acres of irrigated citrus, located in southwest Hendry County, in Section 27, Township 48 South, Range 31 East, seven miles north of 1-75 and eight miles east of State Road 29. Withdrawals are from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer via two existing primary facilities and five existing standby facilities with a permitted total annual allocation of 253 million gallons, a total maximum monthly capacity of 41,4879 gallons and a maximum daily freeze protection not to exceed 4.03 million gallons.
 The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, issued on December 17, 2012, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, is reasonable-beneficial, does not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Support Bureau, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website www.sfwmd.gov, using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

Right to Request Administrative Hearing - As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions - The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing - Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by filing petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends requires reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice or intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106-111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

Mediation - The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

Right to Seek Judicial Review - Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN
 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

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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN
 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.
 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
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED NAME IN
 3466 2010 2024329-28000000510 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.
 Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
 All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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 Dated this 12th day of December, 2012.
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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.38/g on Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.26/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 4.6 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 5.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 9.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"With the fresh start of 2013 many motorists have begun seeking information on where gasoline prices will be going for the upcoming year," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"GasBuddy will be releasing its 2013 forecast this week, available on the GasBuddy Blog, which will highlight not only where we expect gasoline prices to go, but new this year is our diesel forecast, just more tools to help motorists budget and be prepared for what lies ahead," DeHaan said.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Not very bright
- 7 Ride in new wheels, say
- 11 Tattooist's supply
- 14 Threat
- 15 Lovers' ___
- 16 "Pretentious? ___?"
- 17 Eight-time tennis Grand Slam champion
- 19 Unusual
- 20 Yank out of bed
- 21 Padded footstool
- 23 Pear or plum
- 24 Yosemite environmentalist and photographer
- 27 Parakeet's home
- 29 Gridiron play also called a sweep
- 30 Drops on the grass
- 33 Steak on a stick
- 36 "Meh"
- 37 Doc's bloc: Abbr.
- 38 "Goody Two Shoes" singer
- 41 Env. insert
- 42 Astronaut's gp.
- 44 Hip-hop headwear
- 45 Drain-cleaning chemical
- 46 Freezer bag brand
- 49 Ship's slammer
- 51 American Dance Theater founder
- 54 Quadri- doubled
- 58 Without end
- 59 Spirits measure
- 60 Means to enlightenment
- 62 Mole—and, read slightly differently, what 17-, 24-, 38- or 51-Across is
- 64 In days past
- 65 "What's more ..."
- 66 Literary family name
- 67 Spitz in your lap, briefly
- 68 River in western Belgium
- 69 ___ & Hedges: British smoke

DOWN

- 1 Very bright
- 2 Pavarotti, notably
- 3 Excessive, as pressure
- 4 About 3.26 light-years
- 5 Rapper-turned-actor
- 6 Anti-narcotics org.
- 7 Venetian blind parts
- 8 Kindergarten adhesive
- 9 Shoe tightener
- 10 Upscale retailer ___ Marcus
- 11 "Can't stop me now!"
- 12 Indicate agreement
- 13 Kindergarten
- 18 Like chunky milk
- 22 Puts two and two together
- 24 Like a prized cabernet, say
- 25 Affected by mold or mildew
- 26 Sound from a La-Z-Boy, perhaps
- 28 Alias letters
- 30 Tony of "Taxi"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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'Juke Box Jive!'**

**Art exhibits at
Dolly Hand
Cultural Arts Center**



There's something for everyone at Florida festivals

January brings the start of South Florida's festival season. Most towns in Florida have their own festivals, celebrating a historic event or something the area is famous for. Okeechobee is home to the annual Speckled Perch Festival, promoting Lake Okeechobee as the Speck Fishing Capital of the World. Clewiston—nicknamed the world's sweetest town—hosts the Sugar Festival. Chalo Nitka in Moore Haven, honors the "big fish," but the festival started as a celebration of the dedication of the town's first paved street.

Some events began as harvest festivals. But while up north the harvest is in the late summer, in Florida the seasons are different with crops harvested in the late winter and early spring.

Whether your idea of fun is listening to a bluegrass band, racing a lawnmower, cheering for rodeo bull riders or jumping out of an airplane, you'll find it at a South Florida festival.

JANUARY

The **39th Annual Stuart Boat Show** is set for Jan. 11-13 at three marinas off Dixie Highway in Stuart, north of the Roosevelt Bridge. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. This year there will be more than 500 boats on display, most of them in the water. About 170 exhibitors are expected. You can see every-

thing from small bay boats up to huge 70-foot plus sport fishermen. A major new feature this year is the introduction of a new "Fisherman's Village," presented by Florida Sport Fishing—a special tent pavilion that will accommodate fishing-related products and seminars for the many avid anglers and fishing enthusiasts that visit the show. From in-shore fishing and casting techniques to all the latest fishing equipment, the Fisherman's Village will offer something for everyone.

For more information online, go to www.stuartfla.com.

The **South Florida Fair** will be held Jan. 18-Feb. 3 in West Palm Beach. The fair includes the traditional livestock exhibits, carnival midway, concerts and special attractions. Gates open at noon. For more information, call 561-793-0333 or go online to www.southfloridafair.com.

The Ninth annual **U.S. Sport Aviation Expo** will be Jan. 17-20, 2013 at the Sebring Regional Airport. Gates open at 8 a.m. Exhibits open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (3 p.m. on Sunday). The Expo is the place to see, try, buy and sell Light Sport Aircraft. This event brings prospective business clients from all over the world. Open to the public, it provides a variety of activities for the entire family, including educational exhibits, booths, Flight of Fantasy tethered balloon rides, AVBIDS auction, prizes and daily forums that showcase aviation professionals and speakers. The 2013 U.S. Sport Aviation



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The **U.S. Sport Aviation Expo** will include displays of vintage aircraft.

Expo is not just about aircraft. Four food, cheese and wine pairing events with legendary chefs and world-renowned vineyards will take place at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday of Expo. All of these tasting events benefit the Humane Society of Highlands County. The tastings all take place at the Sebring Regional Airport (SEF), in the Group 44 Hangar. Local award winning chefs and wine experts will enlighten guests on the science of pairing delicious wines with fine cuisine such as Gravalox Crostini's, Crab Cakes with Dill Sauce and Crème Brulee created by Marva Roberts, Owner and Executive Chef of Peppercorns in Lake Placid. To learn more about the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, visit www.sport-aviation-expo.com or call 863-

655-6444.

The 57th Annual Okeechobee **American Legion Free Fair**, will be held Friday, Jan. 10-19 at the American Legion Hall grounds off State Road 70 East in downtown Okeechobee. J & J Amusements will provide the carnival rides. The midway will open at 5 p.m. weekdays. On Saturdays the midway will open at noon and Sundays it will open at 1 p.m.

The **Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire** will be held at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers, Jan. 12, 13, 19 and 20. For more information, go to www.medieval-faire.com.

The 19th Annual **Yee Haw Junction Bluegrass Festival** will be held Jan. 24-26 2013. This is a unique bluegrass festival in the middle of Yee Haw Junction (at the intersection of U.S. 441 and State Road 60). Bluegrass music is held under the big top tent and will go on rain or shine. For more information, go to www.kidbass.biz.

Skydive Air Adventures will host the annual Skydive Festival commonly referred to in the sport as the "**Everglades Boogie**" from Friday Jan. 25 to Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Airglades Airport in Clewiston. Skydivers will have the opportunity to jump out of all kinds of aircraft like a De Havilland Otter, a Sky Van, a King Air, and a helicopter. In addition to jumping out of different types of aircraft, skydivers will have a unique opportunity to do high altitude jumps from 22,000 ft. on Saturday and Sunday.

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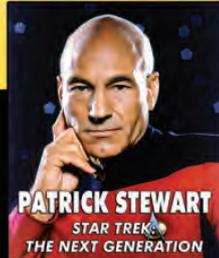
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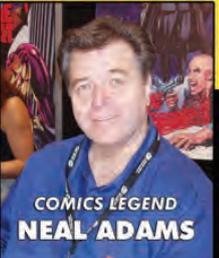
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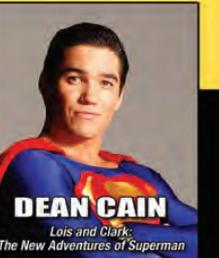
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On Mondays, win your share of more than \$20,000 in Free Play. Earn points for a Mystery Free Play Decoder ticket worth up to \$2,500 in Free Play.

Don't miss Lucky Puck Wednesdays for your chance to win up to \$250 in Free Play. But the Free Play prizes don't stop there. On Friday, Jan. 11, you could be one of 20 lucky players to win \$250 in Free Play.

On Thursday, Jan. 17 and Tuesday, Jan. 29, Seminole Casino Brighton's hot seats are sizzling with your chance to win a share of another \$5,000 in Free Play.

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

Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last. On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member?

It's free to join, so sign up today.

As always, there is free bus transportation from the Hampton Inn in Okeechobee at 1200 State Road 70. On Tuesdays, the bus picks up at 10:30 a.m. It departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bus picks up at 2:15 p.m. and departs at 7:30 p.m. On Sundays, the bus picks up at 11:15 a.m. and departs at 6 p.m.

See the Player's Club for promotion details.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405-slot and gaming machines, a six-table poker room, live action e-tables blackjack and roulette, high-stakes bingo action and Josiah, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big-city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment. The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, 34974 in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

Art exhibits at the Dolly Hand Center

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center spacious Grand Hall often plays home to visual art exhibits by local artists. Exhibits take place in conjunction with Guest Artist Series performances. The Grand Hall is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon and one hour before all performances. Other viewing times available upon request. To inquire about exhibiting artwork in the Grand Hall, contact Leigh Woodham at 561-993-1160. Exhibitions planned include:

- Jan. 22-30: Paintings by Maria Mills;
- Feb. 1: Paintings by Yoyi Bueno & Checira Howard; and,
- Feb. 4 - 8: "The Real Haiti: Experience It Yourself" Photography by Diana Pierre Louis.

South Central Florida Car Club hosts Cruise In

LABELLE—On Jan. 15, the South Central Florida Car Club will once again host its monthly Cruise In at Barron Park from 5-8 p.m. All area car lovers and owners are welcome to come out and enjoy an evening of fun and conversation. For more information, call 863-634-1791 or 234-8343.

Second Annual Love the Lake 5K-10K

CLEWISTON—The Second Annual Love The Lake 5K-10K and half marathon will take place on Saturday, Feb. 16, starting at the Roland Martin Marina Resort in Clewiston. For more information, call 863-983-7979.



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FESTIVALS

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The community is encouraged and welcome to come on out to watch, participate, or jump and enjoy the festivities for a registration fee of \$35. The U.S. Army Professional Demonstration Teams, the USASOC Daggers and the 82nd Airborne Division team will present morning shows from Friday to Sunday. There will be nightly entertainment with live bands and DJs, bon fires, raffles, vendors, food, and even a bounce house for the kids. For more information, call 800-533-6151 or 863-983-6151 or go online to skydivefl.com.

The **Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival** is held each year on the last Saturday in January. This year's event will be Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department on State Road 78. The festival features fried catfish dinners, using Fire Chief John Wilkinson's own recipe. The VFD Ladies Auxiliary will also sell hot dogs and other treats. Visitors will be entertained by local bands. Arts and crafts will be for sale at the vendor booths. The annual event raises money for equipment and training for the BHR Volunteer Fire Department. For information on reserving a booth space, or for more information on the festival, call 863-467-8220.

The Glades County Public Library and its Advisory Board invite area artists and craftsmen to exhibit and sell their work at the eighth annual **Art in the Park** event in Moore Haven, Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This popular free event, centered in and around the library, brings artists and the public together in a wonderful setting by the Caloosahatchee River. Painters, sculptors, photographers, and handcrafters are encouraged to contact the library now and reserve their place. Exhibiting and parking are free. Exhibitors are responsible for their own setups. The Glades County Public Library is located in the city park across the street from the river in Moore Haven's Historic District. The address is 201 Riverside Drive. For more information or to reserve a place, contact Mary Booher, Director of Libraries at 863-946-0744 or mbooher@myhlc.org.

The **FTI Winter Equestrian Festival** runs Jan. 12-March 30, every Saturday night, at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington. Be awed

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FEBRUARY

The **Ortona Cane Grinding Festival** will be held Feb. 2 in the Ortona Indian Mound Park, off State Road 78 in Glades County. The festival celebrates the part that sugar cane played in the lives of the early settlers and includes a demonstration of grinding cane with a millstone. Visitors can purchase sugar cane syrup and enjoy barbecue chicken and rib dinners. Entertainment will include bluegrass music and clogging. There will also be a variety of arts and crafts booths.

Arts of the Inland is pleased to present our 2nd Annual **Inland Arts Festival** at Barron Park in LaBelle on Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barron Park is located along the Caloosahatchee River on the east side of SR29 at Fort Thompson Road in historic LaBelle. Visual artists, literary artists, and craftsmen will be showcasing their work for sale. All work must be an original creation, giclee or print of the artist. Food vendors will be on-site and performing artists will entertain in the Gazebo throughout the day. For more information go to www.artsoftheinland.com.

The **Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment and Festival**, (cover photo) set for Feb. 2 and 3, commemorates the largest and fiercest battle of the Second Seminole War. The original battle was fought Christmas Day, 1837. Part of the original battleground has been preserved as a state park on 3500 S.E. 38th Avenue (off U.S. Highway 441 S.E.) in Okeechobee. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Re-enactments are at 2 p.m. each day. In addition to daily re-enactments of the battle, the two-day festival will include alligator wrestling, a living history camp, artisans, Seminole arts, horse rides for the kids and folk music. Entry is \$10 per car. For more information online go www.OkeechobeeBattlefield.com, or call 863-763-2121.

The 12th Annual **Hobe Sound Festival of the Arts** will be held Feb. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 11954 S.E. Dixie Highway, in Hobe Sound. The festival starts at Bridge Road and alternate A1A, continuing South



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Mudfest always brings excitement.

on A1A. Admission and parking are free. The festival will include a juried outdoor art showcase featuring 150 artists from 30 different states. Artwork prices range from \$25 to \$30,000. Artists are selected to participate in the festival by an independent panel of expert judges. Artistic media include paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, glass, wood, handmade jewelry, collage and mixed media. For more information online, go to www.artfestival.com.

The Second Annual **Seminole Wind Bluegrass Festival**, presented by KD Bass productions, is planned for the Fred Smith Arena at Brighton Seminole Reservation, off State Road 721 in Glades County, Feb. 1-2. For information, call 863-467-6039. Performers will include Cody Shuler and Pine Mountain Railroad, Grasstowne, Kickin Grass, Brule, Alecia Nugent, Still House and Keith Bass and the Florida Bluegrass Express.

The **Florida State Fair** will be held Feb. 7-18 at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. The fair features a carnival midway, business and agriculture exhibitions, livestock shows, equestrian events, competitions for food, art, photography, sewing, woodcarving and horticulture. Entertainment will include the Country Gold Tour with Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, Gene Watson, Janie Frickie, and T.G. Shepard. For more information, call 800-345-3247 or go online to www.floridastatefair.com.

For off-road enthusiasts who like to play in the mud, **Okeechobee Mudfest** is the place to go. The "original party in the mud" is held in February and August each year on private property in Okeechobee County,

11705 State Road 70 East. The event draws thousands of mudders and all kinds of vehicles from all over the country. Camping facilities are available at the Mudfest site. Hotels are available in nearby Okeechobee. The next fest is planned for the weekend of Feb. 8-10. For more information online see the Okeechobee Mudfest page on Facebook.

The **Lakeport Sour Orange Festival** will be held Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lakeport Community Center, 1239 Red Barn Road, off State Road 78 between Moore Haven and Okeechobee. A \$1 donation is requested for parking. The festival features the traditional sour orange cookoff. An arts and crafts fair will feature local vendors. Plate lunches available will include a rib dinner. The festival will also feature a quilt show, Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles the Clown, a historical display, a photography display, children's games, a display by the Lakeport Fire Department and sour orange pies. Cooks may enter their own original sour orange recipes to win money and ribbons. Judging starts at 10 a.m. For information on the cookoff, call 608-345-1324. For vendor information call 1-863-227-1074. Festival visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs as seating is limited.

The 2013 **Top of the Lake Art and Chalk Walk Festival** is scheduled for Feb. 9 and 10 in the Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. The main event will be a juried fine art show with a competition for student artists. Artists from throughout the state are welcome to participate. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Okeechobee Main Street office at 863-357-6246 for an application. This year the newest feature will be a "Chalk Walk" which will include street painters using a chalk medium. Chalk artists interested in participating should also contact the above number. For additional information and applications contact Bridgette Waldau at bridgette.art@gmail.com, or call 863-357-6246; or go online to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.

The **Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show** celebrates local agriculture. The event features a parade, livestock show and midway entertainment. The activities also include a beauty pageant and exhibits. The fair will be held this year from Feb. 15-23 in Clewiston. For more information, please call 863-983-9282 or go online to www.hendrycountyfair.com.

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Brighton Seminole Field Day & Rodeo, set for Feb. 15-17, 2013, originated in 1938 as a day of sporting events and arts and crafts competitions for members of the Seminole Tribe. William P. Boehmer and his wife Edith—teachers at the original Brighton Day School—originated the festival as a way to bring Seminoles from other reservations together for some friendly competition. Over the years, the event evolved into a festival that is open to the public and showcases Seminole and other Native American arts, crafts, dances and traditions. On Friday, the festival hosts “Kids Day” which is open to area school children. School buses from all over South Florida transport elementary school children to Brighton Reservation, where they learn how Seminoles once lived in chickees, cooked food over open fires, made their own canoes and weapons and made crafts such as sweetgrass baskets and clothing made from tiny pieces of cloth sewn into intricate patterns. The festival also includes wild animal exhibitions, alligator wrestling and native dances. In more recent years, the event expanded to invite Native Americans from all over the country to participate.

On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is open to the general public. The festival weekend also includes a rodeo and XTreme Bull Riding. On Saturday, gates open at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 3 p.m.; on Sunday, gates open at 10 a.m. and XTreme Bull-riding starts at 3 p.m. The festival grounds are next to the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, off State Road 721 in Glades County. For more information call 863-467-6039 or go online to www.REZRODEO.com.

The **South Florida Ag Expo and Equipment Show** will be held Feb. 15 at the old airstrip at 610 San Luis Avenue in Clewiston. The expo opens at 8 a.m. and will include a speaker forum, vendor demonstrations, a community luncheon, prize drawings and food vendors. Admission is free. For more information online, go to www.sflagexpo.com.

The 2013 **Swamp Cabbage Festival** is set for Feb. 23-24. The festival is LaBelle's hometown blast and it's open to everyone! The town goes a little wild with a huge parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by two days of great entertainment, booths of unique items for sale and - of course - great food. Look for the boiled swamp cabbage, raw swamp cabbage salad and swamp cabbage fritters. If you have an adventurous palate, you can also find gator meat and other special treats. Saturday begins with a 5K Swamp Stomp run along a lovely route with glimpses of the Caloosahatchee River. The Swamp Cabbage Festival has something for everyone. Saturday: a bike show, car show, kiddie rides. On Sunday morning you can take part in non-denominational worship at Barron Park, with entertainment and festivities picking back up again after noon. There is also a fishing tournament, lawnmower races and a rodeo.

Check out more information at swampcabbagefestival.org.



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Spectators are invited to join in the Friendship Dance at Brighton Seminole Reservation's Field Day.

MARCH

The Seminole Tribe of Florida will present a re-enactment of the Second Seminole War at the **Big Cypress Shootout** at Billie Swamp Safari located between Fort Lauderdale and Naples, on the Big Cypress Reservation just north of I-75 (Alligator Alley) Exit 49. The event is planned for Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2013. The battle reenactments will take place at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Friday is an educational day (no reenactments). The battle reenactments honor the Seminole's struggle and sacrifice to remain in their homeland and will feature authentic weapons, soldier and warrior attire and tactics typical of the Second Seminole War. In the 1800s, a total of three wars were fought by the U.S. military against the Seminoles. These campaigns were the longest, costliest, and bloodiest of all the Indian wars. Although many Seminoles were killed or removed to present-day Oklahoma, they were never defeated, and to this day, more than 3,000 Seminoles are known as “The Unconquered” Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The three-day event will also include music, Seminole food, Seminole and pioneer artisans, tomahawk throws, primitive archery competition, authentic Seminole and soldier camps, venomous snake shows and alligator wrestling. “Period settlers” from around the country will hew wood, iron and silver crafts and depict trading techniques from the Seminole war era. For more information, go to bcshoot.com or call 800-949-6101 ext. 12125

2013 will mark the 65th annual Moore Haven's **Chalo Nitka Festival**. **Chalo Nitka** is one of the state's oldest continuing festivals. The festival grounds are in located at Chalo Nitka Park (across from the Glades County School Board Office). The festival includes midway games, rides, and vendor booths selling food, crafts and jewelry. Events also include a rodeo and the Glades County livestock show. This year the festival is planned for March 1 and 2. The Chalo Nitka parade will be Saturday morning, March 2. For more information online go to www.chalonitka.com.

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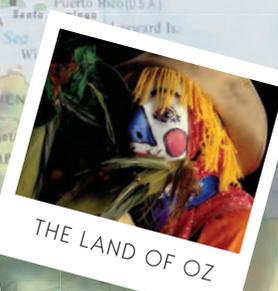
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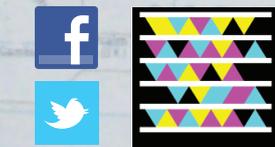
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The **Okeechobee County Fair** will be held March 8-17, 2013 at the Agri-Civic Center Fairgrounds, with entrance of State Road 710. The fair includes a carnival midway, livestock shows, cooking competitions, fruit and vegetable competitions, sewing and arts and crafts competitions. There is even a Lego building competition. The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the first weekend of the fair, March 9 and 10 at 2 p.m. each day. The Okeechobee 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be the week of March 11-16, with the livestock sale on Saturday, March 17. Fairgrounds opens at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment will include the Kandu Magic Show, pig races, a petting zoo, performances by Okeechobee Steelers, horse shows, a monster truck show, Okeechobee Idol Talent Show and performances by Crossbone Band.

The **Speckled Perch Festival**, sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street, will be held in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee on the weekend of March 9 and 10. The festival starts around 9 a.m. The Speckled Perch Festival Parade will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. The festival began as a fish fry fundraiser for the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce. When the original chamber folded, Okeechobee Main Street took over the traditional event. Over the years, the festival has grown and changed, adding arts and crafts vendors, games for children and entertainment. Due to state health laws, speckled perch—which is a game fish and not commercially harvested—cannot be served at public events. So the fish dinner served at the Speckle Perch Festival is catfish.

The **Big O Birding Festival**, the largest bird-themed event in South Central Florida will be held March 12-16. The four-day event will have a registration "roost" at the Port LaBelle Inn off State Road 80 in LaBelle. From there, visitors will explore Hendry and Glades Counties, which are home to more than 400 species of birds, including Wood Storks, Everglades Snail Kites, Limpkins, Painted Buntings, and others who are resident in the area from October through April as well as species



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The petting zoo was a hit at the 2012 Okeechobee County Fair.

that live in Florida year round. Visitors can choose a single bird tour or opt for all-inclusive four-day passes. The festival offers exclusive bird tours led by prestigious experts, workshops with a prestigious bird photographer, birding activities, meals and transportation to and from birding sites. For more information online go to www.BigOBirdingFestival.com or call 863-675-0125.

MegaCon, the largest comic book, anime, science fiction, fantasy, gaming and multimedia event in the southeastern United States, will take place March 15-17, at the Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive in Orlando. The annual event attracts around 50,000 visitors—many of them come dressed as a favorite character from a comic book, movie or video game. Visitors can meet stars from movies and television, writers and artists.

At the 2013 Megacon, the original cast of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" will provide a special event on Saturday, March 16, in Hall F, at the Orange County Convention Center. Join the cast as they interact together with the audience. They will field and answer questions in an entertaining way that only they could do. Event tickets are available on the MegaCon website now. For more information online go to www.megaconvention.com.

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The **Florida Strawberry Festival** is set for Feb. 29-March 10 in Plant City. Guests come from near and far to enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts. The fabric of American life is woven into the Festival through social events, contests, youth developmental programs, top-name entertainment, and parades with glorious floats and high-stepping marching bands. For more information online, go to www.flstrawberryfestival.com.

APRIL

The **35th Annual Black Gold Jubilee Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at the Torry Island Recreation Center in Belle Glade. The event kicks off with a 5K Walk/Run at 7:30 a.m., to be followed by all-day free children's activities, rides, games, and a dunk tank. For the adults, food booths and arts and craft features the best in local cuisine and art. Rounding out the activities are photography displays, car show, volleyball tournament and a corn-eating contest. A fireworks show at dusk caps off the festival. For more information, find the Black Gold Jubilee on Facebook, or contact the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 561-996-2745.

The **Clewiston Sugar Festival**, an annual celebration of the end of the sugar cane harvest for Hendry County, will make a big



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Spectators bring lawn chairs to enjoy entertainment at the Sugar Festival.

return this year, with entertainment featuring such acts as: The Farm, Shane Duncan and Alter Eagles. The festival activities start on Thursday, April 18, with Seminole Heritage Day at the Clewiston Museum. The main events will be held April 19 and 20 in the heart of the city across from the Clewiston Inn and the U.S. Sugar campus. Festival events will include: Arts and crafts, food booths, a 5K run/walk, alligator wrestling demonstrations, a kids fun park area, Big Lake Cruisers Classic Car Show, the Sweet Taste of Sugar recipe contest, hospital bed races and the Raisin' Cane Rodeo. This year's festival promises to be another excellent event, with the support of several sponsors including the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the U.S. Sugar Corporation. For more information online go to www.clewistonsugarfestival.com.

The third annual **Avon Park Bluegrass Blueberry Festival**, sponsored by Avon Park Rotary Club, will be held April 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rotary Building, 20 S. Verona Avenue in Avon Park. For information, see the web site at www.aprotaryblueberryfestival.com.

A new festival this year is the **Elvis Festival** set for April 26-28 at the Historic Citrus County Court House, one Court house Square, Inverness. Festival events will include award-winning Elvis impersonator, Ted Torres; Elvis Concert Under the stars; "When Elvis came to town" live on stage; and karaoke. For more information go to www.elvisinflorida.com or call 352-3341-6427 or 352-341-6436.

MAY

May brings the Brown Sugar Festival in Clewiston. The **Brown Sugar Festival** began with the organization of the Harlem Academy Alumni Association in Clewiston in 1976. Harlem Academy Alumni members decided to plan celebrations for students whenever they returned home to Clewiston to visit. The festival and pageant also serve as fund raisers for scholarships to send Clewiston's Harlem community children to college. Over the years the festival has grown to include a gospel program, a talent show, a cruise trip, a dance, a parade, a basketball tournament, fashion show, a golden age banquet and all day festivities. For more information online, go to <http://brownsugarfestival.info/>.

The **Watermelon Festival**, an Arcadia Main Street Program event will be held

May 12 in Historic Downtown Arcadia.

JULY

The **National Day of the American Cowboy Cattle Drive and Festival** is held in July in Okeechobee. This year's festival will be on July 26 and 27. The festival includes a rodeo, a cattle drive from Downtown Flagler Park to Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center, an arts and crafts festival and a barbecue cookoff. For more information, online go to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.

AUGUST

The **Caladium Festival and Car Show** will be held July 26-28, at Stuart park in Lake Placid. The festival offers bus rides to the caladium fields and caladium displays in nearby subdivisions. For more information online, go to visitlakeplacidflorida.com.

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend brings Okeechobee's Annual **Labor Day Festival**, with an arts and crafts festival in downtown Okeechobee, games for the whole family, a parade on Saturday morning, and a rodeo at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. For more information, on the rodeo online, go to ag.co.okeechobee.fl.us. For more information on the parade and festival, go to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.

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Juan Siddi Flamenco

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

Broadway's Next HIT Musical

FORT PIERCE—The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning will present an arts and humanities series in 2013. All shows will be held at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce. Curtain is at 4 p.m. The first presentation will be Broadway's Next HIT Musical, on Thursday, Jan. 24. For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at 1-800-220-9915.

Ernie Haase & Signature Sound

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will present Ernie Haase & Signature Sound (EHSS) on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Forget your normal Gospel Quartet. Ernie Haase & Signature Sound (EHSS) have broken the mold. Their unconventional approach to communicating the Good News with groundbreaking originality has blazed a trail that will go down in gospel music history.

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