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Pahokee Mayoral Race to be Fiercely Contested

Total of 12
candidates vie for
three seats in March

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

The city of Pahokee has a hot race on its hands, as five candidates vie for the mayoral position, and longtime mayor J.P. Sasser tries to hold on to his seat.

The large number of candidates for a seat that holds equal voting power as the rest of the board may be indicative of what the candidates think about the current mayor. For his own part, Mayor Sasser said he hopes to continue serving the city of Pahokee in the mayoral role.

The list of candidates features a couple of political newcomers, a longtime commissioner, and a former mayor.

Leonard Rolle, who describes himself as a disaster housing inspector for FEMA, does not mince words when talking about the current mayor.

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The Pahokee Blue Devils boys basketball team has won their first district title since the 2007-2008 season.

Boys Basketball: Pahokee Edges Benjamin to Win District 12-3A Title

Anton Paige makes 2
FT with 1 second left
to give Blue Devils a
48-47 victory

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

Down 47-46 with less than five seconds left of the District 12-3A championship game, the Pahokee Blue Devils had the ball on offense.

As Pahokee junior Anton Paige was jostling a Benjamin player for position near the rim, he outlasted his opponent and grabbed an offensive

rebound that proved to be pivotal.

With just one tick left in the Feb. 9 contest, Paige was fouled by Benjamin and needed to make two free throws for a chance to ice the game.

Everyone at the Pahokee High School gymnasium held their breaths as he launched the first shot.

Swish!

Now tied at 47-47, the Pahokee bench watched the action unfold, hoping he would come through on the line.

No worries.

A calm, cool and collected Paige converted the next free throw, which gave Pahokee a 48-47 lead at that point.

From there, it was up to Benjamin to launch a final shot before the buzzer sounded.

Unfortunately for the Buccaneers, they ran out of time.

Pandemonium set in for the Blue Devils, who celebrated their first district title since the 2007-2008 season.

"The night wasn't going very well for us, so all I wanted to do was just take a deep breath and focus," said Paige, who scored 8 points in the game. "I just wanted to make those shots for us."

With Pahokee and Benjamin playing for the third time – both teams were 1-1 against each other in District 12-3A play during the regular season –

it turned out to be a defensive slugfest from start to finish.

Pahokee (15-7 record) took a 39-32 lead with 4:32 left in the fourth quarter, but Benjamin stormed all the way back with a 7-0 run in a span of less than two minutes.

Once the score was tied at 39-39 at the 3:08 mark, both teams traded buckets the rest of the way.

After Justin 'Earl' Daniels hit a 3-pointer to give the Blue Devils a 42-39 lead with 2:35 left, it looked as if Benjamin was ready to mail it in.

But the Buccaneers didn't give up,

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24-year-old Benton Claims 2013 Walmart FLW Tour Opener on Lake Okeechobee

BY BRETT CARLSON
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The script couldn't have been written any better. While rookie pro Drew Benton had a 1-pound lead heading into the final day of the Walmart FLW Tour season opener, some of bass fishing's biggest names, notably Brent Ehrler and Bryan Thrift, were breathing down his neck. Day four on Lake Okeechobee marked the second consecutive day of cooler, blustery weather and Benton was struggling and just about out of time. Then a 7-pound behemoth bit and the rest is history.

The fairy tale ending sounds even better considering this was the first tour event of Benton's career. And the 7-pounder bit with exactly seven minutes left in the day, on a lure (Hildebrandt spinnerbait) he hadn't previously used all week.

"I had been praying a lot this week and if that isn't meant to be I don't know what is," said Benton.

While Sunday was all about the late-day drama, Benton worked a solid one-two program all week. He located a productive prespawn area down in South Bay and he had some spawning bass identified in Turner's Cove.

He would throw reaction baits (mainly a custom PMG vibrating jig with a Bass Assassin Die Dapper trailer) in South Bay and mix in a variety of lures, most notably a Bass Assassin Vapor Shad, in Turner's Cove. When he sight-fished, he used a Texas-rigged Bass Assassin Pure Craw.

"I started today in South Bay, then went to Turner's. Nothing was happening there, so I went back to South Bay and checked it again. I fished there for three hours and was only able to catch two keepers. So I ran back to Turner's and was able to finish out a small limit of bucks by 1:45 p.m. I told the cameraman that I had to run back down and try and catch a big one. So I made the run to South Bay, and that's when I got the kicker. Up until then, I really felt like I was letting it slip through my fingers."

For the first two days of the tournament, South Bay, with its white-bellied prespawn bass, was the more productive area.

But the north wind trashed South Bay for all of day three and most of day four, meaning Benton had to spend more time than he wanted in



PHOTO / BRETT CARLSON

Pro winner Drew Benton holds up the 7-pound Lake Okeechobee bass he caught with only seven minutes left in the day.

Turner's. On the final day, the lone keeper that came from South Bay was the kicker.

"The South Bay pattern was a timing deal," Benton explained. "They need that sun to pop out for the bass to come in from the outside."

Benton's day-four sack officially weighed 13 pounds, 4 ounces.

With a total of 75 pounds, 7 ounces, his winning margin was nearly 5 pounds. The 24-year-old will take a \$100,000 check with him back to Panama City, Florida.

"This is such a big step for me. Now I can actually relax and fish for the rest of the year and not have to worry about just making a check. I can't even describe this; it's a dream come true. I can't really put it into words."



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'Pretty Hat/Sweetheart Tea'

Join the United Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry for our Ladies, Lil Ladies and Mens "Pretty Hat Tea/Sweetheart Tea" on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 4:30 p.m., at the Everglades Preparatory Academy Cafeteria (old Pahokee High School cafeteria). This event is sponsored in conjunction with their Annual Women's Day Celebration.

For more information, please contact Sister Donna White at 305-393-5437 or Sister Barbara Jones at 561-924-5496 or 561-985-0144. There's no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be received.

Tri-City Sunday's Best Competition Audition

Tri-City Sunday's Best Competition Audition will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Brenda Thomas at 561-261-4633 or Tonya Grant at 561-252-6063.

Father/Daughter Dance

There will be a Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 23, from six to nine p.m. at the

Belle Glade Elementary School's Cafeteria.

Tiny and Little Mister and Miss Black Gold

Both pageants will be held on Friday, March 15, at seven p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Ages three through four (tiny) and five through six (little). Participants should arrive at the Dolly Hand no later than six p.m. on the day of the event. For more information, please call Jessica Hart at 561-996-3607.

Volunteers Needed for the 2013 Spring Muck Olympic

Revolutionized Fitness, with the support of PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health), and a number of other partners including the PBC Sheriff's Office, The NewKita Group, PBC School Board, Glades Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay is organizing the 2013 Spring Muck Olympics from March 25 to March 29 in both Pahokee and Belle Glade.

The Muck Olympics is a structured, week-long sports and activity camp scheduled during the 2013 spring break and targeted to at-risk and underprivileged youth, age 8-16 in our com-

munity. We are expecting 200-300 participants. Weekly activities stress the importance of academics, healthy lifestyle choices, including but not limited to personal fitness, and how to incorporate these healthy lifestyle choices into their daily routines.

Please come out and volunteer. Contact Ken Funderburk from the Glades Boys and Girls Club to volunteer at 561-261-7250. A Volunteer Orientation will be scheduled prior to the event.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Pioneer Park Elementary

Ms. Parise's Sensational Science

As we prepare for the FCAT, parental support is appreciated in all subject areas. Please make sure that your children are completing their homework and that they are aware of what they will be learning about between now and April. For example, the fifth graders will be learning about the solar system, the water cycle, weather, climate, the human body, and adaptations. It will be helpful for them to read about these topics using other resources at home or to explore educational websites. One suggested website is Science Kids. This website reinforces all science concepts that students will be tested on including life science and physical science. The link is www.sciencekids.co.nz. Another website that helps support vocabulary and reading comprehension is Jefferson Lab. The link is <http://education.jlab.org/index.html>.

Ms. Jasmine's Reading Spot

This week, we are spotlighting for educational ways to amplify engagement in reading. We will begin with the simple strategy of on-level texts. Students should have their just-right level books in their book bags before going off to read in their cozy corners with a partner, or individually, in anticipation of a teacher/student conference. Their instructional level texts would be added after a guided reading session with the teacher modeling, sharing and frontloading vocabulary, holding accountable comprehension discussions, and scaffolding the release of that text. Now, we turn our attention to the often unmined gold of the FAIR/Flickers assessments program. The FAIR data is designed to be accessed to guide in grouping of students based on shared need.

Gove Elementary

Science Fair

Thank you to all of the students and the

teachers who participated in the recent Gove Elementary Science Fair. Two hundred and forty eight projects were submitted and judged and only four were disqualified for not meeting the criteria. The projects were all amazing-especially in fourth grade where they had to be judged three times in order to find the winners. The winning projects, a total of 27, will be on display in the Media Center for all to see prior to submitting them to the upcoming District Science Fair in May. All of the winning projects received ribbons and fourth and fifth grade winners will be invited to attend a field trip to the Fairgrounds in May to view the district fair. Special thanks to Mrs. S. Miller, Science Resource Teacher, for overseeing this science initiative. The winning projects were as follows:

Kindergarten: ELL - 1st You Make Me Melt: Jordan
2nd Will It Explode?: McAllister
Reg. 1st Will I Grow?: McAllister
2nd Are You Thirsty?: Jordan

First Grade: ELL - 1st The Distinctive Beauty and Magic of a Season: DeJesus
2nd Balloon in a Bottle: Collier
Reg. 1st Glove in a Jar: Collier
2nd Measuring the Invisible: Malbog

Second Grade: ELL - 1st Do Plants Grow Toward Sunlight?: Michno
2nd Steeper Ramp: Blandon
Reg. 1st Melting Chocolate: Guerry
2nd Can Our Eyes Fool Taste Buds?: Michno

Third Grade: ELL - 1st All Mixed Up: Smith-Mosley
2nd Raisins in 7-Up: Goldman
Reg. 1st ABC Gum Mass: Chapman
2nd Disappearing Gummies: Chapman

Fourth Grade: ELL - 1st The Cool Cup: Dyani Beraza/Bratt
2nd Clean Pennies: Alejandra Paniagua/Rimes

Crystals or Not Crystals: Karla Rubio/Bratt
Reg. 1st Diet Coke and Mentos Nucleation Goes Nuclear: Stoniyah Inman/Pearce

The Flight: Andres Cortes/Rimes
2nd Blow It Up: Ramiya Johnson/Rimes
Lights on with Lemons: Victoria Guerra/Pearce

Honorable Mention: Jasmine Calderon/Rimes - What to eat out of?
Miguel Gonzalez/Bratt - Breath Holding Champions

Jazmyne Lopez/Rimes - Floating Boats
Marylyn Gonzalez/Rimes - Water Temperature (Color Cups)

Saul Sandoval/Rimes - Bubble Blow
Ariel Betancourt/Rimes - Is My Shadow Growing

Aaliyah Clentslake/Pearce - How Different Colors Absorb Heat

Kolby Lutz/Bratt - New School or Old School
Richard Redd/Pearce - Rock Candy Growing Crystals

Fifth Grade: ELL - 1st Watching Flowers Drinking: Gema Cervantes/Villanueva
2nd Delicious Melts: Brenda Barrientos/Villanueva

Reg. 1st Rubber Band Racer: Paul Edward Emilcar/Kujawski
Flower Maze: Josue Carrizales/Kujawski

Student of the Month

Congratulations to all of the students nominated for the January Sun Sentinel "Student of the Month" Recognition Program. Tanya Humphrey, 5th grader, was the overall winner for January and will be competing with former and future Gove Elementary winners for the coveted Sun Sentinel "Student of the Year" Award. The best of luck to all! We thank Mrs. Aguirre, Counselor, for overseeing this monthly recognition

Dental Health Matters for Pets Too

There's a good reason that one of the first things we teach children is proper tooth brushing technique.

Dental health is crucial for overall health. And you may not think about it as often, but pets also require regular dental care.

February, which is Pet Dental Health Month, serves as an excellent reminder for pet owners that good dental health is vital. And experts say that the stakes are a lot higher than maintaining pretty teeth and avoiding dreaded doggy breath.

"Untreated plaque and tartar will eventually lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease in the mouth," warns Dr. Rod Van Horn, a veterinarian and member of the American Veterinary Dental Society. "And those same bacteria could enter the blood stream, leading to heart disease or filter through the kidneys and liver."

With good habits and veterinary-strength pet dental products, pet parents can help avoid these serious health problems. Here are some top dog dental care tips that will keep teeth their sparkly best:

- Veterinarians recommend once-a-day brushing for optimum health. If you're time-strapped or your dog is resistant, remember, the more often you brush, the better.

- Starting early is always best, as puppies can get used to brushing more easily. But even old dogs can learn new dental tricks. Start by letting



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your pooch taste pet toothpaste from your finger on several occasions. Then put some on their pet toothbrush to get them used to the texture.

A paste with a food flavor should make the process easier. For example, SENTRY Petrodex

Veterinary Strength Poultry Fresh Mint Twin Power Toothpaste has enough poultry flavor to encourage dogs to lick it up and a mint scent to freshen breath.

When your pet is ready, (some dogs take

days, others take weeks) gently rub your fingers on their gums and lips to get them used to the sensation.

- When you're finally ready to start brushing, keep it safe, gentle and effective with a brush especially designed for dogs' needs. One example is the SENTRY Petrodex Dual Ended 360 Brush. It has a soft bristle 360-degree head on one end and a traditional head on the other, as well as a plaque scraper.

- Opt for an ergonomic handle to make it easier to keep a firm grip while brushing. If your dog doesn't take to the regular pet toothbrush, consider a finger toothbrush, which is softer.

- Chewing is great for dogs, helping to improve dental health by scraping away existing plaque and tartar. Give pets a better alternative than your slippers, such as a dental chew that activates the body's natural defense system, killing plaque-forming bacteria.

- For dogs with bad breath, consider a breath spray that fights odors and controls tartar. Opt for something easy-to-use that has a veterinary-strength potency.

Use Pet Dental Health Month to brush up on more tips and tricks at www.SentryPetCare.com.

"Want your dog to live a longer happier life? The answer is simple. Keep pets' teeth and gums in tip top shape," stresses Dr. Van Horn.

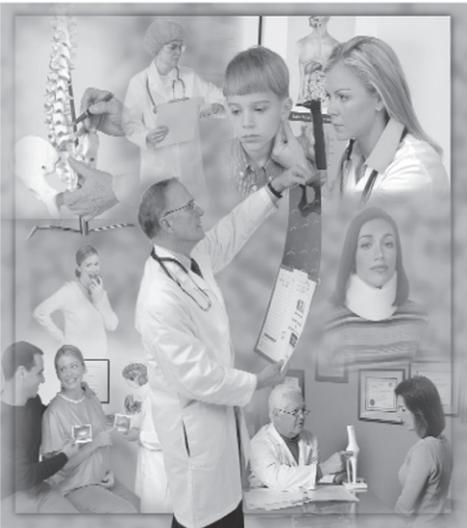


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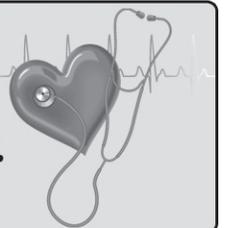
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Three Superfoods That Can Improve Your Health

In a world where fatty, fried and frosted foods are often the cheapest, quickest and most readily available options, it can be easy to forget the true purpose of eating -- to healthfully fuel our bodies.

"The higher-quality fuel you put in your body, the better you will function. The right diet can potentially prevent you from developing certain diseases and conditions," says Gerry Cysewski, Ph.D., co-author of "Spirulina: Nature's Super-Food," and Chief Science Officer of Nutrex Hawaii, a nutritional supplement manufacturer.

And despite what many people think, healthful eating doesn't have to come at the price of taste or time. Foods rich in nutrition can make quick snacks and be incorporated easily into your favorite dishes.

Here are ideas for how to fit three superfoods into your diet:

Blueberries

Skip the sodium overload of chomping on chips and lower your risk for heart disease, diabetes and even the common cold with some blueberries. Blueberries are full of flavor as well as antioxidants, phytoflavonoids, Vitamin C and potassium.

While they make for a great snack on their own, blueberries are also delicious as a yogurt, oatmeal or cereal topper.



Spinach

Spirulina

For a wealth of protein, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, take a cue from the ancient Mayans and Aztecs and incorporate spirulina in your daily diet.

Hawaiian spirulina, a microalgae-based superfood, contains more than 100 nutrients, and a three gram serving contains higher levels of key antioxidants, enzymes, vitamins and minerals than five servings of fruits and vegetables.

"A single serving of spirulina is like a rainbow of good nutrition, containing the orange of beta-carotene for immune system support, the yellow of zeaxanthin for eye and brain health, the green of chlorophyll for anti-toxin health benefits, and the blue of phycocyanin for inflammatory balance," says Cysewski.

What's the best way to get your daily dose? Consider taking pill supplements, or if you prefer, mix spirulina powder in dips like guacamole or hummus. Or for a tasty breakfast, lunch or snack, try this smoothie recipe:

Blend these ingredients together and serve immediately:

- 1/2 cup yogurt
- 1 cup of fruit juice (apple, orange or pineapple)
- 1 or more of the following: 1 papaya, 1 peach, 1 mango
- 1/2 cup of boysenberries or raspberries
- 1 teaspoon Hawaiian Spirulina powder

More information on the benefits of spirulina can be found at www.Nutrex-Hawaii.com.

Spinach

Popeye was onto something when he downed those cans of spinach. The dark leafy greens contain minerals, vitamins, pigments and phytonutrients that benefit eyesight, blood pressure, muscles, bones, skin and a healthy nervous system.

For a low-fat, low-calorie source of iron and protein, put the burger down and eat spinach instead. Opt for the fresh variety, swapping out iceberg lettuce in salads, or sauté lightly with olive oil and garlic for a great side. Spinach is also tasty in omelets and makes a healthy alternative to ground meat in lasagna.

With a little creativity, giving your body the right fuel it needs to stay healthy can be convenient and delicious.



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George Franklin 'Frank' Primmer, 72

George Franklin "Frank" Primmer, passed away on Jan. 24, 2013, at the West Palm Beach, Florida V.A. Hospital, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Frank was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 18, 1940. He was raised in Valleyford, Wash., and attended Valleyford Elementary, Lindberg High School and Freeman High School, graduating in 1958.

Frank entered the Army Reserves in 1957 and completed his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. Frank entered the Army in 1963 and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He graduated from Army Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., earning the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1965. He served two tours in Vietnam where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in Pleiku, Vietnam in 1966 and received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, and various other service awards. After his discharge from the military, Frank settled in Belle Glade, Fla., where he was an active and involved member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, as well as in the community.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Marguerite and Kelley Primmer of Valleyford, Wash.

Frank is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Randy (Tina) Primmer of Longwood, Fla., Mark Primmer of Longwood, and Robert Cohran of Belle Glade, Fla.; daughters, Brenda Allen of Arcadia, Fla., Abby Garcia of Clewiston, Fla., and Libby Moya of Clewiston, Fla.; brothers, Dennis (Virginia) Primmer of Mims, Fla., Fred (Deona) Primmer of Mica, Wash., Dan (Donna) Primmer of Greenacres, Wash.; his sister, Helen (Del) Laird of Greenacres, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews in Washington and Florida.

Frank's interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations on his behalf to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org Northwood Funeral Home, West Palm Beach, is in charge of arrangements.

Magdiel Davila, 59

CLEWISTON — Magdiel Davila passed away Feb. 9, 2013 in LaBelle.

He was born Apr. 18, 1953 in Mexico, to the late Valentine and Josefa (Cantu) Davila.

He is survived by his wife, Emilia (Martinez) Davila; one son, Lazaro M. Davila; five daughters, Emilia Davila, Gracie Davila, Diana L. Padron, Angelica Gonzales, Gabriela Hayes; mother, Josefa Cantu; three brothers, Jose H. Davila, Florentino Davila, Jose D. Davila; five sisters, Dora Davila, Nora Davila, Maribel Davila, Maria Valentine Davila, Erica Davila; and 17 grandchildren

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston with Father Jibani Batista officiating. Interment will be in Ridgeland Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

New Season of SFWMD, Audubon Bird-Watching Tours is Aloft



Local photographers snapped shots of dozens of birds at bird-watching and Christmas Bird Count trips to Stormwater Treatment Areas 1 East and 5. From left, peregrine falcon, roseate spoonbill, palm warbler. Credits: Ken Corregan, SFWMD and Richard Hodgkins.

Hundreds of species were documented in Everglades restoration areas in 2012

BY GABE MARGASAK
SFWMD

Hundreds of bird watchers had the opportunity in 2012 to observe endangered Everglades snail kites, roseate spoonbills and a vast array of Florida wading birds in wetlands built by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to improve Everglades water quality.

This year, the District is once again partnering with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of the Everglades to continue these highly popular tours and bird counts in wetlands, known as Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), in Palm Beach and Hendry counties.

STA-1 East in Palm Beach County

Since first taking flight in January 2012, 15 guided bird-watching tours at STA-1 East have drawn about 300 people. Hosted by the Audubon Society of the Everglades, in partnership with the District, participants have identified 115 species of birds so far at the site just west of Wellington.

With cameras and long-range viewing scopes, bird watchers typically caravan across 9 miles of the internal levees that separate the water-cleaning cells of the wetland. Frequent stops at choice locations offer excellent views of wildlife in the expanse of water and the STA's specialized plants that take up phosphorus before it enters the Everglades.

For 2013, Audubon of the Everglades plans to host about 20 trips to STA-1 East, including the first Saturday of each month. Tour dates and related outings are posted on the Audubon of the Everglades website.

The STA-1 East tour program was modeled after the popular partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society, which has served 6,300 bird watchers and photographers from across the globe at STA-5 in Hendry County to date.

STA-5 in Hendry County

Continuing the tradition of world renowned bird watching at STA-5, the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society hosted 25 trips with 863 participants in 2012. The group also documented the 200th confirmed bird species — the American goldfinch — at the site since tours began there in 2005. The northern flicker was the 201st.

During the 113th Christmas Bird Count in

December, Audubon teams in STA-5 and the surrounding area documented a diverse array of 111 species, including American coot, fulvous whistling duck, blue-winged teal, endangered Everglades snail kite, crested caracara and tropical kingbird. A total of around 85,500 individual birds were counted over the course of the day.

The more than 6,000-acre constructed wetland, just south of Clewiston, is one of 489 sites on The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the sites are selected for their prolific bird watching or bird education and wildlife-viewing opportunities. Audubon volunteers, in cooperation with the

District, have led 163 individual tours at this site to date.

Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns approximately 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

For Pat

He hung the moon,
This laughing brother peering into my crib,
Shaking the butterfly ball...
He was made of steel,
This big strong brother who ran at the speed of light,
Swam across rivers,
All of it with me on his broad back - laughing!
He had no fear,
This brave-hearted brother who fought
and conquered
Protecting me, his wife, his children, his family...
He lived for love,
This brother who married young,
Brought up children with love, laughter, music, dance,
Sun and rain, wind and storm...
The woods ran through his veins,
This brother on horseback, hunting, fishing,
Helping, working, protecting...
Steel doesn't break and steel never bends,
But days with our brothers
All find their ends...
And I will love you forever, Pat Lee,
From your sister and your family.
Kenneth Patrick Lee May 16, 1956 - February 5, 2013
Survivors: Wife Laura, Son Kenny, Daughters Karla, Deannie, Sally Lee
Granddaughter Laura Nadine Lee & Lillianna & Elijah
Brothers: Ricky, Petie, Sister Brenda
Stepmother Ann Tyler, step-brothers: Billy & Troy Tyler
Nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, "Unca' No-No"
Predeceased: Father Pete, Mother Nadine, Brother Steve
Many Thanks to Glades Funeral Chapel for the beautiful service and arrangements.



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Mournful tune
- 6 Teacher's favorite
- 9 Part of A.D.
- 13 How fritters are fried
- 14 Bronx third baseman, to fans
- 16 In ___ of: replacing
- 17 Diver's apparatus
- 18 Cruise ship stop
- 19 Fastener in the catalog a bit above a U-bolt?
- 20 Cub Scout group
- 21 They start with "hip hip"
- 24 Russian Peace Nobelist Sakharov
- 26 Dawn to dusk
- 27 Luau bowlful
- 28 Words of understanding
- 29 Closely related duo
- 33 Jock's antithesis
- 34 Granola grain
- 35 In need of a massage, perhaps
- 36 Candor
- 40 Did electrical work
- 43 Disencumber (of)
- 44 Snuffs out, mob-style
- 48 Single file
- 51 Chilly, in Mexico
- 52 Many times o'er
- 53 Sidewalk stand soft drink
- 54 Church gathering
- 56 Weightless state
- 60 Conclusion
- 61 "Dies ___": Latin hymn
- 62 "Wild Blue Yonder" mil. group
- 63 Vivian of "I Love Lucy"
- 65 City west of Tulsa
- 66 Chow ___: noodle dish
- 67 Like senior statesmen
- 68 Reagan and son
- 69 London lav
- 70 Words of agreement

DOWN

- 1 Contempt
- 2 Fragrant ceremonial smoke

- 3 More spherical
- 4 Brit. territory with a famous rock
- 5 Tickle pink
- 6 Duo
- 7 Highland tongue
- 8 City on Lake Erie
- 9 Old, in German
- 10 Bowler's back-row target
- 11 Nervous system units
- 12 Alfresco
- 15 Evening coffee choice for many

- 42 Teach new job skills to
- 45 Facebook connections
- 46 Bride-to-be
- 47 Joins metal
- 49 Tight as ___
- 50 Prickly-leaved plant
- 55 Yiddish "Yikes!"
- 57 Ref. works that occupy entire shelves

- 58 Sony laptop brand
- 59 "___ One Will Listen": Kelly Clarkson song
- 64 Pub potable

DIAGONAL

- 69 (to square 45) What happens after the starts of 21-, 29-, 48- and 56-Across

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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TAX SAVINGS NOTICE

Glades County Property Owners

As a Glades County property owner, you may qualify for one or more of the following listed exemptions. The filing deadline is March 1, 2013. You may make application in the office of the Glades County Property Appraiser, located in the Glades County Courthouse, Room 202, in Moore Haven, during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

You may qualify for one or more of the following Exemptions:

1. Homestead Exemption up to \$50,000 of assessed value
The first \$25,000 is received on your assessed value up to \$25,000 (includes all taxing authorities)
The second \$25,000 is received on your assessed value of \$50,000 to \$75,000 (does not include school district)
2. Veteran's and First Responder Exemptions and Discounts
 - A) Disabled veteran discount, age 65 or older, combat related (based on percentage of permanent disability) 2012 Amendment 2 removed the requirement that the veteran must have been a Florida resident when he or she entered military service
 - B) Disabled veteran disabled 10% or more by misfortune or during wartime service up to \$5,000
 - C) Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected, totally disabled (on all taxes)
 - D) Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse (on all taxes)
 - E) Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty (on all taxes)
 - F) Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty (on all taxes)
3. Widow's or Widower's Exemption \$500
4. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption \$500 (or more)
5. Additional Exemption of \$10,000 for residents age 65 or older with an annual household adjusted income limit of \$27,590 (Filing period Jan 1 to March 1)
6. Tangible Personal Property Exemption of \$25,000
7. Agricultural Classification (Filing period Jan 1 to March 1)
8. Save our Homes Portability
9. Deployed Military Exemption

The previous owner's exemptions do not apply to you, if you have recently purchased your property. New applications must be filed for new ownership or deed transfers. This would also include name changes in Agricultural Classifications.

Automatic Homestead Exemption renewal (white card), Agricultural Classifications (green card) and Tangible Personal Property Exemption (blue card) have recently been mailed. Do not return the card to this office if you still qualify. Please keep it as your receipt.

To file for Homestead Exemption, please furnish the following:

1. Florida Driver's License
 2. Florida Vehicle
 3. Glades County Voter's Registration or recorded Declaration of Domicile
 4. Social Security Number (If married both husband and wife required)
 5. Permanent Resident Card (If not a U.S. Citizen)
 6. Applicant must hold title to the property and reside on property by January 1, 2013
 7. Copy of your mobile home title or registration in order to purchase a permanent "RP" sticker
- For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for us to assist in filing your applications.

Lorie Ward

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program.

Volunteers of the Month

The following volunteers were selected as "Volunteers of the Month"; they logged in more than ten hours of volunteer work during the month of January: Ashley Arroyo, Jacqueline Betancourt, Clara Lopez, Caridad Lopez Morales, Aylema Molina, Reyna Perez, Willie Perry, Rosa Prieto, and Andrea Sessano-Garcia. We appreciate their hard work.

Box Tops for Education

Kudos to Christian Garcia for collecting and donating 310 Box Tops for Education labels (equivalent to \$31) to the Family Center. He received a special certificate for his efforts. We encourage all students and their families to participate in this monthly fundraising initiative. The labels are redeemed for cash and the money earned is used to sponsor recognition programs and to purchase incentives for the students. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 18: Holiday
- Feb. 19: Teacher Work Day / no school for students

Belle Glade Elementary

Eagle Rewards

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

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

iConnect is a weekly e-newsletter that will keep stakeholders informed and connected with the academic success at Belle Glade Elementary. We feel that this initiative will assist us as we 'go for the gold!' This initiative is set to launch in January, 2013. If you are interested, please send your name and email address to kevin.wright@palmbeachschools.org. Please include iConnect in the

subject section of the email. Your email address will be added to the distribution list. For more information, contact Kevin Wright at 561-829-4800 or by email at kevin.wright@palmbeachschools.org.

Saturday Tutorial

Team Eagles BGE Success Academy (Saturday Tutorial) tutored over 100 students.

- Grade 3: 55 students
- Grade 4: 23 students
- Grade 5: 28 students

The total is 106 students.

A big congratulations for a great turnout of 106 students on Feb. 9 to everyone.

Tentative Tutoring dates

- February 23
- March 2 and 9
- April 6 and 13

Father/Daughter Dance

It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Attire for the dance is semi-formal. No jeans, tennis shoes or flip flops. Tickets are on sale now in the office. Tickets are \$15 for one adult and one student. Refreshments will be served. The event is not limited to just father/daughter, it can also be mother/son, uncle/niece, etc. Come out and enjoy!

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11 - April 30: FCAT Blackout Period
- Feb. 18: No School District Of Palm Beach County
- Feb. 19: Teacher Work Day
- Feb. 23: Father/Daughter Dance
- Feb. 26: FCAT Writes

Glades Day

Gator Sports

The Lady Gators Softball Team began their regular season on Monday, Feb. 11, against Clewiston High School.

National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society

The Induction Ceremony for new members will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in Tripp Hall. Be sure to stop by for the next blood drive, Feb. 13, and save 3 lives while supporting GDS!

Awana

Awana is planning their Easter Musical and Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza! Save the date for March 27.

Upcoming Events

Spring sports, all clubs, K-5 graduation, and elementary class pictures will be taken February 6th. No school on Monday, Feb. 18, for Presidents' Day.

The Spring Gala

The annual Spring Gala at the Wycliffe Golf and Country Club will be on March 9. If you would like to make any donations or have any questions concerning items, please contact Amie Pitts at apitts@gladesdayschool.com or Amy Wilkins at awilkins@gladesdayschool.com.

30 Hour Famine

Glades Day School FCA students will work with World Vision to raise money and awareness for starving children around the world. On Feb. 15-16, students will fast for 30 hours while participating in Tribal Challenges and community service events. There will be an open worship service for the community on Friday, Feb. 15, at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade at 7 p.m.

AYSO Soccer

AYSO games will be held at Glades Day through March 2. Any student who would like to earn community service hours are welcome to participate on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Everyone come out and join in the family fun!

Glades Day's Got Talent

Congratulations to the Glades Day's Got Talent Show winners! The show was held in the GDS gymnasium on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Students performed everything from singing, dancing and playing instruments to gymnastics.

- Lower School Winners: 4th, Skylar Maria; 3rd, Camber Pope; 2nd, Skylar Rowley; 1st, Ashlyn Bifolk
- Upper School Winners: 3rd, Tydra St. Lot; 2nd, Wil Mercer; 1st, Daniel Avila

Crossroads Academy

Spotlight - Teachers

Mr. Eric Bibeau is an Economics and Geometry teacher at Crossroads Academy. He has written a book called Basic Economics Today and has the pen name Clint Kennedy. He created the web site basiceconomicstoday.com which provides useful information for students, consumers and businesses. He is also the Textbook Coordinator, CTA School Rep, EBE chair and is on the Positive Behavior Committee.

Mrs. Tiffany Hollis-Cole is a Social Studies teacher at Crossroads Academy. She brings a diverse background to the students. She recently

earned a Master's degree in Education after completing her directed research project on the technology and its impact on the learning styles of students. Prior to coming to Crossroads Academy she worked as an educator for five years starting at Lake Shore Middle School. She is a published poet and is presently working on a book. She is the Student Council sponsor here at this school and has worked with the students on HIV/Aids awareness activities and community project.

Club Flag Football

Mr. Larry Dunnon, a Behavioral Intervention Associates Counselor at Crossroads Academy, is sponsoring Flag Football for students. The flag football intramurals will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from two to 4:30 p.m. Students must have a 2.0 GPA and a positive attitude to participate.

MLK Oratorical Contest

Jimmy Fredrick, who represented Crossroads Academy in the MLK Oratorical Contest, won in the high school division and is now \$75 richer, as he received a check from the City of South Bay.

Student Council

The student council will be selling valentine cards and candy in the cafeteria daily. All orders will be delivered on Valentine's Day to fellow students and staff members.

FCATs Writes Kick Off

A FCAT Writes and Family workshop and dinner will be hosted by Ms. Valle and Ms. Baker-Jackson for all parents and students, who need to pass the writing portion of the FCAT, will get first-hand information on how to write winning prompts for the FCAT writes. The dinner/workshop will be held on Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Crossroads Academy cafeteria.

Class of 2013

Crossroads Academy Senior class of 2013 will be selling Senior Shirts. "Cross academy Class of 2013-College Bound." The shirts are black with white writing. The price for the shirts will be \$5 and \$6.50 for sizes 2x and up. Crossroads seniors are on track for graduation, seniors shirt day is Feb. 28.

Citizenship Awards

There were five students selected for student of the week for outstanding behavior for the week of Feb. 4 through Feb. 8: Timothy McCray, Jekerra Nelson, Sharmin Perkins, Lenice Richardson, and Judith Zamarripa.

ARREST REPORT

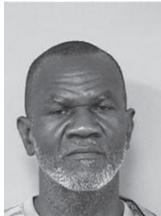
This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Darrell Roberts, 43



- Cocaine possession, w/ intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc
- Arrested Feb. 7
- Released Feb. 7 on bond

Gustavous Wood, 52



- Marijuana possession, w/ intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver
- Arrested Feb. 8
- Released Feb. 9 on bond

Donald Johnson, 21



- Battery by strangulation
- Arrested Feb. 6
- Released Feb. 6

Mario Cabrera, 66



- DUI, alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Feb. 6
- Released Feb. 7

Temaurion Z. Trimble, 28



- Burglary, unarmed
- Arrested Feb. 11

Gretavious Q. Ashley, 24



- Aggravated battery, knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Feb. 5
- Released Feb. 6



PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised the Hendry County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Recycle Collection Center, located at **1360 Forestry Division Road in LaBelle**, is now open to the public by appointment only. The Clewiston HHW Center, located at **1381 Evercane Road**, continues to be by appointment only. You may call **863-673-0508** to make an appointment. ***No illegal dumping outside the gate is permitted.***

If you have questions, you may call the above mentioned number or **863-674-4162** or the Hendry County Special Districts Office at **863-675-5252**.

HELPFUL TIPS: Household Hazardous Waste

Many products we use in and around our home and discard with our trash are similar to regulated hazardous waste produced by business and industry. Products that are corrosive, such as acids and alkalis, are flammable, reactive or toxic and are found in homes, garages, workshops or used in gardens. Some examples are:

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| * Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides & Insecticides | * Nail Polish & Remover | (Non-household may drop off up to ten (10) for a fee of \$0.50 each.) |
| * Batteries, rechargeable and auto | * Oven & Drain Cleaners | * Thermometers (Containing Mercury) |
| * Mothballs | * Metal Polish & Rust Removers | * Wood Preservatives |
| * Liquid Paint & Thinners | * Mildew Removers | * Small Freon Bottles |
| * Furniture Strippers, Finishers, Polishes & Waxes | * Swimming Pool Chemicals | * Propane Tanks |
| * Motor Oil, Brake & Transmission Fluid, Gasoline & Antifreeze | * Cleansers: Upholstery/All Purpose, etc. | * Electronics (TVs, computers, phones, etc.) |
| * Solvents & De-greasers | * Fluorescent Tubes (Containing Mercury) | |

These items may be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers free of charge to residents.

RECYCLING

Acceptable Items:
Plastics #1 PET
Drink Bottles
Plastics #2 HDPE

Frosted Milk Jugs
Mixed Plastics
#3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 PP & #6
Pigmented Jugs (laundry detergent)

Tubs/Containers (jelly & butter)
Bottles (shampoo, dish liquid & ketchup)
Five-Gallon Pales
(Rinse all recyclables, as necessary.)

AVISO PÚBLIC AVISO PUBLICO

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que el Condado Hendry Desechos Caseros Peligrosos (HHW) & Reciclaje Centro, ubicado @ **1360 División de Silvicultura Carretera en Labelle**, se encuentra a disposición del público sólo con cita previa. El HHW Clewiston Centro, ubicado @ **Evercane Carretera en 1381**, sigue siendo únicamente por cita. Usted puede llamar **863-673-0508** para hacer una cita. ***Ningún vertido ilegal fuera de la puerta es permitida.***

Si usted tiene preguntas, usted puede llamar el mencionado número o **863-674-4162** o el condado Hendry distritos especiales Oficina @ teléfono **863-675-5252**.

INFORMACIÓN ÚTIL: Desechos Peligrosos

Muchos de los productos que utilizamos en los alrededores de nuestra casa y de descarte con nuestra basura son similares a los residuos peligrosos producidos regulado por las empresas y la industria. Los productos que son corrosivos, como ácidos y álcalis, son inflamables, reactivos o tóxicos y se encuentran en casas, garajes, talleres o utilizados en los jardines. Algunos ejemplos son:

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| * Pesticidas, herbicidas, fungicidas y plaguicidas | * Esmalte de uñas y removedor | (No domésticos pueden dejar hasta diez (10) por un costo de \$ 0.50 cada uno.) |
| * Las baterías recargables y auto | * Horno y drenaje Cleaners | * Los termómetros (que contiene mercurio) |
| * Las bolas de naftalina | * Metal Polish & Removedores Rust | * Los conservantes de madera |
| * Líquido de Pinturas y Disolventes | * El moho Removedores | * Botellas Pequeñas freón |
| * Strippers Muebles, finalistas, Betunes y ceras | * Productos químicos para piscinas | * Tanques de propano |
| * Motor de fluido de aceite, frenos y transmisión, Gasolina y anticongelante | * Limpiadores: Tapicería / All Purpose, etc | * Electrónica (televisores, computadoras, teléfonos, etc) |
| * Disolventes y engrasadores De- | * Tubos fluorescentes (que contienen mercurio) | |

Estos artículos pueden ser llevados a las Peligrosos del Hogar Centros de recogida de residuos de forma gratuita a los residentes.

RECICLAJE

Artículos Aceptables
Plásticos # 1 PET
Beba Botellas
Plásticos # 2 HDPE

Frosted jarras de leche
Plásticos mixtos
3 PVC, # 4 LDPE, PP # 5 y # 6
Jarras pigmentadas (detergente para la ropa)

Tinas / Contenedores (jalea y mantequilla)
Botellas (champú, jabón líquido y salsa de tomate)
Cinco galones Pales
(Enjuague todos los materiales reciclables, según sea necesario.)

Glades Day FFA Fair Results

The Glades Day Future Farmers of America students are a work in progress. Last year GDS had an outstanding outcome at the South Florida Fair Youth Livestock Show and Auction.

We brought home the Grand Champion title for the best hog, which belonged to Shelby Connell, and the Showmanship title, which belonged to Landon McDuffie.

That was the first time GDS had ever accomplished earning those prestigious titles. The students traveled back over to the South Florida Fair this year on Jan. 24.

The students' hard work at the fair began then and didn't stop until the 27th. All FFA students are required to do a Supervised Agriculture Experience project every year. Those who choose to do rabbits, hogs and steers raise their animals and prepare them for the fair. This year GDS sent 2 rabbits, 5 steers and 27 hogs.

The students and the animals they raised were:

- Rabbits: Caroline Stein and Kathryn Weeks.
- Steers: Dylan Abowd, Hunter Abowd, McKenzie Redish, Brett Collier and Kassidy Redish.
- Hogs: Marely Castaneda, Thomas Guerry, Jacquelyn Jordan, Caroline Key, Savannah Miller, Veronica Mobley, Johnny Mosley, Cole Potts, Maryann Tristan, Shelby Connell, Matthew Hubbard, Dalton Foreman, Skyler Stamm, Kolby Ward, Amanda Hernandez, Carly Metzger,

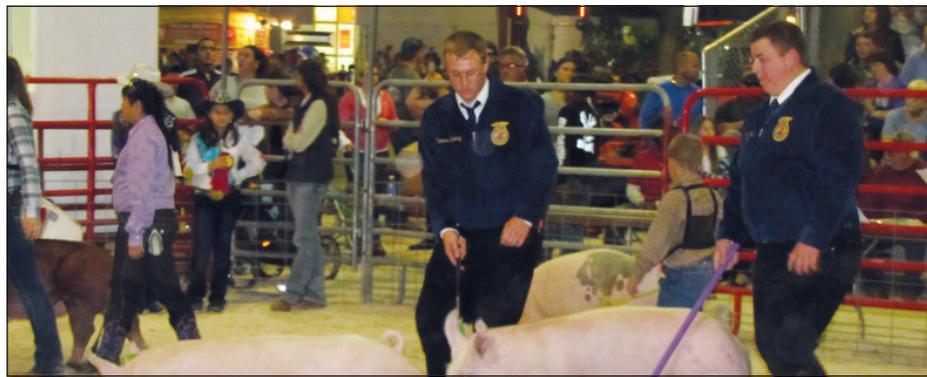
Jessica Onega, Olivia Pope, Sara White, Daniel Avila, Shane Pender, Christian Ruiz, Casey Connell, Paige Pelham, Colton Pope, Alyssa Sanchez, and Haden Redish.

FFA did well in their steer presentations. President of the FFA, Dylan Abowd placed 4th in his class and was brought back for showmanship where he walked away with second place. Brett Collier placed 1st in his class and Kassidy Redish placed 2nd in hers. The hogs had a pretty good outcome also.

There were three students who placed first in their class: Senior, Veronica Mobley with her hog weighing in at 261 pounds, and Freshmen Daniel Avila and Christian Ruiz with their hogs weighing in at 241 pounds and 259 pounds, respectively. Senior Savannah Miller placed 2nd in her class and also won 1st place in Senior Record Book. Eighth grader Paige Pelham placed 4th in her class, but also won 1st place Intermediate Record Book.

The FFA/Ag students who showed hogs were awarded the Grand Champion Herdsman award by the hog livestock committee. This was awarded to them for all of the hard work that they performed this year.

The award is usually given to one individual, but this year the judges decided it was too difficult to choose just one student. GDS is not only proud of all the hard work that the FFA students put in, but also of all of the awards that they earned.



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Lakeside Academy Panthers

The Lakeside Academy Panthers flag football team will be starting a 10-game schedule starting Feb. 13. Pictured from left to right: Lakendra Warren, Anthony Jaimes, Antrone McCants, Vanlucci Francois, Willie Lawrence, Jahtavis Philpart, Marvin Similien, Ronathan Seabrook, Abel Abarra, and Coach Alex Greeley.



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Glade View Elementary Parent Literacy Training

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Glade View Literacy Team provided information to parents regarding the Leveled Literacy Intervention System (LLI). The Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System is a small-group, supplementary intervention program designed to help teachers provide powerful, daily, small-group instruction for the lowest achieving students in the early grades. Mrs. Dowdell-Smith, Kindergarten Chairperson explained to parents that a Parent Letter is sent home with students in LLI as well as daily take home books to be read at home every day, fold sheets and word study activities such as oral games, magnetic letters or word cards, high frequency word games, word hunts or word sorts. Mrs. Dowdell-Smith modeled using magnetic letters how to create various words by changing the beginning and ending sounds as parents worked along side their children using magnetic boards and letters. The evening was filled with excitement as parents received more tools to use at home with students. Door prizes and refreshments were provided.

Pahokee's 3rd Parent Reading Conference

Family Literacy is the foundation of lifelong learning that helps individuals and communities grow and prosper. Join us for Pahokee's 3rd Annual Reading Conference, where local educators and family literacy experts come together to share with families and children fun creative ways to grow family literacy. Parents and community members are welcome to come out and learn about how they can help their child become a better reader.

Pre-register by Feb. 26 to win a prize for your child and be entered in a drawing to win a Sony

Tablet PC. Participants will also receive free books to help build their home library.

This conference is sponsored by: Children's Services Council, Bridges at Pahokee, Americorps, Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, Mary & Robert Pew Foundation, Pahokee Youth Enrichment Academy, K.E.C. Canal Point Elementary School, and Pahokee Elementary International Baccalaureate World School. For registration and information, please call Mrs. Harper at 561-924-9700 or Ms. Mawhinney at 561-924-9800.

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Inland Birding Fun: Cooper's Hawk (COHA)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

For the first time anyone anywhere in the world with Internet access can participate in the 16th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) from Feb. 15-18.



Margaret England

Participants simply watch birds at any location for at least 15 minutes, tally the numbers of each species they see, and report their tallies online at www.BirdCount.org. Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers will enter data for participants who don't have internet access.

Please contact Margaret England to request a copy of the tally sheet which would need to be returned to Hendry-Glades Audubon before March 1st.

The four-day count typically receives sightings from tens of thousands of people reporting more than 600 bird species in the United States and Canada alone. Last year 280 species were reported in Florida, including the Cooper's Hawk.

The Cooper's Hawk is a crow-sized raptor with a slender body, broad rounded wings, and a very long rounded tail. They have a flap-flap-glide flight pattern. Females are larger and more powerfully built than the males.

Adult plumage is steely blue-gray above with orange and white barred underparts. Juveniles are brown above with a golden buff head and well defined dark brown streaks on their upper breast. The oldest known Cooper's Hawk was 20 years and four months old.

These birds are usually silent. Their most common call is a loud grating "cak-cak-cak" made by either sex while defending their nest site or during courtship.

In the eastern United States they are found hunting for birds in deep forests, leafy subdivisions, and backyards. Cooper's Hawks capture birds with their feet, which are killed by repeated squeezing.

They have also been reported to drown their prey. Males usually take small to medium-sized songbirds while females prey upon larger birds like doves, Pileated Woodpeckers, and crows.

In Florida most Cooper's Hawk nesting occurs from April through July in the northern two-thirds of the state. The male builds a nest 25 to 50 feet above the ground in pines, oaks or other trees growing near a clearing. The nest is completed in about two weeks with very little help from the female. This stick nest, about 27 inches in diameter, is lined with bark flakes and green twigs.

The female incubates three to five pale blue to greenish eggs for 30 to 36 days. The male provides most of the food for the female and hatchlings until the young are ready to fledge at 30 to 34 days of age.

You and your guests are invited participate

in upcoming birding trips Saturday February 16, Sunday February 17 or Monday February 18th at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5). A few volunteers will be working on the Great Backyard Bird Count survey.

Birders and/or photographers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the STA5 Deer Fence Canal Trailhead. To make a reservation or request a GBBC tally sheet, please e-mail Margaret England at 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. "Like" Hendry-Glades Audubon on Facebook.

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7. Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty (all taxes)
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9. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption \$500(or more)
10. Additional Exemption 65 years of age or older w/an annual income of less than \$27,590 per household (documentation is required) (up to) \$50,000
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13. Homestead Portability
14. Deployed Military Exemption

If you have recently purchased your property, the previous owners' exemptions do not apply to you. New applications MUST be filed for new ownership or deed transfers. This would also include (name) changes in Agricultural Classified parcels.

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- Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile
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- Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen)
- Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker
- The mailing address of your bank statement and/or a copy of your utility bill at homestead address may be required.

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Cooper's Hawk.



Health Care District Board Votes to Continue Operation of Lakeside Medical Center

At a public meeting Tuesday, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously that it is in the best interest of the Glades community for the Health Care District to retain ownership and operation of Lakeside Medical Center, Palm Beach County's only public hospital. The vote followed a presentation made by an independent, third-party evaluation firm, Health Management Associates, which found that the estimated fair market financial value of the hospital is zero without Health Care District support.

"Lakeside Medical Center is a vital safety net hospital for the nearly 40,000 residents in the Glades," stated Commissioner Carol A. Roberts, Interim Chair of the Health Care District Board. "The compelling data outlined in the valuation report, along with the overwhelming community support the District received at the public hearing, underscored the importance of the District continuing to own and operate the hospital now and into the future."

The financial evaluation and public hearing are requirements under House Bill 711, an amendment to Florida Statute 155.40. The bill, which was signed by Florida Governor Rick Scott in April 2012, mandates all public hospitals in Florida to commence a one-time evaluation of the benefits of selling or leasing the hospital. This evaluation must include a financial evaluation and an operating comparison with similarly situated hospitals. The data in the consultants' report showed that under Health Care District ownership and operation, Lakeside Medical Center compares favorably with other hospitals in terms of costs and quality of care.

"We are proud that Lakeside Medical Center was recently named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint

Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America," said Ronald J. Wiewora, MD, MPH, the Health Care District's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer. "The hospital is also a leader in patient satisfaction compared to other public hospitals across the country."

More than 40 people attended the public hearing at the hospital, many of which were local public officials and key community leaders. Eleven attendees provided public comment and all spoke in favor of the hospital remaining a public entity under the Health Care District. The speakers included: Mayor Steve B. Wilson, City of Belle Glade; Mayor J. P. Sasser, City of Pahokee; David Goodlett, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida and former Health Care District Board Chair; Sandra Chamblee, Glades Rural Area Support Board Member and former Health Care District Board Member; Mary Weeks, RN, Glades Rural Area Support Board Member and former Chief Nursing Officer of Lakeside Medical Center and the former Glades General Hospital; Scot Kannel, Executive Director of The Arc of the Glades; Karis Engle, Executive Director of Glades Initiative; Steve Prielozny, President of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce; Father John Mericantante, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee; Reverend Robert Rease, St. John First Missionary Baptist Church in Belle Glade; and Roy Burch, former Glades resident and business leader.

"I want to go on the record to say that we strongly support the Health Care District continuing to manage and operate this hospital," Mayor Steve B. Wilson of Belle Glade told the Health Care District Board. "The Health Care District made a commitment to this community to provide health care services and based on the data,

they exceed that."

Lakeside Medical Center is a 70-bed, acute-care facility accredited by the Joint Commission that treats over 38,000 patients a year. The hospital provides a 24-hour physician staffed emergency room with access to the Health Care District's Trauma Hawk air ambulance. Lakeside Medical Center offers both inpatient and outpatient services, obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery, radiology (including CT, MRI/ MRA, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, fluoroscopy and mammography) and respiratory therapy. The hospital replaced Glades General Hospital, which closed its doors when Lakeside Medical Center opened in 2009.

"This facility is the blood, sweat and tears of this community and we have worked very hard with the Palm Beach County Health Care District to make this happen. We can all be proud of it," said Mayor J.P. Sasser, City of Pahokee.

In 2011, the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems recognized Lakeside Medical Center for achieving above-average scores in patient satisfaction, including the highest possible scores in five out of ten areas. In 2012, The Joint Commission designated Lakeside Medical Center a "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in 2011" for surgical care and for treating heart failure and pneumonia. Lakeside Medical Center was one of seven hospitals in Palm Beach County to earn this distinction. Only 18 percent of the over 3,400 hospitals in the nation that reported their data to the Joint Commission received the "Top Performer" designation.

The evaluation report documented that in 1999 the Health Care District sold the former Glades General Hospital to a private company, only to reacquire the hospital in 2004 when the company found it could not operate it success-

fully and opted to leave the market. The Glades region has a higher poverty and unemployment rate than other areas of the county. Chronic conditions, like diabetes, asthma and obesity, are disproportionately prevalent in this region, which has been designated as a medically under-served area. The next closest hospital is nearly 30 miles to the east. Last year nearly 3,000 patients - that is, about one in ten residents - were admitted to Lakeside Medical Center; more than 22,000 were treated in the Emergency Room, and 13,000 were treated as outpatients.

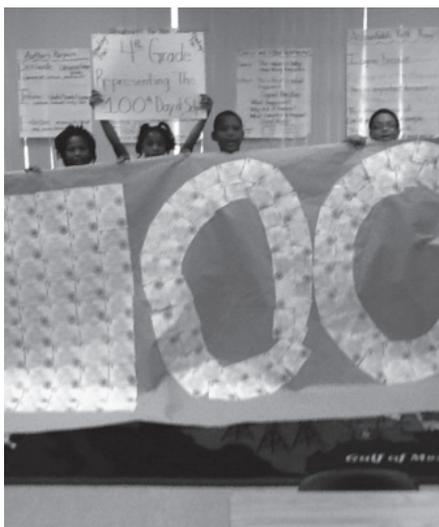
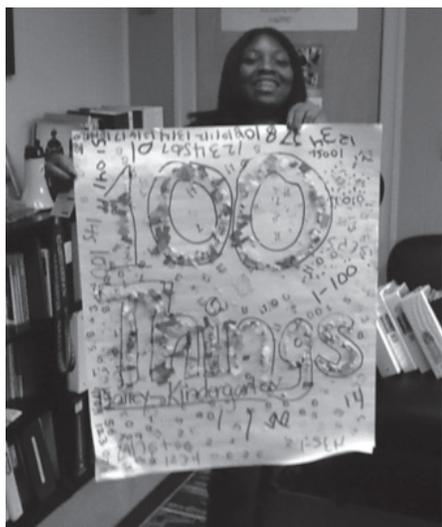
"I do think it's a healthy process that we reviewed all of this, but I do urge you to maintain the integrity of this hospital because of the payer mix in this community," said David Goodlett, Vice President of Government and Community Relations. "I urge you to maintain Health Care District ownership of this hospital."

After the hearing, community leaders, public officials and hospital staff all said that they were pleased with the Health Care District Board's unanimous vote to retain hospital ownership and operation.

"We appreciate the community's support," said Darcy J. Davis, CPA, MSM, the District's Chief Institutional Officer. "The Board's vote is a testament to the District's commitment to Lakeside Medical Center, its staff and patients."

"We strive to take care of our patients and deliver high quality, compassionate care," said Thomas J. Leach, Hospital Administrator. "We look forward to continuing our work as an organization to really exceed our patients' and our customers' expectations each and every day."

For more information and to view the report, visit Lakeside Medical Center's website: www.LakesideMedical.org.



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100th Day of School

Glade View Elementary students from Pre-K to 5th grade celebrated the 100th Day of School. Our Pre-K students created and decorated 100th Day of School Hats, Kindergarten readers created a banner displaying 100 words learned and kindergarten scientists designed a chart with 100 colorful things. Second grade mathematicians surveyed peers to get a sum of their ages. The first to reach a total of 100 received a prize. Third grade writers produced a chart of 100 descriptive words, fourth grade readers created a gigantic poster displaying a collection of their grade level Reading Plus certificates reflecting the number 100. Last, but not least, fifth grade scientist, planted 100 seeds commemorating the 100th Day of School.

National Junior Honor Society

Lake Shore Middle School's Chapter of National Junior Honor Society inducted twenty one students on Jan. 30. This totals the membership to thirty seven students.

Induction into the National Junior Honor Society is a privilege and not a right. The selection is based on the following Characteristics:

- Scoring a Level three, four or five in both Reading and Math Sections of FCAT for the year 2012

- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above
- Conduct grade of three and four in the Report Card

- Continuous Demonstration of the five qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character.

The Principal of Lake Shore Middle School, Mrs. Shundra Dowers is a firm believer in promoting and recognizing student achievements through out the academic school year.

Induction into the National Junior Honor Society was celebrated in the form of a grand candle light ceremony.

Guest list consisted of parents, district six school board member, Ms. Marcia Andrews, Area three superintendent, Dr. Matthew Shoemaker, Area three school principals, Mayor of City of Belle Glade, Mr. Steve Wilson, and other city officials. School Advisory Council President,

Ms. Sandra Stewart, stakeholder/business partner, Ms. Matilda Edwards, and the School Volunteers were also in attendance.

The National Junior Honor Society Chapter Adviser at Lake Shore Middle is Ms. Samina Saleem.

7th Grade

Arely Alanis, Guadalupe Alcala, Zavien Brand, Gabrella Briceno, Rene Croney, Cartchinie Darisma, Te'jhan Downing, Mayra Juarez, Jorge Leal-Liriano, Raymond Mangual, Muriette Michel, Olmanika Milfort, Henija Parker, Elvis Pantoja, Erica Rangel, Neida Rangel, Gisell Rodriguez.

8th Grade

Omar Alcala, Jazmin Alvarez, Julian Bailey, Terrence Downing, Wisly Edouard, Aria Fuller, Vyana Hollingsworth, Ke'neshia Jones, Ruben Joseph, Adriana Mann, Ivan Margarito, Jecynthia Nonar, Jessica Posey, Jacquanda Robinson, Rosa Sanchez, Jada Shannon, Landie Sufraalien, Gretter Tejada, Bru'Shawnda Thomas, Cristal Verdugo.

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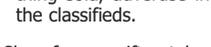
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Public Notice

AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES ORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL

A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 27 de febrero de 2013 a las 7 pm en Montura Clubhouse, 255 N. Hacienda St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación.
436201 CN 2/14,21/2013

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, February 27, 2013 at 7 pm at the Montura Clubhouse located at 255 N. Hacienda 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 to he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.
436200 CN 2/14,21/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glades County Sheriff's Office has found and impounded two horses from the Muse area. Please contact Sergeant David Hardin at 863-946-1600 if you have any information or to retrieve the horses.
436184 GCD 2/7,2/14/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and public hearing 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 meeting and public hearing will be held at 1 p.m. on March 21, 2013 at the East Pasco County Courthouse, 37918 Meridian Ave, Dade City, FL 33525. The meeting as previously advertised to be held by the use of communications media technology only, will not be held as such. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the water and wastewater systems of Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., and Crystal River Utilities, Inc., which are proposed to be acquired by the FGUA. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, 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 hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 435373 CN 2/7,14/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barron-Hilliard-Alico Cooperative Drainage Plan will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the Barron Water Control District Office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, to conduct routine business.

This meeting is open to the public.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.
Secretary
436526 CN/CB 2/14/2013

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AT 8:45 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD
SUPERVISOR
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
436663 CN 2/14/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, February 15th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at 1233 N.W. Avenue L. Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of: Johnnie Dent,** miscellaneous boxes, refrigerator, mattress and box spring, 2 TVs, bedroom set, portable heater, clothes.
435801 SUN 2/7,14/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 9:30AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD
SUPERVISOR
HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
436660 CN 2/14/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 2012-187-CA

TRAID FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation,
Plaintiff
v.
RAMON D. RODRIGUEZ, etc., et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Ramon D. Rodriguez, a/k/a Ramon David Rodriguez, IF LITIGANT, AND IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM
Residence(s): Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage upon on the following property in Glades County, Florida:

All of Lot 12, Lot 13 less the West 68 feet of the South 35 feet and Lot 14. Less the West 68 feet, all in Block J. Horse-shoe Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, pages 49 and 50, of the public records of Glades County, Florida.

has been filed against you and Adelfa Rodriguez; William A. Marcotte and Betty J. Marcotte, his wife, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on LAWRENCE J. BERNARD, ESQUIRE, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 480 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication of this notice, 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 or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on the 1st day of February, 2013.

Clerk of the Court
BY: Julie Braddock
As Deputy Clerk
436622 CN 2/14,21/2013

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 9:15AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD SUPERVISOR SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT 436658 CN 2/14/2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1741	2009	1254432-A0000450100	Adriana E. Calles

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5077 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436454 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1727	2009	1254432-A0000190100	Guillermo Herrera

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5155 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436450 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
493	2008	1334528-A0000020000	Delta Aggregate, LLC

The South one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436414 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 21, 2013, for the following Proposals:

E1L75 - The improvements under this Contract consist of drainage improvements. Highlands - Budget Estimate: \$112,035.00

E1M33 - The improvements under this Contract consist of Landscaping. Polk - Budget Estimate: \$175,000.00

E1M40 - Performance Highway Lighting Maintenance, Manatee & Sarasota Counties - Budget Estimate: \$53,550.00; Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on February 7, 2013, 1:00 p.m., 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, Florida 33830.

E1M41-R0 - Tree Trimming and Removal and Power Shearing. Manatee & Sarasota - Budget Estimate: \$120,000.00

435417 CN 2/7,14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
492	2008	1334528-A0000010000	Delta Aggregate, LLC

The North one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436409 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Sugarland Drainage District, for the year 2012, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Flaghole Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, He will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, He may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Board of Supervisors
Flaghole Drainage District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard
President
436662 CN 2/14/2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Sugarland Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Sugarland Drainage District, for the year 2012, will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Sugarland Road, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Sugarland Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, He will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, He may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Board of Supervisors
Sugarland Drainage District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard
President
436655 CN/GCD 2/14/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1605	2009	1224432-01000570050	Julio Diaz, Jr.

Lot 6, Block 57 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38, and 39 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.

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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436460 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1702	2009	1244432-A0000830000	Rosario H. Zamora

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5299 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436442 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1806	2009	1254432-A0002190100	Jorge & Amerilis Rodriguez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5030 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436443 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1789	2009	1254432-A0001660000	Alicia B Pajares and Maria I Cabral

The South one-half of the East one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 533 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436459 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
972	2009	1224331-010000H0120	John M & Tressy L Rogers

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, in Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 12, Block H, PIONEER PLANTATION, an recorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436449 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1247	2009	1134432-A0000220000	The Lyndel Group, LLC

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast 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 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5687 and Lot 5688 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436458 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

REQUEST FOR BIDS

SKY VALLEY TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

CLEWISTON, FL

BID NUMBER: 2013-14

OPENING DATE AND TIME: March 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Sky Valley Turn Lane Improvements, Clewiston, FL". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by March 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up). Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference on February 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
436106 CB/CN 2/7,14,21,28/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1763	2009	1254432-A0000970000	Eloy Nunez C/O Manuel A. Blanco ESQ

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1149 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th day of February, 2013**

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

436457 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1708	2009	1244432-A0001020100	Francisco Pereiro Liz & Maria Carmen Gonzalez De Pereiro

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5231 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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

436447 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
786	2009	1274329-010000E10360	Altigracia Puente

From the intersection of the North line of the South one-half of Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of State Road 29, runs South 3 degrees 51' East along the centerline of said State Road 29 a distance of 300 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence North 86 degrees 17' East 450 feet, South 3 degrees 51' East 50 feet; South 86 degrees 17' West 450 feet; North 3 degrees 51' West 50 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being Lots 36 and 37, Unit E-1, Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Excepting and reserving the Westerly 50 feet for the right of way of State Road 29.

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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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

436446 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1103	2009	1344331-01000000380	Stephanie C. Sanchez

A parcel of land in the surveyed portion of fractional Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

West of canal known as the 42 foot canal and described in Book 56, Pages 541 to 547, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34 run North 01 degrees 40' 12" East, along the West boundary line of said Section 34 a distance of 4430.25 feet to a Point-of-Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 01 degrees 40' 12" East along said West boundary line of Section 34 a distance of 242.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 06' 34" East a distance of 394.89 feet; thence South 01 degrees 40' 12" West a distance of 242.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06' 34" West a distance of 394.89 feet to the said Point-of-Beginning of this description. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 38, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1801	2009	1254432-A0002010000	Manuel & Mercedes Quinteros & Estaquio F. Alemeida

The North one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 579 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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

436412 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1707	2009	1244432-A0001020000	Francisco Pereiro Liz & Maria Carmen Gonzalez De Pereiro

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5234 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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 Hendry County, Florida

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1094	2009	1334331-A0002030000	Frank Fanelli Sr & Frank Fanelli Jr & Stephen Scarpone

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Also subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 93, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 Hendry County, Florida

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**CITY OF CLEWISTON
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 CDBG HOUSING PROGRAM**

The City of Clewiston hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of up to three (3) single family homes located in the City of Clewiston as a part of the City's Housing Program which consists of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Proposals are due no later than 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, March 7, 2013 and delivered or mailed to: Ms. Marilyn McConvey, City Clerk, City of Clewiston, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 (the City will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Proposals should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope marked "CITY OF CLEWISTON HOUSING PROGRAM - RFP #2". All bids must be accompanied by Pur-7068 "Public Entity Crimes Report", proof of insurance, licenses and the "Vendor Drug Free Work Place" form. Forms must be fully executed by the responder and returned with the bid.

For specific project information, contact Ms. Nancy Phillips at 561-432-1524 or by email at nsp920@aol.com. Bids will be opened at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013 in the City of Clewiston Commission Chambers at the Clewiston City Hall.

A **mandatory** meeting and contractor walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers of the Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid. All potential bidders must be in the Commission Chambers no later than 10:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to accept or reject any bids. The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.

Phillip Roland
 Mayor
 436408 CN 2/14/2013

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Glades Day Seniors Take Part in National Signing Day Ceremony

Nobody from Glades Central or Pahokee signed letters of intent on NSD

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

In years past, the area has been used to seeing multiple players from Glades Central and/or Pahokee take part in National Signing Day.

Other than Raiders early graduate Will Likely – who signed his letter of intent with Maryland several weeks ago in an exclusive ceremony at Glades Central High School – it was all Glades Day this time around.

It's the first time in recent memory something like this has happened.

"I didn't even realize it," said Gators head coach Pete Walker, who had a school-record seven players, including early graduate and Florida signee Kelvin Taylor, ink their college commitments on Feb. 6.

"I'm just happy we were able to get several of our players into college. They all have the grades and the ability to play on the next level. We're excited about that for our guys."

Southeastern University, a NAIA college out of



PHOTO / NAJI TOBIAS

Pictured are Gators players - in alphabetical order - Corey Helvey (Southeastern University), Eli Johnson (Southeastern), Cody McGahee (Southeastern), Colton McKillican (Adams State University - Colorado) and Jose Penton (Southeastern). Not pictured: Nathan Lee (Southeastern) and Kelvin Taylor (University of Florida; signed letter of intent at UF in Gainesville).

Lakeland, got a package deal from Glades Day, as the upstart institution received letters of intent

from Gators seniors Corey Helvey, Eli Johnson, Nathan Lee, Cody McGahee and Jose Penton.

"It's a dream come true," Helvey said. "I never thought I would be able to play college football. I'm just excited for the opportunity and I plan to make the most of it there."

Penton, who played at fullback and linebacker for Glades Day, didn't mince words when speaking about the chance to continue playing with four of his teammates on the college level.

"It's going to be like the Fab Five," said Penton, who received an offer from Southeastern in mid-January. "We'll be like a group of small-school bullies out there."

McGahee, who played in two high school all-star games last month, also had an offer from Wagner, an FCS (formerly Division I-AA) college out of Staten Island, N.Y.

McGahee on why he chose Southeastern over Wagner:

"I just wanted to be closer to home," said McGahee, a former South Fork (Stuart) offensive lineman who now lives in Clewiston. "I didn't want to spend the next few years in New York City. It's too fast and there are too many people up there for me."

The only other Glades Day player – aside from Taylor – who won't be following the quintet to Southeastern is linebacker Colton McKillican, who signed with Adams State (Colo.) University.

RACE

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"He's just not doing a good job right now," said Mr. Rolle. "Basically, he really has an attitude problem. On one incident, he said, 'maybe I'll get some dummies to run the city; I may not run next year.'"

Rolle said one of his priorities, if elected, will be to convince the commission to resurrect the city's police department, which was taken over by the county sheriff's office years ago.

"That's mandatory," he said.

Another mayoral candidate who feels that the city is staying stagnant is Wayne Whitaker, who himself previously served as mayor of Pahokee. Asked why he is running, Whitaker said, "Because nothing is happening in Pahokee. Pahokee is dying and it needs reviving – and I think I can revive it."

Whitaker pointed to his time as mayor as a

sufficient reason to capture votes.

"We got finances straightened out, the city was out of debt, and we had a million dollars in spendable money," he said.

The retired builder said he has enough time to focus on the city's greatest need: jobs.

Another newcomer is Colin Walkes, who works for Family Central as a manager of VPK scholarship services in Belle Glade. Mr. Walkes made it clear that he is not challenging the mayor himself, but rather is hoping to participate in turning the city around.

His involvement in the race is "a referendum of what I see happening in the city." Without offering specifics, Mr. Walkes said he hopes to target citizen stewardship, economic development, and education and training.

"Nothing can really move forward until the citizens get behind any initiative that is created within the community," Mr. Walkes said. "We have to develop a sense of involvement, pride. This community produced me and when I came back, I did not like the condition the city was in."

Pahokee's next game will be tonight's Class 3A regional quarterfinals at 7 p.m. against District 11-3A runner-up St. John Neumann (Naples).

Meanwhile, District 12-3A runner-up Benjamin will travel to Naples for tonight's Class 3A regional quarterfinals at 7 p.m. against District 11-3A winner Community School of Naples.

If both Pahokee and Benjamin win their games tonight, then they will face off against each other for the fourth and final time in the Class 3A regional semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Since the Blue Devils won the District 12-3A title, that game would be at home in Pahokee.

"It would be another showdown," Johnson said. "Benjamin is just preparing us to get ready for a state title run. We're focusing on only one goal right now. We're trying to win a state title for Pahokee."

Mayor Sasser responded to the critical review of his time as mayor.

"None of them, whether Vice Mayor Crawford, or Mayor Whitaker have set foot in a city commission meeting since they left office," said Sasser. "They don't have a clue what's going on in the city because they're not involved."

The mayor said he does not know whether he will be re-elected, but he has faith in voters.

"The way I look at it, if they can see through all this foolishness that's going on and know who's behind it, they just need to decide if they want a future for Pahokee or if they want to put people with no experience in there with a personal agenda that would basically be turning the city of Pahokee over to Palm Beach County on a

silver platter."

But the race for mayor isn't the only one attracting a lot of activity. Commissioner Allie Biggs is facing four opponents for her seat, Seat 1. The longtime commissioner will try for re-election with candidates Matthew Lovette, Susan Feltner, Sandra Davis, and Brian Myers challenging her for the spot.

And though it appeared on Monday that Commissioner Diane Walker would win her seat automatically – as no challengers had yet been filed that morning – Lewis Pope III submitted his candidacy paperwork to the city clerk before the qualifying period ended Tuesday at noon.

Election Day for the city of Pahokee will take place March 12.

BASKETBALL

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as junior guard Isaiah Hobbs scored 8 of his game-high 27 points in the final seconds.

Hobbs even muscled his way in for a go-ahead layup conversion with 21 ticks left to give Benjamin the 47-46 lead.

But the Buccaneers couldn't hold on, as they failed to get a defensive rebound after two missed shots by Pahokee.

"We did we had to do," said Pahokee senior James Johnson, who led his team with 22 points in the win. "Our coaches told us to hustle and get stops when we needed to. We just simply executed on game plan."



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PES SECME Club

PES SECME Club attended the Annual PBC SECME competition at Santaluces High School on Saturday, Feb. 9. The school's Bottle Rocket Team placed second in the district competition.

FWC Releases Female Panther Rescued as Kitten in 2011

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a female Florida panther Thursday night at the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County.

The panther and its brother had been raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee since they were 5 months old. The FWC rescued the two panthers as kittens in September 2011 near the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead.

"This panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare her for life in the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. "The goal in any panther rescue is to be able to release the animal back into the wild to aid in the recovery of this endangered species."

The release was coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Five other kittens of similar ages – three females and two males – have been raised at

White Oak and released in south Florida.

"We are grateful for the work the staff at White Oak has done to prepare this panther and others for release," said Land.

Biologists chose the Picayune Strand State Forest for the release of this panther after they evaluated the home ranges of other females in the region and found available space between them.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult panthers remain in south Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of this panther through the purchase of a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

For more information on Florida panthers, go to www.floridapanther.net.org.

New Treatment for Patients with Coronary Artery Disease

Whether you are at-risk for developing a heart condition or you're one of the 13 million Americans who suffer from coronary artery disease, arming yourself with the facts you need to stay healthy can help.

February is National Heart Health Month and it's a great time to learn about coronary artery disease, its symptoms and about the latest developments in treatment.

Coronary Artery Disease

Coronary artery disease is caused when plaque buildup creates blockages or narrowings in the arteries. The blockages restrict blood flow and reduce the amount of oxygen delivered to the heart, potentially putting a person at risk for a heart attack.

Common symptoms of coronary artery disease include chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue and overall weakness.

Simple lifestyle changes can help prevent and manage coronary artery disease. These include managing obesity and high blood pressure, living an active lifestyle, making healthy dietary choices and stopping smoking.

Improved Treatments

Staying on top of the latest medical advances helps ensure you and loved ones secure the best treatment available.

One advancement in treatment is supported

by new results from the FAME 2 Study funded by St. Jude Medical and published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The study found that use of a blood-flow measurement technology, called Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) during treatment of stable coronary artery disease will result in better health outcomes.

FFR technology offers physicians a better assessment of where blood flow blockages occur in the coronary arteries and whether treatment to open an artery narrowing, along with medication, can help lower a patient's risk of chest pain and heart attack.

From less likelihood of a patient being readmitted to the hospital for urgent care, to a reduction in health care costs, FAME 2 research demonstrates that patients who receive FFR-guided treatment experienced better outcomes than those treated with medication alone.

"The FAME 2 Study results offer further evidence that FFR should be considered the standard of care for treating patients with coronary heart disease," said Frank J. Callaghan, president of the Cardiovascular and Ablation Technologies Division at St. Jude Medical.

If you believe you have coronary artery disease, consult your physician for additional information and to determine best treatment options.

More information on FFR is available at: www.sjm.com/ffr-fact-sheet.

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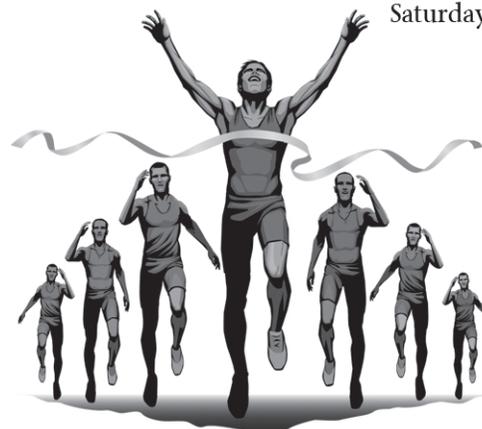
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Steel Magnolias

The LaBelle Firehouse Community Theatre will present *Steel Magnolias*, Feb. 15-17. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the shows start promptly, so please arrive 30 minutes in advance to be seated before the show starts. For tickets or more information, call 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Chicago

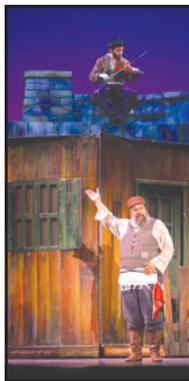
FORT PIERCE—McAlpin Onstage at Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, will present the hit musical "Chicago" Feb. 13-17 with shows Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and three 2 p.m. matinée performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Individual tickets are \$15 each, It's the Roaring Twenties in Chicago and a jealous Roxie Hart murders her faithless lover. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie meets fellow murderess and jailhouse competition Velma Kelly. They ultimately join forces in search of the "American Dream" of fame, fortune and acquittal. Marvel to the music of songs like "all That Jazz," "Razzle Dazzle" and "Mr. Cellophane." Tickets can be purchased online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats.

Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Community Theatre will present "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" on March 15-17 and March 22-14. The play was written by Lee Blessing and will be directed by Dave Johnson. Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the shows start promptly, so please arrive 30 minutes in advance to be seated before the show starts. For tickets or more information, call 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Fiddler on the Roof

BELLE GLADE—The Dolly Hand Performing Arts Center will present the Off Broadway Booking's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Winner of nine Tony awards, including Best Musical, this family show is considered one of the great works of the American Musical Theatre. No other musical has so woven music, dance, and story into such an unforgettable experience. It is a universal story of love, hope and tradition set in the little town of Anatevka. 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.



SFSC Jazz Series 10th season

AVON PARK—The South Florida State College Jazz Series, now in its 10th season, has a reputation for bringing in the best regional, national, and international acts to the Heartland. This season is no different, featuring several amazing and well-known jazz musicians. Jazz Series performances are held in the intimate SFSC University Center Auditorium and begin at 7:30 p.m. The Florida Jazz All Stars perform Feb. 23. The lineup includes Clyde Conner (drums), Mark Neuenschwander (bass), Allan Vache (clarinet), Charlie Bertini (trumpet), William Allred (trombone), and Jeff Phillips (piano), presenting an evening of swing music at its best. Coming March 2 is the Southern Fried Jazz Band. It offers some of the most refreshing and authentic Dixieland jazz music on the scene today. For ticket information, call the SFSC Box Office 863-784-7178 at the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

Billy McGuigan's Rave On: The Buddy Holly Experience

BELLE GLADE—Remember poodle skirts? How about car-hops, the twist, hula hoops and Buddy Holly? Well, the '50s aren't just a thing of the past...this electrifying, high-energy extravaganza pays homage to rock 'n roll's immortal legend – Buddy Holly. Backed by a rockin' band, star Billy McGuigan ignites the stage and breathes new life into such hits as "Peggy Sue," "Raining in My Heart," "It's So Easy," "That'll Be the Day," "True Love Ways," "Oh Boy" and of course, "Rave On." But, that's only part of it! In a unique twist, Billy as Buddy celebrates the birth of an era and pays homage to his fellow rockers Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper. "Rave On: The Buddy Holly Experience" will be presented at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. 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.



The Odd Couple

OKEECHOBEE—Okeechobee Community Theatre will present "The Odd Couple," March 8, 9, 15 and 16 in the Freshman Campus Auditorium, on Southwest Second Street (behind the Golden Corral Restaurant). Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. each performance. Felix Unger is a neat, tidy health nut whose wife has thrown him out. Desperate for a place to live, he moves in with his divorced longtime friend Oscar Madison. Oscar is sloppy and disorganized, and living on a fast-food diet. Inevitably the polar-opposite lifestyles clash, with hilarious results. For ticket information, call 863-763-1307 or email info@okeecommunitytheatre.com.

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BRIGHTON SEMINOLE CASINO—In February, it's a huggin' the open road thing at Seminole Casino Brighton with your chance to win a Mercedes, plus loads of cash and Free Play prizes! On Saturday, Feb. 23, we're giving away a 2013 Mercedes-Benz SLK Roadster. Earn entries daily for your chance to drive off in this thrill ride of a grand prize.

Players can enjoy bingo matinee sessions on Wednesdays, 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 Sun-

days, 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 Rd., in Glades County. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.

75th annual Brighton Seminole Reservation Field Day and Festival celebrates history and traditions

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—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 piec-

es 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., the parade is at 10 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 3 p.m.; on Sunday, gates open at 10 a.m. and XTreme Bullriding 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.



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Animal attractions: Take a walk on the wild side

Looking for an educational place to take the family where they can see wild animals? South Florida's animal attractions offer a variety of choices. Meet the friendly deer at Arnolds Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. See lions and tigers at Animal Adventures. Hold an alligator egg while it hatches at Gatorama.

There are plenty of animals to see, photograph and even touch, in the Lake Okeechobee area.

Gatorama

Gatorama, one of Florida's original "roadside attractions" is a living piece of Florida history. Since 1957, visitors have come to Palmdale to see alligators and crocodiles sun, swim and interact in their natural habitat—as well as jump out of the water at the feeding stations.

In addition to the gators and crocs, visitors who wander along the wooden walkways can see panthers, bobcats, raccoons, peacocks and tropical birds.

The facility, home to thousands of alligators and hundreds of crocodiles, was built in 1957 by Cecil Clemons. At that time, U.S. 27 was a two-lane road. Cecil decided that tourists visiting Florida wanted to see three things: the beach, orange trees and alligators. Alligators were already living in the area so Cecil bought the land, fenced the gators in and built a walkway so tourists could watch them from a safe vantage point. Alligators can live up to 70 years in captivity, and some of the big gators have been there since the park opened.

The first crocodiles were brought into Gatorama in 1968 before they were an



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Crocodiles get some sun on their own island at Gatorama. One of Florida's original "roadside attractions," Gatorama has been thrilling visitors since 1957.

endangered species. The natural range of the American Freshwater Crocodile is from Sanibel Island south. Gatorama has the only productive breeding colony of American Crocodiles in the United States and is one of few facilities permitted to accept nuisance crocs from the wild. The park is now home to seven spe-

cies of crocodiles, including the rare Cuban Crocodile.

David Thielen was raised in Lakeport. After a career as an army officer he retired and purchased Gatorama. At about the same time it became legal to farm alligators in the state of Florida. The park has remained in the family since.

The combination of tourism and aquaculture has been a successful one.

Allen and Patty Register moved to the farm in 1989 and began managing it for her parents, Marietta and David Thielen. The Registers purchased the farm in 2006. Both are native Floridians. Patty's family has been in Glades County since 1920. Allen's family settled in North Florida around 1850.

Their children, Benjamin and Erica are also involved in the business. Erica is a schoolteacher and is Gatorama's education/and field trip coordinator and writes the curriculum for school groups. Benjamin is a certified fire fighter, EMT and is the park's head trainer/entertainer.

The Registers' dream was to enhance the entertainment and educational opportunities offered to guests and to begin special events at the park. In 1998 they began offering two shows a day (previously one a week on Sunday had been offered for 42 years) and offered every guest the opportunity to hold a live gator. In 2004 they began offering Gator Night Shinnings and in 2006 they held the

first ever Hatching Festival, giving visitors a chance to hold an alligator egg as it hatches.

While the park has been updated with new walkways and enclosures, the Registers have been careful to maintain the original look and character of the attraction.

Photographers find the park offers a unique chance to photograph alligators and crocodiles in their native habitat. Gatorama is often used as a backdrop for commercial films and photography. Gatorama's animals have been seen on National Geographic, The Discovery Channel, The Outdoor Channel, BBC World News, The Today Show, Animal Planet, Food TV and more.

The attraction is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Easter, when they open from noon to 5 p.m. They are closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Alligator shows are 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The park offers discounts to seniors, military service members and teachers. There are also group rates and special education presentations.

For more information online, go to www.gatorama.com. (Cover photo is from Gatorama show.)



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Visitors to Gatorama can observe wildlife from the safety of covered walkways

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Animal Adventures

Animal Adventures, 5001 S.W. Rucks Dairy Road in rural Glades County (off State Road 70 just west of the Kissimmee River Bridge), is home to tigers, lions, and a Tigon (cross between a tiger and lioness), as well as numerous other wild creatures including snakes, coatamundi and land tortoises.

All of the animals are “rehomes” from other facilities and private owners. In many cases they started out as someone’s pet and the owner could no longer control—or afford to feed—the wild creature.

Sue Pearce, who calls the big cats, “my babies,” runs the facility which is located on her family’s 1,100 acre ranch.

These animals must live in captivity in part because they were born and raised in captivity and don’t know how to fend for themselves in the wild. And for some, there simply is no “wild” left.

“We, as rescuers, did not choose for them to be in captivity, but only to give them a good life and lots of love since they can’t ever be released into the wild,” she explained.

“There has been a lot of controversy over the captive big cats. People are saying they should be left in the wild and be allowed to roam free. I totally agree with this, but if there is no wild, then where

are they supposed to run wild? Man continues to destroy the natural habitat of the wild animals, and continue to poach and leaves no choice but to take care of the ones that are already in captivity. This is the only way to preserve the species.”

Animal Adventures has special rates for groups of 10 or more. They also offer parties at the facility or transport animals to your party. For more information, call 863-447-6050 or go online to animaladventureslive.webs.com.

The Talkin’ Monkeys Project

The Talkin’ Monkeys project in Hendry County provides a life-long home for animals that have been rescued from abusive private homes or released from research laboratories and breeding facilities. The main focus is to provide a home for these forgotten apes and monkeys while striving to connect people to earth-friendly lifestyles.

At the heart of their mission is the desire to educate children and adults in the care required to provide these animals with a quality environment where they can thrive and enjoy the rest of their lives in comfort and security. Talkin’ Monkeys is a 501c3 nonprofit sanctuary. For more information online, go to www.talkinmoneyproject.org or call 863-983-2335.

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The Florida panther is one of the many big cats who have found a home at Animal Adventures in Glades County.

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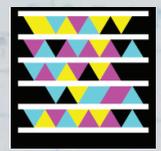
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Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc., (AWRC) is a non-profit 501(c) educational-based wildlife care facility in Okeechobee County. They are dedicated to bringing people and wildlife together to develop a community awareness of the value of Florida wildlife. The ultimate goal is to rescue, rehabilitate, and return recovered animals to their natural habitat when possible.

The facility is also now home to 13 endangered species. The non-native species find a permanent home at AWRC thanks to donors who have provided special habitat enclosures to meet their needs. The newest residents, Black Ruffed Lemurs, are victims of the economy, said Sue Arnold. They came to AWRC from a Gainesville facility that went out of business.

Also new to AWRC are Fishing Cats from Southeast Asia.

While some exotic animals come from other facilities that can no longer care of them, others are dropped off by their owners or brought to AWRC after being confiscated by the Florida Wildlife Commission. Mrs. Arnold said when animals are confiscated, they try to work with the owners and sometimes the owners can reclaim their exotic pets. However, more often when the owners find out the strict regulations that Florida requires for ownership of exotics, "they decide they'll just visit them." Florida law requires 1,000 hours of training at a licensed facility over at least a one-year period before a person can obtain a license to keep an exotic or wild animal.

Some native Florida animals are also permanent residents. Some had injuries that left them unable to fend for themselves. Others were born in captivity and now lack the skills they would need to survive.

AWRC currently rehabilitates over 1,000 animals each year. Visitors can see more than 50 different species of animals. Special events include star gazing, the annual open house and the annual butterfly count.

Arnold's Wildlife Center, 14895 N.W.



Rare birds also find a home at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

30th Terrace in Okeechobee, offers special programs for students and also hosts camps in the spring and summer.

For more information online go to www.arnoldswildlife.org.

Billie Swamp Safari

Glide effortlessly along the Airboat Trail through cypress domes, see alligators, turtles, fish, birds, raccoons and other animals in their natural environment.

Splash through the swamp and view native and exotic wildlife such as bison, water buffalo, wild pigs, and ostriches up close while riding through the wetlands on a Swamp Buggy Eco-Tour, or sit back in the shade at Herpetarium Alligator and Snake Show, or Critter and Bird of Prey Show held daily. Catch an educational alligator feeding at the gator pit with stadium seating.

Billie Swamp Safari is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation at 30000 Gator Tail Trail, Clewiston in Hendry County.

The 2,200 acres of untamed Florida Everglades is preserved in its pristine condition by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

For more information, call 800-GO-SAFARI or 863-983-6101. Online go to safari@semtribe.com.

Lion Country Safari

Lion Country Safari offers a unique and affordable opportunity for visitors to take a wild African safari without having to leave the country. Since 1967, the park has educated and entertained 22 million guests. With more than 900 animals from six continents, Lion Country Safari is home to the largest herd of zebras and rhinos in the country.

"We have animals from six of the seven continents here, and they all do pretty well in the warmer climates," said Jennifer Berthiaume, Director Public Relations & Marketing for Lion Country Safari. "However, when the weather is cooler, the animals are more active—and our guests know this, it seems, because we are busier on cooler days."

Lion Country Safari has more than 900 animals roaming free within inches of your vehicle including giraffe, zebra, rhinos, lions, wildebeests and more. Admission includes entry to Safari World Amusement Park with animal encounters (giraffe feeding, bird feeding and petting zoo) and demonstrations, rides (ferris wheel, kid's train, carousel, paddle boats, water sprayground and more), games, shopping, food and thrills. The park is located on Southern Boulevard (SR80) (15 miles west of I-95/10 miles west of the turnpike in Palm Beach County). The park is open daily. For more info call 561-793-1084.



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Endangered Black Ruffed Lemurs have found a home at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Okeechobee County. A special habitat will be constructed for them thanks to volunteers and donations.



A serval relaxes at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Florida State Parks offer special events and activities

Highlands Hammock State Park

• Music in the Park, Feb. 23: Bring lawn chairs or blankets & flashlight-concerts are outdoors in picnic area. Proceeds benefit park improvements via Friends of Highlands Hammock. Concert admission is \$5.00 per person (accompanied children 12 & under admitted free of charge.) Park entrance fee of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 people per car) is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Food vendors will be on site with refreshments for sale.

• The Real Florida Run Series, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.: Age categories for this race are: 0-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+. or runners who participate in all seven runs of the race series, there will be a Grand Prize awarded to the top three men and women overall. There will also be a trophy for the top three boys and girls, ages 17 and under. For registration information, go to <http://www.3dracinginc.com>.

Highlands Hammock State Park is located off US 27 on SR 634 (also known as Hammock Road), four miles west of Sebring. Call 863-386-6094 for more information.

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

• Feb. 16, 1 p.m., Introduction to Kayak Fishing: Ranger Bill Wilson instructs kids and adults of all ages on the basics of kayak fishing. Lessons will be on land. Come and learn what equipment, tackle and gear are necessary to catch the big one. For more information and reservations, please call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. Free with park admission.

• Feb. 17, 1 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass Music: The Untold Riches bring their foot-stompin' and hand-clappin' bluegrass music to the park's amphitheater. Just sit back and enjoy the music in Palm Beach County's most beautiful setting. The concert is free with park admission. For more information, please call



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Highlands Hammock State Park

the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

• March 2, 11 a.m., Geology of the South Florida Coastline: Dr. Ed Petuch will give a presentation on the geology of the South Florida coastline. The cost for the program is \$5 per person and reservations are required. Please call Janice Kerber, Education Director, at 561-776-7449, ext. 104 for reservations and more information.

• March 3, 10 a.m., Learn to Kayak: Representatives from Adventure Times Kayaks will teach a land-based course that gives beginners the skills necessary for kayaking. Reservations are recommended. The program is free with park admission. For information and reservations call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

• March 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Sand Around the World: Education Director Janice Kerber instructs children and their families on interesting aspects of sand. There will be sands from all over the world to look at plus hands-on activities. Reservations required, please call 561-776-7221, ext. 104. Free with park admission.

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park

• Feb. 23, 9 -10 a.m., Preserving the Real Florida Hike: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Pierce Inlet State Park will offer a ranger-guided - "Preserving the Real Florida" - walk to highlight why and how the Florida Park Service manages the park's natural resources on Saturday, Feb. 23. Participants will see exotic plants and learn how invasive species alter the natural landscape. Learn how park rangers use different methods to maintain the native plants and animals. Also tour parts of the park not normally open to the public. Program is free with regular park entry fees of \$4 for individual and \$6.00 for 2 to 8 people in a vehicle. For

additional information or to reserve your place, please contact the park office at 772-468-3985.

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park is located four miles east of Fort Pierce, via North Causeway.



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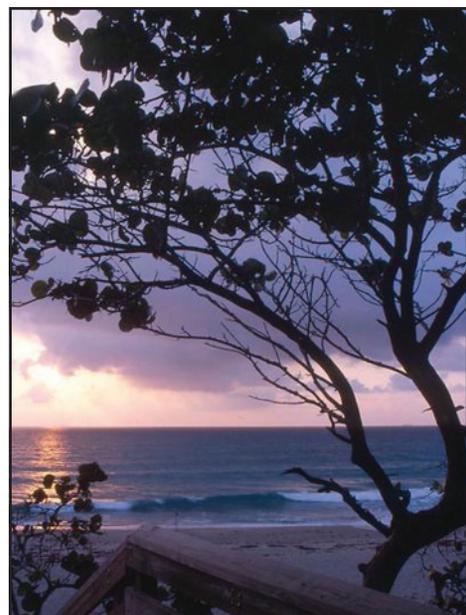
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• March 2, 10a.m. to 4 p.m., Florida Scrub Jay Festival: Join the fun on Saturday, March 2 for the 2013 Florida Scrub-Jay Festival. There will be kid's activities, music, hayrides, exhibitors, and scrub-jay walks. Admission is free.

Directions: To Jonathan Dickinson State Park from the south: On I-95 - take Exit 87A - go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.

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Area festivals and special events ...

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.

Hendry County Fair

CLEWISTON—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.

South Florida Ag Expo and Equipment Show

CLEWISTON—The South Florida Ag Expo and Equipment Show will be held Feb. 15 at the old airstrip at 610 San Luis Ave. 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.

Swamp Cabbage Festival

LABELLE—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 nondenominational 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.

This Blue Planet

FORT PIERCE—The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning will present "This Blue Planet" with Alexandra Cousteau on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at Indian River State College 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. A National Geographic "Emerging Explorer," filmmaker and globally recognized advocate on water issues, Alexandra Cousteau continues the work of her renowned grandfather Jacques-Yves Cousteau and her father Phillippe Cousteau, Sr. She has mastered the remarkable storytelling tradition handed down to her and has the unique ability to inspire audiences on the often weighty issues of policy, politics and action. Alexandra is dedicated to advocating the importance of conservation and sustainable management of water in order to preserve a healthy planet. Her global initiatives seek to inspire and empower individuals to protect not only the ocean and its inhabitants, but also the human communities that rely on freshwater resources. For ticket information, contact the IRSC Box Office at 1-800-220-9915.



Okeechobee County Fair

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Fair will be held March 12-17, 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 and more. There is even a Lego building competition and a Duct tape creations event.

The Okeechobee 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will be during the fair with the livestock sale on Saturday, March 16.

Fairgrounds opens at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment will include the a petting zoo, Okeechobee Idol contest, racing pigs, horse shows, a strongman contest and more.

Opening night on Tuesday, March 12, is dollar night, with \$1 entrance, \$1 rides and \$1 items at the food vendors.

Opening night entertainment will include a fireworks show.



Big Cypress Shootout

BIG CYPRESS—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. 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.

Chalo Nitka

MOORE HAVEN—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 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.

Speckled Perch Festival

OKEECHOBEE—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.

Big O Birding Festival

LABELLE—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 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

ORLANDO—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 Dr. 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. For more information online, go to www.megaconvention.com.

