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BG Men in IRS Scheme, says PBSO

Organized scheme to defraud dozens of their tax returns had Belle Glade as its base

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

A 19-year-old Belle Glade man was arrested in connection with an organized scheme to defraud the IRS, say Palm Beach County Sheriff's investigators.

A report outlining the illegal activity claims that Jasnel Joseph, who was just 17 years old at the time, was receiving thousands of dollars in tax return money that was not meant for him. The subsequent investigation

found that Joseph was anything but alone in conspiring to defraud the government.

Investigators uncovered what they believe to have been a tight network of criminals working together to pull in money from fraudulent tax returns, with its base of operations, seemingly, the Belle Glade area.

A lucky break at a UPS facility in Riviera Beach helped detectives un-

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Deputy Recognized for Agricultural Theft Arrest

Caught Mango
swipers red-handed

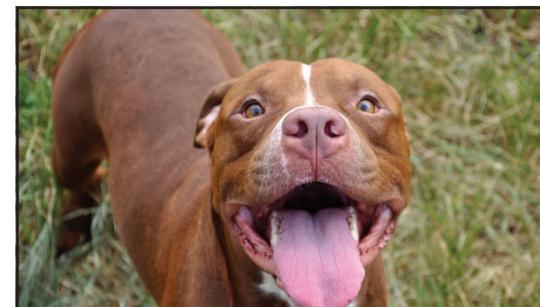
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Detective Ryan Reeder receive a commendation for arresting a man stealing mangoes from a local farmer.

Bobby Colvin, owner of a family-owned tropical fruit farm in Pahokee, said that in less than a week, he caught a man stealing mangoes from his grove. He documented each incident by taking pictures of the thief in action.

In his letter to Lt. Reynaldo Alonso, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Commander for the city of Pahokee, he praised Detective Reeder for his quickness in the arrest and dedication to resolving the matter and returning his produce.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Dogs Rescued from Belle Glade Utility Shed

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control has witnessed the dramatic recovery of Boss and King. The two neglected and malnourished dogs rescued from a utility shed in Belle Glade in May have made a dramatic recovery and are now ready for a loving home. Both dogs weighed just over 30 pounds at the time of their rescue – severely underweight for their size – and now weigh almost 60 pounds each. These two dogs are true survivors. If you would like to adopt King or Boss, contact the Animal Care and Control shelter, 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach. Pictured above are the before and after pictures of King and below are the before and after pictures of Boss.



Guardian Ad Litem Program Comes to the Glades

Group seeks more
volunteers needed
locally

BY AMANDA RAMOS-GUY
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The Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program is looking for more volunteers for children in the Glades area. With more than 70 children under court supervision, only three percent have a court appointed GAL to represent their interest.

The GAL program recently began

its first ever GAL training in the Glades area.

"We are very excited about this and what it means for the children we serve in this community. We will now be able to assign volunteer child advocates to more children in this area of our circuit ensuring that they also have a voice in court," said Kristen Solomon, Circuit Director for the Palm Beach County GAL program.

A GAL is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in an abuse, neglect, or abandonment court case. The volunteer

GAL makes independent recommendations to the court by focusing on the needs of each child after interviewing people associated with the child, such as parents, caregivers, and all social and medical providers.

"We have worked with the city of Delray, the city of Lake Worth and the city of Pahokee, all of which have issued proclamations in support of our effort as child advocates," said Ms. Solomon. "The recruitment team has worked hard to get our community to embrace child advocacy and the mis-

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Religion Column

Being Neighborly

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Few things enrich life like a good friend. To have someone with whom you can share your deepest thoughts, feelings and longings; someone who can ask anything of you and of whom you can ask anything, provides a wonderful encouragement to the meaning and joy of life.

Most people don't have many close friends. It takes time, trust, and work to develop meaningful relationships. To have friends, you must be a friend. Making and sustaining friendships can be difficult, but the benefits are tremendous.

Being a true friend is much more than being neighborly, but friendship starts by being neighborly with those God has placed in our path. What does being neighborly mean?

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, how the man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She then asked, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" One girl answered, "I think I'd throw up."



John Hicks

There are many adults like this girl who would not respond well to such situations. In New York City, a mailman shot by a sniper was ordered to leave a building lobby because he was dripping blood. In Oklahoma City, a woman gave birth

unexpectedly on a city sidewalk. Bystanders turned their faces and ignored her. A taxi driver looked, then sped away. A nearby hotel refused to provide her a blanket.

In Dayton, Ohio, a dozen people saw a woman drive her car into the Miami River. They watched and some even took pictures as the woman climbed on the car's roof and screamed that she couldn't swim. The woman drowned.

What has happened to us? One of our greatest concerns should be that these aren't isolated incidents. They are happening all around us.

In the Gospel of Luke, an expert in the law asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus responded, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

The expert answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But this man wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

In reply, Jesus shared this story: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell amongst robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road.

When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But when a Samaritan came by and saw him, he took pity on him. The Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn to care for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the

innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three," Jesus asked, "do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the

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hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

To get a friend, we must be a friend. Friendship starts by being neighborly with those God has placed in our path. Who knows what true friendships might develop if we also "go and do likewise?"

FWC Officers Rescue Men from Water

Albritton, McDonald, Yates, and Lt. Lee save three lives

Three Georgia men were rescued by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers on July 4 at the mouth of the Econfina River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Another FWC officer rescued two people whose boat stopped running and was filling with water, after they attempted to assist the men in the water.

Ryan J. Hall, 22, of Pavo, Ga.; Blake E. Bynum, 26, of Moultrie, Ga.; and Daniel E. Powers, 27, of Thomasville, Ga., were in the water after their boat capsized in rough weather. The Taylor County Sheriff's Office asked for assistance with the three men in the water and FWC officers Chad Albritton, Randy McDonald and Jerry "Lee" Yates, under the leadership of Lieutenant Scott Lee, responded.

Albritton was on water patrol in an 18-foot, open-patrol vessel in the Keaton Beach area, approximately 25 miles away.

McDonald and Yates were en route to water patrol with a 22-foot boat. Lee, the Taylor County supervisor, was preparing for both a holiday weekend on the water and managing boating safety enforcement efforts for the opening week of scallop season.

Albritton headed to the Econfina River through rough two- to three-foot seas in his small, open boat. McDonald and Yates launched their vessel at the Econfina River boat ramp

in search of the three men. Lee coordinated communication efforts with the men from the capsized vessel and the officers involved in the rescue.

McDonald and Yates arrived first in the area and began searching the rough seas. They quickly located Hall in the water, clinging to a marker, and Bynum and Powers with the capsized vessel. The three were rescued with minor injuries.

Another vessel had attempted to rescue the Georgia men, but it also ran into trouble. Alan Ray Hendricks, 51, of Crawfordville, Fla., and his passenger aboard a 15-foot open boat, began taking on water when their engine broke down.

Albritton located Hendricks' vessel near the other capsized boat and these two boaters were also rescued and towed back to the boat ramp.

"Due to the quick action and teamwork of Lieutenant Lee and officers Albritton, McDonald and Yates, I firmly believe that three lives were saved that day," said FWC Captain Marty Redmond. "By exceptional ability, personal initiative and total dedication to duty, these four FWC law enforcement officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement."

Redmond has nominated the three officers for the FWC's lifesaving award.

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"I would like to praise your deputies for the excellent service they are giving to the Pahokee community," he said.

According to Mr. Colvin, the deputies had identified the suspect from the first incident and were looking for him while the second offense was occurring.

"Det. Reeder saw the suspect on the street with the fresh evidence and single-handedly made the arrest of a man with a violent felony record," said Mr. Colvin.

Mr. Colvin explains that his grove has fallen victim to thieves before.

"This is the third time in less than a year that deputies have successfully made arrests after thefts from my grove, but the first in which I got my mangoes back," he said. "Thanks again for your great service!"

Sharon Colvin explained to Lt. Alonso that this year's mango crop was not as full as it had been in years past so each and every mango was important to the grove's success. She thanked him for the deputies' diligence in making sure they arrested the person who stole from their

grove and for returning the mangoes so they would not have to suffer a greater loss in the family-owned business.

Detective Reeder has been in law enforcement for approximately 13 years. He worked with the Belle Glade Police Department as a sergeant and detective before joining PBSO. He has

involved long-term investigations that resulted in numerous arrests for burglary, transporting illegal diesel fuel and animal fighting," said Sgt. Trevor Cayson of PBSO's Detective Bureau and Agricultural Crimes Department.

"The most recent cases involved the theft of fruit from Pahokee. On two occasions, Det.

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— Bobby Colvin

worked with PBSO's Agricultural Unit for three years. During the time he has been assigned to the unit, Det. Reeder has investigated numerous Agriculture-related crimes in the Glades, as well as the eastern areas of Palm Beach County.

"Several cases Det. Reeder investigated have

Reeder identified the suspect and was able to arrest two separate suspects for the crimes, the most recent was for two felonies," said Sgt. Cayson. "Detective Reeder has established himself as one of the most dedicated and tenacious investigators in the Agricultural Crimes Unit."

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

National Parents' Day Program

At the Belle Glade Library (Phone: 996-3453) on Thursday, July 18 at 3 p.m., Smokey the Bear and the Division of Forestry will be teaching kids how to be safe all summer long. This program is subject to cancellation if Smokey has to put out a fire (another program will be substituted). All ages. (45 min.) Preregister.

The 13th Annual Glades REACH Health Fair

The Glades REACH fair began in an effort to address healthcare disparities and access in our community. Each year, hundreds of uninsured and underinsured individuals and families attend the REACH health fair to access quality health care and education at no cost. We will have medically trained interpreters on-site during the entire event to assist those with limited English language skills. This project features approximately 100 service providers. We are planning to hold this event sometime in February 2014 in Belle Glade.

We are now putting together our planning committee through Glades PATCH, and hope you will consider joining us. Glades PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) is a group designed to help the community evaluate, plan and implement health and disease prevention and intervention programs. PATCH helps promote the health of community to include social, emotional and physical well-being of its citizens. PATCH is a partnership of concerned citizens and organizations. This partnership provides a forum for identifying health problems affecting the community and mobilizing the community to plan, conduct and evaluate intervention services.

Planning meetings will be held monthly at the Glades Initiative, Inc. at 141 SE Ave. C, Belle Glade to begin in August, with subcommittee meetings potentially to be held in addition to the monthly meetings. Participation in more than one subcommittee is typical -- and the more people that volunteer, the less work for each one of us.

Subcommittees:

Marketing of Event: Banners, posters, flyers, and their distribution, recruitment of patients, recruitment of health and human service vendors, press releases before and after event, poster acknowledgment of sponsors, photography/releases.

Sponsorships/Grants: Grant writing, solicitation of donors, outcome reports, management of funds, purchasing, food ordering, sponsor communication, sponsor thank you letters after event, ordering of supplies, hats, T-shirts.

Facility: Facility set up, facility design and layout, vendor table assignment and floor plan, patient flow, volunteer/medical/student/vendor check-in, tents, tables, chair rental arrangements, signs, entertainment, music.

Volunteer Management: Recruitment of volunteers, job assignments for volunteers, medical interpreters, acknowledge and thank volunteers after event.

Medical Management: Sovereign immunity paperwork, records management, medical supplies, patient flow, patient follow-up care

Please Contact Carol Rodriguez at crodriguez@gladesinitiative.org or (561) 996-3310 if you are interested in participating or for more information.

United Way: Boxed For Success School Supply Drive

Start saving your old shoeboxes! Boxed for Success School Supply Drive June 18 through July 19. The Town of Palm Beach United Way wants to see your creative side and help thousands of kids in Palm Beach County who start school unprepared in the fall. Items needed include pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, cap erasers, blunt-tip scissors, colored pencils, washable markers, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, expo markers, pencil boxes, etc.

How You Can Help:

Decorate your shoebox(es) and fill them with the suggested school supplies.

Put your name and contact info inside the box (so we can thank you!)

Bring your filled and decorated shoeboxes to

the Town of Palm Beach United Way Office: 44 Cocoanut Row, M201, Palm Beach, FL

For more information contact Melissa: info@palmbeachunitedway.org or (561) 655-1919

Annual Men's Day Celebration

The men of United Missionary Baptist Church of Pahokee welcomes each of you (men, women, and children) to celebrate our annual Men's Day Celebration on July 28 (Sunday) at 11 a.m. The theme will be "Godly Men of Faith Consecrated to do God's Work."

Scripture reading will be from Isaiah 6:1-8 and climaxing at 3:30 p.m. along with three dynamic speakers.

The United Baptist Church has moved to a new location located at 255 South Lake Avenue Pahokee. (The old O'Say Child Development Center).

For any further information concerning Men's Day, you may contact Chairmen Dea. Robert Hart Jr. at (561) 985-3653.

Free Adoptions For Kittens And Cats

It's Christmas in July at Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control (ACC)! ACC is offering free adoptions for cats and kittens for the remainder of the month of July 2013.

All pets adopted from the shelter are spayed or neutered, current on vaccinations, micro-chipped, have a current county license tag and are sent home with a free bag of pet food. Approved adopters receive nearly \$1,000 in services for their new pet.

Stop by today to meet your purrrfect match. The Animal Care and Control shelter is located at 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach.

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Working To Cure Cancer and Tobacco-Related Diseases

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) has awarded funding for nine research projects that are focused on finding cures for cancer and tobacco-related diseases. Cancer is the leading cause of death in Florida, claiming 41,696 Florida lives in 2012. The funds support research on diseases that relate to tobacco use, including heart disease, which is the second largest cause of death in Florida.

"High-quality, innovative research is key for a healthier Florida," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "The Department is pleased to make these research awards that will focus on helping Floridians live free from cancer and tobacco-related disease."

Ninety-one original applications from twelve universities and research institutions were submitted. From these competitive applicants, grant awards were provided to researchers at the University of Florida, Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Miami, the University of South Florida, Florida International University and the Sanford-Burnham Research Institute.

The negative health impact of tobacco use is an agency priority and, therefore, four grants were awarded to research tobacco-related disease. One of the grants will support a smoking intervention program for low-income Hispanic women to help mothers with newborns stop smoking. One study will explore how tobacco use may result in loss of vision and will study a new drug to help those impacted in this way. Another grant will research ways a patient's own immune system reduces the severity of stroke, and yet another will explore therapy for patients experiencing difficulty swallowing after a stroke.

As these awards are intended to advance the cure for cancer, the remaining five grants were

allocated to recipients researching diverse cancer projects. One study explores an innovative approach to discovering drugs that may prevent arsenic exposure-related cancers.

To support a cure for one of Florida's most common cancers, another project strives to determine whether a patient's immune system may be used to treat lung cancer.

One grant funds research that may lead to therapy for currently therapy-resistant breast cancers, and another study will work to determine why certain cancers resist treatment and spread throughout the body.

Funding for the awards comes from programs established by the Florida Legislature. The James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program supports initiatives addressing tobacco-related diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke and pulmonary disease. The Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program provides grants to further the search for a cure to all types of cancer.

State Senator Anitere Flores said, "I am pleased to see the Department of Health continuing to award research funding to strategic projects that offer hope to Florida's families who are struggling with cancer. Through collaboration, world-class research and targeted resources, we will see improved treatments and lives saved."

Dr. James F. Howell, assistant dean for profes-

sional relations at Nova Southeastern University and member of the Tobacco Advisory Council, said, "Prevention, treatment, and research are essential elements to address the addiction and diseases associated with tobacco products. Research discovers new prevention and treatment

Ralph DeVitto, executive vice president for American Cancer Society Florida Division, said, "We support the state's continued commitment to providing grants to the most promising cancer research through a competitive, peer review process. These research grants are critical to finish-

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knowledge so needed to address the complex cancer issues we are all so aware of. The Florida Department of Health is to be commended for its leadership addressing tobacco addiction and related diseases."

Dr. Thomas J. George Jr., chair of the Cancer Collaborative Research Advisory Council (CCRAB), said, "The commitment demonstrated by the State of Florida to support cancer-related research represents a key investment in our collective futures: The future of the health of our cancer patients in Florida, the future of innovative cancer advancements which originate or are developed in Florida, and the future where the burden of cancer is eliminated from our Florida families."

ing the fight against cancer, and offer hope to all Floridians dealing with a cancer diagnosis."

Dr. Mark Brantly, vice-chair of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council, said, "On behalf of my colleagues with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council, I want to thank the Department of Health for moving forward expeditiously with these grant awards. The Bankhead-Coley and King Biomedical Research Programs remain a testament to the Legislature's vision for answering relevant research questions to improve the lives of people with cancer and tobacco-related diseases."

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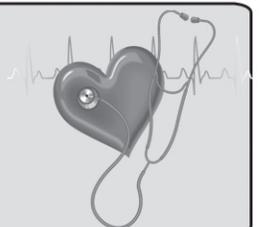
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Female Mosquitoes Become Savvy about Other-Species Suitors

BY TOM NORDLIE
IFAS News

Talk about meeting Mr. Wrong.

Female yellow fever mosquitoes sometimes contend with the courtship and mating efforts of males from another competing species -- the Asian tiger mosquito.

She's naïve, he's sneaky. Both species spread dengue, a viral disease and a major human health threat.

In an ironic turnabout, Florida dengue cases may rise in the near future due to female yellow fever mosquitoes becoming savvy about the false-flag suitors, leading to increased yellow fever mosquito populations, says an expert with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

When male Asian tiger mosquitoes successfully deceive yellow fever females, their mating efforts are fruitless -- the two species cannot produce offspring together, said Phil Lounibos, a distinguished professor of entomology with UF's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach. Instead, chemicals transferred during mating render the yellow fever female sterile for the rest of her short life.

Scientists believe this phenomenon, called satyrization, helps explain how the Asian tiger mosquito quickly became established throughout the Southeastern U.S. in the 1980s.

If satyrization happens hundreds or thousands of times in a place where both species share habitat, the net result is fewer yellow fever mosquito eggs being laid. Ultimately, satyrization reduces yellow fever mosquito populations, leaving more ecological "space" for the Asian tiger to



PHOTO TYLER L. JONES

Entomologist Phil Lounibos checks for mosquito larvae in water from a tire at UF's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach.

occupy, Lounibos said.

Both mosquitoes are container-nesting species that seek water trapped in old tires, flowerpots, cup-shaped plants and the like. Both eagerly prey on humans and are long associated with human communities. Both are invasive and annoying to Florida residents.

And, because they can transmit human disease, both species are public-health concerns. But yellow fever mosquitoes are believed to be more efficient than Asian tigers at transmitting pathogens to people.

A paper published in the Feb. 19 issue of the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* describes laboratory experiments suggesting that female yellow fever mosquitoes may develop an ability to spurn advances from Asian

tiger males.

"We don't know that they are better able to discriminate between males of their own species and Asian tigers," said Lounibos, one of the paper's authors. "What we can say is, females from colonies that have a history of exposure to Asian tiger males are less likely to mate with Asian tiger males."

The exact reason the females manage to avoid deception is unknown, he said.

"It may be that some subtle nuance in the behavior of the yellow fever females is involved," said Lounibos at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach.

He also noted that if female yellow fever mosquitoes can rapidly evolve an aversion to Asian tiger males in the wild, then perhaps diminished

yellow fever mosquito populations would gradually rebound.

Lounibos said he has received anecdotal reports of greater yellow fever mosquito presence in some South Florida locales.

Currently, the major health concern associated with the yellow fever mosquito is dengue. It causes severe flu-like symptoms, including fever, muscle and joint pain, headache and possibly gastrointestinal issues. In the past few years, dengue has become a significant public health issue in South Florida, particularly the Keys.

Resurgent populations of yellow fever mosquitoes could lead to more dengue cases, Lounibos said, so one of his objectives for the near future is to investigate some of the areas where yellow fever mosquitoes are said to be making a comeback.

In the study, Lounibos and colleagues set up laboratory experiments in which various male/female pairings of mosquitoes could mingle and possibly mate.

The results showed that, on average, mating was about three times as likely between female yellow fever mosquitoes and male Asian tigers, compared with female Asian tigers and male yellow fever mosquitoes.

Yellow fever females from colonies that had never encountered Asian tiger mosquitoes were tricked about 25 percent more often, compared with females from colonies that had a history of co-existing with Asian tiger colonies.

The other research team members were post-doctoral associate Irka Bargielowski and doctoral student Maria Cristina Carrasquilla, both with FMEL.

FWC Asks Public to Report Mink Sightings

Mink are rare in Florida, and wildlife biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are hoping to learn more about this small mammal. But they need the public's help to find out where it occurs. People can report evidence such as mink sightings, photos and road-killed specimens online.

Adult mink weigh two to three pounds and measure about two feet in length. Fur can be dark chocolate or light rusty brown. Sometimes there is a patch of white along the chin and under the throat.

"We know that mink are more likely to be found in and near salt-marsh habitat on both coasts of Florida but the reports people provide will help us pinpoint where we do research," said Chris Winchester, wildlife biologist with the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. Winchester said there are



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three known subspecies of mink in Florida -- Atlantic salt marsh mink, Gulf salt marsh mink and Everglades mink. Although there is a scarcity of information about the three subspecies, only the Everglades mink is listed as threatened.

Some people confuse mink with other species, such as otters and weasels, but whereas mink are quite small, otters typically weigh 10 to 30 pounds and are three feet or more long. Weasels look similar to mink, but are smaller and have brown fur along their backs and pale yellow fur along the entire belly.

Mink are strictly carnivorous, eating fish, frogs, crayfish, crabs and various birds and small mammals.

For more information about this study and to submit sightings to the FWC, visit MyFWC.com/Research, click on Wildlife and select "Public Asked to Share Mink Sightings" under "Terrestrial Mammals."

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Better Diet Can Improve Your Looks

There may be some credence to the old saying that "beauty comes from within." Scientific research shows that the appearance of your largest, most visible organ -- your skin -- can be directly affected by the vitamins, nutrients and minerals you feed your body.

Do you crave a healthy glow? Before you cough up cash for that pricey spa treatment, try improving your skin woes from the inside out. Best of all, you'll benefit your overall health and wellness at the same time.

Here are three ingredients for healthy skin:

Vitamin E: Vitamin E works as an antioxidant and is important for healthy skin. Luckily, it's found naturally in some of the tastiest foods,

such as kiwi, eggs, nuts, and green leafy vegetables. Cooking with olive oil is another easy way to get a dose of vitamin E. So in lieu of french fries, try sautéing some spinach in olive oil for a healthful complexion-friendly side dish.

You may also consider taking a vitamin E supplement. Astaxanthin: Astaxanthin is a powerful antioxidant that protects cells, organs and body tissues from oxidative damage more powerfully than many other members of its carotenoid chemical family, including beta-carotene, lycopene and lutein.

"Astaxanthin supports healthy skin, especially during sun exposure, acting as a force field to prevent toxic, unstable free radical molecules

from attacking your skin and causing premature aging," says Dr. Gerald R. Cysewski, Ph.D, chief scientific officer of Nutrex Hawaii, a nutritional supplement manufacturer.

Unfortunately, you can't find astaxanthin by taking a simple trip down the produce aisle in your grocery store. There are only two main natural sources -- the microalgae that produce it, and the sea creatures that consume the algae (such as salmon, shellfish and krill).

Whether you dislike fish or you simply need a break occasionally, look into incorporating astaxanthin into your diet through supplements, such as BioAstin, which is available in different doses. Beyond supporting healthy skin, a daily dose of

4 mg may also improve cardiovascular health, boost immunity, and promote a healthy inflammation balance.

More information about the benefits of astaxanthin can be found at <http://www.nutrex-hawaii.com/bioastin>.

Vitamin B Complex: For a thorough beauty treatment, be sure to get plenty of vitamin B. Biotin, which is found in vitamin B complex, is necessary for healthy skin, hair and nails. You can source it naturally by including liver, Swiss chard, whole grains and soybeans in your diet.

With a few tweaks to your diet, you can finally put down the beauty magazine and start dishing out your own advice.

Rescue 72 A Shift Receives Appreciation Award



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Pictured from right to left are Dist. Capt. Craig Prusansky, Elizabeth Cayson Rotary Club Past President, FF/PM Dwight Keating, Lt. Keith Reed, FF/PM Joseph Scarso, and Dist. Chief Herb Redmond.

Recently, crew members from Rescue 72 A-Shift received recognition from the Local Rotary Club. The crew was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from past Club President Elizabeth

Liz Cayson, for the work they did over the past year. Liz said the one event where the most help was provided, was their Health Fair in Pahokee. The Health Fair was held on a shift October 6,

2012. Rescue 72 A-Shift along with Battalion 7 exemplifies the commitment of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to be involved in the community they serve and protect.

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Elton Lee Kirkland, 76

DONALSONVILLE, GA. — We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Elton Lee Kirkland who passed away Mon., July 8, 2013 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. Kirkland was born in Grady County, Ga. on Mar. 30, 1937 to Troy Lee Kirkland and Sadie Lou Kirkland. He worked as a welder for Quaker Oats in Clewiston, Fla., and was also a member of Soppchopy Congregational Holiness Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Troy Lee Kirkland and Sadie Lou Kirkland; a brother, Leroy Kirkland; and a sister, Wanda Kirkland.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Joan Kelley Kirkland of Donalsonville, Ga.; a beloved cat, Garfield; one brother, Joe Lavon Kirkland (Diane) of Ochlocknee, Ga.; three sisters, Lyndal Mathews (Ron) of Pavo, Ga.; Diane Bryant (Gerry) of Thomasville, Ga.; Elizabeth Maddox (Mark) Ochlocknee, Ga; brother-in-law, Donald Kelley of Clewiston, Fla.; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Sat., July 20, 2013, 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Murphy officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. Visitation will be Fri., July 19, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

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Inland Birding Fun: Northern Bobwhite

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry Glades Audubon

Northern Bobwhite, popular game birds, are also known as Bobwhite Quail. Their range in the United States extends west to eastern Texas, Colorado, and the Dakotas.

They are found north in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario and Maine. Two subspecies of this bird breed in Florida.

This medium-sized, chicken-like bird has a round body, very short tail, small head and slight chest. Their plumage is reddish brown with streaking on the sides.

Males have a black and white face pattern, but the female's face is black and buff colored. The juvenile's color is similar to the females, only duller.

They have a life span of about five years, but most live less than one year.

Northern Bobwhite are more often heard than seen. Males make a loud ringing "b, Bob white!" or clear "hoy-poo" call. Females will answer with a four-syllable whistle.

It is not uncommon to be surprised by a sudden explosion of flying quail when a covey (flock), made up of eight to 25 birds, is flushed from brushy areas.

Northern Bobwhite are found throughout upland Florida in fields, meadows, overgrown pastures, roadsides and even vacant lots. They prefer areas without excessive weed control or regularly burned mature pine forests. These birds hunt on the ground for fruits, seeds, grain, plant parts and in-



Pictured above is the male Northern Bobwhite.

PHOTO/WADDY THOMPSON

sects.

They usually build their well-hidden nest on the ground near a clearing.

This shallow nest is lined with plant material and is concealed with live plants that are pulled over the nest. Females normally lay 12 to 16 eggs, but some clutches have been reported with as many as 28 eggs.

The unmarked, white, cream, or buffy eggs are laid at one-day intervals with the female, and occasionally the male, incubating the eggs for about 24 days.

The young are able to walk and follow their parents almost immediately after hatching. Adults with chicks will perform distractible displays, such as fluttering and wing-dragging, when they encounter predators.

The young develop flight feathers quickly and can fly short distances when they are only a week old.

At six weeks, the chicks are fully feathered and at eight weeks, the chicks are fully grown.

Northern Bobwhite begin nesting as early as mid-February and may raise two broods per season.

These broods may stay together throughout the winter and break up the following spring.

For information about the free trip to STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) on July 20 go to: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org Reservations are required for these escorted driving trips.

Ringling Ears Sign of Serious Hearing Problem?

In a world full of noise -- from city traffic and lawnmowers to hairdryers and earbuds on personal music devices -- hearing problems are a growing issue. Chief among these problems is tinnitus, a medical condition affecting 50 million Americans.

Tinnitus is the sensation of hearing sound when no external sound is present and is most commonly caused by exposure to loud noises. Typically, those suffering describe it as "ringing ears," though others describe it as hissing, buzzing, whistling or chirping. For some, it's a minor annoyance. For others, it can be debilitating, causing hearing loss, sleep disruption, changes in cognitive ability, anxiety and depression.

With this in mind, Starkey Hearing Technologies is helping educate about tinnitus and related hearing issues. If you're concerned you may have tinnitus, consult a hearing professional to discuss treatment options. To learn more, visit www.Tinnitus-Hearing.com.

These days, the good news is that new treatment options, such as innovative sound therapy



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solutions, can offer relief to soothe those ringing ears.

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Fishing Excursion

Lupito, Neil, Jonathan and Tah'riya enjoyed an afternoon out fishing at Torry Island in Belle Glade recently.

Animal of the Week

Meet Sugar!

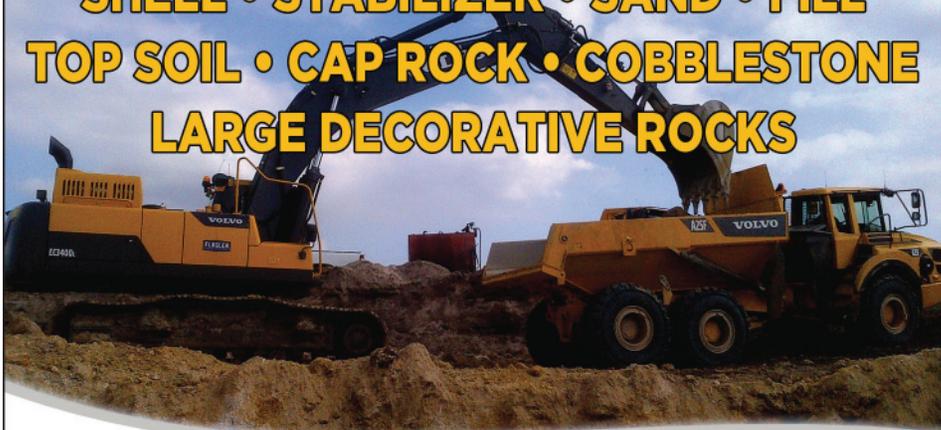


Sugar is a beautiful boxer-bulldog mix. She is about two or three years old and was found abandoned in Montura Ranch. Sugar got her name because of her sweet temperament and good listening skills. Now, Sugar needs a good home and a loving family to take care of her. If you are interested in adopting Sugar, please contact Clewiston's Animal Control at 863.983.1474 or stop in to their facility located at 1320 S Olympia Street in Clewiston. Sugar will need to be spayed and vaccinated. Clewiston's Critter Care offers low-cost spay and neuter programs, as well as low-cost vaccinations.

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Reynalda Holmes Makes History

PBC PAL Female Boxer WINS Female National Silver
Gloves Boxing Championship



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USA Female Boxing Champion Reynalda Homes with proud mother Maquesta Dennard. Holmes has made history by being the first female boxer to become a national champion by defeating Cassey Struton from Dallas Texas in the 119 lbs weight class.

Palm Beach County PAL Boxing Star, 14-year-old Reynalda Holmes, competed in the Female National Silver Gloves Boxing Championship in Dania Beach on Thursday, July 11 and won.

Holmes dominated throughout the bout, scored a knock down in round one and won the United States Title via a third round decision. To the program's knowledge, there has never been a national female boxing champion from Pahokee until now. Holmes will be entering the 9th grade at Pahokee High School in August.

The PAL Boxing Program is designed to re-

duce juvenile delinquency. With the reduction of juvenile law breakers we will see a reduction in crime.

With the reduction of crime, less time and money is spent prosecuting and incarcerating kids. The program's philosophy is to turn potential juvenile delinquents into productive law abiding individuals.

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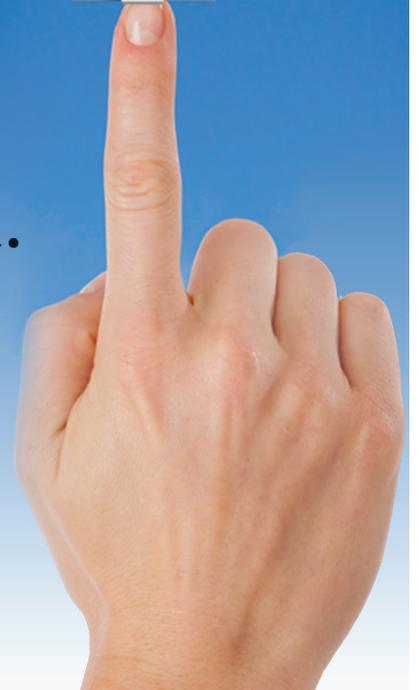
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New Common Core State Standards Coming for Students and Schools

Standards are designed to expose younger students to the kind of thinking and writing they might use in college

Teachers like Rebecca Kircharr are already preparing for the immense changes that are coming to Florida public schools this year.

Kircharr is an English teacher and reading coach at Leon High School, which means she will be working with her colleagues as they re-tool their reading and writing instruction. As the Leon County teacher of the year, she noted in her submission for the state competition that teachers have been working during the school year and over the summer, looking for ways to push students "further and deeper into complex text, discourse, and questioning than ever before."

They are preparing for the Common Core State Standards, which will require students to think deeply and learn differently. In previous years, teachers started learning the standards and incorporating them into their lessons, and this year, they will be taught at every grade level in English and math.

"It's such a big shift, and you can't do it all at once," Kircharr said. New standards will measure students — as well as teachers and schools — by a new yardstick. In language arts and math, they will replace the Sunshine State Standards at the center of the accountability system that is currently tied to the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. They will place fewer specific requirements on the material teachers must cover each year, and are designed to immerse students in the kinds of reading, writing and thinking they will have to perform as adults.

Florida Education Commissioner Tony Ben-

nett said the 2013-14 school year will be "the year of Common Core" in Florida public schools, as the new standards make their way into classrooms at every grade level.

If the experience in other states holds true here, some students may see their test scores drop initially. Bennett said he believes that in the years that follow, they will become better prepared for college and the workforce, and teachers will revitalize both the "art" and the "science" of their instruction.

As he told a room full of 41 top teachers recently in Tallahassee, that does not mean getting there will be easy.

"I believe the implementation of Common Core will be one of the largest policy implementation lifts states have engaged in," he said. "In the history of education, never before have we engaged in such a large shift in standards."

This summer, teachers, including hundreds in Leon County, prepared for the shift by taking part in training offered by the state or their school districts. In public schools throughout Florida, the heavy lifting has begun. The transition to Com-

mon Core will bring changes to the way teachers do their jobs, how schools and districts are judged, and how children learn. At first, the shift may put pressure on educators, but teachers becoming versed in the standards say they see an opportunity to elevate their craft.

Preparation for the new standards "can't be bought," Kircharr said. "It's good, quality instruc-

and is intended to show one way teachers might help their students meet the new standards.

Children on the screen line up in teams, preparing for a debate about Doris, the protagonist in Cynthia Rylant's story "Stray."

One side must argue Doris is weak. The other must argue she is strong. The students face their debating partners and shake hands.

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— Tony Bennett

tion from a well-trained teacher."

The new standards are designed to expose students at an earlier age to the kind of thinking and writing they might use in college. The shift was on display in a video played for Leon County teachers during a weeklong training session last month at Nims Middle School.

The lesson was designed by the Reading and Writing Project at the Columbia Teachers College,

"You're going to have time to caucus — which means plan with people who share your same position," their teacher tells them.

They comb through the story, highlighting the passages that will help support their arguments.

"It's like you're going into battle and you have to get ammunition, and your ammunition is reasons from the text, and text evidence," their teacher says.

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.

Taneria Camilla Mitchell, 34



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Released: July 14, 2013
For aggrv asslt - weapon - w deadly weapon without intent to kill

Laquilla Denise Jones, 18



Arrested: July 12, 2013
Released: July 12, 2013
For kidnap-false imprisonment - adult or child under 13 years of age

Darren S. Schoenfeld, 44



Arrested: July 13, 2013
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For dui-unlaw bld alch - dui alcohol or drugs

Arteria A. Bailey, 25



Arrested: July 12, 2013
Released: Not yet released
For larc - petit theft 2nd degree 1st offense

Shane Jason Skyers, 26



Arrested: July 10, 2013
Released: July 12, 2013
For aggrv asslt - weapon - w deadly weapon without intent to kill

Jasnel Joseph, 19



Arrested: July 12, 2013
Released: July 12, 2013
For fraud-swindle - obtain property under 20k dols

Felicia Jean Miller, 36



Arrested: July 13, 2013
Released: July 14, 2013
For aggrv asslt - weapon - w deadly weapon without intent to kill

Jorge O. Vergel, 20



Arrested: July 9, 2013
Released: Not yet released
For burgl - occupied dwelling unarmed

Donna Miner, 64



Arrested: July 11, 2013
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For cocaine-possess - possess cocaine

Carmel Linot, 24



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Notice is hereby given that the Port Labelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting July 31, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the County Commissioners Board Chambers, at Hendry County Courthouse 25 East Hickpochee Ave, Labelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.

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

Port Labelle Utility Advisory Board

448131 CN/CB 7/18/2013

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Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

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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, July 24, 2013, at 6 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to 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.

447032 CN 7/11,18/2013

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Devil's Garden Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

Devil's Garden Water Control District Meetings begin at 3:00 P.M. and are held at the Office of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Labelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226-2000 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of proceeding.

DATED This 8th day of July 2013.

DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

447815 CN 7/18/2013

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 FOR COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Collins Slough Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

Collins Slough Water Control District Meetings begin at 3:30 P.M. and are held at the Office of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Labelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (239) 226-2000 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of proceeding.

DATED This 8th day of July 2013.

COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

447810 CN 7/18/2013

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Curtis Blocker (B and L Farms) P.O. Box 970, Immokalee, FL 34143, has submitted Application 130627-8 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00245-W to irrigate 355 acres of agricultural and nursery lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Section 23, Township 48 South, Range 31 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

447919 CN 7/18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, LLC**, the holder 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
1016	2010	1344529-A0000020400	Faustino Hernandez-Antonio

A parcel of land in the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 45 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows; Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 34 and run N 89 degrees 36'20" E, along the North line of said Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, a distance of 834.45 feet; thence S 00 degrees 23'40" E, a distance of 60.00 feet to the South right-of-way line of County Road No. S-830-A and the Point-of-Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00 degrees 00'19" W, a distance of 291.74 feet; thence N 86 degrees 03'32" E, a distance of 139.47 feet; thence N 89 degrees 36'20" E, parallel to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A, a distance of 165.48 feet; thence N 00 degrees 00'19" E, a distance of 283.11 feet to the South right-of-way line of said County Road No. S-830-A; thence S 89 degrees 36'20" W, a distance of 305.62 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, Labelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.

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

446362 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
2595	2010	1364432-0100000120	Manuel A Marrero

Lot 12, THE WOODLAND II SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 12, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

446364 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, LLC**, the holder 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
1049	2010	1044430-01000050020	Santos M & Irene Perez

The East 1/3 of Tract 3, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

The West 2/3 of Tract 2, Block 5, GERBER GROVES, SECTION ONE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 14-22, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

446356 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
3041	2010	1144334-0700000060	Victor L Perez

Lot 6, MIDSTATE SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in a portion of unsurveyed Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 132 and 133, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, Labelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.

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

446366 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **German American Capital Corp.**, the holder 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
615	2010	1174329-0700000020	Agustin Atunex + Eusebia M Sanchez + Humberto Mendoza

Lots 82, 83 and 84, SOUTH LABELLE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 49, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, Labelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2013.

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

446362 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1823	2008	1224432-01000810030	Celia Rubin + Ruth Czukerburg + Dallah Czukerburg + Vivian Goldkener

Lot 3, Block 81, 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.

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Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446367 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder 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
3176	2008	2054329-A0000360200	Ruth W Stevens TR

Begin at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5; thence N 00 degrees 31' 15" W, 1215.41 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; continue 31.71 feet; thence N 56 degrees 56' 49" W, 42.48 feet; thence S 33 degrees 03' 11" W, 23.32 feet; thence S 43 degrees 30' 32" W, 16.19 feet; thence N 46 degrees 29' 29" W, 44.01 feet; thence S 44 degrees 14' 42" W, 44.55 feet; thence S 79 degrees 51' 08" E, 124.72 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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

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

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Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446378 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **July 31, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Clewiston City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Travis Reese, Community Development Director

447922 CN 7/18/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2326	2008	1364432-A0001470000	Carlos A Alvarez

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4014, 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.

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Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446374 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITIONS FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

Take notice that the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the positions of Chief Deputy, Human Resources Director and Finance Director for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, to take effect August 1, 2013.

Comments may be made by mail or in person to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at: 101 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Steve Whidden, Sheriff

448134 CN/6/18,25/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 22-2009-CA-000014

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, f.k.a. WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB Plaintiff
 vs.
 BELKYS JIMENEZ, ERIKA FELICIANO, ROLANDO JIMENEZ, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 9, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida described as:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF GLADES, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT:
A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2 AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN N 01 DEGREES 27' 48" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 264.31 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 01' 36" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF TRACT 46, A DISTANCE OF 451.44 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 46; THENCE S 02 DEGREES 00' 53" W A DISTANCE OF 264.10 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 46; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 12' 06" W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF TRACTS 35, 34 AND 33, A DISTANCE OF 786.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 33; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59' 45" E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF TRACT 33, A DISTANCE OF 450.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 25' 53" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 786.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALSO KNOWN AS TRACTS 33, 34, 35 AND 46 AND A 33 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, IN CA-LOOSA ESTATES UNIT NO. 4, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS SHOWN IN O.R. BOOK 442, PAGE 186, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WITH THE APPURTENANCES THERETO

and commonly known as: 1385 SUMMERLAD ROAD SW, MUSE, FL 33938 including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales held on the front steps of the Glade County Courthouse, on 9-12-13 at Thurs @ 11AM.

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

Dated this 11th day of July, 2013.

SANDRA H. BROWN
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 BY: Tina Espinosa Depu

by Clerk
 448079 CN 7/18,25/2013

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicle will be sold at public auction on July 29th, 2013 at 10 am @ Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:

1992 Olds, VIN: 1G3NL5437NM420921

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

447923 CN 7/18/2013

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 12:00 pm in Suite 1 at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The public is invited to attend.

448132 CN/6/18,25/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/02/2013, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

2004 FORD 1FMU03134KB41100 2004 BMW WBAN73148B04866

448157 CN 7/18/2013

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Garcia Farms located in Hendry County, State of Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Clewiston, Florida, this 10th day of July, 2013.

McDaniel Reserve Holdings, LLC
 3333-24 Virginia Beach Boulevard
 Virginia Beach, VA 23452
 447983 CN 7/18/2013

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, AGENTS/BROKERS, SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS AND DIRECT WRITING INSURERS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

RFP NUMBER: 2013-20

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by staff for recommendation. In order to be considered, submittals 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 July 25, 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. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by email at jmcelhaney@hendryfla.net, or by calling 863-675-5220.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, 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 RFP, 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
 446661 CN/6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

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

446374 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on 07/20/2013 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Asklej Murphy - Unit J-69
 Misc. baby items

Edvado Romero - Unit J-27
 Misc. items

Gabriel Blandon - Unit J-52
 Tools, small refg. water cooler & misc. items

James Louk - Unit J-7
 Misc. items

Matt Berry - Unit D-19
 Sofa, loveseat, chair & tables

Jeremy & Charity Howell - Unit #12
 Piano, tables, large AC, desk & misc. items

Wendy Valdez - Unit A-7
 Furniture, Christmas items & misc. items

447671 CN 7/11,18/2013

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Garcia Farms located in Hendry County, State of Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Clewiston, Florida, this 10th day of July, 2013.

McDaniel Reserve Holdings, LLC
 3333-24 Virginia Beach Boulevard
 Virginia Beach, VA 23452
 447983 CN 7/18/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the County of Hendry, the holder 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
1862	2008	1224432-A0000710000	Juan Perez

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast 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 5295, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2013**, which is the **1st day of August, 2013**.

Dated this **19th** day of **June, 2013**.

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

446374 CN 6/27/7,4,11,18/2013

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NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to transfer and/or issue Water Use and Environmental Resource permits with conditions to McDaniel Reserve Holdings LLC, 3333-24 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452 as follows: Permit Number 26-01136-W, Application Number 130507-11; Permit Number 26-00707-W, Application Number 130507-13; Permit Number 26-01141-W, Application Number 130507-22; and Permit Number 26-00623-P-02, Application Number 130507-10. The existing permits (originally issued for the project known as McDaniel Ranch) are being subdivided into three separate parcels with separate permits for the continuation of existing agricultural practices. The permits being noticed herein, as listed above, are for the project known as Property East (Garcia Farms) with a total project area of 9,454.4 acres in Hendry County, Sections 1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36 Township 47, Range 33. No change in water use allocation, withdrawal facilities or sources, and no modifications of the previously permitted and constructed surface water management system are authorized for the project.

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding each permit, including proposed limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

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

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions

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

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

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

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

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

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

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

Mediation

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

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

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

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Phosphorus Reductions Continue to Improve Everglades Water Quality

Improved farming techniques help EAA, C-139 achieve phosphorus reduction goals

For the 18th consecutive year, water flowing from farmlands in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) achieved phosphorus reductions that exceeded those required by law.

Implementation of improved farming techniques, known as Best Management Practices (BMPs), produced a 41-percent phosphorus reduction in the 470,000-acre EAA farming region south of Lake Okeechobee for the Water Year 2013 monitoring period (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013). Just west of the EAA, the 170,000-acre C-139 Basin also met its goal of reducing phosphorus discharges to historical levels.

“Reducing phosphorus through the technology of Best Management Practices consistently proves to be an effective strategy for improving Everglades water quality,” said Daniel O’Keefe, Chairman of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board. “These BMPs, working in concert with existing treatment wetlands and the state’s Restoration Strategies initiative, are moving us toward the goal of achieving water quality standards for the River of Grass.”

The most commonly used BMPs are more precise fertilizer application methods, refined stormwater management practices and erosion controls to reduce the amount of phosphorus transported in stormwater runoff to the Everglades and connected water bodies.

Monitoring Documents Nutrient Reductions

The BMP program continues to perform extremely well. Farmers in the EAA achieved

phosphorus reductions well beyond their target despite challenges including the impact of heavy rainfall in the region from Tropical Storm Isaac.

To meet the requirements of Florida’s Everglades Forever Act, the amount of phosphorus leaving the EAA must be 25 percent less than the amount before phosphorus reduction efforts started. The overall average annual reduction from the implementation of BMPs over the program’s 18-year history is 55 percent, more than twice the amount required by law. A science-based model is used to compute the reductions and make adjustments to account for the influences of rainfall.

When measured in actual mass, 109 metric tons of phosphorus were prevented from leaving the EAA and entering the regional canal system, which sends water into the Everglades, during the Water Year 2013 monitoring period. Over the past 18 years, the BMP program has prevented 2,673 metric tons of phosphorus from leaving the EAA.

In the C-139 Basin, a BMP program has been in place for the past 10 years. In November 2010, the program requirements were enhanced to better control nutrient runoff. For the Water Year 2013 monitoring period, the target load was 22 metric tons. Data show the actual mass of phosphorus discharged from the basin during that time was 10 metric tons, less than half the target load.

Stormwater Treatment Areas Provide Additional Improvements

Water leaving the EAA and C-139 Basin receives additional treatment in one of several Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) before entering the Everglades. These constructed wetlands are filled with native vegetation and use “green” technology to further reduce phosphorus levels.

Since 1994, the network of five STAs south of Lake Okeechobee — currently with 57,000 acres of effective treatment area — have treated 13.4 million acre-feet of water and retained more than 1,707 metric tons of phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the Everglades. Last year, the STAs treated approximately 1.16 million acre-feet of water, retaining 84 percent of phosphorus from water flowing through the treatment cells.

Through the end of April 2013, more than 4,390 metric tons of phosphorus have been prevented from entering the Everglades through treatment wetlands and the BMP program combined. Overall, Florida has invested more than \$1.8 billion to improve Everglades water quality since 1994.

Water Quality Improvement Projects

Last year, the District completed several water quality improvement projects to further enhance its water-cleaning efforts:

Construction was completed on STA-2 to nearly double its size in western Palm Beach County to 15,500 acres. Known as Compartment B, the 6,817-acre expansion will help the STA achieve optimal performance.

A 4,656-acre expansion of treatment wetlands in southeast Hendry County, known as Compartment

C, was completed. Compartment C will further improve water quality flowing into the Everglades. This \$47.5 million investment connects two existing Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA-5 and STA-6) in the EAA and more than doubles water treatment capability at the site.

In addition, work has begun under an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand water quality treatment infrastructure that will lead to achievement of the ambient water quality standard for the Everglades. Key features include:

Design and construction of 110,000 acre-feet of additional storage adjacent to existing Everglades STAs, better controlling water flow into the treatment wetlands and thereby improving their performance. These storage areas, known as Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs), will be designed to assist all five Everglades STAs.

Design and construction of the Stormwater Treatment Area 1-West expansion, increasing by 50 percent the treatment capacity of water quality facilities currently discharging into the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional sub-regional source controls in areas of the eastern EAA where phosphorus levels in runoff have been historically higher, building on the District’s existing BMP Regulatory Program.

IRS

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ravel the scheme through its entire process — with one of the more disturbing allegations being that an employee with the county’s health department had been supplying the criminals with the social security numbers they needed to pull off the thefts.

According to a report released by the sheriff’s office, Jasnel opened up an account on June 21, 2011 — 10 days later, that account saw more than \$4,000 in tax return deposits. When confronted with that evidence, Jasnel said he was urged to open an account by a friend, and did not have knowledge of where the money was coming from or that money was being drawn from the account by someone. He claimed that a friend of his had taken his debit card.

During the course of the investigation, detectives tracked down the account information of seven individuals who had also been receiving multiple tax returns in the Belle Glade area. Representatives at Wells Fargo in Belle Glade had alerted deputies after two of them attempted to make sizeable withdrawals at the bank.

Just like Jasnel, most of the suspects denied knowledge of any illegal activity. Their stories were similar: they were approached by Carmel Linot of Belle Glade, who asked if he could transfer tax returns to their bank accounts. They said they simply did not ask questions, did not think much of the activity, were paid thousands of dollars to comply, or simply were unaware

that money was being directed to their accounts. One of them said he thought the money was the result of drug sales, but added that he accepted it because Linot claimed he would “take care of him” for doing well in high school football.

The case took a more serious turn the next year. According to the report, it was a supervisor

tors confirmed that the social security numbers of more than 100 people who had been seen at the health department had been compromised by Green, a senior clerk at the medical records department of the health department.

The information helped investigators solve the illegal process from beginning to end. Jasnel,

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at a UPS facility in Riviera Beach who, in May of 2012, decided that a package that was being sent by a woman was suspicious and opened it to find handwritten notes with social security numbers and names associated with them.

Detectives tracked the information on the package back to Thea Green, who worked at the Palm Beach County Health Department. Consulting with health department officials, investiga-

who is accused of participating, is being charged with organized scheme to defraud, money laundering and grand theft. His victim is listed as the IRS. Jasnel was arrested July 12.

Others named in the report as having held accounts that received tax returns include: Jasmine Marshall, Jamie D. Wilson, Dominique L. Gibson, Joseph Jean, Jems P. Richemond and Daniel Myrtill. Green was arrested earlier this year.



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County

Needs your help locating Dorthena Beckton, 49, of Belle Glade. She may go by the name Dorthena Harris. Dorthena Beckton is wanted on a warrant in connection with a charge of withholding information from a practitioner. Dorthena Beckton is 5’6” and approximately 240 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information on her whereabouts, you are urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-“TIPS” (8477).



Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Manhunt msg.
 - Facebook exchanges, briefly
 - Put up a fight
 - Nose-dives
 - Frozen, maybe
 - Toy mentioned in "The Chipmunk Song"
 - Shade at the beach
 - "This will get better, I promise"
 - Executes
 - Sault ___ Marie
 - Moves a bit
 - Prepare for chewing
 - PC hookup
 - "That's surreal!"
 - Calculating
 - Military fleet
 - Substance usually abbreviated
 - "Microsoft sound" composer
 - Arkansas River city
 - "Star Wars" title
 - Detriment to team performance, maybe
 - Master of ___
 - Surveillance device found in 19-, 31- and 39-Across
 - Not widely understood
 - Air, mostly
 - Where lizards hang out?
 - Mocking
 - Lifted (up)
 - '70s kidnapers: Abbr.
 - "Star Wars" title

- Self-named Fox Business show
- New addition of a sort
- Big dos
- Rainbow ___
- Shade at the beach
- Songwriter Phair
- Back of a stamp?
- Viking landing site
- On-again, off-again
- Vintage pop
- Of a hip bone
- CNN journalist Kaye
- 1984-2002 honorary Masters starting group member
- Dot on a map
- Turn out
- Virus carrier, at times
- "The East ___": 1960s anthem in 32-Down
- Nepal neighbor
- Place out of the sun
- Revival prefix

- ___ Arena, former Sacramento sports venue
- "Today" rival, initially
- Signaled
- Daniel Boone, e.g.
- Black keys
- Show appreciation to
- Swinging joint?
- Big name in cookies
- Longtime morning co-host
- Eternal City fountain
- Less likely to lose it
- Legal document
- Shortcut key
- Solo delivery
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- Canapé topping
- Blackguard

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By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel
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Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 11.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.53/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 8,237 gas outlets in Florida.

This compares with the national average, which has increased 11.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.62/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 25.0 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 0.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 19.5

cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Nationally, gasoline prices have begun moving upward yet again. I suspect that the unrest in Egypt is playing a significant role in pushing crude values higher, and thus, retail gasoline prices higher, as well," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"The market is seemingly quite sensitive to the situation in Egypt, as the Energy Information Administration has reported two consecutive weeks of large declines in crude oil inventories, drawing concern that a loss in Middle Eastern crude would mean continued declines in inventories stateside," DeHaan said.



SCHOOL BRIEFS

Lake Shore Middle School

Important Dates

Pre-School Registration Dates/Times:

August 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; August 6, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; August 7, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; August 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; August 14, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.; August 16, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

6th Grade New Student Orientation/Class Schedule Pickup:

August 16, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Class Schedule Pickup:

On August 16, for 7th Grade from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and for 8th Grade from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

First Day of School: August 19

Open House: September 12, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Crossroads Academy

2013-2014 School Registration

Crossroads Academy will be registering students August 12 through 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and again from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Remember no shots, no school, no kidding!

Excel Charter School

Belle Glade Excel Charter School is pleased to announce they are now taking enrollment applications. The school is presented by the operators of Peppi Head Start Child Development Center in Belle Glade, a gold seal Head Start Program open for more than 30 years.

For more information, contact Peppi Head Start at (561) 303-8507

Gove Elementary School

The registration for new and returning students for the 2013-14 school year will be Wednesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will be at the old campus cafeteria.

Rosenwald Elementary

Rosenwald Elementary School will be holding classes on the campus of Pioneer Park Elementary for the 2013-14 school year. Parents are encouraged to register their students beginning July 8, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The following documents are needed for registration: two proofs of residency (in the name of parent/guardian), physical exam, immunizations (if applicable), and birth certificate (for new students).

You are expected to bring all required documentation when completing a registration form. Incomplete registration packets will not be accepted. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to complete online lunch forms at the time of registration.

The school supply lists can be picked up at Rosenwald Elementary School. Copies will also be faxed over to Walmart, Office Depot and Staples. If you have any questions about registration, school uniforms or school supplies, please contact the school at (561) 993-8902. Rosenwald's Meet and Greet for parents/guardians will be held on Friday, August 16, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Students' first day of school is Monday, August 19.

sense, exhibit good communication skills, have basic computer skills, provide favorable references, and consent to a background check.

Those who meet the requirement must commit to visiting the child or children on a monthly basis and commit to spending 10-15 hours a month on each case.

They must also perform their GAL duties for at least one year after completing the training; other duties include submitting written reports, interviewing people involved in the child's life, and testifying in court on the child's behalf.

Other opportunities to help the GAL program are available for those who feel they cannot participate in the advocacy aspect.

Fundraising, recruiting, special events, marketing, are some of the other areas in need of volunteers.

Anyone interested in becoming a GAL can contact 561-355-6224 or email GALRecruit-ment15@gal.fl.gov for more information.

Volunteers

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sion of the Guardian ad Litem Program. We are very excited to work with our local governments on this project."

Ms. Solomon states that at least 50 or more volunteers are needed in the tri-city area.

"Our volunteers should believe in the basic human rights of a child, which are 'children should live in a safe and loving environment, in a nurturing home, where they can thrive and succeed,'" she said.

Those interested in becoming a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) must fulfill certain requirements.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years old, complete 30 hours of training provided by the program, possess a strong desire to help children, demonstrate good judgment and common

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Hendry Regional announces FHIMA Scholarship Award to Kathy Counts

Hendry Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA) recently selected Kathy Counts as a recipient of the 2012-2013 FHIMA Graduate Scholarship Award.

This scholarship, which will be awarded at the FHIMA Membership luncheon on July 23rd, will assist Kathy in pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Information Management at the University of Central Florida (UCF). FHIMA provides scholarships to students enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate studies related to the Health Information Management field.



Kathy Counts has been at Hendry Regional Corporate Health Services for the past 6 years as a National Registered Certified Medical Assistant (NRCMA).

On July 22nd, Kathy will be moving into the HIM (Health Information Management) department at Hendry Regional. There she will work under the direction of Christine Irwin, the HIM Director and Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), who has over 40 years of experience. Christine will train Kathy on all aspects of HIM processes. Kathy's long-term goal is to become an HIM Director.



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