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Winter Recital Showcases Local Talent

STREET BEAT EVENT
PROMISES TO
ENTERTAIN TONIGHT

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

A few days before their winter showcase and Shanique Scott could hardly wait.

The Street Beat artistic director has been working with nearly 90 kids in the after-school performance program, helping them to shape their own expression through the arts. Today couldn't come soon enough, she said earlier this week.

That's when the children will take the stage tonight at Lake Shore Middle School, 425 W. Canal Street, Belle Glade, to deliver a rousing performance in the spirit of Christmas.

"I am totally excited," said Ms. Scott. "Our kids are too."

The performance is one of three events the group offers to the public each year, another being the grand showcase performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in May,

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Food for Families for Christmas



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Boy Scouts Pack 622 and Troop 622, from Belle Glade collected 280 pounds of canned and boxed foods for the Food for Families drive. For full story, turn to page 19.

Two Killed in Separate Glades Shootings

Pahokee and Belle Glade scenes of violence

A man died after being shot in Pahokee on Saturday morning. Later that night, another man was shot and killed in Belle Glade, in one of the deadliest single days of violence in the Glades in the past year.

The first man was reportedly

gunned down in the area of Rardin Avenue and Booker Place in Pahokee at approximately 11 a.m. on Dec. 18. Investigators with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said that an older model white Crown Victoria was seen leaving the scene, according to published reports.

The second incident happened just ten hours later, in what investigators are saying was an unrelated killing. In that incident, a man was shot and killed on the 1400 block of Avenue F.

Investigators report that a fight broke out near the victim's residence just prior to the shooting. Reportedly, several males were seen fleeing from the area after the incident.

Neither victim has been officially identified by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. No suspects have been caught in either case.

If you have information, you are asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (1-800-458-8477).

Kids Reach Final Round in Video Contest

A video created by the 4th and 5th grade students of Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary's KEC TV News Club was chosen as a finalist in the nationwide Mini Chef Video Contest sponsored by Avocados From Mexico.

You can watch and vote for KEC TV's video by selecting "Like" at the link www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zYfhWdxNGc.

The Grand Prize winner of the contest will win \$1,000 and will be determined according to the highest number of YouTube "Likes" received by December on the Avocados for Mexico YouTube channel.

The KEC TV News Club students created the cooking show video titled "Cooking with Avocados" for the Mini Chef Video Contest. Anthony Bowie, "Chef Guac," demonstrated how to make Yummy Yummy Creamy Avocado Ranch Dip in the video.

Jalyn Mitchell was a reporter in a commercial featured in the video. Both Anthony and Jalyn were the protégées of former KEC TV reporter and President Obama interviewer Damon Weaver. Quac'Cierra Brown, "Senorita Avocado," was dressed as an avocado as she shared some interesting information about avocados.

By being selected as a finalist for the Mini Chef Video Contest, the

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Glades Central

Semester Exam Schedule:

- Thursday, Dec. 22
- Period 7: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (EXAM)
- Period 8: 9:35 to 11:35 a.m. (EXAM)
- Lunch and dismissal: 11:37 a.m.

Pioneer Park Elementary

Honor Roll

Parents enjoyed seeing their children honored at a special honor roll awards assembly on Monday, Dec. 12. Recognition categories included: All A's: Principal's honor roll, A-B honor roll, citizenship, most improved in all subjects: Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and outstanding student in all subjects including Music, Art, and P.E. Congratulations to the many students earning their certificates and merit medals. All of our students are working so hard, as Principal Miller noted: "If you are not up here this time, you will be next time."

Words Their Way

Reading teachers attended a special intensive workshop on Words Their Way this week with Kristen Rulison, K-5 Reading Instructional Specialist and Staff Developer with the SIG grant. The workshop was open to other area schools. Teachers from Pioneer Park were given their own copy of the most recent edition of "Words Their Way." "Words Their Way" was the brainchild of three professionals in the field of education who wanted to streamline a way for teachers to quickly assess the progress of students in grasping the reading and writing of words. At the elementary level a spelling test is given to students. The initial words are at a very basic beginning literacy level and progressively become more difficult. For example, if the child writes the word red, this would reflect mastery of the CVC word format (consonant-vowel-consonant). The test may reflect that a student's next need in word work may be double vowels, or blends, plurals, or specific endings such as -ed. Words Their Way is an invaluable classroom tool for teaching the next step and always keeping the student moving forward. Mrs. Rulison made the workshop a fun and enjoyable experience by incorporating learning games into the training. She also modeled a word search lesson with a group of fourth grade students and later brought students in for trainees to work with on a word sort. Word sorts in the "Words Their Way" program are based on the next-step, highest need of the student as indicated by the recent assessment.

Parent Night

Pioneer Park held its third Parent Night Thurs-

day night beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The SAC committee held its December meeting, keeping parents and staff abreast of the latest developments in the school, its budget, and allowing everyone to have a voice toward overall school improvement. Parent Center Director, Kelvin Johnson collected gifts for ten huge overflowing gift bags to be given by drawing to some very excited students as the evening drew to a close. Parents and students were also treated to juice and cookies. However, the highlight of the evening was Pioneer Park's talented students who narrated, sang and delighted the audience with their holiday musical celebration. Special thanks to our very devoted music teacher Ms. Yeanlli Martinez and her awesome support team of Mr. Brannon, Ms. Desplas, and Mrs. Pena. We also need to thank our amazing technical support from Mr. Jan Fuller.

Going Green

Pioneer Park's media specialist, Carrie Pena has initiated recycling of paper products in classrooms and now along with Science Coach Victoria Parise, is introducing a new green program. "Shoes for the Cure" encourages communities to help cure the environment by recycling old shoes. Pioneer Park has a recycling shoe drop box near the front office. The shoes will be sorted, then the gently used shoes will be donated and others will be recycled to make new shoes. The school district has reward programs for schools that make special efforts to reduce their carbon footprint. Students are learning to help our environment by turning out lights when leaving classrooms to reducing paper waste, and exploring the value of planting a garden and that when truly motivated, we can all do our part.

Jurassic Parts

Once again Jurassic Parts visited our school with their portable field trips and engaged our students in the exciting, fun, creative side of the world of Science. Students made their own funny goo and cool airy pillow fluff. For the actual scientific terms of these experiment products and more, go to gojurassicparts.com.

Pahokee Elementary

Food for Our Families Drive

Pahokee Elementary School would like to thank all of the families for contributing to this year's collection of non-perishable food items for the Annual Food for Families Drive.

The students brought in a total of 2,252 non-perishable items. The school was able to provide a full thanksgiving basket to 22 families from the school.

Special Thanks

Pahokee Elementary School staff and students would like to thank our community business partners: Bridges of Pahokee, Pahokee Youth Enrichment Academy, Pahokee Mentoring Center, Back to Basics Inc., PNC Bank, city of Pahokee, Boys and Girls Town, Area Agency on Aging/Foster Grandparent Program and all our volunteers and community supporters for all donations, services and support given to Pahokee Elementary School. We are extremely grateful and hope that you will continue your mission of giving.

Glades Day School

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 22 through Jan. 9: Christmas break
- Monday, Jan. 9: No school - Teacher Work Day
- Tuesday, Jan. 10: Students return Back-To-School

Citizens of the Month

- PreK-3: Eric Nguyen
- PreK-4: Kyler Burch
- K-5: Kelsey Kennedy
- 1st Grade: Hana Lohmann
- 2nd Grade: Landry Pitts
- 3rd Grade: Dean Congleton
- 4th Grade: Tye Fountain
- 5th Grade: Kamryn Kennedy
- 6th Grade: Cassidy Redish
- Enrichment: Tyler Nesbitt

3rd Grade Students of the Month

Ruth-Anne Lively and Kolton DesRochers

First Baptist Church Choir

Choir students performed their Christmas Musical, "Camel Lot" this past Sunday evening. They did a phenomenal job! Some sang solos and some had speaking parts. We are very proud of our baby gators! Students attended their last day of choir yesterday and had their holiday party. Choir will resume for students after the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Pastor David Broadbent Visits the Lower School

Pastor David Broadbent visited campus during our Morning Devotions today and spoke about loving God and loving one another. Students enjoyed watching his message using a projector. What a great start to our day that was!

Glee Performance

Some of our Lower School students worked hard all week to prepare for their performance with Glee. Students did a wonderful job at last night's Glee Christmas Party! Way to Go!

Math SuperStars

Math SuperStars worksheets are now available on Edline and will not be sent home by the teachers. Please visit www.gladesdayschool.com, Lower School, under "Contents" choose "Math SuperStars." Worksheets can be found in the folders under each prospective grade.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Everglades Research and Education Center

The Everglades Research and Education Center is holding a Friday Seminar Series on Jan. 6 at 10:45 a.m. They will be discussing "Memoirs of an Everglades Pioneer." A book talk based on the story of a courageous woman and her family as they created a new life in the wilds of southern Florida during the early 1900's, as told by her granddaughter, the book's editor, Patricia Winne Adams.

Change a Life

To become an adult literacy volunteer please call the Belle Glade Library at 561-996-3453. No previous experience is required as training is provided in a one-day workshop that gives you an overview of strategies for tutoring adult learn-

ers.

Participants will be matched with a student and site convenient to them.

Tutors and students meet in public places such as the local libraries.

If participants can commit to at least two hours of volunteer time per week and are friendly, patient persons who love reading, they are asked to call today.

Boy and Girl Scouts recruiting volunteers

The Boy and Girl Scouts are recruiting adults to volunteer for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. If you are able to donate one hour a week, please volunteer. If you have any questions or need more information call Johannis Bair at 561-261-0015.

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The World Needs More Manger Time

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

The kid with the round head and his pitiful looking tree have become a regular part of America's Christmas.

In "The Charlie Brown Christmas," Charlie Brown reaches a point of frustration in the midst of all of the commercial hustle and bustle of Christmas and cries out, "Isn't there anybody who can tell me what Christmas is all about?"

Enter blanket boy Linus to the rescue. Linus steps into the spotlight on the stage and turns the spotlight on Jesus. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

It's interesting that this line almost didn't make it into the TV special. Charlie Brown almost missed Christmas and America almost missed out on a Christmas special that contained the real Christmas message.

Charles Schulz, the creator of "Peanuts," was under pressure to leave the Jesus part out of the TV special. But Schultz stood his ground. He said, "If we don't do this, who will?" Good question!

In our post-Christian culture, Linus' little speech about "to you is born a Savior" may be the only fragment of the Gospel some people have ever heard.

But we don't have to be a prime-time TV producer to feel the pressure to not bring up Jesus. Most of us who've ever tried to live for Him have experienced that pressure. Saying "Happy Holidays" is being pushed over proclaiming "Merry Christmas".

Across the country, Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus are being displaced by non-religious displays. To reference another Christmas special, Grinches across the country are trying to wipe Christ out of Christmas.

This should not come as a surprise. Satan has been trying to edit out Jesus for over 2,000 years! The early disciples were hauled in by the same religious leaders who had arranged for the crucifixion of Jesus.

They were ordered to never again mention "The Name" in their preaching. The disciples response? They never stopped teaching and proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is the Christ (Acts 5:42). Why?

In the words Dr. Seuss gave to the Grinch after his conversion: "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And that's why we can't afford to leave out Jesus. Jesus is the reason for the season. His Name is where the power is. His name is where the hope is.

Many Christmases ago a cartoonist made a courageous choice and refused to edit the Name. This Christmas would be a good time for us to make that same choice. The world needs more "stable" time and we can all use a "silent night".

Christmas; God's Gift That Brings Hope

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

I remember one hurried lunch hour during Christmas season a few years back. I was running between appointments and visits; moments and schedules were crowded. I chose to eat in my car to save time one day.

Christmas is always busy: I might save a few moments. The radio was telling me about war losses and casualties; prospects were grim and it seemed that there was no good news on any front as I listened. In the car next to me was a baby.

He was laughing and smiling; enjoying a moment with his mother and as happy as could be. One who had newly come from God had a whole different perspective on life that day than I did.

My eyes were telling me one thing; my ears were telling me something else. Which really spoke to me that day? Then I remembered - it was through another infant that the Good News came 2,000 years ago.

His world was a world of turmoil too; enemy forces occupying His country, a crazy king wanting to kill Him, and life beginning in a make-shift accommodation.

A stable and a manger certainly wasn't the way one would usher in the Prince of Peace. I thought about which passed away and which lasted; which endured, which gave hope, which spoke to the hearts of people.

The tyrannical king lasted only a few years, the oppressive nation with its mighty armies passed into history, the make-shift accommodations served their purpose; the baby endured forever afterward.

The times we live in now, the times that people always have lived, are full of problems, wars, hardships.

The hope and peace that comes through the infant lives forever; in the hearts of the people who believe and are assured by what the Lord coming into the world means to us.

Peace is within, hope is within, love is within.

They have been with us and will be with us as we live them out, act on them in small and big ways every day, share them with others and make them our own.

The baby in the car seat next to me was not drowned out by the noise and clamor of the world; the infant in the manger did not let the world distract Him from His message of faith, hope and love for us all.

Now that Christmas is celebrated once more; I share my life with the people of faith; those who believe in peace, those who do good will toward their neighbors and strangers.

I know that these things will be celebrated for a few days at this special time, but they will live on forever until their promise is fulfilled here on Earth.

My hope is that we do our part in making the message and gift of Christmas closer each day, toward the day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" is felt around the world. A very Merry and Blessed Christmas to each of you during this sacred time.

What Will You Give Him?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

For the past few weeks we've all been concerned about "Gift Giving"! Our concern is what gift to give to a friend or relative. But we are supposed to be celebrating the birth of the Savior, Je-

sus Christ. What gift do you plan on giving Him? Let me make a few suggestions.

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word or deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego the grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen! Apologize, if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency.

Express your gratitude. Go to Church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once more. Carry out Christ's Great Commission.

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning --with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life.

Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas -- to savor in the inward ear the wild, sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

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Inland Birding Fun: Northern Cardinal (NOCA)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Birders and Photographers are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual STA5-Clewiston Christmas Bird Count (FLSO) on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Join one of seven teams who will be surveying the 15-mile diameter count circle located 20 miles south of Clewiston.



Margaret England

The North Team's carpool will meet at 7 a.m. at the Clewiston Beef O 'Brady's. The West Team will meet at 6:45 a.m. to carpool to C&B Farms where they

will begin surveying at 7:30 a.m. Other teams will begin at the STA5 gate at 7 a.m. For information please e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or phone 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

The Northern Cardinal, a common to abundant resident birds throughout Florida and state bird of seven states, is reported annually during Christmas Bird Counts. It is known locally as a "Redbird." This medium-sized songbird has a long tail with a short thick beak and distinctive crest on the head.

The male is a brilliant red, with a reddish bill and black face mask. The female has dull red-brown feathers with reddish tinges in the wings, tail and crest. Adult females have a black face and red-orange bill. Young birds, both male and

female, have coloring similar to the female Northern Cardinal until the fall, when they molt and grow adult feathers.

Only a few North American female songbirds sing. The female Northern Cardinal will often sing while on the nest which is believed to give the male information about when to bring food. Mated pairs share song phrases which are long string of clear down-slurred or two-parted whistles. The female may sing a longer more complex song than the male. At least 16 North American Cardinal calls have been identified, but the most common is a loud short metallic "chip" note.

Cardinals are found in a wide variety of habitats where thickets or bushes are present. They can be found foraging for seeds of weeds and grasses, fruits and grains. About one-third of their diet consists of insects or other invertebrates. They frequently visit bird feeders where they eat a variety of birdseed, particularly black oil sunflower seed.

The male will bring nest material to the female who does most of the nest building. The small cup-shaped nest is usually wedged into a fork of small branches of a tree, vine or bush. Three to four heavily brown-spotted bluish-white eggs are incubated mostly by the female for 12 to 13 days.

The young fledge in 10-12 days after hatching. Normally, a mated pair will raise 2 to 3 broods each nesting season. The male cares for and feeds each brood while the female incubates the next clutch of eggs. The male will fiercely defend its breeding territory from other males.

The oldest recorded banded wild Northern Cardinal lived at least 15 years and 9 months. A captive bird lived to be 28.5 years of age.

Join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding and photography trips. You and your



PHOTO / KEN CORREGAN

Northern Cardinal male.

guests are invited participate in upcoming birding trips or the Christmas Bird Count Dec. 31 at STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5). For information, please e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or phone 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS website at

www.hendrygladesaudubon.org

New and current Hendry-Glades Audubon Society "Facebook Friends" will be entered in a monthly drawing for a "Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America".

"Like," post a birding photo, or comment on "The Hendry-Glades Audubon Society Facebook" page to enter the December 2011 drawing.

FHP Cracks Down on Impaired Driving During Holiday Season

Gov. Rick Scott recently proclaimed December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

As part of Florida's focus on safe highway travel during the holiday season, the Florida Highway Patrol will join thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation in Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, a nationwide campaign targeting impaired driving, beginning tomorrow through Jan. 2, 2012.

Impaired driving is one of the deadliest crimes, especially during the holiday period. During the 2010 Christmas and New Year's holiday travel period, approximately 35 percent of the traffic fatalities in Florida were alcohol-related.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians who comply with our state's traffic laws and use sound judgment can help make the holiday period safer and less stressful for everyone.

"Impaired driving continues to be a priority for law enforcement in the state, and the Florida Highway Patrol will be intensifying enforcement during the holidays," said FHP Director, Col. David Brierton.

"Our goal is to create the safest possible driving environment by modifying driver behavior – and helping drivers make better decisions." FHP Auxiliary and Reserve troopers will augment the Patrol during the heightened travel periods.

The Patrol offers these tips to make your holi-

days safer:

- Plan ahead
- Use a designated driver
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Call *FHP (*347) to report intoxicated or aggressive drivers, or if your vehicle breaks down and you need assistance. To request immediate emergency services, dial 911.

Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over is a deterrence program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness.

For more information on the campaign, visit www.Stopimpaireddriving.org. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement.

The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol.

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Brenda Lee Conway, 65

CLEWISTON — Brenda Lee Conway, age 65, of Clewiston, passed away Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at home in Clewiston.

Brenda was born Aug. 12, 1946, in Douglas, Ga. She is the daughter of the late Vilous and the late Mary Lee (Taylor) Courson.

Brenda had a great love for many, she was a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She loved to spend her time playing computer games, horseshoes and around a campfire with friends and her husband. Much of her time was spent with her sons and their children as well as her great grandchildren.

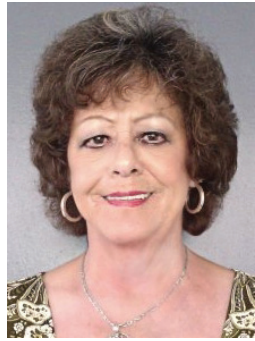
She was always there if anyone needed her with a hug, a smile or just an open ear. She loved the holidays when everyone came together to her home where she cooked the meals. Brenda will be missed by many who's lives she was a part of, but most of all her family who will keep her in their hearts.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Edward Conway; two sons, Darryl Moore of Clewiston, Arnold Moore (Angie) of Clewiston; two brothers, Carl Courson, Jerry Courson; four grandchildren, Christina Moore, Joshua Moore, Courtney Moore, Kelsie Moore; and three great-grandchild, Alisya Mata, Adrian Mata Jr., and Joshua Moore Jr.; and a host of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by husband, Guido Mazzina; brothers, Larry Courson, and Donald Courson.

The funeral service will be 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, at Evangel Assembly of God, 350 South Berner Road, Clewiston, with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. Interment will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery. Calling hours were Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



Teddie K. Harrison, 78

CLEWISTON — Teddie K. Harrison, age 78, of Clewiston, passed away Dec. 15, 2011, in Clewiston.

He was born March 5, 1933, in Roane County, Tenn., the son of the late Moses Callaway Harrison and the late Emma Harrison. He served in the Army. He was a former resident of Indiana.

He is survived by his sister, Vada Ewald of Shakopee, Minn.; sister-in-law, Lila Lee Harrison of Clewiston; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Eddie, James and Gordon; and sisters, Verne and Shirley.

Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in Teddie's name.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-Clewiston.

Richard F. 'Dick' Baker Sr., 82

LAKE PLACID — Richard F. "Dick" Baker Sr., 82, of Lake Placid, was received by the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as he peacefully passed away Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, surrounded by his loving and devoted family after a brief battle with Leukemia.

Dick was born in Washington Court-house, Ohio, Nov. 24, 1929, son of Fred and Celesta Baker; moving to Florida as a young teen with his family and graduating from Sarasota High School. He graduated from the University of Florida School of Pharmacy then joined the U.S. Air Force as an officer and pilot in the Air Force Strategic Air Command. In the late 50's, he settled in Clewiston, where he bought Sugarland Pharmacy then founded Baker's Rexall Drugs. He continued his dedication to pharmacy until his passing.

Dick was born again in 1970, finding the Lord in the Episcopal Church. His family enjoyed a vacation retreat on Lake June in Lake Placid, FL, as far back as the 60's where Dick decided in 1990 to relocate permanently. His family will forever cherish his memory and love for life.

Dick lost his wife Patricia in 2008 after 55 years of marriage and is survived by his children, Geriann Baker of Orlando, Richard F. Baker, Jr. (Rick) of Clewiston, Reed A. Baker of Lake Placid, James T. Baker of Lake Placid; siblings, Bill Baker of Adel, Ga., Ann Kain of Casselberry, Fla.; and he was blessed with two grandchildren, Tyler and Kayln. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Caralee; and brother, Jim.

A memorial service in celebration of Dick's life will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Lake Placid, presided by Reverend Elizabeth Nelson.

The family would appreciate any donations to be sent to the Leukemia Research Foundation.

Memorial arrangements are under the loving devotion of: Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home, 404 Plaza Ave., Lake Placid, (863) 465-9997.



Tips That Let You Turn Down The Thermostat

With today's high fuel prices, heating your home in the cooler months can be expensive. By turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours, you can save up to 15 percent a year on your heating bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"There are basic steps homeowners can take to maintain a comfortable home while living with a lower thermostat setting," says Bob Vila, home renovation and repair expert.

To help you get started, Vila offers some useful advice:

Seal Your Drafts

One way to make sure you're not throwing money out the window is to ensure heat's not escaping through it as well.

From mail slots to doorways, to cracks and loose window fittings, air leaks can be found throughout the entire home, sending heated air outside. Without compromising the ventilation system or air quality, you can seal most of these leaks by applying weather-stripping.

Weather-stripping comes in many forms, including adhesive-backed foam strips for door and window frames, sealants for cracks and shrink-film for windows. Many come with easy application features.

Warm air can even leave a room through electrical outlets. Seal these holes tight with fire retardant plastic foam outlet covers.

Gather Round

"Not all rooms should be treated equally when it comes to heating," says Vila.

By targeting only frequently used rooms of

the home, you can turn down the thermostat and save energy. But don't forget to close the doors of rooms not in use.

Portable heaters are ideal for zone heating because there is no installation involved, so you can create cozy spaces quickly. But traditional units can get very hot, posing a risk to pets, children, and flammable materials like curtains and carpet.

"Opt for a product with no exposed heating elements," advises Vila. "You get the warmth you want without any risks." For example, EDEN-PURE heaters don't get hot to the touch, don't have exposed heating elements that can cause a fire, and won't reduce humidity or oxygen in a home. For more information, visit www.eden-pure.com.

Five Minute Fixes

There are also many quick fixes that will help you heat efficiently.

Between annual furnace check-ups, clean or replace air filters once a month. Dirt and build-up prevent systems from operating at maximum efficiency.

Ensure heat registers are dust-free and clear of obstructions like drapes and furniture. Change the direction of your ceiling fan to a clockwise rotation. This forces cooler air upward, sending the warm air down into your living space.

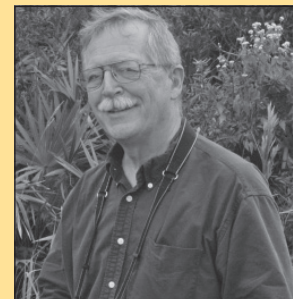
Don't forget that thermostats need upkeep as well. Calibrate your thermostat for proper temperature readings and dust the inside and cover with a soft brush.

With a little effort, you don't need to sacrifice your family's comfort to save a dime.

Dr. Jerry Jackson to Present Program

Dr. Jerry Jackson, host of Public Radio's "With the Wild Things" and Professor of Ecological Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University will share his enthusiasm and knowledge of the woodpeckers of south Florida at the Monday, Jan. 9, meeting of the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society 7 p.m. at the Dallas Townsend Extension Office located at 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle.

Dr. Jackson is especially known for his work with Red-cockaded and Ivory-billed Woodpeckers and has served



Dr. Jerry Jackson

gered species recovery teams for both species.

He has also done extensive work with other woodpeckers throughout North America, the Caribbean, and many areas of Latin America.

In this program he will focus on the unique adaptations of woodpeckers and the diversity and home life of woodpeckers in south Florida.

This free program is open to the public.

For more information, contact Margaret England 863-674-0695 or at sta5birding@earthlink.net

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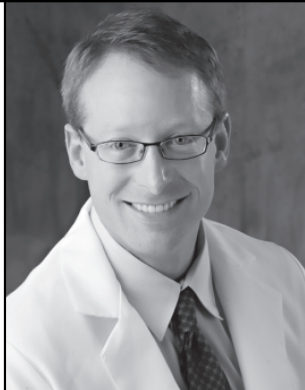
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Holiday Season Health and Safety Tips

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

The holidays are a time to celebrate with family and friends. It is also a time to pay special attention to your health and the health of your family. Give the gift of health and safety by following these holiday tips.

Keep an eye on your children

Keep your children with you at all times while you are shopping. Accompany and supervise your children in public facilities and restrooms. Have a plan in case you become separated. If your kids are old enough to understand, have a pre-designated spot to meet if you get separated. Teach children to look for people who can help, such as a uniformed security officer, salesperson or even a mother with children. Remind children to remain in the area where they become separated.

Your child's safety

Keep a watchful eye on your kids when they're eating and playing. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn what to do for children who are choking. Make sure toys are used properly.

Wash your hands often

Keeping your hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizing product.

Stay warm

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing.

Manage stress

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health. Be aware of your actions, try not to over-commit or over-spend. Try to balance your work, home, and play. Get support from your family and friends. Try to keep a relaxed and positive outlook.

Travel safely

Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, keep safety in mind. Do not drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child

in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age.

Be smoke-free

Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or talk to your health care provider for help.

Get check-ups and vaccinations

Exams and screenings can help find problems before they start. They can also help find problems early, when the chances for treatment and cure are better. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.

Prevent injuries

Injuries can occur anywhere and some often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Wear a bicycle helmet to help prevent head injuries.

Fire Safety

Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Test them once a month, and replace batteries twice a year.

Handle and prepare food safely

As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

Protect pets from rabies

Pets are considered family members. Keep them healthy and safe as well. Visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date.

Do something positive for yourself and for those around you and you will be happier and healthier. An act of kindness goes a long way. Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

The psychological effects of Christmas giving

The Christmas Season is a wonderful and unique time of the year when generosity fills the air. People give with open hearts to their friends, loved ones and even to strangers. This selfless act of giving nurtures love and spirit in our relationships. According to some researchers, people who give without expecting to receive anything in return are thought to be the most psychologically healthy people in our society.

- Giving can create relationships – An act of kindness and showing someone that you care emphasizes gratitude and acknowledgement of each other and thus is a critical component for establishing relationships.

- Giving can intensify relationships – Seeing the reaction of a person's face when you give a gift is emotionally rewarding. This intensifies human relationships as we share and express ourselves more to those around us.

- Giving helps express our inner thoughts - giving conveys and displays feelings, particularly more to those who aren't comfortable with the outward expression of emotions. Giving is a chance to convey a wide array of feelings.

- Giving creates memories - by means of giving we come into terms with various ways of creating memories. Our own desires to care, show interest, share time, loyalty, honesty and by taking that extra step to do something special for a special someone are just some of the hundreds of ways we can share and create memories that last for a lifetime.

- Giving enhances predictability - Everybody

is fascinated by their "abilities" to predict things. With children, in particular, predictability gives them a sense of security. Through the anticipated act of gift giving especially during birthdays and Christmas celebrations, the expectation of appreciation, in addition to acknowledgement of love, is created by the simple ritual of giving.

- Giving is a de-stressor - the real meaning of giving is centered on unselfishness. It is about putting other people first. Giving takes the focus away from us, creating a more balanced way of handling the stresses in life.

- Giving can create small miracles – Giving reinforces love in everybody's lives. It creates some sort of "power" which in turn can create miracles. Your act of kindness could create a "pay-it-forward" chain of events.

- Giving is good for your health - Studies show that giving back to the community is a sure fire way to raise endorphins. In addition to a change in mood, some scientists say that endorphins make our immune system stronger, lower blood pressure and could even slow down our body's aging process.

The act of giving is an outward expression of our love that is rooted deep within our hearts. There are so many ways by which we give: giving encouraging words, listening attentively, offering a friendly smile, a pat on the back, offering your time and also giving material gifts.

The physical, emotional, and material aspects of giving acts as an adhesive which holds us together and restores our love for each other, creates cherished memories that last a lifetime, strengthens human relationships and develops psychological health stability and happiness for ourselves and everyone around us.

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Calendar of Events:

- Dec. 22 - Junior Golf Clinic, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day: Closed
- Dec. 27 - Ladies First: Until the Ladies Tee Off, Men Off on The Back (Mornings)
- Dec. 28 - Buy Two Sleeves of Titliest - Free Cart for Members, after 2 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - Jr. Golf Clinic, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pre-High School Ages) | Golf Tournament 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (High School Ages)
- Jan. 1 - City Holiday (Open)
- Jan. 2 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 3 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
- Jan. 5 - Members Play for \$9, Twilight Thu. 4 p.m.
- Jan. 7 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get FREE cart
- Jan. 8 - Purchase \$100 or more in Pro Shop get FREE cart
- Jan. 9 - Play All Day for \$25
- Jan. 10 - Ladies First Golf 8:30 a.m. (Ladies Golf Assn.)
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Glades Central High School Health Department to be Serves as Model School Closed Friday, Dec. 23

Glades Central Community High School recently opened its doors to representatives of the School District of Lee County.

The main purpose of the visit was to observe some of the innovative and unique academic initiatives currently in place at this school.

The visit was initiated by Dr. Deedara Hicks, Lee County's director of secondary operations (former regional director for the state).

The administrative team of Glades Central lead Dr. Hicks and 33 administrators, coaches and district personnel from 9 schools as they conducted learning walks through Reading, Math, English, Social Studies and Science classes.

Each participant from Lee County was provided with a checklist which highlighted the instructional framework and educational activities they should see in the classes.

The group commended Glades Central on the following:

- Instructional Framework in place;
- Consistency throughout all content areas (blackboard configuration, lesson plans outside

the door, essential questions, etc.);

- Evidence of "Buy in" from students and teachers;

- Evidence of Writing in Content areas;
- Students are well behaved and focused;
- Teachers have control of their classrooms; and

- Learning Walls in the hallways.

These walks showcased the great practices of teachers at Glades Central and as a result the school has been invited to attend some of the schools in Lee County to conduct walkthroughs of their classrooms and examine some of the programs that are taking place there.

"This was another opportunity for Glades Central to showcase our talent and become a model for other schools to follow.

Hat's off to our teachers and administrative staff for doing what we do best -- Educating Students!" said Mr. Anthony Anderson.

For more information contact Josette Bell at 561-993-4420 or via e-mail at josette.bell@palmbeachschools.org.

Florida Governor Rick Scott announced today that during this holiday season, he would like to recognize the dedicated service of state employees and directed all state offices to close Friday, Dec. 23.

"This is a great opportunity for all of us at the Palm Beach County Health Department to enjoy additional time with our friends and family this holiday weekend," said Health Department Director Alina Alonso MD.

Dr. Alonso added that in addition to the main office in West Palm Beach all Health Centers from Delray Beach to Jupiter and west to Belle Glade and Pahokee will be rescheduling patients who have appointments on Friday so as they too can close.

Those with appointments are also advised to call the central appointment line for further information and scheduling at 1-855-438-2778.

Other Health Department Service locations that will be closed are Vital Statistics (Birth and Death Certificates), all WIC (Women, Infants & Children) offices throughout the county including the central service center in Greenacres, laboratory services and the Environmental Public Health offices in Delray Beach and Belle Glade.

Further information on the Palm Beach County Health Department can be found on the web at www.pbchd.com.

Dr. Alonso concluded by wishing all a "Healthy and Happy Holiday Season."

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school will be awarded a Samsung HD Camcorder and a Nintendo 3DS. The camcorder will be used in the KEC TV News studio. The Nintendo 3DS will be raffled off to raise money to replace broken equipment in the school's TV studio.

If the video wins the grand prize of \$1,000, the money will be used to replace older TV stu-

dio equipment and to fund travel expenses for off campus events that will be covered by the KEC TV News reporters.

The video contest is beneficial for the KEC TV News club students because it gives them an opportunity to work as a team, develop their video production skills, and learn about the subject that the contests are based on.

To find out some more information about the Mini Chef Video Contest go to the link www.avocadosfrommexico.com/Promotions/MiniChef/FAQ.aspx.

To watch some more videos created by the KEC TV News students go to the link www.youtube.com/CanalPointKECTV.

Pahokee Middle Students Interview Superintendent Wayne Gent

Students in the Digital Media and Television Production Academy at Pahokee Middle School recently had the opportunity to interview newly appointed Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Wayne Gent.

Students had an opportunity to ask Mr. Gent about his job, testing requirements, his view of the future, among other things.

"This is a great exercise because academy members are able to obtain experience in computer graphics, sound, operations, equipment management and editing," said Mrs. LaVoise Smith, Pahokee Middle Principal.

The Digital Media and Television Academy provides high quality education in the organization and dissemination of ideas through televi-

sion and film production.

Upon completion of the program students are able to function as members of a technical team in professional broadcast studios with quality equipment.

Pahokee Middle offers the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programmer World School which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people. This program offers a holistic approach that emphasizes critical thinking skills, global citizenship and intercultural awareness.

For more information contact LaVoise Smith at (561) 924-6501 or via e-mail at lavoise.smith@palmbeachschools.org.



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Pahokee Elementary Holiday Program

Pahokee Elementary School held its annual Holiday Program this year on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Pictured are the Holiday Singing Stars, African Drummers and Handbell Choir with Music Teacher, Marilyn Shirley-Lanham, Principal Dr. Karen Abrams and Assistant Principal, Bruce Hightower.

Early Holiday Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, advertising deadlines for the Clewiston News, The Glades County Democrat and The Sun will be as follows:

- December 29th edition:
December 23 at 3 p.m.
- January 5th edition:
December 30 at 3 p.m.



Reading Counts Celebration November Winners

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Gove Elementary Receives Funding for Wellness Program

Dairy Council of Florida Awards Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60

Gove Elementary has received \$3,000 from the Dairy Council of Florida to support its involvement in Fuel Up to Play 60, a national in-school health and wellness program that encourages children to eat nutrient-rich foods (low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, fruits, vegetables and whole grains) and achieve at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Fuel Up to Play 60 is a program of the National Dairy Council and the National Football League in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture.

"The Gove Wellness Student Council and Wellness Committee have already begun using the funds for an increasing breakfast campaign of 'Blitzing Breakfast' and a walk to school

event," said Student Council sponsors Michele Riker and Ellen Smith. The WELLness Committee will also be sponsoring many wellness events with their PTO and SAC plus with the Lakeside Medical Center.

We will be repeating last year's program of Fun Family Fitness Night for FCAT Success with partial support of this grant monies and Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network. Every school in Florida is eligible to receive up to \$4,000 in funding to increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and provide increased opportunities for physical activity for students.

Florida schools have the opportunity to apply for the next Fuel Up to Play 60 funding period. The deadline for applications is Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the national website for Fuel Up to Play 60 at www.fueluptoplay60.com or the Dairy Council of Florida's website at www.floridamilk.com.

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**1-INVITATION TO BID
 BID # 2011-2
 CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
 Canals 7 & 8/Riverside**

Sealed bids for the replacement of the above referenced Canals 7 & 8/Riverside will be received by the Central County Water Control District Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as "District" at:

475 S. Cabbage Palm Street Clewiston, Florida 33440

until 2:00 pm local time on December 27 for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Construction Contract, Detailed Specifications and Drawings which comprise the Bid Documents. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid and bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.

The Work is described as **Canals 7 & 8/Riverside** and is outlined in drawings and specifications prepared by the District's Chief Engineer, Rock Aboujaoude, P.E. The work requires the successful bidder to replace two existing culverts with culverts of the same type and size and the replacement of the headwall at each end of the culverts.

Construction drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Rock Aboujaoude, P.E. (contact person) at 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida (863/612-0011), or from the District's office at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida (863/983-5797).

Each bid must be submitted, in duplicate, on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the Central County Water Control District Board of Supervisors, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All subcontractors shall be declared on a separate form.

All bids shall be opened and read aloud on December 27 at 2:00 PM at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida. Bidders are welcome to attend.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the necessary Insurance Contracts and Certificates of Insurance. These shall be either executed by or countersigned by a licensed resident agent of the surety or insurance company having its place of business in the State of Florida. Further, the said surety or insurance company shall be duly authorized and qualified to do business in the State of Florida and shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-minus or better and who is listed on the United States Treasury Department's T-list as acceptable to issue bonds for the applicable dollar amount.

The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening. No bidder may withdraw their Bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of Bid opening.

In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the District will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low Bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the District to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. The District reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid(s) and/or to waive any irregularities at the District's sole discretion. It also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond ninety (90) calendar days from the bid opening date during which, the District at its sole discretion may release the Bid security.

DATED this day of December, 2011.
 ATTEST: Central County Water Control District
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1698	2008	1224432-01000310140	Myleen Barrera

Lot 14, Block 31, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**
Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

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

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3619	2008	4104329-03020990020	Open Space Land, LLC

Lot 2, Block 2099, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2548	2008	1314433-A0002260000	Everlinda Toledo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5826, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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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:

Oryx Crude Trading and Transportation (TB-32) PO Box 1330, Houston, TX, 77251, has submitted Application 111116-10 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00715-W for aquifer remediation. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami and Sandstone Aquifers and the project is located in Section 32, Township 45 South, Range 29 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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2584	2008	1314433-A0003940000	Pagan Juan H. Matias

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5982, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011.**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
987	2007	1134432-A000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5665, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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2543	2008	1314433-A0001940000	Raul Martinez

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1544	2008	1154432-A0000370000	Carlos R. Morales

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3274, 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 Second Thursday in the month of January, 2012, which is the 12th day of January, 2012.**
 Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011.**

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

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PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND MORTGAGE FINANCING FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications from individuals seeking funding under the **Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)**. Pre-applications are available directly from HCD or may be downloaded from the HCD website at www.pbcgov.com/hcd. **Applications must be submitted in person and will be accepted year-round until funding has been exhausted.**

Activity Description:
 The NSP II First and Second Mortgage Loan Program was developed to provide first mortgage loan financing at 4 percent interest rate (4.9% APR) fixed for 30 years, and a second mortgage loan at zero percent interest, in the form of a forgivable loan to run concurrently to the first mortgage loan for 30 years. The first mortgage loan is amortized over 30 years and has mandatory escrow requirements for real estate property taxes and homeowners hazard insurance. The second mortgage loan does not have a monthly repayment requirement. The second mortgage loan provides "gap" financing. Eligible uses of the second mortgage are: down payment assistance, closing costs, and rehabilitation costs. Eligible dwellings must be foreclosed, abandoned, or vacant residential properties located within the Urban Redevelopment Area (URA) or the Glades Regional Target Area (GRTA). Eligible households earning up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI), who do not own a home are eligible to participate in the program (credit and asset provisions apply). The home must remain the principal residence of the applicant for the life of the loan.

Amount Available:
 \$11,865,400.00 is available for first and second mortgage loan financing.

Rate	Term	Points	Maximum after rehabilitation value
4% (4.90% APR)	30 years	0	\$211,375*

*HUD Median Purchase Price Guidelines

Eligible Applicants:
 Eligible applicants for the NSP II include individuals who are not current homeowners, have a middle FICO credit score of 600, and meet income and household eligibility guidelines. Eligible applicants are required to reside in the home as their principal place of residency.

Eligible Rehabilitation:
 Applicants may use up to \$50,000 to rehabilitate the dwelling. Rehabilitation funding will be deducted from the maximum award of the second mortgage loan.

Program Requirements/General Information:

- Affordability Guidelines:**
 Annual Income Limits for West Palm Beach and Boca Raton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) FY 2011 Area Median Income (AMI) \$63,300
- Eligible Program Areas:**
 All properties purchased must be located in either the County's "Urban Redevelopment Areas". The east area boundaries are generally described as: **Community Drive to the North; the Lake Worth Drainage District L-14 Canal to the South; I-95 to the East;** and extends to various points West as far as Jog Road; or the **Glades Region Target Area** generally described as: the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point.
- Other criteria:**
 The sales price (including any rehabilitation) cannot exceed \$211,375, which represents 95% of the median sales price, and must reflect at least a one percent (1%) discount of the "as is" appraised value. The home purchased must be used as the purchaser's primary place of residence. The first mortgage will be provided in the form of a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, with an interest rate not to exceed 4% (APR of 4.9%).
 The second mortgage loan may also be provided to NSP II homebuyers to assist with rehabilitation, closing costs, and down payment assistance. The Second mortgage loan provided shall not exceed \$100,000 for very low income applicants (0-50% AMI), \$65,000 for low income applicants (51-80% AMI), and \$50,000 for moderate income applicants (81-120% AMI). The second mortgage loan shall bear no interest and shall be forgiven after thirty (30) years if all affordability provisions are met. All mortgage financing requests are subject to funding availability.

Number of Persons in Household	Extremely Low Income (30%)	Very Low Income (50%)	Low Income (80%)	Moderate Income (120%)
1	\$16,000.00	\$26,650.00	\$42,650.00	\$63,960.00
2	\$18,300.00	\$30,450.00	\$48,750.00	\$73,080.00
3	\$20,600.00	\$34,250.00	\$54,850.00	\$82,200.00
4	\$22,850.00	\$38,050.00	\$60,900.00	\$91,320.00
5	\$24,700.00	\$41,100.00	\$65,800.00	\$98,640.00
6	\$26,550.00	\$44,150.00	\$70,650.00	\$105,960.00
7	\$28,350.00	\$47,200.00	\$75,550.00	\$113,280.00
8	\$30,200.00	\$50,250.00	\$80,400.00	\$120,600.00

Paper Copy Version: can be picked up at Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Planning Section, 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 500, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No alterations or deletions to the application formats are allowed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Map of Palm Beach County Urban Redevelopment Area



The Zip Codes which are located within the east "Urban Redevelopment Area" are listed below.

ZIP CODES	GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
33406	North of the L-8 Canal; East of Military Trail; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of I-95. (Palm Springs)
33409	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Military Trail; South of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Village Blvd.; and West of I-95 (West Palm Beach)
33413	North of Southern Blvd.; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of the E-3 Canal (Greenacres)
33415	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Jog Rd.; South of Belvedere Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)
33417	North of Belvedere Rd.; East of Florida's Turnpike; South of the M Canal; and West of Military Trail. (West Palm Beach)
33461	North of the L-14 Canal; East of I-95; South of the L-8 Canal; and West of Military Trail. (Palm Springs and Lake Worth)
33463	North of the L-10 Canal; East of Sherwood Forest Rd.; South of Lake Worth Rd.; and West of Military Trail. (Greenacres)

Glades Region Target Area:



All the above listed zip code areas contain portions which are not within the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Some of the above listed zip code areas are mostly outside of the "Urban Redevelopment Area". Only properties located within the portions of the zip codes falling within the URA boundaries are eligible for NSP-2 assistance.
Glades Region Target Area:
 The target area encompasses the municipalities of South Bay, Belle Glade, and Pahokee, and the unincorporated area of Canal Point. The creation of the GRTA added nine census tracts to the NSP2 Program. These are census tracts 80.01; 80.02; 81.01; 81.02; 82.01; 82.02; 82.03; 83.01; and 83.02.

For additional information about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II, please call (561) 233-3655 or (561) 233-3688.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED CAN BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. CONTACT HCD AT (561) 233-3660.

PUBLISH: December 18th, and 25th; January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th



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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 1/10/12 SUBJECT AREA: 111 Non-Discrimination

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Kindergarten Round-Up

Join us for a tour of our school and visit with our teachers. Registration packets will be available. Child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 to enter kindergarten.

•Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. at Tripp Hall. RSVP by email to csanford@gladesdayschool.com.

Please contact the Lower School office for more information.

Campus Preview

Glades Day School will host a Campus Preview on Jan. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. As part of our marketing plan this year, we are advertising in the Neighborhood Post, doing a mass mailing of a postcard invitation and offering a discount to new students.

Gove Elementary School

Volunteers of the Month

Kudos to the following volunteers for contributing over 10 hours of volunteer service during the month of November: Jacqueline Betancourt, Rudelys Betancourt Lara, Miriam Fiallo, Amanda Ford, Lucille Holley, John Kujawski, Caridad Lopez Morales, Liset M. Gutierrez, Mercedes Navarro, Maria Nunez, Willie Perry, Rony Sylvain, Yolanda Treto and Dorca Valdes. The Gove Family appreciates their support!

Special Thanks

On behalf of our families we extend a sincere 'thank you' to the National Honor Society at Western Academy Charter School for sponsoring 15 families for Thanksgiving. Because of their generosity, each family received a basket of canned goods and gift cards to Winn Dixie. We commend Ms. Linda Terranova, Principal, for her continued support and for instilling in her students a sense of giving.

Fine Diner Award

Congratulations to the following homerooms for earning the "Fine Diner Award" for the month of November. Students received a special dessert in the cafeteria compliments of PTO. Kindergarten: Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Dorta, Mrs. McAllister, and Ms. Mayorquin. First Grade: Ms. Long, Mrs. Robert, and Mrs. De Jesus. ESE: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Shannon, and Ms. Luma. Second Grade: Mrs. Rayburn, Ms. Blandon, Mrs. Guerry, Mrs. Gonzales, Ms. Michno, and Mrs. Barreto. Third Grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. Burphy, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Mangual, Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Dorta, and Mrs. Hodkin. Fourth Grade: Mrs. Bratt, Mrs. Marro, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Rimes, and Mrs. Nassopoulos. Sixth Grade: Mrs. Hanse, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. EAsdale, Ms. Jacks, and Mrs. Lutz.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to the following classrooms for having the highest student attendance for the month of November: First Place- Ms. Hansen's Gr. 5 (the students received a special cookie celebration delivered to their classroom). Second

Place- Ms. Easdale, Gr. 6; Third Place- Ms. Rice, Gr. 4; Fourth Place- Ms. Cano, Ms. Velasco (Kindergarten), Mrs. Rimes, Gr. 4 and Mrs. Carrasco, Gr. 5. Second through fourth grade winners received a special recognition during the morning announcements.

Gove Artists

Congratulations to the following Gove artists who represented our school in the K-12 District Art Show, 'Rave Reviews': Kathia Alvarenga (Gr. 6), Mario Mendez-Rivas, (K), Dakarai Coleman, (K), and Shakira Lee (Gr. 6). The art was on exhibit from Dec. 7 to 15 at Fulton Holland Education Center (district office). A reception for the artists and their families was held on December 7th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the district office. We thank Mrs. J. Schmidt, Art Teacher, for entering our students' work in this annual event.

"Pawtastic" Behavior

The following classes are to be commended for achieving the goal of obtaining 14 paws for good behavior: Mrs. Easdale, Mrs. Carrasco, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Long, Mrs. Huertas, Mrs. Chapman, Ms. Jacks, Ms. Michno, and Mrs. S. Miller. All of the classes will have the opportunity to play Wii games during a designated time. Congratulations to all and keep up the "Pawtastic" behavior! We thank Mrs. Zavala for overseeing this new initiative to promote good behavior throughout the school.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 23 to Jan. 9: Winter Holidays
- Jan. 10: Classes Begin

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Gannon Recognized for Excellence in Financial Operations

Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector, is the recipient of the "Excellence in Financial Operations Award" from the Florida Tax Collectors Association (FTCA).

"Running a tight financial ship is my top priority. We've instituted competitive bidding for all contracts, aggressively promoted operational innovations, updated antiquated technology and replaced outmoded accounting and HR systems," said Gannon.

The FTCA's Award evaluated Tax Collectors' 2010 finance operations. Achievement is measured in the four core areas of 1) Innovation & Automation, 2) Annual Audit Report, 3) Customer Focus, and 4) Budgeting. Five judges, selected for their expertise in government finances and processes, determine each year's recipient.

The FTCA's review of Gannon's financial operations cited a flawless audit report, outstanding customer service delivery and excellence in technological innovations. Notable highlights include:

- An independent audit "clean of any material findings by the auditors."

- Successful application of operational innovations to streamline property tax payment transactions. The FTCA cited "Project Once," a process improvement initiative to increase efficiencies in tax payment transaction processing. The goal is to reduce the time and manual handling of tax mail to expedite deposits. "Project Once" goals include setting limits for employee mail handling, cross-training employees to increase their transactional skills, to maximize the number of automated transactions.

- Customer-focused service delivery. The Finance and Budget Department established a measurement tool using three criteria: 1) service quality, 2) promptness and 3) accuracy. Data is collected through an electronic survey and analyzed in six-month periods. Survey re-

sults revealed that the department maintained an 88 percent "excellent" feedback rating.

- Outstanding achievement in meeting budget projections. The agency maintained budget projection ratios for "budgeted to actual revenues" of 99.7% and "budgeted to actual expenditures" of 88.7%. This is notable because the agency was mandated by the Legislature to take over Driver License services and Real ID compliance during the 2010 fiscal year.

Gannon's agency is responsible for the collection and distribution of revenues in excess of \$3.1 billion annually. The office manages driver license services, which includes the Homeland Security Real ID implementation, and handles approximately 725,000 property tax transac-

tions.

The Florida Tax Collectors Association has been in existence since 1929. FTCA is a statewide association of the state's 67 Tax Collectors. FTCA provides member education and specific recommendations to the Florida Legislature to improve efficiencies and protect the due process rights of citizens in the collection of taxes. The group was instrumental in passing a comprehensive rewrite of Chapter 197 (property tax) in 2011. The new law modernized and streamlined the tax collection process. It allows for electronic tax bills. It also enhances the protection of Florida taxpayers' due process rights by extending the deadline for payments to the next business day if the last day of a month is a weekend or legal holiday.

'Scouting for Food' on Lake Okeechobee

The Big Lake District of the Boy Scouts of America has had a successful Food For Families drive for the year 2011. Each year the scouts collect non-perishable food from individual locations within the various cities around the lake and then deliver it to food banks to be distributed to families in need. This is a nationwide event and has been a part of the of the Boy Scouts of America's community service efforts for many years.

The Big Lake District is part of the Gulf Stream Council and includes the communities around Lake Okeechobee. Units that participated in this year's Scouting For Food came from Belle Glade, Clewiston and Okeechobee.

Pack 622 and Troop 622, from Belle Glade collected 280 pounds of canned and boxed foods; Pack 964 from Okeechobee collected 250 pounds of food, and Pack 667 & Troop 619 from Clewiston collected an amazing 570 pounds of food!

This year the Gulf Stream Council collected food totaling 109,328 pounds, with 150 Units being involved. This tremendous effort was made possible by the participation of 2,068 Cub and Boy Scouts and 1,453 adults and siblings.

For more information concerning the Boy Scouting activities around Lake Okeechobee, please contact John Wilson at 863-532-8397 or the Gulf Stream Council office at 561-694-8585.



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where hundreds of community members buy up tickets to see just how much farther the students in the program, and the program itself, have come.

Few people understand that journey better than Ms. Scott.

Ms. Scott's first exposure to the program was as a high school student. She still remembers how Kenneth Jackson, formerly a school teacher at Lake Shore Middle School, left that job to start the non-profit group.

"He wanted to keep teens off the streets," said Ms. Scott. Eventually, however, the program extended its reach to encompass children of nearly all school grades. There are some kids in the program today who started as five-year-olds and are now 12-year-old veterans, she said.

Street Beat has created a reputation of doing what is best for local students. It is currently based in South Bay, where it operates out of Rosenwald

Elementary.

The program name is synonymous with delivering quality programming for children in the Glades who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to participate in the arts. Many Street Beat participants have gone on to college, some of them so inspired by dance they pursued degrees in the performance arts.

Ms. Scott is one of them. She is in her third year as the artistic director of the program and to her, this is just the beginning. The pride that comes with working with children for a few hours after school throughout the school year is evidenced, she said, not only in the kids' enthusiasm, but in how well their parents gravitate to the programming.

"Every year, the parents are surprised. It's wonderful," she said.

Jane Maestro, spokesperson for Street Beat, encourages everyone to come out tomorrow to enjoy the dancing, Christmas carols, and also rap and singing performances by other local artists.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are still available and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. All proceeds will go back to the Street Beat program.



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Members of the Street Beat performing group are ready to take to the stage again tonight at Lake Shore Middle School in Belle Glade.



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Street Beat has proven to be a positive outlook for Glades kids.



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Students participate in performance studies the entire school year.

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