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## Happy Halloween!

Law enforcement officials advise children to look for houses that are decorated for Halloween (like this one in Okeechobee) or houses with the porch lights on when trick-or-treating. For more on area Halloween night events, see Page 14.

## Cyanobacteria bloom lessens in lake

By Katrina Elsken  
Lake Okeechobee News

The cyanobacteria bloom on Lake Okeechobee continues to be present in about 345 square miles of the Big O, but the density has decreased, according to the computer

imagery taken by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration on Oct. 25.

The image shows cyanobacteria (also known as "blue-green algae") in about 63 percent of Lake Okeechobee. About a dozen types of cyanobacteria are present in the

lake year-round; a few types are capable of producing toxins. The NOAA imagery does not indicate which types of cyanobacteria are present. The NOAA imagery does not indicate

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30 Lake area rivals to play Friday



9 Glades has own Skunk Ape tales

## Lake Levels

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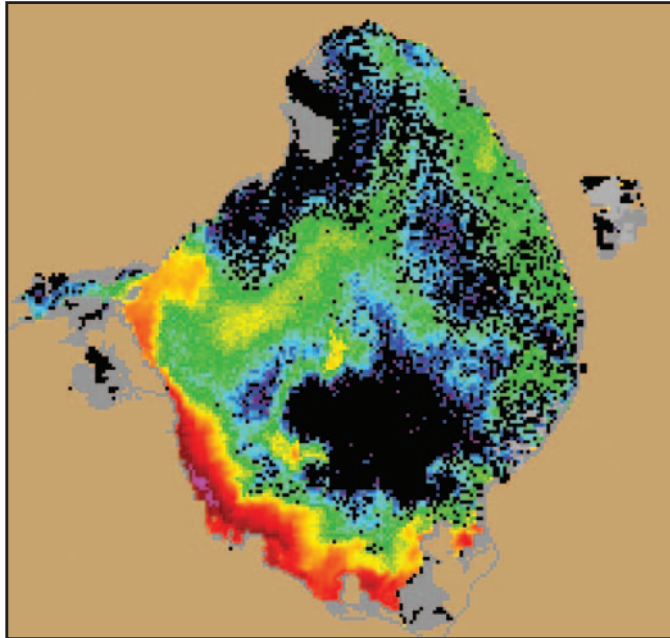
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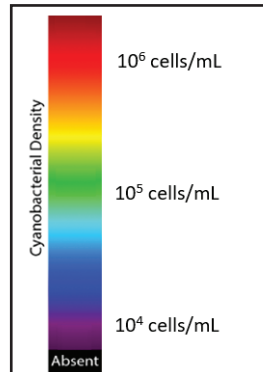
if any toxins are present.

The colors in the image show the



density of the cyanobacteria. Areas in red are the highest density and the most likely area to see visible surface scum. However, the satellite can detect cyanobacteria in the water column, so the cyanobacteria can be present when it is not visible to boaters on the surface.

In addition to cyanobacteria, the lake's ecosystem is also home to many types of algae. The casual observer cannot tell what type of cyanobacteria and/or algae are present by looking at what appears to be an algal bloom. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) takes water samples to examine the cyanobacteria and/or algae under



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News/NOAA

The areas in red are the most likely to have concentrations of cyanobacteria visible to the human eye. This satellite image was taken on Oct. 25.

## Okeechobee Forecast



**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Light and variable wind.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.



### Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 9am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 9pm. Partly cloudy, with

a low around 68. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 9am. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Saturday:** A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday:** A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83.

a microscope and run tests to determine if toxins are present.

Cyanobacteria, although called "blue-green algae," is not technically algae. Cyanobacteria are photoautotrophic bacteria; they carry out photosynthesis and release oxygen. Cyanobacteria do not have a nucleus. Algae are simple plants; algae have a nucleus.

When an algae bloom is reported, FDEP takes water samples to test for toxins. In the past 30 days, there have been only four reports of algae on Lake Okeechobee, and water sampled from Lake Okeechobee has indicated no toxins or very low levels of toxins. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers anything under 10 micrograms per liter of the toxin microcystin safe

for recreational contact.

- A sample taken by FDEP near the center of the lake on Oct. 16 found mixed algae. Total microcystin was 0.29 micrograms per liter.

- A sample taken Oct. 8 on the lake near Moore Haven found mixed algae. No toxins were present.

- A sample taken Oct. 16 on the lake near Port Mayaca found mixed algae with microcystin levels at 0.31.

- A sample taken Oct. 17 on the lake near Clewiston found mixed algae. No toxins were present.

To report a bloom, call the toll-free hotline at 855-305-3903.



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# Life Around the Lake



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## Another beautiful day

This image of the sky near Lake Okeechobee was captured on a morning commute.



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News/Janet Snow

A beautiful Saturday afternoon at Nubbin Slough, on Oct. 13.



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News/Missy Fipps

## Start them young

Young Emily Rhodes is feeding a baby calf. Emily is now a senior at Okeechobee High School, due to graduate in 2019.

## Contest celebrates Big Lake area

Those who live around Lake Okeechobee know this is a very special place. We invite readers to share photos from the lake area for a monthly photo contest. Each week, the newspaper will include some of the submitted photos. Once a month, a winner will be chosen for a prize. Prizes will vary from month to month. The prize for the best Life Around the Lake photo submitted in October will be a one-year subscription to the electronic edition of the **Lake Okeechobee News**. Submit your photos along with an explanation or short story to go with the photo to [okee-news@newszap.com](mailto:okee-news@newszap.com).



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# Pulse of the Community

## Letters to the Editor

### Signs destroyed

Democracy is a precious and fragile thing. It is shameful to our concept of democratic decision-making, free speech and peaceful debate that vandals in Hendry County recently destroyed a pair of large Andrew Gillum signs on private property (and behind a barbed-wire fence) adjacent to State Road 80 in Port LaBelle. The photo at far right was taken during installation; at right is shown all that remains today.

**John Capece**  
Port LaBelle



### Blood saves lives



In order to promote awareness of the upcoming 13th Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup to be held at the Freshman Campus on Nov. 17, and 18, we share stories of local Okeechobee folks who have received donations of blood and the difference it made in their lives.

Forty years ago, Ruth Pickering was

6 years old when she was run over by a school bus. Her injuries were extensive — crushed pelvis, torn liver and kidneys. Ruth required many blood transfusions over the several months that she was in the hospital recovering from her injuries. Ruth also had to learn how to walk again.

When Ruth received blood transfusions, the blood supply was not as safe as it is today. Now, in addition to the written questions that every donor must answer, all blood drawn must go through 14 different tests before being released to hospitals.

Ruth developed a medical condition that prohibits her from donating blood. However, Ruth is a nurse and understands firsthand how vital it is to have a safe and readily available blood supply.

Please honor and thank Ruth for telling her story by donating your blood — your gift of life — at the 13th Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup on Nov. 17 and 18 at the Freshman Campus. All blood donors will receive a commemorative Roundup T-shirt, coupon bag and refreshments, and be eligible for prizes.

**Susan Williams**  
**Okeechobee Blood Roundup**  
**volunteer**

### Speak Out

*Speak Out is a reader response column. Post your comments for Speak Out on the newspaper websites or email comments to okeeneews@newszap.com, or mail or drop off comments to the newspaper office, 107 S.W. 17th St., Suite D, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Comments can include your name or be anonymous.*

#### Travel

• “A shout-out for Okeechobee Veterinary Hospital and Ms. Taylor on State Road 70. They can help you get the papers you will need to travel with your four-legged friend.” — N. Lepar

#### Election

• “This election campaign year has certainly been an ugly one. There are so many negative ads on television back to back that I just turned it off and will read or

watch Netflix until after the election. I don’t want to listen to the constant bashing of one candidate by another. Why can’t they focus on what they will do for the voters instead of making all of these crazy claims against each other? And social media is worse. I won’t go online until after Nov. 6 because I can’t stand all of the hateful comments.” — Anonymous

• “I don’t think anyone decides who to vote for based on signs along the roadway. However, I think it is wrong for these vandals to destroy other people’s signs. It is illegal. It is destruction of private property. You get a chance to make your opinion known when you vote. There is no reason to destroy someone else’s property just because you don’t agree with them on the best candidate for the job. Every election we have this vandalism. Parents should teach their kids better than that.” — S. Jones

• “People are ignorant and childish. Vote how you want, but vandalism is unnecessary.” — Jatalia St. Patrick

• “Voting is the only way to stop the vandalism.” — Janet Taylor

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# EAA reservoir plan has widespread support

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Lake Okeechobee News

The Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA) — which includes the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir — was approved by Congress and signed by President Trump. Plans to move forward with the EAA reservoir have received widespread support.

WRDA, which came from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, passed the House of Representatives Sept. 13 with unanimous bipartisan support. A companion bill, which also had widespread bipartisan support in the Senate, was promoted by Florida Sens. Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, and passed the Senate 99-1 on Oct. 10. President Donald Trump signed the WRDA on Oct. 23. WRDA authorizes \$147 billion in funding

for a wide range of projects.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now awaits a funding appropriation to begin engineering work. Corps officials have estimated the EAA reservoir will take about three years for engineering and four years for construction. Work won't start until they receive the financing.

Following President Donald Trump's signing of the WRDA of 2018, Ardis Hammock, Florida Sugarcane Farmers spokeswoman and owner and operator of Frieron Farms Inc. in Moore Haven (proudly celebrating its 100th anniversary), released the following statement: "With President Trump's signature, the EAA reservoir can now continue to move forward.

"This reservoir provides all of the storage and treatment required to meet 100 percent of the increased flows to the Everglades set forth in the Comprehensive

Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). As an owner of a multi-generation sugarcane farm, I am grateful that the final configuration of the reservoir will use existing state-owned land and protect farmland and farming jobs in our Glades communities. We appreciate the Florida Legislature and Gov. Scott for strongly supporting our private property rights.

"Now, we must shift our focus north of Lake Okeechobee, where more than 95 percent of the lake's water and nutrients has originated over the last decade. By finally addressing the root cause of the lake's high water and nutrient levels, we can begin designing the projects that will make a significant difference in reducing the damaging lake discharges to our coastal estuaries."

The CEO of The Everglades Foundation, Eric Eikenberg, has issued the following

statement: "The Everglades Reservoir project is now the law of the land — almost two decades late. Let's get it built — in four years, not 10 or 15. Florida's estuaries, coastlines and America's Everglades are imperiled, and the people of Florida cannot afford to wait.

"If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can repair the Mosul Dam in Iraq in one year, this critical Florida reservoir should not take another decade.

"It now falls on Congress to appropriate the \$200 million annually that is needed to construct the reservoir and move other critical Everglades restoration projects forward quickly. Be assured, the people of Florida will be watching."

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials have estimated it will take approximately seven years for engineering and construction of the EAA reservoir.

## Seminole Museum hosts American Indian Arts Celebration

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

**BIG CYPRESS SEMINOLE RESERVATION** — The Seminole Tribe of Florida Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is pleased to announce the highly anticipated annual American Indian Arts Celebration (AIAC) Nov. 2-3. Now in its 21st year, the AIAC is one of the top festivals in the Southeast. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in the heart of the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation!

The event will feature an exciting array of arts, crafts, food, hands-on activities, musical performances, dance demonstrations and wildlife presentations. The Indian market, featuring 50 vendors, will showcase some of the finest native craftsmen, including prize-winning Seminole artisans.

Daily performances will include an opening ceremony by Seminole Tribal elder Bobby Henry and his team of dancers; Nakotah LaRance — six-time world championship hoop dancer; and Native Pride Dancers from Minnesota — an internationally known high-energy show featuring an innovative blend of modern and traditional Native American dance styles.

Wildlife shows will be provided by Billie Swamp Safari and alligator wrestling by Billy Walker, who has been wrestling alligators since the 1980s. Be sure to check out live demonstrations, including wood carving by Daniel Tommie, swamp cabbage cooking (with samples) by Billy Walker, Seminole food samples by Geraldine Osceola, and archery by Jake Osceola.

Modern Seminole musicians will light up the stage! Friday's musician R.C. North gives us a taste of alternative rock, and on Saturday hear the soulful tunes of Kowako Billie, followed later in the day by rappers Aye Five, featuring Carradine and DC. Saturday's lineup will additionally include a fashion show highlighting Seminole clothing throughout the years.

Our headliner for this year's AIAC will be John and Kenn Little, members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who will be presenting their documentary More Than a Word at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The film traces how the word "r\*dskin" evolved

from being a term of racist derision and slander to being embraced as the name of one of the NFL's most beloved franchises. It also draws on the voices of Native American activists and scholars to place this controversy within the wider context of Native American history and racial stereotyping, more generally. A panel discussion with the directors will follow.

The event will take place outdoors at the festival grounds across from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$7.50 for

seniors and students (5-18 years, or with a college ID). Tribal members, children 4 years and under, and museum members get in free. Admission includes entrance to the event and the museum. Parking is ample and free.

For more information on the 21st Annual AIAC, visit [ahtahthiki.com/events](http://ahtahthiki.com/events) or contact Carrie Dillely at 863-902-1113, extension 12211, or [carriedillely@semtribe.com](mailto:carriedillely@semtribe.com).

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is owned and operated by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Situated in the Everglades on a 66-acre

cypress dome on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation, the museum offers more than 5,000 square feet of gallery space. Exhibits feature rare artifacts and lifelike dioramas that depict Seminole life at the turn of the century. In 2009, the museum became the first tribally governed museum to be accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the museum is located 17 miles north of Interstate 75 at Exit 49. For more information, visit [ahtahthiki.com](http://ahtahthiki.com) or call 863-902-1113.

## Obituaries

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### Carl Edward Price, 71

**OKEECHOBEE** — Carl Edward Price died Oct. 29, 2018. He was born Sept. 29, 1947 in Prestonsburg, Ky. A resident of Okeechobee since 2004, he had relocated to Okeechobee to fish in the lake, which he loved.

Mr. Price was preceded in death by his parents, Taylor Price, Jr. and Alta Bell (Stephenson) Price.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Debra Jan Price; daughter, Lisa Nicole Price (Joshua Tarvin); grandchildren, Jordan Price, Bear Sanchez, and Bella Sanchez; sister, Linda Price Whitten, all of Okeechobee; and best friend, Jerry Snyder (Stacey).

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.



### Hazel Darlene Green Kellogg

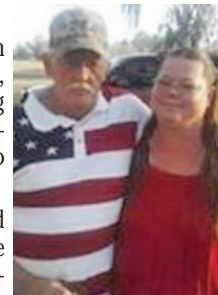
Hazel Darlene Green Kellogg passed away Oct. 24, 2018.

Hazel was born in Clewiston, Dec. 17, 1962. She was a long time resident of Clewiston until moving to Georgia in 2009.

Hazel is survived by her husband, Orie Kellogg; three children, Priscilla Kellogg, Christopher Kellogg, and Dallas Kellogg; two brothers, Ralph Allen Green Jr., Randy Allan Green; one sister, Addie Bennett; 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; along with several nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Allen Green; and mother, Hazel Mae Plummer Green.

The Kellogg family expresses sincere appreciation for all the prayers, visits and words of encouragement they have received during this time.



### Daniel Victor Bartholomew, 80

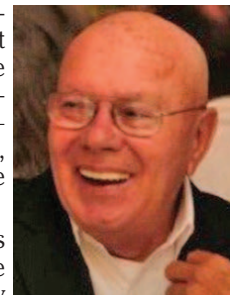
**OKEECHOBEE** — Daniel Victor Bartholomew died Oct. 28, 2018. He was born June 27, 1938 in Dorlo, N.Y. A resident of Okeechobee since 2000, he was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. He enjoyed racing, golf, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Bartholomew is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy Bartholomew, of Okeechobee; sons, Daniel V. Bartholomew, of Okeechobee, Dean Bartholomew (Kerry Simmons), of Loxahatchee, and Dennis Bartholomew (Vicki), of Pompano; daughter, Denise Banuelos (Jose), of Mims; brother, Roger Dietz (Jan), of Cobleskill, N.Y.; sisters, Linda Dietz (Kristi), of Cobleskill, N.Y., and Barbara Krietzer, of Kissimmee; ten grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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# Suspect is arrested in Oct. 16 South Bay killing

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

**SOUTH BAY**  
— On Oct. 23, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office announced that Andre Fuller, 38, was the man who died after being shot Oct. 16 in South Bay.

Rashad Bailey developed as a suspect in the homicide death of Mr. Fuller. Bailey was currently in the county jail on unrelated charges. Detectives delivered a warrant for the following charges: robbery with a weapon; and homicide murder of a dangerous, depraved mind without premeditation.

An Oct. 17 PBSO news release stated



**Rashad Bailey**

that at 11:07 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, deputies responded to a shooting in the 100 block of Southwest Sixth Avenue in South Bay.

Upon arrival, deputies found a male suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was pronounced dead on the scene by responding county Fire Rescue officials.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Division and crime scene investigators responded to the scene to investigate further.

No motive or suspect information was known at the time of the press release.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-458-TIPS (8477), or remain anonymous by downloading the new app "PBSO" for any Apple or Android smartphone and using the "See Something" feature. The app can also be downloaded from pbssoapp.com.

# Man killed in Pahokee shooting

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office update stated that on Oct. 26, Earnest Jackson Jr., 39, of Port St. Lucie was arrested for the shooting death of Kilroy Bailey, 50, of Pahokee. Jackson was charged with first-degree premeditated murder.

A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office press release stated that at 10 p.m. on Oct. 24, deputies responded to a shooting in the 200 block of Daniels Place in Pahokee. Upon arrival, deputies located Kilroy Bailey, who was suffering from a gunshot wound(s). The victim was pronounced

dead at the scene by responding county Fire Rescue officials.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Division and crime scene investigators responded to the scene to investigate further.

No motive or suspect information was known at the time of the Oct. 24 news release. Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-458-TIPS (8477), or remain anonymous by downloading the new app "PBSO" for any Apple or Android smartphone and using the "See Something" feature. The app can also be downloaded from pbssoapp.com.

## Free Social Media 101 training for businesses Nov. 8

MOORE HAVEN — Glades County business owners who want to learn about social media for their business may sign up for a face-to-face training provided by the Glades County Tourism Development Council, set for Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Glades County Public Library, 201 Riverside Drive, Moore Haven. Everglades Marketing's Bianca Ross will be providing a training to Glades County businesses on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees will receive a two- to three-hour training with opportunities for specific questions afterward. Topics covered will include picture-taking tips, brand voice and look, different platforms, selecting content, scheduling, the latest Facebook updates and more. Interested businesses are asked to RSVP for no more than two representatives from their business before Nov. 1. Class size will be limited, so reserve your place now at <https://bit.ly/2JmKhYd>.

## News from Buckhead Ridge

The Buckhead Ridge Community Organization met Oct. 25 with 61 people present. Following a presentation of the minutes from September, Lt. Gary Johnson gave the monthly sheriff's report. He reported greater patrols in the community, with more emphasis on traffic stops on State Road 78. Reported calls included three for suspicious persons, four for information and one burglary by a person in a black Ford Excursion. He asked the community to watch for this vehicle and report a tag number.

Glades County Commissioner Tim Stanley answered several community questions presented him. Attorney Steve Dobbs presented an update on the G. Harvey Estates development planned just south of Buckhead Ridge, announcing that it is ready to go before the Glades County Planning and Zoning Commission on Nov. 11. It then will go to the developers for designing and platting and come before the county commission in December for rezoning.

Mr. Dobbs said the first phase of development, which covers 90 parcels with lots 100 feet wide, will include septic tanks, but the second phase should be on sewers as they hope to build a sewer plant for the remaining development, which will be completed in four stages. Lots on the Rim Canal will probably be priced at \$100,000. The whole development is scheduled only for conventional homes. Work concern-

ing the access road has to be addressed between the South Florida Water Management District (which owns it), the state and the county.

AmVets Commander Joe Mansfield discussed the Wreaths Across America endeavor supported by the VFW, AmVets and the American Legion. "Wreaths" began in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery. The effort has gone nationwide through fundraising efforts. They hope to raise donations for wreaths to be placed on the 343 veterans' graves in the Ortona Cemetery this Christmas. The wreaths cost \$15 or three for \$30. The BHCA donated \$500 toward this effort.

The current term of office of the members of the BHR association is up this December. A call for people to serve on the three-member Nominating Committee was made. Please call Secretary Vickie Anderson at 634-4106 to volunteer.

In other news: The Fire Department will bring Santa throughout the community on Dec. 15. Come out and welcome him. Pastor Tim invites children to His Church for pictures with Santa that day. The Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary invites women to join their group; they meet the second Monday of each month at the Fire Department building. There will be no Thanksgiving party this year because Thanksgiving is so early. The regular last Thursday meeting will be on Nov. 29.

## IRSC Foundation scholarship application period opens Nov. 1

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

Each year, thousands of Indian River State College (IRSC) students looking for financial assistance benefit from scholarships provided through the IRSC Foundation. Last year, the IRSC Foundation awarded over \$3.3 million in scholarships to more than 3,000 students to help them further their education goals.

The scholarship application period for new and returning IRSC students for the 2019-20 school year opens Nov. 1. Deadlines to apply for IRSC scholarships begin Jan. 31. With hundreds of unique schol-

arships to apply for, every IRSC student should take the time to see what sources of support may be available through the IRSC Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded based on career interests, academic achievement, organizational affiliation, county of residence, financial need and other criteria. Information and scholarship applications are available online at [irscfoundation.org](http://irscfoundation.org) and through MyPioneer Portal.

For more information on available scholarships, contact the IRSC Foundation office at 772-462-4786 or visit [irscfoundation.org](http://irscfoundation.org).

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# Your COMMUNITY NEWS



## Okeechobee County

### Hospice will hold yard sale

OKEECHOBEE — Hospice of Okeechobee, 317 S.E. Third Ave., will host a yard sale on Wednesday, **Oct. 31**. The sale is from 8 a.m. to noon.

### TOPS will meet

OKEECHOBEE — Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Inc. or TOPS will meet at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St., in room 18 on Thursday, **Nov. 1**, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. and on Friday, **Nov. 2**, from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. This is open to the public. For information, call Phyllis at 863-467-8636 or Catherine at 561-512-7321 or visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org).

### Young artists display best work

OKEECHOBEE — An up and coming artists' show will be held at Fawn's Art Studio, 111 N.E. Second St., on Friday, **Nov. 2**, and Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All students' artwork will be for sale and part of the proceeds go to Real Life Children's Ranch. For information, call 863-634-0241.

### OCT to present 'Oklahoma!'

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Community Theatre, 610 S.W. Second Ave., will present "Oklahoma!" **Nov. 2, 3 and 9** at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinées on Nov. 3 and 10. There will be a reunion of the major cast members from its 1991 production of the show, as the first of its three offerings in the 2018-19 season. Season subscriptions can be purchased using the order form available on the website [okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com](http://okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com), or by calling Ron or Jacque Hayes at 863-763-1307.

### Multi-family sale set for Nov. 3

OKEECHOBEE — Palm Village Ranch, 1200 S.W. 44th Blvd., will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 8 a.m. until noon. Household items, tools, office supplies and loads of surprises. Palm Village Ranch is right off Southwest 16th Avenue.

### Church hosts yard sale

OKEECHOBEE — Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., is hosting its annual yard sale on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of clothing, furniture, books and more.

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### Church hosts Fall Bazaar

OKEECHOBEE — The First United Methodist Women of Okeechobee invites all to attend the fall bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at 200 N.W. Second St. Visitors will find a variety of gifts, crafts, quilted items, nuts, baked goods and white elephant items. Christmas decorations will be on sale in the Simply Christmas room. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to mission projects, local, national and abroad.

### Revival begins Nov. 4

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 North, will hold a revival from Sunday, **Nov. 4**, at 6:30 p.m., through Wednesday, **Nov. 7**, at 7 p.m. Brother Rodney Rowe will be the guest speaker (pastor at St. Cloud Missionary Baptist Church). For information, call 863-763-3681, 912-294-3496, or email [pastorraney@gmail.com](mailto:pastorraney@gmail.com).

### Youths RSVP for FL Classic

OKEECHOBEE — The Delagall Foundation will sponsor a youth to the Florida Classic. A donation of \$35 will cover transportation, tailgate and a ticket. All donations are tax deductible. To RSVP, call Daniel Delagall at 813-507-5136 on or before **Nov. 4**.

### Widows and widowers meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Widows and Widowers Group will meet Tuesday, **Nov. 5**, at 8 a.m. at the Lakeside Grill, 1111 South Parrot Ave. New members are welcome. For information, call Jane at 863-824-8700 or Connie at 863-801-0482.

## Glades County

### American Legion meeting set

MOORE HAVEN — The Moore Haven American Legion Post 299 will meet on Friday, **Nov. 2**, at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters Home located at 600 River Road. Final preparations will be made for the Veterans Day Service to be at the Ortona Cemetery and several other projects are to be discussed. Dinner will be served to all attendees. All visiting legion members, veterans, and other interested persons, are urged to attend both meetings. For information, call Kirby Sullivan at 863-946-2556.

### Turkey shoot scheduled

MOORE HAVEN — A Turkey Shoot sponsored by the Glades County Woman's Club will be held on Thursday **Nov. 8**, at 6 p.m. at the 10th Street softball fields in Moore Haven. A donations of \$5 per shot, per round and \$20 to sponsor a turkey. Shells available for 410, 16, 12 and 20 gauge shotguns. Shotguns provided or bring your own. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Moore Haven High School graduates. For information, call Marina Langdale at 863-227-2452.

## Hendry County

### Birding trip scheduled

CLEWISTON — The Hendry-Glades Audubon will have an escorted birding "driving" trip to Stormwater Treatment Area 5/6 (STA 5/6) on Saturday, **Nov. 3**. Meet at the Clewiston McDonald's at 7 a.m. to carpool to the STA 5/6 gate about 21 miles south of Clewiston at the south end of Blumberg Road, or meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Blumberg Road STA 5/6 gate. There are directional signs on CR 835. For information or to RSVP, text Margaret England at 863-517-0202 or register online at [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org).

### Christmas Bazaar set

CLEWISTON — St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 207 North W.C. Owen Ave., will hold its 21st annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include homemade jellies and jams (including guava and hot pepper jelly), fresh baked goods, cookbooks for \$5 each, and the Cookie Corner. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes Brunswick stew with barbecue pork sandwich, dessert, tea or coffee for a donation of \$12.

### Drug & Tobacco Free meeting set

LABELLE — Drug Free Hendry County Coalition/Hendry Tobacco Free Partnership will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Nov. 6**, at 4 p.m. at the Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 310 Campbell St. For information, call Andrea May at 863-302-6017 or email [Andrea.May@flhealth.gov](mailto:Andrea.May@flhealth.gov).

## Palm Beach County

### Muck Bowl set Nov. 3

PAHOKEE — The 2018 annual Muck Bowl game between the Pahokee Blue Devils and the Glades Central Raiders will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, at 5 p.m., at the Anquan Boldin Stadium, 866 Larrimore Road.

### Philanthropy Tank deadline

PALM BEACH COUNTY — Philanthropy Tank is now accepting applications for the next round of teen #CHANGEmakers in Palm Beach County. Eighth- through 12th-grade students can begin applying to get their philanthropy-driven projects funded! Applications close **Nov. 4**. For information, email [athompson@philanthropytank.org](mailto:athompson@philanthropytank.org).

### Party at the Polls

BELLE GLADE — The League of Women Voters and #VOTE TOGETHER will host a Party at the Polls on Sunday, **Nov. 4**, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Belle Glade Public Library, 725 N.W. Fourth St. Music by DJ Church Boy. Dessert by Town Center Cafe of Pahokee will be provided.

### Career showcase planned

BELLE GLADE — West Technical Education Center, 2625 Northwest 16th St., will host the sixth annual Glades Region Choice & Career Academy Showcase on Monday, **Nov. 5**, from 6 to 8 p.m. Computers will be available for parents to try on-site. Creole and Spanish Interpreters will be available. For information, contact Cosha Jackson at 561-829-4620 or Sherry Canty at 561-993-4400.

### Do-It-Yourself workshop set

BELLE GLADE — A free 'Do-It-Yourself in Court' workshop titled Modifying Your Child Support or Custody Order will be held on Thursday, **Nov. 8**, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. at the West County Courthouse, Conference Room C-121, 2950 State Road 15. To register or for more information, visit [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/workshops](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/workshops).

### GTAC workshop scheduled

SOUTH BAY — The GTAC special workshop meeting featuring guest speaker and workshop leader Attorney Amy Pettway of the Legal Aid Society will be held on Thursday, **Nov. 8**, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the South Bay City Hall, 335 S.W. Second Ave.



# Area was famous for close encounters with Cryptid ‘Skunk Apes’

By Bob Davidsson

Special to Lake Okeechobee News

During the 1970s, more than a dozen sightings of the elusive “Skunk Ape,” the Everglades version of the Himalayan “Yeti” and Oregon’s “Sasquatch” (Bigfoot), were reported in suburban Palm Beach County.

Why the legendary creature was observed in such large numbers during the decade of the 1970s is a mystery. However, not unlike the rash of reported UFO encounters in the 1960s, one Skunk Ape sighting tends to fuel the overactive imaginations of other observers. Another factor contributing to the upswing in Skunk Ape encounters was the widespread news coverage of the sightings by The Palm Beach Post, Miami Herald and especially in Lantana’s National Enquirer and Weekly World News tabloids.

The decade also was a period of rapid population growth in Palm Beach County, with developers creating many communities west of Military Trail and in the then-new Village of Wellington. Loss of natural habitat confines wildlife to smaller green spaces and increases human contacts.

The Everglades Skunk Ape has many nicknames — Swamp Cabbage Man, Swampsquatch and the Florida Bigfoot. Eyewitnesses claim the creature measures 6 to 8 feet in height and weighs an estimated 500 pounds. It has a shaggy coat of fur ranging from rust color to dark brown.

Unlike Florida’s black bears, the Skunk Ape walks upright on two legs. Observers say it could move rapidly when frightened or pursued. As its name implies, the Skunk Ape is best known for its rank odor. Eyewitnesses describe the stench as a cross between a skunk and aged road kill.

The Skunk Ape is classified as a “cryptid.” A cryptid is “an animal where its existence or survival to the present day is disputed or unsubstantiated by the scientific community,” according to the Oxford English Dictionary.

As such, the Skunk Ape joins the company of such cryptid celebrities as the Loch Ness Monster, the Florida Keys Devil Men and the recently observed Lake Worth Lagoon Muck Monster.

Eyewitnesses who have encountered a Skunk Ape disagree with the scientific experts. So do “crypto-zoologists” — alternative pseudoscientists and adventurers whose aim it is to prove the existence of entities from the folklore records and evidence reported about the Skunk Ape.

## Strange encounters

In 1977, a bill was introduced in the Legislature that would have made it illegal to “take, possess, harm or molest anthropoids or humanoid animals.” It failed to pass.

Reports of Skunk Ape sightings were so common statewide in the 1970s that even our Florida lawmakers took notice. Palm Beach County had more than its share of alleged close encounters with the Everglades creature. For example, in 1972 a Skunk Ape sighting was reported in the Meadowbrook subdivision of West Palm Beach. The same year, a Pahokee resident said he and his dog fled from a “hairy 8-foot monster” in western Palm Beach County.

In June 1974, farmer Buddy Sterrett reported a Skunk Ape picked up one his 110-pound hogs and attacked it. He said, “It had the smell that would make the hair on the back of your head stand up.”

Three months later, security guard Cary Kantor said he shot at a Skunk Ape in the Wellington construction site where he was posted. “It smelled like it had taken a bath in rotten eggs,” he reported. In the autumn of 1974, a Greenacres family reported seeing strange footprints outside of their home left by the Skunk Ape. Two workers reported seeing a “7-foot-tall hairy creature” in 1977 as it was drinking from a lake at a suburban Delray Beach golf course. They notified the Palm Beach County Animal Control Division of their sighting. No report was filed.

In 1978, a Lantana resident said he spotted a creature at 5 a.m. in his back yard. He was alerted by the barking of his dogs. The same year, two Boca Raton youths reported to police “a creature resembling the notorious Skunk Ape” stalking in the woods by the Hillsboro Canal. The prestigious “Smithsonian” journal published a feature article in March 2014 entitled “On the Trail of Florida’s Bigfoot.” The story highlighted the “Skunk Ape Research Center,” established in 1999 by Dave Shealy, an eyewitness and true believer in the Skunk Ape, near the tiny Everglades community of Ochopee.

His collection of artifacts includes alleged photographs of the Skunk Ape, which many cryptid critics believe look more like a fugitive orangutan than an Everglades monster. Whether fact or fiction, the legend lives on in Florida today.

## Key Largo: Island paradise for Cryptids

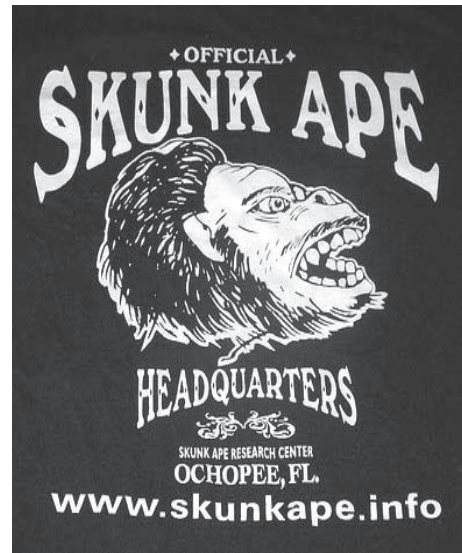
Without question, the most famous and widely investigated Skunk Ape encounter was the monthlong ordeal experienced by the Charles Stoeckman family of Key Largo. Among those investigating the bizarre series of encounters were the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, the Florida Marine Patrol, a team from the Florida Technical Institute, photographers from the National Enquirer, and interested news media from Palm Beach County to Key West.

The island of Key Largo forms the southeastern tip of the so-called Bermuda Triangle, which may help explain preternatural sightings of the “Devil Men,” seen floating over Florida Bay prior to electrical storms, or visions of the Virgin Mary in a grotto near the St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church.

One enthusiastic resident in 1978 even claimed to have discovered the lost city of Atlantis just offshore of Key Largo. However, upon close inspection at low tide, his “Atlantis” turned out to be an ancient reef consisting of fossilized brain coral.

Charles Stoeckman, his wife and three children lived in a home at mile marker 94.5 oceanside on Key Largo. On July 14, 1977, Stoeckman and his son saw what he said was an 8- or 9-foot-tall Skunk Ape while they were collecting rare bottles in the mangroves near his home.

“It had a huge head and shoulders,” he later reported, “long fur all over, and he stank like a dirty wet dog. The noise he made was a high-ditched wailing.”



Stoeckman cleared 30 feet of brush from around his home to discourage a return visit by the Skunk Ape. It didn’t work. The Skunk Ape returned for several night visits. Mrs. Stoeckman and her children fled to Homestead after seeing the creature outside her window.

Responding to terrorized pleas for help were Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy Bill Haase and Sgt. Randall Chinn. Florida Ma-

rine Patrol Capt. Jack Gillen also inspected the Stoeckman property. No trace of the Skunk Ape was found.

Charles Stoeckman remained at his home for about a month, armed with a shotgun. He later joined his family in south Dade County. A short time after the Stoeckman encounter, four Tavernier residents formed a Skunk Ape posse. Armed with flashlights, lanterns, a camera and snake bite medication, they began what a local newspaper called a “Skunk Ape Safari.” The posse met at Harry Harris Park in Tavernier and followed the shoreline north to the Dove Creek Estates.

As with all Skunk Ape adventures, the Everglades monster eluded its pursuers.

*NOTE: The “Origins & History of the Palm Beaches” information site is a retrospective look at the history of Palm Beach County, and how its past has influenced the present. This blog is a companion site to “Palm Beach County Issues & Views.” Both sites are edited by Robert I. Davidsson, retired manager of the Palm Beach County Library System’s Government Research Service (GRS) and author of the book “Indian River: A History of the Ais Indians in Spanish Florida” and related articles about Florida’s past. For more, go online to [pbchistory.blogspot.com](http://pbchistory.blogspot.com).*



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• Delray Beach	501 South Congress Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33445
• Palm Beach Gardens	3188 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
• Royal Palm Beach	200 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
• West Palm Beach	301 North Olive Avenue 1st Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Payment drop boxes are available in service centers during office hours. For additional information about tax payments, contact (561) 355-2264 or email [ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbcc.com](mailto:ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbcc.com).

The 2018 real estate and tangible personal property ad valorem taxes for the county, school board, municipalities and all other taxing authorities who levy property taxes; as well as the 2018 non-ad valorem assessments for all water control (drainage) districts, solid waste authority and other districts or authorities who levy special assessments will be collected.

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# Is there a sexual predator in your neighborhood?

By **Cathy Womble**

Lake Okeechobee News

A sexual predator could be living in your neighborhood, and you might not even realize he or she is there. Everyone wants to believe that his own home and neighborhood is a safe place for children, and while no place can ever be completely free of all danger, there are ways to make them safer.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has several suggestions to help with this:

- Have a family code word or phrase that only your family knows. Explain to your children that you will never send anyone to pick them up without supplying that person with the code word.
- Never put your child's name on clothing or backpacks because this enables a predator to call the child by name and may help a predator to trick your child.
- Teach children it is OK not to speak to people if they would rather not.
- Teach children to stay away from strangers.
- Teach children that adults do not need their help. If an adult asks for help looking for a lost puppy, he is probably trying to trick them.
- Teach children not to search for you if they get lost in a public place. Tell them to ask someone who works there for help.
- Teach children to never leave the yard without permission and to always tell someone where they are going.
- Teach children that if someone is following them, they should run while yelling FIRE! FIRE! People are more likely to respond to the word "fire" than they are to the word "help."
- Teach your children your address and phone number. In his book, "The Art of War," Sun Tzu wrote, "If you

know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle." This is usually paraphrased as, "know your enemy." In this case, your enemy is the predator in your neighborhood, and you CAN know him.

To search your neighborhood, check out the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators website, [offender.fdle.state.fl.us](http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us). The FDLE website allows users to find any sex offenders and predators living within a 5-mile radius of a particular address in Florida. When you search the state database, you have several options. If you are looking for a particular person, you can type in as much or as little information as you know. In most cases, you will want to do a very broad search. Simply typing your ZIP code into the search tool will give you a list (with photos if they are available) of every registered sex offender who shares your ZIP code. Farther down on the database search form, you will find the option to search within a 1-mile radius of an address you choose. Typing in your address will build a map that pinpoints the home (and, in some cases, the work address) of every registered sex offender within a mile of your home.

A search of the database found the following predators in the lake area:

## Okeechobee

Aguilar, Ramon, 1109 S.W. Ninth St.  
Childs, Robert, 12911 N.W. 160th St.  
Fulcher, David, 2421 S.E. 29th St.  
McGurn, Ronald B., 28250 N.E. 69th Terrace  
Rought, David C., 7235 N.E. Fourth St.

Stallworth, James W., 3452 N.W. Second St.  
Suarez, Alejandro, 9251 State Road 78 W., No. 53  
Suarez, Stevan, 1013 S.W. Park St.  
Swafford, Jerret, 8680 U.S. 441 S.E., Lot 9  
Tucker, Timothy, 14510 N.W. 274th St.

## Moore Haven

Bryner, Richard, 1114 Azalea Ave.  
Sampson, Gary L., 22459 U.S. 27 N., No. 4  
Velez Rivera, Octavio, 22459 U.S. 27, Apt. 3

## Clewiston

Ramos, Pablo L., 730 S. Francisco St., Lot 56  
Wilson, Kendrick L., 326 Bond St.

## South Bay

Durham, Tony T., 245 N.W. Ninth Ave., Apt. 7  
Jefferson, Robert A., 255 S.W. Fifth Ave.

## Belle Glade

Boyd, Gary, 665 S.W. Third St.  
Carpenter, Roy, 853 Linda Road  
Delbosque, Domingo, 800 S.W. 16th St., Lot 32  
Jenkins, Robert C., 300 N.W. 11th St., Lot 29  
Jones, Charles A., 406 S.W. Ave. C Place, Apt. 12  
King, Randolph, 190 N. State Road 715, Lot 207  
Millan, Carlos A., 825 Linda Road  
Robinson, Bennie, 408 S.W. Ave. B Place, Apt. 9  
White, Anthony J., 318 S.W. Ave. B, Apt 9  
Brinson, Jessie, Avenue E and Fifth Street

## Canal Point

Shannon, Billy, 12101 Everglades St., No. 19



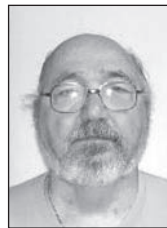
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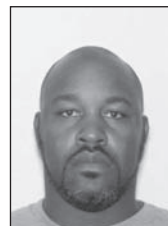
**Pablo L. Ramos**



**Kendrick I. Wilson**



**Tony T. Durham**



**Robert A. Jefferson**



**Gary Boyd**



**Roy Carpenter**



**Domingo Delbosque**



**Robert C. Jenkins**



**Charles A. Jones**



**Randolph King**



**Carlos Millan**



**Bennie Robinson**



**Anthony White**



**Jessie Brinson**



**Billy Shannon**

# Shindigs & Soirees

## ‘Oklahoma!’ cast reunion to kick off theatre season

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

The classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical comedy “Oklahoma!” is back for a return engagement on the Okeechobee Community Theatre (OCT) stage to mark two important anniversaries.

The show, which will be performed on Nov. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at the theatre at 610 S.W. Second Avenue, one block west of Golden Corral restaurant, is itself celebrating the 75th anniversary of its New York premier in 1943. It will also usher in the 40th anniversary year of the local theatre company which was founded in 1979.

Reserved seat tickets are now available for \$12 each. They may be purchased at the offices of Okeechobee — The Magazine, in the ground floor of the Plaza 300 building at 314 N. W. Fifth Street. Any remaining tickets will be sold on performance dates at the theatre box office one hour before curtain times. “Oklahoma!” was the first large-cast musical performed by the theatre in 1991, playing to sold-out houses at that time. Many of the original stars of that production are back to reprise their roles. Once again Jim Clark will play Curly, with Mike Zierden as Jud Fry. Rick Decker returns in the role of

Will Parker, and Marcia (Hunt) Wagner will again portray his love interest, Ado Annie. Pat (Raulerson) McCoy will be seen as Aunt Eller, along with Harry Moldenhauer as Andrew Carnes.

Other cast members are Nathanael Bean, Al Cole, Christian Garner, Jane Kaufman, Billy McCullers, Shawna McCullers, Chloe McCullers, Jackie Morgan, Genial Morgan, Tom Murray, Michelle Sanders, Christina Culverhouse and Cade Waldron.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Nov. 2, 3 and 9, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays Nov. 3 and 10. Tickets to the theatre’s December production, “Mail Call,” are also currently available for purchase at the N.W. Fifth Street location. Based upon actual letters written to and from soldiers on the front lines during wartime, the show is full of unexpected humor along with some touching moments and patriotic pride. “Mail Call” will be performed three times on one weekend only, Dec. 7 and 8. Curtain times are at 8 p.m. both evenings, with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. For more information on the theatre and its scheduled events, visit the website, okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com, or call 863-763-1307.



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**Prairie girls advise Laurey to make up her mind between Jud or Curly in a scene from the Okeechobee Community Theatre production of “Oklahoma!” Performers are (left to right) Chloe McCullers, Jackie Morgan, Jane Kaufman, Genial Morgan and Shawna McCullers.**



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## County unveils new name for road honoring George H. Wedgworth

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BELLE GLADE — Palm Beach County Mayor Melissa McKinlay unveiled a sign renaming Sugar House Road in western Palm Beach County to George Wedgworth Way on Oct. 18. The renaming honors the Glades agricultural icon and founder of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, George H. Wedgworth. The Wedgworth family, the board of the cooperative, and community leaders joined Mayor McKinlay at the ceremony.

“It’s only fitting that the county pay homage to this great leader who passed away in November 2016 at the age of 88 by honoring his life’s service to the betterment of Florida agriculture and the Glades community by renaming this road,” Ms. McKinlay said. “He was a visionary who transformed an idea on notebook paper into Belle Glade’s leading employer by unifying a group of Glades vegetable growers into the vertically integrated enterprise that the cooperative is today.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from Michigan State University, Mr. Wedgworth returned to Belle Glade to help manage the family farming business. He recognized the

instability of the winter vegetable markets and began his journey to bring stability to Glades-area agriculture, which culminated in the formation of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative in 1960. The first crop was grown in 1962 on 22,000 acres of land. He was at the helm of the organization for 50 years and grew the business to continue to increase financial returns and stability to all 44 member-growers of the cooperative. Today, the cooperative harvests sugarcane grown on 72,000 acres of land and produces 3.2 million tons of sugarcane.

Through his forward thinking, Mr. Wedgworth partnered with Florida Crystals Corp. to become vertically integrated in 1998. By having sugar refining assets, he assured that the cooperative’s production would have a secure place to be refined. This endeavor was a success, and today the refining company, ASR Group International, continues to expand across the globe and is the world’s largest sugar refining company.

“I’m proud to say my father touched the lives of many people through his involvement in the community and his leadership and formation of many agricultural trade organizations,” Dennis Wedgworth said.

“He was best known for bringing people together, building consensus and looking out for the greater good. He was the recipient of many awards and accolades for his contributions to agriculture, the sugar industry and the community.”

The cooperative commends the county for fulfilling its request to make this important change to rename the road. “This will be a permanent testament to George’s life’s work and passion to the sugar industry and Glades community,” said Cooperative Chairman John L. Hundley.



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The Wedgworth family, the board of the cooperative, community leaders and Mayor McKinlay unveil the George Wedgworth Way road sign.

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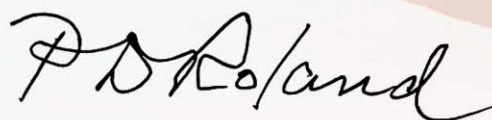
Serving as your commissioner I have had the opportunity to speak with many people from surrounding areas, advocating for agriculture and a healthy Lake Okeechobee. Many outside of our area do not understand that agriculture is not the cause of summer algae blooms, but rather an issue of water quality, from water flowing into the lake, from the Kissimmee Valley Basin north of the lake. When re-elected I will continue to advocate for our way of life around the lake, as well as lobbying state and federal officials to address the quality issue of water inflows from the north of Lake Okeechobee.

While serving our community I constantly try to provide value to the citizens of Clewiston, weighing costs and benefits of any expenditure. During my last term I successfully spearheaded an effort to secure more county funds, for the Clewiston recreation department, adding approximately \$800,000 over the last four years for city youth programs at no additional costs to taxpayers of the city.

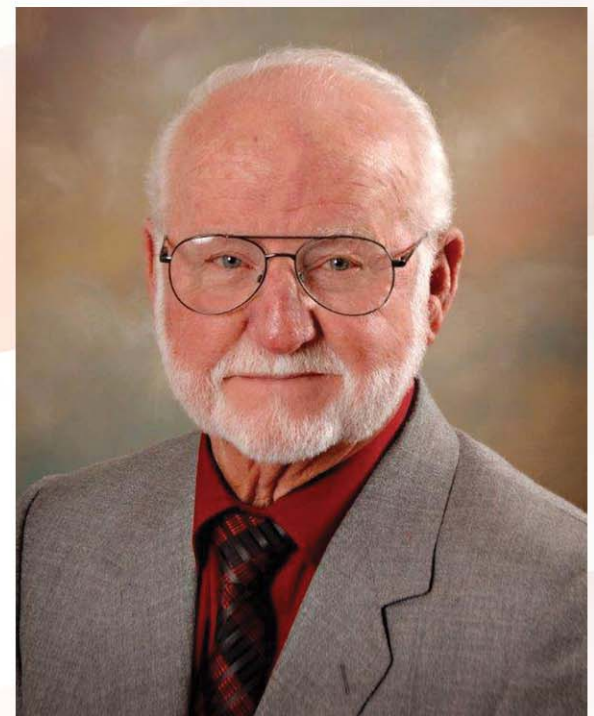
I am optimistic about the future of Clewiston. With the project at Airglades airport poised to kickoff, opportunities are on the horizon. Clewiston needs experienced leadership at this time and I would love the chance to serve again.

I am asking for your support and your vote!

Thank you,



Phillip Roland



# Big Lake area Halloween Happenings

• OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Elks will host a Halloween extravaganza on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Agri-Civic Center, 4601 State Road 710. There will be hay rides, costume contests and more.

• CLEWISTON — Trunk or Treat will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31, at the Sweetest Town Playground on Osceola Avenue. Sponsored by the Clewiston Police Department, the city Fire Department and Hendry County Emergency Medical Services, it is a free event for the kids, a police spokesman said at the Oct. 15 city commission meeting. There will be lots of ghouled-out trunks full of free candy, face-painting, bounce houses and the like. The First United Methodist Church is having one also that night, noted Commissioner Kristine Petersen.

• OKEECHOBEE — McDonald's, 4151 U.S. 441, will have popcorn, candy and activities for the kids on Wednesday, Oct. 31, Halloween, all day.

• OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace, will host a fall festival with trunk or treat on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• BELLE GLADE — Louis Butts Park in Belle Glade will be the site for October Fest on Oct. 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. This free event will include games, prizes, food, drinks, a candy buffet, a haunted house tour, amusement rides, music by DJ "Big Show" and a costume contest. The event is hosted by the City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department.

• OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Elks will host a Halloween extravaganza on Wednesday, **Oct. 31**, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Agri-Civic Center, 4601 SR 710. There will be hay rides, costume contests and more. Children must be accompanied by someone 16 or older.

• SOUTH BAY — The KTM Foundation will host Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the southwest corner field on 11th Avenue in South Bay. Residents are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and bring candy to give away. Children will go from "trunk to trunk" for treats. Prizes will be given for the best trunk, best costumes and more. There will also be a cake walk contest, bounce house, food and more. For information, call Barbara at 561-449-3793.

## Stay safe on Halloween night

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Here are a few tips to prepare parents and make fun for everyone:

- Encourage the kids to use facial make-up instead of a mask.

- Spend the extra dollar and purchase quality make-up. You don't want your kid to have that same look weeks later.

- Make sure all costumes and accessories are flame resistant.

- Keep in mind how much walking they'll be doing for their age. You don't want

to have to carry your little ghoul home.

- Carry extra bags to empty candy into so the kids don't get overly tired.

- If you have more than one child to supervise, try bringing a wagon or cart to unload the candy in as they go door to door.

- If you're taking other kids with you, set out the rules before you leave and make sure they understand.

**For young children**, Halloween night is one of the best of the year, but trick-or-treating can be dangerous if kids and parents aren't careful. Take a look at some vital

trick-or-treating tips before you accompany your child:

- Plan a route in advance. Trick-or-treating could take you several streets away from your house, which can cause sore legs and a bit of frustration. Avoid long paths by mapping out a route before leaving the house. Stick to paths that you and your child are familiar with to avoid getting lost.

- Wear comfy shoes. Make sure you and your children are in comfortable, well-fitting shoes.

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# Woman's Club hosts another successful event



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**First-place winners in the barbecue contest were John Martin and Drew Martin, with judges David White, Jeff McGirt and Ron Snell.**

## Jenny Allen

Glades County Woman's Club

On Oct. 6, the Glades County Woman's Club (GCWC) hosted its sixth annual fundraising event at the City of Moore Haven Park. Money raised at this event goes toward mammograms, college scholarships and cancer awareness.

A record 15 teams competed in the Rib Cook-Off. Teams were judged on presentation and taste. Judges for the event were David White, Jeff McGirt and Ron Snell, all of LaBelle. The judges had quite a task of tasting 15 different ribs. They enjoyed the job and all took a to-go box of the remnants to enjoy later.

Winners of the Rib Cook-Off were, in first place, Smokin' Dogs, John Martin and Drew Martin of LaBelle; second place, Trick Daddy, Patrick and Trick Arnold of Moore Haven; third place, Jeff and Kim Hill and Bilinda and Duane Pottorff, representing the Glades County Sheriff's Office.

The creativity in the Best Presentation Category was interesting, with presentations ranging from silver trays with wine, a beautiful pink handcrafted box and the winning presentation by Trick Daddy with pink sparkle and flashing lights.

The second event of the day was the Walkathon, with Darla Barner winning first place and youngest participant, and Janet Shelton winning second place and the oldest participant.

The grand finale of the event was a



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**Second-place winners in the barbecue contest were Patrick and Trick Arnold, with judges Jeff McGirt, Ron Snell and David White.**

50/50 drawing, won by Sylvia Hernandez, and a \$500 drawing, won by C.J. Coleman.

The sponsors for the event were Janet Storey, Mike Pressley, Lorie Ward, Sunset Harvesting LLC, SP3 Holdings LLC, Shawnee Harvesting LLC and Western Mechanical LLC.

The club wishes to thank all the participants, sponsors and citizens for helping us have another successful event.

The Glades County Woman's Club offers vouchers for free mammograms to residents of Glades County. If you have a need or know someone who does, contact President Marina Langdale at 863-227-2452 or Jenny Allen at 863-227-6354.



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**Third-place winners in the barbecue contest were Kim Hill, Bilinda Pottorff and Sheriff David Hardin, with judges Jeff McGirt, Ron Snell and David White.**

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# General election is Tuesday, Nov. 6

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Early voting is underway in the counties around Lake Okeechobee. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

In Okeechobee County, early voting is open today through Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 303 N.W. Second St. For more information, go online to [voteokeechobee.com](http://voteokeechobee.com), or call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-763-4014.

Early voting in Glades County is open today through Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J in Moore Haven, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Call the Glades County Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-946-6005 or email [vote@myglades.com](mailto:vote@myglades.com) to request a vote-by-mail ballot or if you have any questions. The office's website is at [voteglades.com](http://voteglades.com).

In Hendry County, early voting runs through Saturday, Nov. 3, at two locations — the LaBelle Elections Office, 25

E. Hicpochee Ave., and the Clewiston Elections Office, 1100 S. Olympia St., Suite 503 — from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. For more information, call the LaBelle office at 863-675-5230, the Clewiston office at 863-902-3393 or email [supervisor@hendryelections.org](mailto:supervisor@hendryelections.org) — also the address of the office's website.

In Palm Beach County, early voting will end Sunday, Nov. 4. All locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Early voting is available at the Belle Glade Branch Library, 725 N.W. Fourth St. in Belle Glade; the Acreage Branch Library, 15801 Orange Blvd., Loxahatchee; the Wells Recreation Community Center in Riviera Beach, 2409 Ave. H. West; and the county Supervisor of Elections Office at 240 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, as well as several other locations, which are listed at [pbcelections.org](http://pbcelections.org).

Voters are reminded to bring a current, valid photo ID with them to vote.

## Week of October 31 through November 6

These upcoming meetings of local elected officials, scheduled during the next several weeks, are open to the public.

### Hendry County

Clewiston City Commission  
Monday, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Ave.  
Online at [clewiston-fl.gov](http://clewiston-fl.gov)

### Okeechobee County

Okeechobee City Council  
The Okeechobee City Council meeting that was scheduled for Nov. 6 has been canceled. The next meeting will be Nov. 27.

### Glades County

Moore Haven City Council  
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, 299 Riverside Drive  
Agenda online at [moorehaven.org](http://moorehaven.org)

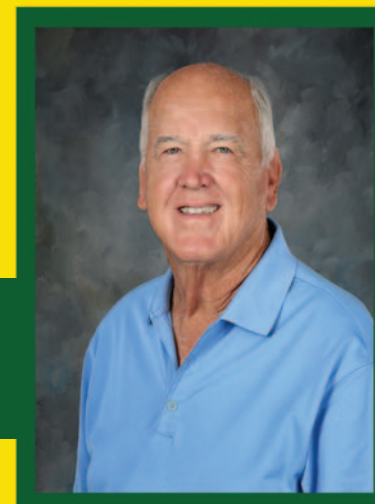
### Palm Beach County

South Bay City Commission  
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, 335 S.W. Second Ave.  
Online at [southbaycity.com](http://southbaycity.com)

### Code Enforcement meeting canceled

The November Okeechobee County code enforcement special magistrate hearing has been canceled by the special magistrate. The next magistrate hearing will be on Dec. 18. The event has been removed from the county website calendar.

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# Veterans News

Around the Lake

## Legion Post #64 plans events

OKEECHOBEE - American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., has a week of fun planned. On Wednesday, **Oct. 31**, tacos will be served and the grill will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jay and Patty will provide music from 3 to 6 p.m. On "Thirsty Thursday," **Nov. 1**, lunch and dinner will be served 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Friday, **Nov. 2**, the Legion Auxiliary will host a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. The menu will include a choice of fish, shrimp or chicken in a basket or on salad. Music will be provided from 6 to 9 p.m. On Sunday, **Nov. 4**, the post will open the doors at 5 p.m.; bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Monday, **Nov. 5**, the American Legion will host five-card bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, **Nov. 10**, from 2 to 4 p.m., the American Legion will host Trivia. Food will be available. The American Legion Post will hold a meeting on Tuesday, **Nov. 13**, at 6 p.m. Lunch and dinner all day. The monthly Euchre (tournament style) will take place on Saturday, **Nov. 17**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quarters for A Cause will be held on

Tuesday, **Nov. 20**. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m. Wear blue for a special drawing. For more information, call 893-763-5309.

## Veterans meeting scheduled

OKEECHOBEE - U.S. military veterans of all branches are invited to join the monthly meeting of the Okeechobee Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America on Thursday, **Nov. 1**, at 7 p.m. at the Cowboys BBQ, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. (at 6 p.m. if placing a food order).

## VFW hosts bingo

OKEECHOBEE - VFW 4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host three-card bingo and queen of hearts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, **Nov. 1**. Dobber bingo will be held Friday, **Nov. 2**, at 1 p.m. Then Saturday, **Nov. 3**, dobber bingo is set for 1 p.m. with lunch served. Sunday, **Nov. 4**, dinner will be served from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For information, call 863-763-0818. To receive a free bingo card, donate one or more canned goods.

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# St. Mary parish denied shrine designation

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

PAHOKEE — “To those of you who had requested me to seek St. Mary in Pahokee designated as an official ‘Shrine’ to Our Lady of Bethlehem, unfortunately it has been rejected by the Diocese of Palm Beach.”

So stated a post on the Facebook page of former St. Mary Catholic Church Pastor John Mericantante last Wednesday, Oct. 24, after he received a letter from the Rev. Brian G. King, episcopal secretary and director of liturgy for the Diocese of Palm Beach. The nearly century-old Pahokee parish is lovingly called “the Bethlehem of the Diocese of Palm Beach,” says its website (stmarysofpahokee.com), because, for one thing, it is home to a 16th-century bejeweled Russian icon statue of Our Lady of Bethlehem that resides in a 6-year-old sanctuary largely financed through the gifts of well-to-do Catholics from outside the Glades region.

A bigger reason for devotions to this revered statue and the parish itself, though, is the faith of the flock who worship here and of those who gave to the fundraising campaign that the former pastor conducted for many years to get the modern sanctuary built. Many believe that numerous miracles have been associated with the Russian icon through the centuries and, especially, since it has been in Pahokee.

Dated Oct. 17, Rev. King’s letter announced the decision on behalf of Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, saying, “After carefully



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**The Virgin of Bethlehem icon in the Pahokee church was one of three painted by a 16th-century monk and is believed by many to be a relic that has brought miracles to various people through the centuries.**

reviewing the various canons (1230-1234), the bishop has decided not to establish St. Mary Catholic Church as a diocesan shrine.” Because shrines are a “place of pilgrimage,” it explained, the church would have to “offer multiple opportunities for daily Mass, confession, adoration/exposition and the practice of popular devotions that go far beyond what a parish church normally offers.”

The bishop cited the facts that only one priest is assigned to St. Mary presently, the current pastor, the Rev. Juan Raúl Cárdenas,

and that he had not made the request. “It is not reasonable to place this burden on him,” declared the letter.

Several of the Rev. Mericantante’s former parishioners responded to his Facebook post, saying he had done his best and at least tried. “Yes, I did, but God and His Mother will always have the last word someday,” Father John, who was pastor for two decades, replied.

During an interview back in the summer of 2017, Pastor Juan Cárdenas told about

some of the long, rich history of the icon and how it came to be in the possession of a Chicago pawnshop owned by a Jewish family and, finally, a gift to St. Mary Catholic Church.

“It’s a relic,” he said. “Since it was donated here, this community has been blessed. And really — really — I think that is a miracle from Our Lady of Bethlehem.

“You see, the icon, there are a lot of precious stones around it. And those precious stones, I heard, are thanksgiving, given in gratitude by someone who received a miracle from God through the Virgin Mary. So they wanted to give precious stones; they were rich people. And it ended up here, and since Father John was here, many people started coming and miracles started happening.”

The largest one is this, Padre Juan explained, “The congregation believes that by the prayers offered through the Virgin of Bethlehem icon, another miracle happened when enough was raised to fulfill Father John’s dream.”

But, Pastor Cárdenas said, their blessings have not stopped in the five years since the former pastor retired after the new sanctuary was built.

“Since that, we sometimes are struggling with finances here to pay out some kind of bills, and I always say, ‘God is going to provide.’ And then someone sends a gift, saying, ‘Father, this is for your parish.’ And I say, ‘Oh, this is what I was waiting for.’ We’ve never been abandoned; she takes care of us,” he said.

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## Health News

### Medicare assistance offered

MOORE HAVEN — Medicare Open Enrollment assistance will be available at Hope Connections, 200 Second St. in Moore Haven, on Thursday, Nov. 1, and Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 239-208-7090 or visit [www.informedchoice.com](http://www.informedchoice.com). Medicare Open Enrollment ends on Dec. 7.

### Heart Health Lecture set

OKEECHOBEE — Raulerson Hospital, 1796 U.S. 441 N. in Okeechobee, invites the community to a Heart Health Lecture on Thursday, **Nov. 8**, at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. No RSVP is necessary.

### Health program scheduled

BELLE GLADE — The Community United Methodist Church, 401 S.W. First St., will host a Diabetes Self Management Program on Sundays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. For information or to enroll, call Robin Nierman at 561-300-3227 or email [nierman@ymcaspbc.org](mailto:nierman@ymcaspbc.org).

## First Aid for Opioid Overdoses course launched

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

WEST PALM BEACH — The American Red Cross has launched First Aid for Opioid Overdoses — an online course to teach people how to respond to a known or suspected opioid overdose.

“An opioid overdose is a life-threatening emergency,” said Grace Meinhofer, regional communications and marketing director. “When you suspect an opioid overdose, it’s important to start providing care immediately.”

The 45-minute course contains content on how to identify the signs and symptoms of a suspected opioid overdose and the appropriate care to provide based on the responsiveness of the person. Information on how to use several different naloxone

### Free blood pressure checks

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue offers free blood pressure checks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at:

- Fire Station #1, 504 N.W. Sixth St.,
- Fire Station #2, 3511 S.E. 38th Ave., and,
- Fire Station #4, 1199 N.E. 168th St.

Please understand that if you stop by a station and there is no staff there, they are out on an emergency call. Please stop back later.

### Bereavement Group meets

OKEECHOBEE — Hospice of Okeechobee offers weekly Bereavement Support Group meetings each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Volunteer Building, 317 S.E. Third Ave., Door #1. Meetings are free and you do not have to have Hospice services. Hospice counseling is available to anyone in Okeechobee County. For more information, contact Hospice of Okeechobee at 863-467-2321.

products — including a nasal atomizer, Narcan Nasal Spray and EVZIO — to temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose also included.

People can register and access the course at [redcross.org/take-a-class/opioidoverdose](http://redcross.org/take-a-class/opioidoverdose). Because an opioid overdose can lead to cardiac arrest, people are also encouraged to take a Red Cross CPR/AED course.

Recently, the Red Cross had the opportunity to share its commitment and efforts to help address this public health crisis at a White House opioids event. Learn more about the event, and the involvement of the Red Cross here: [whitehouse.gov/articles/year-historic-action-combat-opioid-crisis/](http://whitehouse.gov/articles/year-historic-action-combat-opioid-crisis/)

Red Cross has also prepared guidance on opioid use and overdose response for

### Cancer Support Group meets

OKEECHOBEE — The Christ Fellowship Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will hold a Cancer Support Group on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Group sessions will be a resource for encouragement, education and support. For information, call Judy at 863-532-1721 or email [CancerSupportCF@gmail.com](mailto:CancerSupportCF@gmail.com).

### Baby Shower set for Nov. 16

OKEECHOBEE — Healthy Start Coalition of Okeechobee will host a Community Baby Shower on Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Indian River State College in the Williamson Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. This will be for expecting mothers and families with a child up to one year of age. There will be local vendors and providers sharing information on maternal and child health topics, such as immunizations, home safety, safe sleep, post-partum depression, water safety, child and infant CPR and more. There will be door prizes, food and refreshments. RSVP if you plan to attend by calling 863-462-5877.

### Run/walk provides health care

OKEECHOBEE — On Nov. 17, Open Hands Health Center will host the Third Finger Lickin’ 5K Kickin’ Fun Run/walk. The \$25 registration fee provides \$287 worth of medical care (which is about 4-5 office visits with labs) for someone who needs help. Register by **Oct 31** for a free t-shirt. Run starts/finishes at Oakview Baptist Church, 677 S.W. 32nd St.

On site registration will be \$30. Race begins 7 a.m. Register at [active.com](http://active.com) or at 309 N.W. Fifth St., call 863-357-1257 or email at [openhandsrx@gmail.com](mailto:openhandsrx@gmail.com) for sponsorship information. First five winners receive a turkey and second five win a dessert. For every non-perishable item brought for Oakview’s community Thanksgiving basket, a raffle ticket will be given. Let’s show we care by Opening Our Hands to the 7,000 in our community without health insurance.

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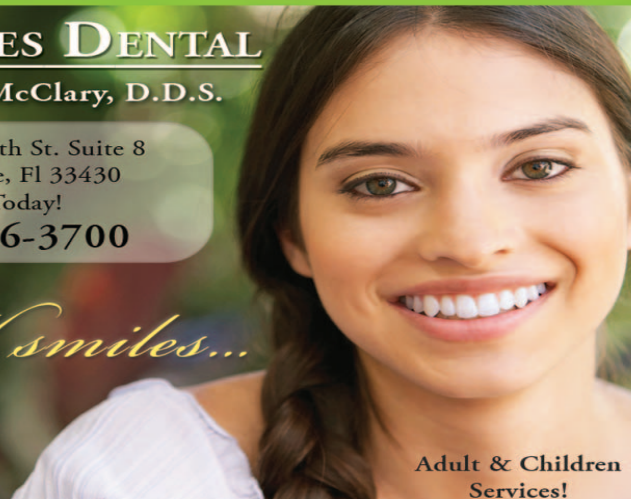
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## Art benefits mental health and addiction recovery

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PORT ST. LUCIE — The Treasure Coast Photography Center recently named New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee as the beneficiary of the upcoming From the Heart Juried Art Exhibition 2019, to be held at the Port St Lucie Civic Center in the spring.

From the Heart is a three-week art exhibition featuring photographs submitted by local and national photographers, both professional and amateur. Photographic categories include animals, flora/landscape, people and an “open” category. Submissions will be accepted Dec. 31 through Feb. 19, 2019. The exhibit will run from April 5 to 25.

New Horizons, a nonprofit mental health and addiction recovery center, will use the funds to assist 57 percent of its clients who do not have a source of income or insurance, and may otherwise not be able to afford treatment.

“It’s really a gift, not only of the art that will be created for this event, but also to those who suffer with mental illness or addiction,” says Pat Austin, New Horizons



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These are the Treasure Coast Photography Center members.

board chair. “People need to know help is available, and certainly the amazing team at the Treasure Coast Photography Center should be thanked for providing that reassurance.”

Over the past two years, the Treasure Coast Photography Center has supported

several New Horizons events, such as the annual fashion show and Breakfast with Santa. The club even purchased two printers so that every child attending the breakfast would have photos with Santa to take home.

“The club is a great place to learn,

practice and mentor new photographers,” says Spencer Rutledge, a longtime member who organizes educational programs for members.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Historic Old City Hall, 315 Ave. A, Fort Pierce.

Photographers who would like to learn more about the club can visit [tccpcinc.org](http://tccpcinc.org). For more information about the exhibit, go to [tccpcinc.org/from-the-heart/from-the-heart-2019/](http://tccpcinc.org/from-the-heart/from-the-heart-2019/).

Established in 1958, New Horizons is the most comprehensive mental health and substance abuse agency in the region, with nine offices across Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, New Horizons serves 14,000 children and adults annually, regardless of their ability to pay. To learn more, visit [nhtcinc.org](http://nhtcinc.org) or call 772-696-2729.

## Diabetes Health Fair scheduled for Nov. 3

PAHOKEE — Following two successful Diabetes Health Fair Initiatives in Belle Glade, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is bringing the popular information event to Pahokee. The Diabetes Health Fair is free to the public and will be held in Pahokee High School’s gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local residents who have diabetes or whose family members or friends may have the ailment are asked to come out to this vital event and learn how to manage diabetes and improve their quality of life.

Health care professionals with expertise in the multi-faceted disease will present

information helpful to a diverse population. Among the varied sessions delivering vital information to attendees will be lectures concerning important health topics, diabetes screening, health resources and tools, food demonstrations, food giveaways, the Florida Mobile 3D mammography and question-and-answer sessions for all areas. Potential attendees who wish to take advantage of mammography services are asked to visit [FloridaMobileMammography.com](http://FloridaMobileMammography.com) in order to schedule an appointment.

Door prizes, tickets to the Muck Bowl game, health tools and gift cards for groceries, pharmaceuticals and more will

be awarded to attendees and participants throughout the Health Fair’s time of operation.

Organizers are grateful for the support of their partners, the City of Pahokee, Pahokee High School, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Palm Beach County government, H.E. Hill Foundation, Walgreens, T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society, Premier Dentistry, Caregiver Services, HEBNI Nutrition Consultants Inc., The Glades Initiative, Boldin Community Impact Inc. (BCI) and Lakeside Medical Center.



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# Man accused of running over 79-year-old woman

By Cathy Womble

Lake Okeechobee News

OKEECHOBEE – Late Saturday night, a 79-year-old woman was hit by a car and pinned against her own house. The driver of the car was allegedly trying to hit her grandson and hit her by mistake. Chester Eugene Woodall, 28, was arrested by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Detective Mark Margerum after OCSO received a call on Saturday night, Oct. 27, in reference to a disturbance. According to the report, dispatch advised a white male suspect driving a gold or silver car was armed with a bat. They further advised someone may have been run over.

While en route to the scene, Detective Margerum reported observing a Chevy Malibu matching the description with extensive front-end damage. Behind that vehicle was a truck with a driver attempting



Chester Woodall

to flag down Detective Margerum, pointing toward the Chevy Malibu. Detective Margerum reports turning his vehicle around to follow the Malibu. Detective Margerum conducted a traffic stop, and identified Mr. Woodall along with his fiancé Leah Clase, who was sitting in the front passenger seat. The report states Mr. Woodall had blood around his mouth and an abrasion on his back, and Ms. Clase kept saying that Mr. Woodall had mental health issues. The Chevy Malibu appeared to have blood and flesh on the grill.

The couple in the truck that had flagged down Detective Margerum spoke only Spanish, but when Deputy José Garcia arrived, he was able to speak to them, and they advised him several people had been

run over.

Leaving Mr. Woodall and Ms. Clase with Deputy Stephen Paladino, Detective Margerum and Deputy Garcia proceeded to the residence, where they reportedly found a chain link fence knocked down and a trail of blood leading onto the porch, into the front door and straight to an elderly woman lying on a couch. The report states the victim had a deep laceration on her right wrist, exposing part of her bone. She also had several deep lacerations below her right knee. There were several family members in the residence who reported seeing the suspect run over the victim. Detective Margerum reports being unable to speak with the victim due to her injuries and the language barrier.

The victim was airlifted to Lawnwood Hospital because of her injuries.

Because Mr. Woodall smelled strongly of alcohol, he was reportedly asked if he

would consent to a field sobriety test. He agreed to the test but was unable to complete it and was arrested and charged with DUI at that time.

Ms. Clase was asked how the damage to her car had happened, and according to the report, she said she did not know because she had blacked out. During her interview with Detective Margerum, Ms. Clase said Mr. Woodall went out there to have a fight. She said she believes he did it because he is on Lexapro and he should be on Prozac. The report states Ms. Clase admits seeing Mr. Woodall hit the victim and that when it happened she told him he just ruined both their lives.

The report concludes, Chester Eugene Woodall was criminally charged with aggravated battery with a weapon, a second-degree felony. He was also charged with criminal mischief over \$1,000, a third-degree felony. Bond will be set by the judge.

## FHSAA announces changes to high school sports in 2019

By Richard Marion

Lake Okeechobee News

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) voted on and approved a new classification system and playoff structure for seven different sports that will take effect in the fall of 2019. The changes passed by a 12-3 vote by the FHSAA board of directors.

In the new classification system, the number of classes will be reduced from nine to seven and each classification will continue to be split into 16 districts with an

even number of teams in each district.

FHSAA briefly considered using rankings to determine classification, but decided to stick with student enrollment to determine classification by sport after hearing feedback from many of its advisory boards.

Each district will have a postseason tournament, with the champion advancing to the regional playoffs. In a change, the regional playoffs will now be seeded by rankings from MaxPreps, a website that specializes in coverage of American high school sports. Under the current system, the district tournament champion and run-

ner-up advanced into the regional playoffs. Starting in 2019, the four district champions will be seeded No. 1-4, based on MaxPreps rankings. The other four regional spots will be at-large bids determined by MaxPreps rankings.

The sports that will be affected by these changes are baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, softball and girls volleyball.

One of the biggest changes that will affect schools around Lake Okeechobee is that district teams will no longer be required to play each other during the regular season.

Clewiston High School Athletics Director Steven Barnes worries about what this will mean in the future when it comes time to schedule games.

"I think it can hurt us if no teams want to travel out here to play us," said Mr. Barnes

of the changes to district play. "Not requiring district play is bad business for rural communities, in my opinion."

With many schools around Lake Okeechobee sometimes an hour or more away from other teams in their district, it's hard to see many of those teams wanting to make the trek out to Okeechobee or Moore Haven if they're no longer required to.

FHSAA Executive Director George Tomin says the changes come after many meetings with school officials around the state of Florida.

"Today our board of directors passed what we think is a pretty neat classification process," said Mr. Tomin. "I'm very proud of our staff that has worked long and hard hours on this. And I'm equally proud of all of our member schools who gave us productive and positive input."

## Local churches sponsor Operation Christmas Child

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

During Nov. 12-19, sites in the Lake Okeechobee area will be among 5,000 U.S. drop-off locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week.

Local families, churches and groups are busy transforming empty shoeboxes into fun gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. The Samaritan's Purse project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

Area residents hope to collect more than 69,173 gifts to contribute to the 2018 global goal of reaching 11 million children.

"We are honored to be linking arms with our community to help children around the world experience the true meaning of Christmas," said Regional Director Anita Burns. "These simple gifts show God's love to children facing difficult circumstances."

Area collection sites include:

- West Palm Beach: Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 4601 S. Flagler Drive: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 12-19;

- Okeechobee: First Baptist Church Recreation Outreach Center, 401 S.W. Fourth Street, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12-15; 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 16 and 17; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 18; and, 9-11 a.m. on Nov. 19.

- Moore Haven: Maple Grove Baptist Church, 12777 E. State Road 78: 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 12-14; 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 15 and 16; 2 to 6 p.m., Nov. 17 and 18; 8 to 10 a.m., Nov. 19.

- LaBelle: First Baptist Church, 330 N. Main Street: 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 12-16; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 17; 1 to 5 p.m., Nov. 18; 7 to 11 a.m., Nov. 19.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 407-273-6112, or visit [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ).

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

## Tractor Supply to host Farmers' Market

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Tractor Supply Co. store will host a Farmers' Market on Nov. 10. From 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., local farmers will be selling locally grown,

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Applications may be picked up at Central County Water Drainage District 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston FL. (Montura Ranch Estates) 33440.

**Hendry County BOCC** is seeking applications for a full-time **Code Enforcement Supervisor**. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at [www.hendryfla.net](http://www.hendryfla.net).

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• Performs related job duties as assigned.  
Cleans debris from roadways and right a ways. Must possess a valid and clean driver's license, Must pass a drug test and have a clean background check.

Applications may be picked up at Central County Water Drainage District, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston FL (Montura Ranch Estates) 33440.

**40 temp Farmworkers needed**  
11/23/18-6/20/19. Worker will perform various duties associated with hand harvesting vegetables according to supervisor's instructions. Workers will have extensive periods of sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, repetitive movement, frequent stopping and lifting 75lbs. May random drug test at employer's expense. Guaranteed at least 3/4 of contract hours but hours will vary according to weather and crop conditions. Hours may exceed or be less than 36 hours. Work tools, supplies, equipment provided at no cost. Housing provided for non-commuting workers at no cost. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract or earlier if appropriate. \$11.29/hr, applicable piece rate depending on crop activity, or current applicable AEWR. Raise/bonus at employer discretion. EOE. Worksites located in Okeechobee Co FL. Report or send resume to the nearest FL Dept of Economic Opportunity & reference Job Order #FL10805364 or call 863-610-6000 . EJV Corporation, Lake placid, FL

**NOW HIRING CLASS A and CLASS B DRIVERS** for local deliveries. Must know the area, have clean driving record and pass a drug test. Benefits available, apply at: **Walpole Feed & Supply Co.** 2595 NW 8th St.

### Employment - Full Time

## Employment Opportunity with Growth Potential

### Circulation Assistant

**MUST HAVE:**  
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is recruiting for a Right of Way Technician to review and process permit applications involving engineering/ site plans to allow for construction upon and use of lands abutting District canals and levees. Associate Degree in Engineering, Environmental Science, Construction, Business, or Real Estate and 2+ years in one of the disciplines listed or in the fields of code enforcement, regulation, plan review, drafting, field inspections and/or zoning. Enjoy a competitive salary with excellent public sector benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance; Florida Retirement System; deferred compensation; paid vacation; holiday leave; life insurance. Apply [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov) Job Reference 2256BR.

**Employment - Full Time**

**J. Hernandez** Harvesting, Inc. is hiring 20 farmworkers to harvest and pack watermelon crops in Collier and Hendry Counties in FL for a temporary period starting on 11/15/2018 and ending on 12/20/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$11.29/hr. or applicable piece rates. This job requires prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching. Job is outdoors and continues in all types of weather. Workers may be requested to submit to random drug or alcohol tests at no cost to the worker. Drug testing and background checks may occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole expense and discretion of the employer. Workers must be able to lift and carry 70lbs. repetitively throughout the workday. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and meal expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: FL10795437.

**NOW HIRING MANAGER'S**

**BURGER KING**  
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Okeechobee, FL 34972

Full-Time position w/  
benefits  
Must be able to:  
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**Employment - Full Time****CITY OF BELLE GLADE****GROUNDKEEPER**

\$10.57 P/HR  
Able to lift 35 lbs. - Valid DL

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\$11.76 P/HR  
Able to lift 35 lbs. - VALID CDL "B"

**DEPUTY CITY CLERK**

\$18.13 P/HR  
Notary Public -Type 50 CWPM

**MECHANIC III**

\$19.07 P/HR  
Able to lift 35 lbs. - VALID CDL "A"  
ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Certificate

**RECREATION FACILITIES COORDINATOR**

\$19.95 P/HR  
Valid FDL - AA/Pass - Level 2 Crim.Bckgrnd.  
VALID DL

**CODE ENFORCEMENT MANAGER**

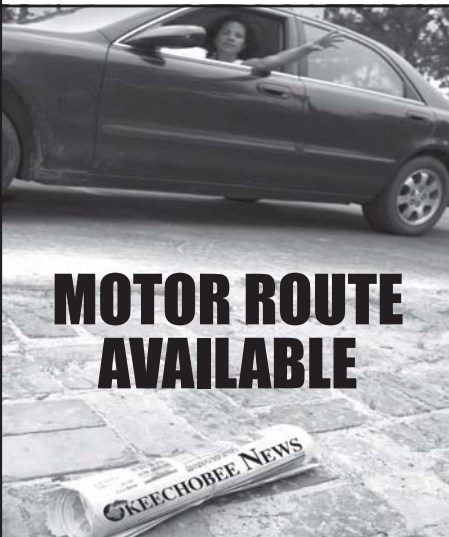
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HR Dept  
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**Apartments**

**CYPRESS COVE** 1BR/1BA, Includes utilities. Large yard. \$750 mo. + security. Available now. 863-634-0024.

**N.W. OKEE**  
2BR, 1BA, \$725 mo.  
\$2175 to move in.  
2BR, 2BA, \$2325 to move in. \$775/mo.  
561-346-1642

**Houses - Rent****Pahokee Housing Authority**

Has received 32 (thirty-two) Tenant Protection Vouchers (Temporary Section 8 Vouchers) to assist the 129 (one-hundred twenty-nine) families that are being affected by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Project at Padgett Island Homes and Fremd Village.

For further information, **qualifying families\*** can contact our office at (561)924-5565 and ask to speak with Mrs. Babb or Mrs. Campos.

**\*Qualifying Families: are those families that reside in the 129 units being remediated through the LIHTC project.**

It is the policy of Pahokee Housing Authority to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with the rules and regulations governing Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity housing.  
PHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Applied for a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Preservation Grant to rehabilitate 129 public housing units. We are encouraging elderly families in need of a one (1) and two (2) bedroom units to apply.

We will be providing housing applications Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It is the policy of Pahokee Housing Authority to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with the rules and regulations governing Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity. Pahokee Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer and promotes a Drug-Free Workplace.

**Apartments**

**TAYLOR CREEK CONDO** - Seasonal 1BR, 1BA, ground flr, Avail. 3/20. \$1200/mo. Sec. dep. req. 863-634-0024.

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2100SQ. FT. METAL BUILDING 2 ROLL UP DOORS BEHIND LAKESIDE CARWASH. \$800.00/MO. YEARLY LEASE, FIRST-LAST+ SEC. CALL TAB 863-610-1027

**Houses - Rent**

**2.5BR, 1BA**, In town. NON SMOKING RESIDENCE. Lawn service included. Small pet okay. \$850 mo. 1st, last & \$500 sec. dep. 941-504-3954.

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**Houses - Rent****Lots - Sale****OKEECHOBEE**

CORNER LOT PLUS 2 LOTS, OAK TREES & NATURAL PLANTS, UNDEVELOPED BUT MINIMAL CLEARING NEEDED IF DESIRED. NORTHWEST 3RD ST. OKEECHOBEE, FL \$23,500.00 FOR ALL 850-420-5997

**Mobile Homes****Mobile Homes - Rent**

**BEAUTIFUL, NEWLY REMODELED, 2BDRM ON LARGE LOT, SCREEN ROOM, COVERED CONCRETE PATIO, CARPORT OVERLOOKING PRIVATE LAKE \$850.00/MO. PLUS SEC., LAWN SERVICE INCLUDED 863-467-2784**

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Used WZ3 Mobile Homes from \$16,900  
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Admin Off: 239-645-8912

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

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**Public Notices****Public Notice****LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on November 12th, 2018 by 12:00pm Secure Self Storage of Clewiston, (863-234-7639) will, at their discretion, dispose of the personal property therefore stored with the undersigned.

**Tenant(s)**

Romeo Halligan, John Raynes, Tim McCray, Carolyn Jones, John Wilson, Ron Gaucula, Melena Giraldo, Penny Barton, Jensen Similien, Felix Quiñones, Christina Moore, Trevor Spitzer. 295403 CN 10/31/2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/13/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept

**2006 FORD**  
1FTPX12566FA40307

**2005 BOAT**  
MJIZ79191405

**2004 CHRYSLER**  
2C3HD36M4H669854

**2003 BUICK**  
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**2005 FORD**  
1FTRX02WXS6C7324  
296510 CN 10/31/2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/9/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**JA4AS2AW6B0U27755**  
**2011 MITSUBISHI**

296911 CN 10/31/2018

Need a few more bucks to purchase something deer? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifieds.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/16/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**5TDZT34AS25134019**  
**2002 TOYOTA**

297326 CN 10/31/2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on 11/19/2018 11:00 AM, the following Personal Property will be sold at public auction pursuant to FS.715.109:

**2015 FIVE**

**VIN# 5ZT2FEWB4FA015387**  
Last Known Tenants: **Tim Martin**  
Sale to be held at: Clewiston/ Lake Okeechobee RV Park/194 County Road 720 Clewiston, FL 33440 (Hendry County) (863) 983-7078  
297355 CN 10/31/11/7/2018

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Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 18000025 CA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, vs. EDUARDO ESPINOZA and MARIA B. ESPINOZA, husband and wife; and GEORGE FRAKER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 9, 2018, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of her duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as: Lot 31, Block 49, BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO. 5, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, page 51, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on November 28, 2018, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADA COORDINATOR, CORRIE JOHNSON, TELEPHONE (772)807-4370, WITHIN SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS OF THE COURT APPEARANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 711.

DATED on October 11, 2018.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court 312 NW Third Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 By: Sandra L. Creesh Deputy Clerk

293653 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 2017 CA 212 JUDGE: LAURIE E. BUCHANAN

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, v. DONALD E. MEYERS, JR., an individual and SUSAN E. MEYERS, an individual, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, Civil Action Number: 2017 CA 212, the Clerk, Sharon Robertson, will sell the property situated in said County, described as: BEING a parcel of land lying in that part of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida lying South of Highway 68 and being further bounded and described as follows:

BEGIN at the Southeast corner of said Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 34 East for the Point-of-Beginning, thence South 89°38'59" East a distance of 1509.37 feet to a point lying on the Southern right-of-way of Highway 68; thence North 56°56'29" East along the Southern right-of-way of Highway 68 a distance of 1173.51 feet to a point lying on the East boundary of said Section 31; thence South 30°38'59" West along the East boundary of said Section 31, a distance of 2147.55 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; Bearings are based on right-of-way Map for Highway 68.

TOGETHER WITH all improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

Property address: 13300 NW 160 Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the 21st day of November, 2018, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, located at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

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

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018.

Sharon Robertson Clerk of Court By: Sandra L. Creesh Deputy Clerk

287931 ON 10/24;31/2018

Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 2017-CA-005 JUDGE: LAURIE E. BUCHANAN

JOSEPH ZACHARY GAZZA, Plaintiff, v. CHRISTOPHER LEIN; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2018, and entered in 472017CA000005CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein JOSEPH ZACHARY GAZZA, is the Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER LEIN AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are the Defendants. Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on November 28, 2018, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

1-17-34-33-0A00-00004-E000 Lot E of Tract 4; the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 4, Section 17 as to the Southern Colonization Company Plat of Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereorecorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3-3E Inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

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

Dated on October 11, 2018.

Sharon Robertson Clerk of Court By: Sandra L. Creesh As Deputy Clerk

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711.

Submitted By: Renee S. Griffith Be A Man Bay Land, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 4260 SE Federal Highway Stuart, Florida 34997 (772) 546-410 1 294865 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No. 18000288CAAXMX

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff vs. The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Theodore L. Pealy a/k/a Theodore Lee Pealy a/k/a Ted L. Pealy, Deceased, et al. Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Theodore L. Pealy a/k/a Theodore Lee Pealy a/k/a Ted L. Pealy, Deceased Last Known Address: Unknown

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

LOT 5, BLOCK 7, ANCIENT OAKS RV RESORT NO. 1, A CONDOMINIUM, INCLUDING A 1/46TH PER EACH LOT UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS THEREOF; ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, OBLIGATIONS, EASEMENTS AND LIENS OF AND AS SET FORTH IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT NO. 1, A CONDOMINIUM, AND ALL ITS EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 255, PAGE 916-1045, ET SEQ., INCLUDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 348 PAGE 1548, ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME VIN# 10FBA0259G1016415 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to us on Matthew Marks, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on October 23, 2018. Sharon Robertson As Clerk of the Court By: Ariane Nealis As Deputy Clerk 296021 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida to consider amending Resolution 2017-97 regarding affordable housing pursuant to Florida Statute 125.379.

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

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at any meeting, please contact Hendry Social Services at (863) 675-5297; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail sabrina.gadson@hendryfla.net

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240. 297330 ON 10/31 CB 11/1/2018

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Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 16000680CAAXMX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CHESTER N. WALKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHESTER N. WALKER; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; HSBG FINANCE CORPORATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HSBG BANK NEVADA; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 20, 2018, entered in Civil Case No.: 16000680CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, and CHESTER N. WALKER; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 NIKIA RANDY RIMES; HSBG FINANCE CORPORATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HSBG BANK NEVADA; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on 2nd Floor in Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on the 23rd day of January, 2019, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 9, BLOCK J, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS ROAD EASEMENT OVER THE NORTH 25 FEET AND THE EAST 25 FEET THEREOF. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 2002, DOUBLEWIDE MAKE: MERIT, VIN#: FLHML38155725814A AND VIN#: FLHM-L38155725814B, MANUFACTURED HOME.

A/K/A: 5200 PIONEER 8TH STREET, CLEWISTON, FL., 33440

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 20, 2018. BARBARA S. BUTLER CLERK OF THE COURT By: J. Bevis Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 16-43914 289530 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2017-CA-000133

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDEMTURE TRUSTEE FOR SPRINGLEAF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2013-3, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2013-3, Plaintiff vs. PATRICIA WILLS A/K/A PATRICIA F. BAKER A/K/A PATRICIA BAKER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 19, 2018, and entered in Case No. 47-2017-CA-000133 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for Springleaf Mortgage Loan Trust 2013-3, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2013-3, is the Plaintiff and Patricia Wills a/k/a Patricia F. Baker a/k/a Patricia Baker, Cavalry SPV I, LLC, Fort Drum Investments, Inc., are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 28th day of November, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS THE EAST 15 FEET FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

A/K/A 1851 NE 48TH AVE., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 20th day of June, 2018. Sharon Robertson Clerk of the Circuit Court Okeechobee County, Florida By: Sandra L. Creesh Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: genlaw@albertellilaw.com

In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 270751 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2018 Tax Roll was certified to the Hendry County Tax Collector on October 8, 2018 and will be open for collection of real estate and personal property tax on November 1, 2018. Please contact this office if you do not receive a tax bill on property owned in Hendry County. If you receive a tax bill for property which has been sold, please forward to new property owner, or return to our office.

Payments may be mailed, paid on-line with a credit card, or paid in person in LaBelle or Clewiston. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

Patrick B. Langford Tax Collector Hendry County, Florida 25 E. Hickpochee Ave LaBelle, FL 33935 (863)675-5280 ON 10/31;11/7 CB 11/8/2018 1100 S. Olympia Suite 300 Clewiston, FL 33440 (863)983-1460

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND PERMITTING SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON OLD CR 78 FROM CR 78 TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY

Financial Project # 435016-1-38-01 RFQ No. 2019-03 Opening Date and Time: November 8, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in design and permitting in connection with sidewalk construction on Old CR 78 from CR 78 to SR 29 in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in roadway, sidewalk and drainage design and permitting services and any other requirements that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may impose in the Local Agency Participation (LAP) Agreement for this project.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2018 CA 000024

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH K. VICKERS; TAMMY M. VICKERS; OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY; and ALLISON L. VICKERS, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2018, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of her duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as: Lot 14, Block 7, OAKPARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 3, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida, at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on November 28, 2018, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADA COORDINATOR, CORRIE JOHNSON, TELEPHONE (772)807-4370, WITHIN SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS OF THE COURT APPEARANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 711.

DATED on October 12, 2018. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court 312 NW Third Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 By: Sandra L. Creesh Deputy Clerk 295189 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240. 292547 ON 10/10;17;24;31 CB 10/11;18;25;11/1/2018

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public auction will be held at BMJ Towing, Inc. at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on FRIDAY THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 18CP102

IN RE: ESTATE OF DENNIS JAMES BARRY Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DENNIS JAMES BARRY, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochoe Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 18, 2018.

MICHAEL BARRY Personal Representative P.O. BOX 3145 Paso Robles, CA 93447 K. Matthew Rentz II Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 1003358 The Rentz Law Firm, P.L.L.C. 97 Park Avenue LaBelle, FL 33935 Email Address: mrentz@rentzlawfirm.com Telephone: (863) 674-1935 293903 CB 10/25;11/1; ON 10/31;11/7

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Fictitious Name

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sunstate CDL, LLC, desires to engage in business under the fictitious name of Sunstate CDL with an address of 1030 Industrial Way, Moore Haven, FL 33474, and intends to register said name with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, FL. 296892 ON 10/31/2018

Public Notice

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Florida Development Finance Corporation ("FDFC") will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., or a time as soon thereafter as practicable at the Hendry County Administration Building, Conference Room #1, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935, to consider adoption of a resolution approving the issuance by the FDFC of its Solid Waste Disposal Senior and Subordinate Revenue Bonds (Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC Project), Series 2018 (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$220,000,000.00 in one or more series of tax exempt and/or taxable Bonds. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the FDFC to Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and/or its affiliates and related entities thereof (the "Borrower"). The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Bonds to, among other things: (A) finance, refinance, and/or reimburse itself for prior expenditures for all or a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement and equipping of a fully integrated non-woody biomass-to-pulp renewable fiber conversion facility, all of which will be situated on approximately 100 acres of land located at 18400 County Road 835, Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, and which will include but will not be limited to: (i) a pulp fiber plant, along with ancillary facilities and improvements, (ii) the acquisition of certain processing and production equipment, and (iii) the design, engineering, and permitting that will be undertaken in connection with the foregoing; (B) funding a debt service reserve fund, if deemed necessary or desirable; (C) funding a capitalized interest account, if deemed necessary or desirable; (D) funding working capital reserves, if deemed necessary or desirable; (E) funding other funds and/or accounts, if deemed necessary or desirable; and (F) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").

The Project will be owned and operated by the Borrower. The Bonds are being issued under the authority of the Florida Development Finance Corporation Act of 1993, as amended, Chapter 159, Florida Statutes and other applicable provisions of law (collectively, the "Act"). The Bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues derived from a loan and other financing documents to be executed between the FDFC and the Borrower prior to or contemporaneously with the issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds and the interest thereon shall not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit or taxing power of the State of Florida or any political subdivision or agency thereof. Issuance of the Bonds is subject to several conditions including satisfactory documentation and receipt of necessary approvals for the financing. The aforementioned meeting shall be a public meeting and all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing to the Florida Development Finance Corporation at 156 Tuskavilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs, Florida 32708, directed to the Executive Director. Comments made at the hearing are for the consideration of the Governor and will not bind the FDFC as to any action it may take. ALL PERSONS FOR OR AGAINST SAID APPROVAL CAN BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE FDFC WITH RESPECT TO SUCH HEARING OR MEETING, SHE MUST NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF SUCH HEARING OR MEETING IS MADE WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the FDFC no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the address given in this notice or by telephone at (407) 712-6255. By order of the FDFC.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION 296497 LO 10/31/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO.: 2017-CA-009 JUDGE: LAURIE E. BUCHANAN

JOSEPH ZACHARY GAZZA, Plaintiff, V. CHRISTOPHER LEIN; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2018 and entered in 472017CA000009CAAMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein JOSEPH ZACHARY GAZZA is the Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER LEIN AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are the Defendants. Sharon Robertson is the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on November 28, 2018, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit: 1-17-34-33-0A00-00005-A000 Lot A of Tract 5 The East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 5, Section 17 as to the Southern Colonization Company Plat of Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3-3E Inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida; AND 1-17-34-33-0A00-00005-B000 Lot B of Tract 5 The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 5, Section 17 as to the Southern Colonization Company Plat of Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3-3E Inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated on October 11, 2018.

Sharon Robertson Clerk of Court By: Sandra L. Crech As Deputy Clerk

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordination, Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711.

Submitted By: Rene S. Griffith Be A Man Buy Land, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 4260 SE Federal Highway Stuart, Florida 34997 (772) 546-4101 294876 ON 10/31;11/7/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 6:00 PM, has been cancelled.

By: Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr. 297579 ON 10/31/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACTION

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION FARM LABOR PROGRAM

IN RE: The practice of farm labor

Guate Harvesting, LLC c/o Rosalia Mendez 337 East Osipso Avenue Clewiston, Florida 33440

CASE NO.: 2018010948

LICENSE NO.: 794

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Joy Mitchell, Service of Process Unit, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2202, (850) 488-0062.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by November 7, 2018, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at a hearing pursuant to 120.57(2), F.S. before the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Farm Labor Program.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone: (850) 257-6097; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service. 292327 ON 10/10,17,24,31/2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) will receive proposals for the purpose of securing Engineering Services for the following:

\* Injection Well Testing

Detailed RFQ documents are available upon request from the office of the Executive Director, located at 100 S.W. 5th Avenue, (Tel.) 863-763-9460, (Fax) 863-763-3746. The OUA intends to review the submitted RFQs and reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. The OUA selection committee may elect for presentations or select a qualified firm from the submittals received.

The RFQs must be delivered to the Executive Director's office, located at Okeechobee Utility Authority Administrative Office, 100 S.W. 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974, on or before 3:00 PM on November 8, 2018. The submittal must be contained in a sealed package clearly marked on the outside with the submitter's name and the project for which the submittal is made.

John F. Hayford Executive Director 296048 ON 10/26,28,31/2018

Fictitious Name

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Edgihin Corporation Convenience Store business at Hendry County, Florida, under the fictitious name of Stop & Shop and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 18000051CPMXX

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY RAY STEWART a/k/a SHIRLEY RAE STEWART a/k/a SHIRLEY R. STEWART Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Shirley Ray Stewart, deceased, whose date of death was July 13, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is October 31st, 2018.

Personal Representative: Daphne Dee Flynn 1035 Stewart Lane Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Attorney for Personal Representative: Eric S. Kane, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0847941 Eric S. Kane, P.L. 20900 NE 30th Avenue, Suite 403 Aventura, Florida 33180 LO 10/31;11/7/2018

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# ATHLETE

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## J'quonne Banks

By Richard Marion  
Lake Okeechobee News

Clewiston High School senior corner-back and wide receiver J'quonne Banks is the week's Big Lake Athlete of the Week for not only his performance in the Tigers game against Dunbar on Oct. 26, but his high level of play all season for the Clewiston football program.

Banks had an interception, two pass breakups and three tackles against Dunbar and now has three back-to-back games with an interception, all coming in high-pressure moments during those games.

Clewiston head coach Brad Garret has been impressed with Banks' first year as a full-time starter.

"I've know Banks ever since he was in the eighth grade," said Garret. "His older brother was a great player here in Clewiston, so he kind of always had that shadow on him; I think that made him work extra hard for what he's got. This summer he really came in and just worked hard to put himself in the best position to have a successful senior year."

Banks has five interceptions on the year. In pass coverage, he has the ability to match any receiver he lines up against and puts himself in great position to break up passes. He's also not afraid to come down in run support and punish opposing

running backs who make it to the second level. As a receiver, his speed is his number one asset; he's also shown ability to avoid defenders once the ball is in his hands.

That speed will come in handy when the Tigers face the Okeechobee Brahms on Nov. 2. The Brahms have speedy wide receiver Jalen Pryor on their squad, who just had a 41-yard touchdown catch against Jensen Beach. If Banks can shut down Pryor, it'll make the Brahms one-dimensional. If Banks also provides good run support, it'll make the Brahms no-dimensional.

If you watch any tape on Banks, one thing becomes clear: He plays with a lot of confidence. Garret says that confidence started coming out in Banks when he put work in over the summer.

"Last year he was one of those guys who was afraid to mess up, and if he made a mistake it would bother him and eat him up," said Garret. "They say defensive backs can't look in the rearview mirror; you just have to move on. Starting this year he really did a good job of learning how to let things go and moving on to the next play. I think that's where a lot of that confidence comes from, and ever since he started playing like that, you see things just going his way this year."

*If you have someone you'd like to nominate for Big Lake Athlete of the Week, email Lake Okeechobee News sports reporter Richard Marion at rmarion@newszap.com.*

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# Glades candidates discuss their goals for county

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

MOORE HAVEN — Four candidates are on the ballot for two Glades County commissioner positions in Tuesday's election.

Incumbent John Ahern faces challenger Jerri Lynn Schlueter for the Glades County Board seat of District 4; Jeff Barnes is running against Donna Storter Long for her District 2 seat.



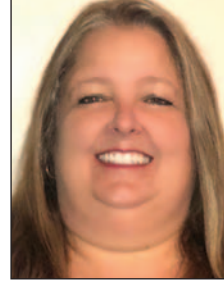
**Jeff Barnes**



**Donna Storter Long**



**John Ahern**



**Jerri Lynn Schlueter**

## County Board District 2

**Jeff Barnes:** A “no party affiliation” candidate, Mr. Barnes, 45, was born in Avon Park, moved to Glades County in 1995 and has lived in Ortona for the past 12 years. He works with the Glades County Youth Livestock organization and is president of the Glades County Hunting Club. “I’m just looking to get out and bring some new vision and a new set of eyes into the community and try to do whatever change we can for the betterment of the community,” he said. Married with two children — one who graduated from high school last year and is attending welding school in Jacksonville and the other a sophomore at Moore Haven Junior-Senior High School — he has worked for Hawkins Chemical, a water treatment plant, for more than a decade and is manager of the LaBelle branch. Mr. Barnes, a first-time candidate, said of the biggest issues he’s concerned about: “I think the county needs to have some moderate growth. You know, it’s kind of going in the wrong direction. Times are changing and we’re staying stuck in the past. I’d like to see it grow a little bit, maybe get some more stores and something for the people. I think

we need to keep our land on the tax base, and of course water quality is a big issue, so I’d like to see that improved as well.”

**Donna Storter Long:** The incumbent Republican has been a county commissioner since 2006 and has achieved advanced commissioner status with the Florida Association of Counties continuing education program. She has supported many community projects to help the county, citing the Ortona Community Center, park and playground; the Ortona Cemetery pavilion; the Muse fire station, park and playground; the Washington Park Community Center; upgrading of boat ramps and reopening of the Buckhead Ridge Pearce Canal, among others. “Your concerns are my concerns,” she tells voters in a mailer. “I respond when you call or contact me and do my best to resolve county-related matters. As senior member of the commission, my experience enables me to connect our past achievements with our future goals.” She also represents Glades on various regional boards, including for library, planning, trauma care, juvenile justice and risk management.

## County Board District 4

**John Ahern:** The incumbent Republican is finishing his first term and is in his second year as chairman of the board after serving as vice chairman the previous year. Prior to that, he served for 28 years on the Moore Haven City Council, seven years as mayor and 18 years as financial officer. He owns and operates Ahern’s LLC, a service center and convenience store/deli on U.S. 27; is a founding director and chairman of the Glades County Economic Development Council, a board member of the Glades Youth Livestock Show Inc. for 40 years and treasurer for 30-plus years, a firefighter for the Glades Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years, and a board member for two years and chairman for two years of the Glades Correctional Development Corp. Mr. Ahern says he enjoys strong working relationships with state and federal representatives as well as local school and city officials. “We need growth, and everything that we’re trying to do is to promote growth. We’ve been working on the (Moore Haven) hotel. (The county sought proposals for redevelopment of the old Glades Inn site, for which planning

is in progress.) There are several things we need, but it’s basically just everything we’re doing is trying to grow so we can increase our tax base. Right now we’re just not big enough to sustain a lot of businesses that we need, but we need more people and we need more of the amenities that they need, and that would change everything for us.”

**Jerri Lynn Schlueter:** A Democrat, Ms. Schlueter is a third-generation, lifetime resident of the county who has been married 24 years and has three daughters. Most recently, she worked for the City of Moore Haven in positions ranging from permit clerk up to public works director and FEMA-certified emergency preparedness manager. She was in charge of supervising code enforcement, utilities, waste collection and maintenance of city facilities. “I was the go-to person for all matters concerning municipal services, from overseeing day-to-day operations to fielding complaints.” She is involved with Moore Haven Middle-High School Advisory Council, the county Youth Athletic Association, the Chalo Nitka Festival Committee and the county Economic Development Council. “I am seeking this position to serve you, the citizens, not for personal gain. My goals are to help promote and enhance the economic, academic and commercial growth of our great county, while ensuring protection of our wonderful natural resources. I’ve worked closely with county staff during my city employment and realize the inherent struggles and successes. I am well prepared to serve as one of the five commissioners to develop policies and oversee management thereof,” she says in a mailer. “I give 100 percent to any task I take on.”

# Glades GOP’s ‘Salute to Veterans’ dinner is next week

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MOORE HAVEN — The eighth annual “Glades County Salute to Veterans” dinner and fundraiser for the Glades County Republican Party will take place Friday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in the Doyle Conner Building in Moore Haven. Admission is free to all veterans of the United States armed forces, or \$10 per guest.

The dinner will feature presentation of the colors by the Glades County Sheriff’s Office color guard promptly at 6, when the

lobby will be closed, followed by a buffet dinner catered by Kurbside Treats. The keynote speaker will be Andria Bryant Dolan, a Moore Haven resident and retired 25-year Air Force veteran.

There will be a raffle for the winner’s choice of either a Glock 43 9mm pistol or a Henry Golden Boy 22MagLever Action Rifle. The winner need not be present to win; donations of \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets are being accepted.

Pictures are needed to put together an honorary booklet for Glades veterans. The booklet will be given to each veteran at the 2019 Glades Salute to Veterans Dinner. All veterans at the dinner will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken by Laura Mathis or portrait photographer Berenice Acosta with the American flag. The photo opportunity is free, and the 5-by-7 picture will be mailed to the vet.

Veterans may stand or sit for the pho-

to and are encouraged to represent their branch of service. Participants also are asked to bring a photo from boot camp, in country or on base. These pictures will be carefully scanned and returned to the veteran as soon as scanning is complete.

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# Glades AYSO #1531 soccer announces registration



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Courtesy of Lehigh Photo  
Team members ages 4-16 and youth  
volunteers of the 2018 Glades AYSO  
Soccer League.

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BELLE GLADE — The Glades AYSO Soccer League will conduct registration at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, 540 S. Main St. in Belle Glade, on the following dates:

- Thursday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.;
- Friday, Nov. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.;
- Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m.;
- Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m.;
- Friday, Nov. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m.;
- Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program is open to children ages 4-16 (must turn 4 by Jan. 19).

A copy of the birth certificate is required for new players. The registration fee of \$55 includes uniform. For information, call 561-261-0011 or email radbairii@prodigy.net.

## Football around the lake

By Richard Marion

Lake Okeechobee News

• The Glades Day Gators scored early and often in their game against the Southwest Florida Christian Kings on Oct. 26, winning 63-26 and increasing their record to 5-4. They are currently ranked second in FHSAA's Class 2A Region 4 power rankings, two spots over Moore Haven. They'll wrap up their regular season against a St. John Paul II Academy team that is winless on the year. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 at Glades Day High School.

• The Moore Haven Terriers will cap off another successful regular season for the program with a big match-up against the 7-2 LaBelle Cowboys on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at Moore Haven High School. The Terriers enter the game 7-1 after their 36-14 win over First Baptist Academy on Oct. 26.

• The Okeechobee Brahms will host their rivals the Clewiston Tigers on Nov. 2 at Okeechobee High School, with kickoff at 7 p.m. Both teams come into the game on the heels of losing the previous week's game. Okeechobee finally broke its stretch of games without an offensive touchdown

when quarterback Blaine Keathley hit Jalen Pryor on a 41-yard touchdown pass. But it wasn't enough for the Brahms to top Jensen Beach as Okeechobee fell 42-7, dropping them to 0-9 this year. Clewiston lost their game against Dunbar 20-0 on Oct. 26, dropping them to 1-8. Although both teams have similar records, Clewiston was much more competitive in its games this season than Okeechobee, whose Brahms weren't able to put up much resistance to many of the teams they faced this year.

• The Pahokee Blue Devils will host their rivals the Glades Central Raiders in the 2018 Muck Bowl on Nov. 2. Kickoff is at 5 p.m. Pahokee comes into the game with a 5-5 record thanks to a three-game losing streak after they fell 35-14 to Cocoa on Oct. 26. Still, the Blue Devils sit atop of the Class 1A Region 4 power rankings by FHSAA, thanks in part to their strength of schedule. Glades Central comes into the game at 5-3 on a three-win streak after defeating Cardinal Newman 41-6. The Raiders appear to be getting hot at exactly the right time. They're currently ranked third in the Class 4A Region 4 power rankings.

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# Big Lake Sports

## Rivalries loom large in final weeks of high school football

By Richard Marion  
Lake Okeechobee News

As the final football games of the 2018 regular season approach and many teams vie for their spot in the playoffs, two games around Lake Okeechobee will be played that have no playoff implications whatsoever, yet they could not be more important to the four teams involved.

The Okeechobee Brahms will take on the Clewiston Tigers on Nov. 2 in one of the longest-running rivalries in South Florida. The Pahokee Blue Devils will face the Glades Central Raiders in the legendary Muck Bowl on Nov. 2 as well.

Okeechobee and Clewiston have played each other 66 times since 1944, which is the second-most games between two teams in the area, behind only Vero Beach and Martin County. Historically, the rivalry has been one-sided, with Clewiston winning 51 of the 66 games. But beginning in 2007, the series became a bit more even, with Okeechobee winning five of the 11 games from 2007 to 2017.

Now, in 2018, with the Brahms at 0-9 and the Tigers at 1-8, both teams find themselves out of the playoff hunt. Yet for a rivalry as old as Okeechobee and Clewiston, sometimes beating the other team in the final game of the year can mean more than all the other games combined.

Last year, in what would be Okeechobee head coach Chris Branham's last game, the Brahms rallied to defeat Clewiston 20-16 in a thriller. The victory let the Brahms end 2017 on a high note after what had been a somewhat tumultuous season.

After the win over Clewiston, Branham talked about the rivalry with the Tigers and his own experience with it as a player at Okeechobee High School.

"For me, growing up in Okeechobee, Clewiston was always the bully," explained Branham. "They were great every year, always had winning seasons. We've talked about the history of the rivalry to our kids.

Clewiston doesn't even look at us as their rival. They just see it as another game around the lake. When I was playing football here when I was younger, I remember old-timers coming up to me and saying, 'Are we going to beat Clewiston this year?' That was from guys who were in their 60s asking that same question. For us to win that game is a big thing: To be able to say that at the end of the day, no matter how the season looked, in the last game we stood firm and beat Clewiston."

Clewiston head coach Brad Garret says that he knows that no matter what either team's record is, when the Tigers play the Brahms it's always a hard-fought game.

"These last two years, Okeechobee has had a really good football team and they've come down to Clewiston and won," said Garret. "They've been very well coached and their kids play hard, and I know they're going to be up for this game. I think our football team has been through a lot this year. We're a group that's still hungry. We aren't going to look past anybody. We know the situation they are in, and they know the situation we're in. We're looking to end this season on a good note, and these kids deserve it."

Similar to Branham in 2017, this will be Garret's last game as head coach of the Clewiston Tigers. Longtime Tigers coach Pete Walker will make a return to the sidelines to coach Clewiston for the 2019 season. Garret is well-liked by the players on the Clewiston team, and you have to imagine they'd like nothing more than to send him out on top with a big win over an Okeechobee team that has struggled so far this season.

Two teams that haven't struggled this season are the Pahokee Blue Devils and the Glades Central Raiders.

Both teams are in the mix for the playoffs this year and have squared off against some of the best teams in the state. But none of those other games will matter



Lake Okeechobee News/Richard Marion  
Okeechobee scores a touchdown in the second half against the Clewiston Tigers in 2017. The Brahms would go on to win that game 20-16.

as much to either team as the 2018 Muck Bowl.

Starting in the 1980s, the Muck Bowl rivalry can seem relatively new compared with Okeechobee and Clewiston's, which dates to the 1940s. But nothing comes close to the intensity found at the Muck Bowl. There have been four times where the loser of the Muck Bowl went on to win a state championship. If you were to ask the players on either team which would be more important, a state championship or a win in the Muck Bowl, it might be a toss-up.

The 2007 Muck Bowl, regarded by many to be the best game played in the rivalry, drew the attention of many in the national media, including Sports Illustrated, ESPN and NFL Films. Both teams entered that game at a perfect 9-0, both teams were defending state champions, and both teams had future NFL stars on their rosters, including Glades Central wide receiver Travis

Benjamin and Pahokee cornerback Janoris Jenkins. Pahokee would go on to win 34-24 that year.

Pahokee comes into the game with a 5-5 record this year, but don't let that mislead you on their talent level. The Blue Devils have had one of the toughest schedules in the state this year and have been competitive in all of their games. Pahokee has dropped the last two games, however — losing 21-20 to Seminole Ridge and 35-14 to Cocoa.

Glades Central, on the other hand, comes in on a three-win streak to increase their record to 5-3, and you can bet the Raiders are ready to take down Pahokee after the Blue Devils won the past two Muck Bowls in 2016 and 2017.

Okeechobee will play Clewiston at 7 p.m. at Okeechobee High School on Nov. 2. Pahokee will face Glades Central at 5 p.m. at Pahokee High School on Nov. 2.

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# Davis takes Hendry administrator post

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LABELLE — Jennifer Davis was named county administrator by the Hendry County Board on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The board voted unanimously to promote Mrs. Davis to the county administrator position effective immediately.

“The board is excited to see what the future holds for Hendry County with Mrs. Davis as county administrator,” stated Chairman Mitchell Wills. “I have worked alongside her for many years and have seen the dedication she has for her work and our county. Her knowledge of our area will serve as a tremendous asset to the entire community.”

Mrs. Davis has served Hendry

County for over 19 years in various roles, including chief financial officer and budget director for the clerk of court, office of management of budget director and deputy county administrator for the Board of County Commissioners.

“I am honored to have this opportunity to continue serving Hendry County in my newest role as county administrator,” stated Mrs. Davis. “I have lived and worked in Hendry County for most of my life and will continue to work hard to preserve our county as a great place to live and work.”

Mrs. Davis is a lifelong resident of Hendry County and resides in Felda with her husband, Cliff Davis, and their three children.



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## Fifth-grade Safety Patrol recognized

On Friday, Oct. 5, Gove Elementary held a ceremony to recognize fifth-grade students who have been selected to be members of the Safety Patrol Association for the year 2018-19. This is indeed a great honor. To be chosen, a student must be held to higher standards in academics and citizenship. This is a wonderful reflection on Gove Elementary parents! Kudos to Ms. Lutz for overseeing this significant group of students. Pictured: Mrs. Lutz, fifth-grade teacher and safety patrol sponsor, and all of the inducted safety patrols.

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# Who has the best Halloween Costumes?

As has been our tradition for several years, the **Lake Okeechobee News** invites readers to share their Halloween costume photos. The newspaper will post the photos on our Facebook pages for Okeechobee, Moore Haven, Clewiston and Belle Glade/Pahokee. Facebook fans will be encouraged to vote for their favorites by “liking” the photos. The photos from each community with the most “likes” will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Lake Okeechobee News.

**Photos will be accepted via email from Oct. 31 through Nov. 7.**

**Photos will be posted online on November 8.**



**Voting will be November 8 thru the 12th.**

**The winning photos will be published in the Nov. 14 edition of the Lake Okeechobee News.**

**Email your Halloween photos to [okeenews@newszap.com](mailto:okeenews@newszap.com), as jpg attachments. Please include the name of the photographer, name of those in the photos, and the hometown of those in the photos.**



# Sweet Life in Hendry County

## Seven in running for Clewiston City Commission



Mali Gardner



Kevin McCarthy



Melanie McGahee



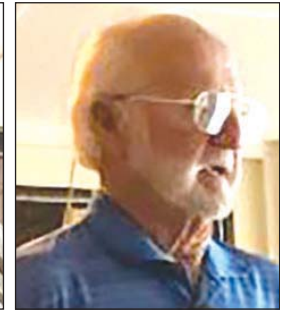
Kristine Peterson



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Lance Ramer



Philip Roland

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

CLEWISTON — Seven candidates are on the Nov. 6 ballot for three seats on the Clewiston City Commission. The two who receive the highest vote totals will be elected for four-year terms; the candidate finishing third will serve a two-year term.

Incumbent City Commissioners M. “Mali” Soto Gardner, Kristine Petersen and Phillip Roland are challenged by Kevin McCarthy, Melanie McGahee, James L. (Jimmy) Pittman and Lance “Bubba” Ramer.

The following biographies either were written by the candidates, taken from their respective Facebook pages, based on phone conversations or compiled from statements made at the forum conducted Thursday, Oct. 18, by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce at the John Boy Auditorium.

**Mali Gardner:** Ms. Gardner first ran

for the commission in 1999 and has served as mayor twice, from 2001 until 2010 and, presently, since 2016. She’s a member of the Hendry County Tourism Development Council and a vice president of First Bank, where she has worked since 1979. Mayor Gardner has lived in Clewiston since her family fled the Communist regime in Cuba in 1961, and has served the community in several positions, including currently as co-chairwoman of the Hendry/Glades 2019 United Way Campaign. “Growing up in Clewiston afforded my family many opportunities in realizing the American Dream. I am grateful for this blessing, and it is what motivated me to run,” she said. “I have ... not wavered in my commitment to the work of public service. During the recession and its aftermath, the goal has been to sustain the community’s assets for the next generation. Realizing that not everyone will agree with every decision made, I hope

that we can agree that Clewiston’s best days are ahead! There is continued work that must be done, and my public service experience has prepared me to help make the right decisions for Clewiston’s future.”

**Kevin McCarthy:** “I was born and raised in Clewiston, graduated from Clewiston High School, then attended Villanova University. I moved back to Clewiston in 1987 and have been an involved member of the community and a volunteer firefighter ever since. My wife of 30 years is a pediatric nurse practitioner who has worked at Forbes Family Care Center for over 15 years and has been very involved in youth programs within the community. My two children, Kristi Pena and Robby McCarthy, are also Clewiston residents. They are both coaches with AYSO Soccer when they’re not serving their community as a nurse practitioner and firefighter/paramedic, respectively. I believe that I should give

back to the community where I was raised, where I raised my children and where my children are raising my grandchildren.”

**Melanie McGahee:** “I am a Clewiston native, born in Clewiston to Peggy Knowles McGahee and the late Butch McGahee. I grew up in a large family with five siblings who were all raised here and educated in the Hendry County public school system. I earned an accounting degree from Florida Atlantic University, and a law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, passed both the Texas and Florida bar exams and am admitted to practice in both states. I am a partner with the law firm of McGahee & Perez, and I am also an owner of Everglades Abstract & Title Co. I know that the problems that plague the City of Clewiston are not new. They did not originate with our current commission. They

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## Anglers for Lake O unite to refute coastal media’s nonsense

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

CLEWISTON — Ramon Iglesias, as general manager of Roland and Mary Ann Martin’s Marina & Resort, hears all the varying points of view day after day about Lake Okeechobee discharges and the summer of 2018’s uproar on the coasts regarding blue-green algae (east) and foul red tide (west and east), supposedly caused by polluted lake water sent through the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers.

Breezy McMillan from Belle Glade and many members of her family long residing locally are veteran Lake O tournament anglers who’ve been plying the big lake and its wide marshes for decades. Among them, they all deal with many people day to day who either are retirees or urban refugees living here who love to fish on Lake Okeechobee or vacationers who live to visit it and do the same, supporting a wide variety of businesses around Lake Okeechobee’s southern edges.

Mr. Iglesias and Ms. McMillan an-

nounced the formation of a new advocacy group called Anglers for Lake Okeechobee, or AFLO, recently.

They had a meet-the-founders get-together Friday night, Oct. 19, and then were giving out some swag emblazoned with the logo promoting their organization and the idea behind it from a booth set up at the Roland Martin Marine Center Series Weigh-in on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Iglesias and Ms. McMillan are joining forces to get other fishing enthusiasts, guides and regular anglers on the Big Lake signing on and throwing their weight behind AFLO’s point.

It is, basically, that much of what’s been reported in coastal media sources about Southwest and Southeast Florida’s water woes is not only misleading and/or erroneous regarding the sources but in some cases outright false or maliciously misstated.

They want to sharpen their point and get it across over the hubbub of hot air



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News/Courtesy of Ramon Iglesias  
Breezy McMillan with Ramon Iglesias and Mike Krause at the Martin resort in Clewiston.

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# Traffic accident claims pedestrian's life

By **Debbie Perviss**

Lake Okeechobee News

CLEWISTON — A 66-year-old pedestrian succumbed to injuries she received from being struck by a car at the intersection of Davidson Road and Hooker Point Road on

Sunday, Oct. 28.

A Florida Highway Patrol press release stated that at 7:55 p.m., a 2013 Toyota Corolla operated by Jose Romero, 22, of Clewiston was westbound on Davidson Road approaching the intersection of Hooker Point Road.

At the same time, a pedestrian, Norma Torres, 66, of Clewiston, was crossing Davidson Road from south to north. Ms. Torres entered the westbound lane directly into the path of the Toyota. She was struck with the left front of the vehicle.

It was reported that Ms. Torres sustained

fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Charges were pending at the time of the news release.

The accident was investigated by FHP Trooper M.T. Farris and homicide investigator Corporal J.D. Close.

## SHINE offers help to evaluate Medicare benefits

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

LABELLE — Did you know that Medicare health insurance and drug plans can make changes each year — revising things such as cost, coverage, the prescriptions they include and their list of in-network providers and pharmacies? Fortunately, just like the insurance providers, beneficiaries can also make changes to their Medicare coverage each year. The Medicare open enrollment period is the time to make adjustments to your plan to ensure that you have the best coverage to complement your health needs for 2019.

Medicare can be a daunting subject for most people, and the open enrollment period only runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Fortunately, experts from the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) are available to provide free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling. Medicare beneficiaries can lean on these valuable local experts for advice.

SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and is operated locally through the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL). Specially trained SHINE counselors help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries, their

families and caregivers to understand their health care options so they can make the best decisions for their individual needs.

SHINE will offer drop-in Medicare counseling in LaBelle during the open enrollment period. Drop-in counseling will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at Hope Connections (475 E. Cowboy Way) on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Counselors will be on-site at all locations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare card and a list of prescription drugs with dosages.

The SHINE mission is to provide free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid for beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. SHINE also educates beneficiaries to protect, detect and report potential errors, fraud, and abuse with their Medicare coverage.

SHINE strongly encourages beneficiaries to be on the lookout for their Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), which they should have received from their plans prior to the end of September. Reviewing their benefits and evaluating their health care options each year is vitally important for beneficiaries. Acting quickly can assure a smooth transi-

tion into the 2019 benefit year.

SHINE counseling is also available by appointment year-round in Hendry County. To receive help from SHINE, individuals may call to schedule appointments at designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in their local communities, or arrange to speak with a trained SHINE counselor at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER). For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit [floridashine.org](http://floridashine.org).

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization serving

Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. The organization is committed to connecting older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity. More information is available at [aaaswfl.org](http://aaaswfl.org) or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

## Protect livestock from Florida panthers

Because of recent incidents of Florida panthers taking livestock and pets in Collier County, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is advising residents in the area to take the necessary precautions to properly shelter animals such as goats, sheep, calves, pigs, donkeys and chickens.

"The best way for people to protect small livestock is to keep them in a secure fenced enclosure with a roof, especially at night," said FWC panther team leader Darrell Land. "We encourage people who live in panther country to take the necessary steps to protect their animals from being taken by a panther or other predators such

as bears, bobcats and coyotes."

Similar safety measures should be taken to protect pets like dogs and cats by keeping them indoors at night or in an outdoor panther-proof pen.

The FWC is investigating and monitoring depredations on multiple miniature horses. Biologists have documented that panthers have killed two miniature horses and a pony in recent weeks.

People who have problems or concerns about panthers should call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone. To report a panther sighting to the FWC, go to MyFWC.com/PantherSightings.

## Hendry County Road & Bridge Report

HENDRY COUNTY — Below is a report on projects completed by the Hendry County Road & Bridge Department from Sept. 30 through Oct. 12.

### East Hendry County

Pothole Repairs: Blumberg Road and Harlem.

Grade Roads: LaDeca and Pioneer.

Hydro Seeding: Francisco Street.

Mowing: 7K subdivision, Airglades Airport, Clewiston area, Pioneer Roads, and Pioneer Landfill.

Shoulder Repairs: Harlem roads, 7K subdivision, and Francisco Street.

Herbicide: Everhigh Acres Road, LaDeca, and Pioneer.

Ditch Cleaning: Everhigh Acres Road.

Sign Maintenance: Clewiston and Harlem areas.

Tree Trimming: Flaghole.

### West Hendry County

Grading: Wheeler Road

Mowing: County Road 78, Fort Denaud Acres, Pioneer, Al Don Farming Road, LaDeca, Alphabet roads, Case Road, and Evans Road.

Herbicide: Port LaBelle Subdivision (guardrails), and County Road 833.

Repairs: Fort Denaud Bridge.

Edging: Cowboy Way, Port LaBelle, and County Road 78.

Ditch cleaning: North LaBelle Heights, and Christmas Ditch.

Residents with questions, concerns or requests for action regarding roads, ditches or other Hendry County maintenance items, please call 863-675-5222.

Please check the website [www.hendryfla.net](http://www.hendryfla.net) for the most up to date meeting information, including approved minutes of meetings, and video recordings of the meetings or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/hendrycounty](http://www.facebook.com/hendrycounty).

## Florida B. Thomas Library

CLEWISTON — The Florida B. Thomas Library, 1010 J Harlem Academy Ave., and Computers for Kids are working in partnership to provide affordable computers for the Harlem community. Anyone interested can purchase a complete computer system for \$40 at the library. Computers make great gifts!

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# Hendry sends FPL plan for solar plant to state

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

LABELLE — The Hendry County Board voted Oct. 23 to send on to state regulators Florida Power & Light Co.'s request for permission to build a solar energy facility on 623 agricultural acres along County Road 833, about 3 miles south of State Road 80.

FPL is requesting to amend the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan to allow the FPL Blue Heron Energy Center — a solar-only facility on the property that will be limited to total generation of 74.5 megawatts of electricity. Its application asks for a text amendment to add a subarea policy in accordance with the requirements outlined for the future land use map designation of Electrical Generating Facility. The action transmits FPL's petition to the state agencies for their review and comment through the expedited review process.

Any comments they provide will be considered and incorporated into the proposed comprehensive plan language, if appropriate, and presented to the county board later for adoption.

According to the economic impact statement provided by FPL: "The facility will provide direct and indirect economic benefits to the county, including benefits from increased local expenditures for goods and services during its construction and operation. Approximately 200 jobs will be generated during its six- to 10-month construction period. Use of local labor will be encouraged, where possible. Once the solar project is in service, it will pay taxes for the remainder of its economic life, which is expected to be more than the taxes currently paid on the land in its current use of citrus farming."

No more than 70 percent of the site will be taken up by power generating facilities, and a minimum of 30 percent will be open space, either left in native vegetation or landscaped. Solar panels will be allowed to rise no more than 20 feet off the ground. Once the plant is built, it will be unmanned except for occasional maintenance and monitoring visits. Agricultural uses (although not citrus production) still will be allowed on parts of the property not in use for power generation, and an educational/

visitor center facility also may be built.

For this development, FPL will reap the benefit of a property tax exemption the Florida Legislature enacted in 2017 for renewable energy source devices that are installed after Jan. 1, 2018; the company will not pay taxes on 80 percent of the assessed value of the power generating improvements made to the property.

The staff report pointed out, however, that there is no comparable tax break for three previously approved FPL power generating facilities in Hendry County: the Hendry Solar Energy Center and Hendry County Clean Energy Facility, both located on CR 833 south of CR 846; and the FPL Hammock Solar Energy Center, located off Sears Road.

Planning and Community Development Director Margaret Emblidge said, "We won't know how much the value will be until they've actually completed their construction."

Commissioner Michael Swindle said he wanted to make a statement: "I still have a bruised kidney over the beating we took from FPL on a large tract of land in the southern part of the county. I am super-excited that FPL is in this county. ... I want to see this project happen (and) more projects happen; but I want to see some tangible returns on investments that I still have a bruised kidney from the beating that we on this dais took for months to make this possible, rather than taking property that we are not going to see full benefit from and developing it and transforming it before the other property is developed."

Commissioner Karson Turner replied: "I can't speak for other commissioners, but I think you probably have a 5-0 vote of support on that, Commissioner Swindle. And I think it's a great time to ask for an update as it relates to the south county project on that piece down there because we were raked over the coals. And I think you've seen nothing but a unanimous vote of support when we conduct business with FPL and welcome (the company) with open arms."

While it was noted that construction is expected to begin within one to two years, an update on that progress was promised.

## Sad stories in state hit a new low

By Chris Felker

Lake Okeechobee News

As if headlines about smelly blue-green algae and deadly red tide in Florida waters weren't enough, then there were all the sickening pictures of multiple dead fish and other sea life, formerly destined to be caught by tourists for sport, hooked and grilled up for dinner, or which are protected for their rarity.

Then Hurricane Michael scoured the Forgotten Coast of the Panhandle clean beyond recognition in places, killing too many of our fellow Floridians while wip-

ing out the homes of hundreds, probably thousands of people during its mercifully quick but ravaging tempest.

Now, a young woman who was just relaxing on an idle weekend afternoon in a Tampa park has been killed by one of Florida's fabulous icons — a big palm tree — that fell on her, Hillsborough County sheriff's deputies reported Sunday, Oct. 21. Twenty-year-old Isabel Melendez was rescued from a hammock at Egmont Key Park the day before and was taken to a hospital in St. Petersburg, where she later died of her injuries.

## HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **November 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the petition is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the petition for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **December 11, 2018 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearings with respect to the petition. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

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

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at either meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail [mjohanson@hendryfla.net](mailto:mjohanson@hendryfla.net).

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Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

**Petition Number:** VA18-0003

**Applicant:** Riparius, LLC. represented by H.L. Bennett, PE., PL.S

**Resolution Title:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE OF 10 FEET RESULTING IN A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 25 FEET TO ALLOW FOR A GARAGE IN THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RG-2) ZONING DISTRICT.

**Project size:** +/- 1.1 acres

**Location:** 145 Caloosa Estates Dr., LaBelle Florida 33935  
**Parcel ID:** 1-29-43-06-A00-0024.0400

**Request:** The applicant is requesting a variance of 10 feet resulting in a front yard setback of 25 feet to allow for a garage on the property.

**Legal description of subject property:**

DESCRIPTION: (O.R.B. 488, PG. 1238)  
A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN GOVERNMENT LOT 10, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 10, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°33'01" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 10, A DISTANCE OF 851.81 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER CANAL; THENCE RUN SOUTH 18°54'51" WEST ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 587.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE NORTH 71°05'09" WEST A DISTANCE OF 230.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 18°54'51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 252 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF BEE BRANCH CREEK (AS REVISED); THENCE RUN DOWNSTREAM ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF BEE BRANCH CREEK A DISTANCE OF 265 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER CANAL; THENCE RUN NORTH 18°54'51" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 123.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.1 ACRES MORE OR LESS.



## Elks Soccer Shoot Results

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

Winners from local Elks lodges representing Clewiston, Okeechobee, and Jupiter competed at Sugarland Park in Clewiston on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the annual Southeast District Soccer Shoot.

The top three kickers in each age group qualify for the Elks South Region Soccer Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 8, in Clewiston.

South Region champions compete at the Elks State Soccer Shoot at the Elks Camp in Umatilla on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019.

- McKenzie Lansford placed first in U-8 Girls, scoring 27 points including three, 5-point goals. Julieanna Aragus was second with 20 points and Caylie Herring placed third with 17 points.

- Alexander Trevino won the Boys U-8 title as he scored 28 points. Tryston Sandoval placed second with 26 points and Terrance Ford placed third.

- Katheryn Rodriguez won the Girls U-10 division with 33 points at the regulation size goal. Paulina Flores placed second with 20 points and Brittney Casique placed

third with 17 points.

- Jose Velasco won the Boys U-10 title in a tie breaker 20-18 over Rusvel Aceituno. Both boys scored 43 points in regulation. Hunter Clark scored 32 points and placed third.

- Abigail Dean scored 38 points on goal to win the U-12 Girls division while Cari Anthony won the Girls U-14 division with 16 points.

- Brody Sutton won the U-12 Boys division with 54 points. William Velasquez placed second with 35 points and Josiah

Morris placed third with 34 points.

- Gray Redish won the U-14 Boys division with 48 points including nine, 4 point kicks. Jace Vallejo scored 44 points to place second.

- Gilbert Romero won the Boys U-16 title with 48 points. Diego Paniagua placed second with 38 points.

- Katelin Aragus won the U-16 Girls division with 54 points. Ansley Redish and Nicole Chanteng both placed second with 39 points (time restriction prevented a tie breaker) and Jaylin Aragus placed third with 30 points.

## Golf course plans events

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The Clewiston Golf Course plans the following events:

- Saturday, Nov. 10: Clewiston Rotary Tournament, 9 a.m. start;

- Saturday, Nov. 24: Two-Person Team Horse Race (new event), 2:30 p.m. start (pick your own partner handicapped), nine holes;

- Saturday, Dec. 1: Stan Wegscheid Memorial Tournament, 9 a.m. start;


- Friday, Dec. 9-Sunday, Dec. 11: Sugar Cup Gators vs. World;

- Saturday, Dec. 29: Clewiston Golf Course Men's Club Championship, 10 a.m. start.

Register for these events in the golf shop or call 863-983-1448.




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Front row: McKenzie Lansford, Hunter Clark, Rusvel Aceituno, Alexander Trevino, Terrance Ford, Tryston Sandoval, and Paulina Flores. Back row: Jose Velasco, Josiah Morris, William Velasquez, Jace Vallejo, Cari Anthony, Brittney Casique, Nicole Chanteng, Gilbert Romero



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**Flow to the Caloosahatchee River has been set at 1,000 cubic feet per second, for the time being. The river needs some flow from the lake during the dry season in order to prevent saltwater intrusion. While South Florida Water Management District officials have set the minimum flow at 400 cubic feet per second, Lee County officials have argued the minimum should be 700 cfs, and that 1,000 cfs would be optimum for the health of the estuaries.**

## Targeted lake low benefits Caloosahatchee River

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District will maintain flows at current rates from Lake Okeechobee to the estuaries.

Starting Friday, Oct. 26, the corps implemented a seven-day average pulse release of 1,000 cfs as measured at the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79), which will continue until further notice. This flow to the Caloosahatchee is the level requested by Lee County officials as necessary for the health of the estuaries. Without some flow from the lake during the dry season, the Caloosahatchee suffers from saltwater intrusion. The minimum flow at the Franklin Lock established by South Florida Water Management District is 400 cfs. Lee County officials have asked for a minimum of 700 cfs with an optimum level of 1,000 cfs.

No flows are currently planned at the St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80). Additional runoff from rain in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie basins could occasionally result in flows that exceed one or both targets.

“We will maintain our current flows of 1,000 cubic feet per second to the Caloosahatchee and zero flows to the St. Lucie,” said Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds, Jacksonville District deputy commander for South Florida. “We will accomplish this using the additional operational flexibility that was built into the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule.”

The goal of utilizing additional operational flexibility in the 2008 LORS is to help manage lake levels in advance of potential El Niño conditions, which has the

potential to produce a wetter than normal dry season. Water managers will continue to monitor conditions and adjust flows accordingly.

“In this instance, we are using the flexibility to allow a slightly higher flow than what LORS guidance suggests,” said Lt. Col. Reynolds. “This helps meet multiple project purposes. We are managing flood risk by creating storage for potential El Niño rains. We are also enhancing environmental conditions with this extra water to ensure the mix of saltwater and freshwater in the estuary is appropriate.”

The corps will continue to apply operational flexibility as long as the total volume of water released with this option remains below 164,600 acre-feet. Lake Okeechobee is currently at 13.92 feet above sea level.

The previous three-week release schedule started Friday, Oct. 5, implementing seven-day pulse releases with an average target flow for the Caloosahatchee Estuary of 2,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam (S-79) near Fort Myers, and 0 cfs for the St. Lucie Estuary as measured at St. Lucie Lock & Dam (S-80) near Stuart. Average target flows to the Caloosahatchee were gradually stepped down to 1,500 cfs on Oct. 12, and 1,000 cfs on Oct. 19, while the St. Lucie target remained at zero cfs.

For more information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the Jacksonville District water management website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/WaterManagement.aspx>.

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have existed for a long time. I have grown tired of talking about the problems in the city and not being able to do anything about it. I am ready to do something. I do not want to settle for mediocrity. I do not want to maintain the status quo. I believe we, Clewiston, can do better.”

**Kristine Petersen:** A teacher in Clewiston High School's Public Safety Academy and a resident of Hendry County for more than 30 years, Commissioner Petersen was appointed to her seat in April 2014, then won a four-year term in her first election that fall. She is a law enforcement professional who worked for the city for 13 years previously and also serves on the Chamber of Commerce board. Saying that she's a fair and impartial consensus-builder, Ms. Petersen stated: "I would like to remain on the City Commission, keeping a fresh, conservative perspective on city issues. I will continue to focus on maintaining and improving our

outdoor assets, enhancing family activities and providing the services, infrastructure and leadership to maintain and improve our quality of life, and to have the City of Clewiston be sensitive to its employees' welfare and concern. It is important that we continue to grow our small business community, the very backbone of our city: That will entail making sure our zoning is realigned, support services are in place for small business efforts and the relationship with the chamber is robust. The "Downtown" plan should be re-evaluated (and) aligned to current needs. We heard the community concerns about the paving and implemented a progressive plan to remedy the situation. We continue to improve fiscal health, infrastructure and our flow of communication. These issues are important to all of us and I would like the opportunity to keep working to make positive changes.”

**Jimmy Pittman:** Born and raised in Clewiston, Mr. Pittman has been a volunteer firefighter for the city for 27 years and business owner in town with his wife, Paula, for 32 years. The couple has three children. He served on the commission from 1997 to 2014 and has also served as mayor. "Clewiston has been very good to Jimmy Pittman and his family," he said at the chamber forum.

# Idea to cut phosphorus could win \$10 million

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

MIAMI — After more than two years of testing their technologies in laboratories and in the field, the four finalists in The George Barley Water Prize — a \$10 million incentive award to find a new technology capable of removing phosphorus from polluted fresh body waters — were announced yesterday at a formal ceremony in Toronto. The four finalists each received \$125,000 to support their continuing research and development.

Phosphorus is widely used in chemical fertilizers, and while essential for plant growth and human health, excess amounts in waterways nurtures the growth of algae that is killing fish and spoiling water quality worldwide. According to the World Resources Institute, more than 15,000 freshwater bodies in the United States alone are affected by phosphorus pollution.

The George Barley Water Prize finalists who will advance to phase 4 are:

- Clean Water Machine from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho;
- Wetsus NAFRAD from Leeuwarden, the Netherlands;
- Green Water Solution, Inc. from Wellington, Fla.; and
- U.S. Geological survey Leetown Science Center from Kearneysville, W.V.

"These finalists represent our best hope for solving the algae crisis that is choking waterways worldwide," said Eric Eikenberg, CEO of The Everglades Foundation, which is hosting the competition with presenting sponsor The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation.

The George Barley Water Prize was launched in 2016, following a state of emergency in Florida that lasted for 242 days as a result of toxic algae blooms that devastated the state's waterways.

The competition attracted 104 international competitors, which were then narrowed down to nine competitors who tested their technologies under cold weather conditions in Toronto for a 90-day stretch in early 2018. The four remaining teams will now advance to the final phase of the competition, the "Grand Challenge," where they will test their technologies in warm water conditions at Lake Jesup, near Orlando. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is contributing \$1 million towards the final phase.

"The four finalists will engage in 14 months of intensive field testing under moderate and warm weather conditions," Mr. Eikenberg said. "These final four teams will need to prove their technologies' ability to work in both freezing and warm temperatures. This will be their opportunity to showcase the global applicability of their solutions."

Modeled after the incentive prizes that encouraged Charles Lindbergh to make the first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight and that led to the invention of fire extinguishers and commercial hydraulic turbines, The George Barley Water Prize is a \$10 million award to the team that can develop a safe, effective and affordable method to remove phosphorus from waterways on a large scale. The prize is named after the late George Barley, one of the two founders of The Everglades Foundation, Eikenberg noted.

"It's clear that groundbreaking innovation is needed to solve for harmful algae blooms caused by excess phosphorus," said Jim King, President of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation. "Stage 3 marked a turning point in the Barley Prize competition, bringing innovations into the real world for testing."

"I believe Clewiston is on the upswing, and it's a great place to be and a great place to live." Asked why he's running again, he said, "I love our small town and this community and, just as I did before, I desire to take part in making it even better. I want to create positive, sustainable growth and increase commerce to expand our tax base so that we can continue to improve our infrastructure and revitalize older parts of the community. I will provide vision and positive leadership while bringing accountability and transparency to our city. I am committed to finding ways to cut costs and decrease the debt of our city with innovative ideas and hard work."

**Lance Ramer:** A resident of Clewiston since 1987, Mr. Ramer said, "I quickly ingrained myself into the community by offering my time and energy in many civic, philanthropic and volunteer service organizations, many of which I am still actively involved in, 31 years later. I've raised three children as a single parent during this time and could not be any more proud of them. I have 24 years of leadership experience in public, private, nonprofit and governmental organizations that I will bring to the position of city commissioner. I believe that the City of Clewiston must develop a clear, cohesive and comprehensive vision in order to be successful." He also pledged to "provide 100 percent transparency on all issues; open communication; open-mindedness; a common-sense approach to problem-solving — proactive, not reactive; complete follow-through of tasks; and initiate SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable and Timely) as the foundation in which to build a better community for our residents and guests. I believe the best is yet to come for

the City of Clewiston and we need to begin our preparations now for its success, or we will find ourselves behind the progress trying to keep up," Mr. Ramer wrote.

**Phillip Roland:** Born in Clewiston, the city commissioner seeking re-election to a third term is a retiree, an Air Force veteran and served as a Hendry County commissioner from 1974 until '94. First elected when he was 33, Mr. Roland was board chairman for 13 years. He won a two-year city commission term in 2012 and was re-elected for a four-year term in 2014. As to why he's running again at age 77, he explained: "It's just a thing of being involved. I tell everybody, I'm certainly concerned about the infrastructure of the city, and the roads, and that we've got to keep the infrastructure up. And, you know, I've been a 'lake person.' I'm the only lake person on the commission, and I don't know of another lake person that's ever been on the commission until I was elected. And it is our lifeblood for tourism. The city should absolutely do more to capitalize on it. We need to advertise, and the Tourism Development Council is backing some tournaments and stuff that we need to market ourselves on the lake. I have encouraged that since I've been on the commission, but it's been tough. When I took office, the city was basically broke, and I served four years as mayor, and actually we were getting our feet on the ground to be a solid city. We have continued to get more monies put in reserves the last two years, and we will continue. The city is on a good path financially now, and certainly there are people out there who say we're not, but the auditor said this year that we had gone over the hump, that we were in good shape."

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and heated politics heard in the coastal markets.

Declared Mr. Iglesias: "You know, for the last couple of years, Lake Okeechobee has gotten beaten down with bad press, and everyone's complaining about the discharges, and no one focuses on where the water comes from. So we have to draw attention, and the reason I'm starting the organization is these fishermen post things on the internet in defense of what's going on on the east and west coasts. We're kind of all over the place, and we're looking to unify — and that's our basic, main mission is to slow the flow coming into Lake O."

He said they started a website following up on their launch of the #SlowtheFlow Facebook page as the summer began, and realized they needed to push it more.

"You guys (the **Lake Okeechobee News**) have done a really great job of putting out facts, and unfortunately, that's not what's getting out there. It's really disappointing what the media have been putting out there on the east and west coasts," Mr. Iglesias said.

"So in July we had a rally for Slow the Flow, and we took 26 people out from the east and west coasts. We had pontoon boats, airboats and bass boats out there, and every one of those people when they came off the lake were saying basically the same thing, that, oh, this isn't what they've seen on the news. Well, ironically, we took

three separate reporters out, from Link News, NBC2 and Fox4, and they all told their captain, 'This isn't what we've been reporting on the lake.'

"And then that evening, they posted the bad stuff, you know, and I know their producers just pushed it on them, but it's just crazy how we just can't get a fair shake."

Ms. McMillan said, "My family's been on the lake for many decades now dating back to being commercial fishermen, and we've just grown from there, doing tournaments. We've had tournaments that have been coming to the lake annually that aren't coming because of the bad publicity, which is all fake news." She was referring to the FLW series.

"We're not going to have that coming in January, and we feel like that's going to really hurt everybody, the tourism and everything," she added.

Mr. Iglesias said: "We will continue to educate people and explain to them that over 95 percent of the water that comes into Lake Okeechobee, comes from the north. So a big part of the solution to fix this problem has to be storage north of the lake, and we must use deep injection wells to store water and clean water, and ASR (aquifer storage and recovery) wells, and we just need a better focus to north of the lake."

Ms. McMillan feels strongly about their mission. "We still have many tournaments, every weekend, every month, year-round around the lake because it's a great fishery, but it is going to start affecting us if we don't do something now."

# Young citrus trees may benefit from full irrigation

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

GAINESVILLE — Mature citrus trees affected by the bacterial disease Huanglongbing typically need about 25 percent less irrigation than their healthy counterparts — but that doesn't necessarily mean young trees with the disease will benefit from water deficits, according to a preliminary greenhouse study by researchers with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Experiments on 1-year-old orange trees showed similar responses to irrigation in healthy trees and those affected by Huanglongbing, also known as HLB or citrus greening disease. Diseased or not, the trees grew faster when they received daily irrigation that kept pace with losses from evapotranspiration, a measurement that combines two types of water loss — evaporation from soil, trunk, stem and leaf surfaces, and losses from transpiration, the process by which water vapor exits the tree through its leaf pores during the day.

This result suggests that young, HLB-affected trees benefit most from a “full ration” of water, a finding that surprised

researchers, said soil and water science expert Davie Kadyampakeni, an assistant professor with the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred.

“Over the past few years, there has been interest in the possibility that mature trees with HLB might benefit from temporary irrigation deficits, because when we impose those conditions it can force a tree to improve its water-use efficiency,” Mr. Kadyampakeni said. “But our findings indicate that young trees with HLB grew faster when they received what growers would consider a full ration of water.”

In recent years, UF/FAS researchers have determined that mature HLB-affected citrus trees require about 25 percent less water than their healthy counterparts, he said. The exact reasons are unclear, but reductions in leaf area and root function have been cited as possible causes. Because mature HLB-affected trees often continue to produce marketable fruit for years, one of the top priorities for UF/IFAS citrus experts is to find methods of supporting tree health throughout the early stages of the HLB disease process.

Results from the current study suggest

that the team may have uncovered an important new aspect of the disease process, and that growers might want to consider providing full irrigation to all young trees, regardless of their HLB status, he said.

“These findings are intriguing, but we're not ready to issue a recommendation

yet,” Mr. Kadyampakeni said. “We need to follow up with field trials ... to assess the irrigation needs of young trees under typical industry conditions. You have to remember that this was a greenhouse study, and the vast majority of Florida citrus is grown outdoors.”

## Clewiston Christian School Honor Roll

The Clewiston Christian School announces its honor roll students for the first nine-week semester of the 2018-19 school year.

### Kindergarten - Mrs. McDonald

- A Honor Roll: Reese Beck, Penelope Cisneros, Sebastian Ehrenhauser, Kolten Kettner, Havana Kurtz, Myla Rives and Thomas Suggs.
- A/B Honor Roll: Cormac Duffy, Sophia Espinosa, Jensen Harn and Boone Sergent.
- Most Improved: Aalaysia Melton.

### First grade - Mrs. Iglesias

- A Honor Roll: Brantley Alston, Dagim Assefa, Jovan Drummond, Kinley Garcia, Case Herring, Tyler Holcomb and Branson Jackman.
- A/B Honor Roll: Christopher Daniels, Janelle Howell, GaBrielle Registe, Rainer Robbins and Lucas Wiseman.
- Most Improved: Branson Jackman.

### Second grade - Mrs. Chancey

- A Honor Roll: Jillian Mathis, Kali Runkles, Piper Beck, Zaihaley Cepeda, Austin Jones and Katherine Pitts.
- A/B Honor Roll: Chyna Armstrong, Paisley Bellew, Brayden Casique, Ryan Daniels, Aundres Gonzalez, Cheyenne Jackman, Gabriella Planitario, Alexis Pridgen and Mikaela Vallejo.
- Most Improved: Easton Henry.

### Third grade - Mrs. Beck

- A Honor Roll: Brooklyn Sergent, Bris-

Emily Martinez, David Matul-Danis, Alejandro Padron, Trenton Pagan, Christopher Santacruz, Ayannie Thomas, Jordan Valdez, Raisa Viera.

### Third grade

- A Honor Roll: Alain Forteza, Obday Garcia, Aviana Johnson, Cesar Solis, Denise Valdes.
- A/B Honor Roll: Bella Byrd, Mark Chamberlain, Zaira Derr, Adrian Eastman, Christopher Ervin, Yesenia Esparza, Obdy Garcia, Dejah Henry, Kristian Johnson, Brayden McNeil, Leo Madrigal, Rocco Mann, Arion Martin, Murad Ramadan, Murad Ramadan, Yulien Reyes, Ezdri Sanchez, Cor'dell Ward.

### Fourth grade

- A Honor Roll: Isaiah Cardinas, Farhan Emran, Neftali Euceda, Manuel Guerra, Andrea Hardy, Jeanette Hernandez, Jayla Holland, Leylani Leon, Jackson Mann, Jacob Porth, Enrique Puentes, Emily Sanchez.

tol Rives, Hendrix Kurtz and Ruby Keith.

• A/B Honor Roll: Jeshua Yongco, Sophia Valdez, Gisela Martinez, Lydia Lee, Aylee Harn, Aniyah Gonzalez, Liliana Cobb, Chloe Branaman and Quanteria Arnold.

- Most Improved: Lailah Simon.

### Fourth grade - Mr. Duffy

- A Honor Roll: Nathan Assefa, Rebekah Reyes and Ansley Story.
- A/B Honor Roll: Landon Bellew, J'Lyne Billie, Brittney Casique, Cohen Espinosa, Riyani Joyner, Elmer Perez, Caleb Pitts, Riley Sutton and Sergio Vega.

### Fifth grade - Mrs. Gibbs

- A Honor Roll: Yara Ramadan.
- A/B Honor Roll: Kamyryn Herring, Kaden Langston, AngelLuis Lopez and Jace Vallejo.

### Sixth grade - Mrs. Alston

- A Honor Roll: Zachary Alston, Hilary Byers, Imani Greaves and Hatton Kurtz.
- A/B Honor Roll: Justin Fonseca, Jada Ifill, Madeline Jackson, Sofia Miranda, Daylen Moss, Harrison Polhill, Aundrea Sanchez, Tucker Sergent and Sadler Soles.

### Sixth grade - Mrs. Lee

- A Honor Roll: Abby Keith and Ada Keith.
- A/B Honor Roll: Mckenna Chancy, Abbiegale Green, Eric Green, Aidan Katryan, Hunter Lee, Amelia Martin, Maya Mendez, Rylee Pack, Phoebe Stowe, Myles Swindle and Prestyn Torres.

• A/B Honor Roll: Jacob Alvarez, Janelle Castro, Melanie Del Valle, Nelson Dominguez, Christopher Dookram, Samari Ellison, Priscilla Gomez, Leo Guerra, Angie Jasso, Jae'lin Johnson, Esmeralda Lopez, Nicolas Lopez, Christopher Martinez-Nuevo, Kandence Mergott, Fabian Moody, Christian Santacruz, Frederick Small, Jayden Smith, Casey Stoker, Gage Tate, Larryounna Willis.

### Fifth grade

- A Honor Roll: Alejandro Betancourt, Briza Forteza, Daniel Hernandez, Saifan Hoque, Tyreek McCray, Jiromi Morales, Dylan Stanley.
- A/B Honor Roll: Alyssa Acosta, Kaylynn Armstrong, Paige Dixon, Fahima Emran, Ryleigh Frotten, Chances Everett, Alex Hernandez, Jamarina Humphrey, Yadiria Martinez, Eddie Mauricio, Xavier Medrano, Ja'carrion McCray, Jamari Moore, Karen Posotempa, Jazevian Pugh, Kaylee Ramos, Nayeli Valdes.

## Bird watching trip planned

CLEWISTON — Would you like to go on a free, escorted birding “driving” trip to Stormwater Treatment Area 5/6 (STA 5/6)? On Saturday Nov. 3, local residents will have a special opportunity to participate in a trip.

Meet at the Clewiston McDonald's at 7 a.m. to carpool to the STA 5/6 gate at the “new entrance” about 21 miles south of Clewiston, at the south end of Blumberg Road, or meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Blumberg Road STA 5/6 gate.

There are directional signs on County Road 835. This scheduled event led by Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers will drive on levee roads around three cells

to observe or photograph the 40 to 60 bird species normally found at the site in November.

To reserve your spot, text Margaret England at 863-517-0202 or register online for Saturday's or upcoming driving trips. The link is at hendrygladesaudubon.org (STA 5/6 info.) The caravan around the levees will be limited to eight cars.

A limited number of binoculars and walkie-talkies will be available. Walking and bicycle access is available year-round on Friday, Saturday and Monday during daylight hours in designated areas of STA 5/6.

la Cardenas, Mia Nunez Centeno, Brian Flores, David Hernandez, Isandra Hurtado, Julian Loza, Karrson McNeil, Kaleb Myers, Emmanuel Ramirez, Adleigh Sullivan, Martha Vasques, Waylon Zeh.

• A/B Honor Roll: Coraline Anderson, Diego Bonilla, Angel Borrell, Landon Brown, Mia Diaz, Gerienna Dixon, Reylit Garcia, Lyannie Grase, Logan Gutierrez, Tavaris Holland, Chace Hunter, Khalif Jones, Amayrani Jose-Juarez, Tiana Maldonado, Isabella Parodi-Castro, Civic Rios, Alexavier Roman, Annelys Ruiz.

### Second grade

- A Honor Roll: Aubrey Burgis, Jon Cordova, Juan Cordova, Fariha Emran, Carolina Garcia, Jaden Harripaul, Enrique Leon, Elijah Massey, Damien Norby, Gustavo Ramirez, Jonhquavious Rivers, Jamar Sawyer, Gavin Smith, Gonzalo Valteirra, Szahani Wheeler, Kinsli Williams, Aaron Zetino.
- A/B Honor Roll: Jaden Blue, Lyric Dixon, Mia Hawkins, Alexander Hernandez,

## Eastside Elementary School Honor Roll

Eastside Elementary School announces its honor roll students for the first nine-week semester of the 2018-19 school year.

### Kindergarten

• A Honor Roll: McKenna Balon, Jesus Garcia Ruiz, Gerald Dixon, AnnAleah Gonzalez, Mackenzie Grimes, Galileah Hernandez, Joseph Jackson, Marvin Mendez, Bryson Molina, Maria Palomares-Martinez, Yoana Ramirez, Joaquin Roquett, Alexavier Zavala.

• A/B Honor Roll: Blake Ball, Liliana Blackmon, Josselyn Cruz, Evelyn Espinosa, Tanya Espinosa, Harlen Etzweiler, Eduardo Gomez Lopez, Daniel Granados, Sa'Jah Hamin, Marah Hardy, Ashlynn Livingood, Alexia Longoria, Byron Martinez, Tyree Moody, Sofia Olvera, Jasmin Ramzahuer, Ian Rodriguez, Evelio Torres, Cor'Melo Ward.

### First grade

- A Honor Roll: Breanna Ball, Isabel-

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT/E

Official General Election Ballot / Boleta Oficial de las Elecciones Generales
November 6, 2018 / 6 de Noviembre de 2018
Hendry County, Florida / Condado de Hendry, Florida

Instructions: To vote completely fill in the oval next to your choice. Use black or blue ballpoint pen. If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

Instrucciones: Para votar, llene completamente el óvalo al lado de su preferencia. Use negro o azul bolígrafo. Si usted hace un error, no dude en pedir una nueva boleta. Si borra o hace otras marcas, su voto no se puede contar.

United States Senator
Senador de los Estados Unidos
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Rick Scott (REP)
Bill Nelson (DEM)
Write-in / Escrito

2nd District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Anthony K. Black of the 2nd District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
2nd Corte de Apelaciones
¿Debera retenerse en su cargo en el Corte de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito el Juez Anthony K. Black?
Yes/Si No/No

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article X, Section 29
Voter Control of Gambling in Florida
This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution.

Representative in Congress District 25
Representante en Congreso Distrito 25
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Mario Diaz-Balart (REP)
Mary Barzee Flores (DEM)

2nd District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Darryl C. Casanueva of the 2nd District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
2nd Corte de Apelaciones
¿Debera retenerse en su cargo en el Corte de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito el Juez Darryl C. Casanueva?
Yes/Si No/No

The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Gobernador y Gobernador Teniente
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Ron DeSantis (REP)
Jeanette Nuñez (DEM)

2nd District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Edward C. LaRose of the 2nd District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
2nd Corte de Apelaciones
¿Debera retenerse en su cargo en el Corte de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito el Juez Edward C. LaRose?
Yes/Si No/No

N.º 3 Enmienda Constitucional, Artículo X, Sección 29
Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Votantes
La presente enmienda garantiza que los votantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos, exigiendo que para que estas sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida, deban ser primero aprobadas por los votantes de Florida de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3 de la Constitución de Florida.

Andrew Gillum (DEM)
Chris King (DEM)
Darcy G. Richardson (REF)
Nancy Argenzianno (REF)

2nd District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Susan H. Rothstein-Youakim of the 2nd District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
2nd Corte de Apelaciones
¿Debera retenerse en su cargo en el Corte de Apelaciones del Segundo Distrito el Juez Susan H. Rothstein-Youakim?
Yes/Si No/No

El impacto de la enmienda en los ingresos públicos y costos del gobierno estatal y local, si los hubiere, no pueden determinarse en este momento. Esto debido a que se desconoce su efecto en las operaciones de apuestas que no hayan sido aprobadas por los votantes mediante una enmienda constitucional propuesta a través de un proceso de petición de iniciativa por parte de los ciudadanos.

Kyle "KC" Gibson (NPA)
Ellen Wilds (NPA)
Ryan Christopher Foley (NPA)
John Tutton Jr (NPA)

Attorney General
Procurador General
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Ashley Moody (REP)
Sean Shaw (DEM)
Jeffrey Marc Siskind (NPA)

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6, Article XII, Section 37
Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies.

Chief Financial Officer
Director Financiero
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Jimmy Patronis (REP)
Jeremy Ring (DEM)

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article XII, Section 27
Limitations on Property Tax Assessments
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year.

The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of voters registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the process in place today.

Commissioner of Agriculture
Comisionado de Agricultura
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Matt Caldwell (REP)
Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM)

N.º 1 Enmienda Constitucional, Artículo VII, Sección 6, Artículo XII, Sección 37
Aumento de la Exención sobre los Impuestos a la Propiedad de la Vivienda Familiar (Homestead)
Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de aumentar la exención fiscal de la vivienda familiar mediante la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100,000 y hasta \$125,000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares.

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article VI, Section 4
Voting Restoration Amendment
This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

State Attorney 20th Judicial Circuit
Procurador del Estado
20 Circuito Judicial
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Amira Fox (REP)

N.º 2 Enmienda Constitucional, Artículo XII, Sección 27
Limitaciones sobre las Tasaciones Fiscales de las Propiedades
Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de conservar de manera permanente las disposiciones actualmente vigentes, las que limitan el aumento de las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades en propiedades determinadas específicas que no sean destinadas a la vivienda familiar, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, a un 10% anual.

Los efectos precisos de la presente enmienda en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se describan para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente.

State Senator District 28
Senador del Estado Distrito 28
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Kathleen Passidomo (REP)
Annisa Karim (DEM)

N.º 4 Enmienda Constitucional, Artículo VI, Sección 4
Enmienda de Restablecimiento de Derechos al Voto
La presente enmienda restablece los derechos de votación de los Floridianos que han sido condenados por delitos graves después de que cumplan todos los términos de su sentencia, lo que incluye la libertad condicional o provisional. La enmienda no regiría para aquellos condenados por homicidio o delitos sexuales, a quienes se les seguiría prohibiendo de manera permanente votar, a menos que el Gobernador y el Gabinete votaran para restablecer sus derechos de votación según cada caso en particular.

Los efectos precisos de la presente enmienda en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se describan para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente.

Property Appraiser
Tasador de Propiedades
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Dena R. Pittman (REP)
Tony Aguilar (DEM)

Justice of the Supreme Court
Justicia de la Suprema Corte
Shall Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court be retained in office?
¿Debera retenerse en su cargo en el Tribunal Supremo el Magistrado Alan Lawson?
Yes/Si No/No

Los efectos precisos de la presente enmienda en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se describan para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente.

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Vote from Side of Ballot
Vote Los Dos Lados De La Boleta

001 Non City

VOTERS RESIDING IN DISTRICTS WILL HAVE OPTIONS ON

LOS VOTANTES QUE DE LOS SIGUIENTES OPCIONES DE VOTO EN SUS

ONLY APPEARS IN PRECINCT #2
SOLO APARECE EN RECINTO #2

County Commissioner District 2
Comisionado del Condado Distrito 2
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
Darrell R. Harris (REP)
Kenneth G. Diaz (NPA)

ONLY APPEARS IN CITY PORTIONS OF PRECINCTS #1 AND #7
SOLO APARECE EN UNA PORCION DE LOS RECINTOS #1 Y #7

Clewiston City Commissioners
Comisionados de la Ciudad de Clewiston
Vote for no more than Three
Vote por no más de Tres
M. "Mali" Soto Gardner
Kevin McCarthy
Meianie A. McGahee
Kristine Peterson
James L. "Jimmy" Pittman
R. Lance "Bubba" Ramer
Phillip Roland

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Hendry County REC Recommendations