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Nine apply to fill Moore Haven city manager post

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

Moore Haven City Council members are in the process of poring over nine applications to fill their long-vacant city manager position.

The last person to hold it, Frank Thomas, left in the fall of 2011, and previously the post had been vacant for many years, according to City Clerk Maxine Brantley.

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Laura Gonzalez Mathis

Veterans Day dinner

The Republican Party of Florida Glades County Republican Executive Committee hosted a Glades County Salute to Veterans ceremony and dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Doyle Conner Building in Moore Haven. More on Page 8.

Irma debris amnesty day idea nixed

Glades board decides county shouldn't attempt it

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

The Glades County Board on Monday night devoted 20 minutes to discussing a suggestion made by Commissioner Tim Stanley at its previous meeting to offer an amnesty day at the county dump, giving county residents a final chance to get rid of leftover debris from Hurricane Irma. But, after chewing through the topic as thoroughly as a wood chipper shreds palm fronds, his fellow commissioners' consensus was that the logistics of such an offer alone would overwhelm their good intentions.

Although concerns were raised about the potential cost, with Manager Paul Carlisle saying Glades County might never receive reimbursement for the extra cleanup effort from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it turned out that other questions and complications discouraged even Mr. Stanley from attempting to push a countywide "dump-Irma-debris-free" day.

Actually, it probably wouldn't have been "free" after all, as some commissioners were leaning toward imposing a small flat fee and requiring a county inspection beforehand and a spotter at the gate to make sure prohibited junk wouldn't have been thrown in with permitted debris.

In the end, as much as several commissioners said they hated not being able to help people dispose of their accumulated piles of debris, no action was taken. That means citizens are going to have to get their piles removed on their own, or possibly face code enforcement action at some point.

Mr. Carlisle started by saying, "We've collected debris for the last (two) months and made two rounds throughout the county

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Head-on leaves 3 dead and 3 serious

Special to the Glades County Democrat



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A truck and an SUV collide head-on on State Road 29, causing them to become engulfed in flames.

An accident involving an SUV and a truck in Glades County left three dead and three in serious condition on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported a vehicular accident at approximately 5:35 a.m. that day in which a 2007 Ford Expedition and a 1999 International 4700 truck collided.

Manuel Rodriguez, 31, was the operator of the 1999 International truck and was killed.

Louis Angel Pena, 22, of Sebring, was the operator of the 2007 Ford Expedition, and was killed.

The Ford Expedition was headed south on State Road 29 north of Chaparral Avenue.

The International truck was headed north on State Road 29 north of Chaparral Avenue at the same time as the Expedition. The Ford crossed into the northbound travel lane, hitting the International truck head-on. Both vehicles skidded around to the northwest and caught on fire.

The Ford Expedition came to a final rest facing northwest on the west shoulder of State Road 29. The International truck came to a final rest facing northwest on the west shoulder of State Road 29, south of the Ford Expedition.

The occupants of the Expedition were able to exit or be removed from the SUV before it was engulfed in flames.

It was reported that Mr. Rodriguez had been trapped inside his vehicle and died at the scene.

A passenger in the truck, J. Nicholas Rodriguez, 71, was reported dead, and passengers Gloria Rodriguez, 62, Jeanette Alvarado, 29, and Alfredo Rodriguez, 41, were reported to be in serious condition. All occupants of the vehicle were from Immokalee.

Single vehicle crash on Loop Road

Special to the Glades County Democrat

A single-vehicle accident on Monday, Nov. 20, left a 27-year-old man in critical condition.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that a 2008 Toyota Yaris driven by Kurtis James, 26, of Moore Haven was traveling west on County Road 721 (Loop Road) negotiating a left curve in the road when he

ran off the roadway, colliding with a tree, sign, culvert and fence. After hitting the fence, his Yaris overturned before coming to a final rest on the east shoulder of State Road 78.

Passenger Dusten Joyner, 27, of Oklahoma was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected as the Toyota Yaris turned over. Mr. Joyner was reported to be in critical condition.

Glades at a Glance

Tools-To-Quit smoking class

Hendry Regional Medical Center and Everglades Area Health Education Center (EA-HEC) offer a free program to help you quit smoking. Join us for a Tools-To-Quit class, a one-time two hour class, on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 5:30 p.m. at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Ave., Clewiston. For information or to register call Angelica Pena, Tobacco Cessation Coordinator, at 863-983-1123, or by e-mail at apena@hrmc.us.

BHR social set for Nov. 30

All of Buckhead Ridge is invited to a Holiday Social on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish of whatever and join them as they celebrate the holiday season. If you haven't been before, its right behind the Fire Department. Come for fun, friendship, happy faces and beautiful decorations. More information: Call Ron at 812-571-1919.

Boat parade this Saturday

Lakeport Garden Club is sponsoring a boat parade at Harney Pond Canal on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5:30 p.m. Santa will

arrive on a fire engine at 5:30 p.m. with toys for all youngsters. Refreshments will be sold. Take one unwrapped toy for the Glades county kids give-away on Dec. 16 at the Lakeport firehouse. For information, call 443-677-0261 or 443-463-2785

Miss Sugar deadline Dec. 7

The Little, Jr. and Miss Sugar 2018 pageants will be held on Feb. 23 and 24. Applications for pageants may be obtained from the Clewiston, LaBelle and Moore Haven High Schools, Clewiston Youth Center and the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce and online at www.clewistonsugarfestival.com.

Deadline for entry is Dec. 7. On that date there will be a mandatory meeting with the contestants and their parents or guardian at the Clewiston Youth Center at 6 p.m. There must be a parent or guardian at this meeting, it is mandatory.

For information, call Pam Kelley at 863-228-3041 and leave a message.

U.S. Sugar hosts hiring event

BELLE GLADE — U.S. Sugar will hold a hiring event at West Technical Education Center, 2625 State Hwy 715, in Belle Glade

on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3-7 p.m. Positions: utility worker, electrical & instrumentation technician, forklift operator, pay loader, welder, diesel mechanic, heavy equipment operator, water treatment operator - class C certified.

Shopping day for kids

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle will host a shopping day for kids from age four to 12, at the Kiwanis Thrift Store, 155 S. Bridge St. in LaBelle on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Children can do their own Christmas shopping for family members on a friendly budget! Kiwanis Key Club and Kiwanis members will be wrapping each Christmas gift.

Drawing for Apple iPad

The Moore Haven Lions Club will have a drawing for an APPLE IPAD 32 GB with WIFI on Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at Christmas on the Caloosahatchee. Tickets are only \$2 each or three for just \$5, and may be obtained from any Lions Club member. Proceeds will be used in aid to the blind and visually handicapped.

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Reflections from the Pulpit

Santa Claus: More than a small attraction

The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph.D. +

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Holiday season is upon us; Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is now past, and Christmas is soon to be celebrated.

It is easy to forget that "holiday" is of the same origin as "holy day." In fact, these three "holidays" toward the end of our calendar year all have religious roots.

Halloween, or "Hallow even(ing)," the evening before All Saint's Day or what was originally called "All Hallow's Day" the day for celebrating all of God's Holy/Hallowed ones comes originally from Church calendars.

The Pilgrims and our early forefathers gave thanks for their harvests, seen as a sign of God's favor and their call to thank Him in return for His bounty.

Christmas, the "Christ Mass" is the celebration of God's coming among us; a story of the beginning of a new relationship with

our Creator-Sustainer-Redeemer.

I look forward to Christmas each year to reflect on the Christmas story and its true meaning. Along the way, there is another part of the story which is integral to its meaning and yet lost in its origin. "Christmas" for many is about Santa Claus. He's the fat, jolly man in the red suit who brings presents and who children visit in the shopping centers and malls to tell what they want. History is relegated to an obscure corner in the story of "Santa Claus" who was a real person and who took seriously his faith and his call to use what God had entrusted to him to help others.

A vestige of his presence is kept in that well-known poem that begins "T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house..." The title is "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" and it is recorded just who it is about. Saint Nicholas was not a fictional person but someone who lived generations ago, in the second century and who lived in what is now Turkey. Nobody knows when he was born, but he is known to have died on Dec. 6, A.D. 343. That is the date he is remembered on many Church calendars.

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Dr. Carle Flori

CLEWISTON

Ms. Rosemary Flori and Mrs. Cecilia Palm would like to share the sad news of the passing of their beloved father, Dr. Carle Flori. His friends endearingly referred to him as "Doc". On Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, Dr. Flori passed in his home. It is where his lovely wife of almost 46 years Cellia Flori, passed in Aug. of 2009. Besides his two daughters; Dr. Flori is survived by his two grandsons, Michael and Christian Palm.

Dr. Flori and his family moved to Clewiston, FL in 1983, where he was employed as an Agronomist at U.S. Sugar until his retirement in 2000. He enjoyed working in the fields conducting tests and derived much personal satisfaction from his job. Some of his most cherished personal moments included the marriage to his wife and his service in the Army branch of the Armed Forces. He was very proud of the conference of a Doctorate degree in Agronomy from Louisiana State University. Other times of great joy included the births of his children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 at 10:00a.m. which will be followed by Dr. Flori's burial. He will be laid to rest at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. The family and friends of Dr. Flori and Mrs. Cellia Flori are welcome to attend.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



Tanya Lynn Steadley, 49

West Palm Beach — Tanya Lynn Steadley departed this life on Nov. 6, 2017. Tanya was born June 4, 1968 in Pahokee.

Services will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at Roland Martins Club House. Interment is at Ridgelawn Cemetery. Arrangements By Akin-Davis Funeral Home Clewiston, Florida

GOD SAW YOU

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away,

And though we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



Sarah L. Pompa

Born Mar. 25, 1961 passed away unexpectedly Nov. 15, 2017.

She survived by her husband, Rohgilio Pompa; children, Shannon Teele,

Ruben Hernandez, Ruben Hernandez, Caroline Hernandez;

grandchildren; father, Samuel R. Palmer Sr.; brother, Samuel R. Palmer Jr.; sister Wanda Palmer Winings;

Many more family and friends. May You Rest in Peace We love you.



It was a time of merciless persecution of Christians and he was exiled and imprisoned for his faith. When released he used his resources to provide dowries for a poor man with three daughters, making possible their weddings at a time when fathers were expected to provide something toward their marriages.

Nicholas is supposed to have tossed three bags of gold through the windows of the homes of the poor, having them land in the stockings that were set out to dry. This is attributed to be the origin of the "Christmas stockings" to be hung up and repository for the gifts received at this special time.

Legends grow, are embellished, become folklore, take on miraculous qualities at times, become distorted and sometimes they seem far-fetched. What is known, though, is that there was a real person who took Jesus' message seriously and "gave what he had" to

make life better for those around him. That is what is worth remembering about "Saint Nicholas" and the persons in the red suits are there as a testament to a man's faith, belief and acting on that faith and belief.

The Christmas story itself, likewise, is about God incarnate, God coming to this earth and bringing us gifts well beyond what the world can give to us. We've chosen a day to celebrate His birth because He is real and He gave us a real reason to celebrate. Saint Nicholas Day, Dec. 6, another in a season of holidays, and pointing the way to why Christmas is worth our devotion and thanksgiving for God's greatest gifts.

May this season be a time of giving in thanksgiving for what God has given us; may we recall and celebrate Him and all who follow, may we be a part of that through-out the ages who say "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..."

SFWMD gives thanks for bountiful harvest

The Governing Board's Python Elimination Program reached its latest milestone last week with the 700th python eliminated

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — Earlier this week, hunters killed the 700th invasive python as part of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board's Python Elimination Program, the latest milestone for the program. Since the program began in late March, an average of three pythons have been eliminated per day from SFWMD lands.

This month brought two of the largest pythons eliminated as part of the program. On Nov. 1, Dustin "Wildman" Crum, of Myakka City, brought in a 16-foot-11-inch Burmese python that broke his own program record, edging the previous high by an inch. Five days later, a 16-foot-3-inch python killed by Eric Bramblet, of Bonita Springs, weighed in at 143 pounds, 1 pound short of the program record set by Nicholas Banos and Leonardo Sanchez in early April.

"This Governing Board program has been enormously effective in killing this relentless predator to help preserve native Everglades wildlife," said SFWMD scientist Mike Kirkland, project manager for the Python Elimination Program. "The sheer numbers that are being caught and their size shows how massive a threat these predators are to our beautiful habitat." All the pythons eliminated by the program would stretch more than 4,700 feet - almost nine-tenths of a mile - and weigh more than 10,000 pounds, or the equivalent of approximately two Lincoln Town Cars. Elected officials and celebrities ranging from U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Fla., to superstar chef Gordon Ramsey have taken part in the hunts, bringing international awareness to the issue of this invasive species and the District's efforts to eradicate them. Kirkland and the python hunters were

also featured in a Discovery Channel television special about the program.

About the Program

A team of professional python hunters was selected from more than 1,000 applicants and given access to district-owned lands in Miami-Dade County for the pilot phase and later in Broward and Collier counties as the program expanded. These independent contractors are paid \$8.10 per hour, up to eight hours daily, to hunt in the Everglades. Depending on the size of the snake presented, they can also receive additional payments of \$50 for pythons measuring up to 4 feet and an extra \$25 for each foot measured above 4 feet. An additional \$200 is given for each eliminated python nest with eggs.

The invasive Burmese python, which breeds and multiplies quickly and has no natural predator in the Everglades ecosystem, has decimated native populations of wildlife. The more of these snakes that can be eliminated, especially females and their eggs, the better chance future generations of native wildlife will have to thrive in the Everglades ecosystem that Floridians have invested billions of dollars to restore.



Special to INI Florida/SFWMD
Dustin "Wildman" Crum, of Myakka City, brought in a 16-foot-11-inch Burmese python that broke his own program record.

Woman's Club collecting items for stockings

By Barbara Brown

Glades County Woman's Club

Think your Christmas shopping is over? You might want to do a little more to help Bailey Browning with a mission she has undertaken — filling six stockings for six deserving Moore Haven youngsters. Ms. Browning announced this project at the regular meeting of Glades County Woman's Club on Monday, Nov. 20, and encouraged members to donate small toys and other stocking stuffers.

A fun evening of painting followed by din-

ner was scheduled to take place in LaBelle on Nov. 27, and 12 members had paid to attend. A basket filled with Thanksgiving goodies was to be delivered by the club, and President Jenny Allen asked members to suggest deserving families to receive it.

The annual ornament exchange is scheduled at a Christmas party to be held Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., at Sonny's in Clewiston.

Several new applicants have been approved by the membership committee and are scheduled to be initiated at the Membership Tea on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Members are encouraged to bring finger foods to share at the tea. Mrs. Allen appointed Kandi Snow as initiating officer.

This club has an unheard-of problem — too much money for their scheduled projects. Funds from their Hi-Heel-A-Thon are to be used to pay for mammograms for Glades County women who do not have health insurance and scholarships for local applicants. Only a few women, and no men, have applied for help with paying for mammograms, so Mrs. Allen appointed a com-

mittee to determine who will be qualified to receive scholarships. The president named members to head up committees for the club as follows: Ways and Means — Priscilla Spooner; Sunshine — Kelly Brantley; Scholarship — Tina Heflin; Membership — Shirley Nugent; Publicity — Barbara Brown; Entertainment — Ruby Branch; Legislative — Marina Langdale; Nominating — Beth Griffin; and Chaplain — Margaret Brown.

The president appointed Priscilla Spooner, Dianne Tillery and Beth Griffin to a special committee to determine cancer funding.

HRSA awards federal grant to FIU to implement ANEW Program

College partners with Glades and Hendry counties on the new Advanced Nursing Education Workforce Program to place nurse practitioner students in county clinics

Special to the Glades County Democrat

MIAMI — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded a \$1.39 million grant to Florida International University's Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences to implement the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program. This unique, two-year nursing education initiative will prepare advanced-practice nurses to provide primary care in rural and underserved areas through

academic and clinical training.

Designed specifically in response to health-care challenges in rural America, the ANEW Program fosters an innovative academic practice partnership model for achieving better access to and delivery of health care. Select FIU graduate nursing students will receive traineeship awards through a competitive application process matching them with rural primary health-care sites in Hendry and Glades counties — two of Florida's least populated and poorest communities — to receive unique clinical training.

ANEW builds upon an existing partnership with county leaders on a rural health research project that began in 2015 known as "Building Better Health for Florida Families," which was developed and led by ANEW Grant Project Director Tami Thomas, associ-

ate dean of academic affairs for the college. Ms. Thomas explained that there is a great need for access to health care for rural families and a lack of awareness in health-care professionals of the rewarding opportunities beyond urban and metropolitan settings.

"The Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences has always played the long game in its vision and investment toward community access to quality care," said Ms. Thomas. "With the backing of the HRSA and our partner counties, our graduate nursing students can become true leaders providing culturally competent and quality health care in areas that are often overlooked by today's society." "The college continues to lead the way in innovative health-care solutions and outreach to disadvantaged communities that have never received this

type of support before," said Ora Strickland, dean of the college. "ANEW is a 'triple win' for advanced-practice nursing. Students can expand their training, primary care providers get more support to deliver care, and communities in desperate need receive access to health care. Its success should serve as a replicable model for the nation." The program will continue to develop faculty in innovative teaching strategies to enhance student clinical leadership skills, team building and collaborative problem-solving, culturally appropriate care, and integration of technology. Faculty will use several approaches including telehealth systems to guide ANEW grant trainees to deliver onsite care at the Glades and Hendry clinics. The grant will be funded through June 30, 2019. For more information, visit www.cnhs.fiu.edu.

Okeechobee Music Festival announces 2018 lineup

Special to the Glades County Democrat

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee Music & Arts Festival (OMF) is back! OMF is thrilled to announce 2018's initial lineup, featuring headliners Arcade Fire, Bassnectar (playing 2 sets), Halsey and Travis Scott. The four day music, arts, wellness and camping experience will once again take over Sunshine Grove in Okeechobee, Florida from Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 4.

As OMF enters its third year on the heels of two sold out festivals, OMF has quickly grown to be the largest independent festival in the Southeast and the first major destination of the festival season. By blending the world-class lineups and amenities of mainstream events with the sensibility and community-oriented approach of independent festivals, OMF is designing the festival of the future. Located in the heart of Florida, sitting between Miami, Tampa and Orlando, Sunshine Grove spans across 800-acres of pristine grasslands, clear lakes, and exotic tropical woodlands. The diverse, multi-genre festival celebrates the start of Spring with both world renowned and on the rise performers, art installations, yoga, meditation, local culinary treats and more.

In addition to The Grove — the expansive tropical wooded venue for musical performances on OMF's Be, Here, Now stages, OMF continues to set itself apart with its signature areas like Aquachobee — an all

day beachside music and swimming oasis, Jungle51 — an after hours techno party deep in the jungle, and ChobeeWobee Village — the cultural and artistic epicenter of the OMF experience filled with treasures and delights around each and every corner.

Festival passes are available now at www.okeechobeeifest.com/tickets. The 2018 festival lineup includes: Arcade Fire, Bassnectar x 2 Sets, Halsey, Travis Scott, Khalid, Foster the People, Leon Bridges, The Flaming Lips, Zeds Dead, Slightly Stoopid, Tipper, Big Gigantic, STS9, Local Natives, Gramatik, Illenium, blackbear, PoWoW! A Superstar Mashup ft. Special Guests, Thievery Corporation, Tycho, Sylvan Esso, Judah & The Lion, Sofi Tukker, KYLE, Magic!, Lettuce, Jai Wolf, G Jones, Ganja White Night (Live) + b2b Boogie T x Dirt Monkey, Big Wild, Denzel Curry, Billie Eilish, Pouya, Misterwives, Allah-Las, Nightmares on Wax (Live Band), Twiddle, Cory Henry and the Funk, Apostles, Hippo Campus, Chicano Batman, Turkuaz, Quinn XCII, Hiss Golden Messenger, Too Many Zooz, Ella Vos, Boogie T, The Districts, Basia Bulat, Poolside, Clozee, Flamingosis, The Main Squeeze, Two Feet, Okeechobee Gospel Soul Experience with Son Little and Friends, Susto, Magic City Hippies, NERVE, The Ghost of Paul Revere, Shallou, Dirt Monkey, Ashe, Mad Zach, The Sh-Booms, Mikky Ekko, Leon of Athens, Southern Avenue, INVT and more to be announced.

CITY OF LABELLE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission, for the City of LaBelle, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2017-21

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, PART I, CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; SECTION 3-4, CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES, LOCATION RESTRICTED; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Agency/Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and for that purpose(s), may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 863-675-2872, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE.

City of LaBelle City Commission
David A. Lyons, Mayor



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WGS Thinks Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

West Glades School (WGS) Pays It Forward by going pink during the month of October for the 2017 Breast Cancer Awareness. They hosted a Think Pink Walk for the cure, have pink donation buckets for loose change, and have allowed teachers to pay to wear jeans with pink shirts during October. Additionally, students are currently painting pink rocks to hide around town to raise awareness and making encouragement cards to place in cancer treatment centers. All money donated will be given to Lee Health to help with wig purchases for those who have lost their hair due to chemo treatments and are unable to afford to purchase on their own. WGS is committed to making a difference in our community!

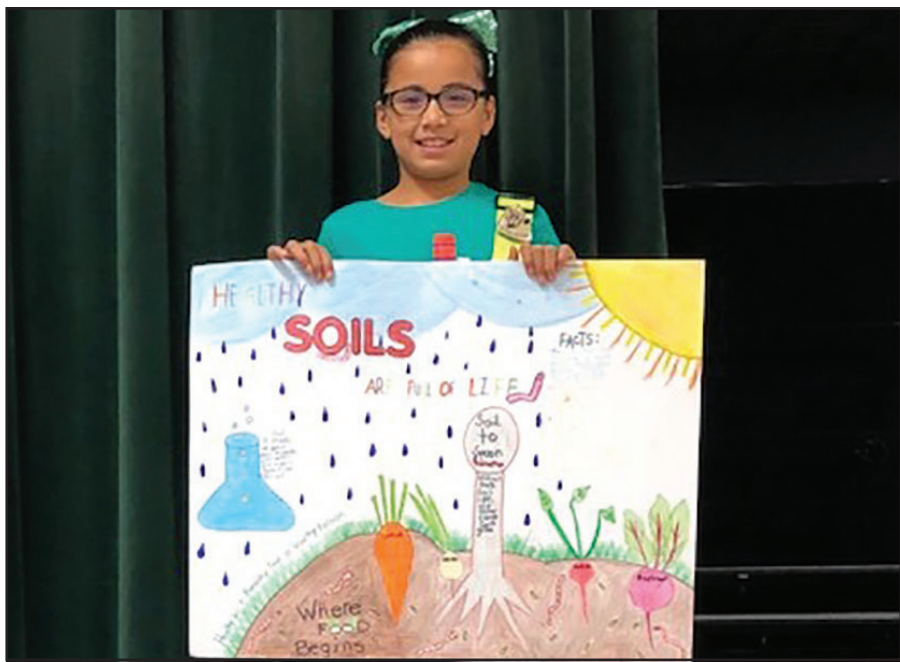


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WGS participated in worldwide Read for the Record

West Glades School (WGS) participated in Jumpstart's 12th Read for the Record on Oct. 19. This campaign gathers over 2 million people together around the world to read the same book on the same day. Mrs. Huysman read this year's book, *Quackers* by Liz Wong, to 247 students in kindergarten through third grade. This is a wonderful story that follows a kitten who grows up believing he is a duck. This tale is about understanding, acceptance, and learning it's ok to be whoever you want to be. WGS was glad to join others in celebrating Read for the Record!





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Poster goes to the National Association of Conservation category

Glades Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to announce that AnaKaren Sandoval won first-place in the Association of Florida Conservation Districts Poster Contest for the state of Florida in the fourth through sixth grade category. AnaKaren won first place in Glades County last Spring and her poster went on to compete this summer at the state contest where she also won first place. Her poster now goes on to the National Association of Conservation Districts Contest. All of the winners for Florida can be seen at <https://afcd.us/contests/>



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Pull tabs collected for Ronald McDonald House

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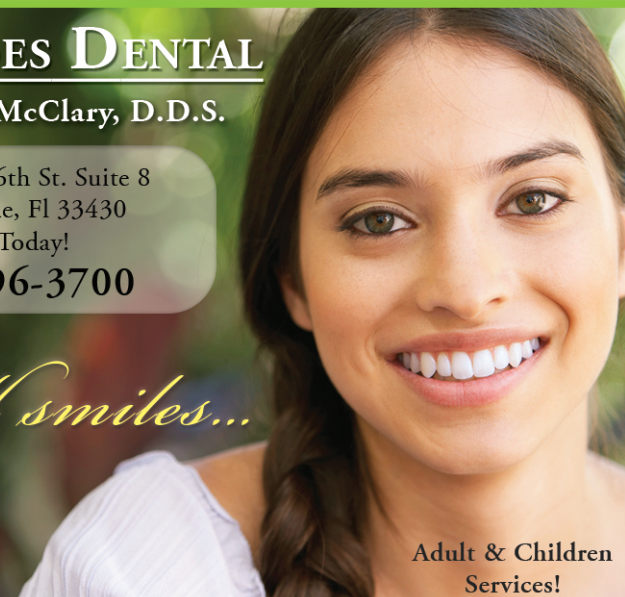
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MANAGER

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At a budget workshop in August, City Attorney Steve Ramunni suggested that Moore Haven should go back to having a city manager, and the five council members agreed. The search was delayed by Hurricane Irma and its messy aftermath, however, and the city began advertising for applicants in October.

The issue was on the council's meeting agenda for Tuesday, Nov. 21, and Mayor Bret Whidden said that of the nine responses, "I went through some of them, but I have not gone through all of them," adding that he needed more time for a thorough review. "So do I," Vice Mayor Dave McGee said.

"I think all the council members need to go through them thoroughly and then it'd be up to the City Council to lower that number down to four or five or whatever the council's pleasure is, and then we'll set up interviews," Mayor Whidden said.

Councilwoman Pat Lucas, noting that she had read through them all, said, "There are a couple of really good ones in there." Vice Mayor McGee tacked on, "Very good ones," drawing agreement from Councilman Marcus Decker. The fifth councilman, Jake Eighner, was absent.

The nine who applied are Sarah Catala, Vince Akhimie, Barbara Hollerand, H. Randall Dilling, Vincenzo Corazza, Richard Giroux, William Lawrence, David Miller and Timothy James Day.

Mr. Whidden said, "I want to go through (the submissions) and dissect them," with Mr. McGee asking: "Do you want to rank them at the next meeting?" The mayor replied that if the rest of the council members have time to read through them before Dec. 5, when they'll meet next, "and are satisfied and feel like they can make a justifiable decision to rank them down to a number that we can agree on, we can start setting up the interviews." The others agreed.

On another agenda item, employee raises, that has been pushed back several times since before the new fiscal year 2018 began

on Oct. 1, Mayor Whidden told the other council members: "In your packet you have some information from Jerri Lynn (Schlueter, public works director), Sam (Briefman, water plant supervisor) and Maxine (Brantley, city clerk). I'm still going through some of that stuff. Jerri Lynn had a lot of information in hers, and I'd like to go over it with her one-on-one before we make that decision." He said he would meet with her after last week's Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilwoman Lucas asked, "Do you want to set a date for us to discuss it?" Mayor Whidden replied, "We can do it at the next meeting," and Vice Mayor McGee directed Ms. Brantley to put the topic on the Dec. 5 agenda.

There followed a brief discussion about signs for Moore Haven's new bait and tackle shop that will be opening at the city marina, which has been newly leased to S&P Marina Services LLC. Ms. Schlueter reported that the Florida Department of Transportation would not put up a blue information sign or a brown recreation sign on U.S. 27 directing travelers to a for-profit enterprise, but coun-

cil members told her to continue to work toward getting FDOT approval for a business sign on the highway.

Vice Mayor McGee asked S&P principal Robert Power, who was in the audience, about how everything was coming along in his work to get the marina building ready for customers.

Mr. Power replied: "It's slow, but it's coming. We've got the neatest-looking little bait shop you've ever seen in your life." By telephone this Tuesday, Mr. Power said things seemed to be on track for opening the store around Dec. 10.

His business partner and brother-in-law, Brian Shadd, also was present at last week's meeting, and stood to address the council. "I do want to thank everybody at the city, the council, Jerri Lynn, for letting us get in and do the groundwork," he said, adding that he and Mr. Power were running into some red tape over their beer and wine license but nothing they couldn't work through.

DEBRIS

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for both vegetation and construction debris. There was a request that the county come up with some options to bring debris in that people may or may not have had an opportunity to get out to the roadway for various reasons. I've talked to our public works director, Mr. (Jerry) Randolph, and there's some serious lot-clearing debris that's been put out there, whole cabbage palms in big, huge piles; there's household garbage debris; televisions, mattresses, furniture that have now been brought out to the right of way. And so it's a challenge for us. You know we want to help the residents out; I know that's the goal of this board, to do everything we can to help them - but we're going to be probably well over a million dollars into this, and it'll be years before we get that money back from FEMA. At what point ... do you say enough is enough and we can't do it?"

He noted that there would have to be documentation even to try to claim FEMA reimbursement and concluded, "It's not just

as simple as getting it somewhere to get it off your property; the county then absorbs significant expense in getting rid of it. It's a cash flow issue, and it's a fairness issue. People have to understand, we can't be the collector forever."

Commissioner Weston Pryor said: "If we've made two rounds throughout this whole county ... we've done everything we could possibly do. There's got to be an end to it. I mean, if there's something that needs to be thrown away, you hire somebody to haul it away, or throw it in the back of your truck and take it to the dump."

Commissioner Donna Storter Long noted that she and Commissioner Stanley have been "out there fielding all the brunt of the storm debris issue, and of course it can't be just for Muse. You cannot do it for one area. I might consider an amnesty day if, to apply and get approved, they've got to pay a fee just for us to go examine it and tag it. We'll give them a permit. I don't think we can afford to do it for free." She also questioned who would take care of the paperwork, measuring and weighing that the county manager said would be involved to try for FEMA cost reimbursement.

Mr. Carlisle responded: "That's where the challenge is going to come. FEMA's very particular ... even when you do it right, they find a way to say you did it wrong. And so, I can almost guarantee you, none of this will be reimbursable."

Commissioner Stanley noted that in Muse and other western areas of Glades County, "they were wet out there for longer than most people. Maybe, I think, we need to take that into consideration if we have another storm come in the future, that maybe we not try to get in so quick in some areas. It's hard for such a big community, and spread out so far. We had a lot of stuff in Buckhead Ridge, and everybody was all complaining, 'When are they going to pick it up?' But then on the other side of the county, it's a whole different ballgame." He said residents in those areas had less time to get their debris cleared and to the roadside.

Commissioner Long said that even just yard debris would require inspections up-front and at disposal time because people might try to add more than what was permitted, or even throw in additional items from elsewhere. Commissioner Donald Strenth said if permits were issued, they'd need volume limitations attached and that an inspection ahead of time was necessary "to give us some kind of an idea what's coming in."

Then there was a discussion of costs and of setting a date that went nowhere after Mr. Carlisle raised additional questions about logistics.

Commissioner Donald Strenth seemed to sum up the thoughts of Mr. Carlisle and all his fellow board members when he said offering an amnesty day would be like "opening up a can of worms - when does it stop?"



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Veterans Day dinner

Veterans and guests enjoyed dinner and a ceremony at the Glades County Salute to Veterans hosted by the Republican Party of Florida Glades County Republican Executive Committee on Nov. 11.



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ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Fun
- 5 Top
- 9 Org. with an eighth note in its logo
- 14 Title matchmaker of 19th-century literature
- 15 Condemn
- 16 Daughter of Martin and Ida, in '70s TV
- 17 Cheater's victory?
- 19 Half a '60s quartet
- 20 Custard component
- 21 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
- 22 Short standards?
- 23 Haunted house nightmare?
- 28 Nine of its cast members received Emmy nominations for 1988-89
- 30 Plural medical suffix
- 31 Sean O'Casey's home
- 32 Pretend
- 35 Coll. instructors, at times
- 38 Chicken strips on browned bread?
- 41 Touch with a ball
- 42 1885 Savoy Theatre premiere, with "The"
- 43 Embezzle
- 44 2002 A.L. Cy Young Award winner Barry
- 45 Reflection
- 46 Facetious tribute for Hollywood's Stone?
- 52 ___ Minor
- 53 Practice with poses
- 54 PX patrons
- 57 Popcorn, e.g.
- 59 Big dinner for the tech staff?
- 61 Pucci contemporary
- 62 Not happy at all
- 63 Kunis of "Black Swan"
- 64 "Piece of cake!"
- 65 It adjoins the altar
- 66 Eclipse, to some

- 1 Baja boss
- 2 Kindle download
- 3 Coast Guard concern
- 4 Stress
- 5 Parting word
- 6 Barbizon school artist
- 7 Meno ___: not as fast, in music
- 8 ER staff member
- 9 Sea section
- 10 Note changers
- 11 Promising type
- 12 Saw
- 13 Not at all current
- 18 Tidal movement
- 24 Loiter
- 25 Eternally
- 26 Words of accord
- 27 Paving stone
- 28 Split
- 29 Song often heard in a foreign language
- 32 Ruffle relative?
- 33 Want from
- 34 Kipling python
- 35 About to shoot
- 36 "It's ___ to tell ..."
- 37 List of charges: Abbr.
- 39 Send out

- 40 City where sidewalks are decorated with Ibsen quotes
- 44 "Moulin Rouge" (1952) co-star, familiarly
- 45 Five-time US Open champ
- 46 Latin dance
- 47 Challenging tests
- 48 Turk, most likely
- 49 Online bulletin board mgr.

- 50 Ones working on beds
- 51 Go along
- 55 Vacation destination
- 56 Baseball Hall of Famer Musial
- 58 Foresight
- 59 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show network
- 60 Confessional genre

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Defendants

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL SURPLUS LANDS AND REQUEST FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 373.089 F.S., the below described property, situated in Glades County, Florida, which has been declared surplus by the Governing Board of the **South Florida Water Management District (District)**, is offered for sale for the highest and best cash bid, however, in no case less than the appraised value, of **\$1,400,000**, subject to terms and conditions. The successful bidder will also pay the cost of all advertisement, all appraisal costs, all recording fees, all real estate broker or finder's fees, all documentary stamp taxes, all abstract and title insurance fees, along with any other closing costs associated with the sale of the property, by local certified or cashier's check. The District, at B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to **2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2018**. Bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2018** in the District's B-1 Building or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the discretion of the District.
All bids must conform to the Bid Specifications for Sale of Surplus Land Tract No. KC100-022 & KC10E-008. Interested bidders may obtain a copy thereof and additional information: (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading from www.sfwmd.gov/surplusland; or (3) by calling Ray Palmer at (561) 682-2246. The land, and any improvements located thereon, shall be accepted by the successful bidder in its "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" condition. The successful bidder will be required to close no later than **March 14, 2018**, unless otherwise agreed to by the District, at a time and location determined by the District.
The land to be offered for sale is described as follows:
Tract Nos. KC100-022 and KC10E-008
State Road 80 (approximately 8 miles east of LaBelle, FL, Glades County, Florida
Containing, respectively, 260 acres, more or less, and 0.92 acre, more or less.
483149 GCD 11/30;12/7,14/2017

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/11/2017, 10:00 am 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 or reject any and/or all bids.

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2000 GMC
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2005 KENWORTH
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483216 CN 11/30/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on December 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM U-Lock-It Storage of Clewiston, LLC, 500 S San Gabriel St, Clewiston, FL (863)233-3639 will at their discretion sell or dispose of the personal property therefore stored with the undersigned. **(NO PUBLIC AUCTION)**
Alberto Hernandez
Unit #12
Household Items
483235 CN 11/30;12/7/2017

Public Notice **Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. DOM 17-DR-490

MYRTA TAMARA CONSTANCIO,
Petitioner
AND
ISRAEL CONSTANCIO,
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: ISRAEL CONSTANCIO
(Respondent's last known address)
1180 Matmor Rd. # Apt.132. Woodland. California 95776-6347

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mary A. Cosmo, Esq., on behalf of Myrta Tomaro Constancia, at 12221 Towne Lake Dr., #A158, Ft. Myers, FL 33913 PH 239-208-2203, on or before December 29, 2017 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 25 East Hickpochee Ave. Labelle FL 33935. before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NO-PROPERTY

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current. Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: Nov. 15, 2017

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Deputy Clerk

483225 ON 11/30;12/7,14,21/2017

Public Notice **Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 17000569CAAXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS AND LIEN ORS OF ARTURO T. DE LAMERENS, DECEASED;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS AND LIENORS OF ARTURO T. DE LAMERENS, DECEASED

Previous Address: Unknown
4850 Pioneer 17th Street, Clewston, FL 33440

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST ONE-QUARTER, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS OF THE EAST 30.00 FEET THEREOF, IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 67 OF PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.0 PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1-33-43-31-A00-0051-0000 AND THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS OF THE WEST 30.00 FEET THEREOF, IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 78 OF PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

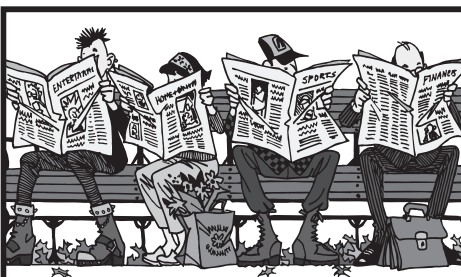
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1-33-43-31-A00-0056-0000
Property address: 4850 Pioneer 17th Street, Clewston, FL 33440

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 22nd day of Nov., 2017.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

483226 CN 11/30;12/7/2017



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Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Clewiston City Commission will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on December 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. During the Public Hearing, the City Commission proposes to enact second reading of an ordinance which is set forth as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, "EMPLOYMENT SCREENING" TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, APPOINTEES, CONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 166.0442, FLORIDA STATUTES; FINDING CERTAIN POSITIONS OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, TO BE CRITICAL TO SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE CITY; FINDING CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLICLY OPERATED FACILITIES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO TO BE CRITICAL TO SECURITY OR PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS TO POSITIONS OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT AND MODIFICATIONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PUBLICLY OPERATED FACILITIES TO BE MADE BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND INTERPRETATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the inspection of any interested parties and interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance. The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Mary K. Combass, Interim City Clerk
City of Clewiston, FL
483215 CN 11/30/2017

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FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, to wit: Alachua County, Baker County, Bay County, Bradford County, Brevard County, Broward County, Calhoun County, Charlotte County, Citrus County, Clay County, Collier County, Columbia County, Miami-Dade County, DeSoto County, Dixie County, Duval County, Escambia County, Flagler County, Franklin County, Gadsden County, Gilchrist County, Glades County, Gulf County, Hamilton County, Hardee County, Hendry County, Hernando County, Highlands County, Hillsborough County, Holmes County, Indian River County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Lafayette County, Lake County, Lee County, Leon County, Levy County, Liberty County, Madison County, Manatee County, Marion County, Martin County, Monroe County, Nassau County, Okaloosa County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County, Palm Beach County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, Polk County, Putnam County, Santa Rosa County, Sarasota County, Seminole County, St. Johns County, St. Lucie County, Sumter County, Suwannee County, Taylor County, Union County, Volusia County, Wakulla County, Walton County, and Washington County, or any of the municipalities therein, subscribing to or served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to construct or pay for energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. EST, December 6, 2017, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpointe Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 6401 Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Boca Raton, Florida 33487, email: gov@counterpointees.com. All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by the Agency on or before December 5, 2017. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (863) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2017.

By Order of: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY.
482723 ON 11/8,15,22,29 CN 11/9,16,23,30/2017

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Public Notice **Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 17000569CAAXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS AND LIEN ORS OF ARTURO T. DE LAMERENS, DECEASED;
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS AND LIENORS OF ARTURO T. DE LAMERENS, DECEASED -Last Known Address: Unknown Previous Address: 4850 Pioneer 17th Street, Clewston, FL 33440

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DATED this 22nd day of Nov., 2017.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

483223 CN 11/30;12/7/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and Intent to sell these vehicles on 12/08/2017, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33975, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Leonarda Johnson
Unit #60
Household Items
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- 4/3.5 Large lot w/pool 1205 Pinewood \$439,9K
- 2/2 MH 551 Fleetwood St. \$56K Reduced \$53,9K
- 3/1 Cottage Style, updated 420 W. Circle \$139K \$119,9K
- 3/2 lg. kit 144 W Avenida Del Rio \$194,9K PENDING
- Bass-N-Sun Condo #140 2/2 \$90K
- 1900 Ridgill Rd 2/2 \$96K (waterfront)
- 825 S. Quebrada 3/2, granite upgrades \$195K
- 909 Sawgrass St. 4/3 w/pool & theatre room \$269K

MOORE HAVEN / LAKEPORT/SEBRING

- 2/2 Waterfront/Lake Access Lowry Ln CBS \$179,9K
- 2/2 with large workshop, 1370 Ted Beck Rd. \$82,5K
- 1016 Glover Ln 3/2 \$89K (lake access)
- 4017 Westminster Rd. 4/3, Sebring \$200K

COMMERCIAL / INVESTMENT PROPERTY

- Industrial Park 3013 C.R. 835 (Open storage and Warehouse) Call for details
- 516 E Sugarland Hwy \$59,9K

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- 901 Yacht Club Way \$8,9K

4 Br/3 Ba, incl. Rental apt. 428 E. Pasadena Ave. \$149,9K

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Students are busy reading Sunshine State Readers

Special to the Glades County Democrat
West Glades School (WGS) students are busy reading the Sunshine State books again this year.

Three Book Readers received a McDonald's hamburger coupon and a poster. Five Book Readers received the "3 Book" prizes and an ice-cream treat at lunch. Ten Book Readers have already qualified

for an off-campus lunch in May. Additionally, each time a student completes a book, he/she is entered into a drawing for a \$25 Walmart gift card.

Thanks to Florida Power and Light funding through the Glades Education Foundation that provided the Sunshine State books this year. Also, thanks to the parents who are partnering with WGS to encourage student success.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Three Book Readers: Ty Murray, Julian Razo, Gabriella Williamson, Carli Hendry, Samuel Salazar, Payton Crews, Michala Lowes, Jenna Stockwell, Sandi Marbry, Carmen Perez, Catarena Cervantes, Zael Moreno, Emma Dyess, Valerie Zuniga and Ava Barnes.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Ten Book Readers are: Zaira Moreno, Eivrynne, Gregorio, Zoie Gregorio, Karla Marines and Alex Nelson.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Five Book Readers are: Joellen Erskin, Bailey Smallwood, Anakaren Sandoval, Mandi Marbry, Mya Pagan, Riley Curtis, Leo Bautista and Thomas Gaskins.

Bears become more active in fall

Special to the Glades County Democrat

With the arrival of autumn, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding residents of Florida what they can do to help prevent conflicts with black bears.

During this time of year, bear appetites increase as they begin to prepare for the upcoming winter. To be ready for the leaner winter months, bears require around 20,000 calories a day and will eat anything that's convenient. Accessing unsecured garbage often provides more calories in a shorter amount of time than what a bear can get from foraging in the woods. This attracts bears into areas where people live and work, which can lead to potentially dangerous situations.

"As bears become more active in the fall, they take the path of least resistance to find food," said Dave Telesco, who leads the FWC's Bear Management Program. "This draws them into neighborhoods and areas with convenient food sources, which can be dangerous for people. While the FWC continues to work with local communities to reduce human-bear conflicts, it is important for Floridians to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe."

The search for food often leads bears across busy roads. A new video in the "Living with Florida Black Bears" series advises motorists to use caution while driving through areas where bears may be present. Bears are most active around dusk and dawn, and therefore most vehicle-bear collisions happen during these times of day. To reduce the risk of hitting a bear, motorists should stay alert and drive cautiously around heavily wooded areas, roads with curves and areas marked with bear warning signs. Other tips

can be seen in the "Vehicle Collisions with Bears" video at MyFWC.com/Bear under the "Brochures & Other Materials" section.

While spending time outdoors, residents should be aware of their surroundings to avoid potential conflicts with bears. To keep bears away from your home and neighborhood, follow these simple steps:

- Secure household garbage in a sturdy shed, garage or a bear-resistant container.
- Put household garbage out the morning of pickup rather than the night before.
- Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant trash bins.
- Protect gardens, beehives, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- Encourage your homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods that attract wildlife secure.
- Feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding outdoors.
- Clean grills and store them in a secure place.
- Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.

In Florida, it is illegal to intentionally feed bears or leave out food or garbage that will attract bears and cause human-bear conflicts.

If you see or suspect that someone is feeding or attracting bears, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

To learn how to become BearWise, visit MyFWC.com/Bear and click on "Live BearWise" on the left side of the page.

More information about living in bear country is available at MyFWC.com/Bear.

November is American Diabetes Month, a time to communicate the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of diabetes prevention and control.

Hendry Regional Medical Center, in partnership with the Department of Health of Hendry County, offers a nationally recognized Diabetes Prevention Program to help prevent or delay Type 2 Diabetes. This free program meets weekly and monthly. For more information on Diabetes or to register for classes, please call **863-983-1123**



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