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Ballfields nearly ready for season

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

The Moore Haven City Council met for a workshop Monday evening, March 26, to discuss future priorities for the city, not quite one month after City Manager David Miller took the reins at city hall.

He gave his first full report to council members only the week before, at their regular meeting (Tuesday, March 20), highlighting several areas of progress in juggling the many issues that were on his to-do list for his first few weeks. Apparently, he was able to move at least one item off the "old" priority ranking going by previous council discussions, indicating he'd nearly finished with, or lined up plans to put in motion, most of the work needed to get the city's ball fields into shape for the soon-to-begin youth baseball season.

About the ballfields, Mr. Miller reported:

"That was kind of a project that I didn't really see coming. What we've done is the dugout has been completed, and the fencing around the electrical boxes has all been completed. That's done, looks good. When that dugout was done, there was an electrical cable that had been pulled up so we cut that and buried that cable, that's all taken care of." And, he said, the grounds have been cleaned up, all the trees trimmed and any trash picked up.

He said that one light stand in the outfield had not been working, but new wiring was installed and all lights are back in service.

"We took down that old batting cage and netting and we cleaned up the whole front of that along Avenue R, so that's completed and looks good. Sprinklers have been worked on and repaired, and the grass is starting to turn green," Mr. Miller added. "We've been pressure-washing bleachers and the building is going to be done before opening day, and just today we

started cleaning the inside of the concession stand. That's going to be a project, but we put a good dent in it today, and it's going to be spotless by the time we're done," he reported.

His report prompted Councilman Jake Eighner to say they could take the recreational grounds off of the new city priority list that they met to discuss this past Monday.

On other pressing matters at that March 20 meeting:

- Mr. Miller reported that he has hired a code enforcement officer. "She will be starting April 2, so that's in place. It's Felicia Middleton, with 13 years' experience."

- "We're still taking applications for a secretary. I do have some coming in, so we're going to have some applicants," he added.

- He noted that although "I signed a contract with Clyde Johnson for the City Hall im-

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BHR's Hope Connections office closing

By Chris Felker

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Bonnie Shop, director of the Buckhead Ridge office of Hope Connections for Hendry and Glades, appeared at Monday night's Glades County Board meeting to thank the county for its help over the past 15 years. The office, she said, is closing.

"During that time, I gratefully served the people of Buckhead Ridge as a Hope Connections employee ... I decided to come and ask you to help us maintain a service where we could continue to provide the information and resources to help not only Buckhead Ridge citizens, but the many who stop for information and directions. In fact, I brought with me a petition containing

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Students raised "Pennies for Patients": Mrs. Guerry's second-grade class collected \$300 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during the Pennies for Patients campaign at West Glades School held by the West Glades Jr. Beta Club. See story, Page 3.

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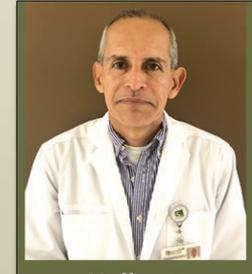
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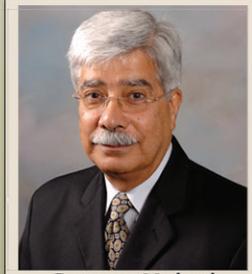
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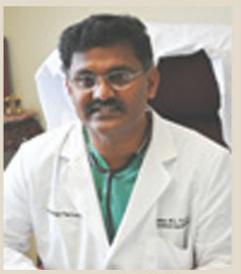
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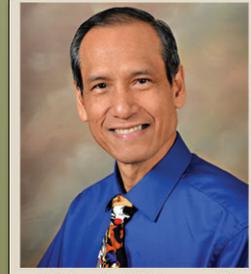
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Jr. Beta Club raises \$3,529.49 for cancer research

Special to the Glades County Democrat

West Glades Jr. Beta Club is continuing in the school wide initiative to "pay it forward." Again this year they hosted the Pennies for Patients campaign, collecting money to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. With the help of classroom teachers, students and parents the school raised \$3,529.49 all of which goes toward cancer research. Each classroom was challenged to set a goal; many far exceeded their expectations (see pictures). West Glades Jr. Beta Club would like to thank everyone for their help in raising funds for this worthy cause.



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Mrs. Meyer's kindergarten class set their goal at \$200 and collected \$204.12.



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Mrs. Sewell's first-grade class set their goal at \$200 and collected \$279.84.



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Mrs. Raber's first-grade class set their goal at \$200 and collected \$268.37.



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Mrs. Garcia's kindergarten class set their goal at \$300 and collected \$660.63.



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Ms. Raulerson's kindergarten class set their goal at \$150 and collected \$204.12.

Glades at a Glance

Scholarship deadline nearing

The deadline for applying for Uncommon Friends Foundation scholarship applications for 2018 is April 1. Visit <https://uncommon-friends.org/scholarships/opportunities/> for more information on specific scholarships, application forms and requirements. Completed applications and/or any questions should be directed to scholarships@uncommonfriends.org. For information, call Jennifer Nelson at 239-337-9503.

American Legion to meet

The Moore Haven American Legion Post 299, 600 River Road in Moore Haven (on the south side of the Caloosahatchee River), will meet on Friday, April 6, at 6 p.m., in the post building. A courtesy dinner will be provided by a Legion member. All veterans and all other interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate. For information, call Kirby Sullivan at 863-946-2556.

Free HIV testing April 10

April 10 is tagged as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. People 13-24 years old account for about 22 percent of the new HIV infections in the United States, and 51 percent of those don't know that they are infected and are least likely to be in care if infected. The Florida Department of Health in Glades County, 1021 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven, will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Tuesday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Stop HIV. Know your status. Get tested.

Benefit serves BBQ

A Benefit BBQ for the Patterson Family will take place on Friday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Doyle Conner Building on U.S. 27 in Moore Haven. Get a barbecue pork sandwich, coleslaw and baked beans for a donation of \$8. Proceeds will go to the family. Anyone wishing to donate or help is more than welcome to. Bob-B-Que will be cooking the pork. Tickets can be purchased at the Glades County EOC, 1097 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven, from Kari West, Susan Whidden, Aletris Farnam, Lenice Hubbard, Alisha Cockram, or by calling 863-946-6020. Pickup is available and delivery options are available upon request depending on the location and amount ordered.

Soil and Water meeting

The Glades Soil and Water Conservation District will have its regularly scheduled board meeting on March 29 at 10 a.m. in the main room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. Meetings are open to the public.

BHR VFW plans dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 will serve dinner on Friday, March 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at VFW Post 9528. The menu will include grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, fried onion rings, salad and dessert. Live music will be by Deb and Wes. Proceeds will go to homeless veterans. The address of VFW Post 9528 is 29012 State Road 78 West in Buckhead Ridge. For more

information, phone 863-467-2882.

Free workshop for businesses

The public is invited to a QuickBooks Workshop and lunch for your business on Thursday, March 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Beef O' Brady's, 21 South Lee St. in LaBelle. For information or to register email at labelle@simplifiedtech.biz, or call 863-342-8251.

Sunrise Service in BHR

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, on Hunter Road in Buckhead Ridge, invites the public to an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. Lord's supper will be served, as well as breakfast following the sunrise service. Everyone is welcome to the 11 a.m. morning service. Meet Pastor Cook. There will be no evening service.

Lakeport Easter service to be offered at Harney Pond

An Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted by the pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Lakeport at the Harney Pond Canal recreation area, east of the intersection of State Roads 78 and 721, at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 1.

Pastor Scott Garvin said he'll celebrate the service, and that his congregation invites everyone from the community to take part. A breakfast will be served at the church when those attending gather there afterward. The church is located at 12777 State Road 78 East in Lakeport.

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improvements ... on the contract, there was nothing said about engineering. I think we need to go to an engineer and have the bathrooms drawn. They have to be ADA-compliant (in providing access for the handicapped under the Americans with Disabilities Act), and just to cover ourself for liability." Mr. Miller said he would handle choosing one. Among the work to be done is painting the building, fixing the sidewalks and renovating the public restrooms.

• "Also," he related, "I don't know if you

all noticed, the curb repair and the water deflection in front of city hall is about 90 percent done. I just want to make sure it's ready for our April 2 food truck invasion, which I think we're well inside that, no problem. The lighting on the sign out front is completed."

Finally, City Manager Miller said: "I just want to make sure that I recognize Sam (Water Plant Supervisor Sam Briefman) and Maxine (City Clerk Maxine Brantley) and the crew because they have done an excellent job. I can't say enough for all of them. They've been very, very nice, very professional, and have done a good job. Everything I've ever asked, they've been right on it, so I just want that noted."

HOPE

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approximately 200 signatures requesting this," she said. "However, after talking with many people and realizing the many things that would need to be implemented, I know that this is not a realistic option." Ms. Shop added, though: "I hope you will continue to try to ... provide services so that the elderly in Buckhead Ridge and others can come to (get) the services they have grown to depend on. Since the building we have used already has its county services, it is our hope that someday the building in the area which the county generously allowed us at Hope Connections to use, might be used to provide a place for information and aid to our community and to others who come to visit us as our community grows. Thank you very much for allowing me this time to express not only my feelings but those of many living in the Buckhead Ridge community."

Commission Chairman John Ahern asked her to leave the petition with County Manager Paul Carlisle, saying, "I think he will be able to explore our options."

He already was working on the issue. "I actually reached out to United Way and asked them if they would consider putting a second United Way Home up in Buckhead Ridge and provide some of the similar services. It's in the discussion stage; there's no guarantee. I've opened the door of discussions, told them what we would provide to them," Mr. Carlisle reported.

"All of this would have to come back to the board, obviously, but I think it would be of benefit if we get someone like United Way, who provides a plethora of services - all those services they provide here in Moore Haven - we have the facility, and if they would do it, I think it would be of benefit. So we are looking at other ways to help. We're not just saying no and goodbye, we're always looking for ways to serve the community," Mr. Carlisle said. He noted that he and Commissioner Tim Stanley, who lives in and represents the area, "have had long talks about this. So we're saying, let's see what we can do. We're totally aware of the benefit that building can provide. We don't want it to just sit there empty," adding that "we'll be happy to work" with anyone they can find to keep the office open as a community center.

"That's what I want," Ms. Shop said.

Commissioner Donna Storter Long asked her to read the petition, and she did so:

"We, the undersigned, would like to save our community center and maintain it (as

such). It is an essential place for the seniors and community residents to go, as in for informational and directional help being provided to them. As it has been for many years now, with the growth happening around and in our community, our center will become a vital addition to the Buckhead Ridge complex. It will continue to reach out a welcome hand to all who enter." Commissioner Weston Pryor asked, "So these people think we're taking the community center away from them?"

"They just know that it's being closed because of the fact that myself as site coordinator was not able to increase the numbers like the state wanted. I've tried everything, sir," Ms. Shop answered.

She went on: "I myself have been in there for 15 years. I have answered questions referencing the tax people ... (and) I have had questions asked of me regarding the building department. I have answered questions pertaining to the Mosquito Control (District); the homeowners association building; the fire department. They come in with questions of all kinds, and not just here and there."

Ms. Shop said that the space should continue to be used as an informational center, noting that newer, younger residents also need a place to get information on Glades County services. "I think with the growth around us it's going to be needed," she said.

A donor provided the center recently with a 55-inch TV, new chairs and a loveseat, where locals gather for snacks, recreation, movies, games or just conversation. No meals are provided there, she said, but she's encouraged people to bring in lunch and use the space. "I thought I had done everything I could possibly do, begging people to take advantage," she said, adding that she told them: "If you don't, you know the adage, 'If you don't use it you're going to lose it.' And I'm sorry to say that has happened." Commissioner Pryor said, "I greatly, greatly appreciate what you've done for those people. It's very pleasing to know we have people in Glades County like you." She responded, "That's my home. I don't call them my friends, they're my family."

"They've (Hope Connections) provided a great service for the community over the years," said Commissioner Stanley. "Hopefully we can get United Way to come in and do some funding or something to help us keep this going on." But until that time, as of now, Ms. Shop is donating to anyone who can use them, things the office has accumulated, such as craft supplies, flower arrangements, seasonal decorations, puzzles, party supplies, walkers and other items.

The deadline for picking up the items currently is Friday, April 6. Call Bonnie Shop at 863-634-7495 for details.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TRANSMITTAL OF A LARGE SCALE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in Glades County, Florida, public hearings will be held before the Glades County Planning and Zoning Board on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 5:05 PM and the Glades County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM, or as soon as the matters may be heard. These hearings will be held at the County Commissioners Chambers, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, and Florida 33471.

The purpose of the public hearings for the following item is to consider the transmittal of the amendment to the State agencies for review and comment. This item will be heard at the January 10 and the February 14 hearings. The Parcel ID Number for the subject site is A33-42-33-A00-0020-0000



ORDINANCE 2018 - ____

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, ADOPTING A LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE GLADES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM AGRICULTURE/ OPEN TO INDUSTRIAL FOR 60.51± ACRES OF LAND; LOCATED AT 6120 W. US HWY 27 APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER IS LONG HAMMOCK GROVES; CASE NUMBER COMP18-02LS; PROVIDING FOR REVISION TO AND INCLUSION OF THE REVISED FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A COPY OF SAID PETITIONS AND STAFF REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE GLADES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (198 6TH STREET, MOORE HAVEN).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO SPEAK. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AT ANY TIME IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING(S). PLEASE CALL 863-946-6018 AND MENTION THE PETITION NUMBER OF THE MATTER YOU WISH TO DISCUSS.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, OR COUNTY COMMISSION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND 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 HEARD.

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Reflections from the Pulpit

Easter: Life - and life abundantly

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Someone I knew had to undergo surgery but had a bleeding problem. Doctors were unable to control it and everything went well. Following surgery, she proclaimed "I'm alive, I'm alive!" and I shared her joy for those few moments while she awoke from the anesthesia and reveled in a miracle. I anticipate that story has been repeated millions of times among those who have gone

Obituaries

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Robert Cooling (Duke) Haman II

(March 28, 1956 - March 20, 2018)

MOORE HAVEN — Robert Cooling (Duke)

Haman II, was called home to Heaven March 20, 2018.

Mr. Haman was born in Wilmington, Del. to father Robert Haman and mother Vivian Brown Haman on March 28, 1956. He was a proud American and served his country in



the U.S. Army as an infantryman. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, as well as the National Defense Service Medal and Expert in Rifle Medal. He served in the Vietnam War Era and was a member of the Delaware and Florida National Guard.

Mr. Haman's 32-year law enforcement career began in Delaware with the Department of Corrections. He served with the Glades County Sheriff's Department as Correction Officer, Deputy, Bailiff and Jail Administrator. His later years were spent with GEO Corporation until he retired due to illness in 2013.

Robert married his beloved wife Frances Gail Haman, June 13, 1981 in New Castle, Del. He enjoyed reading, singing and music, fishing, hunting, bible study and teaching the bible.

Mr. Haman is survived by his devoted wife, Frances Gail Haman; and precious daughter, Jennifer Elaine Haman; and four siblings, Michael Haman, Patricia Haman, Dawn Woolen and Candace Romani. He was preceded in death by both parents. He loved his family and his church dearly.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Bethel Holiness Church, 1153 Cornelia Drive, LaBelle, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 also at the church beginning at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jeremy Howell officiating Burial will follow at Ortona Cemetery, 8898 West State Road 78, Moore Haven - with full military honors. Brister Funeral Home is honored to have serviced this family.

Come celebrate the life, love and legacy of Robert Cooling (Duke) Haman, II.

before us from this life to the life to come.

It is a story about Easter and the promise that the Lord has given us; and the message from Him that is for all who believe. Those who believe live out what the Epistle to the Hebrews (chapter 11, verse 1ff) has given us; "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

The answer came to one patient who believed that all would work out and life would continue. Her faith was that assurance, that conviction and she was rewarded for her belief. That faith was known to Jesus' followers who also knew fear but believed that His promises to us would be fulfilled. Those who saw the Lord have given us testimony of His presence after being crucified; and millions after have come to know Him.

One clergyman put it very succinctly; "Either this is the most preposterous story in history, or it is true!" For all who have experienced the risen Lord, the latter is the obvious answer and they will share in those moments of going from life to the greater life to come. Our sciences have given us answers and knowing "how" but is in our other ways of knowing that we come to understand "why." My work includes helping people to come to know God's presence and purposes in life, how we are called to relate to each other and live together, how we proclaim on Easter "He has risen, the Lord has risen indeed!"

The Easter story is given to us in each of the gospel accounts, the epistles and the lives of the faithful ever afterward.

Today, many live in great fear that their lives will be taken from them by acts of violence. The fear is for their children and for themselves and they have decided to act. The cries of people today are that "there must be a better way!" and they have rallied together to seek it. Beneath it all is the recognition that "life is sacred" and that life is a gift to be cherished and hallowed.

Easter is God's affirmation to us of that recognition within us. Jesus has told us of His reasons for coming among us. Speaking to the crowds one day He told those who were present "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10b)." He tells them that He will lay down His life for them because He has come to care for them (vss. 12-19), and, as they say, "the rest is history." It is that history that is celebrated at Easter; accounts of Jesus' appearance after His laying down His life and the encounters with disciples and many others when He arose. His appearances let them know that their faith and hope was not in vain and the witness and conviction of people ever since is celebrated around the world on this day.

The sacredness of life, our motivations to protect and see that it can be lived to it's fullest is what is being told to us in the Easter proclamation that life is to be lived and then go on. Our efforts to improve life, prolong life, to regard life as worth saving all point toward the greatest gift possible; that it will go on and on and on, even forever. That gift to us is from God; it is celebrated at our altars, in our homes and in our hearts. Because He lived and lives, we live and will live and have life abundantly one day with Him. May this be a blessed and happy Easter and time of giving thanks to God for the greatest gift we might possibly receive. Amen.

SFWMD continues efforts to preserve land near the Everglades headwaters

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — On Feb. 8, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board approved another land purchase to help preserve the Shingle Creek Management Area in Orange and Osceola counties, which serves as the headwaters for Florida's Everglades.

"This board remains steadfast in ensuring the health of the Everglades, and Shingle Creek is critical to achieving this goal," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman and Orange County resident Dan O'Keefe.

"Every parcel of property we can secure helps preserve Shingle Creek, which is an important step for the Everglades and a worthy investment in the future of our environment," Chairman O'Keefe added.

The Governing Board approved purchasing 3.61 acres from two willing sellers in Shingle Creek for \$101,000. The SFWMD has been purchasing land around Shingle

Creek for conservation since 1991 – originally, through the Save Our Rivers program and, subsequently, with mitigation funds – because of the creek's unique hydrologic function and environmental value for the Everglades.

The SFWMD now owns nearly 2,500 acres for conservation within Shingle Creek. Another 1,100 acres is privately owned.

The Governing Board also approved an amendment to this year's budget, adding another \$375,000 to acquire land from willing sellers within the Shingle Creek Management Area. Recognized as the headwaters of Florida's Everglades, the Shingle Creek Management Area is the largest natural area in the greater Orlando area. It is comprised primarily of hardwood swamps with some upland habitat and is home to 154 different wildlife species. The swamp plays a critical role in providing regional flood protection and ensuring water quality.

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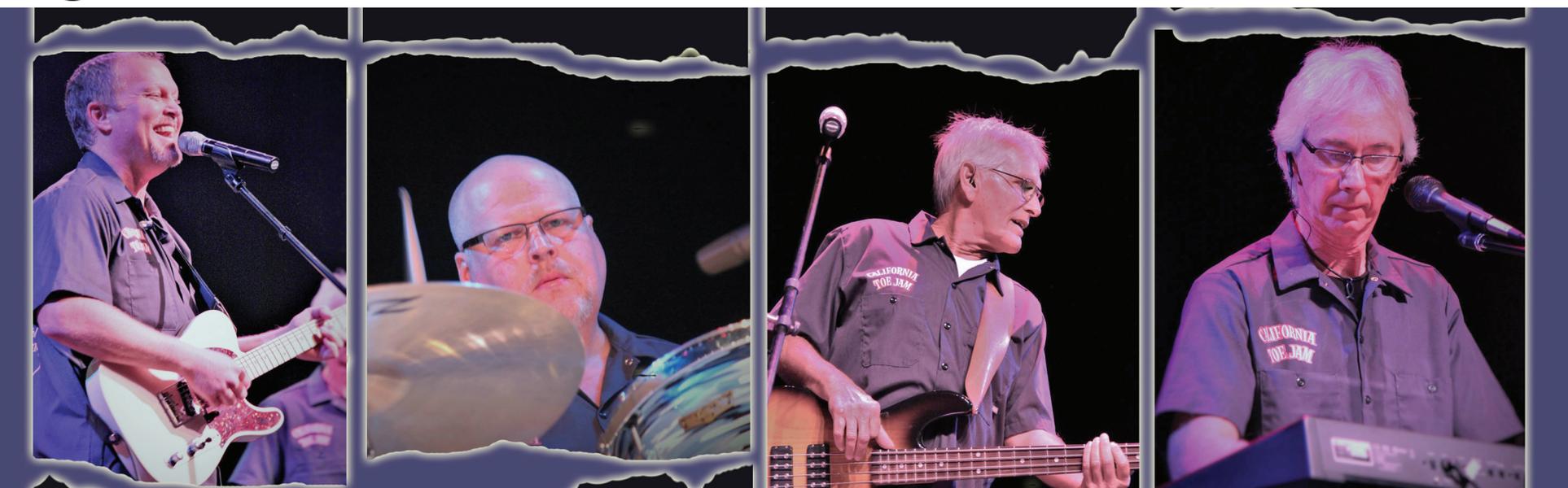
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Highlands Hammock hosts California Toe Jam Band Concert



Special to the Glades County Democrat

SEBRING — The California Toe Jam Band is scheduled to play on Saturday evening, March 31, at Highlands Hammock State Park. Toe Jam, a local band with a following throughout the greater Heartland, is known for playing the best classic rock from the 1960s and 1970s. Although members of the band have come and gone over the last 34 years, the band delights in

playing their family-friendly shows and the music remains the same. Visit www.californiatoejam.com/.

The Music in the Park series continues into May with two more concerts. T.C. Carr & the Bolts of Blue will play on April 28. Carr, one of Florida's top musical artists, is a harmonica virtuoso whose reputation is known in both the United States and Europe.

Country artist Rick Arnold, who worked with Hank Williams Jr., will close the series on May 5 with a night of classic and contemporary country and favorite rock-n-roll oldies. Visit www.rickarnold.com.

Admission is \$10 per adult. Accompanied children 10 years old and younger are free of charge. Music in the Park concerts are sponsored by the Friends of Highlands Hammock Inc. All proceeds benefit park

improvements via the Friends. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and flashlights and enjoy an evening of music under the stars. Food vendors will be on-site. Park entry fees of \$6 per vehicle (up to eight people) and \$4 per single occupant vehicle are waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Highlands Hammock is located at 5931 Hammock Road in Sebring. Call the ranger station at 863-386-6094 for more information.

Letter to the Editor

Let's talk: Prescribed cane burning and our health

The outside-generated conflict surrounding prescribed cane burnings in Florida continues. Does it and will it affect my health or the health of my loved ones? What can I do? These are questions we should be asking regarding many substances and/or activities within our homes and communities.

Because of the continued agitation and allegations from the Sierra Club; I decided to do some research. I talked with a Florida pulmonologist (lung specialist), a Florida air quality expert, The American Lung Association and other physicians. I want to share what I discovered.

Up front, I want you to know that I have asthma. So, for transparency's sake, I wanted to share that I do have a very personal interest. I also want to share that I worked in Hendry and Glades counties for 25-plus years at the Department of Health and was the health officer for many years, without a personal health episode. I traveled all over these counties in all weather conditions, including during cane harvest season and prescribed natural area/forestry burns.

The Florida air quality expert, having both private and public experience, helped me better understand that to be a "Health Threat, one must experience the following three factors:

- Exposure — coming in direct contact with the VOC (volatile organic compounds)
- Duration — the health threat increases with duration of exposure
- Concentration — higher concentration, higher threat

If any/all of these are reduced; the threat

is reduced. The most important is exposure. Without exposure, there is no health threat. So, when prescribed burning is done on days that maximize smoke rising well into the air (off the ground), exposure is minimized."

Some studies have stated that "the VOC levels in Belle Glade were 15 times higher during harvest season than during the growth season. It sounds devastating and it scares folks, however, the concentration level is insignificant. There is no health threat. There is a dilution factor often overlooked when smoke leaves its source and rises into the air. Smoke (and VOC) concentration in 1 square mile of air 20 feet off the ground would be diluted by 558 million cubic feet of air. Smoke rising to 4,000 feet off the ground would be diluted even further."

This is important for all of us to know and at least basically understand. I did NOT go as deep as the expert did; but general knowledge for us is of great value. It means when we see smoke rising into the air from a prescribed pre-harvest cane field burn, it is no threat to us because we are not being exposed to it.

Another measure of air quality is particulates or small particles in the air. The independent and credible Robert Wood Johnson and University of Wisconsin's Annual Report on County Health Rankings states "Hendry and Glades air particulate matter is lower than the State of Florida average. This is great for our rural areas. We do have challenges with lung issues and smoking, however."

Now, let's continue talking about our health. No burning causes disease without the three factors above. The number one risk to those with any type of respiratory or cardiac illnesses, children and elderly is cigarette

smoking. When done in the home, there is exposure, duration and concentration. Secondhand smoke is a risk for children to develop respiratory illnesses. It will also cause respiratory symptoms to someone living in the home with illness. It may also cause the person to use or potentially over use "prescribed puffers" to control symptoms. The State of Florida received large dollars from the tobacco settlement to offer and assist smokers and chewing tobacco persons cessation programs. We've all seen the anti-smoking ads that demonstrate the scope and consequences of the tobacco problem.

We contacted Hendry and Glades county healthcare providers and HRMC (Hendry Regional Medical Center) Emergency Room and Urgent Care Center to see if there were an increase in respiratory or cardiac visits during the prescribed burning season. RESULTS: There was not an increase in visits of cardiac or respiratory problems during the harvest season.

The literature also speaks loudly to forest fires or wood burning dangers. The Florida Forest Service also does prescribed burning. When one has been diagnosed with a respiratory illness, has a cardiac condition, children, allergies or asthma, etc., the healthcare provider is prudent if he or she comes up with an action plan during these times.

Google search of recommendations: If there is a forest fire, or if YOU ever have concerns or symptoms for ANY reason (always document what was happening so it can be shared with your health provider; if symptoms are severe, call 911):

Stay indoors.

Windows shut with air conditioning on; make sure filter is clean and it is using recy-

clad indoor air.

Make sure air filters in the home are clean and changed (monthly).

Do not smoke or let anyone smoke in the home.

Do not use candles, fireplaces, gas logs, gas stoves.

Don't vacuum, it stirs up particles already in the home that may come inside on feet or open windows.

If no air conditioning, go to someone's home that does have it.

If you have symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

Dust masks are not enough.

A well-fitted N-95 or P-100 respirator (mask) will help if used properly.

Scarves and bandannas (wet or dry) will not help.

If driving, make sure air is recirculating inside, NOT bringing in outside air.

Some people cannot have windows open at all, because of substances, i.e., pollen, etc. that can enter the home. This is a discussion with your healthcare provider.

We all want to be healthy and want our families to be healthy. There are safety measures that can be taken to maintain a healthy environment in our home so we don't display symptoms from any cause. It is also helpful to look to credible experts in the field to help us understand what presents a "health threat" and what does not. Prescribed burning is a responsible way the FFS and area farmers maintain a healthy environment for the environment, their workers and our communities. Get good health information and use it.

Patricia K. Dobbins
PKD Consulting

Haven Fresh shop serves up fresh fruit smoothies, healthy fare

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

Moore Haven has a new healthful food option aptly named Haven Fresh, a small oasis serving fresh-fruit smoothies, raw juice mixes and breakfast items – also selling just-picked produce – that’s open all day, every day, except Sunday.

On that day set aside to honor the Lord, you’ll find the youthful co-owners, Juan Martinez and his wife, Nancy Vazquez, worshipping at Agape rather than behind the counter whirring up some special nectar in their little store. Ms. Vazquez tells of their gratefulness for the day about four years ago when, pre-occupied with money worries, they listened to the Agape pastor preach a particularly memorable Old Testament lesson, from 2 Kings 4:1-7. “We started this business because of the Word from church, because we didn’t have money for rent we had to pay. One Sunday, he (husband Juan) was going to ask pastor for money to pay the rent. So the pastor started preaching and he said, ‘OK, God is telling me that someone doesn’t have money for their rent.’ And he was thinking that was ME!” Ms. Vazquez said she started ruminating in her head, “So maybe he’s going to give ... like, say, ‘Let’s give something to that person, some money.’” But Pastor Edgar Figueroa went in another direction.

“And then Pastor started preaching, (telling) about the widow that (had a son to provide for) – when her husband died, he had a lot of debt. So a prophet told her, ‘Do you have something in your house to sell?’ And

she said ‘No, I have nothing but this jar of oil.’ And he said, ‘Well, you and your son have to sell that.’ And he (her husband, Juan) believes in that. And she started putting gallons of oil out, and that’s why we started doing that, believing in God, that that was His thing for us,” she explained. The Bible story is a bit different than their situation, but it was applicable nonetheless.

“So we started with \$60, selling vegetables house by house, and then decided, with the money we pay for rent, we have more than that. And then Juan said, ‘Well, OK, let’s start selling vegetables and fruit,’ and then we found this place, we rented it, and we’re here.”

Haven Fresh is in a small, square building surrounded by a fence along Avenue I Northwest just north of the hunkering U.S. 27 bridge through town, a bit hidden from traffic’s view. Ms. Vazquez says they rented a billboard just east of the bridge to announce their presence. She said they do plan to add to their simple menu, with sandwiches and other lunch possibilities, “down the road.”

How’s foot traffic been since they opened their store? (That was back on Jan. 14, 2017.) “It’s been good.” She said they finished months of renovation work inside the building and opened it up for smoothies and breakfasts just in October.

“We’re thinking now about how to fix up the outside because a lot of people want to stay and sit, chatting with their friends, while they enjoy their smoothies or food. And we’re thinking about doing something outside,” Ms. Vazquez said, saying business has



Glades County Democrat/Chris Felker
Co-owner Juan Martinez mixes up a smoothie while frequent patron Chuck Larrance (left) slides a tip into the jar at the Haven Fresh cafe on Avenue I in Moore Haven. The shop started selling raw juices, mixes and breakfast items last October after months of selling fruits and vegetables outside and door-to-door.

picked up enough to start planning more.

Right now it’s a plain concrete enclosure surrounding the building with chain link around it, where the couple originally were selling the fruits and vegetables that they traveled to the Immokalee produce market to get. A picnic table or two probably will come first.

That first small amount of money went a long way. “We started with \$60, and we bought everything – jalapeños, bell peppers, cucumbers – and then we started selling it house by house.”

They’ve lived in Moore Haven for a while. Nancy, 26, said, “I’ve been here for almost

12 years, and he’s been here like 20 years.” Juan, who’s 28, and she both immigrated from Mexico, her from the border state of Coahuila and him from the southern rural farming state of Chiapas, and they plan now, as permanent legal residents, to have children someday.

“We are believing in God that this is what God wants us to do to prosper in our life and in the community. We have a little, small town and we didn’t have a produce source, before the dollar store that just opened, a place to go and buy vegetables and food.” Nancy and Juan hope to be providing for their community for a good, long time.



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

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
BY: /s/ Kenneth McDuffie, President

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CASE NO. 26-2017-CA-000092

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
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GLORIA VIGIL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GLORIA VIGIL; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; Defendants.

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The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the 2:30 P.M. opening time on May 1st, 2018, for STA Flat Mowing Services within the Clewiston Field Station service area.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (CONFERENCE) & SITE VISIT will be held on April 19, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. at the Clewiston Field Station Main Conference Room, located at 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston, Florida. All Respondents who wish to respond to this Solicitation must be present and on time at the Conference and Site Visit. Respondents that attended the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit for RFB 6000000890 are not required to attend. Bids will not be accepted from Respondents who either did not attend the Conference and Site Visit or who are more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

Work site visits will immediately follow the Conference and may include travel through rough terrain and remote and heavy vegetative areas. Transportation to the Conference and Site Visit shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.
All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested Respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling the BID HOTLINE 800-472-5290, option 1. The public is invited to attend the bid opening.
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LOBA launches sugarcane burning awareness campaign

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Lake Okeechobee Business Alliance (LOBA) announced on March 21 an initiative to support farmers in the Glades communities and push back attempts by outside anti-farmer activists that seek to put local jobs at risk.

The initiative, known as the Sustainable Agriculture Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Communities program, will educate local residents on why pre-harvest agricultural burns are carefully regulated by the Florida Forest Service, are not linked through any medical research to negative health conditions and are necessary in South Florida's damp climate.

"The Glades communities enjoy some of Florida's cleanest air, and we plan to keep

it that way," said Miller Couse, chairman of the board of First Bank and a member of S.A.F.E. Communities. "Through LOBA's S.A.F.E. Communities initiative, we will make sure our friends and neighbors here in the Glades know that pre-harvest burns are a safe, regulated and necessary tool that has been utilized by Glades farmers for decades."

S.A.F.E. was formed partly in response to a rise in local activity by a Fort Lauderdale-based chapter of Sierra Club and other organizations who have dispatched paid operatives into Glades communities to try to shut down the practice of pre-harvest burning and ultimately put local farmers out of business. The Sierra Club has made false accusations against Florida sugarcane farmers in the past. It was also involved in

litigation that contributed to the end of sugarcane farming in Hawaii, which shut down in 2017.

"Our communities and our very way of life are under constant attack by special interests determined to put folks in this region out of business," said Rev. Gary McNealy, a local minister and a member of the S.A.F.E. Communities alliance. "The people of the Glades need to know these attacks on the regulated, safe and necessary pre-harvest burn program conducted by our farmers are meant to divide our communities and are filled with misinformation."

Contrary to claims made by the Sierra Club, the Glades communities enjoy some of the best air quality in the state of Florida, with Palm Beach and Hendry counties ranking among the top of all of Florida's

67 counties. (Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2018). Additionally, the Palm Beach and Hendry County health departments have only averaged one verified complaint linked to a pre-harvest burn from a sugarcane field annually for the past 10 years, according to publicly available data from both health departments. In 2015, the Palm Beach County Health Department confirmed that "air-monitoring equipment near the sugarcane fields and in nearby communities show that the burning doesn't violate federal air-quality standards." (Palm Beach Post, June 19, 2015).

For more information on S.A.F.E. Communities, visit www.agfireeducation.org.

The Lake Okeechobee Business Alliance is an association of business and community leaders dedicated to protecting and preserving the communities and farmland that make up the Lake Okeechobee Region.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001247**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2016-1; MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2016-1,
Plaintiff
v.
ISABEL BLANCO et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, the Clerk of Hendry County will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF SUBJECT TO EXISTING OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES, ENFORCEABLE EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUBJECT TO TAXES AND ASSESSMENT OF CENTRAL COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1095 IN MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. The address of which is 472 Avenida Del Sur, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

at a public sale to the highest bidder, on 4-18-18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Second Floor, LaBelle, Florida 33935, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes. **Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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: 4/15/2018.

CLERK OF THE COURT
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1723, within two working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-675-5230 or 863-983-1592.

El Aviso se da por Este Medio:

Informamos que su elegibilidad para votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, a mas tardar 30 dias despues de la fecha de este aviso publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su ineligibilidad potencial y el procedimiento de resolver este caso. La falta de respuesta puede resultar en la determinacion de ineligibilidad por parte del Supervisor, y su nombre sera eliminado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. Llame al 863-675-5230 or 863-983-1592.

Brenda K. Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 174
LaBelle, FL 33975
Hendry County, Florida
F.S. 98.075

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-548
JUDGE: THOMAS REESE**

H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSY BOGARDUS, et al.
Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 2, 2017, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-000548 in the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC. is the Plaintiff, and SUSY BOGARDUS and the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, are the Defendants, that:

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 a.m., on the 11th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 404, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7th 1937, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 506 East Obispo Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440.
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 6th day of March, 2018.

By: J. Bevis,
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MHES trip still short some cash

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Moore Haven Elementary School Safety Patrol still is seeking to raise several thousand dollars after receiving a contribution from the City of Moore Haven for the planned trip to Washington, D.C., in several weeks.

Coordinator Sarah Tillery emailed an update last week:

"We have 22 students going on the trip and 13 parents accompanying them, as well as two chaperones from the school. We will fly from West Palm Beach on Monday, May 7, and return on Friday, May 11. We will visit Arlington National Cemetery, tour the Capitol and go to the Smithsonian museums and various national monuments. While the city did make a contribution, we still need to raise about \$7,000."

Anyone who can pitch in is asked to contact the school or email Ms. Tillery at sarah.tillery@gladesschools.org.

UF approves industrial hemp research project

GAINESVILLE — Florida's farmers may have a new crop to grow if the University of Florida is successful in a pilot project to grow industrial hemp across the state.

Researchers with the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) received approval from the UF Board of Trustees to develop hemp management and cropping systems that could be economically viable for the state.

Industrial hemp is a cannabis sativa plant that has been cultivated for 10,000 years as a fiber and grain crop. Industrial hemp may have applications for fiber, building materials, forages and pain relief as a topical oil.

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 *It offers an ocean view
- 5 *Hardware insertion point
- 10 *Sci-fi shortcut
- 14 Chevy subcompact
- 15 Salad bar morsel
- 16 Domingo forte
- 17 Spectator sport since the Edo period
- 18 Alpine air
- 19 Checker, e.g.
- 20 "What an exhausting day!"
- 22 Pounding tools
- 24 Veto
- 25 Clay, nowadays
- 26 Handy assortment
- 30 "Terribly strange" age in Simon & Garfunkel's "Old Friends"
- 34 ICU connections
- 35 Medical unit
- 37 "___ you finished?"
- 38 *Means of evasion
- 40 *Stephen Hawking subject
- 41 *Orca feature
- 42 Terrible
- 44 F1 neighbor
- 45 Makers of wood pulp nests
- 46 Quick round ... and, collectively, what the answers to starred clues lack
- 49 Gets in one's sights, with "to"
- 52 Backslides
- 56 Cancels the launch
- 57 Fasten
- 58 "Whip It" rockers
- 59 Order outfit
- 63 ___ on the back
- 64 Monthly pmt.
- 65 Midway alternative
- 66 Choice array
- 67 *Geologic danger
- 68 *Serengeti gathering place
- 69 *Home security device

DOWN

- 1 "¿Qué ___?"
- 2 Reproductive cell
- 3 Takes back to
- 4 Goldilocks complaint
- 5 Protein-rich bean
- 6 Blood ___
- 7 Unburden
- 8 Anticipatory times
- 9 More than adequately
- 10 Swaying walk
- 11 Art museum works, usually
- 12 Increase
- 13 Pro and mini
- 21 Business VIP
- 23 Architectural projection
- 26 Colorado tributary
- 27 State as accurate
- 28 Bar ___
- 29 Petulance
- 30 Help
- 31 Yosemite grazer
- 32 Stadium in St. Pete, with "The"
- 33 Landscaping shrubs

- 36 Obi, e.g.
- 39 "Pure, stripped down" genre, per Tommy Ramone
- 41 Climber's refuge
- 43 Choice array
- 45 "___ Got Tonight": 1983 hit duet
- 47 Absentee
- 48 Sci-fi author/editor del Rey
- 49 Fills with cargo
- 50 Division symbols
- 51 Neopagan gathering
- 53 Nepal currency
- 54 Big name in air conditioning
- 55 Everything but the liquor
- 60 Word associated with a light bulb
- 61 Echolocation user
- 62 Steaming state

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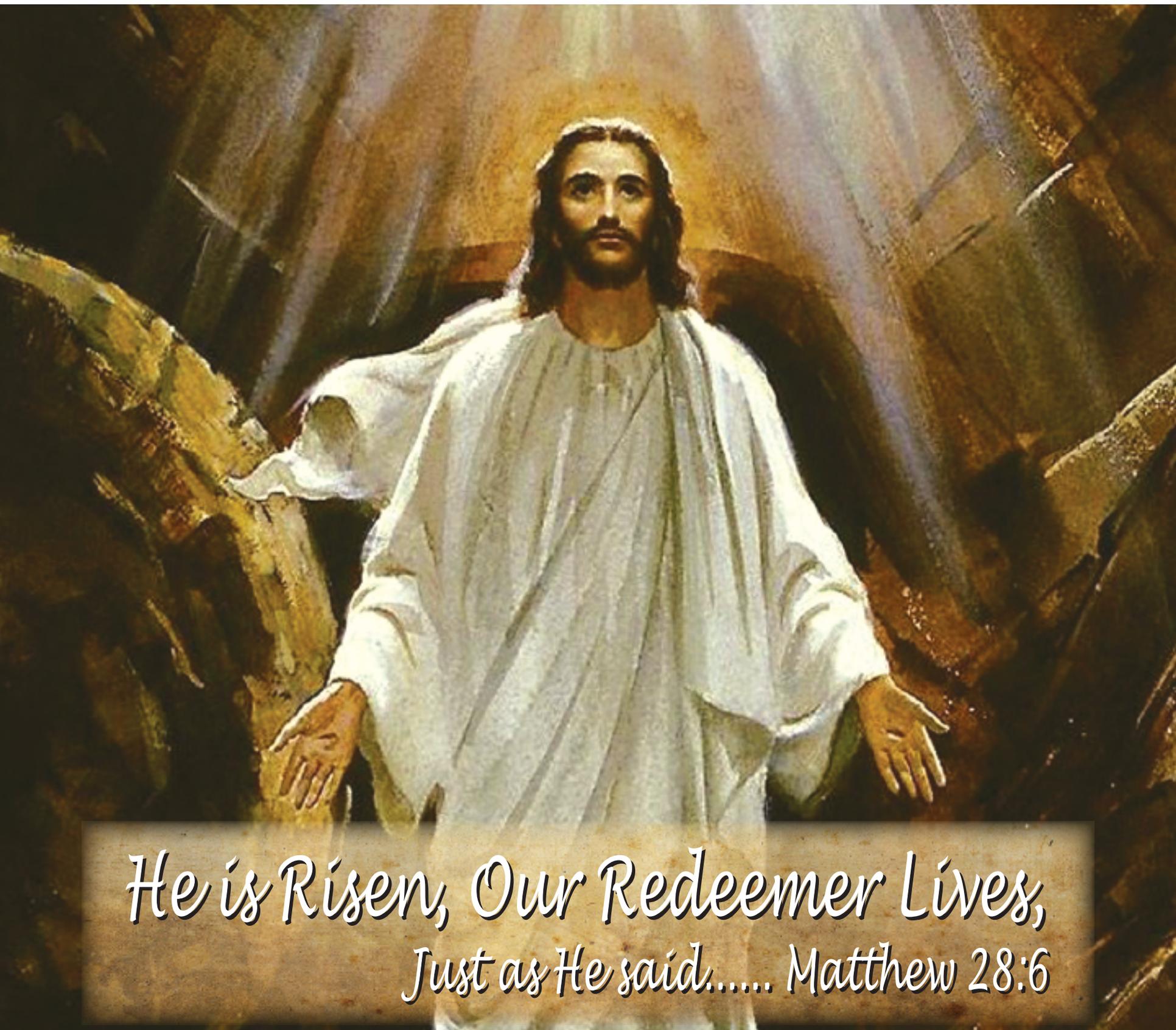
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