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Lake Levels

13.16 feet

Last Year: 11.61 feet

Source: South Florida Water Management District. Depth given in feet above sea level



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Hurricane Irma affects fire intensity

Special to the Glades County Democrat

PALMDALE — Over the weekend, county and state firefighters suppressed three large wildfires in western Glades County. Hurricane Irma had toppled many large pine trees in Glades County, increasing the size, complexity and intensity of all three of these wildfires because of widespread destruction of vegetation.

“The extra vegetation on the forest floor adds more fuel for the wildfires,” explained Forest Area Supervisor Joe deBree. “In addition, the downed hurricane vegetation can pose a hazard to firefighters; the equipment can get wedged on snapped trunks and limbs. Fortunately, no homes were threatened in any of these wildfires, so firefighters had the time to assess each wildfire thoroughly and contemplated strategies to safely combat the abundance of dried-out hurricane debris.”

Lightning has been eliminated as a cause

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo

There were three wildfires fought in Glades County on April 28.

Hunter safety courses offered in Glades County

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering free hunter safety courses in Glades County.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

Internet-completion courses will be conducted for Glades County on Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 3 from 9

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Health dept. focuses on health disparities

The Florida Department of Health is emphasizing health equity – each individual achieving optimal health.

“Current research confirms that there are many factors which contribute to our health,” said Health Officer/Administrator Joe Pepe. “As a result, some people bear a higher burden of disease than others. The Health Department teams in Hendry and Glades, along with our community partners, are working daily on programs to protect, promote and improve the healthiness of our community.”

The conditions in the places where people are born, grow, live, work, play, learn

and age have significant impact on the health outcomes of individuals, families and their communities. The department’s Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) continues to bridge efforts across Florida to help decrease and eliminate health disparities, accelerate health equity and build stronger, healthier communities.

The Closing the Gap Grant program is administered by the OMHHE, and these grants are utilized to stimulate the development of community and neighborhood-based organizations to improve disparate health out-

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More study needed to deal with the algal blooms

What we don't know CAN hurt us

By Katrina Elskén
INI Florida

Nearly two years after the 'guacamole' algal bloom that blanketed the Treasure Coast in the summer of 2016, there are plenty of theories, but we don't "know" the cause.

The prevailing theory was that algae in the freshwater released from Lake Okeechobee through the C-44 canal seeded the bloom, which grew to thick mats when it was fed by the nutrient-rich local basin runoff.

That's the theory — but we don't know, and can't know for sure that the algae came from the lake, because the algae was not examined on the microscopic level at the time, according to UF algae expert Dr. H. Dail Laughinghouse IV. It was not examined in 2016, and it's too late to examine it now. Without that data, we can't be sure where the algae and/or cyanobacteria that made up the 'guacamole' algal bloom originated.

Dr. Laughinghouse said researchers believe that, wherever it came from, something in the basin runoff that feeds into the St. Lucie estuary caused the algal bloom to grow rapidly into thick mats and release toxins.

The algae didn't grow into thick mats in the lake, he noted. If the algae that covered Treasure Coast waterways came from the lake, whatever caused it to grow into the 'guacamole' mats was apparently not in the lake.

Theories on what caused the bloom to explode include discharges from leaking septic tanks, sewage spills and runoff from Treasure Coast farms and urban areas.

Research conducted since the 2016 bloom has found that the phosphorus levels in the C-44 canal are significantly higher than the phosphorus level in the water in Lake Okeechobee. Nitrogen levels in local runoff are also significantly higher than nitrogen levels in the lake water.

According to South Florida Water Management District data, water in the C-44 is around 300 parts per billion phosphorus. The phosphorus levels in water in Lake Okeechobee vary according to the lake depth, and amount of turbidity, but in general it averages around 120-130 ppb. Water entering the lake from the north averages around 140 ppb. The Florida Department of Environment Protection goal for Lake Okeechobee is 40 ppb phosphorus.

The 2017 study, "Septic systems contribute to nutrient pollution and harmful algal blooms in the St. Lucie Estuary, Southeast Florida, USA," by Dr. Brian E. Lapointe, Laura W. Herren and Armelle L. Paule, of the Harbor Brand Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, Marine Ecosystem Health Program, found the local basin runoff contributed 70 percent of the nutrients that fed the algal blooms.

The researchers also noted that excessive releases of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee disrupt the salinity levels in the estuaries and are harmful to that ecosystem even if there is not an algal bloom.

According to Dr. Laughinghouse, algae needs both phosphorus and nitrogen to grow, and limiting phosphorus can control

algae blooms. Controlling nitrogen is a little trickier, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, because if nitrogen is not readily available, some algae can "fix" nitrogen from the air.

So what do we know?

- Algae is everywhere there is moisture — lakes, rivers, canals, ponds and the ocean. It's part of the natural ecosystem, and the base of the food chain.

- Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) is not new. In fact, it the oldest life form on the planet. It's been here an estimated 3.8 billion years.

- Excess nutrient loads in the water can cause the algae to grow rapidly. This is called a "bloom."

- Some forms of cyanobacteria sometimes (not always) release toxins that can be dangerous to fish, wildlife and humans.

- Thirty years ago, DEP set the target maximum phosphorus loading into Lake Okeechobee at 105 metric tons annually, with a goal for the lake water to be no more than 40 parts per billion phosphorus. That goal has never been met. The phosphorus load from the north has averaged three to four times the DEP maximum. South Florida Water Management District data shows the water flowing into the lake averages around 140 ppb phosphorus.

- The high levels of phosphorus flowing into Lake Okeechobee are harmful to the lake's ecology, and contribute to the growth of invasive plants.

- While the phosphorus levels in the water in Lake Okeechobee are much too high for its ecological balance, the levels in runoff in the St. Lucie basin are even higher. Phosphorus levels in basin runoff along the C-44 canal average 300 ppb phosphorus, per SF-WMD data.

- Releasing excess freshwater to the St. Lucie would be harmful even if the phosphorus levels were less than 40 ppb, because the freshwater releases disrupt the salinity levels in the estuary.

- Releasing freshwater from the lake to the Caloosahatchee River is necessary to prevent saltwater intrusion. Due to man-made changes, the river basin drains more quickly than nature intended and as a result, the river depends on lake releases for much of its water supply during the dry season.

- HABs can and do occur in salt water. HABs called "brown tide" and "red tide" are examples. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "Harmful algal blooms, or HABs, occur when colonies of algae — simple photosynthetic organisms that live in the sea and freshwater — grow out of control while producing toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and birds. The human illnesses caused by HABs, though rare, can be debilitating or even fatal. HABs have been reported in every U.S. coastal state, and their occurrence may be on the rise. HABs are a national concern because they affect not only



the health of people and marine ecosystems, but also the 'health' of local and regional economies."

- Algal blooms are not always harmful. According to NOAA, "Not all algal blooms are harmful. Most blooms, in fact, are beneficial because the tiny plants are food for animals in the ocean. In fact, they are the major source of energy that fuels the ocean food web. A small percentage of algae, however, produce powerful toxins that can kill fish, shell-

fish, mammals, and birds, and may directly or indirectly cause illness in people. HABs also include blooms of non-toxic species that have harmful effects on marine ecosystems. For example, when masses of algae die and decompose, the decaying process can deplete oxygen in the water, causing the water to become so low in oxygen that animals either leave the area or die."

- Even when the salinity levels are normal, the excess nutrients in runoff in the St. Lucie estuary and along the Treasure Coast are harmful to the environment. According to the 2015 Martin County Watershed to Reef study, nutrient pollution from coastal runoff has been linked to reef damage.

CITY OF LABELLE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/VARIANCE BOARD Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustments/Variance Board for the City of LaBelle, "the City," will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of hearing:

A Variance Petition of Jesus & Yolinda Luna, requesting a variance from the 15 foot rear setback to replace a carport destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The property is Parcel ID# 2-29-43-01-010-0083-002.1 and is located at 681 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935.



A copy of the Variance Petition(s) may be obtained at City Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

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- To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.



Rick Arnold concert set for May 5

Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo

SEBRING — Rick Arnold is scheduled to play the final concert of the Music in the Park series on May 5. Mr. Arnold, who called Nashville home for over 25 years prior to moving to Florida, is most famously known for penning "Hog Wild," the title cut of a Hank Williams, Jr. album, and "The Farm Song." He has experienced success as a singer/songwriter, having charted three of his own songs in the Top 100 and as a musician and entertainer, having performed many venues on the road.

This native of Kentucky grew up listening to country music from a very young age as he traveled with his father, who maintained juke box and pin ball machines in many a honky-

tonk. Also known for his exceptional versatility, he transitions from country to favorite rock-n-roll oldies and rock from the 1960s and '70s in a beat.

Mr. Arnold's wife, Robin, has stated, "When people hear Rick's Kentucky accent, they automatically think he's 'country,' but once he starts playing guitar, it is obvious that he was born to rock."

Mr. Arnold recently released a new album of all-original material entitled "Raised on Country, Born to ROCK!!" Robin Arnold further stated, "This is his first all rock-n-roll album in nearly 12 years, and each of the ten tracks are loaded with '70s style rockin' guitar. When you see Rick live, it is evident that he loves to play the electric guitar and he loves to rock!"

Mr. Arnold has earned a following throughout the Heartland for playing high-energy shows of the best country music, both classic and contemporary, and the best rock. Enjoy a rollicking good night of great guitar, harmonica and selections from his new album from 7 to 9 p.m. from the Music in the Park stage.

Admission is \$10 per adult. Accompanied children 10 years old and younger get in free of charge. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and flashlights. Golf carts and dogs are not permitted. Park entry fees of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 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.

Museum program to be held May 3 in Felda

Special to the Glades County Democrat

LaBelle Heritage Museum's May 3 program meeting will hold a special presentation of acclaimed director Nicholas Ray's flawed 1958 masterpiece "Wind Across The Everglades," starring Christopher Plummer, Burl Ives and Gypsy Rose Lee and featuring a number of well-known Florida "personal-

ities" including Totch Brown and Corey Osceola, at the Felda Community Center, 1100 CR 830 in Felda, at 7 p.m. "Winds Across the Everglades", originally over four hours of film edited to approximately an hour and a half by its producer Budd Schulberg, hints at what it might have been if its director Nicholas Ray had not let personal problems overshadow

his attention to the completion of this film.

There is limited seating at the Felda Community Center; advance general admission reservations available at www.labelleheritagemuseum.org are strongly recommended. The door prize drawing will be made from the printed advance tickets unless the ticket holder has proof on a smartphone of making a reservation. Felda is located between LaBelle and Immokalee on State Road 29, and directions to the Felda Community Center are available through both MapQuest and Google for those unfamiliar with the area.

Glades at a Glance

American Legion to meet

The Moore Haven American Legion Post 299 will hold a meeting on Friday, May 4, at 6 p.m., in the post headquarters building, 600 River Road in Moore Haven. A dinner will be served courtesy of the post. Veterans and interested persons are invited to attend and participate. Among the items for discussion is finalization of plans for the Memorial Day service to be held on Monday, May 28, at the Ortona Cemetery.

Tobacco-Free meeting

Join the Glades County Tobacco-Free Partnership Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at 3:30 p.m., at the Florida Department of Health (Glades County Health Department), 1021 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven. For information or to be placed on the agenda, contact Teresa Coco at Teresa.Coco@FLHealth.gov or 863-265-6055. Individuals needing accommodations under ADA should contact 863-265-6055 at least 72 hours prior.

Meals served at Legion Post

Moore Haven American Legion Post 299, 600 River Road in Moore Haven, is sponsoring dinners in the post hall on each Friday and Saturday evening starting at 6 p.m. The post is sponsoring breakfast each Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Both events are open to the public and there is a small donation. Preparation and serving are under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sparks. For information, call 863-946-2556.

I Scream for Free Books

I scream, you scream, we all scream for

ice cream and Free Books. Moore Haven Elementary, 401 Terrier Pride Drive in Moore Haven, is hosting a family fun night on May 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. Families are invited to attend to play bingo for books and enjoy free ice cream sundaes. They have tons of books for summer reading.

BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, is serving dinner on Friday, May 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at VFW Post 9528. Grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, onion rings, salad and desert. Live music by Crystal. Proceeds to homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR VFW serves breakfast

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Auxiliary will serve a full breakfast on Sunday, May 6, 8:30-11 a.m. at the VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, to benefit veterans services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Food trucks set May 24

Chow Down Food Trucks will at Barron Park House Art Gallery, located at Barron Park, 471 N. Lee St. in LaBelle, on Thursday, May 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. This event is sponsored by Arts of the Inland. This event features the art gallery, bounce houses and food trucks.

CANVASSING BOARD ORIENTATION NOTICE

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene for Orientation on May 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida.

JUNTA DE ESCRUTINIO AVISO DE ORIENTACIÓN

El comite de Escrutinio del Condado Hendry convocará par la Orientación el 10 de mayo de 2018 a las 3:00 pm en la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Condado de Hendry, Florida.

Brenda Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
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Register for free pre-k

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This is the last chance parents will have to take advantage of free pre-kindergarten before your child starts Kindergarten in August!

If your child did not attend the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program during the 2017-2018 school year, he/she is entitled to the 300 hour summer VPK program. This full day summer VPK program is available at West Glades School, 2586 County Road 731 in LaBelle.

Registrations are being accepted for Summer VPK through June 6.

The Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten program begins on June 6 and goes through July 31.

Transportation will not be available.

To register go to the website, create an account and bring or upload the listed items:

- <https://familyservices.floridaeearlylearn.com/Account/Login>
- Upload or bring the child's original birth certificate, passport, or immunization record signed by a physician
- Upload or proof of Florida residency such as utility bill or lease or driver's license

Once completed the certificate must be printed and brought to school. Call 863-675-3490 for assistance.

For assistance or information call Doreen Sabella or Yessica Gonzalez at 863-675-3490.

FIRE

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to all three of these wildfires. If the public has any information on the origin of these wildfires, please contact your local Florida Forest Service office at 863-467-3221.

In Muse community, 50-acre Beehive Wildfire

Sunday's Beehive Wildfire was located west of the Saturday, April 28, Gallberry Wildfire. With westerly prevailing winds, the Beehive Wildfire merged into the Gallberry Wildfire.

The Beehive wildfire was reported at 4:37 p.m. and was west of Kirby Thompson Road, south of Loblolly Bay Road.

The fire was contained at 7:57 p.m.

The cause of fire was under investigation at the time of the press release. There were

no evacuations, road closures, threats or injuries.

Northwest of LaBelle, the 94-acre Gallberry Wildfire

The Gallberry Wildfire, located in Glades County south of Loblolly Bay Road and West of Kirby Thompson Road, was reported on Saturday, April 28, at 2:56 p.m.

The fire was 100 percent contained at 4:19 p.m.

Ortona – 200-acre Ortona Eucalyptus Wildfire

The Eucalyptus Wildfire located in Glades County west of U.S. 27 and Wayman Road was reported on Saturday, April 28, at 4:38 p.m.

The fire was 100 percent contained at 7:35 p.m.

The cause of the fires were under investigation at the time of the press release. There were no evacuations, road closures, threats or injuries.

The Glades County Fire Department assisted the Florida Forest Service at each fire.

If you live near nature, then you can be at risk for wildfire danger. Take the time to remove anything that will burn from your roof and gutters. That includes pine needles, leaves, small twigs and palm fronds. Be sure there is nothing flammable against the sides of your home. Be sure to use plants that are not highly flammable around your home. Keep the area within 30 feet of your home picked up, mowed and watered within the guidelines of local water management.

HEALTH

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comes of racial and ethnic populations and promote disease prevention activities.

As part of the Closing the Gap Grant program, Hebni Nutrition Consultants Inc. introduced the "Fresh Stop" mobile farmers' market bus in Central Florida. "Fresh Stop" was introduced in 2014 with the goal of reducing diabetes risk in areas that are considered food deserts due to a lack of fresh, nutritional and affordable food options. In addition to offering fresh produce, the "Fresh Stop" also provides healthy cooking and wellness lessons. More than half of residents in Eatonville who attended the wellness lessons had lost weight and reduced their risk of diabetes.

To ensure Floridians in all communities have opportunities to achieve healthier outcomes, the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Steering Committee has chosen health equity as one of eight priority health areas in the SHIP, which will guide strategic health interventions for the next five years.

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a.m. to 4 p.m.

The specific location for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in West Palm Beach at 561-625-5122.

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS AND OTHER CHANGES PERTAINING TO AIRPORTS

Hendry County proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-53, ZONING, SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 1-53-6.13, AIRPORTS; SECTION 1-53-3, ZONING DISTRICTS; AND SECTION 1-53-4, DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The first of two public hearings on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on **May 8, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave, Clewiston, Florida.

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

Maps depicting the affected areas around LaBelle Airport and Airglades Airport are adjacent to this advertisement.

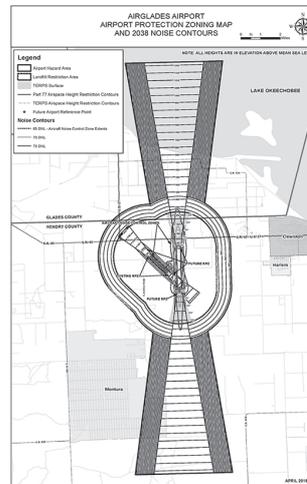
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is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

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

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

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



Experimental crop bed design survived Irma

By Beverly M. James
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — While producers and growers across Florida lost some, if not all, of their crops due to Hurricane Irma, a University of Florida researcher saw his experimental bedding survive the storm.

“We were testing for flooding, and didn’t expect to have winds strong enough to see the effects of wind force on crops,” said Sanjay Shukla, UF/IFAS professor in the agricultural and biological engineering department. “So, when the hurricane hit, here was an opportunity to see if geometric bedding that I designed could withstand and protect crops during a severe storm.”

Shukla has hundreds of acres of crops at the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, where he is based. He uses what he calls “compact bed geometry,” which is used in plasticulture. The use of plastic in agriculture is used globally to produce high-value vegetable (e.g. tomato, pepper, eggplant) and some fruit crops.

The crops are grown on raised-soil

beds that are covered with plastic. The plastic mulch protects the crops from pests including weeds, provides a warmer soil environment and protects the fertilizer from being washed away, Shukla said. The end result is a high yield and consistent fruit quality, he said.

Instead of planting crops on beds that are normally 6 to 8 inches high and about 3 feet across, Shukla planted them 10 inches to a foot high and 1 ½ to 2 feet across. The crops were more narrow and higher.

With the compact bed designs, Shukla and his team in an ongoing experiment were able to demonstrate that farmers could still produce the same crop but with lower inputs, including cost. This meant that producers that use two drip tapes can now use only one without sacrificing production, he said.

While some growers had used modified versions of Shukla’s design, he hopes those who are replanting will consider using his exact measurements. “Using geometric bedding will help growers save crops during severe storms, increase yield and save money,” he said.

Now’s the best time to buy flood insurance

Special to INI Florida

ORLANDO — Floridians should consider buying flood insurance now while it’s dry.

Typically, a policy does not take effect until 30 days after the date of purchase. Buying and maintaining flood insurance now will help protect Floridians financially from storm damage.

Standard homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Flood damage is most often called an excluded peril, meaning it’s not covered.

Floods are the most common and costly natural disasters in the United States. A flood-insurance policy protects policyholders financially even when a presidential disaster is not declared or if they live in a county that was not designated for federal assistance.

Roy Wright, who oversees FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, spoke recently at an insurance conference in Miami. He said rather than trying to find the right flood zone map, people should check their driver’s licenses.

“If it says Florida, you need flood insurance,” he said.

NFIP has more policies in Florida than any other state. While there are currently more than 1.7 million NFIP policies in the state, only about half of Florida homeowners inside high-risk areas had insurance against flooding before Hurricane Irma

made landfall on Sept. 10, 2017.

As of March 15, nearly 33,000 NFIP claims for Irma damage had been filed. More than \$993 million had been paid to policyholders, with an average closed claim payment of \$46,099.

Flooding can occur almost anywhere. Almost 25 percent of flood-insurance claims come from low-to-moderate risk areas and receive one-third of all federal disaster assistance for flooding. In high-risk areas, there is at least a one-in-four chance of flooding during a 30-year period.

As long as their community participates in NFIP, Floridians are eligible to purchase an NFIP policy.

The national average annual policy for home and business owners is about \$700 for up to \$250,000 in coverage. Properties in moderate-to-low risk areas may qualify for lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy rates.

In addition to coverage for structures, NFIP offers content coverage as low as \$48 per year in some areas for home and business owners and renters. Policies may help with up to \$100,000 in losses.

For information on flood risk and flood insurance visit www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program or call 800-427-4661 for voice, 711 and Video Relay Service.

For more recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, or follow us @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA’s Facebook page.

Reflections from the Pulpit

An area code search and an interesting finding

By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D. +
Saint Martin’s Church, Clewiston

My telephone gives me an account of numbers of persons trying to reach me when I am away. The vast majority of them are preceded by a designation of “Unknown” with no identification of the caller.

In order to be able to return the calls, I explored the internet for “Area Codes” and wondered if maybe some of the calls were coming from people who I knew that lived in another state or some place and were trying to get in touch.

To my surprise I found out that the greatest number of those area codes came back as “Not in use.” Someone had not given any identifying information such as a name or the name of an organization and chosen to fabricate a number designated from an area code that was not in use.

One recent number came from “area code 124” and the area code search said that no “100” numbers are used. I would conjecture that any identification of the person or organization trying to get in touch would have resulted in no response on my part. If I do not recognize a number or one that is “fabricated,” I may choose not to reply. If it is a number that’s identified or from a genuine area code, then I can return the call.

On those occasions when I have answered some unknown area code number I have found that it is a salesperson who wishes to sell me something I don’t need, don’t want, or a person asking for something that I do not wish to give.

A call came from one of the islands in the Caribbean asking me to fund the caller to come to Florida so he could get to the U.S. Consulate for identification needed for a job here. I told him that there was an embassy in the capital on the island where he lived. He told me I was “beating around the bush” in denying his request and I told him that “Flat out, I’m saying I’m not going to fund your trip here.”

Another person talked about a computer virus that I had on my computer; nor realizing that my home computer was off-line and insisting that my own anti-virus service would not eliminate it.

These calls amount to an invasion of privacy; something I have come to avoid when I don’t respond to area codes not listed or to calls from “unknown” sources.

I checked with my dictionary for a definition of “guile” and noted that the description was “deceivingly cunning.” Biblical admonitions are to “Let what you say be simply ‘yes’ or ‘no’; anything more than this comes from evil (Matthew 5:37).”

Jesus went to Galilee and found Philip, and told him “Follow me (John 1:43).” Philip in turn found Nathanael and told him of his encounter with Jesus. Nathanael had questions; “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” and Philip tells him “Come and see (v.46).” Nathanael is seen by Jesus and said “Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile (v. 47).”

What counted was being direct, being forthright, being open about who he was

and where his intentions could be found.

That is the mark of greatness. When Dwight Eisenhower was President, an American Surveillance plane, a U-2, was shot down over the Soviet Union and Francis Gary Powers was taken prisoner. Nikita Krushchev confronted Eisenhower about this “spy mission” and attempted to embarrass the General. Eisenhower responded “That’s right” - and pointed out how other nations engage in such activities, including the Soviet Union. Krushchev was denied his political capital and eventually Francis Powers was traded for a Soviet agent that was captured by the U.S.

Paul describes himself as being “one of the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the Church of God (1 Corinthians 15:9).” He goes on to note “But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain (v.10).”

He is recognized as among the greatest of saints, not ignoring or denying but being who he was and going on to accomplish miraculous things in the formation of the Church.

That is the mark of so many of the great people to be admired; being themselves and being open about who they are no matter where they came from or what they have done. In other words, no guile!

I’ve found it’s far more disarming than trying to cover up or giving weak excuses.

It was the Lord who told His believers “You will know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). He had it right; it’s been good for us to be as truthful as we can ever since.

Obituary

Emma Jean Seiler, 69

MOORE HAVEN – Emma Jean Seiler died

April 23, 2018. She was born Dec. 28, 1948 in Okeechobee to the late Floyd Dawson and Esther Geneva (Smith) Gunn. A lifetime resident of Moore Haven, she loved spending time with her family. She was the store manager at the Circle K for many years, before it closed.

Mrs. Seiler is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Ralph “Buster” Seiler; sons, Kevin Seiler (Bobbie), all of Moore Haven, and John Seiler (Rena), of Moore Haven; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; step-son, Steven Osceola (Jackie), of Hollywood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William Allen Seiler; brothers, John Gunn and Hilburn Gunn; and grandson, Steven Billie.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to a children’s charity of your choice.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

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



FSW employees honored with NISOD Awards

Special to the Glades County Democrat

FORT MYERS — Four Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) faculty and staff members have been named winners of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Awards for 2018.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize college faculty, staff and administrators each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. FSW students and employees submit nominations for their professors and colleagues for this award based on teaching and learning practices that encourage student achievement.

Dr. Katie Paschall, professor of speech at the FSW Collier Campus, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Professional Development and Scholarship; Don Ransford, professor of mathematics at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Service to the College and Community; and Sandra Seifert, professor of mathematics at the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Teaching

and Instruction. This year's recipient of the NISOD Staff Excellence Award is Amy English, Academic Support Center specialist at the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center.

"The NISOD Excellence Awards give our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to recognize those college employees that go above and beyond their everyday duties in guiding our students to the ultimate goal of graduation," said Dr. Jeff Stewart, FSW provost and vice president, Academic Affairs. "We are proud of the dedication and commitment these staff and faculty members have provided to ensure our students reach their greatest potential."

In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. It has since become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators and staff. This year's recipients will be recognized during NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in May.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/FSW Sandra Seifert, mathematics professor, receives the NISOD Excellence Award for Teaching and Instruction from Dr. Jeff Stewart.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/FSW Amy English, Academic Support Center specialist, receives the NISOD Staff Excellence Award from Dr. Jeff Stewart.

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WGS recognizes Sunshine State reading winners

Special to the Glades County Democrat

West Glades School's (WGS) Sunshine State reading competition for the year is now complete.

"Three Book Readers" received a McDonald's hamburger coupon and a poster.

"Five Book Readers" received an ice-cream treat at lunch.

"Ten Book Readers" have qualified for an off-campus trip in May to Chuck E. Cheese and Barnes & Noble bookstore.

"Fifteen Book Readers" will receive a \$15 gift card to spend at the bookstore. Ad-

ditionally, each time a student completed a book, he or she was entered into a drawing for a \$25 Walmart gift card.

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

Watch for the Fifteen Book Readers and the winners of the Walmart gift cards in next week's edition of the Glades County Democrat.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo

Three books: Kaelyn Murray, Stephanie Pereyra, Nicholas Alexander, Inri Lazalde, Brenda Comi, Melina Villeda, Laeda Middleton, Madison Reed, Dominic Lopez, David Lopez, Neri Mendez, Mallory Saxon.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo

Five books: Shana Townsend, Allen Lockmiller, Joshua Myrtil-Pierre, Jenna Stockwell, Isai Mendoza, Kylie Lowman, Christian Romero.



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Ten Books: Samuel Salazar, Ava Barnes, Emma Dyess, Lawton Thigpen, Anakaren Sandoval, Ty Murray, Austin Townsend, Joellen Erskin, Ashley Cruz, Payton Crews, Carli Hendry, Carmen Perez, Valerie Zuniga, Elliot Cruz, Gabriella Williamson, Grace Williamson, Rolando Sandoval.

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Single vehicular crash claims life of Clewiston man

Special to The Clewiston News

CLEWISTON — A Clewiston man died in a single vehicle crash on Tuesday, May 1, while traveling on County Road 833.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) press release stated that at approximately 3:09 p.m. a 2002 Ford F-150 truck operated by Marvin Dwaine Mcgee, 53, of Clewiston was traveling southbound on County Road 833. The truck ran off the road way to the left and drove

over a drainage culvert. The truck went airborne and over turned. The truck struck the east shoulder of County Road 833. The truck came to final rest over turned on the east shoulder of County Road 833 facing north.

It was reported that Mr. Mcgee died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Mr. Mcgee was wearing a seatbelt.

The investigating officers were Trooper Justin Sanchez, Crash Investigator and Corporal Mariam Berthet, Homicide Investigator.

South Florida Management District preparing to protect all from flooding

Canals, structures throughout 16-county District being maintained to maximize flood protection; wet season readiness well underway

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — With the memory of Hurricane Irma's devastating impacts throughout the region last September still on Floridians' minds, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is already well underway preparing to protect its 8.1 million residents from potential flooding from heavy rainfall or hurricanes this coming wet season.

One example of this is in Lee County, where the District is helping the county clear trees from the banks of the Imperial River, which is not in SFWMD's regional flood control system but is a major route to convey floodwaters away from the Bonita Springs area. The District also recently began clearing trees and vegetation from the banks of the Golden Gate Canal, a major flood control conveyance canal serving Collier County residents.

"This District never stops working to protect residents from flooding, as our staff is constantly preparing the system for the heavy rains that nature provides us during South Florida's wet season," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Federico Fernandez. "By working with residents, as well as local and county drainage authorities throughout the year, this agency is able to meet the wet season head-on."

South Florida on average receives roughly 36 inches of rainfall during the annual wet season that typically runs from June through October. This is about 70 percent of the average amount of rainfall received for the entire year.

As a result of the interconnected system of drainage in South Florida, flood control is a shared responsibility between the District, county and city governments, local drainage districts, homeowners associations and resi-

dents.

Residents should familiarize themselves with how to contact the homeowners association, municipality or local drainage district responsible for drainage from their property. A Local Contact Viewer tool to determine the local drainage district that represents your property and how to contact them can be found at SFWMD's website at <https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/flood-control>

SFWMD Governing Board members are urging their constituents to start taking simple steps now to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. You can help these systems work efficiently by making sure drainage grates and other parts of your neighborhood drainage system are clear of debris. Grass clippings and fallen leaves can quickly slow drainage in your neighborhood.

SFWMD operates and maintains the regional water management system known as the Central and Southern Florida Project, which was authorized by Congress more than 60 years ago to protect residents and businesses from floods and droughts. This primary system of canals and natural waterways connects to community drainage districts and hundreds of smaller neighborhood systems to effectively manage floodwaters during heavy rain.

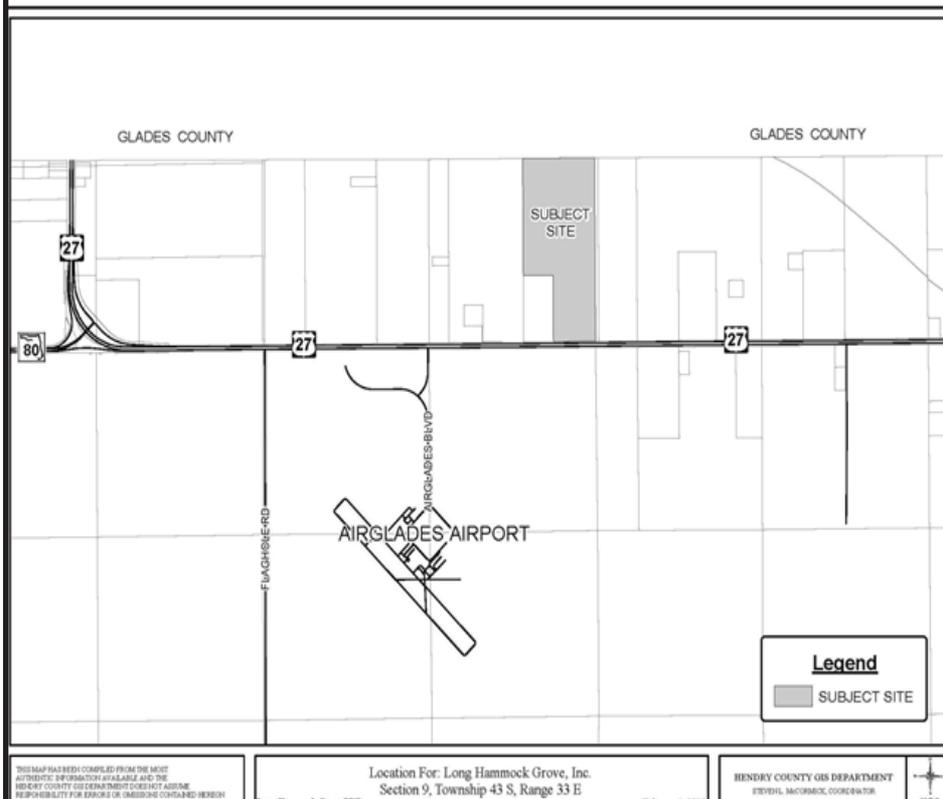
Water managers are hard at work preparing the entire regional flood control system, encompassing more than 2,000 miles of canals with 70 water control structures, for the expected rainy season.

The District is currently undertaking several maintenance projects to clear trees, vegetation and other debris from canal banks and rights of way. These trees can fall into canals during strong storms and block the flow of water, causing flooding. Canal tree-clearing projects are ongoing in the C-100A Canal in Miami-Dade County. The District also plans to begin a tree clearing project in May to improve safety and flood protection along the C-15 Canal, which protects hundreds of thousands of Palm Beach County residents from flooding.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE HENDRY COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following Ordinance. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on May 8, 2018, at 5:05 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, Florida.

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY +/- 233.34 ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE TO MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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

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

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

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

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Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Residential Building Inspector. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net. Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352

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Applicant must be able to multitask and manage heavy workload, have knowledge of routine clerical procedures, the ability to prepare reports and correspondence, plan, organize and coordinate work activities. Position will require the ability to follow written and verbal instructions and communicate effectively with coworkers and the public. Prior computer experience required, bilingual a plus.

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to: Graduation from a standard high school or an equivalency diploma.

If you are interested in the above position, please contact Kelly Services in Fort Myers at 239-936-0086.

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Staff Assistant III-Permitting. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net. Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352

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Administration of Estates

The administration of the Estate of THOMAS P. BARR, Deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2017, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 0306, Case Number 222018-CP-5 is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Glades County Courthouse, Post Office Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.**

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.** ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is: April 26th, 2018.

REGINA MARIE KING
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 47-2014-CP-00037
Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
LORENE BOWERS GOPHER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **LORENE BOWERS GOPHER,** deceased, whose date of death was August 14, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J #102, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 3rd, 2018.

Petitioner:
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Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Attorney for Petitioner:
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY. PROBATE DIVISION CASE No.: 2018-CP-00009 Uniform Case No.: 222018CP00009CPAXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **JAMES E. LEWIS,** Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of **JAMES E. LEWIS,** deceased, date of death November 7, 2017 by the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471; that the total value of the estate is \$00.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
Ruth M. Lewis	1720 Linda Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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The date of first publication of this Notice is May 3rd, 2018.

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JUDGE: JUAN L. LOPEZ
IN RE: The Estate of **THOMAS P. BARR,** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of **THOMAS P. BARR,** Deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2017, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 0306, Case Number 2018-CP-5 is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Glades County Courthouse, Post Office Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.**

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.** ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of first publication of this notice is: April 26th, 2018.

Petitioner:
Andrew Jackson Bowers, Jr.
19755 Reservation Road
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Attorney for Petitioner:
JEFFREY A. FADLEY, P.A.
Fla. Bar No. 035667
Attorney for Personal Representative
180 NW 3rd Avenue, Suite A
Law Office of **CASSELL & McCALL**
By: JOHN D. CASSELL, JR.
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Okeechobee, FL 34973-0968
(863) 763-3131

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2016-CA-00046-CAAXMX

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL REYFF A/K/A MICHAEL R. REYFF, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2016 and Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-00046-CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for **GLADES COUNTY, Florida** wherein **CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,** is the Plaintiff and **MICHAEL REYFF A/K/A MICHAEL R. REYFF,** is the Defendant, the **CLERK OF COUNTY** will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps, south door of the courthouse located at 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471 at 11:00 AM on **May 24, 2018** the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 71 and 72, Bowden's Waterfront Lots, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 3, pages 27, of the public records Glades County, Florida, together with a 1989 Palm Tractor Serial Numbers PH092650A and PH092650B, Title Numbers 46708281 and 46689729, which, by intension of the parties and upon retirement of the Certificate of Title as provided in Florida Statute 319.261 shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it.
Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the Foreclosure Sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days after the Foreclosure Sale.
DATED in Glades County, Florida, this, 30th day of April, 2018.

Sandra Brown
As Clerk of Circuit Court County, Florida
Tami Simmons
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) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this [describe notice]; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
259864 GCD 5/3/10/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 1700087CAMXAX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER CS FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. (INV. CODES 250 AND 251) SERIES 1996-1, POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SAMPSON JR, LONNIE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 1700087CAMXAX of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Circuit in and for **GLADES COUNTY, Florida**, wherein, **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER CS FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. (INV. CODES 250 AND 251) SERIES 1996-1 POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, and SAMPSON JR, LONNIE, et al., are Defendants.** I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, **FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR OF Courthouse, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 24th day of May, 2018,** the following described property:

LOT 1 OF BLOCK 5, RANCH LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA;

TOGETHER WITH A 1995 HOMES OF MERIT MANUFACTURED HOME; BEARING SERIAL#: FLHMLCP60012822A AND FLHML-CP60012822B

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus of 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 18th day of April, 2018.

Sandra Brown
Clerk Circuit Court
By: Tami Simmons
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on this form, in another written format, or orally. Please complete the attached form and return it to deliver@ca.cjis20.org as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Upon request by a qualified individual with a disability, this document will be made available in an alternate format. If you need assistance in completing this form due to your disability, or to request this document in an alternate format, please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, phone (863) 675-5229, e-mail deliver@ca.cjis20.org
256540 GCD 4/26/5/3/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/18/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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2018 GREAT DANE TRAILER
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Public Notice

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 18-DR-47

DAWN GODINEZ,
Wife, and
GABRIEL BANUELOS GODINEZ,
Husband,

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: **Gabriel Banuelos Godinez,**
175 Adam Lane, Angier, NC 27501

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Dissolution of Marriage including allegations for equitable distribution has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Melissa Barris, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2423 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, on or before May 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court at Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

DATED this 4th day of April, 2018.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Tami Simmons
Deputy Clerk

254960 GCD 4/19/26/5/3/11/2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Florida Power & Light, Inc., at 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach 33408 to construct a 74.5-megawatt (MWAC) solar photovoltaic energy facility and collector sub-station located Southwest of Sam Jones Trl. (CR 833), & East of County Road 846, Clewiston, FL 33440, within Sections 4 and 9 of Township 47, Range 33 in Hendry County. The substation will be located within Sections 20 and 21 of Township 47, Range 33 Hendry County, Florida.

The Department will issue the environmental resource permit, unless a timely petition for an administrative proceeding is filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

The application file is available online and can be accessed through the Department's Information Portal at: http://prodweb.dep.state.fl.us/DepNexus/public/electronic_documents/ERP_360867/facility/search If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty viewing the electronic application, please call the South District Office at 239-344-5600, or contact by e-mail at SouthDistrict@floridadep.gov and reference DEP File No: 0360867-001 EL.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petitioner must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.
The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.
259879 CN 5/3/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2016-65-CA

JEWELL D. BAKER,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
KENNETH R. YATES, CARMEN B. YATES, and BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS
Defendants.

2nd AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned **SANDRA BROWN,** Clerk of the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, will on the 31st day of May, 2018, at 11 o'clock A.M., at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Glades County Courthouse (being the front steps), 500 Avenue J, City of Moore Haven, Florida, 33471, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Glades County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 40, REVISED MAP OF MOORE-HAVEN, FLORIDA according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 72, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida of which Glades County was formerly a part.

Street address: 571 Avenue H, Moore Haven, FL 33471
pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is: Jewell D. Baker, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth R. Yates, Carmen B. Yates and Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, and any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants; and unknown tenants, Defendants and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the real property sought to be foreclosed, herein described the docket number of which is Case Number 2016-65-CA.
WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 27th day of April, 2018.

SANDRA BROWN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Glades County, Florida By: Tami Simmons
Deputy Clerk

Joseph M. Hendry, II, Esquire
Florida Bar No.: 0827060
Attorney for Plaintiff
Email: jhendry@gate.net 220 Dal Hall Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL 33852 Tel.: (863) 699-2889
259883 GCD 5/3/10/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District ("the District"), Hendry County, Florida will hold a SPECIAL meeting on **May 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM EST** and continuing from time-to-time at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440 to consider the following:

RECONSIDERATION OF SUMMER PROGRAM AT RECREATION CENTER

and other regular business of the District. This Notice further advises that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors of the District with respect to any matter considered during this meeting, you will need a record of the meeting, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is based.

Any interested party desiring to appear before the Board of Supervisors may do so on the date and place listed above.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (863) 983-5797 NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.
259869 CN 5/3/2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of Pelican Lake Water Control District is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 10:00 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:

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.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, 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 made. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the District at (561) 996-2940 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
By: Mr. Paul Allen, President
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NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **May 16th, at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1494, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Clewiston City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Debbie McNeil, Code Enforcement Officer
259873 CN 5/3/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR NEW WATER CONNECTIONS FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY HAS DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD TO CONSIDER A RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEW WATER CONNECTIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PORT LABELLE UTILITY SYSTEM (PLUS). THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD INCREASE THE NEW WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

The first public hearing will be held May 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., before the Port Labelle Utility System Advisory Board.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., May 22, 2018, before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County. If approved, the rate increase will be effective for new water connections requested and paid on or after June 1, 2018.

Both public hearings shall be held in the County Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle Florida. The meeting is open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail keitha.daniels@hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar un esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
259803 CV/CB 5/3/2018

Public Notice

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 262017CP000117CPAMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF **MARJORIE S. PAIGE**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **MARJORIE S. PAIGE**, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 2017, File Number 262017CP000117CPAMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. 1760, La Belle, Florida, 33975. The name and address of the personal representative and his attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 26th, 2018.

Personal Representative: **WILLIAM S. PAIGE**
10023 L1 Dyke Road
Clewiston, FL 33440
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Sandra L. Test, Esq.
JOHN H. TEST, PA.
12150 SW 128 Court, #122
Miami, Florida 33186
Telephone: (305) 255-3924
Florida Bar No.: 352543
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 - 15 Beer ingredient
 - 16 "Spider-Man" director
 - 17 Cats' request on seeing birds through the window?
 - 19 Brother of Miriam
 - 20 Obeyed the doctor
 - 21 Romp
 - 23 Suffix with Capri
 - 24 Actress Kunis
 - 25 Attention-getting craze?
 - 27 "Bravo, señor!"
 - 29 "Blah blah blah": Abbr.
 - 31 Bavarian article
 - 32 Kid-lit detective ___ the Great
 - 34 Speck
 - 37 Dangerous bacterium
 - 41 Ottoman ruler's pier?
 - 44 Senate Finance Committee chair Hatch
 - 45 Sundance's gal
 - 46 Like Gen. Powell
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 - 49 iTunes purchase
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 - 52 "L.A. Law" actress' work period?
 - 57 California's ___ Valley: Reagan Library site
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 - 60 Wind with a wide range
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 - 64 Choir platform
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- 43 Footwear for the Step Brothers
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- 50 "La Vie en Rose" chanteuse
- 52 Fixes, as a heel, perhaps
- 53 "Middlemarch" novelist
- 54 Easy kind of question
- 55 Where roads divide
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- 12 Act badly?
- 13 Eatery with its own lingo
- 18 Fire ___
- 22 "Tis true!"
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