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Lake Levels

12.96 feet

Last Year: 11.64 feet

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Manager candidate gets counteroffer

Board also votes to retain Carlisle another month

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

After Glades County Board Chairman John Ahern related how his negotiations had gone with Joseph Helfenberger, two commissioners objected Tuesday to terms they'd arrived at for the interim manager candidate.

Mr. Helfenberger, now temporarily managing the tiny City of Archer (near Gainesville), had rejected Chairman Ahern's offer of a \$105,000 annual salary equivalent plus travel and housing allowances to take over the Glades County administration while the commissioners seek a new permanent manager.

"He turned it down," Mr. Ahern said, "so we went to the \$110,000 that is in the contract" that County Attorney Richard Pringle, who was sitting in on the talks, was drawing up.

Living in St. Cloud, a city near Kissimmee that he managed from 2015 through last July, Mr. Helfenberger was receiving a travel allowance of \$500 monthly plus a housing stipend of \$700 a month from Archer, and asked for the same from Glades County. The term would be six months unless both parties decided to extend it or Mr. Helfenberger chose to apply for the permanent position. He would work for a probationary period of three months before receiving any fringe benefits, except for two days' paid vacation time he requested.

Mr. Ahern told commissioners that "at our last meeting, we each had an opportunity to

talk to Mr. Helfenberger ... and voted to try to work out an employment agreement for the interim with him," then the two met afterward to discuss possible terms. When "he didn't accept that, I told him that I needed to think about it. It was a situation where I was trying to satisfy him and then at the same time make a decision for the whole board, which is quite a challenge. I waited for a day, then I called him back and I offered the \$110,000, and he accepted it, so that was pretty much the history."

Commissioner Donna Storter Long asked what salary range the board decided on to put in its advertisements for a permanent manager. Mr. Ahern replied that it was \$100,000 to \$120,000. She noted that the offer to Mr.

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WWII vet gets Honor Flight experience

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

May being one of two months each year when the nation pauses to recognize the sacrifices made by countless soldiers in America's military engagements, the people at Honor Flight Hub have been extremely busy. And a couple with local ties also was busy these past few months, getting their 93-year-old, World War II veteran dad who lives in Moore Haven, Leonard Nichols, included in the most recent Southwest Florida Honor Flight last weekend.

Mr. Nichols' daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Joe Pfeffer of Heath, Ohio, came to Florida two months ago and arranged everything so he could go. Mr. Pfeffer accompanied his father-in-law on the flight Saturday, May 5, to Washington, D.C., aboard American Airlines out of Fort Myers.

The two joined 64 other Southwest Florida veterans (and their 64 companion/guardians) on that flight. Those vets' journey to remember their fallen comrades-in-arms — and to experience the gratitude of younger generations for their own service to country — was paid for by Southwest Florida Honor Flight Inc. (Honor Flight Hub, coincidentally, lists 65 flights into the capital by chapters all over the country during May, culminating, of course, the week of Memorial Day.)

SFHF is the local chapter of the nationwide volunteer network that exists to pay

tribute to the WWII vets who still survive today, nearly 73 years after the war ended, and to survivors of the United States' other military actions in the decades since.

Mr. Nichols, Mr. Pfeffer and the other 128 veterans and guardians going along visited the World War II Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall, the Iwo Jima Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, among other sights.

One highlight for the pair was meeting former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas and his wife, Elizabeth. Mrs. Pfeffer explained that Mr. Dole, who enlisted in the Army in 1942, tries to get out to greet each of the Honor Flight groups that visit the memorials; he's a couple of years older than Mr. Nichols and will be 95 this summer.

Mr. Nichols joined the U.S. Navy the same year as Mr. Dole, Mrs. Pfeffer related, earning the rank of seaman first class. He served in Alaska, Japan, the Philippines and many South Pacific islands, aboard the USAT (Army Transport) troopship Saint Mihiel and the USS Luna, a general stores issue ship.

SFC Nichols was closely involved with combat troops especially during the Battle of Attu, Aleutian Islands, which took place May 11-30, 1943 — 75 years ago this month! —

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Courtesy of Nichols family

Joe Pfeffer with his father-in-law, Leonard Nichols, at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Storm damage sets back river restoration

Repairs to Reach 2 estimated at \$11 million

By **Katrina Elskén**
INI Florida

Work on the Kissimmee River Restoration had a serious setback from Hurricane Irma in 2017, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers still expects to finish the project in 2020.

Turbulence barriers were no match for the torrent of water rushing down the river from the upper Kissimmee after the hurricane dumped 8 to 12 inches of rain water into the basin.

It takes 12 billion gallons to raise the big lake by 1 inch. The storm runoff

dumped so much water that it raised the level of Lake Okeechobee by a foot in less than a week, and 4 feet by the end of the month. As the major source of water to the lake, much of that runoff came down the river.

The surge of water washed out backfill used to fill in the canal in the area designated Reach 2. Fill dirt and sand now blocks access to oxbows in formerly restored sections of the river. Some of the fill dirt washed downstream, contributing to the turbidity in Lake Okeechobee.

Hurricane Irma set the restoration back about \$11 million, according to Jenn Miller of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District. But despite the setback, the project is still projected to be completed in 2020.

"As a result of Hurricane Irma, a significant amount of backfill was displaced in Reaches 2 and 3 resulting in approximately \$11 million in damages for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project," she explained. Surveys to determine the extent of the damages in Reach 2 backfill footprint are complete, and the survey efforts for Reach 3 are scheduled to commence this month, she explained.

Repairs should qualify for funding under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, she added.

The allocations of money under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 are still being determined, she explained.

On April 30, the corps headquarters announced the initial set of work to be accomplished with a portion of funding provided for

disaster recovery in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. This included operation and maintenance funding for flood risk management projects.

"We will have better clarity on our path forward once additional allocations are announced," Ms. Miller added.

On April 30, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced an initial set of work to be accomplished with a portion of the funding provided for disaster recovery in Public Law 115-123, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, signed into law Feb. 9.

Among other things, Public Law 115-123 provides \$17.398 billion to USACE for disaster recovery in six appropriations accounts: Investigations; Construction; Mississippi River and Tributaries; Operation and Maintenance; Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies; and Expenses.

According to the corps news release, the initial allocation of approximately \$360 million of the \$608 million of appropriations in the Operation and Maintenance account will be used to address the highest-priority needs identified by USACE at 32 projects in 12 states.

The funding for this short-term repair work is to be used for repairs to USACE projects damaged by natural disasters and to perform emergency dredging of shoaled material deposited at USACE projects by natural disasters.

"The short-term repair work will alleviate the impacts of the project damages and shoaling on human safety, flood-prone property, commercial navigation costs, ecosystem values and other project outputs such as recreation, hydropower and water supply," said R.D. James, assistant secretary of the Army for civil works.

Additional operation and maintenance work will be identified as information on damages incurred at USACE projects and the estimates of the cost to address those damages are refined.

The 2017 storm was not the first time heavy rainfall impacted work on the river restoration. The project was initially scheduled for completion in 2015.

For more on the history of the river restoration project, see Page 8.



A continuing series



A turbidity barrier was no match for the high volume of water that rushed down the Kissimmee River after Hurricane Irma, leaving more than \$11 million in damages to the Kissimmee River Restoration Project work.

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Glades at a Glance

Rib-Cook Off set May 12

Moore Haven American Legion Post 299, 600 River Road in Moore Haven, will hold a Rib Cook-Off on Saturday, May 12. There is a \$25 entry fee and ribs are provided and the ribs may be picked the night before or at 7 a.m. on Saturday. All cooking must be done on site. Judging will be at noon. Prizes will be based on the number of entries. Rib dinners will be served beginning at 1 p.m. for a donation of \$8. Refreshments and desserts will be available for a small fee. There will also be a cake auction at 1 p.m. For information, call 863-233-6081.

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

Faith-based organizations, volunteer and social agencies, governmental agencies, community-based organizations, business and individual volunteers who seek to address the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of individuals and families affected by Hurricane Irma are invited to join the Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC). HGUNC will meet on Friday, May 11, at 1 p.m. at the RCMA child facility (Redlands Christian Migrant Association), 551 West Cowboy Way in LaBelle. For information, call 561-516-2103, or email: hgunc133@gmail.com.

Audubon meeting set May 14

The Hendry-Glades Audubon May Covered Dish Dinner and program will be held at the Dallas Townsend Agricultural Extension, 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle, on Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a side dish or dessert. At 7 p.m. Mike Knight will present

Highlands Hammock announces summer schedule for tram tours

Special to the Glades County Democrat

SEBRING — Highlands Hammock's guided, narrated tram tour of the park and restricted areas where visitors may observe alligators, water birds, butterflies and other wildlife, will be limited to running at 11 a.m. on Fridays and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The summer schedule will take effect May 7.

The regular schedule will resume in the fall at which time the tram will run at 1 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with additional trams based on visitor demand. The tour, which is approximately one hour and 15 minutes long, introduces visitors to park history and natural communities including old growth hammock, cypress swamp, and pine flatwoods. Tours provide the opportunity to glimpse deer and other wildlife relatively close-up. The tram is wheelchair accessible. Visitors are advised that pets are not permitted on tram tours. Tickets are sold only at the Hammock Inn Concession and may be purchased one day in advance or on the day of the tour. The Hammock Inn

will be open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the spring and summer months and resume daily operation during the fall. Concession hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tram tickets for adults and youth aged 13 years and older are \$10 per person. Tickets for children aged 6 to 12 years old are \$5 per person. Children aged 5 years and younger are free. For more information, call the Hammock Inn at 863-402-0061. Park entry fees of \$6 per vehicle (includes up to 8 people) and \$4 per single occupant vehicle apply.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum is normally open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A summer schedule for the CCC Museum will go into effect during the month of May and hours of operation may vary from a full eight hour day to a four hour day. On days where volunteer availability is limited, the CCC Museum will be open from either 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors planning a tour of the museum are advised to call the Ranger Station at 863-386-6094 and speak with a ranger to verify the hours of operation.



day, 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.

AA to hold meetings

The Lakeport Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group invites the public to their open meetings held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Point of Life Fellowship, 15399 E. State Road 78 in Okeechobee. For information, call 863-634-3104.

Register for free VPK at WGS

If your child did not attend the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program during the 2017-18 school year, he/she is entitled to the 300-hour summer VPK program. This summer VPK program is available at West Glades School (WGS), 2586 County Road 731 in LaBelle. Deadline to register is June 6. To register go to the website, create an account and bring or upload the listed items:

- <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.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.

**City of Clewiston
Notice of Election**

I, Brenda Hoots, Supervisor of Elections, County of Hendry, do hereby give notice that the City of Clewiston General Election will be held on the 6th day of November, 2018, for three of the Seats on the Clewiston City Commission. Qualifying week will be Noon, June 18, 2018 to Noon, June 22, 2018. The voter registration books will close at 5:00 p.m., October 9, 2018. For more information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office located 1100 S. Olympia St., 863-902-3392 or at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592.

**Ciudad de Clewiston
Aviso de Eleccion**

Yo, Brenda Hoots Supervisora de Elecciones, el condado de Hendry, doy cuenta de que la ciudad de Clewiston Eleccion General se celebrara en el dia 6 de Noviembre de 2018, para tres de los asientos en el Comission Ciudad de Clewiston. La Semana de calificacion sera al mediodia, el dia 18 de Junio asta el 22 de Junio. El libro de registro de votantes se cerrara a las 5:00 pm, el 9 de Octubre de 2018. Para mas informacion pungase en contacto con el Supervisor de las Elecciones oficina ubicado 1100 S. Olympia St., en Clewiston 863-902-3392 o E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592.

Brenda Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
May 10 & June 7, 2018

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in which he delivered men and supplies using landing craft and PT boats.

Mrs. Pfeffer and her husband had researched veterans organizations in the area and, not finding a VFW post in Moore Haven, looked around some more. "The VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post in Buckhead Ridge, we stopped in there and told them about my dad, and they gave him a World War II hat, and they also made arrangements to give him a lifetime membership. We went in there and ate one evening, and they welcomed my dad," said Mrs. Pfeffer.

But the trip "was something that my husband and I heard about and arranged, about three months ago, ourselves. We heard about the Honor Flight; we live near Columbus, so we've seen that happening. And I said, 'You know, that'd be really good for us to check on and see if we can get Dad to join up with a flight.'"

So she called the nearest Honor Flight chapter. "This is a wonderful organization that really cares about honoring our vets. We thank Ginni Fay and Liz Barton for all they do with the Southwest Florida Honor Flight organization. They all do a wonderful job of honoring our veterans," she said.

But, Mrs. Pfeffer added, "My husband had

to pay \$550 to go.

"All the money that's donated to Honor Flights goes to help the veterans, not for the guardians. So anybody that wants to donate, that donation will go to helping veterans get to see that World War II memorial — or even that Vietnam memorial because they're taking a lot of Vietnam veterans also, because they're at that age.

"We both thought about this; we come here a couple months every year. We're always thinking of trying to do special things to make their life easier. ... My mom ... a lot of these last three years (has been getting treatment for) breast cancer, with radiation, chemotherapy. And my dad is just a wonderful caretaker; he does all he can and he won't leave her alone." So Mrs. Pfeffer stayed in Moore Haven with her mom, Anna, who'll turn 80 this year.

"He used to ... love to go fishing, and he has a boat so he'd go out by himself," she said. "And right now, he's still pretty capable of doing that. If you met him, you would never know he's 93 years old, because there's nothing that I know of that he can't do!"

And so another of the Greatest Generation receives the recognition so richly deserved.

"We just thought that would be a wonderful thing to do for him," said Mrs. Pfeffer. Judging by the satisfied, humbled smile on her father's face as he visited with dignitaries and fellow honorees in Washington, the Pfeffers succeeded.

MANAGER

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Helfenberger would amount to more than the county had been paying Paul Carlisle, who left the county manager post April 27 but has been kept on as a part-time consultant.

Mr. Pringle explained the contract provisions and answered several questions about time tracking, evaluations, use of a county vehicle and termination scenarios.

Mrs. Long said, "When I interviewed him, I was extremely impressed. I think we all were. The only real negative was, he never intends to move to Glades County; he said he'd move to Fort Myers. And I think that is the reason that the cost is so much higher for our area in salary than it is anywhere else. In Marianna, they're hiring one for \$80,000, but they have amenities we don't have."

Mr. Ahern said he'd talked about Glades' situation with Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman, who is president-elect of the Florida Association of County Managers, "and that's what he said, 'We're competing with the east coast and west coast.' We're competing with Fort Myers and West Palm and other areas where the cost of living and everything else is higher. That's just the way it is."

Commissioner Weston Pryor spoke up with a question. "If we're going to pay housing, why do we pay travel? And if we're going to pay travel, why do we pay housing?"

Mr. Ahern said he calculated what Mr. Helfenberger's costs would be for travel and local accommodations, noting that he'd said if he got the job, he probably would drive to Moore Haven from his rented home in St.

Cloud on Monday and return on Friday.

Commissioner Donald Strenth said he thought Mr. Helfenberger was seeking "an ungodly amount of money. This is the first man out of the gate ... and I think his demands are pretty high."

Chairman Ahern answered that "I think it was a unanimous decision to try to negotiate a contract with this man." Mr. Strenth said the key word was "try."

"Yes, and I have put forth the effort to try to do that. Now, if we need to do something different ... well, that's fine," Mr. Ahern replied.

Commissioner Long said that in hindsight, she thought the board should have advertised for someone to fill the interim position. Mr. Strenth responded: "We can still operate until we can find somebody that can step in at what I'd call a decent rate. I think he just wants too much."

Commissioner Tim Stanley asked, "Well, what would you consider a decent rate?"

Further discussion led to a consensus, and Mr. Stanley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strenth, to offer Mr. Helfenberger the equivalent of a \$100,000 annual salary with no extra allowances, with 72 hours to reply (until noon Friday, May 11) and to immediately advertise the interim position afterward if he declined the offer. The motion passed 5-0.

When Mr. Pringle noted that could leave the county without someone in charge leading up to its next few meetings, which would pose problems with important matters pending, the board then unanimously amended its agenda to consider extending Mr. Carlisle's term as a part-time consultant, and then unanimously voted to tack another 30 days onto his contract.

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES WITH- IN 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.

A public hearing on adoption of the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on **May 22, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard 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.

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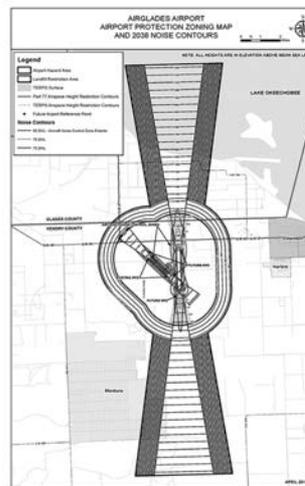
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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

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Reflections from the Pulpit

Mother's Day: A God-sized gift that could come only from Him

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

One cold winter morning I encountered one of my Church members bent over a sled and struggling with the infant riding in it. She was trying to put on the youngster's mittens and he was doing his best to keep it from happening. I was passing and re-torted "Atta girl, Debbie, make him do it!" She turned and gave me a scowl "Well, he won't keep his mittens on!" She misjudged my words and I quickly added "Debbie, I'm on your side! Make him do it!"

Here was a young mother struggling with a rebellious offspring and doing her best to protect him even when he didn't want or understand it was because of her love and protection. That's what mothers do. Over the years I've encountered many of these saints who have overcome all sorts of obstacles and have, by their diligence, patience, relentless interventions for the good and plain love; turned out some wonderful human beings that are a credit to the human family.

I have witnessed all kinds of sacrifices and the wrestling with almost insurmountable obstacles to help shape base human nature recently come into the world into responsible, caring, sensitive, helpful adults. No doubt you've seen such mothers in action; been blessed by having one yourself, been privileged to share in parenthood too.

Christianity has heralded one of them "theotokos" or "God bearer," simply known as "Mary."

Her call by God is faced with obstacles, being little more than a child herself, having a partner with questions, being required to journey during moments of expecting a birth and giving birth under harsh winter conditions in a stable, having to flee with her new-born immediately after His birth to a strange far-away country.

Mary will provide Jesus with the nurture and comfort He will need during those early and very formative years.

He will be lost from them (Luke 2:41ff) and stay behind in Jerusalem for three days around age twelve. Mary will chide Him "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously (v.48)." His response is not understood (v.49) but accepted, and Luke reports "He was obedient to them, and His mother kept all of these things in

her heart (v.51).

Her guidance and love is responsible for Luke commenting "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man (v.52)." Jesus will not always respond as His mother wishes (John 2:1ff).

They will attend a wedding and Mary will point out

"They have no wine (v.3)." Jesus did not wish to act, but His mother will tell those who are attending "Do whatever He tells you(v.5)" and Jesus responds to the needs of the hosts on the occasion; the wine stewards being overwhelmed by the quality of the wine that they now had for their guests.

Mary will have shared in His suffering and at the end of His earthly life (John 19:25-27) and joy will come only later.

These miracles are repeated time and again among those persons we call "Mother-Mom-Ma" and who we honor for their giving to us life in all of its physical, mental, social and spiritual dimensions. In short, they are the ones with the biggest part in making us who we are.

We take a day to honor them; but I think we honor them more often when we respond to our higher callings; in our helping others, our response to those in our lives with love, our caring, our generosity of spirit, our ability to see the greater good,

our witness to the values of faith, hope and charity that we have received at the hands of the ones who have nurtured us from our earliest moments.

My own mother had her share of hardships and challenges, her three children no doubt being a large part of them, but she was up to the task.

From her own childhood on, difficulties were a part of her own growing up but she overcame; found love, shared it and cared for her own mother, her own husband and children, and then grandchildren when she was able. She had her own businesses from time to time, but she was first and foremost mother. She knew her craft and I know God blessed her for it.

Your mother, no doubt, has been blessed in her calling too. God uses them to make our world a better, more perfect place and more like that home where we all will one day come.

As I reflect, my thanks on this day is a rather weak response to all that I have been given; may it be received with her knowing that I will make it as perfect as I humanly can and with my love in return as perfectly as I can make it.

May you take this special day to give your thanks and appreciation to the one who God sent to you from your beginning and ever afterward.

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Marvin L. Staples, 64

SEBRING — Marvin L. Staples passed away May 5, 2018 in Sebring.

He was born Oct. 20, 1953 in Quincy, Fla. to the late Walter L and Norma Tryon (Prusia) Staples.

Survivors include his wife, Tonia (Ensinger) Staples; one son, Jason Staples of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two daughters, Carrie (Christian) Merelo of Swansea, S.C. and Tara Staples of Lakeland, Fla.; one brother, Walter Staples; one sister, Angel (Roy) Leonard of Morristown, Tenn.; 5 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston with Pastor Troy Ezell officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Marvin Dwaine McGee, 53

CLEWISTON — Marvin Dwaine McGee died May 1, 2018. He was born April 8, 1965 in Okeechobee to Jimmie and Joan (Woodham) McGee. Raised in Okeechobee, he lived most of his life in Clewiston and was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy formerly in Moore Haven.



Mr. McGee was preceded in death by his son, Michael Caleb McGee.

He is survived by his daughter, Caitlin Troutman (Matthew), of Albemarle, N.C.; parents, Jimmie and Joan McGee, of Clewiston; brothers, Bart McGee (Tanda), of Okeechobee, Chris McGee (Gloria), of Moore Haven, Allen McGee, of Ft. Myers, Bret McGee (Cheryl), and Brad McGee, all of Moore Haven; sisters, Catherine Johnson (Bruce) and Rhonda Iglesias (Ramon), all of Clewiston.

Visitation was 11 a.m. until services at 12 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018 at Turning Point Church of God, 207 Pine Lane, Clewiston, FL 33440. Interment followed at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston.

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.

Jennifer Lee (Thies) Loos

Jennifer Lee (Thies) Loos, formerly of Ft. Thomas, Ky., passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at her home in Lakewood, Colorado after a lingering illness.

Jennifer was born October 9, 1958 at St. Luke Hospital in Ft. Thomas, KY. Survivors include her partner Peter Purrazzella, Denver, CO., Jennifer's precious children,



Jonathan Loos, Seattle, WA, Katherine Loos, Denver, CO., Peters children, Mia Purrazzella, Rebekah Purrazzella, Julianna Troiani, Jennifer's father, Robert J. Thies, Cincinnati, OH, mother, Anne (Thies-Deuschle) Coffey, Moore Haven, FL, her twin sister, Genevieve Conroy, Pompano Beach, FL/Bahamas, sister, Celeste Keeney, Delhi, OH, Marie Thies, of Coral Springs, FL, brother, Terry Thies, Boca Raton, FL, mother-in-law, Beatrice Loos, Williamsburg, VA, brothers-in-law, Colin Conroy, Pompano, FL, Jerry Keeney, Delhi, OH, Karl Loos, Falmouth, MA, Steve Caputo, Summit, NJ, Charles Gildehaus, Concord, MA, sisters-in-law, Ann Loos, Falmouth, MA, Sasha Thies, Coral Springs, FL, Jeannette Thies, Boca Raton, FL, Peggy Loos, Williamsburg, VA, Penny Loukakos, Williamsburg, VA, Patty Caputo, Summit, NJ, Bea Alice Loos, Acton, MA, Pamela Gildehaus, Concord, MA, aunts, Cathy Humphrey-LaCour, Somerset, KY, Peggy Thies-Mahoney, & Paul Mahoney, Florence, KY, Marianne Thies, Bellevue, KY, uncles, David Humphrey, Latonia, KY, Michael Humphrey, Carrollton, KY, Lee Weddle, Somerset, KY, and James Thies, Bellevue, KY. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews,

cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Loos and her sister, Deborah Deuschle.

After graduating from Highlands High school in 1976 with academic and track honors, Jennifer received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Kentucky University and a Master's Degree in Geology and Paleontology from the University of Cincinnati.

Jennifer married Kenneth Dingwell Loos, of Bethesda, MD, also a geologist and graduate of University of Cincinnati where they met. After having their children, they spent several years in Stavanger, Norway, and Cairo, Egypt where Kenneth was employed by the Amoco Oil Company. Kenneth died of natural causes suddenly in Cairo at 42 years of age.

She moved to Denver in 2011 with Peter where she enjoyed trail running, hiking, biking and attending concerts. A gifted Geologist; she was employed at Ageiss, Inc. in Denver. She took great pride in her work and will be missed by her coworkers.

Jennifer had a sense of adventure and a fierce, indomitable, independent spirit. She had a sharp wit and a contagious laugh, always looking for the great prank or good pun. She was a scholar and creative artist, but most of all, Jennifer was timeless in her support and love of her family. She fought to stay with them with a strength and courage that will forever be her legacy.

A Memorial Service, Life Celebration and Wake will be held at 619 Covert Run, Bellevue, KY on Friday, May 18, 2018 beginning at 1 p.m. Parking is limited. Taking Uber or Lyft is encouraged. Bright dress encouraged. In lieu of flowers, an educational trust fund for her three children is being established.

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A day of fun at Warm Mineral Springs

Bobbi Brown
Glades County Woman's Club

The Glades County Woman's Club is a service club, and a few of their services include furnishing mammograms for Glades County residents who have no health insurance to cover them, scholarships for graduating seniors and picking up trash along Riverside Drive.

However, once a year members get together just to have fun. President Jenny Allen arranged for this fun day to be a trip to Northport to enjoy Warm Mineral Springs.

The springs contain 51 minerals, the highest content of any natural springs in the United States. The springs are 500 feet deep, and reportedly contained remains of First Americans that were thousands of years old. Even though the springs are open now just for swimming, people come from all over the world to experience, they insist,

the relief that the waters provide for their symptoms.

Mrs. Allen also arranged for the eight members who made the trip to meet for breakfast, and conclude the fun-filled day with dinner at a local restaurant.

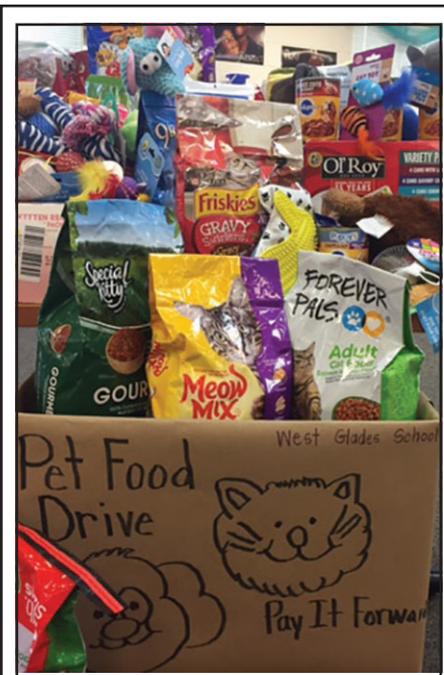
If you are unfamiliar with Warm Mineral Springs, it is worth checking out. The area where children swim is roped off, and life-guards are provided for swimmers' safety. The area is beautiful, and oak trees provide shade for those of us (this writer) who forget sunscreen.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy of City of Moore Haven

Moore Haven Clerk Maxine Brantley honored

Moore Haven City Clerk Maxine Brantley is marking 25 years of service this year, making her the longest-serving municipal clerk in the Glades region south of Lake Okeechobee, as the 49th annual observance of Municipal Clerks Week is celebrated across the nation this week, May 6-12. Her colleagues are Belle Glade City Clerk Debra Buff, who's served 23 years; South Bay City Clerk Jessica Figueroa, 10 years; Clewiston City Clerk Kathy Combass, seven years; and Pahokee City Clerk Tijauna Warner, three years. The office of municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants, and their special week, established by their international group, was first declared in the U.S. by President Reagan in 1984.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo

Students donate many items to animal shelters

West Glades School's character education focus for April was "Charity." The school-wide project involved collecting items for Critter Care in Clewiston and the Caloosa Humane Society in LaBelle. Students donated pet food, toys, cat litter and other items for the facilities. We are continuing to "PAY IT FORWARD" with acts of kindness in hopes that these small deeds will change the world for the better.

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Fifteen Book readers recognized



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West Glades School recognized their Fifteen Book readers for the 2017-18 Sunshine State reading competition: Alex Nelson, Bailey Smallwood, Daniel Reyes, William Sternal, Thomas Gaskins, Zaira Moreno, Riley Curtis, Teagan Dobson, Karla Marines (not all pictured).

Highlands Hammock announces Kids Discovery Nature Walks

Special to the Glades County Democrat

Sebring — Highlands Hammock is launching a new program to introduce children and young adults to the park.

Nature walks with activities created especially for children will be held on selected Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m.

Highlands Hammock interpretive volunteer and former middle school science teacher Chris Wohlwend will lead children and youth aged 5 to 13 on exploratory hikes that incorporate scavenger hunts, birding and other activities.

Learn about plants, animals, habitats, niche, food chains, animal adaptations, fire ecology and more!

Young people can experience adventures in nature and sharpen their skills to explore nature in the park and their own backyards.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitors are advised to dress for the weather and wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes, long pants and protective clothing. Flipflops and sandals are not permitted. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent and snacks.

Saturday morning walks are scheduled for May 5 and May 26.

Visitors who plan to participate will meet at the Music in the Park stage at 10 am.

The walks take approximately one hour and conclude by 11:00 am.

Park entry fees of \$6 per vehicle (up to eight people), \$4 per single occupant vehicle, and \$2 for visitors who bicycle or walk apply.

Although registration is not required, those attending are requested to sign up by calling the Ranger Station at 863-386-6094 ext. 0, to assist interpretive volunteers in planning and preparation.

Students win \$25 Walmart gift cards



Special to the Glades County Democrat/
Courtesy photo

Each time a West Glades School student completed a book, he or she was entered into a drawing for a \$25 Walmart gift card. Teagan Dobson (3-5) and Carmen Perez (6-8) were the winners of the gift cards for the 2017-18 Sunshine State reading competition.

Hendry Regional Celebrates Hospital Week - May 6th to May 12th



Hendry Regional Medical Center's mission is "to excel in quality, compassion, and innovation to make our community healthier"



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Kissimmee River timeline

• The Kissimmee River historically meandered 103 miles from Lake Kissimmee to Lake Okeechobee through a diversely rich, 1- to-3 mile-wide floodplain. During periods of heavy rains, the river would fill to capacity, sending the excess water into the river's floodplain. Waterfowl, largemouth bass, eagles, alligators, aquatic invertebrates and a mosaic of broadleaf plants thrived within the floodplain ecosystem.

• The City of Kissimmee was originally a small trading post on the northern bank of Lake Tohopekaliga known as the community of Allendale. After the Civil War, this area was included in a purchase of 4 million acres of marshland and plains by Hamilton Disston, the owner of Disston Saw Co. in Philadelphia. The sale price for the land totaled \$1 million at 25 cents an acre. That purchase was credited with saving the State of Florida, which was deeply in debt following the Civil War.

• In January 1881, Mr. Disston contracted to deepen the Kissimmee River as part of his plan to create a liquid highway so products could be shipped from Kissimmee to the Gulf of Mexico and points beyond. Mr. Disston's dredges connected Lake Okeechobee with the Caloosahatchee River, which allowed boat traffic from Kissimmee to Fort Myers. Mr. Disston was also involved connecting the Chain of Lakes with canals. Historically, the Chain of Lakes was connected by creeks, streams and sloughs, and water levels fluctuated with the seasons. The lakes were connected by manmade canals to facilitate transportation of crops.

• Steamboat captains navigated the Chain of Lakes from Kissimmee to the Gulf of Mexico with cargoes of cypress lumber and sugar cane.

• Although Mr. Disston's canals aided water transport and steamboat traffic in Florida, he was unsuccessful in draining the Kissimmee River floodplain or lowering the surface water around Lake Okeechobee and in the Everglades. He was forced to sell much of his investments at a fraction of their original costs.

• In 1947, prolonged flooding from hurricanes inundated the Kissimmee basin as well as the surrounding cities, prompting

citizens to demand that the government provide flood control.

• In 1948, the U.S. Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct the Central and South Florida Project.

• The construction of canals and other water control structures for flood control in the 1960s disrupted the natural water fluctuation and harmed the lakes and associated marshes. Development around the lakes and an increase in the nutrients flowing into them further disrupted the wetlands.

• From 1960 to 1971, the Kissimmee River was transformed from a 103-mile winding river into a 56-mile-long, fairly straight ditch — 300 feet wide and 30 feet deep — known as the C-38 Canal. The C-38 Canal was cut and dredged straight through the original river's meanders. In addition, six water control structures were created to manage flooding within the Central Florida basin. As a result of this ditch-and-drain effort, the wetland-dependent flora and fauna that once thrived in the Kissimmee system declined drastically.

• Before channelization was complete, biologists suspected the project would have devastating ecological consequences. While the project delivered on the promise of flood protection, it also destroyed much of a floodplain-dependent ecosystem that nurtured threatened and endangered species, as well as hundreds of other native fish and wetland-dependent animals. More than 90 percent of the waterfowl that once graced the wetlands disappeared, and the number of bald eagle nesting territories decreased by 70 percent. After the waterway was transformed into a straight, deep canal, it became oxygen-depleted and the fish community it supported changed dramatically.

• In 1992, the Kissimmee River Restoration Water Resources Development Act was authorized that allocated funding to restore the middle third of the channelized Kissimmee River. The Kissimmee River Restoration is a 50/50 cost share project between the USACE and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The restoration involves using the material that was originally dredged from the river to fill

in the ditch, as well as using weirs (barriers across the canal) to force water back into the old meandering oxbows.

• The Kissimmee River Restoration Project will return flow to 44 miles of the river's original 103-mile historic meanders and restore about 40 square miles of floodplain. The restoration project — a 50-50 partnership with the SFWMD and the USACE — is currently projected to be complete in 2020.

• According to the Army Corps of Engineers website, 102,061 acres have been purchased for the restoration project. However, the numbers are a little more complicated.

According to the latest South Florida Environmental Report, the SFWMD needs

about 100,000 acres for restoration. The water district has acquired 99,018 acres and is trying to buy an additional 1,300 acres. Some purchases required buying additional land because the landowners would not sell just the acreage needed for the restoration; to get the land SFWMD wanted, it sometimes had to purchase larger parcels. Since the purchases, some of that supplemental land has been sold off as surplus.

SOURCES: Florida Atlantic University, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, Kissimmee.org, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS
HENDRY COUNTY DOES HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING
REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

THE COUNTY IS NOW SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FROM VERY LOW, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF HOMES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY

Program Details

Hendry County is providing housing assistance to owner-occupied households through the CDBG program in order to complete a HUD national objective through the revitalization of conditions in underserved, and low to moderate income neighborhoods. Assistance will be provided in the form of a no interest deferred-payment loan. No mobile homes will be eligible for rehabilitation, only replacement with a site built structure as funding allows. The County has been awarded \$750,000 and expects to serve a minimum of eleven (11) households. The average cost per house will be approximately \$58,000. Listed below is some general information on the application process.

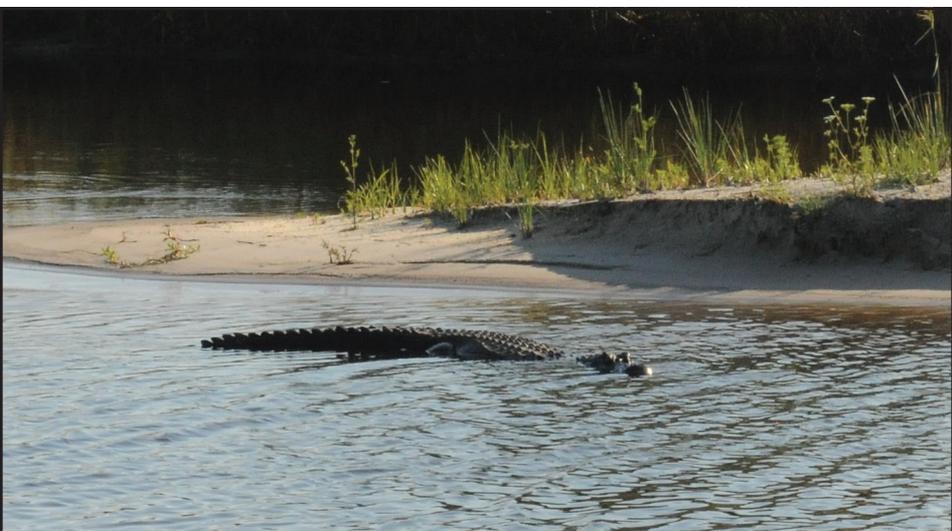
(CDBG) Application Process

Hendry County will be hosting a homeowner orientation on May 24, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to explain the program details at the Hendry County Annex Offices, Janet B. Taylor Auditorium located at 1100 S. Olympia Street, Clewiston, FL 33440. Attendance at the orientation is strongly encouraged. Applications will be accepted beginning Friday, May 25, 2018. The application period will be open for 30 days. Complete instructions can be found in an application packet that can be obtained beginning May 25, 2018 at the Hendry County Social Services Department, LaBelle Office located at 133 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida, Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am – 5:00 pm and at the Clewiston office located at 1100 Olympia Street, Clewiston, Florida on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or on line at: http://www.hendryfla.net/new_social_services/index.php.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2018. Complete applications will be accepted at the Hendry County Social Services Department, located at the LaBelle Office, 133 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and at the Clewiston Office located at 1100 Olympia Street, Clewiston, Florida on Thursday and Friday. Each complete application will be time and date stamped to ensure compliance with the application acceptance period. Final application ranking shall be determined by the required guidelines set forth in the Hendry County CDBG Housing Assistance Plan (HAP).

All projects must benefit very low, low and moderate income households within the unincorporated area of Hendry County. To qualify under the program, the property must be located within the unincorporated limits of the County, the owners must have resided in the home for at least one year prior to making the application, and the annual household income must not exceed the following:

	30% MFI	50% MFI	80% MFI
	ELI	VLI	LMI
1 person	\$12,140	\$18,250	\$29,200
2 persons	\$16,460	\$20,850	\$33,400
3 persons	\$20,780	\$23,450	\$37,550
4 persons	\$25,100	\$26,050	\$41,700
5 persons	\$28,150	\$28,150	\$45,050
6 persons	\$30,250	\$30,250	\$48,400
7 persons	\$32,350	\$32,350	\$51,750
8 persons	\$34,400	\$34,400	\$55,050



Alligators can often be seen near or on the sandbars in the restored areas of the Kissimmee River.

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For more information, contact the Hendry County Social Services Department at (863) 675-5297 or Antonio Jenkins at (888) 482-7393. Hendry County is a Fair Housing Community and an Equal Opportunity employer.

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 17, 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

Administration of Estates

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration, must file their claims against the estate in duplicate with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLA. STAT. § 733.702. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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.

Person Giving Notice:
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Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
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Public Notice

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

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Public Notice

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
 Deputy Clerk

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 Attorney for Plaintiff
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 Lake Placid, FL 33852 Tel.: (863) 699-2889
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2016-CA-000046-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-000046-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 COURT 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 Trailers Doublewide Mobile Home, Width and Length 28.00 x 67.00, Serial Numbers PH092650A and PH092650B, Title Numbers 46708281 and 46889729, which, by intention 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.
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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

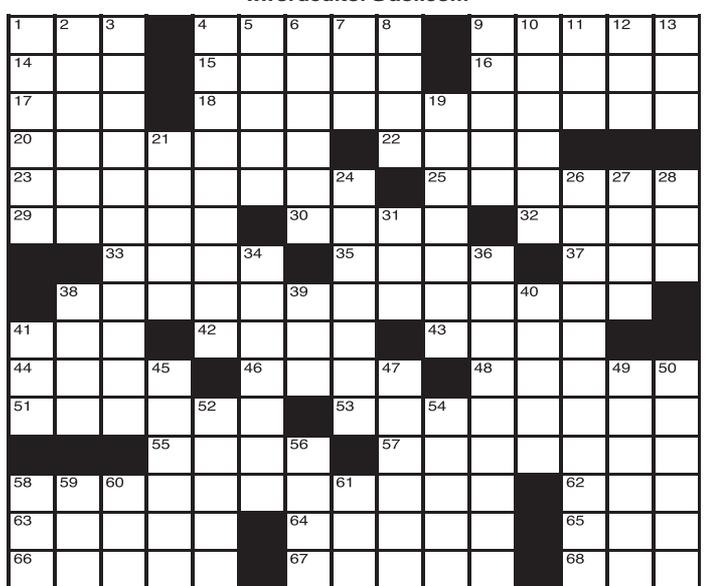
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 - Misrepresent
 - Main part
 - No harder than
 - Edible decapods
 - Provide new audio for
 - More than square
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 - Adjust, as sails
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 - "Aladdin" monkey
 - Demands for quiet from the downstairs tenant?
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 - Nearby
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 - "Hooked on Classics" co.
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 - Crime-solver Ramsey of 1970s TV
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 - "Exciter" band Mode
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- Sgt. maj., e.g.
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- Counselor in Jean-Luc's command
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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on May 22, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida to discuss the 2018-2019 county budgets and related issues.

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. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.

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 interprete que hable español para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
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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.

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- 1016 Glover Ln 3/2 Reduced to \$84.9K (lake access)

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How to make a disaster plan

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ORLANDO — A key way to cope with a disaster is to have a plan. Know how to react before, during and after a disaster and know the hazards that could affect where you live, work and go to school. It is important for all Floridians, especially individuals with access and functional needs, to plan ahead.

Communication

- Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a meeting place that's familiar to everyone and easy to find.
- Complete your family emergency communication plan online and print it onto wallet-sized cards.
- Ensure all family members have a copy.
- Install the Federal Emergency Management Agency mobile app. It provides severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five selected locations.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to the local emergency station; monitor TV and radio.
- Follow mobile alerts and warnings about severe weather.

Evacuation

- Evacuation orders can come with little notice. Planning ahead is vital to evacuating quickly and safely.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website FloridaDisaster.org

has comprehensive information on what to do before, during and after a disaster under Plan and Prepare.

- Plan how to leave and where to go if advised to evacuate.
- Fill vehicles with gas if an evacuation seems likely.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothes.
- Those without cars should plan how to leave.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio and leave when told to do so.
- Leave early to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- A list of nearby open shelters is on the FEMA mobile app.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of open shelters by county.
- Inform an out-of-state contact about your evacuation plan.
- Unplug radios, TV and small appliances.
- Secure the home by locking doors and windows.
- Leave a note letting others know the plan for evacuation.
- If the home is damaged, shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Take pets along, but be aware some shelters or hotels only accept service animals.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes.
- If stranded when driving, stay in the ve-

hicle, put on flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

Disaster kits

- Have disaster supply kits ready at all times in your home, work and vehicles.
- A disaster kit is a collection of basic items needed in the event of an emergency, and can be assembled well in advance.
 - Have enough food, water and other necessities, including all medications, in sufficient quantity for each family member to last for at least 72 hours.
 - The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of items to include in

disaster kits.

- Ready.gov has a list of recommended emergency supplies.
 - MySafeFlorida.org is another source for suggested items for disaster kits.
 - Include supplies for individuals with disabilities, children, seniors or pets, and protection against the Florida weather. Insect repellent and sunscreen should be in all kits, as well as rainproof gear for everyone.
- For more recovery information, visit www.floridadisaster.org/dem/recovery/, www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, or follow us @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA's Facebook page.

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CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 15 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

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Moore Haven to get aid under EPA brownfields program

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced grants to 144 communities nationwide, including five in Florida, at a news conference in Atlanta on Wednesday, April 25.

The projects being financed are part of the Brownfields Redevelopment Program, which will give these cities and regional agencies money to conduct environmental assessments and cleanups in locally designated areas.

A grant of \$600,000 funneled through the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finance hazardous substance and petroleum cleanup projects in Moore Haven, Clewiston and Immokalee, and a \$300,000 allocation will be spent for similar projects in Pahokee.

"EPA's Brownfields Program expands the ability of communities to recycle vacant and abandoned properties for new, productive reuses, using existing infrastructure," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in announcing the grants. "These grants leverage other public and private investments, and improve local economies through property cleanup and redevelopment."

Administrator Trey Glenn of the EPA's Region 4, which includes Florida along with Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and the sovereign lands of six Native American tribes, noted that \$8.9 million of the total \$54.3 million awarded is coming to the Southeast.

"Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup grants target communities that are economically disadvantaged and provide assistance

where environmental cleanup and new job opportunities are needed," he said. "These funds mean a great deal to these communities." "Florida has been very successful with our Brownfields Redevelopment Program (BRP) over the years, and our efforts have been strengthened through funding received from EPA Brownfields grants," Carrie Kruchell, Florida BRP manager and liaison, said.

"We are extremely pleased to learn that once again Florida's communities will benefit from a total of \$1.2 million that has been awarded for environmental site assessments in fiscal 2018-19. These assessment grants support this important first stage of protecting and preserving our environment, which sets the stage for future redevelopment and reuse." The Brownfields Program targets communities that are economically disad-

vantaged and provides funding and assistance to transform blighted sites into assets that can generate jobs and spur economic growth. A study analyzing 48 brownfields sites found that an estimated \$29 million to \$97 million in additional tax revenue was generated for local governments in a single year after cleanup. This is two to seven times more than the \$12.4 million EPA contributed to the cleanup of these brownfield sites. Another study found that property values of homes located near brownfields sites that are cleaned up increased by between 5 percent and 15 percent after cleanup.

In addition, communities can use brownfields funding to leverage water infrastructure loans and other financial resources. For example, EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund can be used, under certain conditions, to address the water-quality aspects of brownfield sites and the assessment and construction of drinking water infrastructure on brownfields, respectively. EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program may also serve as a potential source of long-term, low-cost supplemental financing to fund brownfields project development and implementation activities to address water quality aspects of brownfields.

Awards presented at 4-H Banquet



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Lacy Green and Ashton Powers were honored to receive the Doc Keen Workhorse Award in remembrance of Doc Keen at the 4-H Banquet held at the Doyle Conner Building on May 1.



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Mallory Thomas was the Beefmakers only senior this year. Congratulations Mallory!

Register for free VPK at WGS

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 summer VPK program is available at West Glades School (WGS), 2586 County Road 731 in LaBelle. Deadline to register is June 6. To register go to the website, create an account and bring or upload the listed items:

- <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.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

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