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## Lake Levels

**14.22 feet**

Last Year: 11.06 feet

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## Gatorama hatched new ideas after Irma, is hiring

By Chris Felker  
Glades County Democrat

After Hurricane Irma blew through the region last fall, its impacts at Gatorama forced the wildlife park on U.S. 27 in Glades County to shut down for nearly two months. But the original Old Florida roadside attraction has bounced back nicely for its 61st year in business, to the point where Gatorama is in hiring mode as summer 2018 begins.

Through their popular Facebook page, owners Allen and Patty Register are advertising openings for a handyman/woman, additional help in the park's gift shop and even qualified zookeepers or zoo attendants. They've done substantial rebuilding after the storm caused both flood and wind damage in key areas. Despite Irma's ripple effects still being felt, attendance is growing and all of Gatorama's popular

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Chris Felker/GCD

Gatorama 'Mama' Patty Register is very happy with the new walkway they built to bridge the lagoon, where their breeding-age alligators dwell on the left side and crocodiles on the right. They separate the two populations with an underwater fence, but one obstinate female crocodile has refused to be captured and moved into Croc Pond. At the end of the walkway is a transfer port they built into the bridge so they no longer have to move the beasts from one side to the other by going through the parking lot. This bridge has fabric panels overhead that can easily and quickly be removed for storm preparations when necessary; the old one's aluminum roof had made it a wind catcher, which toppled the bridge during Irma.

Chris Felker/GCD  
Mark Gawlik of Lake Wales wants to hold a juvenile albino alligator held by Gatorama staffer Claire on Saturday, May 19. Denise DeCoursey from Ketchikan, Alaska, had brought Mark along for a visit with another of her grandsons, Aiden Brown of Gainesville, Ga., who was celebrating his 10th birthday.



## Supt. Bass spearheads training center push

By Chris Felker  
Glades County Democrat

Scott Bass, superintendent of the Glades County public schools, has picked up where former County Manager Paul Carlisle left off in leading the way toward getting training programs established at the Glades County Regional Training Facility (GCRTF).

Mr. Bass spoke about the progress he's been making in reports recently to both the Glades and Hendry county boards, and received support and encouragement in both commission chambers. The two counties already have thrown some of their weight behind the effort, pledging \$20,000 each earlier this year toward getting a person to take charge of programming. It may not be clear, however — at least until after their next joint commissioners' meeting, set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the GCRTF — whether a director will be sought.

That's because in the past six weeks or so, while Mr. Carlisle was transitioning into his new role as Sebastian's city manager, Mr. Bass has made some astonishing strides toward getting more participants around the table to pitch in and make things happen.

As Hendry County Commissioner Michael Swindle put it on May 22 as he told his fellow commissioners about Mr. Bass's efforts: "The best thing that could happen, is happening. Superintendent Bass has taken the reins and is running like a stallion."

He gave a report to the Glades commissioners at their last meeting, Tuesday, May 29, saying that he'd met with Mr. Carlisle about six weeks ago to see where efforts stood.

"The school district is at a disadvantage because of finances and numbers of students, so we looked at this and, really, the best way for us to try to urge something to go out there is to reach out to a postsecondary institution and have them come in, offer courses, we have an articulation agreement

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# TRAINING

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with them and we have an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with you for the use of the facility, and basically it would be that institution providing services to our community and students. That's really the best way to go," Mr. Bass explained, adding that he's approached three institutions so far.

"I met with Fort Myers Technical College soon after Mr. Carlisle and I had met," he went on, "and we talked about diesel mechanics, and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), and then just recently had another conversation about a potential law enforcement academy. They offer that in Fort Myers at FMTC, (but) they're out of space. Their executive director came over, and he's very interested in offering something here. He is trying to get

permission to move forward from (acting) Superintendent (Greg) Adkins; he has not heard anything yet. I'm going to reach out to Greg myself and see if I can't urge him a little bit with that." Mr. Bass also reported that last Thursday, June 1, he met with officials of iTech, the Immokalee Technical College run by the Collier County School District, who came to tour the GCRTF. "(Collier) Superintendent (Kamela) Patton and I have talked, and she has given the green light for (iTech Principal) Dorin Oxender to move forward to seeing what programs he can potentially offer there through iTech. I know right now, we have got students who are going to iTech for different things," he added.

"Then, thirdly — and this is the one that we've gotten a commitment from — when Paul came to me, I had already had some preliminary discussions with FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University). FGCU has been want-

ing to do something out either in Hendry or Glades County for a couple of years now. And when we met, it just so happened the timing matched up, and FGCU was looking to put in a grant proposal for a seed grant which would enhance education in rural areas.

"Now, this is not the direction I would like to go first, but it is an option that came up to us," Mr. Bass said. He went on to explain that FGCU has named the Glades district as its main partner in the grant application, which won't be decided on until 2019. "Basically what the grant would do is ... take our existing educators who did not go to college to be a teacher, and go through the alternative certification route to help them get specially certified. I got to President Michael Martin, the new president at FGCU ... and he's committed \$68,000 toward starting something next year," he said.

"So it's real exciting, and I'll just say this,"

# GATORAMA

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wildlife shows, experiences and events are back — and then some.

Gatorama's 60th year in business, 2017, was eventful mostly because of the disastrous strike of Irma Sept. 10-11, which caused severe flooding in the region and inside the park as well. Irma's winds wrecked the long wooden bridge over the lagoons that connects the main entrance, business offices and gift shop area with the wildlife display enclosures and show areas in the interior.

Several of those structures also were damaged, to the point where the owners needed to do some fundraising so repairs could be made. Some rebuilding and new construction still were underway as the summer began. Their old snack stand is being remade into a pub-style gathering place called The Back Porch, which will offer beer and wine along with food to guests and will have a walk-up window and picnic area out front where patrons can have lunch and drinks without paying the admission fee.

Last year also was momentous for owners Patty and Allen Register because they had just hired a new curator before the hurricane hit. Greg Graziani brought a little star power on board and had plans to help bring the park into a new era; a few have been delayed because of the hurricane. Mr. Graziani found fame a few years back with National Geographic's TV show "Python Hunter," and operates a captive reptile and snake breeding facility in Venus that is known for his wide collection of color and pattern mutations in the animals. Gatorama "Mama" Patty Register said that the park received donations and gifts from fans all over the country; however, the amount they were able to raise was a fraction of what they have ended up spending to fix things.

"We had no idea of how much being closed would cost us. I mean, we knew we were going to have that (damage repair), but the cost of rebuilding was astronomical. We are so thankful for the people that did help us, and I plan to have a little path and a spot to recognize those people. We did end up getting an SBA (Small Business Administration) disaster loan, but that took three months to do," she said.

One of the biggest projects was to restore their lagoon area, the first thing guests see after meeting the resident chatterbox, Petey the Macaw. Even he is getting new digs, as state regulators ordered the park to make him a larger enclosure so he can't so easily take a chunk out of overeager young visitors' fingers.

Mrs. Register said they had to rebuild all of the banks surrounding the lagoon because they'd washed away from Irma's flooding and subsequent erosion. She said they haven't been able to mow in recent weeks due to all the recent rain, "but we have changed the lagoon. We only had Croc Island way out there; now, we've resculpted the pond ... (and) this provides for more show experiences, plus it provides a little nook back there for breeding, for the crocodiles, because that's still a number one priority is to create this American croc stud book." That's one of Mr. Graziani's many projects.

"We were under water for seven weeks," said Mrs. Register. "Fisheating Creek went to 12 feet, which is just 500 feet behind us, and it broke through our berm that we have built around the property. So now, we've built a series of islands for shows and they work really well, but with the water so high at this time, you can't see them." She said their hope one day is to have a land bridge. "I think that would be exciting for people," she said.

As it is, they rebuilt the fence under the bridge that separate gators from crocs.

Gatorama had about 20 big gators and crocs to move that were displaced by the hurricane, and they had to pump down the lagoon for the annual Bull Gator Round Up in January so they could get the animals even if they'd burrowed down into the mud. Wranglers came from all over the state by invitation only. Regular admission price got spectators in to see that event from the safety of the newly rebuilt walkway bridge.

"These teams work together to get these beasts back in the right place before breeding season," Ms. Register said.

The park is all about letting people interact safely with their animals, so they've started having a few new "experiences" for guests. Now available is "gator barebacking" where visitors can enter a special new enclosure and "ride" a menacing 6- or 8-foot alligator that was trapped as a nuisance animal. She explained that it's a pool area where they hold those alligators until they're either sold or donated to another facility.

"We don't kill them; we bring them back here and, depending on their size, we either put them in the breeding area as new bloodlines, or we put them in this barebacking opportunity for a little bit," she explained. Two handlers are with a guest at all times while he or she is in the enclosure. The alligators are not leashed; "their mouths are wrapped, so they can't bite, but they could roll. But our staff is trained; if he starts to roll or whatever, we're going to evacuate the guest." There's also a photo-op area, a whole new part. There's Uncle Waders, which is not new. And they have a new African tortoise exhibit.

Their usual two shows a day, at 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., varies in content depending on the season, the weather and other factors. But the daily feedings off the bridge always draw a crowd of visitors.

Mrs. Register said they're excited to have brought on a new full-time keeper as of June 1, a retiring art teacher from Sarasota who has a lot of experience with reptiles and other animals. "We're going to be embarking on a new mural project, in all of the pools and the walkways," she added, and the murals will reflect the habitats their animals came from.

They also have a "gator pull" experience that is being refined for guests. Mr. Register is a nuisance-gator trapper for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, a job he's been doing for about seven years, and she said people always get very interested when he tells stories about that and brag that they, too, could do that. Now, they can have a chance to match their strength against that of a full-sized adult alligator; part of the fun is to see if they'll still be bragging after trying to drag one to shore. Then there are the gargantuan land tortoises.

"We're doing so many more field trips and summer camps," Mrs. Register added. "Educators say there's a big buzz about us right now because we changed our group experiences. What we do with them, the land tortoises, is we've upped the game. So this is an encounter that we do; with a keeper, we allow the kids to come in one or two at a time and they get to feed them greens, like kale or romaine or whatever, plus have some time talking to the keeper about them."

One other new Gatorama feature is the American Alligator Color Mutation Exhibit, which has the most color variants of any facility in America. There visitors can see albino (white) alligators, melanistic (solid black) alligators, hypomelanistic (black and gold)

Superintendent Bass finished, "both the FMTC director and the dean of education from FGCU were blown away by the facility and what it has to offer, and they had no idea that it was here and are very excited. You know, we've got three lines in the water now and hopefully we'll get a bite on one of them."

Glades County Board Chairman John Ahern commended Mr. Bass on his progress. "We certainly appreciate everything you're doing. We realize that you're in the education business, and we're not, and we certainly need help," Mr. Ahern said. Mr. Bass responded that he was "looking forward to getting (new Glades interim manager) Joe Helfenberger on board."

Mr. Ahern, noting that the next Glades-Hendry joint meeting was coming up soon, a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, said "we certainly invite you to that meeting."

specimens and piebald alligators, which have a normal pattern with white patches.

Other long-range plans include a walk-in aviary; an "American Ninja"-style obstacle course for kids, for which the park is seeking bidders to build it; and a "Can you outrace the alligator?" experience that they're training animals for presently.

Leading up to their Hatching Festival that takes place for the three weeks preceding Labor Day (Aug. 18 through Sept. 3), Gatorama looks for capable volunteers to assist with the crowds that come for that popular attraction. Gatorama, located at 6180 N. U.S. 27 in Palmdale, is open rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

## 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.

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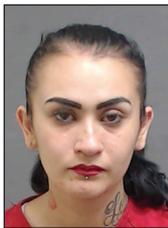
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# Two arrested on narcotics charges

Special to the Glades County Democrat

According to a Glades County Sheriff's Office news release, on May 31 a gray Chrysler 300 was stopped for several traffic infractions. The driver, Brenda Hernandez, 24, admitted to having narcotics present within her vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted, which yielded positive results for narcotics.



**Brenda Hernandez**

Hernandez was charged with possession of ecstasy/MDMA, which is a third-degree felony. At the time of the news release, she was in the Glades County Jail with a bond set at \$5,000.

A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Ronald Dozier, 37, was also arrested on numerous narcotic violations. Dozier was charged with possession of methamphetamine (sec-



**Ronald Dozier**

ond-degree felony), possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or distribute (third-degree felony), trafficking in methamphetamine 14 grams or over (first-degree felony), possession of marijuana under 20 grams (first-degree misdemeanor) and possession of drug paraphernalia (first-degree misdemeanor).

At the time of the news release, Dozier was in the county jail with a bond of \$115,500. Should Dozier post bond, he is mandated to be on house arrest with GPS monitoring.

# Dike work on track, but funding critical

**By Katrina Elsen**

INI Florida

"We're in for a wet year," Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer A. Reynolds of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and the Lake Worth Lagoon at its June 1 meeting.

The lake right now is the second-highest it has been in this decade for this date, she explained. It is higher than it was when Hurricane Irma hit last year.

She said that, as high as the lake is now, if it had a large spike of water from a hurricane as happened with Irma, "the lake looks pretty bad."

In the month following Irma's landfall, the lake rose by 3.5 feet due to heavy runoff from the north.

"We are additionally concerned because all WCAs (Water Conservation Areas) are already above schedule," Lt. Col. Reynolds continued. The WCAs south of the lake are already at capacity from rainfall in that basin even though water is moving south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay at the maximum flow possible with the existing water control structures.

The corps started releasing water east

through the C-44 Canal and west into the Caloosahatchee River on Friday in an attempt to slow the rise of the lake.

"We've had the wettest May on record," said Lt. Col. Reynolds.

The month of May brought 11.01 inches of rainfall to the South Florida Water Management District, nearly triple the annual average of 4.04 inches, according to the South Florida Water Management District website.

"The next three-month prediction is above-average rainfall," she added.

The National Hurricane Center predicts one to four major storms this year.

"I think we can anticipate releases will continue for some time," said Lt. Col. Reynolds.

She told the coalition that the work on repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike continue.

"It's going well," she said.

"Everyone is talking about are we on track to complete in 2022?" she said.

"Yes, we are on track, but there is a lot of distance between now and 2022."

Lt. Col. Reynolds said the president's budget for 2018 includes \$82 million for the dike repairs, and the State of Florida allocated \$50 million.

For 2019, the president has requested \$96 million, she said. "That still needs an appropriations bill."

Lt. Col. Reynolds said the project will need additional money in 2020, 2021 and 2022 to stay on track for completion in 2022.

"When we don't get the federal funding on time, it affects the schedule to award contracts," she added.

"It's not over yet," she continued.

"Letters from Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio said that congressional intent was for it to be fully funded," she explained.

There are projects across the nation competing for that financing, she added.

She said funding for other water projects is uncertain. The president's budget for fiscal 2019 is putting emphasis on finishing projects that are already under construction, she said. This could mean delays for projects that are still in the design and planning stages.

"We all know the importance of the entire CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan) program," she said.

Every project in CERP is an important part of the overall plan, she added.

"The hard part is there is not enough funding to authorize all of the projects across the board. Every time we want to add something, there is that elephant in the room of what we are not going to do," she continued.

She said the addition of the EAA reservoir to the Central Everglades Planning Project will mean there won't be federal funding for something else.

## Glades at a Glance

### HGUNC meeting set June 8

Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC) meeting will be held on Friday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Glades County Training Center, 1030 Industrial Drive in Moore Haven.

### Sen. Grimsley mobile hours

Senator Denise Grimsley's staff will hold "mobile office hours" on Tuesday, June 12, to assist constituents with state agency concerns at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J S.W. in Moore Haven, 9-10 a.m.

### SKYWARN training available

The public is invited to attend SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotter training on Thursday, June 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Glades County Public Safety complex, 1097 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven. You must regis-

ter to attend training. To RSVP or for information, call Marisa Shivers at 863-946-6020 or email mshivers@myglades.com.

### 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 charge. Preparation and serving are under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sparks. For information, call 863-946-2556.

### Election registration

Aletris Farnam, Glades County supervisor of elections, will be at the Buckhead VFW, 29012 State Road 78 in Buckhead, from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 8. She will be available for

voter registration and for updating any information.

### BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge, will serve dinner on Friday, June 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, onion rings, salad and dessert. Live music by Jerry Herman. Proceeds benefit homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

### BHR VFW serves breakfast

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge, will serve a full breakfast on Sunday, June 10, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. to benefit veterans services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

# Third-grade student brings recycling to MHES

**By Anthony Narehood**

Moore Haven Elementary School

Kathrine Washam, while running for third-grade president two years ago, promised to start a plastic recycling program at Moore Haven Elementary School (MHES), if elected. Not only was she elected president, but the recycling program has been in successful operation ever since.

"We throw so much plastic into our landfills," said Miss Washam, "fifty percent of our landfills are filled with plastic. But, after I told them I'd get the recycling started, I still had to wait for the third-grade congress to vote for the idea. After they all voted, I took the recycling program idea to Mrs. Langdale.

Then, it just progressed from there."

Every two to three weeks, the Glades County Recycling Facility picks up over 30 bins, dropped off by students from each classroom. The bins were given to the school by the facility.

MHES Principal FeLinda Langdale said that the creation of the program surprised her.

"I was shocked to have a third-grader come into my office and make requests," said Mrs. Langdale. "This is the first time a student walked in asking for that."

Former President Washam said that her fifth-grade class wants to recycle more.

"We talked about not stopping with plastic because we could recycle paper and

cardboard, too," she said. "We could have a permanent recycling dumpster at the school and we could all put our stuff in there, instead of collecting bins and waiting for the truck to come by."

Miss Washam gave some advice on throwing out garbage and recycling, too.

"People need to watch what they're throwing away," she said. "Everything we throw away makes a big difference."

Special to the Glades County Democrat/MHES **Third-grade President Kathrine Washam started a plastic recycling program at Moore Haven Elementary School.**



# GCWC elected and installed new officers

**Barbara Brown**

Glades County Woman's Club

MOORE HAVEN — The final meeting of the club year for the Glades County Woman's Club held a lot of "firsts" for this very active group of Glades County women. It was the first time a slate of officers was nominated, elected and installed at the same meeting. Not only that, in all the 53 years this writer has been a member, it is the first time I can recall a retiring president installing the new officers, and she did a great job explaining their duties.

This has been a very successful year for President Jenny Allen. During her reign as president, two single mothers were presented with scholarships to help further their education; two graduating seniors were given scholarships; mammograms were provided for deserving ladies who did not have health insurance to cover them; and a monthly trash pickup along Riverside Drive was carried out.

Our newly installed president did not waste any time recruiting a new member. Mrs. Allen initiated Trish Coleman, who was sponsored by the marina. Gracie Goodwin, the reigning Miss Glades County, presented Mrs. Coleman with a marigold plant, the club's official flower.

The newly installed officers are: President Marina Langdale, Vice President Ruby Branch and Treasurer Beth Griffin. Dianne Tillery, recording secretary, and Kelly Brantley, corresponding secretary, were unable to attend and will be installed at a later date.

Following a lasagna dinner provided by club members, Mrs. Langdale announced that the next club meeting will be in September, and reminded members that the club will continue to pick up trash monthly during the summer. Even though the county removes trash regularly, some accumulates between times, and GCWC has been picking it up at least once a month.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo **Retiring President Jenny Allen presents a list of duties for newly elected officers. From left are: Mrs. Allen, Beth Griffin, Marina Langdale and Ruby Branch. Not pictured: Dianne Tillery and Kelly Brantley.**

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The event will be held at the LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W Hickpochee Ave. in LaBelle, on June 28 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Any business in Hendry County may register, and the business will be able to set up a booth to promote their business, and recruit possible new employees. Chamber members will be offered a booth/space at no charge. Businesses that are not chamber members

are also invited, but shall be required to pay a small registration fee. Any Glades County business owners who might have questions are invited to also call Diane.

LaBelle has many great businesses, and getting the word out about a business can be difficult and expensive. The LaBelle Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor this event to assist in promoting local businesses.

The public is invited to attend this free event. If you are looking for employment or just want to see what businesses are available in LaBelle, be sure to attend this event.

To register your business, or for information, contact Diane at the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce at 863-675-0125 or e-mail [lchamberofcomm@embarqmail.com](mailto:lchamberofcomm@embarqmail.com).

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### David Emil Kelly, 63

PARKLAND — David Emil Kelly, 63, of Parkland, passed away May 31, 2018. David was born Feb. 5, 1955 in Clewiston, Fla. to the late Robert W. and Lillian (Ussery) Kelly.

David loved fishing and gardening especially tending to his plants and palm trees. He enjoyed lighting up the barbeque for family and friends. More than anything he loved his devoted wife, Billie Jean (Hennessee) Kelly, his soul mate. His "furry" friends also shared in his love especially Molly, Gracie, Malcolm and Leah. David was the President and Owner of K.CO. Enterprises, Inc. He was also on the Board of Directors of Kelly Tractor.

He was preceded in death by his son, Casey Scott McGee.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Billie Jean Kelly; daughters, Penny (Larry Litvin) Suzuki and Paula (Timothy) Sivore; brothers, Donald (Leslie) Kelly, Robert (Joy) Kelly; nieces, Alicia Kelly, Faith Kelly; nephews, Judah Kelly, Sam Kelly and Joe Kelly.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 7, 2018, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Kraer Funeral Home & Cremation, 1655 University Drive, Coral Springs where a Celebration of Life Service will begin at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in David's memory to the Navy Seal Foundation: [www.navysealfoundation.org](http://www.navysealfoundation.org) or the Humane Society of Broward Coun-

### Velva Faye Carter Bledsoe, 97

TIFTON — Velva Faye Carter Bledsoe of Tifton passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in First Assembly of God Church of Tifton with Rev. John Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in Tift Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Friday evening June 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Deacons and Elders of First Assembly of God Church, Michael Black, Dave Geary, Gilbert Hill, Mark Hupp, Jack Hullett, John Tanner and Danny Tyson (who are members of the Deacon & Elders Boards of Tifton First Assembly of God).

Mrs. Bledsoe was born March 2, 1921 in Wetumpka, Oklahoma to the late Marion Monroe Carter and Tish Stein Carter. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Dawson Price Bledsoe and four sisters. Mrs. Bledsoe was a member of First Assembly of God Church of Tifton and she was a homemaker. She had lived in Tifton for forty-four years. Born in Oklahoma, she had lived in Arkansas for fifteen years, then moved to Clewiston, Florida for twenty years. She met her husband there and they moved to Tifton. She was an excellent seamstress and loved to make clothes for dolls. Mrs. Bledsoe loved to sing and was active in her church. She also loved to fish.

Mrs. Bledsoe is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margrette and Ed LaPointe of Lakeland, Florida; two sisters, Laverne Miller of Lakeland, Florida and Shirley Register of Okeechobee, Florida; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Flowers accepted or donations made to Tifton's First Assembly of God Church, 1800 N. Central Avenue, Tifton, Ga. 31794.

Albritton Funeral Directors is in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the online guest register at [www.albrittonfuneral.com](http://www.albrittonfuneral.com)



Special to the Glades County Democrat/WGS

## Students travel to Chuck E. Cheese's

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) is a program to encourage students to become lifelong readers who will continue to read for information needs and personal pleasure. West Glades School (WGS) had 28 students who read 10 or more of the 15 books required to qualify for a limo party bus ride to Chuck E. Cheese's for lunch and an outing at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Fort Myers. Thanks to Florida Power & Light for funding through the Glades Education Foundation that provided WGS Sunshine State books this year and financed their reward trip. Thanks to the parents who are encouraging their children to continue to read.



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## Public Notice

## Public Notice

SHAWANO WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF  
2018 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING &  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the SHAWANO WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the SHAWANO WATER CONTROL DISTRICT is scheduled for Friday, June 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sugar Farms Co-op, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Electing Supervisor(s);
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, 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 based. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting. DATED this Thursday, the 24th day of May, 2018.

BY: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.  
265275 BGS 5/31/6/7/2018

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 2:30 PM. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

DATED this 18th day of May 2018.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000017

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2, Plaintiff,

v.  
DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAVID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C. LEE; CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A.; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 22, 2018, entered in Case No. 2015-CA-000017, Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2 is the Plaintiff; and DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAVID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C. LEE; CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A.; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION are the Defendants; Sandra Brown, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on the Courthouse steps at 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2018, the following described real property, situate and being in Glades County, Florida to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 23 AND RUN NORTH 00° 71' 17" WEST 112.63 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED THENCE NORTH 89° 23' 32" WEST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 2439.49 FEET THENCE NORTH 00° 07' 17" WEST PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89° 23' 32" EAST PARALLEL TO SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2439.49 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00° 07' 17" EAST, ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said sale will be made pursuant to and in order to satisfy the terms of said Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

DATED: this 24th day of May, 2018.

Sandra Brown, As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Tami Simmons, Deputy Clerk

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
266692 GCD 6/7,14/2018

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF COLLINS SLOUGH  
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 3:30 PM. in the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

DATED this 18th day of May 2018.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

263519 CN 6/7/2018

RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 75-383, FLORIDA ACTS OF 1975, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS CAUSED TO BE PREPARED A BUDGET OF THE COST OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING ALL OF THE WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. THE SAME MAY BE EXAMINED AT UNITED STATES SUGAR CORPORATION OFFICE, 1995 W. US HIGHWAY 27, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440. THE DIRECTORS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT WILL MEET AT UNITED STATES SUGAR CORPORATION OFFICE, 1995 W. US HIGHWAY 27, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440 ON JUNE 12, 2018 AT 11:30 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS WITH RESPECT TO SAID BUDGET.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
STEVE STILES, CHAIRMAN

266366 BGS/CN 6/7/2018

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING  
OF DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a Meeting of the Landowners of DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Supervisors;
2. Receiving Annual Reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the Landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly 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 public 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) days prior to the date of proceeding.

DATED this 18th day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
263512 CN 5/31/6/7/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000009

TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
W. JUSTIN COTTRELL AS TRUSTEE OF 1456 SOUTH SWINGING TRAIL LAND TRUST DATED MARCH 4, 2013; DERRICK KLUMP NKA/ DERRICK O. KLUMP; KRISTINE L. KLUMP NKA/ KRISTINE LYNN KLUMP; SUNCOST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
Defendant(s).

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 15, 2018, entered in Civil Case No.: 2017-CA-000009 of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff, and W. JUSTIN COTTRELL AS TRUSTEE OF 1456 SOUTH SWINGING TRAIL LAND TRUST DATED MARCH 4, 2013; DERRICK KLUMP NKA/ DERRICK O. KLUMP; KRISTINE L. KLUMP NKA/ KRISTINE LYNN KLUMP; SUNCOST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 NKA AMY HERROLD; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 NKA DANIEL HERROLD, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Front Steps South Door of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471 at 11:00 AM, on the 23rd day of August, 2018, the following described real property as set forth in said Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN GLADES COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, VIZ: TRACT A-31: THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OVER THE EAST 30 FEET, OVER THE WEST 30 FEET AND OVER THE SOUTH 60 FEET THEREOF.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 30, 2018.  
SANDRA BROWN  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: Tami Simmons  
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.  
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187  
266340 GCD 6/7,14/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000017

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DATED: this 24th day of May, 2018.

Sandra Brown,  
As Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Tami Simmons  
Deputy Clerk

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING  
OF COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a Meeting of the Landowners of COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. at the offices of Barron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of:

1. Electing Supervisors;
2. Receiving Annual Reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the Landowners may determine; and
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If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public 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 based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the District at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) days prior to the date of proceeding.

DATED this 18th day of May 2018.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
COLLINS SLOUGH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
263514 CN 5/31/6/7/2018

GLADEVIEW WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF  
2018 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING AND  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the GLADEVIEW WATER CONTROL DISTRICT that, pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the GLADEVIEW WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., at the Sugar Farms Co-op, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida, for the following purposes:

1. Electing Supervisor(s);
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting. DATED this Thursday, the 24th day of May, 2018.

BY: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.  
265277 BGS 5/31/6/7/2018

## HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **June 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM**, by the Henry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Henry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 25 E. Hippocampe Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935; for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with a project known as **Apron Rehabilitation at LaBelle Airport** (Henry County Bid Number 2018-15).

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **May 31, 2018, at 11:00 AM** at the Henry County Engineering Department, located at 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL 33935. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Bidders are invited to submit bids for this work on the bid forms provided. Other bid or proposal forms will not be accepted.

The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications including all addenda or other revisions, and site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a bid. Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications and all addenda or other revisions will be available for examination and may be obtained from the office of AECOM, 7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida 33607-1462, (Phone: 813-636-2139; contact Diane Kline). There is a \$25.00 for each electronic copy set (PDF) of the Contract Documents. Return of the Contract Documents is not required and the amount paid for the Contract Documents is non-refundable. Contractor must purchase the Contract Documents from the Engineer of Record in order to be considered a responsive bidder.

A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid.

Successful Bidder will be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

The Board of County Commissioners of Henry County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and 49 CFR Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. **This project has a DBE goal of 14.1%.**

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

This solicitation does not commit Henry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation for any or no reason, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interests of the County to do so. The County may re-procure at the discretion of the Board.

Contractor selection and disqualification criteria are set forth in Henry County Ordinance No. 2016-14, as recorded in Ordinance Book XVIII, Page 208.

Henry County is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Veronica Gonzalez al (863) 675-5324.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
262167 CN 5/17/24,31/6/7,14/2018



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# County announces Tropicana Speech winners

Special to the Glades County Democrat

On May 25, Glades County hosted the annual 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest. This year's winners are:

## Fourth grade:

- First-place winner Gabriella Williamson, West Glades School, with speech "My Hero."
- Second place, Luke Flynn, Moore Haven Elementary School, with speech "My Dad's Heart Attack."

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- Third place, Lameese Mustafa, West Glades Schools, with speech "Autism."
- Fourth place, Chovi Huff, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, with speech "Comedian Life."

## Fifth grade:

- First-place winner Allyson Lara, Moore

Haven Elementary School, with speech "My Battle."

- Second place, Riley Curtis, West Glades School, with speech "Wonder Horse."
- Third place, Lindsey Miller, Moore Haven Elementary School, with speech "How I Got Adopted."
- Fourth place, Bailey Smallwood, West Glades School, with speech "Sisters."

## Sixth grade:

- First-place winner Caydence Cisneros, Moore Haven Junior Senior High School, with speech "Messy Mess."
- Second place, Brady Bass, Moore Haven Junior Senior High School, with speech "My Old-Fashioned Grandma."
- Third place, Carmen Perez, West Glades School, with speech "The Trip I'll Never Forget."
- Fourth place, Zoey Gregorio, West Glades School, with speech "Colors."



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**Fourth-grade Tropicana winner Gabriella Williamson and Schools Superintendent Scott Bass.**



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**Fifth-grade Tropicana winner Allyson Lara and Schools Superintendent Scott Bass.**



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**Sixth-grade Tropicana winner Caydence Cisneros and Schools Superintendent Scott Bass.**

## Democrats' listening tour

Join Chairwoman Terrie Rizzo of the Florida Democratic Party and local candidates for a listening tour with Florida Democrats on Monday, June 11, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Bridge Street Coffee and Tea, 22 Fort Thompson Ave. in La-Belle.

## Ortona Lock closed now through June 16 for maintenance

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is notifying the public, marinas, commercial and recreational vessels traveling the Okeechobee Waterway that Ortona Lock is closed for maintenance through Saturday, June 16.

This is the first lock closure along the Okeechobee Waterway in six years; maintenance is necessary to repair aging and damaged infrastructure in addition to improving

public and vessel safety. Repairs will require the lock chamber to be dewatered for crews to perform inspections, replace gate seals and repair manatee protection system components.

During the closure, barges, floating cranes and divers are working in the lock entrance, requiring vessel operators in the area to use minimal speed and extra caution for safety.



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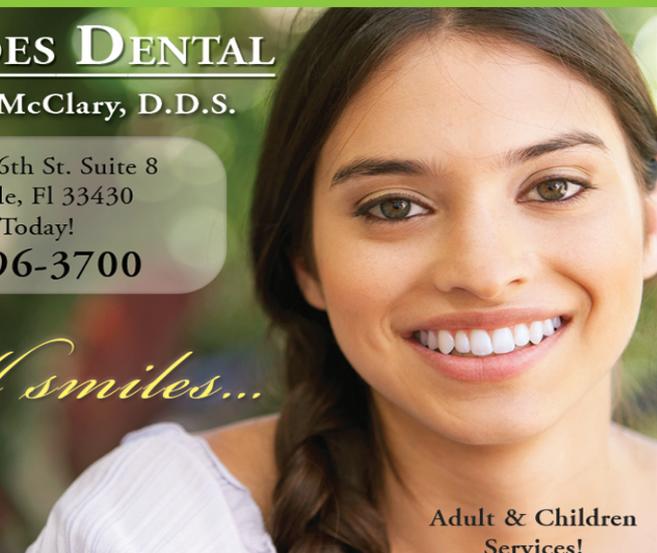
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