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Lake Levels

14.15 feet

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
The 2018 graduates with the prizes they received during the lock-in.

MHMHS appreciates support received for Project Graduation

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On Friday, June 1, Moore Haven Middle High School (MHMHS) graduated 70 seniors. The Class of 2018 Project Graduation hosted a lock-in after party for the graduating seniors. Project Graduation is a self-supported program sponsored by the parents of the graduating seniors; we receive no funding from the school budget. It is through the generosity of the parents, townspeople, the Moore Haven business community as well as many other generous businesses in the surrounding area that we have been able to host the after party.

With the support of many, this year's Project Graduation could provide a night full of food,

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Courtesy photo
Skye Schlueter, Mallory Thomas, Payton Woodward, Ivess Baker, Ramon Marlowe, Richard Harris, Bluesky Friday and Li-Ani Puente enjoying games at the Project Graduation lock-in.



Glades County Democrat/Chris Felker

Training center meeting updates officials

Hendry County School District Superintendent Paul Puletti (far right) updates Glades and Hendry county commissioners and officials Tuesday about ongoing negotiations to establish new job-training programs at the Glades County Regional Training Facility. Those attending agreed that they must join forces this year in lobbying Florida's Legislature to finance training programs since lawmakers already have invested around \$4 million to build the center near Moore Haven. Glades County alone contributed up to \$2 million, yet the facility sits unused much of the time.

County to choose new manager

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

Glades County commissioners learned Tuesday that two dozen applications have been received for the post of Glades County manager, and voted to close the application period and begin reviewing the potential candidates.

Commissioners discussed with County Attorney Richard Pringle the process they should follow to pick which applicants they want to interview after Human Resources Director Gabrielle Ibiatorremendia said 16 to 18 of them met the board's minimum qualifications. Mr. Pringle explained the county had initiated a competitive selection process and that he'd written the solicitation to give commissioners the maximum latitude possible in how they go about selecting the next county manager.

He advised that they ask Ms. Ibiatorremendia to give them all the applications along with her assessment of whether each was qualified or not, then look them over individually and figure out how they wanted to proceed. Commissioners agreed to do so before their next meeting, set for June 25.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to let interim manager Joseph Helfenberger perform all responsibilities of the permanent county manager as set forth in their personnel handbook.

In other business, the county board approved a comprehensive plan amendment after a public hearing for applicants Barry and Janice Chin's 9.23-acre property along U.S. 27, and also voted to rezone the land from commercial to heavy industrial use following a quasi-judicial hearing. There is a 50- by 100-foot steel building on the site, where the owners, who live in Pembroke Pines, operate a business known as Chin Shop & Storage.

Consultant Paul Carlisle, who handled their application when he was county manager, told commissioners that the proposed amendment and rezoning were suitable for the property and compatible with surrounding land uses, and had been approved by

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District wants to increase water flow south

By Katrina Elskén
INI Florida

The South Florida Water Management District is using all of the tools in the box to deal with the runoff from May's record-breaking rainfall.

"Water levels throughout the district — which is made up of 16 counties in South Florida — are very high after record-breaking rainfall in May," SFWMD spokesman Randy Smith said at a news conference in West Palm Beach on Friday.

Lake Okeechobee has risen to the level that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers instituted discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries on June 1, he continued.

"We know there is not a silver bullet," he said. "There is not one single solution that will stop releases from Lake Okeechobee, but over the long term the district is making steady progress on ecosystem restoration projects that will reduce the need for these harmful releases in the future."

"Water managers here at the district are looking for operational refinements to move more water from Lake Okeechobee south instead of having it going east and west to the estuaries," he said. "We are working closely with our state and our federal partners, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"We're looking for any and all flexibility within the regional water management system," he said.

"It's unfortunate the releases are being made so early in the wet season," said SFWMD Chief Engineer John Mitnik.

"The decision has not been made lightly. This is the third year in a row that Mother Nature has dealt us a bad hand," he said, "May brought us 300 percent of normal rainfall. It actually set a record for the month of May over the past four weeks."

He said the district has asked the Department of the Interior for permission to open all of the S-12 water control structures to move more water out of Water Conservation Area 3-A into Everglades National Park.

"We have asked them to raise the operat-

ing level of the L-29 Canal near the Tamiami Trail," he added.

"We have asked for the construction that is currently going on in the south part of the system to be wrapped up.

"All of this is being done so we can send more water south," he said.

The Tamiami Trail from Tampa to Miami acts as a dam, bisecting the Everglades from coast to coast. The S-12 water control structures send water under the trail to Everglades National Park. Since the rainy season started, two of the structures, the S-12A and S-12B, have been closed to protect the nesting grounds of the Cape Sable sea sparrow, an endangered species. The SFWMD cannot move water through those structures without the consent of the Department of the Interior. Under current policy, the structures must stay closed until July 15.

Opening the S-12A and S-12B structures would double the flow south, according to Mr. Smith. "A and B combined is an additional 800-1,000 cfs. Opening these two triggers other possible structure openings to allow even more flow south," he explained.

Mr. Mitnik said the district continues to move forward with projects such as the C-43 and C-44 reservoirs and the Lake Hicpochee storage project, as well as the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir. They also want to develop a well injection program for Lake Okeechobee.

Deep well injection would send excess water down into the boulder zone, in effect sending it to tide by going straight down instead of east or west. Just as with water sent to tide through the estuaries, this freshwater could not be recovered for later use, but using deep well injection could help save the estuaries from the damage of harmful excess freshwater discharges.

"We're also coordinating with landowners

to hold as much water as they can for as long as they can," he added.

"We have many efforts to remedy the unintended consequences of the Central and Southern Flood Control system," explained Ava Valdez, Everglades Policy Division director.

"We have well-established partnerships with ranchers as well as citrus growers in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed, the St. Lucie Watershed as well as the Caloosahatchee," she continued. Some projects are passive in that they hold water back from ever reaching the lake or the estuaries. Others are active, in that they pump water onto their own property and hold it there.

These partnerships create about 54,000 acre-feet of storage, she said. This storage is at about 75 percent capacity as the result of the May rains. The partnerships will be operational throughout the wet season, she said. Terrie Bates, Water Resources Division director, addressed the concerns about reports of algae blooms in the lake and other bodies of water. She said most of the freshwater runoff in the coastal estuaries came from the local basins, which received heavy rainfall in May, before the lake releases started. About a half-million acres discharges through C-43 watershed on the west coast to the estuaries, she explained.

In April and early May, some lake water was released to the Caloosahatchee River to benefit that system, because there wasn't enough rainfall to maintain the desired salinity balances. When the rains started in May, those lake releases stopped.

From May 29 to June 4, the estuaries received an average flow of 3,654 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the local basin and an average of 1,901 cfs from the lake, she explained. On the east coast, the story is similar. "There are multiple basins that all drain to the estuary regardless of what comes from Okeechobee," she said.

The tremendous amount of discharge

from the local basins coming in turned that estuary's salinity to completely fresh even before the lake releases started.

"Proportionally, the impact of the discharges coming from the lake is comparatively small," she said. "Blue-green algae blooms are on everyone's minds," she continued. The television news stations are showing images of the 2016 algae blooms. "That's not what we have out there today," she added.

The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation samples and tests algae blooms, she said. So far two small blooms have shown "very, very low levels of toxins" — less than 1 part per billion. (Levels over 10 parts per billion are considered a health concern, according to the World Health Organization.)

"Even though you may be seeing visible blue-green algae, it's not always toxic," she explained. The district is continuing to sample water across Lake Okeechobee, she said.

Hurricane Irma caused numerous problems across the lake in regards to nutrient level and turbidity, Ms. Bates said.

Using satellite images, they monitor the conditions on the Big O.

She said they have very clear images of Lake Okeechobee. "We really are not seeing any bloom conditions across the lake in June."

"We've got a long, hot summer to get through," she warned.

"There is no crystal ball to tell us if there is going to be a bloom or not."

Concentrations of algae along the shoreline do not mean there is a bloom, she added, because algae is buoyant and the wind will cause it to accumulate along the shore.



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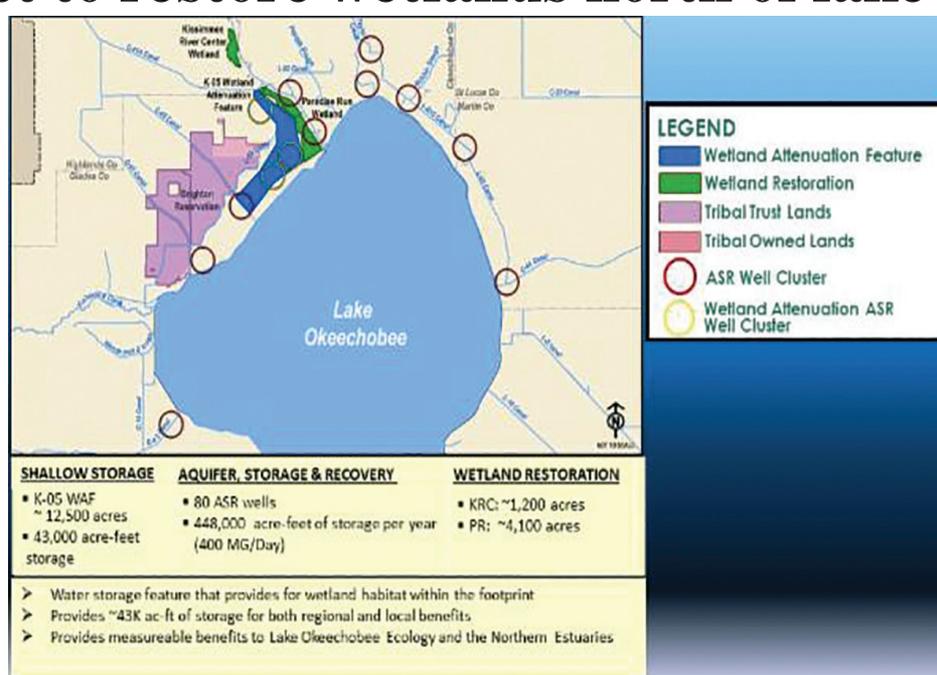
Restoration project to restore wetlands north of lake

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on Thursday, June 7, presented the Water Resources Analysis Coalition (WRAC) members with the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project.

"This innovative and game-changing project will use the latest science and technology to address a number of water management and environmental concerns for the entire region now and in the future," said SFWMD Governing Board member and WRAC facilitator Brandon Tucker. "This TSP will reduce harmful releases to the northern estuaries, benefit lake ecology, protect endangered and threatened species and improve water supply."

SFWMD and USACE will hold a public meeting for landowners in the project area on Monday, June 18, at 6 p.m. at the Williamson Center of Indian River State College in Okeechobee.



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WM ready for 2018 hurricane season

Bagster service available for on-demand hurricane debris removal and disposal

GLADES COUNTY — It's the type of service you rarely think about until it's truly needed. Much like electricity for your home or gasoline in your vehicle, garbage or recycling collection is taken for granted by most Florida residents under ordinary daily circumstances.

"Following a powerful hurricane, one of the most essential needs for a community to begin recovery is the reliable return of its most vital services," said Teresa Bishop, community affairs manager for Waste Management Inc. of Florida (WM). "That's why we spend a lot of time in the weeks and months prior to the start of hurricane season focusing within our company on annual hurricane preparation and recovery planning."

The company also issues public advisories to residents and businesses about storm preparation. This information includes:

- NOW:**
- Trim your trees, hedges and other landscaping now. Do not wait for the approach of a major storm.
 - Clean out your garage and storage areas at home now and donate your unneeded items or discard them. Do not wait for the approach of a major storm.

At least three days before the approach of a major storm:

- Secure garbage and recycling containers. Place empty containers in a secure loca-

tion away from open spaces.

- Stop all yard maintenance and tree trimming activities when there is a named storm with a predicted Florida landfall.

- Bundle and tie down all loose trash such as tree limbs, wood planks or building and roof tiles. Place these materials in a location where debris cannot become hazardous to homes and automobiles in high winds.

- Waste Management will continue to collect household garbage and recycling materials in the neighborhoods it serves according to designated schedules until a hurricane warning is issued.

After the storm:

- After the storm passes, separate normal household garbage such as food refuse, diapers and regular household waste from storm debris caused by high winds, hail and rain. Storm debris, including tree limbs, carpet and padding, aluminum and wood fencing, and household appliances, should be placed curbside in a separate pile or piles.

- Separating normal household waste from storm debris will allow Waste Management employees to collect your household garbage more quickly and safely, and help prevent odors and safety hazards that would be created by mixing your household garbage with storm debris. The separation is also necessary to allow Waste Management to collect normal household waste and to permit other firms to collect storm debris in accordance with arrangements made by local municipalities and/or the county with contractors independent from Waste Management.

- Waste Management will restart curb-

side garbage and recycling collection of normal household waste on the streets that are passable upon approval from law enforcement and municipal officials. The company will expand its routes to additional areas as more streets are cleared of debris and other impediments.

"After a hurricane or significant storm blows through a community, there are few more welcome signs of things getting back to normal than seeing our people doing their jobs," said Ms. Bishop. "Once public safety is restored, the rapid recovery of a town or city begins with the startup of routine services. While contractors from other companies are contracted to pick up storm debris, Waste Management focuses on restoring regular household collection from the curbside."

Also available in Waste Management's mix of hurricane preparedness and recovery services is the Bagster bag. An innovation in waste removal, Bagster is ideal in situations where there is a need to discard more debris than can fit in a typical bin or garbage receptacle, but not enough to require a dumpster. Available at local home improvement stores, Bagster bags are strong enough to hold 3,300 pounds of severe storm and hurricane debris items, such as tree stumps, large tree limbs, roofing shingles, full sheets of plywood and sheetrock.

"Our value to a community is not always apparent unless collection stops," Ms. Bishop added. "Doing everything we can to prepare before, and return to service after a crisis, is what being a good community partner is all about."

Glades at a Glance

SKYWARN training available

The public is invited to attend SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotter training on Thursday, June 14, at 6-8 p.m. at the Glades County Public Safety complex, 1097 Health Park Drive in Moore Haven. You must register to attend training. To RSVP or for information, call Marisa Shivers at 863-946-6020 or email mshivers@myglades.com.

Lions Club to hold meeting

The Lions Club of Moore Haven will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the offices of the Sheriff's Department of Glades County, 1297 FL-78 in Moore Haven. All visiting Lions and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate. The Lions provide Guide Dogs free of charge to blind persons and those with severely impaired vision. Dogs are likewise provided without charge to those with severely impaired hearing. For information, call 863-946-2556.

HGUNC meeting set June 22

Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC) invites non-profit representatives and other interested parties interested in helping Hendry and Glades County residents with unmet needs because of Hurricane Irma to attend a meeting to be held on Friday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Glades Re-

gional Training Center, 1030 Industrial Drive in Moore Haven.

BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, will serve dinner on Friday, June 15, from 5:30 - 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 desert. Live music by Wayne Purvis. Proceeds to homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR VFW serves fish

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, will hold JC's Fish Fry on Saturday, June 16, at 1 p.m. Includes fish, potato salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, cole slaw, and hush puppies. Proceeds benefits Veteran's services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR VFW serves breakfast

The VFW Auxiliary will serve a full breakfast on Sunday, June 17, from 8:30 - 11 a.m. at VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, to benefit veteran's services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Chicken served at BHR VFW

The Sons of AMVETS will host a baked

chicken and scalloped potatoes dinner on Wednesday, June 20, at Buckhead VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, at 5 p.m. to benefit veteran services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

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Seeking leggings & flip flops

The Rape Crisis Unit at Abuse Counseling & Treatment is seeking donations of new or gently used leggings and new flip flops of any size to provide women who have been survivors of sexual violence. Their goal is to collect 50 pair of leggings and 50 pairs of flip flops in the month of June. Drop off location is the LaBelle United Way House, 133 N Bridge St. in LaBelle. Please be sure to say the donations is for the Rape Crisis Center. For information, call 239-433-7559.

County candidates' filing deadline is Friday

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

Anyone who wants to run for a municipal or county elective office in Glades County has until noon Friday to complete the paperwork and submit their filing fee to Elections Supervisor Aletris Farnam's office.

The seats up for election in Glades are three on the school board, those representing Districts 1, 4 and 5; those of the county

commissioners representing Districts 2 and 4; and two positions on the Moore Haven City Council.

For Glades County School Board District 1, Crystal Drake has filed; District 4, Gloria Reese; and for District 5, incumbent Patricia Pearce and Steve L. Dobbs.

For county commissioner in District 2, incumbent Republican Donna Storter Long has filed for re-election, and Jeff Barnes, with no party affiliation, has filed to oppose

her; in District 4, Glades County Board Chairman John Ahern has filed for re-election.

Glades County Court Judge Jack Lundy has filed and qualified to run for re-election and is unopposed so far.

For Moore Haven City Council, the candidates are incumbents Calvin Bret Whidden, currently the mayor, and Marc Decker, and they are opposed by Wayne Clay Browning Jr. and James Terrel Fielder.

Glades County is home to 6,715 regis-

tered voters: 2,846 Democrats, 2,610 Republicans and 1,259 of other parties or no party affiliation. The voter registration book closing dates are July 30 for the Aug. 28 primary and Oct. 9 for the Nov. 6 general election. Early voting runs from Aug. 18 through Aug. 25 for the primary, and Oct. 27 through Nov. 3 for the general.

Visit www.vote-glades.com for more information on the upcoming elections.

Construction training program in the works

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

Hendry County Commissioner Michael Swindle has a day job in education that's made him a key player as the county has pressed forward with neighboring Glades in trying to get more adult job training set up at the Glades County Regional Training Facility (GCRTF).

He's employed by the Hendry school district as its director of workforce development, and one program he's been working on dovetails nicely with the GCRTF effort, which is gathering steam. On Tuesday, the commissioners of Hendry and Glades counties came together for another workshop at the center.

At the May 22 Hendry County Board meeting, Mr. Swindle went into some detail about a cooperative construction technology program he's been working to establish along with other educational institutions, public agencies and local businesses, which he'd mentioned before.

County Board Chairman Mitchell Wills asked him, "The program you were talking about ... with the students working along with people in the industry now, how's that coming along?"

He answered that it's been progressing very well. "We're expecting a July 1 start date. I was working along with Mr. (Richard) Yoraschek. He's going to be one of the champions to help make that happen, and the construction firm that he's working with," which is LaBelle Plumbing.

Mr. Swindle went on to say the program will provide instruction in building-related trades such as masonry,

plumbing, electrical work and carpentry.

"What it's going to be is almost the apprentice-based type thing, without the apprentice name. We're just going to kind of steal their curriculum and mojo, and basically assign students that fit to said contractor. They may work with Mr. Yoraschek and learn the plumbing skills, then go out and demonstrate the plumbing skills. So it's going to be hands-on training," he continued.

He explained that the school district already provides such vocational education for Clewiston and LaBelle high school students.

Responding to questions from Commissioner Karson Turner, Mr. Swindle said that Mr. Yoraschek will act as a sort of coordinator for the program because "it would be a travesty not to lean on all his years of knowledge and expertise."

County Board Vice Chairwoman Emma Byrd asked, "So where do they go from there?"

Mr. Swindle responded, "At the end of 1,050 hours' on-the-job training, they will get a building construction technology certificate showing that they have received ... training within that wide girth of areas." He said the program is meant to benefit both students after high school and local small businesses.

"What we're doing is we're training as well as providing a funnel for those businesses that really want folks to come to work for them, and we're also going to create a career pathway where these young men and women say, if they like electrical work, say; well, you know what? FMTC (Fort Myers Technical College) has a phenomenal track for that, or Palm Beach State or maybe it's West Tech. So we want to provide a ... clear pathway (so) they can work as well as con-

tinue their education in that," he continued.

Commissioner Turner asked whether the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board was helping.

Mr. Swindle replied that aid is available through CareerSource for "those who qualify for CareerSource funding, which a lot of our residents do," and that it will pay for hundreds of hours of the training. "So the students are actually employed and get workmen's comp through CareerSource, which is phenomenal," he added.

Mr. Turner complimented him, saying, "This IS phenomenal, what you're doing, whether Airglades ever lands a jet or not. How do we help market this?"

"Word of mouth," Commissioner Swindle said. "Mr. Yoraschek and the company that he's working with and through, they have been great coming to the table. Depending on the numbers of folks that sign up by the mid-June deadline, we may need more contractors. I hope we're in that situation."

Commissioner Turner wanted to discuss more details, but evidently the program is a work in progress. "We're kind of laying the tracks as that train's a-coming because there's such a big demand, and it did go over very well in the initial stages, so what I can't answer we'll figure out together," Mr. Swindle said.

"I just wish you'd find a way to do this at the Glades County training center," Mr. Turner replied, and Mr. Swindle said, "I agree," advising everyone to stay tuned.

MHES summer camp is a 'go'

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

The Glades Education Foundation's Laura Perry reported that plans have mostly been finalized for a two-week youth summer camp to appreciative Moore Haven City Council members on Tuesday, June 5.

"We have about 30 kids signed up, ages 5 to 10. A lot of other schools were invited, but we have only mainly gained kids from Moore Haven Elementary School (MHES) this year. We do have one first-grade teacher and two paraprofessionals planning to work the camp the two weeks." Three Moore Haven Middle High School students also will volunteer their time to help in exchange for community service hours.

Ms. Perry said there was "a lot of interest from the Agape Christian Academy," too, but added that "next year they're interested in partnering with MHES to put on a longer summer camp, so that'll be more hands on deck, which will be helpful."

Activities will include a field trip every other day, she said, "and we're fully funded at this point."

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the Planning and Zoning Board. The land is at 27107 U.S. 27, Moore Haven, on the east side of the highway about 4.5 miles north of State Road 80.

Larry Bennett of H.L. Bennett & Associates civil engineers in LaBelle, representing the Chins, informed commissioners that Mr. Chin "intends to just continue his business but is asking to be able to store his own equipment on the property." Their application says the reason for the proposed

change is to allow the parking and storage of trucks and heavy equipment. There was no public input.

On other matters, the commissioners:

- Approved the Public Risk Management Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Moore Haven, Barron Water Control District and Port LaBelle Community Development District.
- Learned from Finance Director Tiffany Patterson that there will be two board workshops on the county's fiscal 2019 budget, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, and 11 a.m. July 10.
- Tabled consideration of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement until their June 25 meeting.

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fun, games and prizes.

The parents would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts to provide the seniors with this memorable night: U.S. Sugar Corp., Steve & Sherri Petti, Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Triangle Chemical, Kevin Bryant, The Royal Foundation, Ridgill & Sons, City of Moore Haven, Glades County Youth Livestock, Glades Electric Co-op, Craig A. Smith & Associates, Mike & Debbi Pressley, Jason & Lisa Langdale, Eushica Doctor, Vicki Escobar, Robert Pass III, Chalo Nitka

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We would also like to thank all those that supported our efforts through our fundraisers and tables at the following events: Wing Thing Cook-off, High Heel-A-Thon, Halloween Carnival, Christmas on the Caloosahatchee and Art in the Park. Our sincerest apologies if anyone was left off the list; just know your support was greatly appreciated.

Corps seeks public comment on EAA reservoir

Special to the Okeechobee News

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District is accepting public comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the South Florida Water Management District Section 203 Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) and Stormwater Treatment Area study. Comments will be accepted through July 24.

The corps has prepared a draft EIS to evaluate and document potential environmental effects of the SFWMD's proposed plan in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The draft EIS uses information from SFWMD's environmental analysis which has been incorporated into the study as an appendix.

"We continue to advance our environmental review of the South Florida Water Management District's EAA storage reservoir study," said Col. Jason Kirk, Jacksonville District commander.

"The EAA Reservoir will provide storage

that creates beneficial flexibility in South Florida water management."

The draft EIS is available online at: www.saj.usace.army.mil/SFWMD/EAAReservoir.

Comments will be accepted through July 24 and can be sent electronically to: EAAReservoir@usace.army.mil, or mailed to: Stacie Auvenshine, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

The corps is scheduling a series of public meetings to provide interested individuals with the opportunity to provide public comments on the environmental review of the study.

It is anticipated that the meetings will be held the week of June 25. Additional information will be available once venues are confirmed.

"Public participation is essential in advancing our efforts further and we encourage all interested individuals to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and provide their input," said Col. Kirk.

Col. Kirk also addressed recent Lake Okeechobee discharges, advising that the

releases are necessary to reduce risk to people living and working around the lake.

"We will continue to use LORS (Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule) as our guide to manage the lake with safety as the paramount consideration," said Col. Kirk. "We recognize the risks of the potential for a hurricane-driven 3-4 feet increase in lake stage that could occur within a week of landfall. We can't delay releases until a storm is imminent."

As part of the EAA Reservoir environmental review process, an initial scoping period was conducted to solicit public input on the corps' development of the EIS for the SFWMD's EAA storage reservoir study. Public comments were accepted through April 30.

A matrix of the comments received during this time is included within the draft EIS. Furthermore, comments received on this draft EIS will also be incorporated within the matrix upon development of the final EIS.

There are two ongoing concurrent processes as part of the required federal actions

on the SFWMD's Section 203 EAA southern reservoir study.

There is the current environmental review of the SFWMD's study by the Jacksonville District, and a simultaneous review by the administration. Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 authorizes non-federal interests to undertake feasibility studies of proposed water resource development projects for submission directly to the secretary of the Army.

The SFWMD submitted their study to the assistant secretary of the Army for civil works on March 30, 2018.

Congressional approval of this plan will result in a post-authorization change report to modify features within the Central Everglades Planning Project, which was authorized as a federal project by Congress in 2016.

Additional information on the SFWMD's EAA storage reservoir study is available on their website at:

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/cerp-project-planning/ea-reservoir>.

Reflections from the Pulpit

I don't agree, but....!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

One of the former church leaders for whom I worked with at the beginning of my ministry said, "Everyone knows how to do my job better than I do, and the most amazing part of it is that they've all been around here less than five years!"

We all got the point.

I've worked with people who have come to a new job full of ideals and mean well, and then begin to see what they think of as "shortcomings" in the ways things are done. I've been a newcomer to posts that I've held; I like to ask:

"What did the person before me do on this job?" Maybe I can learn from what he did and avoid mistakes; but first I must see how things ran and what it takes to do what is required.

After a while, maybe I can make some constructive comments but only after getting the big picture or sharing in the "why's" and "wherefore's" of what is going on.

I've listened to lots and lots of criticisms of candidates; some of which I understand, others which seem moot, and some I find irrelevant.

Everyone seems to have a view on how the government should be run. That's a job

that few have held but many are critical.

Church leadership, likewise, often comes with suggestions from people who are well-meaning but not always aware of how things have come to be. I've always attempted to take time to explain the rationale behind a project or practice, or refer people to someone that might have a better answer than I can give.

I recall a complaint from someone about a change in church services; she liked the old language and the old ways of doing things. I explained as best could but I also knew some of the persons who helped design the new services and suggested she contact them.

I also told her that I didn't know all of the reasons for the change; but I knew some of the people involved and knew that they loved and cared for the church.

She wrote them and told me of the "beautiful letter" of reply that she received. We continued with a new service but also with a new respect and understanding.

It was a time of transition; something that comes with each job change, each change in government, each change in churches, each change in families.

My hope is that we ask "What has worked?" and "Can we really offer something better?"

Sometimes "Yes" and sometimes "No" — but let's find out before we throw out the baby with the bathwater!

Criticisms are not new!

One classic is found in the Old Testament and caused me to smile as I read about what went on those many years ago and what happens today.

My namesake, Samuel, is told by the elders of Israel, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us like other nations. (1 Samuel 8:4)."

Samuel had left leadership to his sons who were judges, but they didn't make the elders happy with their judgments.

Going from tribal governance to kingship was a big step for God's people, and Samuel was distraught. His prayers brought an answer from God:

"Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say, for they have not rejected you but they have rejected me from being king over them (chapter 4, verse 7)."

Samuel goes to those who were asking for a king and tells them what their wish will mean to their lives: a reign over them, requiring their children to serve his commanders, make his implements of war, redistribute their property, require taxes from them, and limit their freedom (vss. 10-18). Nevertheless they told Samuel, "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations and that our king govern us and go before us and fight our battles (vss 19-20)."

Samuel carried their wish to the Lord,

and He said, "Hearken to their voice and make them a king (v.22)"

Saul will become the first king of Israel and not without challenges and dissent along the way.

He is anointed by Samuel and told, "You shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their enemies round about (1 Samuel 10:1)."

A change has brought a new way of doing things; it has not solved all of the past problems, but kingship has brought unity that was needed in the face of the problems of his day that former leadership could not solve.

The nation continues to survive today; other leadership changes have happened over the centuries, and not all of the final goals for God's kingdom have been reached. Samuel listened, he disagreed but he went ahead and did what God called him to do.

I can think back, too, on some of the people with whom I have disagreed but from whom I have learned things. I hope that I continue to listen astutely to others; whether or not I agree with them.

They may have something important to say to me. God works through others, even the most disagreeable and most unpopular in my eyes.

Not my will but "...thy will be done..." and maybe I am being called to share in His will even when I think otherwise!

Seeking leggings and flip-flops

The Rape Crisis Unit at Abuse Counseling & Treatment is seeking donations of new or gently used leggings and new flip-flops of any size to provide women who have been survivors of sexual violence. Their goal is to collect 50 pair of leggings and 50 pairs of flip-flops in the month of June. Drop-off location is the LaBelle United Way House, 133 N. Bridge St. in LaBelle. Please be sure to say the donation is for the Rape Crisis Center. For information, call 239-433-7559.

Unmet Needs Coalition meetings scheduled in Hendry County

Do you have unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Irma and have exhausted all other resources? Contact the Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC) to find out what support will be available for you and your family. Contact: Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition Coordinator Terri Miazga at 813-892-5021, e-mail at hgunc133@gmail.com or c/o LaBelle United Way House 133 N. Bridge St. LaBelle, FL 33935

Nonprofits' representatives and other interested parties who want to help Hendry and Glades County residents with unmet needs are invited to the meetings to be held on Friday, July 6, at 1 p.m. and Friday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 331 West Osceola Ave. in Clewiston.

Former Terrier invited to all-star game in Australia

By Richard Marion
Glades County Democrat

Former Moore Haven Terrier football player Alduvar Gary Jr. has been invited to represent the state of Florida in an all-star game held annually in Australia called the Down Under Bowl on June 24. Alduvar will compete for individual honors and a team championship title in Queensland, Australia.

Moore Haven Terrier football coach Max Manin is excited about the opportunity his former player has in front of him. "Al is a great young man who comes from a great household," said Manin. "There isn't a better individual to represent Florida, and there isn't a more deserving person of this award.

Him leaving will be a huge loss to our program."

Alduvar helped the Terriers achieve an undefeated regular season during his senior year of 2017-18, a first in Moore Haven history. The Terriers also achieved their first home playoff win, defeating rival Glades Day 42-35 in front of a packed crowd at Joe Brown Stadium.

"I had a mindset for what I wanted to achieve in my senior year in Moore Haven and I accomplished it," said Alduvar. "I thank coach Manin for everything he's done in helping us get that undefeated season. It was an amazing experience, I loved it. We were able to make history in Moore Haven and I'm

glad to have been a part of it."

Following the conclusion of the football season, Alduvar signed a letter of intent to continue his education and football career at Stetson University in Florida.

Before the June 24 trip, Alduvar is raising funds to help cover the costs of the plane trip to Australia.

Down Under Sports was founded in 1989 by George O'Scanlon. Mr. O'Scanlon had fallen in love with athletics, especially American football as a young man growing up in his native country of New Zealand. His desire over the years has been to promote American football, not only to the people of New Zealand, but also to Australia where he

lived for many years. The Down Under Sports programs use the common language of sports to bridge the continents and provide a forum for athletes from around the globe to compete head-to-head in the sport they love. Previous participants in the Down Under Bowl include former Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer, former Green Bay Packers running back Ahman Green, and former Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Jesse Williams, who was the first Australian to ever win a Super Bowl.

"I don't really know much about Australia," explained Alduvar. "My family have been telling a few things about it. But when I get there, I know I'm going to be amazed and love it."



Glades County Democrat/Richard Marion

Alduvar Gary Jr. signed a letter of intent to play football at Stetson University.

FWC offers additional BearWise funding to reduce conflicts

Special to INI Florida

For a third year in a row, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is inviting local governments to apply for BearWise funding to help their communities reduce human-bear conflicts.

The FWC will focus on providing funding to local governments with BearWise ordinances that require residents and businesses to keep garbage secure from bears. The money will offset the costs for residents and businesses to use bear-resistant equipment to secure their garbage from bears.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature

appropriated the FWC \$500,000 in BearWise funding starting July 1.

"These new funds will allow us to expand our work with local governments to make it easier for people to avoid conflicts with bears," said Kipp Frohlich, director of the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation.

The FWC invites counties and cities to submit applications to be considered for funding. Preference will be given to applications from areas with BearWise ordinances and to large projects benefiting a large number of people.

Local governments are strongly encour-

aged to consult with FWC staff to discuss options and implementation before submitting their applications. The FWC will assist any local government considering passing an ordinance, including providing example ordinances.

Since 2007, the FWC has provided almost \$1.6 million in BearWise funding to residents and businesses in the 16 counties with the highest levels of human-bear conflicts in Florida. The money has been used to purchase over 10,000 bear-resistant trash cans, 9,700 sets of hardware to secure regular trash cans

and 160 dumpsters modified to keep bears out.

For a community to be considered, the FWC must receive applications before close of business on Aug. 1. Applications should be emailed to BearManagement@MyFWC.com or mailed to: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Attention: Bear Management Program, 620 S. Meridian St., 6B, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

For additional details on the funding and application process, visit MyFWC.com/BearWise.



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Third-grade students receive awards

Moore Haven Elementary School (MHES) presented third-grade students with awards during a ceremony for the fourth nine weeks of the 2017-18 school year. Effort: Emmalee Kidd, Albrey West, Makayla Rojo, Talia Rosas and Iyonye Thompson. Citizenship: Audrina Santana, Brooklyn Patterson, Kannon Brown and Bristol Hendry. Improvement: Neri Rico, Alayna Palladino, Hannah Conner and Angela Luevano. Straight As & Es: Hayne Fulford, Aubrey Pollard, Camryn Prowant, Clayton Hancock, Victor Ruiz-Luevano, Hayden Sexton and Ryan Peet. A/B/S Honor Roll: Emmalee Kidd, Adrian Pezra, Neri Rico, Angel Rico-Perez, Teyana Rios, Valeria Cardona, Magaly Conception Zavala, Alayna Palladino, Hunter Sisk, M'Kenzie Tullock, Hannah Conner, Taylor Hough, Makayla Rojo, Timothy Stewart, Rowan Leiba, Angela Luevano, Luke Murray, Hazel Reese, AnnMarie Town and Kaylee Harris. Most Words Read in AR: Camryn Prowant, Angel Rico-Perez, Liam Dufrene, Jazmin Ramirez, Clayton Hancock, Hayden Sexton, Tyler Krimminger, Angela Luevano and Kaylee Harris.

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Kindergarten and first-grade students receive awards

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Moore Haven Elementary School (MHES) presented kindergarten and first-grade students with awards during a ceremony for the fourth nine weeks of the 2017-18 school year.

Kindergarten:

- Effort: Edinson Velasquez-Lopez, Adrian Guzman, Aryann Greathouse, Luke Pardo and Jada Griner.
- Citizenship: Claudia Gomez, Grayson Lanier, Ryder Lee, Avery Savoie and Braylee Lowman.
- Improvement: Aiden Hall, Willie Winslett, Lonnie Jones, Issac Claro, Brayden Taylor and Jesus Barahona.
- Straight As & Es: Isaiah Diaz, Temperance Hough, LyNayeli Luevano, Maria Pedro Ortiz, Nevaeh Peterson, Andres Queipo, Miguel Secundino, Westin Turner, Kamilah Cleary, Xavier Diaz, Keon Goldwire, Adrian

Guzman, Scarlett Hough, Grayson Lanier, Grisham Palladino, Mei-Lin Pedro, Anjahliza Pope, Pedro Sierra-Heredia, Kaden Walker, Patricia Brinn, Aryann Greathouse, Lariyah Hall, Carmen Heath, Raylan Hodges-Langdale, Lonnie Jones, Analia Leon, Cort Whidden, Ismael Zavala Diaz, Araceli Avalos, Zane Brown, Rhett Fulford, Mariya Holmes, Skyler Johnson, Cade Rhymes, Giovany Rodas, Hunter Romine, Avery Savoie, Braelyn Smith, Tony Goetting, Jada Griner, Alli Ireland, Braylee Lowman, Abram McIver, Urijah Munoz, Lucia Paniagua, Holden Patterson, Darian Perez, Kaiden Pinkston, Naomi Odom, Anthony Stama-Balestena, Brayden Taylor and Jariyah Thomas.

- ABS Honor Roll: Aiden Hall, Adrian Lemus, Claudia Gomez, Jhream Hughes, Willie Winslett, Ryder Lee, Ian Romero, Jameer Thomas, Luke Pardo, Island Richards and Jayden Holmes.

- 100 Book Challenge Award: Nevaeh Peterson, Temperance Hough, Nayeli Luevano, Miguel Secundino, Scarlett Hough, Jhream Hughes, Grayson Lanier, Patricia Brinn, Aryann Greathouse, Ryder Lee, Analia Leon, Cort Whidden, Zane Brown, Hunter Romine, Avery Savoie, Braelyn Smith, Jada Griner, Braylee Lowman, Lucia Paniagua, Kaiden Pinkston, Anthony Stama-Balestena and Brayden Taylor.

Rylie Hagan.

- Straight As & Es: Christian Bill, Maci Van D'Huynslager, Sofia Cardona, Reniyah Jurineack, Gage Rednour, Brayden West, Jager Kepford, Lane Crawford, Jude Seiler, Huck Honnerlaw, Braulia Luevano, Jolynn Richardson, Desire Black, Daniel Garrett and Matthew Jeffrey.

- A/B/S Honor Roll: Patrick Arnold, Kevin Bryant, Shelly Morales, Mason Brewer, Jalynn Hendry, Aiden Kelly, Kelly Ramirez, Nevaeh Munoz, Isabella Padro, Brody Perez, Carlos Lopez, Celeni Antonio, Darryl Davis and Jaklyn Hernandez.

- Most words read in AR: Christian Bill, Reniyah Jurineack, Jalynn Hendry, Jude Seiler, Desire Black and Daniel Garrett.



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Kindergarten and first-grade students were presented awards for the accomplishments they achieved during the 2017-18 school year.



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Second graders receive awards

Moore Haven Elementary School (MHES) presented second-grade students with awards during a ceremony for the fourth nine weeks of the 2017-18 school year. Effort: Orient Paul, Cameron Heath, Tomas, Gil and Izabella Serra. Citizenship: Dora Garcia, Danae Cruz, Marbella Garcia Lopez and Hazley Osceola. Improvement: Bryce Crumb, Cole Lynn, David Gonzalez and Edwin Cruz. Straight As & Es: Dora Garcia, Trinity James, Orient Paul, Yandel Rafael-Hernandez, Dennis Rojas, Mariah Esparza, Aaron Gonzalez, Khiala Grant, Timy'ah Jones, Triton Maloy, Jaxson Palladino, Alan Betancourt, Diana Dolores Ortiz, Eden Ducheneaux, Daniel Hernandez, Jesus Hernandez Diaz, Jonathan Hernandez-Lopez, Jimmie Hill, Sophia Martinez, Dakota Peet, Lexie Ash and Jaron Hough. A/B/S Honor Roll: Bryce Crumb, Isla Horn, Yadiara Juarez-Hernandez, Alexander Mendez-Morales, Deaglan Miles, Ja'Niyla Scott, Garrin Wilcox, Wren Keen, Colt Rhymes, Nevaeh Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Jack Spooner, Stetson Stokes, Kamoriah Chambers, Marbella Garcia-Lopez, Tatiana Lopez, Aden Reese, Kemari Seales, Shemahyeh Tommie, Hazley Osceola, Izabella Serra and Jordan Hutchinson. Most Words Read in AR: Yadiara Juarez-Hernandez, Dennis Rojas, Mariah Esparza, Aaron Gonzalez, Diana Dolores Ortiz, Jimmie Hill, Lexie Ash and Jaron Hough.

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Federal funding for EAA reservoir could be delayed

By **Katrina Elskén**
INI Florida

Plans for a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee could face funding delays.

While Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army (Civil Works) R.D. James found the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir plan feasible, the review assessment submitted to the Office of Management and Budget also imposed conditions for implementation.

"I have determined that the project identified in the Integrated Feasibility Study and draft Environmental Impact Statement is feasible and fully recognize the importance of this project to the restoration of the Everglades system," Mr. James wrote to South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Ernie Marks on May 30.

"I have simultaneously submitted my review assessment to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance to submit to Congress. My staff will keep you regularly informed of our progress to complete the clearance process and submit your study to Congress," he stated.

The 86-page "Review Assessment of the SFWMD Central Everglades Planning Project Post Authorization Change Report, Integrated Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement" identified "several technical, policy and legal concerns."

"From the geotechnical engineering perspective, a more robust design may

be required to address all potential failure modes. The timing and ultimate delivery of project benefits will be dependent on the State of Florida demonstrating compliance with water quality standards set forth in court rulings and agreed to by project stakeholders. The Jacksonville District is currently undertaking the federal responsibilities associated with preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the SFWMD's tentatively recommended plan. Until these issues are addressed, project benefits might not be achieved as described in the 203 study," the executive summary states.

The report questions whether the "additional flows of water diverted from the northern estuaries are essential to the restoration of the Central Everglades." In a June 1 letter to Assistant Secretary James, SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Federico E. Fernandez and Mr. Marks expressed concerns that "USACE Headquarters staff have laid the foundation for delay and avoidance of federal cost share. Despite congressional willingness to cost-share with the State of Florida, the review assessment reveals evidence that USACE staff seek opportunities to walk away from 18 years of congressional commitment to restore America's Everglades."

In response to the question of whether or not diverting lake flow now going to the coastal areas south, the water managers wrote, "Water wasted to tide in the north-

ern estuaries is THE water needed to restore the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water within the Everglades system.

"We remain concerned the process will take too long to provide relief, especially considering the requirement to complete further validation reports. If not guided carefully by leaders such as yourself, the additional third step of a validation report could paralyze progress.

"Florida's economy depends on vibrant and healthy northern estuaries, restoration of America's Everglades and a federal commitment to the same. To that end, the State of Florida will continue to seek that Congress direct the federal government to cost share this important restoration project," they wrote.

The proposed EAA reservoir will hold 240,000 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot is the amount of water it takes to cover 1 acre of land 1 foot deep.

On the same day SFWMD officials sent the response letter, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releases to the C-44 Canal at Port Mayaca and the Franklin Lock at Moore Haven to attempt to offset some of the heavy flow entering Lake Okeechobee from northern runoff. Over the past seven days, flow into the lake has ranged from 4,976 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 7,293 cfs. Flow from the lake into the C-44 Canal at Port Mayaca has ranged from 794 cfs to

1,309 cfs. Flow into the Caloosahatchee River at Moore Haven has ranged from 1,526 cfs to 3,996 cfs. In the past week, the lake level has risen from 14.14 feet to 14.22 ft. No water from the lake has been released south. South of the lake, all of the water conservation areas are a foot above regulation schedule or higher. Flow south under the Tamiami Trail has averaged around 1,000 cfs. Two of the S-12 water control structures, which could send more water south, are closed to protect the nesting ground of the endangered Cape Sable sea sparrow.

Some algae blooms have been reported. These are common on the lake during the summer and are natural. Under certain conditions, algae blooms can release toxins.

- On May 9, an algae bloom was reported near the Pahokee marina. Florida Department of Environmental Protection sampled the bloom. No toxins were detected.

- On June 4, a small algae bloom was reported near Port Mayaca. FDEP took samples. No toxins were detected.

- On June 6, algae was reported at Oceanfront Park Beach in Palm Beach.

- On June 6, algae was also reported in the St. Lucie Canal.

- On June 6, algae was reported in the C-24 Canal in St. Lucie County.

Lake featured on national TV show

Special to INI Florida

Lake Okeechobee was the site of the latest episode of BrushPile Fishing, a crappie-based fishing show that is broadcast nationally on the Pursuit Channel. This episode was presented by Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance of Palm Beach County (LORE) and featured B'n'M Poles Pro Staff Angler Whitey Outlaw alongside BrushPile host Russ Bailey as the two navigated a windy Lake Okeechobee in search of big crappie.

The BrushPile Fishing episode was shown on the Pursuit Channel on Saturday, **June 9**. All episodes of the show can be found at BrushPile Fishing's website, www.brushpilefishing.com.

BrushPile Fishing is a crappie-based fishing show that follows host Russ Bailey as he travels from the Midwest to the Deep South in search of America's greatest crappie lakes. In each episode, Russ

is joined by a local guide or pro to get the inside scoop on how to best fish the lake, including pattern, technique and area secrets. Approaching each episode from an educational standpoint, Russ and his guest have plenty of organic opportunity to speak about the products that help them bring in big fish and big numbers.

Whitey Outlaw is a native of St. Matthews, S.C., and is regarded as one of the top crappie fisherman in the country. Having him and Russ in the same boat on Lake Okeechobee not only provided some great entertainment value but also a lot of educational tips and tricks on fishing techniques on this lake.

LORE would like to thank the partners who helped make this episode possible: Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Belle Glade Lions Club, BMH Accounting, The Larry Royal Family Businesses and Discover the Palm Beaches.



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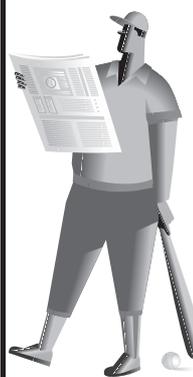
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/25/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.76 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Clewiston is accepting sealed bids until **Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm** for the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING RENOVATION

Bids based on any one part of the work will not be considered. Bidders will therefore confine their bids to the project in its entirety.

The bidder will submit along with bid (a) Evidence that he or she is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination or reciprocity to be so licensed and (b) a certified check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid as the guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the contract will, within seven (7) consecutive days after written notice be given of such award, enter into a written contract with the City of Clewiston in accordance with this or her accepted bid. The Bidder will submit payment and performance bonds satisfactory to the City of Clewiston, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and will submit other required documents as needed.

Plans and specifications may be received electronically from the office of the Architect, CPZ Architects, Inc., 4316 West Broward Boulevard, Plantation, Florida 33317. Phone (954) 792-8525 or email: michael@cpzarchitects.com. Please call or email twenty-four (24) hours in advance to order .pdf sets. Bidders will be required to provide an Email Address and direct contact information in order for the architect to distribute documents.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for opening of bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Clewiston City Hall, located at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440 at 9:00 am on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. It is strongly recommended that all Contractors planning to submit a bid attend this meeting.

Sealed bid envelopes, containing two (2) copies of the bid, should be marked with the bid name and number and boldly marked "SEALED BID". All sealed bids should be delivered to Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. **Bids will be opened on or about 2:00 pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Clewiston City Hall.** This will be a public bid opening.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

Al Perry, City Manager
 City of Clewiston, Florida

SUPPLEMENT TO: NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Clewiston is seeking sealed bids for the following work as specified in Document 00-40-00 and 00-41-00.

CITY OF CLEWISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING RENOVATIONS BID NUMBER 2018-03

In general, the work includes renovations of an existing one-story concrete block, 5,680 square feet at 300 South Berner Road, Clewiston, Florida. Bids will be based on a grand total amount for the contract. Bids based on any one part of the work will not be considered.

The bidding documents will NOT be mailed or shipped overnight. All bidders must request the bid package through the Architect's office.

The Trench Safety Form must be completed in its entirety and submitted as part of the bid.

The City of Clewiston reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities or irregularities and to accept or reject all or any part of any bid as they may deem to be in the interest of the citizens of the City of Clewiston.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
 Al Perry, City Manager

267395 CN 6/14/2018

HENDRY COUNTY RANKING COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Hendry County Ranking Committee will hold a meeting on June 19, 2018, at 10:00 AM, for review of the submittals for RFP #2018-16, Elevator Maintenance - Hendry County Courthouse. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.

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

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

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240. 267982 CN/CB 6/14/2018

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2011 CHEV
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2017 YAMAHA
5Y4AMB2Y3HA101117
267953 CN 6/14/2018

NOTICE: AUCTION
on Friday, June 15th, 2018
At 9:00 am at
1225 N.W. Avenue L,
Belle Glade, Florida

Property of: **Cynthia Moreno:**
Washer & Dryer, Livingroom Suite, Microwave, Bedroom Suite, Boxes, Bins.

Property of: **Teresa Miller:**
Chest Drawer, Bins & Boxes.

Property of: **Quashell Mc Donald:**
A/C, Desk Chair, 2 bikes
Miscellaneous Boxes.

Property of: **Lawanda Davis:**
Livingroom Suite, Mattress & Box
Spring, Boxes & Bins.
265868 SUN 6/10,17/2018

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. CP18-13

IN RE: ESTATE OF **CAROLYN BURGIN CLAYTON**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **CAROLYN BURGIN CLAYTON**, Deceased, whose date of death was November 12, 2016, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-3237; File Number CP18-13, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J SW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The first publication date of this notice is: June 7th, 2018.

Personal Representative
James Clayton,
310 Fairfax Avenue
Asheville, NC 28806

Attorney for Personal Representative
Megan Medley,
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By: **Megan Medley**, Florida Bar #91854
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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 that 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°7'17" 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°07'11" 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 6/7,14,21/2018

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 Q. KLUMP; KRISTINE L. KLUMP NKA KRISTINE LYNN KLUMP; SUNCOAST 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 Q. KLUMP; KRISTINE L. KLUMP NKA KRISTINE LYNN KLUMP; SUNCOAST 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 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 sale 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

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATIONS HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida hereby gives notice of two meeting cancellations. The Board's regularly scheduled meetings of June 26, 2018 and July 10, 2018, have been canceled. The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the County Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-pocoochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida.

The meeting is open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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.

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Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que habla espanol para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Ways to go: Abbr.
- 4 Ltr. addenda
- 7 None too bright
- 12 Obama's birthplace
- 14 Somewhat surprised greeting
- 16 Nebraska city
- 17 "American Gothic" artist
- 19 Golf course halves
- 20 Causing goose bumps
- 21 Equitable transaction
- 23 Scolding sound
- 24 Belted weapons
- 26 Camp beds
- 28 Poet ___-tzu
- 29 Strong coffee
- 32 NCAA's ___-12 conference
- 33 Italian sparkling wine
- 36 One of two in a typical string octet
- 38 "Now!"
- 41 Beyond rotund
- 42 Round in a pistol
- 43 Writer LeShan
- 44 Conan O'Brien's network
- 45 Org. with Raiders and Vikings
- 47 Folk singer Burl
- 49 Retired boxer with a perfect 24-0-0 record
- 52 Serious hostilities
- 55 Award for seagoing heroes
- 58 Say "cap'n," e.g.
- 60 Cheri of "SNL"
- 61 Flying speedsters ... or, literally, what the ends of 17-, 21-, 38- and 55-Across can have
- 63 Shirk work
- 64 Easy thing to do
- 65 Wrinkled tangelo
- 66 In la-la land
- 67 ___ Arbor, Michigan
- 68 One of a D.C. 100

DOWN

- 1 Man of many words
- 2 Shows some backbone
- 3 Protective enclosures for divers
- 4 "Bang!"
- 5 Did a blacksmith's job
- 6 Push rudely
- 7 "Keep still!"
- 8 Mideast dignitaries
- 9 Mom's mom's nickname
- 10 Place for a lawn mower
- 11 Alleviate
- 13 Prefix with lateral
- 15 High-mindedness
- 18 Word after screen or scratch
- 22 Agency under FDR
- 25 "The wolf ___ the door"
- 27 Folk legend Phil
- 29 Sudden changes in disposition
- 30 Wrist-to-elbow bone
- 31 Mom's guy

32 Mr. ___: Dr Pepper rival

34 Kitchen bulbs

35 Tiny Dickens boy

37 Java Freeze maker

38 Poppycock

39 Stick-to-it-iveness

40 Flowerpot filler

46 Christmas tree choice

48 Seaside home selling point

49 Like some poetry

50 Yoga pose

51 Japanese, e.g.

53 Fluster

54 Lacquer ingredient

55 Wordless okays

56 On the roof of

57 1970s Chevy subcompact

59 Sch. with a Brooklyn campus

62 Hosp. worker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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- 3/1 Cottage Style, updated 420 W. Circle ~~\$199K~~ \$119,9K
- 825 S. Quebrada 3/2, granite upgrades \$195K

MOORE HAVEN / LAKEPORT/SEBRING

- 2/2 Waterfront/Lake Access Lowry Ln CBS \$174,9K
- 4/2.5 1519 Daniels Rd. 5 acres with pond \$369,9K

COMMERCIAL / INVESTMENT PROPERTY

- Industrial Park 3013 C.R. 835 (Open storage and Warehouse) Call for details
- 516 E Sugarland Hwy \$59,9K
- Medical office 51 Ave. J, Moore Haven \$139,9K
- .55ac. W. Sagamore \$179,9K

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- 2BR/1BA, (1) Unit, 550 S. Lopez., \$650 mo

ACREAGE, LAND & LOTS

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- 6 Buildable lots available in Sky Valley, Clewiston Starting at \$19K
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- 28 ac. Hwy 27 Frontage \$16K per acre, Venus, FL
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- 10 ac. \$12.5K per acre, Venus, FL (weekend retreat)
- 901 Yacht Club Way \$8,9K
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Notice of Intention to Sell Surplus Lands and Request for Bid
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 373.089 FS, the below described properties, situated in Hendry County, Florida, which have been declared surplus by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (District), are offered for sale for the highest and best cash bid, however, in no case less than the appraised value of \$371,000 for the below described lands, subject to terms and conditions.

The land to be offered for sale is described as follows:
Tract No. 34100-104
The subject property is located along the west side of CR 78, just south of its intersection with Kirby Thompson Road Hendry County, Florida Containing 67.5 acres, more or less 267887 CN 6/14/21,28/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: PALM TRAN SYSTEM-WIDE MAJOR SERVICE CHANGES THROUGH THE ROUTE PERFORMANCE MAXIMIZATION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for the purpose of receiving comments regarding Palm Tran system-wide major service changes through the Route Performance Maximization project (RPM). The Public Hearing will be held at the Palm Tran Service Board (PTSB) meeting as follows:

DATE: Thursday, June 28, 2018
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Palm Beach County Vista Center Complex
First Floor, Room 1W-47/50
2300 N. Jog Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33411
Served by: Route 44

A. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
The Route Performance Maximization project (RPM) involves system-wide major service changes in schedules and service locations for fixed-route bus service. The project may involve the addition or removal of routes and bus stops and modifications to existing route alignments. Proposals and concepts are available for public inspection at: http://www.palmtran.org and at the Palm Tran offices located at: 3201 Electronics Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 and at Palm Beach County Libraries during regular business hours.

B. RELOCATION
No persons, families or businesses will be displaced by the project.

C. ENVIRONMENT
The project will allow Palm Tran to continue providing public transportation services within Palm Beach County that will continue to reduce exhaust emissions from automobiles and reduce air pollution traffic congestion and conserve energy.

D. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
The project is in conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area.

E. ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED
Reduced fares for the elderly and handicapped will continue to be in effect at all times of operation.

Written comments will be received at Palm Tran, 3201 Electronics Way, and at Palm-Comments@pbcgov.org and voice comments will be accepted at (561) 841-4319 until 5 p.m. June 27, 2018.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, national origin, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons with questions or concerns about nondiscrimination, or who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who want this information in a language other than English, or who need translation services for the public hearing (free of charge), should contact Claudia Salazar, Title VI Coordinator at: (561) 841-4241, or csalazar@pbcgov.org

Para solicitar información en idiomas distintos al inglés, si requiere un intérprete en la audiencia pública, o para solicitar asistencia para una persona con discapacidades, por favor contactar a Claudia Salazar en el (561) 841-4241, o csalazar@pbcgov.org

Pou mande enfòmasyon sa a nan yon lang ki pa angle, oswa si ou bezwen sèvis tradiksyon pou odyans piblik la (gratis), oswa si ou bezwen akomodasyon espesyal anba Lwa sou Ameriken ak Andikap kontakte Claudia Salazar, Koòdonatè Tit VI nan (561) 841-4241 oubyen csalazar@pbcgov.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the PUBLIC HEARING scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018 is postponed to Monday, July 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. This PUBLIC HEARING is regarding the following:
A request from MINESHKUMAR B. PATEL that certain property at 815 E Sagamore Ave Clewiston, FL 33440 to be reviewed for change of the Official Use District (Zoning) designation. The request is for change of the zoning from Residential Mobile Home Use District (RM-1) to US 27 Commercial Corridor District. The parcels are shown on the map enclosed herein and are more particularly described as follows:

815 E Sagamore Ave Lots W 1/2 OF LOT 5 + ALL LOTS 6 TO 10, Block 385, GPOC

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed request. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or public hearing, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Mary K. Combass, Interim City Clerk
City of Clewiston, FL

SUBJECT PROPERTIES
Lots W 1/2 OF LOT 5 + ALL LOTS 6 TO 10, Block 385, GPOC



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Gregory A. Gibson Jr. 801 Maryland Ave. Clewiston, FL 33440
Latonya A. Jackson 1012 Bayberry Loop Clewiston, FL 33440
Damian C. Touchek 706 Midstate Loop Clewiston, FL 33440
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-675-5230 or 863-983-1592.
El Aviso se da por Este Medio:
Informamos que su elegibilidad para votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, a mas tardar 30 dias despues de la fecha de este aviso publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su inelegibilidad potencial y el procedimiento de resolver este caso. La falta de respuesta puede resultar en la determinacion de inelegibilidad por parte del Supervisor, y su nombre sera eliminado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. Llame al 863-675-5230 o 863-983-1592.
Brenda K. Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 174
LaBelle, FL 33975
Hendry County, Florida
F.S. 98.075
267463 CN 06/14/2018

HENDRY 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 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn.: Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 25 E. Hickpochee 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 (Hendry County Bid Number 2018-15).

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for May 31, 2018, at 11:00 AM at the Hendry 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 Hendry 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 Hendry 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 Hendry County Ordinance No. 2016-14, as recorded in Ordinance Book XVIII, Page 208.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

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

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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NOTICE OF MEETING
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District ("the District"), Hendry County, Florida will hold a meeting on JULY 25, 2018 AT 7:00 PM EST and continuing from time-to-time at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33470 to consider the following:
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP/MEETING AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (863) 983-5797 NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.
267912 CN 6/14/2018

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