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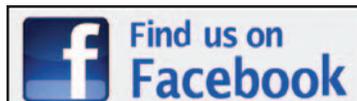
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Lake Levels

14.50 feet

Last Year: 12.50 feet

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



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Algae does not hamper lake fishing

By Katrina Elskén
Glades County Democrat

The water may be green in some parts of the lake, but fishermen on both the north and south sides of Lake Okeechobee report the summer has been a good one for fishing.

"The fishing is great," said Mary Ann Martin of the Roland and Mary Ann Martin Marina & Resort on June 25. She said they are seeing a good number of fish caught and released.

From the north end of the lake came another positive report.

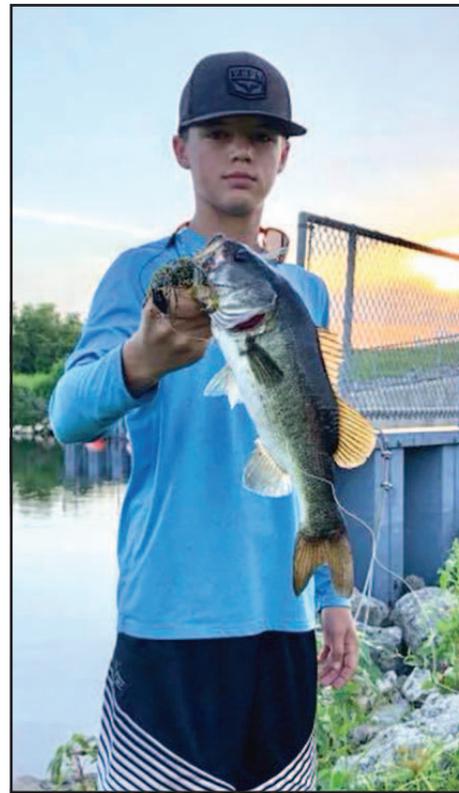
"The fishing is pretty good first thing in the morning," said Mike Krause at Okeechobee Fishing Headquarters on June 28. "I fished this morning at Henry Creek and caught 23 fish between 6:30 and 8 a.m."

"Do we have an algal bloom? Yes, we do," he said. "It's not affecting the fishing at all."

"The lake is alive and thriving and well," said Mr. Krause.

"We'd like to see a lot more grass," he added, noting that the combination of Hurricane Irma and the chemical spraying done through the

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Ashley Sexton shared this photo of angler Rafe Sexton. Send your photos from fishing on Lake Okeechobee to gcdnews@newszap.com. Please include the name of the angler and the date the photo was taken.

Toxic algae found in the river

By Katrina Elskén
Glades County Democrat

Low levels of the toxin microcystin were detected in water collected in Lake Okeechobee where a large algal bloom has been reported, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation. Higher levels of microcystin were detected on the Caloosahatchee River in Glades County and in Lee County.

The highest level of toxins detected this week was in a sample collected on the Caloosahatchee River upstream of the Franklin Lock on June 26, with microcystin levels of 463.34 micrograms per liter.

To date, most of the samples from Lake Okeechobee have had no toxins detected or very low levels.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers microcystin levels below 10 micrograms per liter to be safe for recreational contact.

The Florida Department of Environmental

Protection advises the public to stay out of water where algae is present, because you cannot tell whether or not an algal bloom contains toxins just by looking at it.

Most of the water flowing into the Caloosahatchee River is from local basin runoff. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has set the flow target at the Franklin Lock for 3,000 cubic feet per second (cubic feet per second). Higher flows may occur if there is a lot of local basin runoff. On Sunday, the flow from the lake at the Moore Haven Lock was only 370 cfs. Total flow at the Franklin Lock was 3,950 cfs.

- On June 21, a sample from the St. Lucie Lock in Martin County had Microcystis aeruginosa (a cyanobacterium) as the dominant taxon. No microcystin was detected.

- A sample taken June 25 on Lake Okeechobee at Moore Haven found Microcystis aeruginosa was dominant. Microcystin levels were 3.3 micrograms per liter. No other

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Candidates list closed in Glades

Moore Haven, school board have contests Aug. 28

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

The qualifying period for candidates for municipal and county offices closed June 22 for the elections taking place on Aug. 28 (primary) and Nov. 6 (general) this year.

The Aug. 28 election will have races on the ballot for members of each political party to choose their nominees for Florida governor, Cabinet posts and legislative seats. Also, the nonpartisan races for Moore Haven City Council and for Glades County School Board seats coincide with the primary.

The Moore Haven City Council nonpartisan election features four candidates seeking the two chairs that voters will fill. Incumbents Marc Decker and Bret Whidden, the current mayor, will face challengers Wayne Clay Browning and James Terrel Fielder. The two top vote-getters will be seated on the council.

There are four candidates in the race for three Glades County School Board seats after the qualifying period closed June 22, who will face off in the Aug. 28 nonpartisan election.

Crystal Drake is the candidate for the District 1 seat. Gloria Reese is running in District 2. The sole contested race is for the District 5 seat, between Steven L. Dobbs and incumbent school board member Patricia Pearce.

For the Glades County Board, incumbent Republican County Commissioners Donna Storter Long, in District 2, and John Ahern, in District 4, both face challengers. Jeff Barnes is Ms. Long's opponent, and Democrat Jerri Lynn Schlueter filed to run against Mr. Ahern. This election coincides with the 2018 general balloting on Nov. 6.

Ms. Long represents much of the western county area including Muse, Port LaBelle and Palmdale, and Mr. Ahern represents most of the Moore Haven area.

Glades County Court Judge Jack E. Lundy is unopposed to retain his seat on the bench.

The last day to register in order to vote

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toxins were detected.

- On June 25, dense mats of algae were observed on the surface of the Caloosahatchee River at Ortona; *Microcystis aeruginosa* was dominant in the sample. Microcystin levels were 26.3 micrograms per liter. No other toxins were detected.

- On June 25, a sample taken at the Port Mayaca lock in Martin County had *Microcystis aeruginosa* dominant. Total microcystin level was 2.2 micrograms per liter. No other toxins were detected.

- On June 25, FDEP sampled an algae bloom at Port Mayaca in Martin County. The dominant taxon was *Microcystis aeruginosa* (a cyanobacterium). Microcystin levels were measured at 2.2 micrograms per liter

- On June 25, an algal bloom on the Caloosahatchee near S. Olga Road in Lee County had *Microcystis aeruginosa* dominant. Microcystin level was 25.41 micrograms per liter. No other toxins were detected.

- On June 25, microcystin levels of 308.07 micrograms per liter were detected in an algal bloom on the Caloosahatchee River at the Alva bridge. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was the dominant taxon.

- On June 26, microcystin levels of 463.34 micrograms per liter were detected in an extensive algal bloom on the Caloosahatchee River in Lee County. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was dominant. Anatoxin level was 0.34 micrograms per liter.

- On June 26, a sample collected at the Swim Beach downstream of the S-79 water control structure on the Caloosahatchee River had microcystin levels of 6.5 micrograms per liter; *Microcystis aeruginosa* was the dominant taxon.

- On June 26, microcystin levels of 4 micrograms per liter were detected in an algal sample at the Tiki Hut at State Road 31 in Lee County.

- On June 26, an extensive surface bloom was observed upstream of the Franklin Lock. The dominant taxon was *Microcystis aeruginosa*. Microcystin toxins were measured at 464.34 micrograms per liter.

- On June 26, microcystin levels of 6.06 micrograms per liter were detected near the Orange River Tree Farm on the Caloosahatchee River in Lee County. Dominant taxon was *Microcystis aeruginosa*.

- On June 26, an algal bloom on the C-44 Canal in Martin County below the S-80 water control structure had mixed algae with no dominant species. Microcystin levels were 0.59 micrograms per liter. No other toxins were detected.

- FDEP also found visible algae on the surface of the water and in the water column in the C-44 Canal below the S-80 water control structure on June 26. Test results are not yet available.

- On July 2, more algae blooms were reported and samples taken in Martin, Indian River and Lee counties. Samples were also taken from an algal bloom on Lake Okeechobee. Test results to determine the type of algae and toxin levels (if any) take about four days.

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in the Aug. 28 election is July 30. Early voting for the primary races takes place Aug. 18 through Aug. 25. The last day to register for the general election is Oct. 9, and early voting is scheduled Oct. 27 through Nov. 3.

Candidate forums will take place in five lo-

cations across Glades County during August: on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Doyle Conner Building in LaBelle; on Monday, Aug. 13, at the Muse Community Association building; Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Lakeport Community Association building; Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Ortona Community Association building; and Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Buckhead Ridge Community Association building. All of these meetings will convene at 6:30 p.m.

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have reduced the vegetation that cleans the water and provides cover for fish.

From the south end of the lake comes another positive report.

Dr. Karl Havens, director of Florida Sea Grant and a professor at the Universality of Florida, said the conditions were right for algal blooms this summer on Lake Okeechobee, as well as on lakes and waterways throughout Florida and other parts of the United States.

"There's a lot of nitrogen and phosphorus in the lake," he said. "If you get the right kind of weather in the summer, you can get big blooms." He said algal blooms in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers may or may not be connected to lake releases.

Dr. Havens noted that there have been big algal blooms in the Caloosahatchee during droughts, and during those years, they release water from the lake to help move the water to break up the blooms.

"It's a really hot summer," he said. Blooms are happening everywhere.

The heavy rainfall in May was also a factor, he continued. It washed a lot of nutrients off the land.

The canal system, which provides flood control, moves the water quickly into the lakes and waterways. Before people dredged, ditched and diked much of South Florida, the water sheet-flowed slowly, which meant more of the nutrient load stayed on the land. The millions of people living in South Florida increase the nutrient loads into the watershed.

Hurricane Irma, which churned the lake with high winds, left a high level of dissolved nutrients in the water. Because the lake did not get low enough, long enough for the marshes around the edges to recover, the nutrient levels in the water still are high.

"It's a perfect recipe for a bloom," said Dr. Havens.

As of June 28, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had only found very low levels — barely detectable — of toxins from two samples of the cyanobacteria in Lake Okeechobee. Results on samples taken after that date are not yet available.

CITY OF LABELLE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

July, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Variance Board of the City of LaBelle, Florida will hold a public hearing on July 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on 481 W. Hickpochee (S.R. 80) Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of considering the following:

The request of Belle Arbor Planned Unit Development for a variance from the required front building setback of 20 feet as established in Ordinance No. 2017-06. The applicant is requesting variances to the front setback, along Hickpochee Avenue, to allow for encroachment of three building corners. Setback #1 to be reduced to 15'-1", Setback #2 would be 10'-6" and setback #3 would be 13'-3". The variance request is for legally described real property:

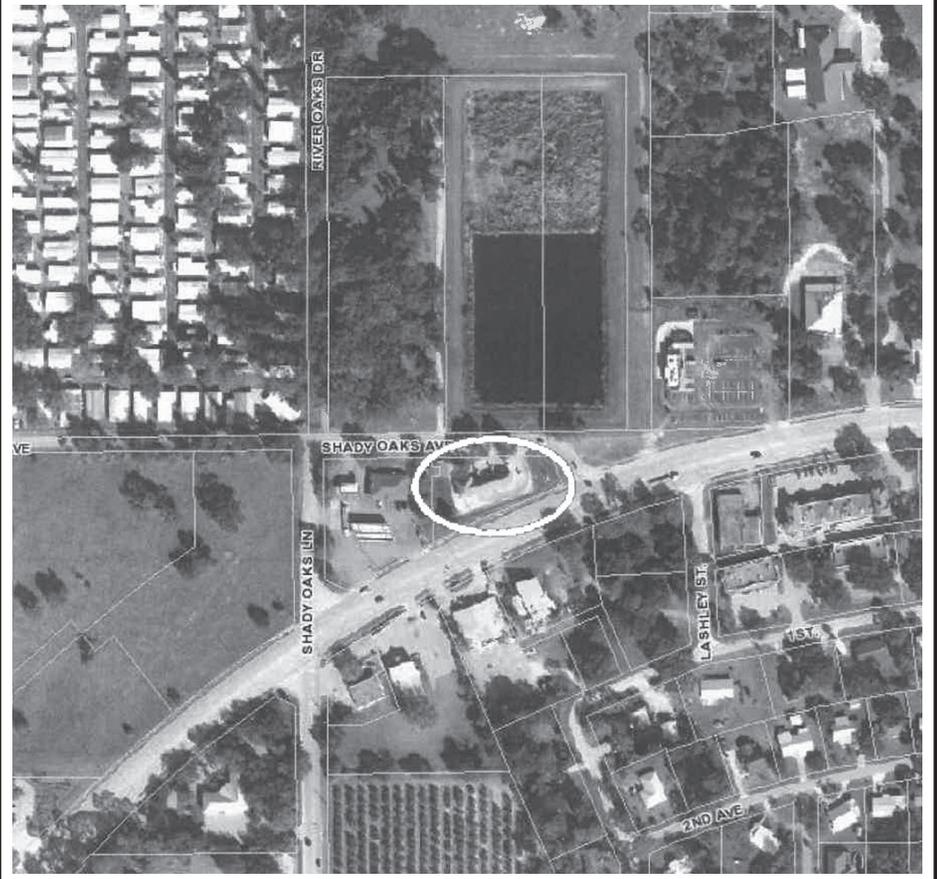
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Boaters advised to caution in restoration area

Special to the Glades County Democrat

JACKSONVILLE — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District is advising boaters to use extreme caution when navigating in the Kissimmee River Restoration Project Area near the C-38 Canal to the east of Hidden Acres Estates. Draft depths are extremely shallow in the area, causing it to be non-navigable by most vessels.

"We are working to address this issue as soon as possible," said Trisston Brown, Corps of Engineers senior project manager.

During 2017's Hurricane Irma, a large volume of spoil material from Reach 3 of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project was washed into the remnant channel near the C-38. Investigative surveys are scheduled and a construction contract to remedy the shoaling issue will begin shortly after surveys are completed.

The Kissimmee River Restoration Project

Glades at a Glance

Legion meeting set July 6

The Moore Haven American Legion Post 299, 600 River Road in Moore Haven, will meet on Friday, July 6, at 6 p.m. A complimentary dinner prepared by a post member will be served. All visiting legion members, veterans and interested persons are urged to be present and participate. For information, call Kirby Sullivan at 863-946-2556.

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.

BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 E. in Buckhead Ridge, will serve dinner on Friday, July 6, 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 Crystal. Proceeds benefits homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR VFW serves breakfast

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

BHR VFW Aux hosts dinner

The VFW Auxiliary will host a dinner comprised of Sallys Big Balls and other items on Wednesday, July 11, at 5 p.m. at the VFW Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 E. in Buckhead Ridge to benefit veterans services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

is one of the many ongoing projects currently underway by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District, to restore America's Everglades. Once completed, the Kissimmee River Restoration project will restore the channelized river back to its natural meandering pattern and provide 130,000 acre-feet of natural floodplain storage.

This will slow the flow of water from the Kissimmee Basin into Lake Okeechobee, thereby slowing down the rise in the lake that often results in high-volume discharges

to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries. To date, continuous flow has been restored to 28 miles of the Kissimmee River. In areas already restored, comprehensive monitoring has documented substantial improvements in the river and its floodplain, making the project a model for large-scale ecosystem restoration efforts.

For additional project information visit <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EcosystemRestoration/Kissimmee-River-Restoration/>.

Man sentenced for failure to register as sexual offender

Special to the Glades County Democrat

On June 26, James Thomas Watkins, 38, of Moore Haven was sentenced to 63.2 months in prison for two counts of failure to register as a sexual offender. He was convicted earlier this month following a trial in Glades County.

In April 2017, Glades County sheriff's deputies attempted to serve papers on Watkins at his stated address in Moore Haven. Watkins is required to maintain a current address as part of his sexual offender registration. When deputies could not locate him on multiple attempts, a detective investigated further.

It was learned that the stated address was not valid and the property was actually a vacant lot; the home that was on it previously

had burned down. The lot had the driveway fenced off, preventing entry onto the property, and nobody had been living there. The owner of the property did not ever allow Watkins to stay there, and he never had. In fact, he had been staying with various family members in LaBelle.

As part of his sexual offender registration, Watkins is required to update his address within 48 hours of vacating his residence. Not only did he provide false information at registration, he also failed to live at the address he stated, both of which violated his registration requirements.

Assistant State Attorney William Dorman prosecuted the case.

Heed to hurricane evacuation orders

If you live in a mobile home or RV, take precautions during the hurricane season: heed evacuation orders of local officials. Leave mobile homes, RVs and other temporary housing when evacuation orders are issued. Take essential personal proper-

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Corps to reduce lake releases to St. Lucie Canal

Special to the Glades County Democrat

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has reduced flows from Lake Okeechobee over the coming days.

Starting Friday (June 29), the target flow for the St. Lucie Estuary was reduced to a 14-day average of 585 cfs as measured at St. Lucie Lock & Dam (S-80) near Stuart. The target flow for the Caloosahatchee Estuary remains unchanged at a 14-day average 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) measured at W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam (S-79) located near Fort Myers. However, the corps will release water to both estuaries in "pulse" patterns, meaning flows will vary over the 14 days.

"We will pause discharges to the east for a nine-day period to allow additional tidal flushing to take place within the estuary," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds, Jacksonville District deputy commander for South Florida. "However, with the lake rising, we anticipate having to resume flows at previous rates."

Thursday, the lake stage was 14.10 feet. Additional runoff from rain in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie basins could also occasionally result in flows that exceed targets.

"Water levels in the lake remain high for this time of year," said Lt. Col. Reynolds. "The water conservation areas south of the

lake are also above their preferred ranges. We continue to work with the South Florida Water Management District to move water through multiple canals to create storage throughout the region to handle the near daily rainfall events we expect during wet season."

The corps is monitoring state water quality reports regarding findings of microcystis at locations in and around the lake. The corps will post any advisories issued by the Florida Department of Health that apply to its recreation areas. Additionally, specific information on microcystis is available at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection website: <https://floridadep.gov/>

dear/algal-bloom.

"As we make the system decisions to manage water levels, we've found pulse discharges enable tidal flushing, which can improve conditions for estuary health," said Andrew LoSchiavo, a supervisory biologist with the Jacksonville District.

The corps manages water in the lake based on the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). LORS helps inform decisions on water management with a focus on water levels and the safe carrying capacity of the Herbert Hoover Dike and the system's canal levees. The corps will continue to monitor conditions throughout the system and make adjustments as necessary.

Glades Training Center progress all behind the scenes

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN — Glades and Hendry county commissioners and school district officials are coalescing around a more regional approach to get state funding dedicated to establishing new job training programs at the Glades County Regional Training Facility (GCRTF).

There weren't any breakthroughs to announce during their recent joint luncheon meeting at the training center, unfortunately. Negotiations are still in progress with state colleges and other school districts in southwestern, east- and west-central Florida.

The participants did tacitly agree by the end of their June 12 confab, however, that to build on progress being made in those talks with various educational institutions regarding the needs and GCRTF's rich possibilities, they probably should join in lobbying legislators rather than continue in the scattershot fashion that has so far reaped little success.

It's roundly agreed that regional job training programs are greatly needed by residents as well as businesses and governments in the rural counties of Glades, Hendry, Collier, Highlands and even Okeechobee and Indian River. The two things lacking seem to be, simply, a single

leader and an overall plan.

With the departure in late April of Glades County Manager Paul Carlisle, who had been heading up the efforts, coordination has fallen to the Glades and Hendry superintendents of schools, Scott Bass and Paul Puletti, respectively.

Mr. Bass has been doing much of the negotiating, but he was absent, so Mr. Puletti gave the progress updates. "Right now, he is under discussions with iTech in Immokalee through Collier County, which has an eye on this facility as a potential branch campus of theirs," he said.

"And then FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University), the piece that is really intriguing to us, is that they are proposing to come in to offer alternative certification classes for teachers who are struggling with certification issues and with testing issues." School districts increasingly are using qualified, degreed professionals in their classrooms because of a shortage of certified teachers, but those instructors have only three years to become state-certified, which has posed difficulties, Mr. Puletti said.

Glades County Board Chairman John Ahern said he understood that the iTech possibility "sounds the most encouraging." The FGCU idea, however, "would be something that would be good for Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, Highlands, Palm

Beach County and whoever. Where we're at, right in the center, they can have classes here that would re-certify somebody in the teaching field," he said, asking Mr. Carlisle to speak about his contacts with Indian River State College, including a recent chat with the provost.

"At their Okeechobee campus, their welding school is over capacity from what I understood ... and I said: 'Well, this one's ready to go. All you need is the welders and that.' And so, I would not leave anything off the table," Mr. Carlisle said. "He was really intrigued with this facility and what they can offer from both the coastal (school), bringing them out here, and from Okeechobee."

Asked about the FGCU idea, Mr. Puletti said alternative certification classes for teachers would be a great development. "This isn't just a Glades or Hendry problem, this is throughout the state."

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner asked questions about timing and costs but, with answers not readily available, he wanted to know the thoughts of other participants about making a joint funding request to the Legislature, saying he thought that would command lawmakers' attention. No one disagreed.

Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman suggested that, "once we have

our ducks in a row with something that's meaningful with some metrics behind it, with our lobbying team, we go to Heartland Consortium and make this a little bit bigger ask. It can help ... to push through multiple legislative delegations, not just your two and our two (meaning Glades and Hendry counties and their school districts)."

He was referring to the Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative organization, based in Sebring.

Said Glades Commissioner Tim Stanley, "We've definitely got to have some kind of a plan."

Summing up, Hendry County Board Chairman Mitchell Wills said: "We've got some really healthy conversations going. We just need to make sure going forward that we are all behind one thing, and if we can get the two counties, the school boards and the cities as well, we can all come together on the ask that we have for the region, it's going to make a greater impact than each one of us trying to pull from different directions. The more that we can come together regionally, and even the outer areas, Highlands County ... it's going to help the whole region as well."

Mr. Turner said he didn't see how lawmakers could refuse, considering that the state already has invested \$4.5 million in the GCRTF.

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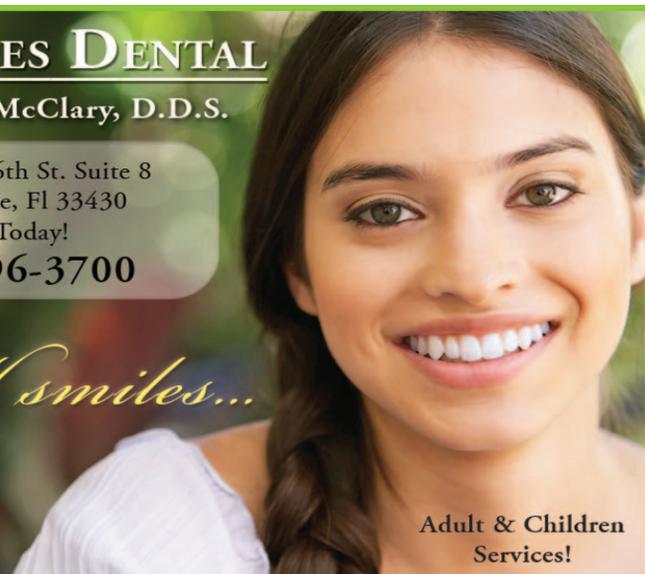
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Buck Island Ranch in Highlands wins Audubon prize

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ORLANDO — On Wednesday, June 20, Audubon Florida announced Buck Island Ranch as the recipient of the 2018 “Sustainable Rancher of the Year” award. A 10,500-acre cattle ranch, Buck Island is part of Archbold Biological Station located in Highlands County. Audubon’s Charles Lee presented the award at the Florida Cattlemen’s Association’s annual convention at the Omni Resort near Orlando.

“The important work at Archbold’s Buck Island Ranch not only conserves this beautiful ranch but also showcases how cattle ranching and our natural environment can coexist successfully,” said Mr. Lee, Audubon Florida’s director of advocacy. “Working lands and collaborative partnerships like this one represent one of the best hopes for advancing conservation in Florida.”

Since 1988, under a lease from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Archbold has successfully managed Buck Island Ranch as a site for scientific research, education and conservation. It hosts outstanding wildlife populations; Archbold scientists have documented more than 722 plant and animal species at the ranch, including six federally threatened or endangered species.

The ranch is also an important innovator, pioneering new ways to clean and re-



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In the photo, from left, are Dr. Paul Gray of Audubon Florida; Gene Lollis, manager of Buck Island Ranch; Hiliary Swain, director of Archbold Biological Station; Charles Lee of Audubon Florida; and Ken Griner, president of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association.

tain water on working ranches, conducting research on water management and implementing water retention projects on-site.

To ensure that Buck Island Ranch will always be used for ranching and protection of wildlife habitat, 3,746 acres of it are

enrolled in conservation easements under the USDA’s Wetland Reserve Program. An additional 6,754 acres of ranch are ranked on the Tier 1 priority list for easement acquisition under the state’s Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, a key program to engage ranchers in conservation easements.

While achieving outstanding and large-scale benefits for conservation, Buck Island Ranch succeeds as a commercial cattle ranch. It is among the top 20 commercial cow-calf producers in Florida, with approximately 3,000 Brahma-cross cows bred to 150 Angus or Charolaise bulls. Historically, the ranch produced about 2,300 calves, but today it works with other Florida ranchers, retaining ownership of its calves in-state and marketing the beef in Florida markets.

Audubon collaborates with landowners, land managers, government agencies and private industry to increase the quality of habitat on privately managed lands. Audubon also helps landowners and land managers apply bird-friendly practices on their lands and develop market-based solutions to advance conservation. Each year, Audubon Florida recognizes responsible ranchers with the Sustainable Rancher of the Year award.

It’s hurricane season; do you have an evacuation plan?

Special to INI Florida

Last year, millions of Floridians spent many hours in their cars, stuck in traffic as they evacuated in advance of Hurricane Irma. Preparing an evacuation plan now may help you save time and money later this summer if an evacuation is ordered. Don’t wait till a storm is forecast to start getting ready. Take action now.

Know your zone:

Find out if your home is in an evacuation zone. If you live in such a zone, learn about evacuation routes before a storm is forecast. Practicing evacuating in your car with all family members, including pets,

will make everyone more comfortable if you need to leave in an emergency. The Florida Division of Emergency Management’s Know Your Zone webpage has a map of hurricane evacuation zones. Your local emergency management office may have additional information on evacuation routes.

Know your destination:

During hurricane season, monitor local news. If local officials issue an evacuation order, evacuate. You don’t have to drive hundreds of miles to be safe from a hurricane. It may be possible to go to the home of friends or family in a safe, inland loca-

tion that is not too far away. There may be a motel or hotel nearby where you can seek shelter. Making plans now for where you will stay if ordered to evacuate will provide peace of mind later.

Know before you go:

Want to know what the traffic is like? Call 511, the Florida Department of Transportation’s hotline. Callers can ask for the latest traffic information for major highways and individual counties. Information is available online at <https://fl511.com/>

The Florida Highway Patrol also has a website that updates road conditions every five minutes.

Traffic congestion and delays are likely. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and that you know your destination and how to get there before setting out.

Bring an emergency kit that includes a NOAA weather radio and batteries, flashlight and batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food, can opener, and clothes. Bring medications and copies of prescriptions, spare pair of eye glasses and any special products for babies, elderly and medically fragile family members and pets.

Hurricane guides published by many newspapers and county emergency management offices are a good one-stop resource for Floridians. Ready.gov has more tips to help you prepare for hurricane season.

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Public Notices

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 22-2018-CP-000025

IN RE: The Estate of **PATRICIA MARY CARROLL A/K/A PATRICIA M. CARROLL** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of **PATRICIA MARY CARROLL A/K/A PATRICIA M. CARROLL** Deceased, whose date of death was March 9, 2018, and whose last four digits of her social security number is 8458, Case Number 22-2018-CP-000025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Glades County Courthouse, Post Office Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is: July 5th, 2018.

MICHAEL FOX NELSON
 Personal Representative
 28 Schanck Road
 Holmdel, NJ 07733-2123
 BY: **JOHN D. CASSELS, JR.**
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 271650 GCD 7/5,12/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Probate Division
CASE NO.: 18000065CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF **MELBOURNE NICHOLAS,** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Melbourne Nicholas, deceased, whose date of death was December 28, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hen-

Employment - Full Time

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time **Maintenance Technician**. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net. Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352

Employment - Full Time

Administration of Estates

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dy County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 5th, 2018.

Personal Representative:
DWIGHT NICHOLAS
 12743 SW 53rd Ct.
 Miramar, Florida 33027

Attorney for Personal Representative:



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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Blesses
 - 4 Star Wars, initially
 - 7 Go fishing
 - 12 *Ring punch
 - 16 IQ test pioneer
 - 17 Start of the line before "Liberty! Freedom! Tyranny is dead!"
 - 18 Bluebloods
 - 19 *Manhattan neighborhood
 - 21 1965 Sophia Loren comedy
 - 24 Gas sign in green letters
 - 25 Line of work: Abbr.
 - 28 Year in Mexico
 - 29 Talladega unit
 - 31 Result of a 1955 merger
 - 34 Postseason game
 - 36 Pull in
 - 39 Treating poorly
 - 40 Like the answers to eight starred clues ... and a hint as to how to fill them in
 - 43 Role for Dustin
 - 44 "The Bridge on the River..."
 - 45 Marquis de ...
 - 46 Chooses the window instead of the aisle?
 - 48 Fraud watchdog org.
 - 50 For each
 - 51 Shade provider
 - 52 Ness, for one
 - 55 Castro and others
 - 57 "Liberia locale
 - 61 Don Diego de la Vega, familiarly
 - 63 Frankness
 - 67 The Bradford kids of '70s-'80s TV, e.g.
 - 68 *Ring punch
 - 69 Milo of "Barbarella"
 - 70 Long time
 - 71 Major
- DOWN**
- 1 Natural resource
 - 2 Young beaver
 - 3 Pepper, for one: Abbr.
 - 4 *Animated TV series set in the Rockies
 - 5 Words before dances
 - 6 Some furniture stores
 - 7 Biblical brother
 - 8 Juba's "White" river
 - 9 *Promising
 - 10 Betray, with "down"
 - 11 Juillet's season
 - 13 One of three cartoon nephews
 - 14 Little League precursor
 - 15 Little League belts: Abbr.
 - 20 Soweto's home: Abbr.
 - 21 Toiled
 - 22 Rule exception
 - 23 *Level-headed
 - 26 Stronghold
 - 27 Beach party staples
 - 30 Brest friend
 - 32 Govt. group that began in 1908
 - 33 Where kip are spent
 - 35 Sylvester's problem
 - 37 London's ___ Gardens
 - 38 *Challenge to Eiger climbers
 - 41 Fawn's mom
 - 42 Tiny songbird
 - 47 Canon offering, briefly
 - 49 Dimin.'s opposite
 - 53 Handy
 - 54 Playground retort
 - 56 Mad as ___ hen
 - 58 Algonquian language
 - 59 Bit
 - 60 Sun. message
 - 61 Animal house
 - 62 It turns out its.
 - 64 Nats' former stadium
 - 65 Symbol of peace
 - 66 Eastern Nevada city

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Public Notice

NOTICE CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Glades County Sheriff's Office is accepting proposals for the provision of Electronic Medical Records services for detainees and inmates at the Glades County Detention Center. Proposals are open for submittal on August 13th, 2018 at 8am and must be received NLT August 23rd 5:00pm at the Glades County Sheriff's Office located at 1297 East SR 78, Moore Haven, Florida. Copies of the Request for Proposal will be available on July 3rd and may be obtained by contacting Major D. K. Henson at (863) 946-1600. 272011 GCD 7/5,12/2018

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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 07/16/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept.

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Public Notice

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for
Hendry County, Florida and Incorporated Areas**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within the Hendry County, Florida and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for the Hendry County, Florida and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/thm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FIMX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). 267031 CN/CB 7/5,12/2018

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

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State Bar of Georgia
Attorney Prince A. Brumfield
P.O. Box 764
Clewiston, FL
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June 4, 2018
For more information contact
Office of General Counsel
(800)334-6865 or (404)527-8720
272028 CN 7/5/2018

Public Notice

**EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 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 EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:
1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and,
2. 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 to be 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 21st day of June, 2018.
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Administrator, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
270644 CGS 6/28;7/5/2018

Public Notice

Fictitious Name

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Rene A Reyes Romero conducting a Lawn Maintenance business at Hendry County, Florida, under the fictitious name of Reyes Lawn Mowing Services and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:
Rene A Reyes Romero
PO BOX 2724
Clewiston, FL 33440
Ownership of Reyes Lawn Mowing Services is as follows:
Rene A Reyes Romero
It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Reyes Lawn Mowing Services under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida Acts of 1991.
Euria Petre
272644 CN 7/5/2018

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2018**, at approximately 10:00 a.m. during the Annual Landowners Meeting, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430. The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all objections to the budget as proposed, to make such changes to the proposed budget as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary and to adopt the budget as finally approved by the Board of Supervisors for the District.
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BY: Charles F. Schoech, Administrator, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
270647 CGS 6/28;7/5/2018

Public Meeting Notice

LaBelle, FL - A meeting of the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 9:00 am. This meeting will be held at the Hendry County Emergency Operations Center located at **4425 W. State Road 80; LaBelle, FL.** The LMS strives to lessen the human, environmental and economic costs of disasters through hazard mitigation. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment.
For more information contact:
Roberta Thomas @
(863) 674-5400
272664 CN 7/5/2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 18000305CAAXMX**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
(TRACT 29) THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the court on Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 7:20-18 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hendry County, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2018.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasflaw.com
269717 CN 6/28;7/5/2018

Glades County Public Safety Emergency Medical services

Request for Bids To Remount One Type III Ambulance Module on a new chassis
All bids are must be received no later than 4:00 pm July 16 2018 in the Glades County Manager office
At 500 Ave. J
Moore Haven, FL 33471 Or mailed to
Glades County Manager
PO. Box 1527 Moore Haven, FL 33471
All bids are to be marked on the outside of the envelope
AMBULANCE REMOUNT BID
Bid packet and specs for the remount provided on request by Contacting
Bob Jones at
863 946 0566
Glades Co. Public Safety 1 097 Health Park Dr.
Moore Haven, FL 33471
Glades County Board of County Commissioners Reserve the right to reject any or all bids
272372 GCD 7/5,12/2018

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT**

**RFP NUMBER: 2018-05
OPENING DATE AND TIME: AUGUST 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**
The City of Clewiston is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the City. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by a City Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received at Clewiston City Hall 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida by August 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.
A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the City of Clewiston Finance Department, located at 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by calling (863) 983-1484.

**NOTICE
BBC meeting #2018-03**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Building Commissioners of the City of Clewiston, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 5:30pm**, in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.
The purpose of this hearing is to consider the disposition of the following properties located in the City of Clewiston:
113 N Francisco Street Clewiston, FL 33440 Block 156 Lot 1, GPOC 824 E Concordia Street Clewiston, FL 33440 Block 152 Lot 33, GPOC 408 E Ventura Ave Clewiston, FL 33440 Block 367 Lot 15, GPOC
This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 18-175, Clewiston Code of Ordinances.
The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 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.
All persons interested may appear and be heard. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, the person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
If the undersigned authority, do hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting of the Building Board of Commissioners of the City of Clewiston is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice at the front and rear entrances of City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.
CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
Travis Reese, Building Official
272125 CN 7/5/2018

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Clewiston City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
Debbie McNeil, Code Enforcement Officer
271772 CN 7/5/2018

THIS SOLICITATION DOES NOT COMMIT THE CITY OF CLEWISTON TO AWARD ANY CONTRACTS, TO PAY ANY COSTS INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OF A RESPONSE TO THIS RFP, OR TO CONTRACT FOR ANY SERVICES. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION, OR TO CANCEL IN PART OR IN ITS ENTIRETY THIS RFP, IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY TO DO SO.

The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.
272481 CN 7/5/2018

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 17000304CAAXMX**

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
GUADALUPE CORTIZ; JESUS L. CORTIZ, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Consent Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 10, 2018 and an Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 15, 2018, entered in Civil Case No. 17000304CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, and GUADALUPE CORTIZ; JESUS L. CORTIZ, JR., are Defendants.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on 2nd Floor in Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickgochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 1:00 AM, on the 1st day of August, 2018, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:
LOT 15, BLOCK 2067, UNIT 2, PORT LABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 60 THROUGH 72, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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 remains may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 20th, 2018.
BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: J. Bevis
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 270638 CN 6/28;7/5/2018

Hendry County Legals

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Coby E. Griffin 615 E. Pasadena Ave. Clewiston, FL 33440
Virkeyvious O. Scruggs 705 Della Tobias Ave. Clewiston, FL 33440
Leopoldo Toar 850 S. Main St. LaBelle, FL 33935

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**
272186 CN 7/5/2018

**City of Clewiston
Invitation to Bid**

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting bids for one new air conditioner to be installed in the John Boy Auditorium. You may obtain a copy of the specification sheet(s) at 1300 South Olympia Street, Clewiston, FL 33440 or by calling the Public Works Department Director Sean Scheffer at (863) 983-1471. The City of Clewiston will accept sealed bids until 2:00pm, local time, July 26, 2018 at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston FL 33440, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.
Each bid must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "2018 John Boy Auditorium Air Conditioner". Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston FL 33440. No responsibility will be attached to any officers for the premature opening of a bid not properly marked.
The City of Clewiston reserves the right to hold all bids for 60 days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid that in its best judgement best serves the City.
Al Petry, City Manager
City of Clewiston, FL
272643 CN 7/5/2018

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**GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

DEMOLITION & REBUILD OF ONE (1) HOME,

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) requests that interested parties submit formal sealed proposals for the above-referenced project. This project will be undertaken as part of the Glades County SHIP Program. Contractors must be qualified to bid on SHIP projects. If not pre-qualified, the Contractor's Application Documents may be obtained from the SHIP Administrator or <http://www.myglades.com/departments/communityservices/ship.php>

A mandatory meeting and contractor review of these projects will be held on **Friday July 06th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** at 1882 Linda Drive, Okeechobee, FL, (Cuckhead Ridge - 39374). Any firm not represented at this meeting will not be able to bid. All potential bidders must be in meeting no later than 4:00 p.m. in order to participate in these RFPs.

The specifications and requirements informational package must be obtained from Cindy Ricker, SHIP Administrator 863-946-6124, cricker@myglades.com.

Due date/time: **July 27th, 2018, 1:00 p.m. EST.** All responses (7 copies and 1 digital copy) shall be placed in separate, sealed envelopes with the titles clearly indicated on the outside: **GLADES COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM - RFP #2018-DEMO/REPLACEMENT-2-Hoyt** with delivery to the SHIP Administrator, in SHIP Administrator's office at Court House, Moore Haven, no later than deadline time of 1:00 p.m. RFP received after such time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Responses delayed for any reason shall not be considered. Faxed and electronically mailed responses will not be accepted.

All prospective respondents are cautioned not to contact any member of the BoCC. All questions should be directed to Cindy Ricker, SHIP Administrator, 500 Avenue J, (P.O. Box 1527) Moore Haven FL 33471 Phone 863-946-6124, EMAIL:cricker@myglades.com.

It is anticipated that the qualified responses to this RFP will be considered and a decision on the selection of a qualified responder will be made by the BoCC. The County reserves the right to reject any or all responses in its sole discretion. The County also reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities, to re-advertise for additional responses, and to select the responder, who, in the BoCC's sole opinion, is in the best interests of Glades County.

Glades County does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or marital status. Glades County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.
271314 CN 7/1 GCD 7/5/2018

Public invited to comment on EAA reservoir plan

By **Katrina Elskén**
Glades County Democrat

Plans for a reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee continue to move forward.

The public had another chance to ask questions and comment on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir project June 27 at a meeting in Clewiston sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Similar meetings took place June 26 in Le-High and June 28 in Stuart.

Only two members of the public spoke at the Clewiston meeting, which attracted about 30 people. Both speakers expressed support of the project.

Celeste De Palma of Audubon Florida spoke in favor of the project.

"We have been trying to push water away for a really long time, and we're living with the consequences," she said. "Everglades restoration puts the water back where it belongs."

"We urge the corps to make sure Congress gets to review this project and consider it for this year's Water Resources Development Act," said Ms. De Palma.

"Moving forward with this project, it's important that we all came together and worked out something that seems to work for all of the communities," said Nyla Pipes of One Florida.

A lot of people still question whether the project will meet the water quality standards required for water entering Everglades National Park, Ms. Pipes explained. She added that she is confident the South Florida Water Management District and Army Corps of Engineers will make the project work and that it will meet water quality standards.

She said more public outreach and education about the project may be necessary to assure people that water entering the Everglades will meet the required water quality standards.

Marci Jackson of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers explained that the EAA reservoir is proposed as a change to the already approved Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP).

In December 2014, the corps and SFWM completed planning of CEPP, she explained.

The project, authorized by Congress in 2016, included a flow equalization basin (FEB) on the A-2 parcel in the EAA. That land is already in state ownership. This FEB was a shallow storage feature.

In 2017, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 10, which called for a deep-water reservoir in the EAA.

The current proposal asks Congress to approve changing the CEPP plan to build a deep-water reservoir on the A-2 parcel instead of the FEB. The reservoir site is about 10,500 acres and the reservoir will be 23 feet deep. The project includes an additional 6,500 acres of stormwater treatment area. Vegetation in the STAs helps remove nutrients from the water.

CEPP would increase the canal capacity to move more water from the lake through the stormwater treatment areas and on to Florida Bay, explained Leslie Waugh of the corps.

As originally approved, CEPP would provide an additional annual flow of 210,000 acre-feet (about 59 billion gallons of water) to the Everglades and Florida Bay, she said. Changing the shallow reservoir project to a deep reservoir would increase the annual flow to about 370,000 acre-feet per year (about 104 billion gallons of water).

CEPP provides the additional conveyance from the lake to the reservoir and the STAs, then through the Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) and under the Tamiami Trail

to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.

Without the other CEPP projects, the EAA reservoir would be static storage, Ms. Waugh said.

The FEB in the A-1 parcel, already in place, will not change.

The new reservoir, existing A-1 FEB and new STAs will all work together to store and clean water, she said. The reservoir will provide environmental benefits and also be available for some recreational uses, she said.

The project provides additional storage and treatment, decreases extreme low lake events and reduces water supply cutbacks. By sending more water south, the project also reduces the freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee, Ms. Waugh explained.

The corps will accept comments on the EAA reservoir plan through July 24.

"Public engagement is an important part of the environmental review process, and we encourage all interested individuals, groups and agencies to attend one of the public meetings, review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and provide your input," said Col. Jason Kirk, Jacksonville District Commander.

Comments are being accepted through July 24 and can be sent electronically to Stacie.J.Auvenshine@usace.army.mil, or mailed to:

Stacie Auvenshine, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

Drain and cover to protect your family from mosquito-borne illnesses

Special to the Glades County Democrat

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health reminds residents and visitors that it is important to "Drain and Cover" this National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. The department encourages everyone to take simple precautions to protect themselves and their neighbors from mosquito-borne illnesses, which have received increased attention recently in Florida.

"While there is currently no active, ongoing transmission of Zika in Florida, residents and travelers should always take precautions to protect against mosquito bites," said State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip. "Zika is one of several mosquito-borne illnesses that occur in Florida, so be sure to drain water from any containers around your home, cover your skin with clothing and mosquito repellent and cover doors and windows with screen to keep mosquitoes out of your home or business."

T. Wayne Gale, president of the Florida Mosquito Control Association said: "Summer is a crucial time to protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquitoes. Mosquito surveillance and control happens year-round in Florida, but the hotter, wetter months produce ideal conditions for disease-spreading mosquitoes, so be sure to lessen your risk of being bitten and eliminate potential breeding sites."

In addition to Zika, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus, West Nile virus (WNV) and St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus are also present in mosquitoes in Florida. The risk of disease transmission through bites of infected mosquitoes to humans has increased.

To protect against mosquitoes, the department urges the public to "Drain and Cover:"

DRAIN standing water:

- Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain-

water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.

- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER your skin with:

- Clothing — If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.

- Repellent — Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with 10-30 percent DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 are effective.

- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

COVER doors and windows with screens:

- Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches and patios.

Tips on eliminating mosquito breeding sites:

- Clean out troughs and gutters;
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain;

- Turn over or remove empty plastic pots;
- Pick up all beverage containers and cups;

- Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water;
- Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week;

- Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week; and
- Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

**HRMC Auxiliary
Christmas in JULY
Sale!**

**Where: Hendry Regional Medical
Center Gift Shop**

**When: Monday, July 9th through
Wednesday, July 18th**

**Huge sale with merchandise
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