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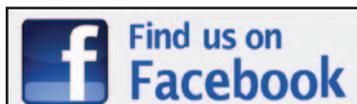
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Glades family injured in fatal crash

Special to the Glades County Democrat

An Orlando woman died from injuries she suffered in a traffic crash on Tuesday, July 3.

A Palmdale family including two children received serious and critical injuries in the accident, and one of the children later died.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) news release stated that at 3:16 p.m., a 2013 BMW X5 SUV operated by Raquel Wright, 40, of Orlando was traveling southbound on State Road 29 approaching SR 78.

At the same time, a 1992 Ford F-350 truck operated by Raymond Hendry Jr., 32, of Palmdale was traveling northbound on SR 29, north of SR 78.

The SUV crossed over into the northbound lane and rotated counterclockwise. As a result, the front of the truck collided with the passenger side of the SUV. The SUV came to final rest facing east on the eastern grass shoulder of SR 29. The truck came to final rest facing east on the eastern grass shoulder of

SR 29.

It was reported that Ms. Wright died from her injuries.

Mr. Hendry was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, where he has been in a medically induced coma ever since the accident. Passenger Tucker Hendry, 11, was transported to Tampa General Hospital with critical injuries. Tucker later passed away due

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Cyanobacteria in water column, not lake's surface

By Katrina Elsen
Glades County Democrat

The good news: The surface of Lake Okeechobee is NOT covered in blue-green algae, toxic or otherwise.

The bad news: According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), there is a large concentration of cyanobacteria (sometimes called “blue-green algae”) in the lake. According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, some of the samples taken from areas along the shore where winds pushed algae and cyanobacteria into clumps along the shoreline have shown low levels of toxins.

What happens next: According to the scientists who study algae worldwide, there is no way to tell, at this point, what will happen

as the summer heat continues.

The NOAA image of the lake from Monday, July 2, shows varying concentrations of cyanobacteria in about 90 percent of Lake Okeechobee. The NOAA imagery does not indicate what kind of cyanobacteria is present. There are thousands of types of cyanobacteria, although only about a dozen have been documented in Lake Okeechobee.

Some — not all — of the types of cyanobacteria known to live in the lake can produce toxins under certain conditions. However, even cyanobacteria that can produce toxins does not always do so.

This widely publicized NOAA image confused some who saw it. Sen. Bill Nelson, who flew over the lake on July 5, said he was pleas-

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Special to the Glades County Democrat/Randy Fulford
Anglers report Lake Okeechobee fishing is good, and the lake looks fine. Randy Fulford took this photo on July 4 inside Eagle Bay on Lake Okeechobee.

Habitat for Humanity comes to Glades

County OKs program, which has first sponsor for a home

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

There had been talk that Habitat for Humanity wanted to expand into Glades County, and it became actual news this week when a partnership with Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity was on the county board agenda for commissioners' consideration at their meeting Tuesday.

Interim county manager Joe Helfenberger recommended that the board approve a resolution drawn up to let the Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity organization (CCHFH) proceed with plans to build its first house for a Glades County resident. The resolution certifies that CCHFH's program for the construction of housing for low- and very low-income people is consistent with local plans and regulations and agrees that the county will be a partner.

Mr. Helfenberger said he'd met with CCHFH Chief Executive Officer Mike Mansfield and Gabrielle Reineck, senior director of outreach, to discuss their programs and learned that they are aligned with the Florida State Housing Initiatives Partnership (or SHIP) Program guidelines. Glades County staff has been very active in utilizing SHIP financing to assist county residents who fall within the program's income guidelines in building homes or repairing their existing residence.

In neighboring Charlotte County, Mr.

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to his injuries.

Passengers Brooke (32 years old) and Alen Hendry (12 years old) were transported to Lee Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

Everyone was reported to be wearing

seat belts.

The traffic crash was investigated by Trooper M. Sill, crash investigator, and Corporal Justin Close, homicide investigator.

If you want to donate to J.R. and Brooke Hendry's family's care and support, there are several ways you can do so.

You may donate directly to the family by dropping off donations or mailing checks

(made out to Brooke Hendry) to Brooke Hendry c/o Gatorama, P.O. Box 248, Palm-dale, FL 33944. The management there will make sure those checks go directly to Brooke.

Allen and Patty Register and longtime friends from Fisheating Creek Outpost, where Brooke has been the manager for many years, along with His Vision Our Hands Ministry will sponsor a fundraiser and

care campaign for the long-term needs and well-being of the family after August.

You may also donate through GoFundMe at the following address: <https://www.gofundme.com/hendry-family>.

Any and every little bit will help this young family as they journey on the road to recovery.

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Helfenberger said, Habitat has built more than 400 homes in the past 30 years, which is as long as it has existed, and the program has resulted in a 96 percent successful home ownership rate.

Ms. Reineck explained that the Charlotte County Habitat organization participates in a special state partnership called the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program

(CCTCP), through which the State of Florida sets aside collected sales tax money to be used to help citizens establish affordable homeownership. Through the program, local businesses that collect taxes (mostly sales tax) reinvest those tax dollars into their own communities through Habitat for Humanity.

"It's been able to help us exponentially grow our home production, so we'd like permission to be able to utilize this program in Glades County as well," Ms. Reineck told the board. "We already have secured our

first corporate sponsor, Wallace International (Trucks of Fort Myers), so they want to sponsor the first home in Glades County utilizing this program."

"All right, well, that sounds great," responded County Board Chairman John Ahern.

Mr. Helfenberger added that the revenue for the CCTCP comes out of the state sales tax revenue fund, not revenue from the additional 1 cent that counties have been allowed to add.

"So you would not be losing any local

sales tax," Mr. Helfenberger explained.

Commissioner Donna Storter Long made a motion to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Tim Stanley seconded. It passed unanimously.

"I'm hoping we can utilize some of the county lots that we have, and they're zoned and they're on sewer and stuff," Mr. Ahern said, referring to properties in the county that are either to be bought by Glades County or be sold at public auction for back taxes.

LAKE

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antly surprised that he did not see a massive bloom on the surface of the lake.

"As I flew over the lake, I was glad to see there was not algae on the 80 percent of the lake I was led to believe," he said.

Boaters who were out on the lake over the past week also reported they did not see algae.

Anglers continue to give the lake good reports for fishing this summer.

No algae was visible from the north shore at the Clif Betts Jr. Lakeside Recreation Area (aka Lock 7) last week. From the bridge at Port Mayaca, no algae was visible on the surface of the vast expanse of Lake Okeechobee. No algae could be seen near Torry Island, where Sen. Nelson and Congressman Alcee Hastings held a press conference on July 5.

An algal bloom was reported on the surface at the Pahokee marina. FDEP sampled a bloom at the Port Mayaca Lock on July 2.

Dr. Edward Phipps, a professor with the University of Florida's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, said the casual observer may not even notice the bloom.

"Massive blooms don't always start at the surface," he explained. "It can be in the wa-

ter column."

Cyanobacteria have gas vesicles that act as buoyancy control devices. The vesicles can be expanded and filled with gas, causing the cyanobacteria to float on the surface, or deflated, which causes the cyanobacteria to descend into the water column.

"Just because you don't see it doesn't mean there's nothing going on," he said.

The NOAA image does not show what the human eye sees. It's computer-generated imagery using data the satellite collects to locate concentrations of cyanobacteria in the water. Different colors on the imagery show areas of varying cyanobacteria concentration. The NOAA image does not show how many different types of cyanobacteria are present, or which types of cyanobacteria are present. They also do not show whether toxins are present.

Oceanographer Michelle Tomlinson of the NOAA National Ocean Service explained they have been monitoring satellite photos of the lake since the start of June. They do similar studies of other lakes in the United States. "The algorithm we developed for the imagery is showing cyanobacteria blooms," she explained. "So it is separating out the cyanobacteria from any other background algae in the lake. There may be some non-harmful phytoplankton mixed in there, but what you are seeing is the concentration of the cyanobacteria."

Oceanographer Rick Stumpf with the NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, explained: "The satellite can see high concentrations of the bloom when it is not forming a dense scum, and scum is the only thing we easily see from an airplane.

"When winds are light or calm, the cyanobacteria that makes the algae bloom tends to float up in the day, and sinks late day and at night. Calm weather, in the early to mid-day usually leads to scum. When winds pickup they tend to mix the bloom through the water so that less of it is at the surface, so it is not so apparent."

He explained that NOAA also uses different wavelengths of light, including red and near-infrared, that the satellite detects that can't be seen with the human eye.

Dee Ann Miller of the Florida Department of Health explained: "Some — not all — blue-green algae can produce toxins that can contribute to environmental problems and affect public health. Little is known about exactly what environmental conditions trigger toxin production. Over time, these toxins are diluted and eventually break down and disappear. Persistent blooms are routinely monitored and retested. Because you cannot tell if algae is producing toxins by looking at it, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) coordinates with the water management districts and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conserva-

tion Commission to routinely sample observed and reported algal blooms and test for algal identification and toxin levels."

Some samples taken from the lake have shown no toxins. Others have shown low levels. The World Health Organization considers levels below 10 micrograms per liter to be safe for recreational contact.

On June 18, algae from a dense film windblown against a water control structure in Palm Beach County had 1.4 micrograms per liter.

On June 25, a sample taken at the Port Mayaca Locks had 2.2 micrograms per liter. That same day, a sample taken at the Moore Haven Lock had 3.3 micrograms per liter.

On July 2, a sample taken from a surface bloom on the lake near Port Mayaca had 1.9 micrograms per liter of microcystin.

Test results on samples collected by FDEP on July 5 are not yet available.

Dr. Karl Havens, director of Florida Sea Grant and a professor at the University of Florida, said that even in a small pond, toxin levels may vary from one area of a cyanobacterial bloom to another.

In a large ecosystem such as Lake Okeechobee, sometimes the cyanobacteria won't produce toxins at all, he explained.

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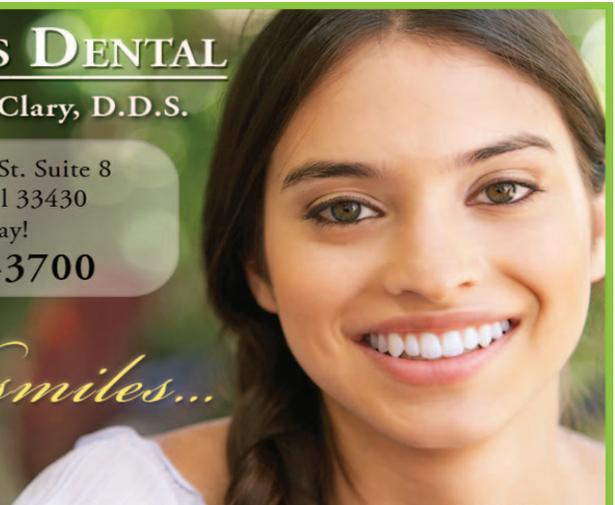
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SW Florida Area Agency on Aging reveals new mission statement

Special to the Glades County Democrat

On July 2, the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida announced that its board of directors has approved a change to its official mission statement.

The new mission statement is now "Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida connects older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity." The statement was crafted by AAASWFL staff after several months of assessment and review.

"Our agency is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, so it's a great time to reexamine our focus," explains Marianne Lorini, President and CEO for AAASWFL. "Our previous mission statement was more task-oriented. The new mission statement reveals a client-centered focus. It reflects not only what we do but our vision for the clients we serve." In 2017, AAASWFL assisted more than 33,000 older adults, caregivers and others in Southwest Florida through its

programs and services, including the Elder Helpline, SHINE Medicare counseling, and health and wellness workshops. The agency received more than 65,000 calls to its toll-free helpline last year from individuals seeking services for older adults. Every member of our staff participated in crafting the new mission statement," adds Lorini. "We had company-wide workshops and a committee that worked on the new statement. Everyone's input was valued—from the folks who work with clients every day to our office and administrative staff. Our board of directors was impressed by the entire team's commitment to the organization and our clients."

The mission statement is one of a num-

ber of new initiatives for AAASWFL in recent months. The agency restructured its organizational chart in February. AAASWFL also launched a redesigned website in April and e-newsletter in May. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization serving Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. More information about the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is available at www.aaaswfl.org or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

Man dies in Ortona traffic crash

Special to the Glades County Democrat

A Lehigh Acres man died in a single-vehicle traffic crash Wednesday, July 4, on State Road 78 near Chiaha Lane in Ortona.

A Florida Highway Patrol news release stated that at 4:34 p.m., a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier operated by Ronald Miller, 36, of Lehigh Acres turned to the left for a curve in the road. As a result, the car ran off the road-

way to the right. The front of the car struck standing water on the north shoulder of SR 78. The car came to final rest in the standing water on the north shoulder of SR 78, on its roof, facing east.

The traffic accident was investigated by Trooper Justin Sanchez, crash investigator, and Corporal Justin Close, homicide investigator.

Glades at a Glance

Club meetings canceled

The July and August meetings of the Moore Haven Lions Clubs have been canceled. The next meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the Glades County Sheriff's Office. When the Lions Club can be of assistance to anyone, please contact any member, including James W. Hunter at 863-227-1327, David Hardin at 863-227-3381, Duane Pottorff at 863-227-0207 or 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 SR 78 E. in Buckhead Ridge will serve dinner on Friday, July 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, onion rings, salad and dessert. Live music by Travis. Proceeds go to homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR Moose serves catfish

The Buckhead Ridge Moose, 1016 Linda Road, offers an all-you-can-eat catfish fillets or sharpies dinner on Friday, July 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a donation of \$10. Steak and shrimp dinners are also available. There will be entertainment and the public is welcome.

Correction

Three seats on the Moore Haven City Council will be filled in the Aug. 28 election, not two, as the Glades County Democrat reported in the July 5 article "Candidates list closed in Glades."

The seat of incumbent Councilwoman Pat Lucas is also up for election, in addition to those of current council members Marc

Decker and Bret Whidden. Ms. Lucas did not file to run for re-election.

Also, Glades County School Board members Crystal Drake and Gloria Reese had drawn no opponents for their seats in District 1 and District 4, respectively, so they were declared to be elected and will retain their seats.

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Tobacco-free worksites promoted in Glades County

Special to the Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN — While the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act protects employees from secondhand smoke in some indoor worksites, countless Floridians in the night-life industry, construction and industries with outdoor worksites are exposed to toxic secondhand smoke. The Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership wants to raise awareness about the effects of tobacco use on worksites in order to protect both the employer and employees.

Tobacco is costly to employers, both in terms of medical expenses and lost productivity. This cost to Florida businesses comes primarily in the form of productivity losses. More than 70 percent of smokers want to quit, but few will succeed without help. A company policy change often motivates tobacco users to quit. Each employee that becomes tobacco free will reduce businesses health care costs and increase overall

productivity. Businesses lose an average of \$4,056 per smoker every year in lost productivity. Workers who smoke at least one pack of cigarettes a day experience 75 percent more lost productive time than nonsmoking workers. Each year Florida's health care costs directly caused by smoking are \$8.64 billion and the portion paid by the state Medicaid Program is \$1.51 billion.

Research has shown that rural communities like Glades County, are more heavily affected by cigarette and smokeless tobacco use. Even more important to rural-area businesses is the cost to employees' health.

Employers have an opportunity to reduce the negative impact of tobacco on their employees and their business. Comprehensive tobacco free worksite policies provide a work environment where all tobacco users have an easier time quitting or cutting back their tobacco use. Comprehensive tobacco free worksite policies focus on

creating tobacco free work environments to protect employees from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, and support and encourage cessation while improving access to proven tobacco cessation treatments and services for employees making quit attempts. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), paying for tobacco use cessation treatments is the single most cost-effective health insurance benefit for adults that can be provided to employees.

The Glades County Tobacco Free Partnership has assisted several local businesses in creating and implementing tobacco free policies, which has eliminated the dangers of second-hand smoke in their environment. Additionally, many of these employers have integrated e-cigarettes into their tobacco free policy.

Adopting a tobacco free worksite is an easy and cost-effective way to improve

employee health, and your bottom line. Please contact Teresa Coco at 863-265-6055 to learn more about going tobacco-free or for assistance with implementing a comprehensive tobacco free policy at your worksite. Becoming a tobacco-free company has never been easier!

If you are a smoker or know someone who is ready to quit smoking, Tobacco Free Florida offers free tools and services to help you get started. A Quit Coach is waiting to help you on your journey to be tobacco free; call the Quit Your Way hotline at 1-877-822-6669 or visit tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway

Glades tourism guide being compiled

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

A new Glades County guide for tourists is being put together to distribute to local businesses after several members of the Tourism Development Council pointed out the need for one at a recent meeting.

Patty Register said visitors to her alligator farm Gatorama, off U.S. 27 in the west end of the county, often ask for help in contacting fishing guides in the area, but that she has no list to give them and doesn't know where to send them.

"We need one," she told fellow TDC members at their June 15 meeting.

"That would be real good," agreed Jacquie Kellenberger of Meadowlark Shores RV Park, "because I do have people that come in and want to go on a hog hunt, and I had six people who went up to Sebring and bought a hog hunt (recently)."

Ms. Register said she usually just refers those interested in fishing to people she knows. "We need to have that information here," though, she added.

TDC Executive Director Tracy Whirls pointed out that such information is available on the council's website, which is at

visitglades.org. But, she said, "it would be helpful if you would look at that and see who's still doing it and what new ones that have come in that I don't know about, because a lot of the folks who were guides when I started with the TDC have stopped guiding."

"It would be very helpful if we just had a flier for our retail clerks to give out," said Ms. Register.

Ms. Whirls said the county had done a fishing rack card a long time ago but that she still had the format to work from. "We could easily enough reproduce that."

Then a thought occurred to Ms. Kellenberger that prompted her to offer "a really good suggestion." She said she'd created a concierge book-type listing for her office workers. "So if somebody comes in and says 'Where do I go for this?' they can pull out this three-ring binder, and I put in every business that I can think of." She said she left out fishing since she knows nothing about it, nor any of the local guides.

"It would be really easy and really inexpensive for the TDC to build a concierge book and provide it to all the businesses here so that it can be at the front desk," she

said. However, Ms. Kellenberger added, her own list is "75 percent not Glades County" establishments.

Kim Yager, executive assistant for the Glades County Economic Development Council, said she has a working list of contacts at all the county's tourist-related businesses and that it probably just needs to be updated.

"Well, what if we went to the effort and made a three-ring binder for people; it would cost us \$6 apiece to make them, to buy the binder and print the paper, and then drop them off?" asked Ms. Kellenberger.

After some more discussion, TDC member Bret Whidden made a motion that entries be compiled for a new countywide concierge book and brought back to the council for its next meeting, July 13. Ms. Kellenberger seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Whidden said he wanted the whole council to review the compilation so members could review all the entries, add and/or delete whatever they thought necessary and then approve the book for production and distribution to all tourism-related businesses in Glades County.

FEMA offers disaster tips in 13 languages

Special to INI Florida

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Roger Nathaniel Walker, Sr., 76

CLEWISTON — Roger Nathaniel Walker, Sr. was born on May 25, 1942 in Miami, Fla. and passed away on July 3, 2018. Roger is preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Sandra Jo Buckner; father and mother, Aubrey Odes Walker and Mallie Fay Walker Thomas; his brother, Aubrey Odes Walker, Jr.; and sisters, Helen Louise Ferguson, Quinon Corrine Walker, Dorothy Estelle Walker, and Donna Faye Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Ayers Walker; three children, Sherry Parantha (husband Reko), Pete Walker (wife Reagan), and Wade Walker; four grandchildren, Ryan Walker, Hallie Walker, Brandon Toulis and Abbey Joe Parantha.

Roger graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1961 and married his first love, Sandra Jo Buckner, in May 1963. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, and most notably, an adoring grandfather. Lovingly referred to as "Rog", he was a generous friend and fierce protector of his family. He was a strong man with a soft heart. He bled John Deere green and gold during the work week and Florida Gator orange and blue on Saturdays! Go Gators! Roger remarried almost one year ago to an "angel on earth," Lois Ayers of Palm City, Fla. His presence on earth will be deeply missed.

The family will receive friends on Saturday July 7th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church-Clewiston. Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Steve Weeks officiating.

Thank you to the Glades community for your prayers and support. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Walker/Kaki Scholarship Fund. The scholarship dollars are awarded annually to Clewiston High School graduating seniors with special learning needs. Donations may be mailed to c/o Reko Parantha at 207 Sandy Circle, LaBelle, FL 33935 or dropped off at any K&M Drugs location.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

John M. Potter, 83

UMATILLA — John M. Potter passed away on June 17, 2018.

He was born in West Palm Beach and spent his working career in the practice of law. He had his own private practice and also represented the Glades County School Board for the period of 28 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Eustis. John will be deeply missed by his wife, Monika of 28 years as well as his children, John Potter II of West Palm Beach, Jennifer Hoban of Mount Dora, David (Cynthia) Potter of Clewiston, and Kimberley (Matthew) Brown of Houston, Texas; his step children, Barbara A. (Hal M) Groves of Clermont, Linda May Creson of Montverde and Aren Chris (Laura Rose) Fortmueller of Ocoee; John also leaves 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please direct memorials to Cornerstone Hospice 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 or St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 4317 Mary Street, Eustis, FL 32726.

Memorial services will be held in St Thomas Episcopal Church of Eustis, the date and time will be posted here.

Lorena Gay 'Tina' Smith

CLEWISTON — Lorena Gay "Tina" Smith, born on March 12, 1958 in Parsons, W.Va., passed from this world to go home to her Savior Jesus on July 5, 2018 in Clewiston.

She loved Clewiston and believed it to be the sweetest of towns. She worked in publishing and most recently as a website builder, homemaker, and served in several capacities at her local church. She had a way of spreading sunshine into the many lives she touched.

Her surviving family includes her husband, Rev. Jeffrey Smith; daughter, Deanna R. Morgan, husband Gerald; mother, Mary J. Powers; dad, Donald; father, the late Donald G. Nestor, spouse Marlayne; siblings, Donnie, Loreale, Kim, Deb, Linda, Mark, Cathy, Angie, Valerie, Nikki and the late James, her beloved grandchildren include: Joshua, Nathan, Austin, Megan and great grandchildren. She also leaves behind other great family members and wonderful friends. We will miss her very much but am excited for her as she entered into her new home, not built with human hands (2nd Corinthians 5:1) but built by God above.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Clewiston and/or The American Cancer Society in her name.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Clewiston, 331 W. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



Lake O releases are on hold indefinitely



INI Florida/Dale Conyers

An algal bloom flows down the Caloosahatchee River; the view is looking west from the LaBelle bridge.

By Chris Felker
The Clewiston News

Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency Monday in Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Lee, Glades and Hendry counties on both coasts of Florida because of algae blooms in the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers.

The governor's order gives state agencies more flexibility in managing fallout from the harmful algae blooms now occurring in many of the state's lakes, including Lake Okeechobee, rivers and coastal estuaries. The emergency declaration lets the Department of Environmental Protection and South Florida Water Management District avert environmental and other restrictions against storing more water south of the lake. This will help alleviate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' need to resume pulse releases from the lake, which were exacerbating the blooms in coastal waterways.

The governor went to Cape Coral on July 9 to make his own up-close examination of the toxic blue-green algae affecting the Caloosahatchee, its tributaries and other waterways in Southwest Florida. His boat tour began early that morning at Horton Park near the Midpoint Bridge in Cape Coral. He wanted to see the areas on the Caloosahatchee where he'd directed the state Department of Environmental Protection to install more water monitoring stations two weeks ago.

"I'm sure if you're a boater, if you're a fisherman, or if you just want to enjoy the water resources, it's frustrating to see this in the water," Gov. Scott said. "At the state level, we're going to continue to do everything we can. I've already asked DEP to do some monitoring stations ... so we'll have a better idea ... what exactly is causing the blooms."

Releases of excess water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie rivers had been scheduled to resume Monday after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended them the previous week. But the Army Corps put a temporary halt to flows to both rivers July 8, declaring they would be suspended for at least several days and that it would "conduct a full assessment of system conditions."

"As we look at operations in the system, we believe we can pause discharges for a short time to get additional input from staff

on available options for moving water," the USACE's Jacksonville District commander, Col. Jason Kirk, said in a news release. "We have implemented higher stages in the canal along the Tamiami Trail and we have implemented deviations to generate flexibility in operations at the southern end of the system to move additional water south. We want to ensure we are using all available flexibility before we resume discharges east and west."

During Col. Kirk's visit June 21 to the dike, when it was announced that the corps would reduce flows to the east and west from the lake, Clewiston Mayor Mali Gardner discussed with officials the lake's recent high levels due to recent rainfall, fishery conditions and the algae that was producing outbreaks from the coasts about the lake releases.

"Everyone wants to blame Lake Okeechobee," she said. "Well, Lake O doesn't produce the water; Lake O doesn't produce the algae. We know for a fact that there's algae in Lake Kissimmee."

"Ninety-five percent of the water that comes into Lake Okeechobee is from the north, and so we're all one connected water system, but we've got to focus on the source, and the source is north of Lake Okeechobee."

She is adamant that those blaming the lake are wrong. "People keep talking about dirty Lake Okeechobee water, (but it does) not produce the algae. We need to look at that northern storage and we need to look at the ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery) wells that were already approved ... and we have to look at those estuary protection wells for emergency cases." Mayor Gardner said she appreciates that more money has been directed toward completing the hardening of the dike. "But that still does not solve the water quality issue that's coming from the north side of Lake Okeechobee. We must not forget that Lake O is the heartbeat of the Everglades, and that its natural habitat must be protected. What needs to be addressed is the amount of water coming in from the north side. It is not a natural flow into Lake Okeechobee, and it has to be modified," she said.

"That's where we should've started was the north side of the lake."

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Employment - Full Time

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Fax: 863-983-9693

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Public Notice

HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Clewiston, Florida

Notice to Public

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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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS

Administration of Estates

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
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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 Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickopoochee 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.

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12743 SW 53rd Ct.
Miramar, Florida 33027

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Glades Co. Public Safety 1 097 Health Park Dr. Moore Haven, FL 33471
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272372 GCD 7/5,12/2018

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/firm/fis, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). 267031 CN/CB 7/5,12/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 18-CA-347

TAMMIE GARZA Plaintiff,
vs.
PEDRO MURILLO MARTINEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE/PROPERTY

TO: **Pedro Murillo Martinez**
Current address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following property in Lee County, Florida: **Lot 4, Block 2150, PORT LABELLE, UNIT 4, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 86 through 102, inclusive, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jacqueline J. Peregrin, Esq., of Peregrin Law Firm, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1, Naples, Florida 34109, on or before July 20, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED on June 14, 2018.

PEREGRIN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Jacqueline J. Peregrin, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0085264
6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1
Naples, Florida 34109
(239) 349-2628 or Fax (239) 631-2304
273497 CN 7/12,19,26;8/2/2018

Clerk of the Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 18-CA-131

U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MID-STATE TRUST VII, Plaintiff,
vs-
HAROLD M. JOHNSON, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

TO: **GLORIA KORNEGAY**
Whose Residence is Unknown
Whose Last Known Mailing Address is: 190 SW 16th Street Belle Glade, FL 33430; 190 N. State Rd 715 Lot 209, Belle Glade, FL 33430; 220 Blessed Lane Blakely, GA 39823

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF MARY L. JOHNSON, DECEASED AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH, UNDER, AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT MARY L. JOHNSON
Whose Residence is Unknown
Whose Last Known Mailing Address is: 703 Harlem Academy Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Hendry County, Florida:

LOT 8, BLOCK C, SOUTH RIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 98 & 99 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on GEORGI ANGELOV, Esquire, of Gibbons Neuman, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3321 Henderson Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609, within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or before August 10, 2018, 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. DATED This 2nd day of July, 2018.

Christine Pratt
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickopoochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5374, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
272948 CN 7/12,19/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 22015CA000017XXXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AH2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AH2, Plaintiff,

v.
DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAVID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C LEE; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 22, 2018 and an Order Resetting Sale dated June 18, 2018 and entered in Case No. 22015CA000017XXXXX of the Circuit Court 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-AH2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AH2 is Plaintiff and DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAVID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C LEE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, 11:00 a.m., on August 23, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, 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°07'17" EAST, ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2439.49 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00°07'17" EAST, ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 THIS SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at Moore Haven, Florida, on June 26th, 2018.
Sandra Brown, As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tami Simmons, Deputy Clerk

271994 GCD 7/12,19/2018

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), announces a regularly scheduled meeting of the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) for the Transportation Disadvantaged program serving Glades and Hendry Counties, to which all persons are invited. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the Glades County Health Department conference room, 1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven, FL 33471. For a copy of the agenda, additional information, or assistance with transportation to the meeting, please contact Marybeth Soderstrom by calling 863-534-7130, ext. 134 or visit www.heartlandregionaltpo.org. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the HRTPO Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Marybeth Soderstrom, 863-534-7130, extension 134 (voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email at msoderstrom@crpc.org at least three business days prior to the event. 272951 CN 7/12/2018

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000910
STA 5 Hauling, Hendry County, Florida

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the **2:30 p.m.** opening time on **August 14, 2018**, for removal and hauling from STA 5, located in Hendry County, Florida. This project involves hauling of approximately 2 million yards of material from STA 5 which includes Section 2-A approximately 342 acres and Section 3-A approximately 383 acres. All excess material will be transported to existing C-139 basin.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling 561-682-2510 or 561-682-2680, or (4) by calling the 24-hour BID HOTLINE 800-472-5290. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. **Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our website - www.sfwmd.gov.** 273668 CN 7/12/2018

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CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR SEATS #1 AND #5 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Central County Water Control District (the "District") seeks qualified candidates to serve on its Board of Supervisors (the "Board"). The District has two Seats up for election: Seats #1 and 5. Each Seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will occur at the annual Landowners Meeting, in October 2018. If selected, members of the Board must submit standard financial disclosures and other information as required by Florida Statutes to the Florida Department of Elections and Hendry County Supervisor of Elections.

Qualified candidates for Seats #1 and 5 of the District Board of Supervisors (the "Board") wishing to have their names appear on the printed ballot should deliver written notice of their intent to run for election to the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33470. Said notice shall include the name of the candidate, the seat that the candidate is running for election to, and contact information, including the address of any land in the District that is owned by the candidate, and telephone number. The District Office will receive candidates' notice of intent to run from NINE O'CLOCK A.M. on July 16, 2018 until NOON on AUGUST 17, 2018, at which time the qualifying period shall close.

Interested parties should contact the District at (863) 983-5797 PRIOR to August 17, 2018 for additional information. 272949 CN 7/12,19/2018

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/firm/fis, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). 267031 CN/CB 7/5,12/2018

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Glades County Democrat/Photos by Richard Marion

Music livens up the Fourth in Lakeport

Dozens of people came out to celebrate the Fourth of July with their neighbors despite threatening skies and occasional downpours as the Lakeport Community Association threw a little party at the community center. Hot dogs and burgers were grilled, little ones and grown-ups both played games, children enjoyed a bounce house and water slide while some got their faces painted, and the band Country Roads provided "great music" for their entertainment, said Glades County Commissioner Donald Strenth. He attended the free event on Wednesday, July 4, and filled in fellow county commissioners about it when they had their regular meeting Tuesday morning. Mr. Strenth said the event wound down at dusk "with a good hour's worth of fireworks."



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