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Lake Levels

14.54 feet

Last Year: 13.27 feet

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



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Gatorama hosts annual Hatching Festival

Special to the Glades County Democrat

PALMDALE — Gatorama will host the 15th annual "Alligator Hatching Festival" daily Aug. 18 through Sept. 3 at the animal park at 10665 U.S. 27, Palmdale.

It is the time of year that chirping, grunting and snapping baby alligators emerge from their shells to meet the world!

"This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about one of nature's fascinating life cycles," said Gatorama owner Allen Register. "For the next couple of weeks, we will welcome over five thousand

alligators into the world at Gatorama. Guests will be able to see and feel these little baby alligators wiggle out of the eggs."

Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the populations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing. Alligator farming is an important part of the program.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/Gatorama
For guests who want a hands-on experience, a "Hatch and Hold" package is available at Gatorama, one of Florida's original roadside attractions.

Council incumbents sound off on issues

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat



Bret Whidden

In the Moore Haven election for three City Council seats that will be decided Tuesday, Aug. 28, there are four candidates including two incumbents. The top three "vote-getters" will claim the seats on the City Council.

The candidates are Mayor Bret Whidden, Councilman Marc Decker, James T. Fielder and Wayne Clay

Browning Jr.

Councilwoman Pat Lucas, whose council seat was also up for election, is not seeking another term.

Questionnaires were sent to the candidates, and the incumbents' responses are included here. A story about the challengers will run in next week's Democrat.



Marc Decker

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New exhibits and activities for everyone have been added since rebuilding the park due to Hurricane Irma damage last September.

"With our website guests may book reservations online and bypass the line at the front desk and go to a special queue to have their e-tickets scanned! This improvement should allow us to provide a smoother experience for our guests," Mr. Register said.

Hatching times are listed on Gatorama's website. The Hatching Festival runs every day through Sept. 3. After school hatching times are available at 5 p.m. each weekday. Regular admission includes the educational hatching programs. For guests who want a hands-on experience, a "Hatch and Hold" package is available.

Gatorama opened in 1957 as one of Florida's first alligator attractions. It is still a popular tourist attraction as well as an operating alligator farm.

For more information, prices and directions as well as to book your Hatch and Hold package, visit www.gatorama.com or www.hatchingfestival.com.

Glades board talks with new manager choice

By Chris Felker

Glades County Democrat

The commissioners of Glades County voted 4-1 to negotiate with their runner-up choice to fill the empty county manager's chair after their first pick for the post withdrew when her family's plans reportedly changed.

Glades County Board Chairman John Ahern said Aug. 8 that Jennifer James-Meslo, village manager in Newberry on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, had withdrawn her name from consideration on Friday, Aug. 3, after conferring with her husband, four days after the commissioners had interviewed four candidates and then chose her (see related Letter to the Editor on Page 3).

At this week's regular meeting, Aug. 14, all the commissioners except Donna Storter Long agreed to have the board chairman and county attorney enter into contract talks

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Nitrogen from the air helps fuel blue-green algae

By **Katrina Elskén**
INI Florida

Tests by the University of Florida show the cyanobacteria bloom in the lake has changed.

At the start of the summer, the dominant type was a species of *Microcystis*, according to Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDEP) tests. In late July, the *Microcystis* bloom appeared to die off. A new bloom that has grown in size in August is a different type of cyanobacteria.

Changes in the cyanobacteria in Lake Okeechobee have been tracked this summer by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration using satellite imagery to detect cyanobacteria in the

water column. The NOAA imagery cannot determine what kind of cyanobacteria is present.

The Aug. 10 image showed cyanobacteria in about 38 percent of Lake Okeechobee, according to satellite oceanographer Dr. Sachi Mishra of NOAA.

Most of the cyanobacteria was in the northeast quadrant of the lake according to the Aug. 10 image.

Cyanobacteria, commonly called “blue-green algae” although it is not technically algae, was detected in 90 percent of the lake in July, then dissipated to about 10 percent of the big lake, according to the NOAA imagery. The most recent imagery shows the cyanobacteria concentra-

tions in about 38 percent of the lake.

The cyanobacteria in the NOAA imagery may not be visible on the water surface, according to Dr. Mishra. It could be in the water column. The satellite can detect cyanobacteria that may not be visible to the human eye.

On Aug. 7, Dr. Dail Laughinghouse, an assistant professor of applied phycology at the UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center, collected water samples from Lake Okeechobee. He found the samples of blue-green algae included three species of *Microcystis*, which dominated the bloom that started in June, and six species of *Anabaena*.

Dr. Karl Havens, director of Florida Sea Grant, said the original bloom that started in June appeared to dissipate before another bloom resurged on Lake Okeechobee.

“We use the word resurging because two weeks ago the bloom appeared to be dissipating – perhaps due to weather conditions or because the algae ran out of dissolved nitrogen in the lake water. We speculated that the bloom might reemerge and be dominated by a species, like *Anabaena*, that could obtain the nitrogen it needs to grow from the atmosphere. The last update confirmed that this predicted change in the kind of algae did happen, and this latest image indicates that the bloom is steadily growing in size,” Dr. Havens wrote on the Florida Sea Grant website on Aug. 11.

According to Dr. Havens, “it is impossible to say how long the bloom will persist,

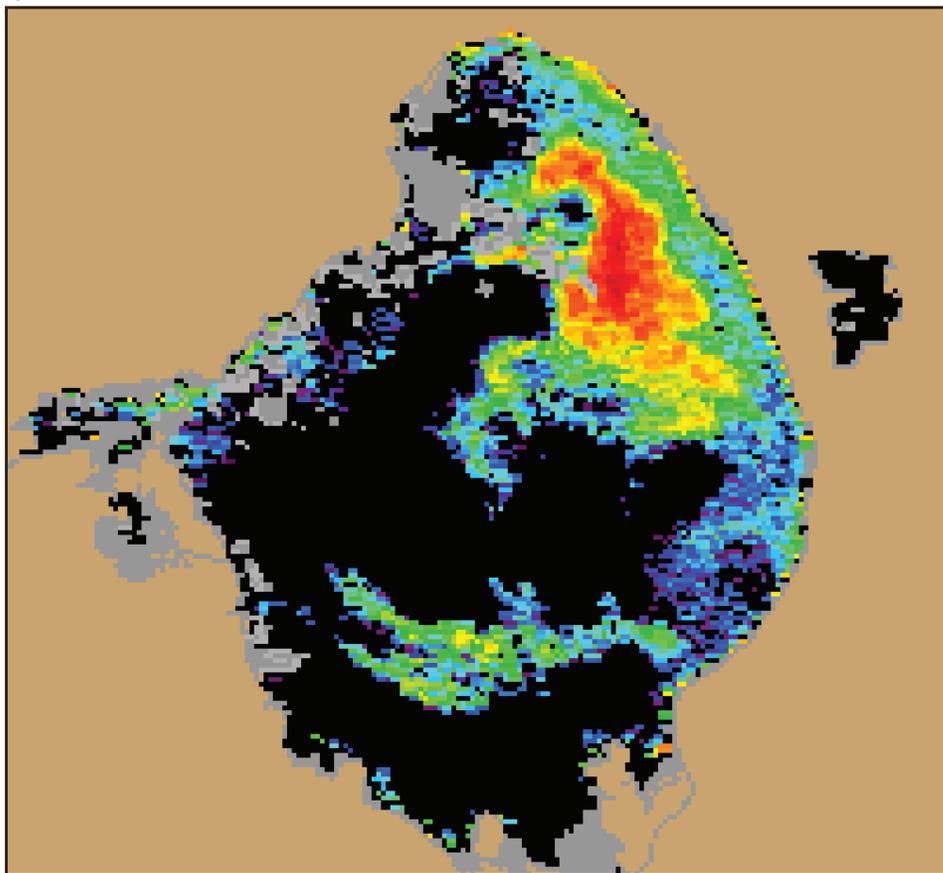
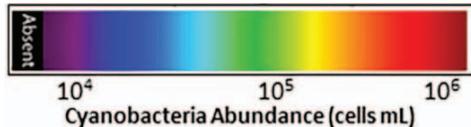
because it is controlled in part by wind, rain and cloud cover, which are unpredictable. However, the bloom now includes *Anabaena*, a species that can obtain, or fix, the nitrogen it needs from the atmosphere. With continued sunny days, warm water, abundant phosphorus from the lake sediments and an unlimited source of nitrogen from the atmosphere, this bloom has the ingredients it needs to grow. This is different from the original bloom of *Microcystis*, which needed nitrogen from the lake water.”

Dr. Havens noted that the releases from the lake to the coastal estuaries may or may not have seeded blue-green algae blooms in those waterways.

“Finding the same kind of blue-green algae dominating the blooms in the lake and in one of the estuaries neither confirms nor negates a physical connection,” he wrote. “*Microcystis* is a common bloom-former in lakes across the United States, Europe and Asia.”

Most of the water – and the nutrient load – that goes in the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries comes from the local watersheds, not from Lake Okeechobee, he noted.

“On average, 60 percent of the total fresh water going into both the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries originates from the local watersheds, and 40 percent originates from Lake Okeechobee,” Dr. Havens wrote.



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Advertisement for Allied Portables and Cris's Tech Repair. The top section features the logo for Allied Portables, which includes a large letter 'A' inside a circle with 'ALLIED PORTABLES' and 'Est. 2005' written around it. Below the logo is a photograph of several blue and green portable toilets. Below the photo is the text: "A HEARTY GREETING TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE CLEWISTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE". Underneath this is the logo for the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, which includes the text "CLEWISTON Chamber of Commerce" and "America's Sweetest Town" with icons of a lemon, an orange, and a grape. The bottom section features the logo for Cris's Tech Repair, which includes the text "CRIS'S TECH REPAIR" and a photograph of a hand using a computer mouse.

Advertisement for Glades AC. The top section features the logo for Glades AC, which includes the text "glades ac" in a blue font with a green leaf icon above the 'a' in "ac". Below the logo is a photograph of a white house with a green roof and a tree. The middle section features the text "Refrigeration ~ AC ~ Ice Machines" in a blue font, followed by "Serving the Lake Okeechobee Region Since 1929" in a green font. Below this is a photograph of a man and a woman, identified as Jim and Monica McCarthy Clark. To the right of the photo is a photograph of a white portable air conditioner unit. Below the photo is a gold seal that says "CONSUMERS BEST BUY DIGEST" and "INFINITY-21 AIR CONDITIONER". The bottom section features the phone number "800.763.2114" in a large white font, followed by the text "Manitowoc® TRANE® Carrier®" in a white font. The bottom right corner includes the text "St. Lic. #CMC054668".

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Letters to the Editor

The mis-fire/mis-hire of Jennifer James-Mesloh

I'm a resident of the small Village of Newberry in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I moved here the same month in 2017 that Jennifer James-Mesloh took over as the village manager. I didn't become very aware of her until I attended a Power and Water Board meeting this year to voice my opposition to a "flat water rate." I was fairly alarmed at what I saw and heard from Mrs. James-Mesloh (who had been chosen by Glades County as its new manager, but withdrew).

My chief concern was the seemingly blatant, unapologetic disregard for her own job description, specifically not complying with a village ordinance specifying that the manager "prepare and administer the budget. The budget for fiscal 2017 wasn't introduced until the second quarter of 2018. There is still no legitimate budget posted for fiscal 2018, although dozens of "budget amendments" have been passed. There was supposedly a state audit conducted in May, but no one can seem to locate the office or persons that conducted it, or the results of it.

Mrs. James-Mesloh has hired (illegally in some cases) five people and two outside accounting firms (on contract) to literally cover the budget responsibilities. In fiscal 2017, she managed to increase "administrative allocation" to \$490,000, which is over a 330 percent increase from the previous year. She "appointed" an assistant manager, for which no authority existed and no hiring process was undertaken. None of these positions were approved, vetted properly or ever publicly posted.

As residents of Newberry became increasingly curious and critical, her response was to essentially clam up and "lawyer up."

In the face of overwhelming non-transparency, the people of this small town went on to submit over 80 Freedom of Information Act requests to the village, most for documents that should be available in any municipal office in this country promptly upon request. However, many of these remain unanswered, or the documentation presented was either incomplete or completely absent.

If all this wasn't intriguing and/or painful enough, the residents of Newberry learned Aug. 3 that Mrs. James-Mesloh had been chosen as Glades County Florida's new manager. The week's string of confusion, denials, accusations of "fake news" and the subsequent announcement on the 8th that she had refused the position (as the Glades County Democrat reported online) were all very interesting as well.

A large camp of folks up here basically said, "Good ... she's their problem now." At first, I laughed ... and agreed. But then I started thinking that letting her go was not only giving her a pass on her utter failures in our town, but that indeed she would be somebody else's problem now. Someone who was so willing to leave us in a lurch (keep in mind, she has a five-year contract with Newberry) would undoubtedly do the same to the next town, if "greener pastures" presented themselves.

Suffice it say that Glades County, in my opinion, has dodged the proverbial bullet in the mis-fired hiring of Jennifer James-Mesloh. Our commitment in Newberry to ridding ourselves of her has not wavered, but not at the expense of our neighbors in another town, county or state.

God bless and good luck in finding a real qualified professional to serve your community and its needs.

Michael Winn
Newberry, Mich.

Amendment 6 key for crime victims

As a proud member of law enforcement for more than 25 years, it is my job to make sure that justice is properly executed across our state. Ensuring a fair trial for all Floridians accused of a crime is integral to our society. However, a large population of citizens are continuously overlooked by the Florida justice system. Without any clear, enforceable constitutional protections, crime victims are forced to stand by and watch as their abusers are afforded rights that they are denied as victims. It is time to balance the scales of justice and ensure both crime victims and those accused of a crime are treated as equals.

Amendment 6, also known as Marsy's Law for Florida, will give crime victims specific protections in our state's most powerful legal document. Some of these protections include being alerted when their perpetrator is released from custody, having the right to be heard in a courtroom and receiving timely updates about their case. It is impossible to hold a fair trial when prioritizing one person's legal standing over another, which is currently the case in Florida. By giving victims equal standing, Amendment 6 offers crime victims the respect and dignity they deserve. The fact that it has taken us this long to not only recognize the problem, but begin to correct it, is inexcusable. However, I am glad there is finally an opportunity to rectify this injustice.

This law requires a 60 percent passing vote to be established in the Florida Constitution. I urge everyone to vote for Amendment 6 in November. Together, we can help provide the justice necessary for victims to heal and move forward.

Sheriff David Hardin
Glades County

Glades at a Glance

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.

HGUNC meeting set Aug. 17

Nonprofits' representatives and the public are invited to the Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC) meeting to be held on Friday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m., at the Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell St. in LaBelle. For information, call Terri Miazga at 813-892-5021 or email hgunc133@gmail.com.

BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 East in Buckhead Ridge, will serve dinner on Friday, Aug. 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Menu includes 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 Gerry Harmon. Proceeds benefits homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

VFW Riders serves meals

The VFW Riders will serve a full breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and a meatloaf dinner at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 East in Buckhead Ridge. Proceeds benefit veterans' services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

BHR VFW serves breakfast

The VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 East in Buckhead Ridge, will serve a full breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 19, from 8:30-11 a.m. Proceeds benefit veterans' services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Senator to hold mobile hours

The staff of State Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Lake Placid) will hold mobile office hours on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J S.W. in Moore Haven, from 9 to 10 a.m. and at the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce, 55 S. Parrott Ave. in Okeechobee, from 11 a.m. to noon.

BHR VFW serves up dinner

The BHR VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 East in Buckhead Ridge, will serve beef brisket over noodles with succotash dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit veterans' services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

'Strike Out Hunger' event in Port St. Lucie

The Treasure Coast Food Bank's (TCFB) "Strike Out Hunger" Night will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at First Data Field in Port St. Lucie as the St. Lucie Mets take on the Tampa Bay Yankees. The St. Lucie Mets players will be wearing custom "Strike Out Hunger" jerseys, which will be auctioned to support the Treasure Coast Food Bank's efforts to fight hunger. TCFB will be holding a food drive at the field. Anyone donating an item of nonperishable food will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an autographed jersey. Tickets cost \$9 for a premium box seat or \$8 for general admission; purchase through this link: <https://stophunger.org/event/strike-out-hunger-2/>. The park is located at 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.

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Candidate profiles

Mr. Whidden, 55, is a fourth-generation Glades County resident and graduate of Moore Haven High School. He worked for the city, mainly in the water department, for almost 10 years after graduation, then labored at a ranch for a time and has been employed by Glades Electric Co. for nearly 18 years.

The mayor is chairman of the City County Public Works Authority board and co-chairman of the Glades County Tourism Development Council. He has been on the City Council for 16 years, the last approximately 14 years as mayor. He has been married to Dena for 36 years and has a son, Devin, who's 33, and daughter Stacie, who is 29 and a deputy for the Glades County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Whidden said he's running again because "I'd like to continue the direction that the city is going in, improve the City of Moore Haven, in ... getting it cleaned up, continue to improve and capitalize on our water and electric system, and make sure we don't go broke."

Asked who his heroes are, he responded: "My wife is my hero. I've been married to her for 36 years, and she's not just my wife, she's probably one of the best mothers ... also my best friend."

Councilman Decker drove trucks on long-distance routes for 35 years before moving to Moore Haven in 2000. He was employed by Glades Electric Co. for 10 years before he retired in 2011.

A homeowner in the city, Mr. Decker has raised two daughters with his wife of 52 years, Bettie. He is a member of the Methodist Church in Moore Haven.

Mr. Decker said he is running for another term on the City Council "to be an active member of the community and to see Moore Haven prosper." He did not respond to the query about who his heroes are.

Three questions posed

What are the most important couple of issues facing the City of Moore Haven today? And what would you propose to do about them?

Mr. Decker: "Continue to develop utilities and infrastructure. Support water plant expansion, continue sewer projects, and electri-

cal maintenance."

Mr. Whidden: "We need some controlled growth, more tax base and we need to capitalize on our main natural resources — Lake Okeechobee, Fisheating Creek and the Caloosahatchee River. I'd like to continue — and we're still working on it — trying to get some money allotted to finish the Moore Haven Canal, Seven-Mile Canal; whatever you want to call it. People call it different things. That would open up access from Moore Haven to Lake O. And we're working on getting a motel in Moore Haven. When we get people to come, they'd have a place to stay, and they'll come and utilize our resources and spend money in our stores, motels, bait stores, grocery stores or whatever."

What do you think the city government can do to address the shortage of available jobs and affordable housing in Moore Haven?

Mr. Decker: "Support U.S. 27 corridor development."

Mr. Whidden: "Well, we just had a new apartment building built in town. The city's only one square mile. A lot of the vacant lots are owned by private citizens, so there's not a whole lot of open land in the city. Now, we've got a place where the old grocery store was; the people who own it got with our new city manager ... and they're talking about tearing that down. We've got some space along U.S. 27 where things could be built, but we just don't have a lot of land in the city. Most of it is residential. There are some nice lots, and we're steadily (installing) sewer. We're ... fixing to start on the south phase of 27. When we finish that, everything on the south side will be on sewer, and then we've got to finish on the north side. So that will make lots a little more valuable because rather than having to put in a septic tank and drain field, it'll be on sewer."

How do you think the City of Moore Haven could best attempt to attract new businesses?

Mr. Decker: "Continue city beautification and support the Economic Development Council."

Mr. Whidden: "Complete the sewer projects, because there's not a big business that's going to come and build if they have to get on a drain field and septic tank. Sewer just makes it a lot more feasible and more attractive."

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with their second choice, Martin Murphy, and those negotiations began later that day. Mrs. Long cast the "no" vote after raising concerns about doing a more thorough background check with previous employers.

According to Mr. Ahern, Mrs. James-Mesloh had said she was backing out because her husband had changed his mind about retiring and moving to Florida. However, one Newberry resident who contacted this newspaper after learning she'd been chosen wrote in an email just after she withdrew that that was not the reason she gave the village she works for currently.

Commissioner Long said Tuesday that Mrs. James-Mesloh had asked that Glades County human resources staff not contact her current employer, the Village of Newber-

ry, unless she were offered the job.

"It was kind of shocking," said Chairman Ahern of her backing out. "We didn't see it coming."

Among other business items on its long agenda Tuesday, the county board voted unanimously to appoint Archie Branch as permanent director of the Public Works Department. He'd been named interim director on July 16 and was the only present employee to apply for the position in response to an internal job posting.

The commissioners also were unanimous in deciding to affirm Public Safety Director Bob Jones as Glades' deputy county manager, to act in the absence of the county manager in all of that person's capacities except for hiring and firing authority, or authorizing any budgeted spending over \$25,000 without county board approval.

Mr. Jones will now act as day-to-day manager until a new permanent county manager is hired.

HENDRY COUNTY AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will take place on **August 29, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the amendment is consistent with the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan*.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC will consider whether or not it wishes to transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. This hearing will be held on **September 11, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, Florida. NOTE, the County advertised public hearings on this subject on August 2, 2018. The dates for both public hearings have been changed and the location of the second public hearing has changed.

Petition Number: CPA18-0003

Applicant: Joe Marlin Hilliard, Trustee of the Joe Marlin Hilliard Revocable Trust dated November 5, 1973; Joe Marlin Hilliard as Trustee of the Marlin W. Hilliard Revocable Trust dated November 5, 1973; Joe Marlin Hilliard, II and Chelsa R. Hilliard; and Bryan R. Hilliard and Shea Hilliard

Project size: 904 acres +/-

Location: 6000, 5800, 5670, 5600, 4640, 4550 and 4520 W. US 27, Clewiston, FL 33440 (Parcel IDs: 1-33-43-10-A00-0001.0000; 1-33-43-10-A00-0002.0000; 1-33-43-10-A00-0005.0000; 1-33-43-10-A00-0006.0000; 1-33-43-11-A00-0003.0000; 1-33-43-11-A00-0004.0000; and 1-33-43-11-A00-0005.0000)

Request: The applicant is requesting to amend the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map by changing the future land use designation from Agriculture to Multi-Use Development on the subject property.

Ordinance title:

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY +/- 904 ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE TO MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

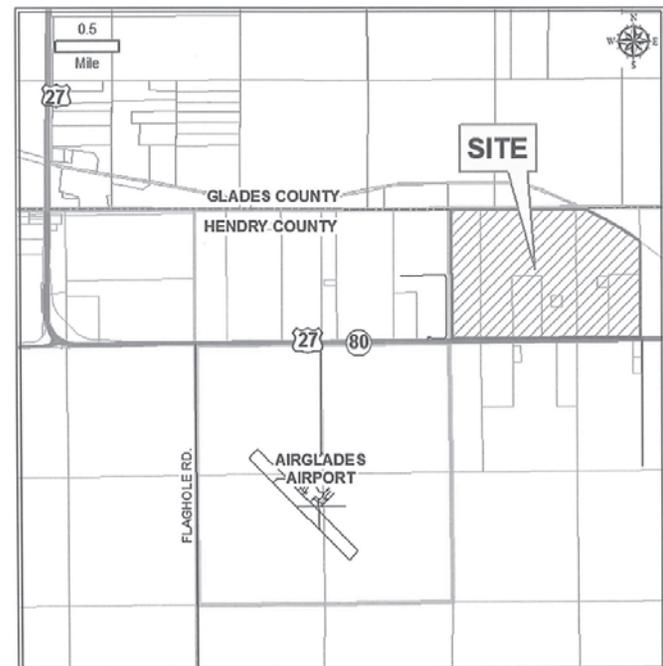
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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U.S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at either meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail mjohnson@hendryfla.net.

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Billie Joyce Wiseman Borst

A burial of cremains of Billie Joyce Wiseman Borst will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 17, 2018, immediately followed by a celebration of her life held at the Clewiston Inn. There was a funeral director error in last week's newspaper.

Debra A Hughes, 59

MOORE HAVEN — Debra A Hughes passed away Aug. 10, 2018 in Loxahatchee.

She was born Nov. 2, 1958 in Pensacola, to the late George and Julie (Gann) Harris.

Survivors include one son, Robert (Jackie) Dunson; two daughters, Leslie Whitehead and Shelley (Matt) Farnam; three brothers, Paul Harris, Steve Harris and Ronnie Harris; two sisters, Carol Whitehead and Donna Dixon; five grandchildren, Jenna Smith, Kaitlyn Dunson, Chase Dowd, Paisley Farnam and Everley Farnam.

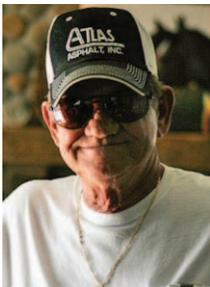
Memorial services will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Alvin L. Ward Boat Ramp, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Philip Earnest Mann, 75

CLEWISTON — Philip Earnest Mann passed away Aug. 13, 2018 at home.

Philip was born Mar. 25, 1943 in Light, Arkansas to Earl and Margaret (Barber) Mann. Mr. Mann married Linda L. Shannon on March 13, 1965 in Brooklyn, Arkansas. He served in the United States Air Force from January 1961- January 1965. After he was discharged from the Air Force, he worked for many years as a corrections officer for Glades Corrections Institute retiring as a Sergeant. He enjoyed wood working, building items with wood. He just built a display of wood working tools the day before he passed away. He was a member of the PBA.



Philip leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Linda Mann of Clewiston; four sons, Tony Mann and wife Suzie, Steve Mann and wife Sheri, Troy Mann, Tracey Mann and wife Lindsey; sister, Barbara Treadway; grandchildren, Heather Issac and husband Ryan, Brandon Mann, Josh Mann and wife Katherine, Trent Mann, Elizabeth Smith, Savannah Mann, Kyle Mann, Elly Mann, Cooper Mann, Colton Mann, Kayci Gillean and husband Ty, Braden Compton, Alexis Diliberto; great grandchildren, Lily Issac, Noah Issac, Gannon Gillean, Sawyer Mann, Sloan Mann, Stella Mann, Liam Bradley, Callen Pitt and Weston Smith.

Memorial gathering of family and friends will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Cremation arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston

Reflections from the Pulpit

When people aren't heard for the wrong reasons; and what to listen for

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Somehow I was involved with a discussion on oil consumption when on vacation one year and where I disagreed with the people around me. I don't remember all of the details, but I remember someone asking me "Where are you from?" I replied that it doesn't matter where I am from, the points I was trying to make did not depend on my geography. My answer wasn't satisfying and my comments were dismissed by others in the group. I hung on nevertheless, and continued to make my points. When we ended, nobody had changed their mind and each kept reiterating what was previously said. Other than disagreeing, the dialogues were useless!

All too often I've heard that "People from ... are like that" or "That's typical of those ..." or "You can always expect people from ... to think that way."

A few years back, one of my colleagues was identified as trying to "understand" immigrants from a Caribbean country in the Church he served and apparently didn't make much headway. When I began ministry there, one parishioner said to me "You don't understand us." My reply was "Well, you all don't think alike!" and I let it go at that. So did the people in the congregation and we got along very well for my tenure there.

My parents came from different backgrounds and disagreements were sometimes attributed to the differences. For awhile I dated someone whose parents came from the same country, disagreements being attributed to the fact that they were from different towns! As I began to explore the New Testament, I noted that people were identified by their professions or where they came from.

Paul writes about "Alexander the coppersmith ... (2 Timothy 4:14) and is himself known as "a man from Tarsus named Saul (Acts 9:11). In those days there were no last names; people being identified by where they were from or what they did. However, it also told something about their backgrounds, beliefs, politics and customs. These were factors that would shape them for their lives too.

Jesus Himself had this problem too. He has fed 5,000 people and then goes off by Himself with His disciples (John 6;22-25). The crowds search and find Him and He tells them "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill (6:26)." Jesus tells them that He is the Bread of Life; what He will give is more than just nourishment here on earth; declaring "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty (6:35ff)." Then those who followed began to "grumble (v. 41)." "Is not this the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know. How can he now say 'I came down from Heaven?' (v. 42)." Jesus reiterates that He is the bread that came down from Heaven and calls for

belief. The dissenters continue to argue and were divided among themselves; "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?(v. 52)."

The ploy is to assail the person and ignore what he is saying; to look for weaknesses in what is being proclaimed; to point out "we know him, he's outside of his field" and find a rationale to dismiss what is being said. I've been told that it is an effective tactic, even if it has nothing to do with the topic at hand.

It was a problem in Jesus' day and is still

with us. Jesus chose to stay above the fray. His words are still with us and have lasted.

I have found that I do better when I listen to what people say rather than worry about where they're from or what their lineage may be.

Jesus' "lineage" didn't bother Him; He made use of it by opening the doors to all of humanity. His mandate was to "Go into all of the world..." and that's the way that overcomes dismissing others for reasons that don't matter after all.

Lakeside Ranch STA contract approved

Special to INI Florida

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board last week awarded a contract to build the final piece of the Lakeside Ranch Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) project, the S-191A Pump Station.

In cooperation with the other coordinating agencies, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, SFWMD's project will improve the hydrology and water quality of Lake Okeechobee.

The Lakeside Ranch Stormwater Treatment Area in western Martin County is a key component of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program. It is one of the restoration projects included in the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan that will improve the quality of water flowing into the lake.

SFWMD previously constructed 2,700 acres of wetlands in two phases, capable of treating stormwater runoff from the Taylor Creek and Nubbin Slough basins flowing into Lake Okeechobee. The 1,200-acre first phase was completed in 2012 and the 1,500-acre second phase will be completed this year. The treatment area uses wetland plants to remove phosphorus from stormwater runoff naturally.

The S-191A Pump Station is the last component of the Lakeside Ranch project. Taylor Creek and Nubbin Slough basins have the highest phosphorus levels of any incoming watershed into the lake, with average total levels of more than 400 parts per billion (ppb). Phosphorus levels leaving Lakeside Ranch after treatment have been measured as low as 20 ppb. The STA can remove nearly 21 tons of phosphorus each year from the waters feeding the lake.

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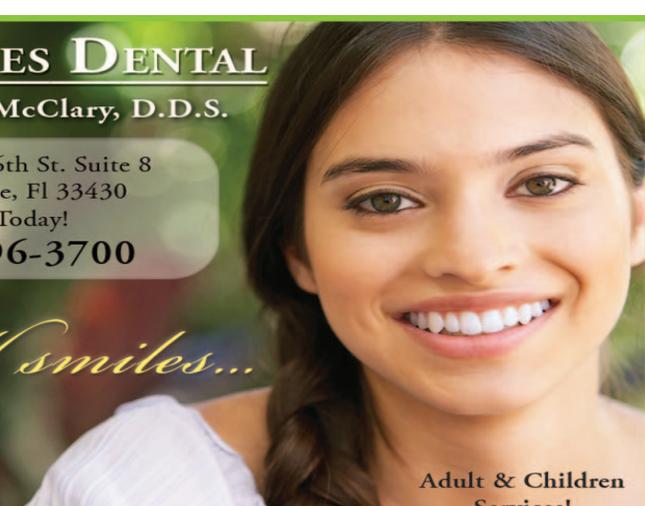
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Know when to swim it, shore it or dodge it

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GLADES/HENDRY — The Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties reminds residents and visitors to safely enjoy Florida's waters this summer. Florida's 9,000 miles of freshwater and salt-water shorelines offer opportunities to have fun and stay cool, but it is important to know when to swim, stick to the shore or avoid naturally occurring living organisms such as mosquitoes or algae blooms.

Cyanobacteria/blue-green algae are a group of organisms that can live in freshwater, saltwater or mixed "brackish" water. When conditions are right, such as with warm water and increased nutrients, these organisms can increase in numbers and accumulate in some areas of a water body. These blooms can sometimes be pushed near the shore by winds, waves, tides and currents. When this happens, people have a greater chance of contacting the blooms.

Exposure to water containing algae may cause gastrointestinal effects if swallowed and rash if touched or inhaled. Swimming in water with blue-green algae blooms may cause ear, eye and skin reactions, and hay fever- and flu-like symptoms (including diarrhea) — these reactions are not common. Algae blooms can also remove oxygen from the water and cause fish kills.

The department offers the following "Swim It, Shore It or Dodge It" reminders:

- Swim It with a buddy when safety flags and signs indicate that it is safe to do so.
- Shore It on the sand if you have a cut on your skin, have a weakened immune system or you are alone.
- Dodge It by avoiding organisms that live in or near the water, and stay clear of algae blooms.

If you experience illness related to an algae bloom, please call the Florida Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.



Special to the Glades County Democrat

Blue-green algae are a group of organisms that can live in freshwater, saltwater or mixed brackish water.

For health-related questions, contact the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties at 863-674-4041.

To report fish kills, call Fish Kill Hotline (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) at 800-636-0511.

To report algae blooms, contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 855-305-3903.

About the Florida Department of Health
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Motorcycle crash claims two lives

By Debbie Perviss

Glades County Democrat

Two people died from injuries they suffered in an Aug. 4 motorcycle crash on the Brighton Reservation Road.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, at 2:52 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, a group of six motorcycles were traveling south on County Road 721 (Reservation Road). While negotiating a left curve, four of the motorcycles traveled off the roadway to the west, entering a bordering ditch. All riders were thrown from their respective motorcycles.

Craig Colton, 48, of Fort Lauderdale was operating a 2006 Harley-Davidson. Mr. Colton was transported to Hendry Regional Medical Center for minor injuries that he sustained in the crash. A passenger on his motorcycle, Nicole Hobin of Fort Lauderdale, was reported deceased at the scene from her injuries in the crash.

Lisa Straus, 57, of Boyton Beach, was op-

erating a 2012 Harley-Davidson. Ms. Straus was transported to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee with minor injuries she sustained in the crash.

Robert Ferminich, 61, of Pompano Beach was operating a 2001 Harley-Davidson. Mr. Ferminich was transported to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce with minor injuries he sustained in the crash.

Timothy Purvis, 65, of West Palm Beach, was operating a 1977 Honda motorcycle. Mr. Purvis was transported to Tampa General Hospital. The FHP reported on Aug. 5 that Mr. Purvis had died from his injuries suffered in the crash.

Mr. Colton was arrested and charged with DUI manslaughter.

The traffic accident was investigated by crash investigator Trooper Yoel Garcia and homicide investigator Corporal Jusin Close.

HENDRY COUNTY AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will take place on **August 29, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the amendment is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC will consider whether or not it wishes to transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. This hearing will be held on **September 11, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, Florida. NOTE, the County advertised public hearings on this subject on August 2, 2018. The dates for both public hearings have been changed and the location of the second public hearing has changed.

Petition Number: CPA18-0004

Applicant: Southern Gardens Groves Corporation

Project size: 682 acres +/-

Location: W. US 27 (NE corner of Whidden Corner), Clewiston, FL 33440
(Parcel IDs: 1-32-43-01-A00-0003.0000; 1-33-43-06-A00-0001.0000;
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1-32-43-12-A00-0005.0000; 1-33-43-07-A00-0002.0000;
and 1-33-43-07-A00-0001.0100)

Request: The applicant is requesting to amend the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map by changing the future land use designation from Agriculture to Multi-Use Development on the subject property.

Ordinance title:

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY +/- 682 ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE TO MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

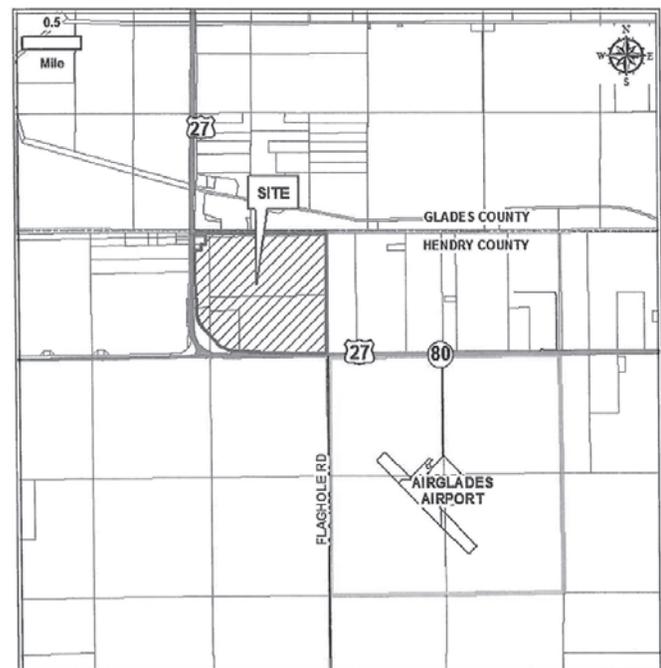
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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U.S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at either meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail mjohnson@hendryfla.net.

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‘Art in the Park’ contest underway for next year

By Chris Felker
Glades County Democrat

MOORE HAVEN — The Glades County Public Library, the Library Advisory Board and Friends of the Library are sponsoring an “Around the Lake” student art contest during these last four months of 2018.

This contest is open to all the students living around Lake Okeechobee. The subject matter should deal with each student’s answer to the question, “What does Lake Okeechobee mean to me?”

“The Advisory Board chose this topic to show the beauty and diversity of our lovely area and not to limit the children on their creativity on this subject. I am sure they will come up with something amazing,” said Sandy Lundy, who’s spearheading the contest.

The entries will be judged and displayed

during the Art in the Park event scheduled Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. There are four categories for the students: pre-kindergarten through second grade; third through fifth grade; sixth through eighth grade; and ninth through 12th grade.

Cash prizes of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third will be awarded.

The student artists may use mixed media. The library is providing the tag board for students to work with. Each student must complete an application in order to participate in the contest, and the form may be picked up at the library. The tag board is also now available from the library, as of Aug. 13.

Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. The Glades County Public Library is located at 201 Riverside Drive in Moore Haven. For more information, call the library at 863-946-0744.



Special to the Glades County Democrat/SFWMMD

Lock at BHR closed for repairs

For boaters navigating to and from Lake Okeechobee, the S-127 navigation lock at Buckhead Ridge in Glades County closed Monday, Aug. 13, and will remain closed through Wednesday, Aug. 22. During that time, staff from the South Florida Water Management District’s Okeechobee Field Station will be conducting repairs to the lock. To get the latest information on navigation through SFWMMD structures and waterways, mariners may visit www.sfwmd.gov/navigation.

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Sugar farmers push back on attacks from media

Special to INI Florida

Farmers around Lake Okeechobee are attempting to push back against attacks from politicians and media outlets around South Florida.

After toxic algae blooms began to take over waterways in South Florida, some politicians running for election began to single out one scapegoat, 'Big Sugar.'

During a campaign event in Fort Myers in early July, Republican Florida governor hopeful Ron DeSantis blamed sugar farmers for the algae crisis and claimed his opponent Adam Putnam was controlled by "Big Sugar."

"I want to clean up the waterways here in South Florida," said Mr. DeSantis. "He (Putnam) is captive to big sugar. He won't do anything they don't want him to do" — the implication being that "Big Sugar" is responsible for the algae crisis, and that their goal is for it to continue.

Opponents of "Big Sugar" claim that sugar farms around Lake Okeechobee are responsible for the increased phosphorus in the lake that blue-green algae feeds on, and water released from the lake by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is responsible for the both the algae crisis on the east coast of Florida and the red tide disaster on the west coast.

However, about 90 percent of the phosphorus load into Lake Okeechobee comes from the watershed north of the lake. A majority of the sugar farms in Florida are located south of Lake Okeechobee.

According to the South Florida Water Management District, only 4 percent of the phosphorus entering the lake comes from south of the lake.

University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) regional sugarcane extension agent Stewart Swanson thinks this disconnect between rhetoric and reality is a function of so few people being involved with agriculture.

"Everybody looks for a word that'll catch everybody's attention you know that's how you get 'Big Sugar' and everything," said Mr. Swanson. "But there isn't that much acreage of sugarcane north of the lake. There's a couple thousand acres near Highlands County, that's about it. But in the watershed that runs all the way to Disney World, you have 140,000 acres of citrus. So it's 140,000

acres of citrus versus about 2,000 acres of sugar cane that's in the watershed north of the lake."

Mr. Swanson also stated that sugar cane has the lowest requirements of nutrients for many crops grown in South Florida, only requiring a fraction of the nitrogen and phosphorus compared with a vegetable or citrus crop.

Neither Mr. DeSantis nor any of the governor hopefuls on the Democratic side have run ads attacking "Big Citrus."

Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs for U.S. Sugar, says both U.S. Sugar and the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce are conducting public tours and bringing coastal residents out to tour sugar farms and processing facilities to get a firsthand look at how their food is grown and processed in hopes of telling their side of the story.

"The farming community is disappointed that farmers, who are natural caretakers of the their land and water resources, are being falsely accused of harming the coastal environment," said Mrs. Sanchez. "These accusations absolutely come from misunderstanding, some of which has been deliberately spread by anti-farming activist groups. In 2018, communities south of Lake Okeechobee contributed barely 2 percent of the water into Lake Okeechobee, and that was for flood control for the city of Clewiston. It had nothing to do with protecting sugarcane farmers or farm land."

In an article published in the Tampa Bay Times on Aug. 6, reporter Craig Pittman called out Adam Putnam for being the only candidate in the governor race to take money from Florida sugar companies in the midst of the algae crisis. In the article, Mr. Pittman correctly pointed out that Florida's best management practices (BMP) program, which consists of cost-effective actions that agricultural producers can take to conserve water and reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste and other pollutants entering our water resources, is an essentially voluntary program for most of the state. However, Ardis Hammock, co-owner of Frierson Farms located near Moore Haven, released a statement attempting to correct Mr. Pittman's article in regard to BMP practices in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), where a majority of sugar farms operate.

"Mr. Pittman claims that the sugarcane farmers' best management practices that have successfully reduced phosphorus by 57 percent are some sort of 'voluntary' program," said Ms. Hammock in statement released by Florida Sugarcane Farmers. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Sugarcane and vegetable farmers in the EAA are required by law to reduce phosphorus by 25 percent annually, and they betted that by more than twice what is legally required of them for more than two decades. Every single drop of water flowing off their land is cleaned, and the farmers pay 100 percent of the cost to clean the water flowing off their property — the vast majority of which flows south to the Everglades."

UF/IFAS regional sugarcane extension agent Stewart Swanson backed up Ms. Hammock's claims.

"In the entire EAA south of the lake, the BMPs are mandatory," explained Mr. Swanson. "I managed a research station for the University of Florida in that area. I had an auto collector that collected water samples once every hour, and those samples were sent off to a lab and the phosphorous content was tested."

Some of the attacks on the sugar industry in Florida from politicians and media have

led to threats being made to the communities south of Lake Okeechobee. The sheriff's offices in Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach counties are currently investigating some of the veiled threats that were made online.

Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden was quoted as saying the threatening language was posted by several vocal people online and was generally aimed at people living near Lake Okeechobee. One person criticized the sugar industry for causing the algae problem and declared they'd show up "2nd Amendment in hand." Another said protesters should gather near the lake "to draw police," "take physical action" on Lake Okeechobee and said "I got a welder and an AR (assault rifle) but it's gonna take a big group to stand up to local law enforcement."

"Agriculture is an easy target," concluded Mr. Swanson. "Few people are involved in it anymore. I think nationally we only have half of one percent of people that are actually involved with agriculture. But I think we need to do as good a job as possible protecting our water resources here in Florida and I've spent years working in this program to do just that."

Is your boat prepared for a hurricane?

By Samantha Grenrock
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — When a hurricane is on the horizon, boat owners need to do more than batten down the hatches to get ready, according to an expert with the University of Florida. Hurricane season started June 1, but boaters in the sunshine state can take steps now to make sure their vessels don't end up beached, underwater or in pieces, said Brittany Scharf, a Florida Sea Grant agent with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension in Hernando County.

"It is important to do a trial run of how you would secure your vessel so you will know how long it will take. Factor in possible road closures or low lying areas that may make your action plan difficult. Vessels will need to be moved 48 to 72 hours before a storm is predicted to hit an area," she said.

"Boat owners should develop a plan of

action and practice this plan. Are you going to secure your vessel in a marina? Are you going to remove it from the water and secure it on land? Do you need to moor your vessel? What materials would you need to make this possible?" Ms. Scharf said.

If you can, plan to move inland. Storing your boat in a garage or building is ideal, but if that's not an option, the leeward side of a building will offer some protection, Scharf said. If you store your boat outside, place it away from trees and power lines.

"Overall, the best place for your boat during a hurricane is on dry land that's far away from coastal areas," Ms. Scharf said. "This is definitely easier to do with smaller boats, but these boats are also the most vulnerable to damage from a storm."

"Make sure your insurance policy is current and that you know what your policy covers," Ms. Scharf said.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-00008

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRVING L. BAKER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Irving L. Baker, deceased, whose date of death was December 2nd, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J #102, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against 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 August 16th, 2018.
 Personal Representative: Thomas E. Baker 18841 E. Water Drive Unit D Aurora, CO 80013

ROBERTO P. CELAYA SHEEHAN & CELAYA, P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative 300 DAL HALL BLVD. LAKE PLACID, FL 33852 By: ROBERTO P. CELAYA Florida Bar No. 20769 Email Addresses: roberto@scjuris.com 278184 GCD 8/16,23/2018

Fictitious Name

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 Notice is hereby given that a Hendry County Selection Committee will hold a meeting on August 21, 2018, at 9:00 AM, for presentations, review, and selection of the submittals for RFO #2018-17, Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.
 If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Engineering Department at (863) 675-5222; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail konan@hendryfla.net.
 Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
 Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Veronica Gonzalez al (863) 675-5324.
 280979 CN/CB 8/16/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2018 CA 000203

ST WEALTH PARTNERS, LP, Plaintiff, vs. RUBY C. SULLIVAN; ESTATE OF RUBY C. SULLIVAN; and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUBY C. SULLIVAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION: CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE -- PROPERTY
 TO: Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929; Estate of Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929; Unknown Heirs of Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to the following property in Hendry County:
Lots 33 and 34, Block 4486, Unit 63, Cape Coral Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 21, Pages 48 through 81, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.
 Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Owen Sokolof, Esq., Sokolof Remtulla Stengel, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 224 Datura Street, Suite 515, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, on or before Thirty (30) days from Date of First Publication of this Notice 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 and the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 DATED on July 2nd, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: J. Bevis DEPUTY CLERK
 Sokolof Remtulla Stengel LLC 224 Datura Street, Suite 515 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 OSokolof@floridalitlaw.com SRemtulla@floridalitlaw.com SStengel@floridalitlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Telephone: 561-507-5252 272668 CN 8/16,23,30/9/6/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 22-2018-CA-000067

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, REBEN JACOBO A/K/A RUBEN JACOBO, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
GLORIA JACOBO
 To: 784 Avenue E, Moore Haven, FL 33471
 Current Address: Unknown

ISLAND MOBILE NETWORK, INC., A DISSOLVED NEW YORK CORPORATION, BY AND THROUGH ALAN JACOBS, TRUSTEE
 Last Known Address: 535 Broadhollow Road, Suite B29, Melville, NY 11747
 Current Address: Unknown

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, REBEN JACOBO A/K/A RUBEN JACOBO, DECEASED
 Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
 Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Glades County, Florida:
LOT 7, BLOCK 72, CITY OF MOORE HAVEN, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY NOW GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED HEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A SINGLEWIDE 1984 MOBILE HOME, BEARING TITLE NUMBER: 40334663 AND VIN NUMBER FLFL1AD397004798, A/K/A 784 AVENUE E, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before September 17, 2018 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.
 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the **Glades County Democrat Newspaper**.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 7th day of August, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Tami Simmons Deputy Clerk
****See the Americans with Disabilities Act**
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471. 280500 GCD 8/16,23/2018

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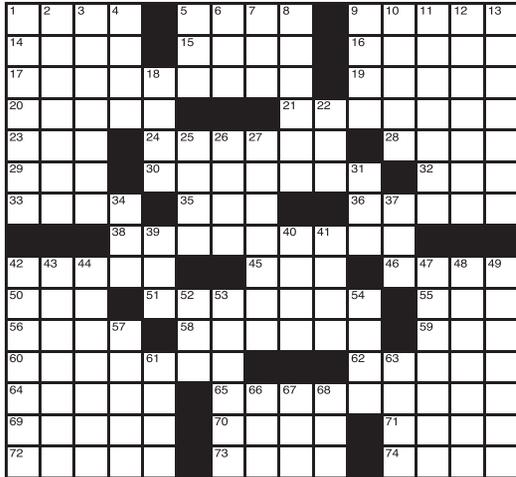
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Receives
 - 5 Slide downhill on runners
 - 9 Long stories
 - 14 Water color
 - 15 Frankfurt mister
 - 16 Chat room troublemaker
 - 17 Thanksgiving, casually
 - 19 "Humble" home
 - 20 River through Rome
 - 21 Actress/activist who was Ossie Davis' life partner
 - 23 "Give me ___!": start of a Hoosier cheer
 - 24 Becomes slippery, as a road
 - 28 Dirty dishes site
 - 29 Negative aspect
 - 30 Hot chili pepper
 - 32 Parisian summer
 - 33 Wood choppers
 - 35 When repeated, a former breath freshener
 - 36 Hard luck case
 - 38 Crooked craps cube
 - 42 "My bad"
 - 45 ___ Nineties
 - 46 Nepalese staple
 - 50 Tres menos dos
 - 51 Finds
 - 55 Doze briefly
 - 56 Alpha follower
 - 58 In the best shape
 - 59 Part of TGIF: Abbr.
 - 60 Anonymous man
 - 62 Storage auction buys
 - 64 Argentine icon played by Madonna
 - 65 "Where Are You!" cartoon pooch
 - 69 Roman agriculture goddess
 - 70 Quattro automaker
 - 71 Texting button
 - 72 Garbage
 - 73 Film holder
 - 74 Other than that
- DOWN**
- 1 1997 Hawke/Thurman sci-fi movie
 - 2 Semiannual astronomical event
 - 3 Many a windmill
 - 4 Sushi bar cupful
 - 5 Hardly outgoing
 - 6 Was in first place
 - 7 Stretch of history
 - 8 Practice session
 - 9 Wild guess
 - 10 Fast food chain known for its roast beef
 - 11 Halloween treats
 - 12 Like firm spaghetti
 - 13 More smooth
 - 18 Guitarist Clapton
 - 22 "Star Trek: Enterprise" network
 - 25 Bambino's home
 - 26 Watched with suspicion
 - 27 Mail neighbor
 - 31 Yale student
 - 34 Digital camera type, for short
 - 37 Poet's "above"
 - 39 Popeye's Olive
 - 40 See socially
 - 41 Salon colorings
 - 42 Topic
 - 43 Boogie, vis-à-vis par
 - 44 Nest egg named for a Del. senator
 - 47 Nonbeliever, to some
 - 48 Moving day stack
 - 49 Show in a television series
 - 52 "Look what I found!"
 - 53 Shaw's "___ and Cleopatra"
 - 54 Ticket part you keep
 - 57 Feeds the kitty
 - 61 Smidge, as of salt
 - 63 Org. at 11 Wall St.
 - 66 Actor's aid
 - 67 Poetic tribute
 - 68 It may be crude

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT has tentatively adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on AUGUST 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33470.

270714 CN 8/16/2018

INVITATION TO BID
GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
"Glades County Debris Monitoring Services"

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) requests that interested parties submit formal sealed proposals for the above-referenced project.

SCOPE OF WORK:
The BoCC Request for Proposals (RFP) is seeking responses from qualified (per Florida Statutes Section 287.055) firms to provide debris monitoring for disasters in Glades County Florida.

The BoCC reserves the right to withdraw and cancel this invitation at any time, without liability to any responders or prospective responders. The BoCC reserves the right to retain all responses submitted and to use any ideas in a response regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

The specifications and requirements informational package which governs this request must be obtained from Angie Snow-Colegrove, Emergency Management Director, 1097 Health Park Dr. (P.O. Box 1527) Moore Haven FL 33471, by Phone 863-946-6020, or EMAIL Asnow@myglades.com.

There is no pre proposal meeting for this Request for proposal.

Due date/time: August 28, 2018, 4:00 PM EST. All responses (7 copies and 1 Electronic copy) shall be placed in separate, sealed envelopes with the titles clearly indicated on the outside: RFP #08-2018 Glades County Debris Monitoring Services", with delivery to the Emergency Management Director and which must be received at the Emergency Management Director's office at 1097 Health Park Dr. Moore Haven FL 33471 no later than the response deadline of 4:00 PM EST on August 28, 2018. RFP's 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 costs and expenses related to the preparation and submission of a response are the sole responsibility of the responder.

All prospective respondents are cautioned not to contact any member of the BoCC or members of the evaluation team. All questions should be directed to Angie Snow-Colegrove, Emergency Management Director, 1097 Health Park Dr., (P.O. Box 1527) Moore Haven FL 33471 Phone questions will not be answered all question must be submitted by EMAIL to asnow@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 readvertise for additional responses, and to select the responder, who, in the BoCC's sole opinion, is in the best interests of Glades County.

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- 2/2 Lake Access 1075 Lowry Ln CBS \$174,9K
- 4/2.5 1519 Daniels Rd. 5 acres with pond \$359,9K
- 2/2 121 Parkview Dr. Lake Placid \$120K
- 4/2 w/lrg. fam. room, 457 Ave. N \$164,9K

COMMERCIAL / INVESTMENT PROPERTY

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

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- 2 BR/1BA 527 W. Haiti Ave. \$1050. mo

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON LEVY OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2018, at the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the purpose of considering the levy of a non-ad valorem assessment on additional parcels within the Mosquito Control Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to cover the costs necessary to provide mosquito control services to the assessed parcels. The proposed assessment amounts are as follows:

Residences:	\$30.00 per dwelling unit/\$500 maximum per parcel
Vacant lots:	\$30.00 per lot/\$400 maximum per parcel
Commercial:	\$0.10 per square foot, with a minimum of \$30 and a maximum of \$200 per parcel
Vacant acreage:	\$1.00 per acre, with a minimum of \$1.00 and a maximum of \$100 per parcel

The additional parcels proposed to be assessed are depicted on the four adjacent maps.

The proposed assessment will be collected by the uniform method (on the tax bill) by the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected every year indefinitely until the County Commission discontinues it.

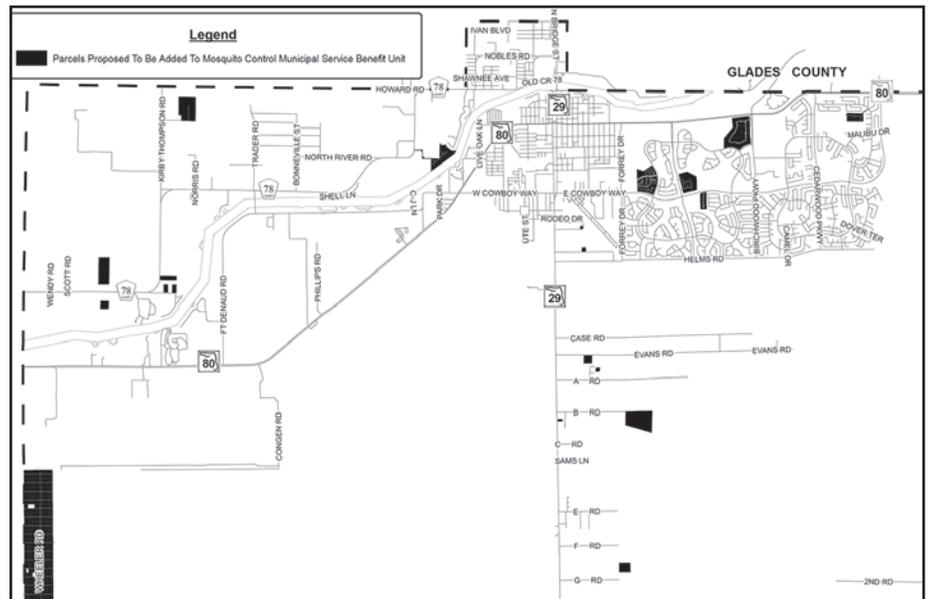
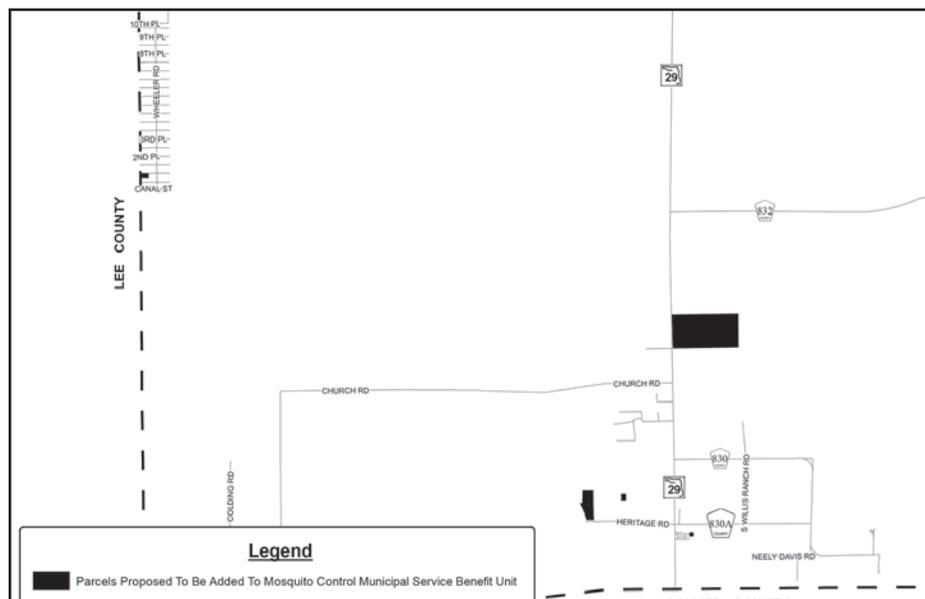
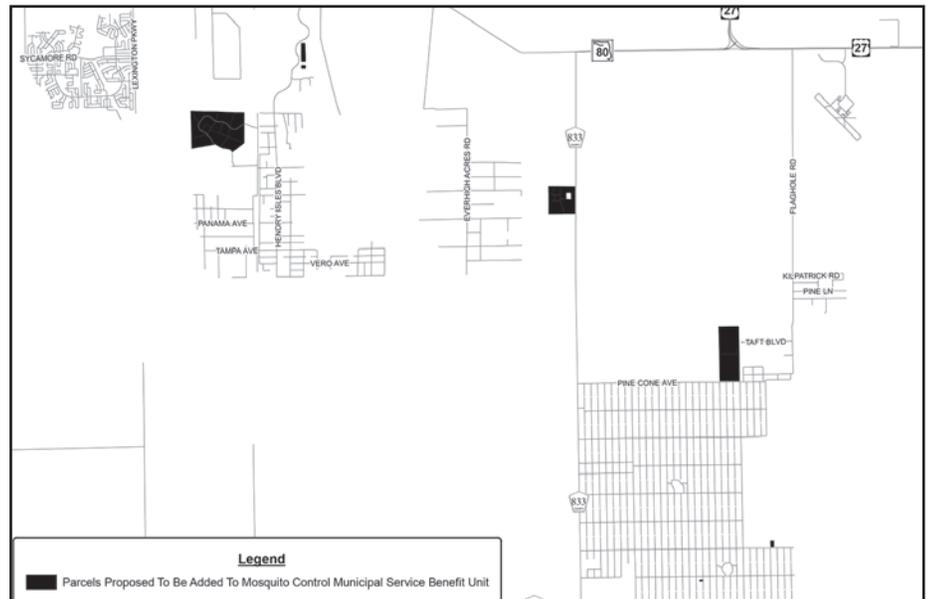
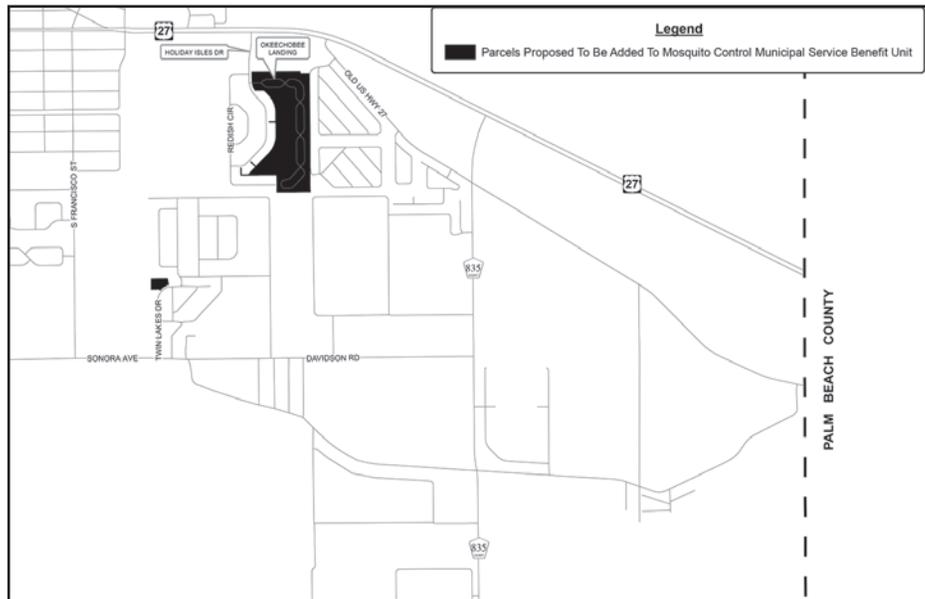
All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the Hendry County Administrator, Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975, at anytime within 20 days from the date of this publication.

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

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Bus safety tips for motorists

By Matteo Tullio

Glades County Democrat

With the new school year starting, please remember school bus safety tips and use caution.

- Walk with your kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Make sure to inform children to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and to board the bus one at a time.

- Ensure that you teach kids to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and never to walk behind the bus.

- If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, they should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Also teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.

- Instruct younger kids to use handrails when they board or exit the bus. Be careful of straps or drawstrings that could get caught in the door. If your children drop something outside or near the front of the bus, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.

- Motorists should always follow the posted speed limits and to slow down in school zones and near bus stops. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus.

- Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off the bus. School buses are required, by Federal Law, to have an 8 light warning system (4 yellow and 4 red flashing lights) to warn motorists of the bus stopping. In addition, buses have a stop arm that extends from the driver's side of the bus. When a school bus is stopped, the lights flashing and the stop arm extended, it is unlawful to pass that bus.

Florida motor vehicles laws require that motorists stop upon approaching any school bus which displays its flashing red

lights and has its stop signs extended.

Florida Statute 316.172 makes passing a stopped bus a moving infraction. Upon conviction the violator will be assigned 4 points to his/her license and fined \$173 (or more). The violator may face the additional penalty of a mandatory county court appearance.

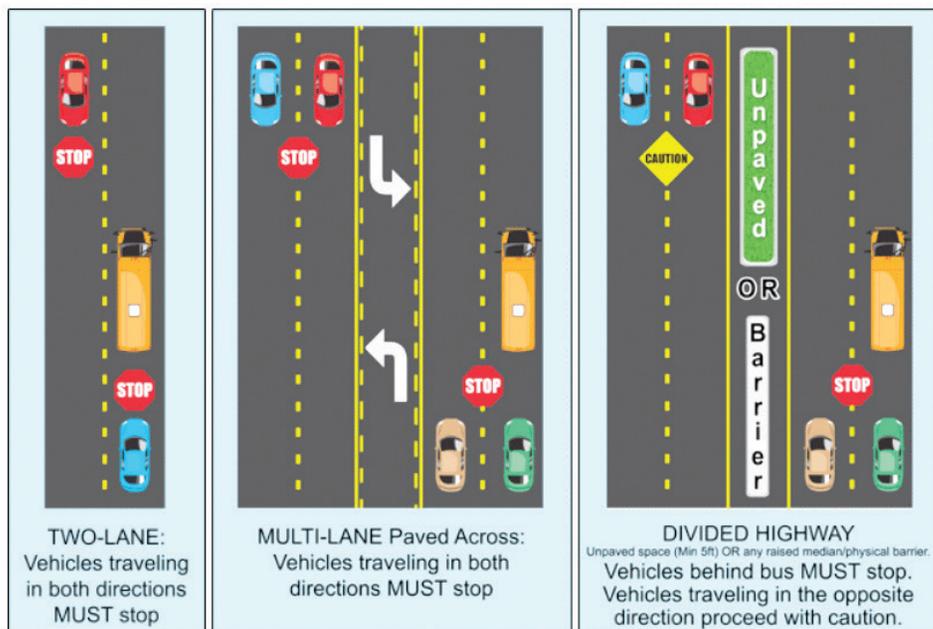
The following is Florida State Statute 316.172 (Traffic to stop for school bus) in its entirety.

(1) (a) Any person using, operating, or driving a vehicle on or over the roads or highways of this state shall, upon approaching any school bus which displays a stop signal, bring such vehicle to a full stop while the bus is stopped, and the vehicle shall not pass the school bus until the signal has been withdrawn. A person who violates this section commits a moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318.

(b) Any person using, operating, or driving a vehicle that passes a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal commits a moving violation, punishable as provided in chapter 318, and is subject to a mandatory hearing under the provisions of s. 318.19.

(2) The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier is not required to stop when traveling in the opposite direction of a school bus which is stopped in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(3) Every school bus shall stop as far to the right of the street as possible and shall display warning lights and stop signals as required by rules of the State Board of Education before discharging or loading passengers. When possible, a school bus shall not stop where the visibility is obscured for a distance of 200 feet either way from the bus.



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