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## Lake Levels

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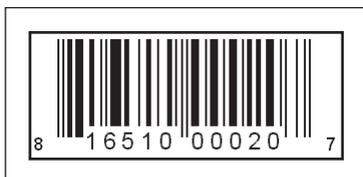
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## Hendry to kick off cleanup events in Pioneer

By Chris Felker  
The Clewiston News

Hendry County officials have scheduled several community cleanup events to take place throughout the county in the coming months, and they are set to kick off this Saturday, July 14, in the Pioneer and Ladeca areas near Clewiston.

Activities this weekend will revolve around the central gathering place of Pioneer Community Center, which is located at 910 Panama Ave.

Several disposal bins will be brought to the site by the county's vendor, Waste Connections, and the Hendry County Solid Waste Department.

Free drop-off and disposal of unwanted items will be available beginning at 9 a.m. Things that residents want to get rid of may be brought to the bins and will be accepted until the bins are full, including household hazardous-waste materials, old tires, yard debris, castoff TVs, electronic equipment and more. All those participating in the communitywide cleanup will be entered to win a gift card. "We're going to have six events over the next two and a half months," Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman explained, "and they're going to be located

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## Clewiston offering swimming lessons

The third session of youth swimming classes for kids ages 5-12 is under way at the Youth Center in Clewiston through July 20, run by the Fort Myers YMCA. Adult swimming lessons also are offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6-7 p.m., through July 27. The Youth Center is at 110 W. Osceola Ave.

## Saw palmetto berry harvest now requires state permit

By Chris Felker  
The Clewiston News

As of Tuesday, July 17, anyone harvesting saw palmetto berries in Florida will be required to have a "Native Plant Harvesting Permit" issued through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), its Division of Plant Industry has announced.

Extract derived from the saw palmetto plant's berries has been the subject of research as a possible treatment for men with prostate

## Lake O releases are put on hold

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,"

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cancer. The American Cancer Society says, however, that "available scientific studies do not support claims that saw palmetto can prevent or treat prostate cancer in humans."

But that has not stopped makers of nutritional supplements from producing one that they claim "may help prevent prostate cancer." As long as the manufacturers don't say the saw palmetto supplement "does" prevent cancer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cannot regulate its production and distribution. Thus, saw palmetto has

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become a popular supplement in recent years, raising global public demand for the product.

As a result — and after receiving comments from private and public landowners, conservation groups and other interested parties — the Florida Endangered Plant Advisory Council recently unanimously recommended that the state DACS put the saw palmetto on the department's list of commercially exploited plants and to require the permit for harvest.

Any person wishing to take and sell the berries must submit their application for a Native Plant Harvesting Permit a full two weeks, or 14 days, before they intend to conduct the harvest.

Violators may be prosecuted on a misdemeanor charge if caught transporting saw palmetto berries for sale without the permit. In addition, any illegally harvested berries will be confiscated and returned to the owner. If the owner cannot be identified or located, the berries will be destroyed, according to the DACS news release.

Gene McAvoy, Hendry County director of the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension

Service, said this prohibition of harvesting without a permit means that "it is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy or harvest such plant without first obtaining written permission from the landowner and a permit from the state."

Furthermore, he said, anyone transporting saw palmetto berries "for the purpose of sale, selling or offering for sale such plant must have a permit in his/her immediate possession." He added, "It is unlawful for any person to falsify any paperwork/document that permits another person to destroy or harvest such plant."

The native plant harvesting permit requirement also will apply to anyone transporting the berries via any public road or

highway, who will be subject to a first-degree misdemeanor charge and may be arrested.

UF/IFAS Extension and the Florida DACS are advising that any landowners who are having problems with trespassers harvesting the berries should contact their local sheriff's office or call the Florida DACS at 800-342-5869.

Information on how to obtain a permit is available at [www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Native-Plant-Harvesting-Permit](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Native-Plant-Harvesting-Permit).

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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 problems."

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 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 want to ensure we are using all available flexibility before we resume discharges east and west."

During Col. Kirk's visit to the dike June 21, when it was announced that the corps would reduce flows to the east and west, Clewiston Mayor Mali Gardner discussed with officials the lake's recent high levels and the algae that was producing outcries 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



INI Florida/Dale Conyers

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

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in the various unincorporated areas. We do one every year, and primarily they're in the summer, in preparation for the hottest part of hurricane season for us — that late August through October time frame that normally plagues the state of Florida and, in particular, our area." The county has been publicizing the "amnesty day"-type cleanups on its Facebook page. One person questioned in a comment last week: "Any reason why you would choose the hottest month to do this? It's almost impossible to find volunteers."

But according to Mr. Chapman, these are direct citizen-involvement events. Volunteers per se are not being sought, except that homeowners are encouraged to voluntarily clean up whatever eyesores might be on their own properties. This, he explained, spares county code enforcement officers from having to cite owners of land where there may be code violations.

Mr. Chapman confirmed that these cleanups are intended to provide a needed service and are part of Hendry County's overall code enforcement effort, which the county commissioners have been pushing.

"We have two philosophies at play with this," he said. "One is to basically provide a free amnesty-day service for communities to basically clean up on their own, without

having to go to the transfer station, without having to haul it very far, just to have an event right close by that they can attend to fairly quickly.

"And the second piece is, we'll have other county departments available to distribute information at the event about the other services that we provide. So for instance, Emergency Management (personnel) will be out and about to help people, assist them with registering for the special-needs shelter, or give them information about what needs to be in their hurricane survival kit, or any number of other different items that may be emergency- or hurricane preparedness-related."

Information also will be provided about the Code Enforcement Department's efforts.

They will distribute fliers in both English and Spanish, Mr. Chapman said, that will inform them "what is acceptable in communities, what does it mean to be code-compliant, what are some examples?"

"It's a dual purpose, in that we can get better prepared for hurricane season," he said, "(and) so that people can leave, not only having a free service to get rid of some of the debris in their yard, or some white goods, or trash from their properties, but also to leave with some information about county services and how to be better prepared and what does it mean to have pride in their communities."

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# Commission hears city's finances are solid

**By Chris Felker**  
The Clewiston News

The Clewiston City Commission heard a very positive report at its July 2 meeting, with the auditor stating that the city's finances were firmly in the black at the end of fiscal year 2017.

Mayor Mali Gardner found the audit results to be great news for the city. "We've come through some really tough times as a community, but we were able to sustain the economic hardships by using our reserves," she stated. "We didn't close down the police department, we didn't close down the golf course, we didn't have to close down our parks, we didn't have to have massive

layoffs, we just ... tried to become more efficient and we're still working on that right now."

At the beginning of the commissioners' meeting that Monday night, Mayor Gardner asked David Miller of the city's contracted financial auditing firm Boy, Miller & Swindle P.A. to explain how Clewiston's finances appeared as of Sept. 30, 2017.

First he explained the two different ways the numbers were presented in their report, relying mostly on the "government-wide statement," which takes into account overall fund balances to give a complete picture.

"What you're looking at here is current assets and current liabilities, available resources for the city to use in the following

fiscal year. At the end of the year, the governmental fund balance was positive ... what we saw there in looking at the budget vs. actual, was that you beat the budget by quite a bit," he said.

"In 2016, there was a favorable excess of revenues over expenditures of about \$170,000, and this year here, it was in excess of \$400,000. So in terms of the fund balance, the city is moving in the right direction, and that's a good thing," Mr. Miller reported.

"He's been the auditor since before I was on the city commission," Mayor Gardner said, "and he's been through the good times and the bad times as far as finances. His entire 2017 audit ... was good news."

# Pittman is appointed Hendry appraiser

**Deputy filling office faces a Democrat in November**

**By Chris Felker**  
The Clewiston News

On Monday, June 25, Florida Gov. Rick Scott elevated Chief Deputy Hendry County Property Appraiser Dena Pittman to the post of Hendry County property appraiser.

Ms. Pittman, 49, a Clewiston resident and a Republican, was appointed to fill the seat of Hendry County property appraiser

until Nov. 13, 2018, when a new appraiser will be sworn in after the Nov. 6 election.

She fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Phillip Pelletier, who decided earlier this year to retire and submitted his resignation effective March 30. He had served the county for 31 years and was elected property appraiser in 2010.

Ms. Pittman already had declared she would run for the office of property appraiser, and Mr. Pelletier asked in an open letter to the community announcing his retirement to support her. She has an associate's

degree in early childhood education from Palm Beach State College.

As of the close of the candidate filing period on Friday, June 22, she had drawn a Democratic opponent, Tony Aguilar of LaBelle.

Mr. Aguilar, 36, is a customer service clerk for Hendry County Tax Collector Pat Langford's office, working with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles side on automobile title and driver's license applications; he also handles concealed-carry weapon permits.

## Community News

### Cleanup set July 14

The communities of Pioneer and LaDeca can drop off and dispose of items including tires, yard debris, TVs, hazardous waste, and more on Saturday, July 14, from 9 a.m. until the bins are full. The event is free. There will be food, drinks and music. Participants can enter to win a gift card. For information, call 863-675-5220. This is the first of several clean-up events to be held throughout the county over the next two months.

### Painting workshops

Painting workshops hosted by the Confident Creator, Heather Caldwell, will be held at the Clewiston Public Library, 120 W. Osceola Ave., on Monday, July 16. The children's workshop for ages 8 years old and up will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. An adult workshop will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes all materials. Registration is required due to limited seating.

### HGUNC meeting set July 20

Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition (HGUNC) invites nonprofits' representatives and other parties interested in helping Hendry and Glades County residents who still have unmet needs because of Hurricane Irma to attend a meeting to be held on Friday, July 20, at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 331 West Osceola Ave. in Clewiston.

### Tournament set July 21

Clewiston Golf Course will host the "Wilbur's UnFOREgettable Golf Classic" tournament Saturday, July 21. Registration is at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9. Proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Sign up in the Golf Shop or call 863-983-1448.

### Teen Dance set July 21

The Harlem Academy Alumni will host a Back 2 School Teen Dance on Saturday, July 21, from 7 to 11 p.m at the Clewiston Middle School, 601 W Pasadena Ave. in Clewiston. Admission is \$10.

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# Cyanobacteria in water column, not on lake's surface

By Katrina Elskan  
INI Florida

**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 pleasantly 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 Philips, 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 water 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 pick up 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 Conservation 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 wind-blown 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.



The Sun/Katrina Elskan

## Dike repairs continue

Col. Jason Kirk of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District visited the Herbert Hoover Dike between Clewiston and South Bay on June 21 to assure residents that rehabilitation work on the dike is continuing. At left is Mali Gardner, mayor of Clewiston. At right is Janet Taylor of Glades Lives Matter.



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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, Shery 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.



## Reflections from the Pulpit

### Healers and experts: local and distant

**The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D. +**  
Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

I've heard about the "placebo effect" for some time. If you believe the medication will work, then it will work; and if you don't believe, then it won't work.

Obviously, that's not one hundred percent; but there is enough healing, or lack of healing, that takes place because of attitude.

"Mind over matter" has been known for a long, long time. It's not only in medically-oriented healing, it takes place in our society as well.

We turn off when we don't like someone, no matter what they're saying. Sometimes it's hard separating the message from the medium; listening to what we're being told may come from sources we tend to tune out. Advertisers have to go to great lengths to get their messages across; once we hear it we can tune out ever afterward.

How many times have I heard or said "Not that again!" or thought (but hopefully didn't say!) "Not you again!" I've become accustomed to car ads and, as one person noted, "Is there ever a time when mattresses aren't on sale?"

Sometimes, it's not what is being said or called for; it's whose doing the speaking or taking charge.

Early on in my ministry; Church leadership called for a fund-raising drive. People that were known fund-raisers were called in and I listened to what they had to say. As I was listening, I turned to the senior clergyman in the Church and said to him "We've been saying the same things!" He agreed and then added "An expert is somebody who is twenty-five miles from out of town!" That's it.

We will listen to a stranger more readily than a member of our own family.

There is a Biblical account of a prophet, Elijah, who is called to go before a wayward king, Ahab, and carry to him an unwanted message (1 Kings 18:1ff). Ahab knows Elijah and his first remark when he saw him was "Is it you, troubler of Israel?" (ch. 18, v. 17)."

Elijah then delivers an unwelcome message; "I have not troubled Israel, but you have... (v. 18)" and it will be a long time before Ahab will change his ways (1 King 21:27).

Refusal to listen to the messenger and ignore the message causes lots of

hardship; until the message finally gets through.

The Lord Himself has the same problem. During travels, He goes to His home town and His disciples followed Him (Mark 6:1ff.) He began to teach and those who heard Him were "astonished (ch. 6, v.2)."

asked themselves "Where did this man get all of this?... Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon....( vss.3-4) and Mark tells us "They took offense at him. The result was that "He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them (v. 5).

Jesus then called His disciples and sent them out (v.7) and

"They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them (v. 13). A few or many? Is there something in our way of believing that can help or hinder? An expert is somebody who is twenty-five miles from out of town! Maybe not, if we'll have faith. That quirky part of human nature seems to have stayed with us over the ages.

I had an assistant once who would tell people why I did things the way I did them or why I stood for the things I supported; and usually he was wrong!

He must have thought he knew me better than he actually did; but I decided that it was worth our time to get together and I could explain things. I did, he listened; we still had our disagreements but our relationship was much improved and he'd check things out before making any "interpretations."

People play a role in their own healing. Belief plays a part in it. Expecting something good to happen plays a part. Seeing God has a place in it plays a part. Not pre-judging the people or the details or the people involved plays a part.

Whether we're talking about healing illnesses or healing relationships or healing societies or healing weakened faith; we can allow the Lord to work through us and in us when we're opened to Him and what He intends for us.

The "experts" are out there but every once and awhile, someone closer to home will offer some great wisdom or help make things right.

They've been in my life when I've listened to what they had to tell me. I need to thank God; most likely they've been part of my life and I didn't realize the gifts they could bring.

### City seeking helpers for playground mulching

The City of Clewiston's Parks and Recreation Department is asking for volunteers on Friday, July 13, to come to the Sweetest Town Park playground, 211 W. Osceola Ave., to help spread a large load of mulch it will be receiving.

"We need volunteers to come out and help us spread mulch in the play areas," the department said in a Facebook post.

"Please bring, if available, wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes," they asked.

Anyone interested in volunteering is requested to call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492 for details.

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## Announcements

### Miscellaneous Notices

**Contractor Needed** that is licensed and insured to build a Preschool. Must be experienced with references or portfolio of work completed.

Please send information to: P.O. Box 433, Pahokee, Florida 33476 or [abidingfaith.krobertson@gmail.com](mailto:abidingfaith.krobertson@gmail.com) Attention: Shirley or KR

Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

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Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

### Employment - Full Time

**WAFB Classic Hits Radio** in Clewiston has an immediate opening for a full time sales associate to cover Clewiston, Moore Haven and the Glades. There is an established list of advertisers you will manage, Salary, commission and gas allowance provided. If you are self-motivated, organized and enjoy working with the public, we would like to interview you! Contact KC Kelly, General Manager, WAFB Classic Hits Radio, 863-983-5900 or apply in person, or mail resume to: 530 East Alverde Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or by email to [HR@Gladesmedis.com](mailto:HR@Gladesmedis.com). Glades Media Radio is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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### Employment - Full Time

## Employment

### Employment - Full Time

**Central County Water Drainage District**  
475 S. Cabbage Palm Street  
Clewiston FL  
(Montura Ranch Estates) 33440  
Phone: 863-983-5797  
Fax: 863-983-9693

Central County Water Drainage District is looking to hire a Heavy Equipment Operator. Duties include, Operating a variety of construction and maintenance equipment such as bulldozers, graders, rollers, tractor mounted augers, trenchers, front end loaders, excavators, dump trucks • Moves and loads supplies and materials; • Typical duties include grading levees, grading roads, clearing trees, clearing fence lines, hauling materials, excavations and back filling, etc., as well as operating tractors and mowers moving geographic area of responsibility. Performs operator maintenance on equipment operated including cleaning, oiling, lubricating, making minor adjustments. Must possess a CDL valid driver's license

Applications may be picked up at Central County Water Drainage District, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston FL (Montura Ranch Estates) 33440.

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### Employment - Full Time

**Florida Crystals Corporation** in South Bay, Florida, seeks a Project Grinding & Maintenance Engineer to oversee engineering projects to ensure plant reliability, safety and environmental repts. are met. He/she plans, schedules, conducts, & coordinates assigned engineering work; monitors work for compliance to applicable codes, accepted engineering practices, & co. stds.; and ensures effective coordination on assigned projects between all disciplines & all other project participants. Reqs: Bachelor's Degree in Mech. Eng. (or foreign educational equivalent); and 5 yrs. of managerial exper. in sugar cane mill or refinery. Send CV to [CTA@floridacrystals.com](mailto:CTA@floridacrystals.com)

How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

**Tire Service Plus Co** is now hiring a full time automotive mechanic. Must have a valid driver's license. Apply in person at 149 NW 16th St, Belle Glade, FL 33430 561-996-6677

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## Financial

### Business Opportunities

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## Recreation

### Campers / RVs

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## Public Notices

### Public Notice

**HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Clewiston, Florida

#### Notice to Public

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will be conducting a Strategic Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 at the Clewiston County Club beginning at 6:00 pm. 273578 CN 7/12/2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE** gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/23/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept

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273503 CN 7/12/2018

**NOTICE: AUCTION**  
on Friday, July 20th, 2018  
At 9:00 am at  
1225 N.W. Avenue L,  
Belle Glade, Florida

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

**Property of: Quashell Mc Donald:** A/C, Desk Chair, 2 bikes  
Miscellaneous Boxes and Bings.  
272421 SUN 7/12,19/2018

### 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 110, 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 unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

**EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.**

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

**MICHAEL FOX NELSON**  
Personal Representative  
28 Schanck Road  
Holmdel, NJ 07733-2123  
Law Office Of **CASSELS & McCALL**  
By: JOHN D. CASSELS, JR.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
FBN: 0261521  
Post Office Box 968  
Okeechobee, FL 34973-0968  
(863) 763-3131  
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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.: 1800065CPAXMX**

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. Hickpochee Ave., Labelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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

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

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
**WARREN B. BRAMS, ESQ.**  
Florida Bar Number: 0698921  
2161 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Ste 201  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33409  
Telephone: (561) 478-4848  
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E-Mail: mgrbramslaw@gmail.com  
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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE CALL FOR BIDS**

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



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**Public Notice**

**Glades County Public Safety Emergency Medical services**

Request for Bids To Remount One Type III Ambulance Module on a new chassis  
All bids are must be received no later than 4:00 pm July, 16 2018 in the Glades County Manager office  
At 500 Ave. J  
Moore Haven, FL 33471 Or mailed to  
Glades County Manager  
P.O. Box 1527 Moore Haven, FL 33471

All bids are to be marked on the outside of the envelope  
AMBULANCE REMOUNT BID

Bid packet and specs for the remount provided on request by contacting  
Bob Jones at  
863 946 0666  
Glades Co. Public Safety 1 097 Health Park Dr.  
Moore Haven, FL 33471  
Glades County Board of County Commissioners Reserve  
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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/life](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/firm/life), 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

**HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING CHANGE**

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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. Pererin, Esq., of Pererin Law Firm, PA, 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.

PERERIN LAW FIRM, PA.  
Jacqueline J. Pererin, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 0085264  
6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1  
Naples, Florida 34109  
(239) 349-2628 or Fax (239) 631-2304  
272497 CN 7/12,19,26/2018

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 Blakey, GA 39823

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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. Hickpochee 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-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2, 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-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2 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°17'11.63 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED THENCE NORTH 89°23'32" WEST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 2439.49 FEET THENCE NORTH 00°07'17" WEST PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°23'32" EAST PARALLEL TO SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2439.49 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00°07'11" EAST, ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 375.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER OF 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 July 26th, 2018.

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

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**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](http://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@rtpc.org](mailto:msoderstrom@rtpc.org) at least three business days prior to the event.  
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**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 6000000910 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](http://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](http://www.sfwmd.gov).**  
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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.  
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**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/life](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/firm/life), 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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# Funding approved for dike repairs, reservoir

## EAA Reservoir is added to water resources act

By Katrina Elsen  
Clewiston News

BELLE GLADE — Sen. Bill Nelson and U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings stopped by the Belle Glade Marina on July 5 to announce that federal funding has been approved to speed repairs to Herbert Hoover Dike, and that the federal share of funding for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir will be in this year's Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

"We have been trying to speed up construction and completion of the dike," Sen. Nelson said. Under the original schedule, the dike repairs would be completed by 2025. To complete the project sooner, an additional \$727 million is needed.

As part of Florida Senate Bill 10, passed by the Legislature in 2016, the State of Florida pledged to spend \$200 million to speed dike repairs.

On July 5, Sen. Nelson announced that \$514 million in federal money has been pledged.

The money for the expedited dike repairs will come from the \$80 billion budgeted in hurricane disaster funds, he explained. He said they were able to successfully argue that the dike repairs are critical to the safe-

ty of those who live in the Glades should a hurricane hit the lake.

Sen. Nelson said he was able to put a

"placeholder" in the WRDA for the EAA reservoir funding, and when the House of Representatives bill and the Senate bill are

reconciled, the financing for the EAA Reservoir will be in the bill.

Congressman Hastings said the Florida delegation worked together to get the funding for these projects.

He added that while it is important to complete dike repairs and also to add water storage capacity south of Lake Okeechobee, there is more to be done.

He said they also need projects to clean up the water before it goes into the lake.

Officials from Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, Moore Haven and Clewiston also stressed the needs for jobs in the area, and asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make sure local residents have a chance to be hired for the two projects.

They offered to make sure the local workforce has the needed training.

"We need to train people in Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach counties in order to be able to work in these projects," agreed Congressman Hastings.

Sen. Nelson, who also stopped in Fort Myers and Stuart on the day after the Fourth of July, said he was pleased to see firsthand that the algal bloom on Lake Okeechobee is not as bad as it has been depicted in the media.

"As I flew over the lake, I was glad to see there was not algae in 80 percent of the lake, as I was led to believe," Sen. Nelson noted.



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Senator Bill Nelson (center) was greeted by Tammy Jackson-Moore of Guardians of the Glades (left) and Janet Taylor of Glades Lives Matter at the Torry Island marina on July 5.

## HRMC Auxiliary Christmas in JULY Sale!

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