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Lake Levels

14.35 feet
Last Year: 12.70 feet

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

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An unFOREgettable day

On Saturday, July 21, 70 players participated in the 2018 Alzheimer's Association Wilbur's UnFOREgettable Golf Classic tournament. The Clewiston Golf Course wishes to thank everyone who came out and participated in the tournament. The money raised from this event will be presented at the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Chapter's The Longest Day.

CHS students earn college credits

By Dale Conyers

INI Florida

Hendry County School Board members received an update about the Clewiston High School Collegiate Academy at their July 17 meeting. Jose Roquette, administrator of the Collegiate Academy, and Amanda Lehrian, director of the Florida Southwestern State College (FSW) Hendry Glades Curtis Center, said the Collegiate Academy is a first-of-its-kind program for FSW and CHS. While FSW provides dual enrollment for local high school students at all four college locations, the distance from CHS to any FSW location can make travel difficult for students.

When the program was introduced, there

were 47 students in the first semester, and at the end of the first semester they added five more, making it 52 total students enrolled in the program. Currently, 75 students are enrolled in the Collegiate Academy and, according to Mr. Roquette, the program will top out with 80 students. The professors who teach there have given all positive feedback on the students and their willingness to learn.

At the end of the first semester, the students earned a combined 700 college credits, and 90 percent of the grades were As and Bs. The average grade point average for these students was 3.54, which is a high B, and it beat the other dual-enrollment programs on all the FSW campuses.

Neither the students nor their guardians pay

for the credit hours. The Hendry school district pays FSW a reduced rate per credit-hour from funds provided in the Florida Education Finance Program.

The district's school grades were also presented at the meeting. Dr. Barbara Mundy, director of federal programs, explained the scoring system. Overall, HCSD had a C average, with 576 points for 2017-18. This was 52 percent of the possible points, and a 30-point gain over 2016-17, when the district had 50 percent of the possible points. In 2015-16, the district had 48 percent of the possible points.

Each school is graded based on the components for which it has sufficient data.

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Clewiston local cycles toward \$52 million goal

Special to The Clewiston News

On Aug. 4 and 5, Ken McDuffie of Clewiston will cycle up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), with the goal of topping last year's record-breaking gift and raising \$52 million for critical cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

During PMC weekend, over 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and seven countries will gather in Massachusetts to participate in the PMC. Riders include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors and range in age from 15 to 84. Many ride to honor a family member or friend who was lost to or is being treated for cancer, and more than 850 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or

current patients themselves, and considered "Living Proof" of the PMC mission.

Designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability, the PMC offers 12 different routes, varying in mileage and difficulty, that pass through 46 towns across the commonwealth, with starting lines in Sturbridge, Wellesley and Bourne. Cyclists are required to raise between \$600 and \$8,000, depending on the chosen route, though the average cyclist raises more than \$7,000, which exemplifies the spirit of the PMC and its riders. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are also part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together in hopes of one day eradicating cancer.

"After surpassing our goal and raising \$51 million for Dana-Farber last year, we are excited to keep the momentum going as we approach our 39th PMC ride weekend," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "We are continuously humbled by the dedication and generosity of our riders, volunteers, donors, sponsors and community members — it's thanks to them that the PMC is able to make such an immense impact on the fight against cancer. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride weekend and can't wait to see you all out on the road."

The PMC donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana-Farber through

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Algae bloom in Lake Okeechobee is shrinking

By Katrina Elskens
INI Florida

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Friday that the algal bloom on Lake Okeechobee has decreased to about 30 percent of the lake. In addition, about half of the bloom has decreased significantly in concentration. At its peak on July 2, the bloom had been in about 90 percent of the lake, according to NOAA data.

The image acquired by NOAA on July 18 shows that the bloom area has decreased to about 30 percent (184 square miles) of lake area, down from about 60 percent on July 17. The concentration in the bloom has also decreased. About half (54 percent) of the bloom area on the July 18 image has cyanobacteria concentration of less than 100,000 cells per milliliter (cells/ml). Concentrations in the "red" areas are more than 1 million cells per milliliter.

"The massive algae bloom that covered nearly all of Lake Okeechobee a week ago appears to be undergoing a change based on satellite images from July 17 and 18. Those successive images suggest a progressive decline in the spatial extent of the bloom. At this time it is unclear what is happening due to a lack of data," stated Karl Havens, Florida Sea Grant director.

"Based on research conducted in other lakes, there are a couple of reasons why the bloom may be shrinking. First, the *Microcystis* bloom in Lake Okeechobee might have used up all of the dissolved inorganic nitrogen in the water and now it is figuratively starving. Second, and somewhat related, it might be that the bloom is going through a replacement cycle, where *Microcystis* will be replaced by a different kind of algae that can get its nitrogen from the atmosphere, such as *Anabaena*. That species of blue-green algae has formed large blooms in Okeechobee in past years."

"Because the state of Florida does not have a systematic and comprehensive algae bloom monitoring program in the lake, with sampling frequent enough to determine what is happening, we may never know the cause of the observed changes."

The satellite images are only available at set intervals. Due to cloud cover, no usable images were available July 6-13. The July 14 image showed algae in about 80 percent of the lake, and also that the concentration was decreasing. July 17 imagery showed the bloom continue to decrease, as did the July 18 imagery.

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.

The NOAA computer imagery uses scans in a spectrum of light the human eye cannot detect. Cyanobacteria also have gas vesicles which 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.

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. Differ-

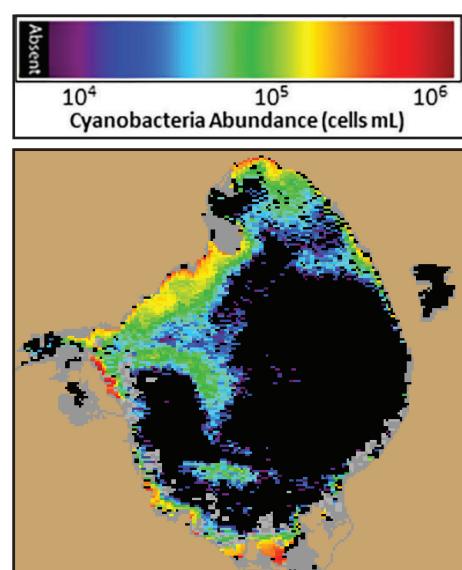
ent colors on the imagery show areas of varying cyanobacteria concentration. The NOAA image does not show how many different types of cyanobacteria are present, or which types of cyanobacteria are present. It does not show whether or not toxins are present. According to oceanographer Michelle Tomlinson of the NOAA National Ocean Service, NOAA does similar studies of other lakes in the United States. "The algorithm we developed for the imagery separates out the cyanobacteria from any other background algae in the lake," she explained. There may be some non-harmful phytoplankton mixed in there, she added.

Oceanographer Rick Stumpf with the NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science explained: "The satellite is seeing the concentration up to 1-2 feet deep into the water. So even when the water will not show the scum everyone notices, the satellite can see how much bloom there is at that level. He said the areas that show as "red" on the imagery are higher concentrations and those are the areas people are more likely to actually see scum on the water surface.

"Also, each satellite pixel covers the area of a stadium. In contrast, someone on the field can only make out maybe 30 yards across," he added. Mr. Stumpf 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.

According to Dr. Havens, algae blooms could be controlled by cleaning the water before it enters the lake and other waterways.

"The solution to the algal bloom problem is to clean up the nutrient sources north of Lake Okeechobee and in the land around the two estuaries," he explained in a July 20 commentary on the Florida Sea Grant website. "Control of dispersed sources of nutrients in those watersheds will be a huge challenge and while projects are underway by the state to accomplish them, it could take decades before substantive results are seen."



The July 18 NOAA image shows the algae bloom is in about 30 percent of Lake Okeechobee. Most of the bloom is also now the lower concentrations less likely to be visible on the surface.

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Letter to the Editor

Attacks on our farmers

On July 19, Florida Sugarcane Farmers released this statement from Ardis Hammock, owner and operator of Frierson Farms in Moore Haven, and launched lakeokeechobeeinfo.org.

Sugarcane farmers have a long and proud history of working with Florida governors on both sides of the aisle, dating back to when sugarcane was first planted in southwest Dade County in the 1920s. As an industry today, we proudly support more than 12,500 jobs and contribute \$3.2 billion to Florida's economy. We also grow sweet corn, rice, citrus, green beans, broccoli and other crops that Americans rely on for sustenance year-round.

We look forward to educating all the candidates on the issues impacting sugarcane farmers across South Florida. It's a shame the conversation has been hijacked by anti-farmer groups, which have been spreading misinformation about our jobs and our way of life. The facts show that more than 95 percent of the water and nutrients in Lake Okeechobee come from the north. Just like our coastal neighbors, we are concerned about algae in local waterways, which is why we support science-based solutions that will store and treat the water coming into Lake Okeechobee at its source north of the lake. To date, sugarcane farmers have given up more than 120,000 acres for Everglades restoration, including the land now being used to develop the EAA Reservoir. We have invested more than \$450 million into research, restoration and on-farm water and soil cleaning efforts — more than any private entity has spent to date. And we clean every drop of our water before it leaves our farms, achieving a 55 percent annual reduction of phosphorus over a 22-year period.

We encourage everyone with questions about our businesses, our farming practices and our commitment to the environment to visit lakeokeechobeeinfo.org for more information."

Ardis Hammock

Owner/operator of Frierson Farms, a multi-generational sugarcane farm in Moore Haven

Vorhees honored

On Saturday, July 14, an amazing late-afternoon event took place to recognize and honor one of Hendry County's premier professionals! Joanne Vorhees, an advanced registered nurse practitioner (or ARNP), has served women in the Department of Health's Women's Health program in Clewiston, LaBelle and Moore Haven for 50 years! And she's NOT done yet! The staff and leadership decided it was time to honor this icon serving the community and public health. Joanne has served the community and helped women who are underserved and without the needed resources for health care.

Joanne was hired into the public health arena by Dr. Workman and Margaret Morgan. These names may be recognized by only a few Clewiston folks. Prior to coming to public health, she practiced nursing at Hendry General (Hendry Regional Medical Center) in the emergency room and surgery.

Joanne was a public health nurse for 25 years before pursuing her advanced degree as a nurse practitioner. At that time, she did it all, from epidemiology to prenatal services, immunizations, family planning and more! Joanne has been a great resource to the Health Department and the community.

Joanne continues to serve women but now has served generations of women. "Joanne also performs disaster duties and is one of the most 'resourceful' nurse practitioners I have ever met!" said Jennifer Hood, ARNP, nursing director for the Florida Department of Health in Hendry and Glades Counties. "She has the knowledge and skills that have helped many of the people we serve."

Joanne's husband, Boyd Jr., and his father, Boyd Sr. (both deceased), worked many years at U.S. Sugar Corp. Her son Craig Davis attended Hendry County schools, lives in West Palm Beach and has two sons and one daughter. Her grandson Cody is a 23-year old corpsman who wants to become a physician's assistant. The family have been longtime residents of Clewiston, and Joanne says she "would not want to live anywhere else!"

Joseph Pepe, the health officer for the Department of Health in these counties, said: "Joanne has been loved by the community

she serves. We hope she never retires! She is amazing and certainly a public health icon!" He read a congratulatory letter from the surgeon general and secretary of health for the State of Florida, Celeste Phillips, M.D.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has started a Joanne Vorhees Nursing Scholarship for those interested in pursuing higher education in nursing. This scholarship is exclusive only to Hendry and Glades counties.

That's where we all come in! We all can donate to this fund to show our love, respect, sense of community and admiration to this lady. Joanne could have gone anywhere with her skills. She stayed in our rural communities where she quietly made a difference. We need the community to help by donating to the scholarship initiative. No amount is too small (or too large). It's another way to show love to these rural communities. Please help. Donate. Change a life in Hendry and/or Glades county. The URL is: <http://bit.ly/JoanneVorheesScholarship>.

Patricia Dobbins

Help appreciated

Dear family and friends:

There is no way I can adequately thank all of you for your support and love over the past 16 months that my wife Lorena (Tina) fought a battle with kidney cancer. The battle is over now and, because of her faith in Christ, Tina is at peace with Jesus.

We tried our best to keep her up to date with all the prayers, cards and expressions of love, and they always came at just the right moment. Thank you!

I miss her very much, as many others do. Her memory and smile will live on in our hearts as we pick up the pieces and continue to encourage each other in the days to come.

May God's peace and comfort be with you, and I would really appreciate your continued prayers. I will be praying for you.

God bless you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Jeffrey Smith

Clewiston

Community News

CHS Orientation set Aug. 1

Clewiston High School, 1501 Francisco St. in Clewiston, will have a freshmen orientation event called Tiger Takeoff on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parent orientation will be held at 8:30-9 a.m. A T-shirt and lunch are available for a \$5 donation. Activities include a campus tour, team building, information session, avid strategies and Google classroom.

Florida B. Thomas Library

A financial literacy seminar will be given on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Florida B. Thomas Library, 1008-1012 Harlem Academy Ave. in Clewiston. Learn how to manage your money, improve your credit score, and purchase a home.

Tax-free weekend set Aug. 3-5

Florida's Back to School Sales Tax Holiday will be from Friday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 5. The tax-free list can be viewed by visiting floridarevenue.com/backtoschool

Cleanup set Aug. 4

The community of Clewiston can drop off and dispose of items including tires, yard debris, TVs, hazardous waste and more on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. until 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 863-775-5220.

CCS accepting VPK students

Clewiston Christian School (CCS), 601 Caribbean Ave. in Clewiston, is now accept-

ing applications for their Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program. Space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Summer hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 863-983-5388 or visit www.clewistonchristian.com.

Assistance Fair scheduled

The United Way, 133 N. Bridge St. in LaBelle, will have an Assistance Fair for rent and utilities on Friday, Aug. 3, and Monday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins only.

Please bring: Proof of crisis, identification, proof of income and benefits, lease and W-9 from landlord if needing assistance with rent. Walk-ins only will be accepted on Aug. 3 to Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are available. For information or to make an appointment, call 863-674-1441.

BUDGET SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY ARE 6.9% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:

Required Local Effort (including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage)	4.025
Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay)	1.500
Discretionary Capital Improvement	0.000
Discretionary Operating	0.748
Additional Millage Not to exceed 4 Years (Operating)	0.000

**PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES
NOT SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:**

Operating or Capital Not to Exceed 2 Years	0.000
Debt Service	0.000
TOTAL MILLAGE	6.273

BUDGET

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal Sources	460,000	8,108,201	0	0	0	0	8,568,201
State Sources	45,682,717	60,000	378,335	406,832	0	0	46,527,884
Local Sources	10,558,988	170,500	15,900	3,140,315	0	0	13,885,703
Internal Funds Receipts	0	0	0	0	520,000	2,100,000	2,620,000
TOTAL SOURCES	56,701,705	8,338,701	394,235	3,547,147	520,000	2,100,000	71,601,788
Transfers In	54,990	0	158,053	0	0	0	213,043
Nonrevenue Sources	0	0	0	0	5,300	0	5,300
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION	10,230,835	2,370,167	2,609,307	2,708,327	1,184,802	939,573	20,043,011
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION	66,987,530	10,708,868	3,161,595	6,255,474	1,710,102	3,039,573	91,863,142

APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:

Instruction	37,359,243	2,800,486	0	0	0	0	40,159,729
Pupil Personnel Services	2,249,963	363,529	0	0	0	0	2,613,492
Instructional Media Services	709,346	0	0	0	0	0	709,346
Instructional & Curriculum	617,742	741,811	0	0	0	0	1,359,553
Instructional Staff Training	60,085	74,375	0	0	0	0	134,460
Instruction Related Technology	729,947	0	0	0	0	0	729,947
Board of Education	1,544,325	0	0	0	0	0	1,544,325
General Administration	883,076	0	0	0	0	0	883,076
School Administration	4,144,785	0	0	0	0	0	4,144,785
Facilities Acquisition Construction	162,970	0	0	5,178,557	0	0	5,341,527
Fiscal Services	693,542	0	0	0	0	0	693,542
Food Services	0	4,804,581	0	0	0	0	4,804,581
Central Services	406,713	0	0	0	0	0	406,713
Pupil Transportation Services	2,793,172	0	0	0	0	0	2,793,172
Operation of Plant	4,299,316	0	0	0	0	0	4,299,316
Maintenance of Plant	1,548,439	0	0	0	0	0	1,548,439
Administrative Technology	1,371,048	0	0	0	0	0	1,371,048
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	111,301	0	0	0	111,301
Internal Funds Disbursement	0	0	0	0	620,000	2,100,000	2,720,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES:	59,573,712	8,784,782	111,301	5,178,557	620,000	2,100,000	76,368,352
Transfers Out	0	0	0	213,043	0	0	213,043
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION	7,413,818	1,924,086	3,050,294	863,874	1,090,102	939,573	15,281,747
TOTAL TRANSFERS, AND FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION	66,987,530	10,708,868	3,161,595	6,255,474	1,710,102	3,039,573	91,863,142

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD



NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Hendry County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a **1.50 mill** property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of **4.773 mills** for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE

The Capital Outlay tax will generate approximately **\$ 3,058,765** to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

Construction of up to four (4) Modular Classrooms

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute

District Wide Repair and Maintenance

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase of up to six (6) School Buses

Purchase of Maintenance Vehicles

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

District Wide School Furniture and Equipment

PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SITES DUE UNDER A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Annual lease payment for qualified zone academy bonds for various facilities

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on **July 31, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.**, at **Hendry County School Board meeting room, Old Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.**

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Hendry County School District will soon consider a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$13,084,703
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	-\$5,654
C. Actual property tax levy.....	\$13,090,357

This year's proposed tax levy.....

\$13,324,742

A portion of the tax levy is required under state law in order for the school board to receive \$36,509,913 in state education grants.

The required portion has **decreased by 0.99 percent** and represents approximately six tenths of the total proposed taxes.

The remainder of the taxes is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on **July 31, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.**

A DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

John P. Gallagher, 78

CLEWISTON — John P. Gallagher passed away July 20, 2018 in Loxahatchee.

He was born Feb. 23, 1940 in Central Falls, R.I., to the late John W. and Loretta M. (Flynn) Gallagher.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a Roofer, and was a loving father & grandfather.

He was predeceased by his wife, Caroline A. Gallagher.

Survivors include four sons, Steven, Jeffrey, Jonathan and Robert; five daughters, Beth, Kimberly, Robin, Cheryl and Julie; two sisters, June (Bill) and Debbie; and many grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 12 p.m. at 421 West Ventura Ave., Clewiston with a luncheon to follow.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Mario Moreno Cortez, 62

CLEWISTON — Mario Moreno Cortez of Clewiston went home to be with Our Savior and Heavenly Father on July 17, 2018. He was born in Mexico on Nov. 19, 1955 to Everardo Cortez and Luz Maria Cortez.



Mario was a loving husband, the best friend anyone could wish for. He had a heart of Gold and was a great man. There will never be anyone like him and he will be extremely missed, but never forgotten.

Mario was preceded in death by his father, Everardo Cortez.

Left to treasure his memory and carry on his legacy is his wife, Eva C. Cortez; brothers, Armando Cortez, Abelardo Cortez, Valetin Cortez and Diego Cortez; sisters, Maria Elena Naranjo, Maria Rosario Valdez, Marisela Barajas, and Maria Guadalupe Ramirez.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are: Miguel Naranjo, Salvador Naranjo, Ruben Dario Naranjo, Abelardo Cortez, III, Jordan V. Cortez and Adrian Cortez, all nephews of Mario.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2018 at Saint Margaret Catholic Church, visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston. Burial was in Ridgelawn Cemetery - Clewiston after the mass.

Rejoice with God until we see each other again.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

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Shirley Rae (Bass) Stewart, 81

LAKEPORT — Shirley Rae (Bass) Stewart died July 13, 2018 at her home with her daughters by her side. She was born Dec. 14, 1936 in Wilmington, N.C.. She worked at the Chicago Tribune for 23 years. A resident of Lakeport since 1987, she was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, fishing, and was an avid crafter.

Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Jadie (Lamb) Bass; and her husband, Aldon Stewart.

She is survived by her daughters, Pamela Stewart, of St. Charles, Ill., and Daphne Flynn, of Lakeport; grandchildren, Lindsay Slapak, Brianna Reed, Matthew McCrosson, and Cassie Appello; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will hold services at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

Linda S. Windland, 57

LAKE PLACID — Linda S. Windland died July 13, 2018. She was born Oct. 22, 1960 in Fort Benning, Ga. A resident of Lake Placid having relocated from Moore Haven. She enjoyed spending time with her children.



Mrs. Windland was preceded in death by her parents, Roger Swanson, Sr. and Waltrud Helene (Gendritzki) Patterson; and her sister, Angela Langdale.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Larry Dean Windland; sons, Austin Michael Windland (Sophia) and Nicholas Ryan Windland, all of Lake Placid; daughter, Michelle Blevins (Rory); grandchildren, Sammy, Heath, and Hayden Blevins; brothers, Roger Swanson, Jr. (Natalie), of Lakeport, and David Swanson, of Moore Haven; sisters, Marina Langdale (Mark), of Moore Haven, Marion Swanson, of West Palm Beach, and Betsy Swanson, of Okeechobee.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Ortona Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

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the its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund, and is the institute's largest single contributor, raising more than 53 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. In 2017, the PMC gave a record gift of \$51 million to Dana-Farber, bringing its 38-year contribution to a total of more than \$598 million since its inception in 1980.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and New Balance. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or become a virtual rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PanMass2018 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-a-thon that has raised more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising

event in the world. The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event's executive director, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser. The PMC has since raised \$598 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause. The PMC generates more than 53 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue and is Dana-Farber's single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors. All are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, go to www.pmc.org.

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School grades provide an easily understandable way to measure the performance of a school. Parents and the general public can use the school grade and its components to understand how well each school is serving its students. Schools are graded A, B, C, D or F.

In 2017-18, a school's grade may include up to 11 components. There are four achievement components, four learning gains components, a middle school acceleration component, as well as components for graduation rate and college and career acceleration. Each component is worth up to 100 points in the overall calculation.

Letter grades of each school in the district were presented:

- LaBelle Middle School held steady from 2017 with a C average in 2018.
- Clewiston Middle School held steady from 2017 with a C average in 2018.
- LaBelle Elementary School dropped from a C in 2017 average to an F in 2018.
- Westside Elementary School improved from a D in 2017 to a C in 2018.
- Eastside Elementary School jumped from a D in 2017 to a B in 2018.
- Central Elementary School rose from a C in 2017 to a B in 2018.
- LaBelle High School held steady with a C average.
- Country Oaks Elementary School climbed from a C in 2017 to a B in 2018.
- Edward A. Upthegrove Elementary held steady with a C from 2017 to 2018.
- Clewiston High School held steady also with a C from 2017 to 2018.

LES received one of 33 F scores in the state. Improvement plans for LES still are being implemented. The school has one year to improve to a C before further action is taken by the state.

Raises for the school board members were also discussed.

In February of this year, District 4 School Board member Stephanie Busin announced during board member business that she had "made the personal decision to forgo the

raise from the legislature, because district-level administration reported that it wasn't going to be possible for the board to offer a raise to our instructional staff. That was hard on my heart. I believe in the importance of supporting and compensating school-level staff as they are our 'boots on the ground' and the ones who are ultimately held accountable for student outcomes."

At that time, Ms. Busin asked the rest of the board to consider this option. Three other board members agreed that this was a very good idea and opted to forgo their raises as well.

Later, in June, Superintendent Paul Puletti informed the board that a contract was agreed to by both the negotiation team and the Hendry County Education Association. Due to a surplus in funding, the new contract would include a raise for teachers. After Ms. Busin inquired about resuming her legislature-approved raise going forward, the other school board members were contacted and given the same option.

At the July 17 meeting, District 3 School Board member Amanda Nelson and District 2 member Sally Berg announced that they will be dividing and giving back a portion of their raise money to each Hendry County school. Both members will be traveling to all 12 schools to deliver a check to the principals to "do with as they see fit." Ms. Nelson stated, "We had already decided to decline the raise, and I feel that donating the money back to the schools rather than being reimbursed is the right thing to do. There are no strings attached, and each administrator can use the funds in whatever capacity they need."

In other business, Marc Waddell, who recently retired from his teaching position at Clewiston High, was honored. Mr. Waddell was presented a plaque for his 11 years of service to the district by School Board Chairman Jon Basquin and Superintendent Puletti.

PBSC offers barbering program

Special to the Clewiston News

BELLE GLADE — A new barbering program is about to get underway on Palm Beach State College's Belle Glade campus, and the timing couldn't be better. With many licensed barbers nearing retirement age, and millennial males clamoring for the latest hair and beard styles, the demand for new barbers is growing fast.

PBSC's Barbering program launches Aug. 23, and space is still available in the evening program. Those interested may attend an information session on Tuesday, July 31,

from 4-6 p.m. at the TEC Building Patio on the Belle Glade campus, 1977 College Drive. Prospective students may also visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Trades-BG for program details or call 561-993-1175.

"We are so excited to bring this new opportunity to the Glades," said Dr. Gloria McAllister, program director for Postsecondary Adult Vocational certificate programs on the Belle Glade campus. "There will be many job opportunities for our barbering graduates to work in existing businesses or to start their own shops."

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Glades County School District will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Monday July 30, 2018

6:00 P.M.

**At
Glades County School Board
Administration Building**

400 10th Street SW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Glades County School District will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 4.8400 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$ 962,034.00 to be used for the following projects:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the general fund as permitted by Florida Statute
Maintenance, renovations, and repairs – district-wide
Roof repairs and replacement

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase 1 school bus
Purchase of maintenance vehicle(s)
Purchase of district vehicle(s)

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, TEXTBOOKS, COMPUTER AND DEVICE HARDWARE AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE NECESSARY FOR GAINING ACCESS TO OR ENHANCING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT AND RESOURCES, AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE

Purchase technology equipment and software applications - district-wide
Purchase State-Adopted Textbooks
Purchase school furniture and equipment – district-wide
Purchase software application for district-wide administration of personnel

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Insurance premiums on district facilities.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the administration building of the Glades County School District, 400 10th Street, Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

Reflections from the Pulpit

Being determined to get there; and it's worth it!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

While serving in one of the chaplaincies where I am involved, a young person told me, "That looks like fun. How do you get to be the chaplain?" I told him, "Well, first you go to college and then to seminary, then you have to have two years minimum of ministerial experience, then you get approved by a superior minister, and then you get accredited by the chaplain's association." His response was "Oh!" The ministry seemed to look easy...but it wasn't.

I heard of a sea captain who had the owner of a steamship line on his boat in the pilot house. The owner noticed a man on the deck lounging in a hammock and reading a book. The owner commented, "Looks like he's not doing any work. Are we paying him to read books?" The captain said, "That's just where I want him; he's the chief engineer and when he's there, I know everything is working 100 percent below decks." The engineer had his

appropriate credentials, years of experience, knew where to look and what preventive maintenance to perform, how to keep the ship running. Looks can be deceiving!

In many situations, requirements keep people from fulfilling a goal that might seem satisfying to them. I've spoken to many over the years and have encouraged them to go on; exploring a potential career path and to be aware that "It can be a lot of work!"

One of the directors of a nursing school served on an advisory board with me and told me of those who came "with stars in their eyes." Many, she said, came unprepared and could not effectively read or write. Her first task was to have them write something while in her office; "Why I want to be a nurse" or something like that. She then could get a rough idea about the likelihood of success in her program, which required lots of reading and writing assignments. She told me that many came with no idea about what it's like to have to handle very undesirable "human byproducts" and that white uniforms get stained very easily by what comes from sick people. In spite of it all, many good students turned out to be good nurses; the experiences that took place during training were part of

the "cost of admission" and the students who made it wanted it bad enough to persevere.

My seminary experience began with the largest class that had been accepted in many years; one calendar year later, it was the smallest class that had been enrolled for many years. Very few failed academically, some came with inaccurate images of just what ministry was about or did not like the requirements. Later, when in a supervisory ministry, we had students who didn't want to go to seminary. One wanted to stay home and read books, missing out on the community formation that takes place in residence. Another told about the dean being very disagreeable and wanted to take a secular master's degree in religion instead of going to his seminary. We disagreed; ministry involves getting along with disagreeable people and dealing with disciplines which may not be to your liking at times.

My question to people searching for their place in life is, "Do you want it bad enough to persevere?" "Are you willing to make some sacrifices and do the hard stuff?" "Can you keep your goals in mind and see them as worth it all?"

There is an account in the Gospel of Mark

about a瘫痪 and Jesus healing him (Mark 2:1ff). Jesus had gone to Capernaum and there was no room for more people. A瘫痪 had heard of Jesus and the healing He brought; persuaded four friends to carry him to where Jesus was so that he, too, might be healed. When they got there "they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd (v.4), they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the瘫痪 man was lying on (v.4)." This was a瘫痪 that wasn't going to take "no" for an answer! Jesus was moved and said "Son, your sins are forgiven (v.5)"

Healing comes, but not in the way expected. The pronouncement had to do with sinning and not healing; people around are critical of Jesus for His way of going about the healing and He responds. Healing takes place because "the Son of Man has authority on Earth to forgive sins (v.10)." The formation involved with the healing, what the man learned along the way, was different than he expected. He stayed the course, was healed and Jesus tells him "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home (v. 11)."

Healing comes through determination, willingness to go along with something different than the expected usual pronouncement, and knowing that being a better person at the end is worth it all. Our own growing comes when we're ready to make the sacrifices needed to enter into a greater life that will bring greater rewards and seeing that the sacrifices are worth it all.

Here at home, high school graduation is now over for another year. Graduates soon will be off to prepare for the next steps in their lives. The education-training-formation that will take place will demand something of them. The cost of admission may very likely be "a lot of hard work and sacrifice." Is it worth it? Yes. Can you do it? That's up to you and nobody else!

CCS pre-schoolers crush state average in readiness screening

Special to The Clewiston News

Clewiston Christian School (CCS), a fully accredited pre-kindergarten through 12th grade institution, is proud to announce that the 2018 preschoolers class was administered a statewide kindergarten readiness screening assessment per Section 1002.69 of the Florida Statutes, and 87 percent of the students passed. That is 33.05 percent above the state average and 51.29 percent above the Hendry County School District's average.

The Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program at CCS is open to the public, and the school is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year. These spots are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Clewiston Christian School is located at 601 Caribbean Ave. in Clewiston. For more information on their VPK program, Step Up for Students Aid program and more, stop by. The school's summer hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 863-983-5388 or visit www.clewistonchristian.com.

GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

* - THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD				
ARE 12.99% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.				
FUNC	ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS
3100-3299	FEDERAL SOURCES	251,500.00	1,715,276.00	1,966,776.00
3300-3399	STATE SOURCES	12,926,159.00	10,000.00	13,083,905.00
3400-3499	LOCAL SOURCES	3,036,130.00	53,550.00	987,534.00
	TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES:	16,213,789.00	1,778,826.00	1,135,280.00
				19,127,895.00
3610-3652	TRANSFERS IN:	339,304.00		339,304.00
	NONREVENUE SOURCES			
	FUND BALANCE (JULY 1, 2018)	3,035,164.68	370,411.07	999,227.94
	TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES:	19,588,257.68	2,149,237.07	2,134,507.94
	EXPENDITURES:			
5000	INSTRUCTION	10,685,547.00	625,586.00	11,311,133.00
6100	PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	661,828.00	73,562.00	735,390.00
6200	INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	221,798.00	0.00	221,798.00
6300	INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM SERVICES	305,208.00	69,990.00	375,198.00
6400	INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	85,223.00	53,899.00	139,122.00
6500	INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED TECHNOLOGY	176,660.00		176,660.00
7100	BOARD OF EDUCATION	471,116.00		471,116.00
7200	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	250,531.00	4,943.00	255,474.00
7300	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	994,292.00		994,292.00
7400	FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION	0.00		1,436,287.13
7500	FISCAL SERVICES	267,372.00		267,372.00
7600	FOOD SERVICES	910.00	1,120,285.00	1,121,195.00
7700	CENTRAL SERVICES	350,460.00	5,865.00	356,325.00
7800	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	608,320.00		608,320.00
7900	OPERATION OF PLANT	1,255,537.00		1,255,537.00
8100	MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	529,091.00		529,091.00
8200	ADMIN. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	314,903.00		314,903.00
9200	DEBT SERVICE			0.00
	* - TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	17,178,796.00	1,954,130.00	1,436,287.13
				20,569,213.13
9700-9710	TRANSFERS OUT:	0.00	0.00	339,304.00
	FUND BALANCE (JUNE 30, 2019)	2,409,461.68	195,107.07	358,916.81
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES,			
	TRANSFERS & BALANCES	19,588,257.68	2,149,237.07	2,134,507.94
				23,872,002.69
	THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY			

New chief agricultural scientist chosen for SW FL

By Jack Payne
Special to INI Florida

Kelly Morgan is a more reliable water source than rain is. You don't know when or if you'll get water from the sky, but what Kelly can teach you makes every drop you have go farther.

His focus on the farmer as customer is what has made Kelly so successful as the state's best management practices (BMP) coordinator.

It's also a big reason I hired him as the new director of the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center (SWFREC) in Immokalee. His record of outreach is on the odometer of his car as he has criss-crossed the state to train Extension agents and growers in irrigation and fertilization.

SWFREC affects agriculture statewide, so I needed someone with Mr. Morgan's miles, relationships, expertise and big-picture vision in the corner office in Immokalee.

SWFREC is a central player in the battle against citrus greening. It's making breakthroughs in agricultural technology to shape farming's future. It's a leader in the science of wise water use that reduces farmers' costs and farming's impact on the environment.

With the stakes that high, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Florida agriculture need a well-prepared leader at SWFREC.

Mr. Morgan has that preparation. He has worked in the jobs held by the people he'll now supervise. He has 27 years of experience at UF/IFAS off-campus research centers. He's been groomed by his predecessor, Calvin Arnold, who gave him increasing responsibility for managing Immokalee for the past two years.

He has also worked hard to maintain strong relationships with growers in Southwest Florida and elsewhere.

That won't change a bit in his new role.



Kelly Morgan

Tomato growers, Farm Bureau members, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association leaders and others with a direct stake in agricultural science can expect to hear from Mr. Morgan in the coming months about what more we can do for each other.

He aims to build on existing partnerships such as the CARES program to promote the wider use of BMPs that the Farm Bureau leads with the support of UF/IFAS and the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services.

The BMP program is in good hands while we search for a successor to Mr. Morgan. One of the state's leading agricultural water experts, UF/IFAS Extension specialist Jim Fletcher, has agreed to serve as BMP coordinator.

Mr. Morgan has managed citrus groves, visited countless Florida farms, done decades' worth of research and developed a deep appreciation for the role that UF/IFAS research and education centers play in the farming communities they serve.

In fact, UF/IFAS runs 12 off-campus research and education centers statewide with Norman Borlaug's dying words in mind: "Take it to the farmer." Science belongs in the hands of its beneficiaries.

A strong leader can be the difference between whether UF/IFAS does a good job at this or a great one. While Kelly won't be logging as many miles now that he's staked to Immokalee, he'll go just as far to serve growers as he always has.

Jack Payne is the University of Florida's senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources and leader of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.



Jack Payne

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Public Notices

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/06/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept

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Public Notice

Public Notice

*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 16, 2018 for the following Proposals:

EIR85-R0 – Mowing, Litter Removal, and Edging & Sweeping in Lee and Hendry Counties.
Budget Amount: \$500,000

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.
27581 CN 7/26/2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Proposed Rules 40E-21.221, 40E-21.251, 40E-21.271, 40E-21.275, 40E-21.421, 40E-21.551, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: The proposed rules address comments received from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. The proposed rules eliminate use of the word "may" in Rules 40E-21.221, 40E-21.251, 40E-21.271, 40E-21.275, 40E-21.551, and delete unnecessary language in Rule 40E-21.421, F.A.C.

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST:
The District has determined that the rule amendments do not result in an increase on the impact on small businesses and do not increase regulatory costs. A Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost has not been prepared.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: March 8, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. PLACE: South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rule may be obtained on the District's website at <https://www.sfwmd.gov/doing-business-with-us/rules>, or by contacting Terrie Bates, Division Director, Water Resources, South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, telephone: (561) 682-6952, email: tbates@sfwmd.gov. For procedural questions regarding the rulemaking process, contact Jan Sluth, CP, FRP, South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, telephone: (561) 682-6299, email: jsluth@sfwmd.gov. A copy may also be found on the Florida Administrative Register at <http://www.rules.org>, where you may subscribe to receive copies of further notices for this or other rule chapters or types of notices of interest.
27554 ON 7/25 GCD/CN 7/26/2018

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.

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TO: Pedro Murillo Martinez
Current address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following property in Lee County, Florida:

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

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

Employment - Full Time

Employment - Full Time

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a **Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**. Applications will be received until position is filled, please apply at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352

Bryant Roofing
Inc.

Lic#CCC1325950
1050 Commerce Dr Suite B.

Office: (863) 675-7045
Fax (863) 612-1158

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

TO: PADGETT INVESTIGATIONS & SECURITY INC. Case No.: CD20180223/B 2600172

An Administrative Complaint to impose an administrative fine and eligibility for licensure has been filed against. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for the same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 5708 Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5708. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.

NANCY STEUBER,
Personal Representative
980 Ivan Boulevard
Labelle, FL 33935
/s/ Kenneth E. Kemp II
KENNETH E. KEMP, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 0607401
12661 New Brittany Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
273718 CN 7/19,26/2018

PEREGRIN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Jacqueline J. Peregrin, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 085264
6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1
Naples, Florida 34109
(239) 346-2628 or Fax (239) 631-2304
273497 CN 7/12,19,26,8/2/2018

Public Notice

Administration of Estates

Administration of Estates

INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE
EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
FOR CITY OF CLEWISTON EMPLOYEESITN NUMBER: 2018-06
OPENING DATE AND TIME: AUGUST 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The City of Clewiston is seeking companies interested in providing employee medical insurance for City of Clewiston employees. Companies offering group employee medical insurance policies are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals received in response to this ITN will be reviewed by a City Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received at Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida by August 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the ITN can be obtained from the City of Clewiston Finance Department, located at 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by calling (863) 983-1484.

This solicitation does not commit the City of Clewiston to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this ITN, or to contract for any services. The City reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this ITN, if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.
277040 CN 7/26/2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULES OF
THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

AFFECTED RULES: 40E-8.221, F.A.C.

SUMMARY:

In 2010, District staff received Governing Board direction and funding to implement research and studies on the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary to re-evaluate the existing Caloosahatchee Minimum Flow and Level (MFL). The current MFL criteria, adopted in 2001, is based on the salinity tolerance of a single species- tape grass (*Vallisneria americana*). New scientific studies on the Caloosahatchee River Estuary include 11 component studies utilizing multiple ecological indicators. In 2016, this comprehensive science evaluation was presented for review and technical input at a 2-day Public Science Symposium in Ft. Myers. Since then, additional scientific analyses and modeling were conducted to develop revised MFL criteria and this work was documented in a draft MFL Technical Document. In August 2017, a 5-member panel of independent scientific experts reviewed the draft MFL Technical Document, visited the Caloosahatchee River Estuary, and held a public panel session in Ft. Myers. The District received a very positive peer review of the MFL technical document, and the scientific approaches/methodologies used to revise the MFL criteria.

Based on this compilation of scientific studies, monitoring, modeling, technical evaluations and public input, the District is proposing to increase the MFL flow criteria at the S-79 structure from 300 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 400 cfs and to revise the duration and return frequency components of the MFL criteria.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND

PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: September 13, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Auditorium,

3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rule may be obtained on the District's website at [https://www.sfwmd.gov/doing-business-with-us/rules](http://www.sfwmd.gov/doing-business-with-us/rules), or by contacting Don Medellin at dmedellin@sfwmnd.gov or call (561) 682-6340. A copy may also be found on the Florida Administrative Register at <http://www.flrules.org>, where you may subscribe to receive copies of further notices for this or other rule chapters or types of notices of interest.

275310 GCD 7/26/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 17000569CAAXMXDITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff(s), vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DESEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS AND LIENORS OF ARTURO T. DE LAMERENS, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DESEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JOSE ARTURO DE LAMERENS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; MARY BEARDSLEY AKA MARY FRANCES FERGUSON; PAUL DE LAMERENSKAPULA DE LAMERENS; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DESEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JOSE ARTURO DE LAMERENS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS.

Last Known Address-UNKNOWN

Previous Address- 4850 Pioneer 17th Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

Previous Address- 2120 Keats Dr., Pensacola, FL 32503

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS OF THE EAST 30.00 FEET THEREOF, IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 67 OF PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1-33-43-31-A00-0051-0000 AND THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS OF THE WEST 30.00 FEET THEREOF, IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 78 OF PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1-33-43-31-A00-0056-0000.

Property address: 4850 Pioneer 17th Street, Clewiston, FL 33440 You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Plaintiff's Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, 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 the 9th day of July, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

273938 CN 7/19/26/2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HENDRY COUNTY, CITY OF CLEWISTON & CITY OF LABELLE
DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES

RFP No. 2018-17

Opening Date and Time: August 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Clewiston and the City of Labelle are seeking proposals to obtain the services of qualified firms to remove, process, and lawfully dispose of disaster generated debris (other than hazardous materials and household putrescible garbage) from public property, public rights-of-way, publicly maintained canals, publicly maintained waterways, natural waterways and private roadways in unincorporated Hendry County, the City of Clewiston and the City of Labelle in response to an emergency even if such, but not limited to, human(s) or other natural or manmade disaster(s). Vendors must have the capability and ability to rapidly respond to wide scale debris volumes typically produced in hurricanes, tornadoes, and other disaster types as well as small scale debris volumes.

The Vendor must handle debris management activities in Hendry County, Florida in accordance with applicable regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in conjunction with the local governments' needs. The Vendor shall have an excellent understanding of the documentation involved for the reimbursement from FEMA, FHWA, or other Federal Agencies, and the State relief programs to make the process of cost recovery efficient and accurate. The processes and documentation required will be in strict compliance with FEMA, FHWA, or other Federal Agencies, and other State relief program regulations regarding eligibility. Contracts must meet rules for Federal grants, as provided for in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 in order to be eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program.

In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Bell Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida by August 9, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all proposals will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Request for Proposal documents can be obtained by visiting the County's website located at www.hendryfla.net under the public information tab, or by calling Kelly O'nan at (863) 612-4727, or e-mailing Ms. O'nan at konan@hendryfla.net.

Non-mandatory pre-bid meetings will be held on Wednesday August 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Hendry County Engineering Department located at 99 E. Cowboy Way, Labelle, FL 33935 and Thursday August 2, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Janet B. Taylor Auditorium located at 1100 S. Olympia Street, Clewiston, FL 33440.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County, the City of Clewiston or the City of Labelle to award any contracts or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this solicitation. The County reserves the right to cancel this procurement or reject any and all responses for any reason set forth in Hendry County Code Section 1-2-189(c)(3)(a) and may choose to re-procure at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer:
275086 CN/CB 7/19/26/8/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 222016CA000107CAAXMX

PRO-2014-S2 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE

Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES J. SCHARA; FERN D. SCHARA; CHARLES J. SCHARA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; FERN D. SCHARA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 17, 2018, and entered in Case No. 222016CA000107CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein PRO-2014-S2 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE is Plaintiff and CHARLES J. SCHARA; FERN D. SCHARA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CHARLES J. SCHARA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; FERN D. SCHARA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHARLES J. SCHARA AND FERN D. SCHARA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UNDER AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2007; are defendants. SANDRA BROWN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 501 Avenue J, MOORE HAVEN in Glades County, Florida, 33471, at 11:00 A.M., on the 30th day of August, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING LAND SUBJECT, LYING AND BEING IN COUNTY OF GLADES STATE OF FLORIDA, TO-WIT: LOT 10, BUCKHEAD RIDGE, FOURTH ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2018.

SANDRA BROWN
As Clerk of said Court
BY: Tami Simmons
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida, 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5229, 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.

Kahané & Associates, PA
8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Facsimile: (954) 382-5380
Designated service email: notice@kahanenandassociates.com

276021 GCD 7/26/8/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY
CASE NO. 2016 CA 88

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff,
vs.
LUIS GUTIERREZ, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HENDRY

TO: LUIS GUTIERREZ A/K/A LUIS GUTIERREZHERNANDEZA/K/LUIS HER-NANDEZ A/K/A LUIS G. HERNANDEZ, whose last known address is unknown and who is known to be dead or alive.

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

Lot 4, Block 2151, Port Labelle Unit 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 86 through 102, inclusive, 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: FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR., Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, Boswell & Dunlap LLP, 245 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Bartow, FL 33831, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, 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 on this 10th day of July, 2018.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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, FL 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.

BARBARA S. BUTLER

Clerk of the Circuit Court
PO Box 1760
LaBelle, Florida
BY: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

274215 CN 7/19/26/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 18000403CAAXMX

CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,
vs.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ALL THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN AND OTHERS HAVING OR, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$252,700 CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY,

Defendants.

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning in the Complaint (hereinafter defined). The above cause is before the Court upon the Complaint filed on June 26, 2018 ("Complaint"), by the CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA ("the City") for the purpose of: (i) determining the power of the City to undertake the Projects, to apply proceeds of the Bonds to finance and the Cost of the Projects, to covenant to budget and appropriate the Legally Available Non-Ad Valorem Revenues to pay the Bonds, and to pay the Bonds from such Legally Available Non-Ad Valorem Revenues as set forth in the Complaint; (ii) determining the power and authority of the City to issue the Bond as set forth in the Complaint; (iii) determining that the adoption of the Bond Resolution, the issuance of the Bond, and the provisions, covenants and agreements contained in the Bond Resolution are valid, legal and binding, and all said proceedings, and the Bond is validated and confirmed; and (iv) determining that, upon the issuance of the Bond pursuant to the Bond Resolution, the Bond will constitute a valid and binding special obligation of the City and will be enforceable against the City in accordance with their terms, as such terms are set forth in the Bonds and the Bond Resolution, and (v) seeking a judgment of this Court validating the Bond.

WHEREFORE, the Court being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and all the taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the City of Labelle, Florida, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of not to exceed \$252,700 City of Labelle, Florida Capital Improvement Revenue Bond or to be affected in any way thereby, are each hereby required to appear and show cause, if any there be, before this Court on the 14th day of August, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the chambers of the undersigned Judge at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, in the City of Labelle, Florida, why the prayers of said Plaintiff should not be granted and why the proceedings for the Bond Resolution and the Bond, the application of proceeds of the Bond for the purposes set forth in the Bond Resolution, and said Bond when issued pursuant to the Bond Resolution should not be validated and confirmed as thereto prayed.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Clerk of this Court or Plaintiff be and is hereby required to give notice of such hearing by publishing this Notice and Order to Show Cause in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes in the Caloosa Belle, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Labelle, the territory to be affected by the issuance of the Bond, in Hendry County, Florida, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, the first publication to be at least twenty (20) days prior to said hearing date. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that by such publication of this

Order, the State of Florida and all the taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the City of Labelle, Florida, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of not to exceed \$252,700 City of Labelle, Florida Capital Improvement Revenue Bond or to be affected in any way thereby, shall be and they are made parties defendant to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if specifically and personally named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Hendry County, Florida, this 6th day of July, 2018.

JAMES D. SLOAN
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

273443 CB 7/19/26/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY,
FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 18-75-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CAROL MAE THORMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
(Intestate)

The administration of the estate of
CAROL MAE THORMAN, deceased,
has been filed with this Court.

Notice of Administration is served must file any objections that challenge the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court, in accordance with the Florida Probate Rules, within three months after the date of service of a copy of this notice on them. All objections not so filed will be forever barred. The date of first publication of this notice is: July 19, 2018.

NANCY STEUBER,
Personal Representative
980 Ivan Boulevard
Labelle, FL 33935
/s/ Kenneth E. Kemp II
KENNETH E. KEMP II, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 0607401
12661 New Brittany Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
273730 CN 7/19/26/2018

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

TO: PADGETT INVESTIGATIONS & SECURITY INC.
Case No.: CD20180222/A 260029

An Administrative Complaint to impose an administrative fine and eligibility for licensure has been filed against. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for the same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 5708 Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5708. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication of this notice, the right to hearing is waived.

273827 CLEW 7/19, 26, 8/2, 8/9/2018

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 FOR
DEVIL'S GARDEN WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors' Meetings of Devil's Garden Water Control District are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. In the event the fourth Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Meeting would be held on the next business day.

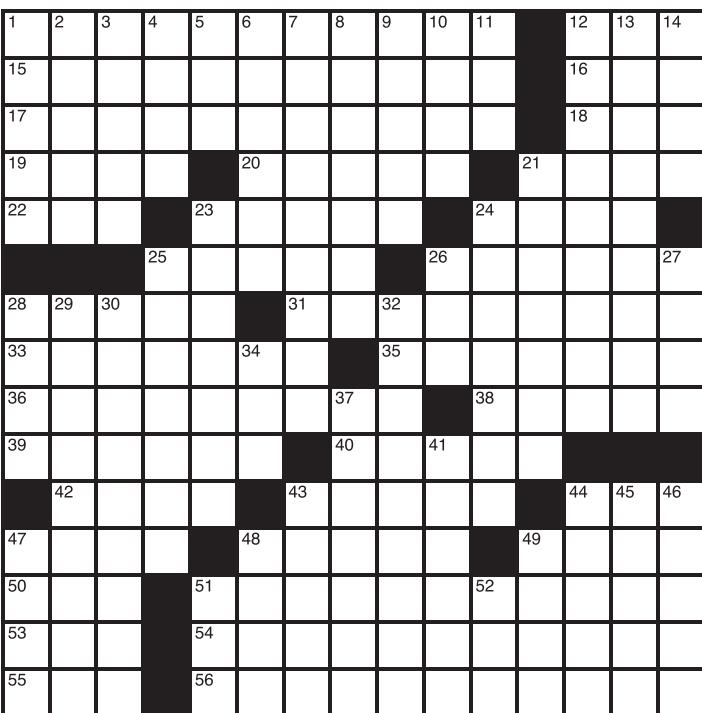
Devil's Garden Water Control District Monthly Board of Supervisors' Meetings begin at 3:00 PM, and are held at the Office of Baron Water Control District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Labelle, Florida.

The Annual Landowners' Meeting will be held in June 2019 followed by the Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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12 Refrain bit													
15 Jurassic time													
16 What "8" may mean: Abbr.													
17 Programmer's line													
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35 Breakup words													
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42 Dark times, to poets													
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By Barry C. Silk

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LOBA ramping up its social media activity

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

Amid all the noise being made over algae blooms and nutrient-stuffed waterways supposedly originating from Lake Okeechobee, the Lake O Business Alliance has steadily been raising its profile online to counter what LOBA Founder/President Julia du Plooy of Clewiston calls misinformation wrongly aiming blame at the Big Lake's farming communities.

But, rather than redirect the criticism toward other residents of the watersheds that empty into the algae-fouled Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and canals connected to Lake Okeechobee, Ms. du Plooy says the alliance's overriding social-media message has been more along the lines of "Let's work together to fix the problems."

In a series of Facebook posts roughly coinciding with and continuing since the July 14 rally at Clewiston's public recreation area along the Herbert Hoover Dike, the group has put up information aimed at injecting more truth into all the contention over the algae and excessive nutrient pollution that spurs its growth.

"The group," though, speaks mostly just through Ms. du Plooy's work. Formed in 2016, it has a board of directors consisting of local people who have full-time jobs, as do most of its volunteers. "We're a true nonprofit, so most of the day-to-day stuff is done by one person — me," she said.

"It's a passion that drives most of this," explained the stay-at-home mom. She grew up here and earned a degree at Florida State, then left for a time to start a career. After moving back to the area when she got engaged, she said, she began to wonder why local small businesses and ordinary working citizens were "not educated on the topic and understanding the true issues and the sources of water pollution."

So she linked up with other Glades residents, people involved in agriculture or local politics, including board members Hillary Hyslope, a longtime businesswoman and director of the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce; area native Lewis Pope III, co-owner of Pope Farms Inc. and president of Pahokee's Chamber of Commerce; and Jon Farmer, a Hendry County native and information technology consultant currently working full-time for Wedgworth Inc.

Together, they aim to promote a unified effort of local businesses and officials around Lake Okeechobee to influence state and federal policy, legislation and regulation toward creating/enhancing a positive business climate for the region's communities. Their mission is to organize,



Julia du Plooy

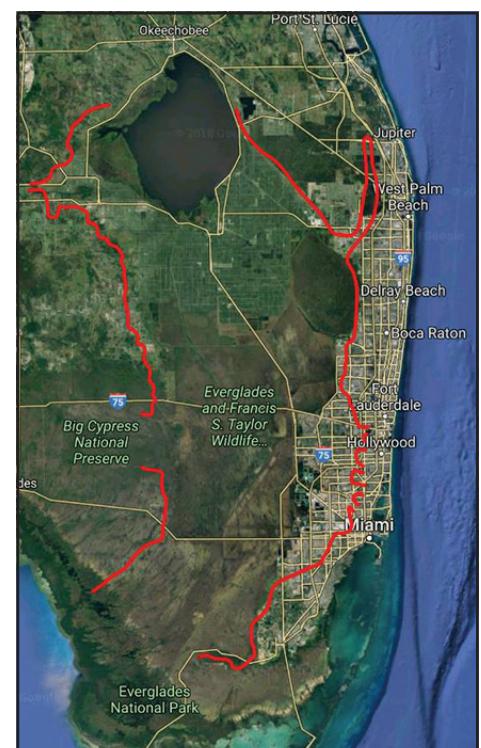
motivate and educate businesspeople in the Glades on issues affecting sustainability and commerce and to develop a unified voice supporting positive change.

Restoring the original "River of Grass" is truly not an option, she points out. What would it look like? "It's not just flooding out Big Sugar, as they call it; it would be flooding out most of the east coast," she said.

"The general public is being swayed with mistruth. And so I think those recent posts really put it out there to show people the sources of water, where water should be flowing that it isn't flowing and the reason we have this major issue on our hands."

About the activism that seems to be taking hold in the region, Ms. du Plooy said: "I'm absolutely proud of the people in the Glades. A lot of community members in the Glades have really stepped up. I think it's because they're getting more educated, and they feel empowered to speak up because they do have the facts."

"I think the more that we educate our community, the better off we are," Ms. du Plooy concluded.



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A graphic she made shows metro areas in western Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties would be underwater if the lake's original flow to the Everglades was restored.

Rural Democrats engage state party

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Hendry and Glades County Democrats traveled to Broward County last weekend to advocate local interests at the Florida Democratic Party's annual Leadership Blue conference. Representing the Glades County Democratic Party was Chairwoman

Mary Giddens. Mary delivered a report to the Democratic Small County Coalition on restructuring the coalition to better address the economic, health and education issues crucial to smaller counties.

Representing Hendry County at the weekend working meetings was first-time



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Philip Levine, a candidate for Florida governor and a former Miami Beach mayor, speaks with Wendy Williams, Democratic Small County Coalition chairwoman, Raymond Rodriguez of the Hendry County Democrats and Mary Giddens of the Glades County Democrats.

delegate Ramon Rodriguez. His involvement brings Clewiston, LaBelle and other small communities back into active engagement with Democrats statewide. Mr. Rodriguez will be leading work on a new organizing grant project for Hendry Democrats.

"As a regular working man from LaBelle, I was a little nervous about attending this meeting, but then I was surprised to see how other Democrats wanted to hear from me about our needs and issues. It showed me that we all want the same things — good jobs, quality schools and affordable health care," said Mr. Rodriguez.

WTEC registration & testing

West Technical Education Center, 2625 State Road 715 in Belle Glade, is now being accepting applications for adult education and pre-apprenticeship programs. They are offering ABE/GED, ESOL, carpentry, HVAC, electrical, welding and plumbing. For information, call 561-829-4620. Carpentry, HVAC, electrical, welding and plumbing pre-registration dates will be accepted through Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration dates are Aug. 21-23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes begin Sept. 11.

ABE/GED and ESOL registration will be held through Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-testing will be held through Aug. 24 by appointment. Classes begin Aug. 27. For information, call 561-829-4620.

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