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Lake Levels

13.57 feet
Last Year: 11.16 feet

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

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Gove teacher honored with the Dwyer award

School District of Palm Beach County

WEST PALM BEACH — The Economic Council of Palm Beach County Inc. in partnership with the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of the 34th Annual William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education.

- Elementary Education: Bridget M. Lutz, Gove Elementary School

- Middle School Education: Porschia Shelton, Okeeheelee Community Middle School

- Senior High School Education: Fawn Tenenbaum, John I. Leonard High School

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WOT mentees receive scholarships

All Women of Tomorrow mentee graduates of Pahokee Middle Senior High School (PHS) received four-year scholarships during the WOT annual Graduation and Scholarship Luncheon. Pahokee High was the only high school to have all mentees receive scholarships. Pictured are the students and their sponsor. Front row: Miriam Baltazar, $250 ($1,000 total), Paula Lugo, $250 ($1,000), Esperanza Baltazar, $1,000 ($4,000), Rosa Martinez-Arroyo, $1,000 ($4,000). Back row: Obriana Bent, $1,000 ($4,000); Ashley Paniagua, $1,000 ($4,000); Aria Benitez, Full Ride Florida Prepaid, average of $7,000 ($28,000); Enid Cochran Rivera, sponsor; Alejandra Dominguez, $100 ($400); Eryan Burres, $250 ($1,000). Figures in parentheses are the scholarship total amounts for four years.

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Congressional panel told of initiatives in the Glades

CareerSource Palm Beach County’s initiatives to increase employment and economic development in the Glades communities received national exposure when Ron Painter, CEO of the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), participated in a roundtable last week for the co-chairs of the House Rural Caucus in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Painter said the room was packed with House members as well as staffers from the offices of members who represent rural districts as well as some urban areas. There were several questions during and after the roundtable, about whether and what policy changes were needed to better address rural issues.

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Work on dike at Clewiston ending soon, but only briefly

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

CLEWISTON — Two U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials briefed local authorities and residents at a recent Clewiston City Commission meeting about the corps’ progress on the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project on the south end of Lake Okeechobee.

Most everyone was pleased to learn that construction work on Culvert 2, near the Clewiston Lock and the city’s public parkland, boat launches and parking area at the dike, is nearing completion. After that, which will be “about September,” reported Ingrid Bon, project manager for the USACE Jacksonville District, there will be a lull in activity near Clewiston for a few months before work gets started on the dike cutoff wall from Lake Harbor west through the city and then on through Moore Haven and Lakeport up to the Harney Pond Canal.

 Accompanied by South Florida Operations Office Chief Gary Russ, Ms. Bon showed a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the areas where the cutoff wall has been completed, where gap closures are being done now and where planning is underway for the wall’s western extension into what the corps calls Common Inundation Zones B and C.

Thirty-eight percent of the total cutoff wall has been completed thus far, with 21.4 miles done in Reach 1. Nine culverts have been replaced around the lake so far and one removed (32 percent of those being addressed); while work is continuing on 17 culvert replacements (53 percent of the total), Reach 1 cutoff wall gap closures and a 6.6-mile cutoff wall extension (12 percent of the total wall) from Belle Glade to Lake Harbor.

Still planned are 28.6 miles of cutoff wall; two culvert replacements (6 percent); three culvert abandonments (9 percent); the Harney Pond Bridge armoring; and embankment raising at the S-71 and S-72 culverts near Lakeport, between the Harney Pond and Indian Prairie canals.

“The main goal is to safeguard human life. This is a project that addresses flood risk reduction,” Ms. Bon said. “We’ve been doing work since 2011 at a very steady pace. Funding has been steady, which has allowed us to keep our schedule as we had planned it back in 2009-2010. Certainly the completion of this project is something that the citizens of Hendry County want to see since then FEMA can take a look again at the dike as a measure for flood protection and include it in their maps, thus adjusting flood insurance rates.”

She said that there are still two contract awards to be made in 2018 for water control structures, “and at that point他们 will all be under contract.” Ms. Bon added the cutoff wall gap closures are necessary because “we had to leave some gaps because of utilities, because we were trying to find a way to tie into existing water control structures.”

She explained that there will be a roughly six-month break for the Clewiston area, between the end of work on Culvert 2 and the beginning of construction on the cutoff wall westward, because that 7-mile portion is still under detailed design. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in June 2019, and project completion, she said, is expected in September 2022.

One thing that Clewiston commissioners were concerned about, regarding the cutoff wall portion to be built starting next year, was whether people still would be able to use the recreational facilities in the area, including the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST) atop the dike and the areas directly on Lake Okeechobee. The corps’ short answer is no. The levee will be closed both east and west of the Clewiston Lock and the city parkland until the cutoff wall is finished in those areas. Mr. Russ said he would continue to send updated LOST maps to the city as work is done so the public will be informed about closures.

City staff and Commissioner Phillip Roland pointed out the damage being done to city roads by heavy trucks used for the construction and asked if they would be repaired under the project. Ms. Bon replied that the USACE is not allowed to use any of the money for that purpose.

Mayor Gardner thanked Ms. Bon and Mr. Russ for the extensive report but noted that there would have to be further meetings soon to coordinate USACE’s plans with the city’s blueprints for park enhancements, housing development and better access to the lake for recreational purposes in that area.

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New cafe opening in Pahokee

Celecia Gaynor (left) has established the Town Center Cafe in downtown Pahokee and invited local luminaries to share the moment during a soft opening luncheon Tuesday, May 22. Mayor Keith Babb and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Regina Bohlen were there to help her celebrate. The eatery at 129 N. Lake Ave. will be open for breakfast and lunch seven days a week, with a menu highlighting healthful dishes including soups, salads, wraps, pressed sandwiches and the like. Ms. Gaynor, a home health nurse living in Fort Lauderdale who works in the area, said of her new venture, “This community has been very good to me with nursing, so it’s meant to give back to the community with employment.” She and her general manager, Dolores Hernandez, have a staff of 15, all local residents, and the cafe building underwent a total renovation.

Sun Spots

GTAC meets in Pahokee

GTAC will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the Pahokee Campground & Marina, 190 N. Lake Avenue in Pahokee. The guest speaker will be Chandra Cosby, Victim Advocate for Palm Beach County’s Public Safety-Victim Services. For information, contact 561-233-5303 or htafe@pbcgov.org or 561-233-5567 or areid@pbcgov.org

LORE to hold workshop

LORE, the Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance, is hosting a free workshop for business owners on Thursday, May 24, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Pahokee, 491 E Main St. in Pahokee. Join Rachelle Franklin, Interim Director of College Relations & Marketing at Palm Beach State College, in a discussion about how to get engaged, attract customers and grow your business. For information, contact info@lorealliancepbc.org or 561-889-8343.

College information session

The Glades community is invited to hear about welding, diesel mechanic, cosmetology, barbering, nails and facials programs at the Palm Beach State College, 1977 SW College Drive in Belle Glade on Tuesdays, May 29, June 26 and July 31 at 4-6 p.m. They will have representatives from advising, registrar, financial aid departments and Career Source. For information call 561-993-1143.

LSMS to host ball

Lake Shore Middle School (LSMS), 425 W Canal St. N in Belle Glade, will hold an end of the year semi-formal masquerade ball titled “A Night In Disguise” on Thursday, May 31 from 6 - 9 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Eligible LSMS students in grades 6-8 are welcome. No refunds for lost or stolen tickets. Admission is $30.
Do-it-yourself tips to prepare homes for hurricanes

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ORLANDO — The keys to effective disaster preparedness — be informed, make a plan and take action — apply to all of us, but people with access and functional needs or disabilities should approach preparedness planning with additional considerations.

**Additional considerations could include:**

- Creating a support network. Check with those who can assist you, if needed. Keep a contact list in a watertight container in your emergency kit. Learn more at ready.gov/kit.
- Planning ahead for accessible transportation for evacuation or getting to a medical clinic. Work with local services, public transportation or paratransit to identify local or private accessible transportation options.
- Informing a support network where your emergency supplies are; you may want to give one member a key to your house or apartment.
- Knowing location and availability of more than one facility for dialysis if dialysis is needed to add to a kit.

**Build a kit**

In addition to having basic survival supplies, an emergency kit should contain items to meet individual needs in various emergencies. Consider items used daily and those needed to add to a kit.

**Tips for People who are deaf or hard of hearing**

- Include: A weather radio with text display and a flashing alert
- Extra hearing-aid batteries
- A TTY

**Tips for people living with a mobility disability:**

- If you use a power wheelchair, have a lightweight manual chair available as a backup. Show others how to operate your wheelchair.
- Know the size and weight of your wheelchair, and if it is collapsible for transportation.
- Keep an extra mobility device such as a cane or walker, if you use one.
- If you use a seat cushion to protect your skin or maintain your balance, and you must evacuate without your wheelchair, take your cushion with you.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, in coordination with each local emergency management agency in the state, developed a registry to allow residents with special needs to register with their local emergency management agency to receive assistance during a disaster. The statewide registry provides first responders with valuable information to prepare for disasters or other emergencies. To register, please visit www.snf.floridadisaster.org.

For more on the tips above and disaster planning for those with access and functional needs or disabilities, or for children, visit Ready.gov. The range of needs runs wide and effective planning runs deep. Be ready for hurricanes — and for any other disaster … and help those who may need neighborly assistance.

Disaster preparedness tips for people with disabilities

**Hurricane season begins June 1**

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Florida has had about twice as many hurricane landfalls in recorded history as any other state, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. There are several easy steps homeowners can take to reduce the chances their property becomes a statistic.

Hurricane season begins Friday, June 1, so Florida homeowners should consider the following do-it-yourself tips to protect their property:

- Install storm shutters to protect windows from strong winds.
- Identify somewhere to secure outdoor items like furniture, garden tools, toys and garbage cans. Strong winds can turn these items into projectiles that may damage homes and cause injuries.
- Clean gutters and downspouts. Leaves, twigs and debris can clog them and prevent rainwater from efficiently draining away from homes.
- Buy flood insurance. Most home insurance policies do not cover the expensive damage of hurricane-related flooding.
- National Flood Insurance Program policies become effective 30 days after the date of purchase so homeowners should purchase one before it’s too late. Learn more at www.floodsmart.gov.

For Hurricane Irma recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/ IrmaFL.

Contact local officials about permits before starting work

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Homeowners who are still repairing or rebuilding Hurricane Irma-damaged property should contact local officials before starting work. Florida homeowners should contact their local building permit office before starting repairs or rebuilding Hurricane Irma-damaged property. Local emergency management officials do not grant construction permits.

Construction that may require permits includes plumbing, electrical system, foundation and structural repairs. FEMA does not provide permits.

Some communities may also enforce other requirements like elevation for those who are rebuilding or repairing a home.

A local emergency manager can direct homeowners where to get more information about permits and learn about other requirements. They may find contact information for their local emergency manager online at www.floridadisaster.org/counties.

Advice about Contractors

Hiring a licensed contractor may help prevent future structural and financial problems. That’s why it’s important to ensure contractors who are rebuilding homes or making repairs are licensed in Florida.

Licensed contractors in Florida must carry general liability insurance and worker’s compensation.

Always require a written contract. Be sure to read it carefully and understand what it says.

Never pay the full cost of the job upfront and ask for a receipt.

Get more than one estimate. Compare them and if one is much lower than the others and seems too good to be true it probably is.

Verify a contractor’s license online at the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr.

Follow FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management on Twitter at @ FEMARegion4 and @ FLSERT. You may also visit FEMA and the Division’s Facebook pages at Facebook.com/FEMA and Facebook.com/FloridaSERT.
FHP troopers issued Narcan to save lives on roads

Special to INI Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), a division of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), is now issuing Narcan to troopers in an effort to save lives, a strategy by the agency to fight against the opioid epidemic. Naloxone, the lifesaving drug commonly known by its brand name Narcan, can take just seconds to revive an overdose victim.

“The FHP is part of a concerted, collaborative effort to combat the opioid crisis, which has a far-reaching impact,” said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. “Safety for our troopers and those we serve has been and always will be the department’s number one priority, and it’s critical that our members can safely perform their jobs to help prevent any unnecessary injuries or deaths in our state.”

This week, troopers in Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties were the first members of FHP to be issued Narcan due to the increasing number of overdose deaths in those counties. Narcan was to be issued to additional troopers throughout other areas of the state this year.

“FHP knows firsthand the seriousness of the opioid crisis and the department is taking the necessary steps to adapt our techniques and arm our troopers with the tools that will ensure the safety of the public and FHP,” said Colonel Gene S. Spaulding, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. “With the rise of deaths associated with the use of fentanyl and carfentanil, it is important to have this antidote available to our troopers, who are often the first to arrive on scene Florida roadways.”

The Narcan units will assist FHP members when they encounter an overdose situation while on patrol and help protect first responders who may be accidentally exposed and overcome by the effects of dangerous opioids. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Carfentanil is an synthetic opioid and is 10,000 times more potent than morphine. Extremely small doses of these drugs have been determined to be fatal, and even exposure from minor skin contact has been known to cause severe medical issues including death.

Reflections from the Pulpit

Pentecost: A spirit that overcomes all obstacles

By he Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D.†

Saint Martin’s Church, Clewiston

Years ago, I took four courses in German during summer vacations. They were taken in Strasbourg, France and taught in French!

I’d spend my weekends visiting German cities near the French border and going to a local movie on the Saturday evening. My language abilities were very limited and I’d only pick up a few words here and there, but I realized that I could understand the story on the screen. Perhaps I didn’t understand 100 percent; but I knew when I was seeing a powerful love story or a historical drama about a part of the world I did not know. I also learned that even this greater barrier between people, language differences, could be overcome with an open attitude and willingness to try.

I made my way around in some of the local restaurants and didn’t starve even when I wasn’t entirely sure about what I had just ordered! I also learned that others were usually helpful when they realized this visitor was having difficulty; a spirit of cooperation, of one-ness, made what might be disasters into enjoyable memories. Something that might have been scary at first led me to share things I might not otherwise have known or seen. I’ve gained a great deal more respect for others who struggle with languages and who have come here; resolving to be as helpful and as understanding as possible when it is obvious that someone is struggling while mastering my language of birth.

“I have also been able to share in worship services where another tongue was used in the celebration. I knew I was among kindred spirits and have always been welcomed on such occasions.

The Book of Acts gives biblical account of the Day of Pentecost, and has taken a special meaning for me. This day is commemorated by many as the birthday of the Church. It is about disciples gathering on this fifteenth day after Easter and Luke writes “...they were all together in one place (Acts 2:1).” That passage has come to mean for me that they were “together” more than just in the sense of physical presence. Those who were there were at one, spiritually, with each other. The passage goes on to mention that God’s Spirit rested on them and they “began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4).” Despite a barrier that is almost insurmountable, they were moved by God to be at one, and they were.

I have learned that I can share with others even when there are barriers; and that God’s Spirit shares with me when my efforts to communicate with Him seem to leave me at a loss for words. The account in Acts goes on to tell that, in spite of the great differences “...we hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God (Acts 2:21).” This day of the birthday of the Church is the moment of the Lord’s commission to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:19-20)” is now realized.

How is this possible? It is possible because of God’s Spirit inhabiting those who were called to establish His body here on earth, His Church, and to go to the literal ends of the earth to do it. It has happened no matter what the language, no matter what the era, no matter what the political entity, no matter what the opposition.

I have noted that when regimes are in place that reject the place of religion in their national lives it seems to be more of a matter of suppression than elimination. With the culmination of such regimes and an opening of doors to the faiths that were once suppressed, suddenly there is a resurgence of believers. I have observed that it is never a case of starting all over again, but the appearance of a faith that was already waiting to be a part of a new order.

A language is spoken that is heard once more: the Pentecost experience comes alive. There is a recognition of the birth of the Church and the birthday of His body of faithful is celebrated again. Pentecost has been regarded by many as the third great Church holiday, along with Christmas and Easter. For some reason, it has not gained the same place in secular society as the other two; but nevertheless deserves to be remembered. Maybe it’s like the birthdays we all celebrate; we may not remember our earthly coming into the world, but we surely are present and alive! That may be our heritage of Pentecost; even if the date is obscure, the faithful are sure present and alive in this world. That’s what matters; that’s what the world wants.

Obituaries

Johnnie Melvin Durance, 66

LOUISVILLE, Tenn. — Johnnie Melvin Durance, of Louisi

He was preceded in death by his parents, James William and Vera Mae Durance; sister, Martha Hunter; and granddaughter, Kiasha Ann.

Johnnie is survived by his wife of 35 years, Flo Durance, of Knoxville, Tenn.; four children, Brenda Flyaw of Dayton, Tenn., John and Kathy Durance of Jefferson City, Tenn., Joshua Nagoroy of Ohio, and Corey Durance of Iowa: grandchildren, Jessica, Nathan, Austin, Kayla, Kaylee, Michael, Abby, Harley, Victoria, Stacy Jr., Kori, Jacob, and Taylor; eight great-grandchildren, Celeb, Kylie, Kaigyn, Mia, Lilly, Kyren, Clara, Willow; ten siblings, Billy, Hersel, David, Paul, Joe, Joyce, Mary, Linda Gale, Julie, Maudeen; numerous nieces and nephews; and his sisters in Christ, Brenda and Linda.

Over many years he worked as a commercial fisherman, a heavy equipment operator with United States Sugar Corp in Florida, and worked construction before he was disabled. Johnnie will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at Evangel Assembly of God, 350 S Berner Road, Clewiston, on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. The family will welcome friends prior to the service at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Johnnie’s memory to East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, The Development Office, P. O. Box 15010, Knoxville, TN 37901-5010 or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Hurricane season begins June 1

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ORLANDO — When disaster strikes, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process.

Download FEMA’s Emergency Financial First Aid Kit at go.usa.gov/xQWVJ. It has tips to help reduce the financial impact of disasters. It also contains a checklist of all documents that may be needed after a disaster.

Keep some cash at home in a safe place. Have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster.

Obtain property — homeowners or renters — insurance. It will ensure having financial resources to repair, rebuild or replace damaged property.

All Floridians should buy flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program because homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding. Learn more online at fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

Arrange to get benefits electronically, as mail service may be disrupted for weeks. This also eliminates the risk of stolen checks. Purchase a portable cellular phone to keep cellphones and other devices charged when the power goes out to continue to pay monthly bills online.

Prepare ahead by collecting all important records and storing them in a safe place, either in a safe deposit box, on an external drive, or in the cloud. In an emergency it will prove invaluable to know where to find all vital documents.

Personal documents
• Photo ID for all household members
• Birth certificates
• Social Security cards
• Proof of military service
• Pet ID tags

Financial & legal documents
• Housing payments
• Insurance policies
• Sources of income
• Tax statements
• Medical Information
• Physician information
• Health insurance cards
• Immunization records
• Medications

For more recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/irmafI.

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BELLE GLADE - The U.S. Department of Education has named Gove Elementary School a 2018 Green Ribbon School honoree for its commitment to student and community wellness, as well as environmental conservation and sustainability.

“This distinction is thanks to a decade of hard work by our entire Gove family, and the dedication of more than 50 business partners to ensure that we’re addressing the whole child and our community in lessons that will promote wellness and conservation,” said Gove Elementary School principal Kim Thomasson.

In working to attain the recognition, the school set out to ensure that “every grade level integrates environmental education into classroom instruction, teaching students how to make a difference in the world, while creating a healthier learning environment,” according to its application.

Fruits and vegetables have been included in the daily snacks, there’s a vegetable and herb garden on campus and the students have participated in several health and wellness initiatives such as morning yoga, healthy eating forums and fitness challenges.

The school-wide commitment to conservation includes hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) lessons centered on the environment, recycling projects, encouraging carpooling and biking to school, and reducing pesticides used on the campus by incorporating ladybugs and marigolds in the landscaping.

The campus is LEED Silver-certified with energy and water-reducing materials such as native plants in the landscaping, green cleaning products and ice storage air conditioning. Through these initiatives, it has reduced its energy use by 74 percent and its water use by 57 percent in two years.

Gove Elementary School is a Title I school with more than 700 students located in what has been identified as a food desert. Gove and Pine Jog Elementary School are the only schools in the District to earn the Green Ribbon Award.

Gove Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Gove Elementary explores the world during Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night was held on Monday, May 14. The theme was “Exploring the Seven Continents.”

Gove’s Steel Band Club, under the direction of music teacher Mr. Bethel, opened up the night with a selection that focused on the many cultures of the world. Each grade group worked with one of the seven continents by teaching students the different cultures, habitats, animals and languages spoken in each region. The students’ work was then displayed in the cafeteria as part of the tour of the seven continents. During the event, students were given a passport to take to each continent’s display. As students and families visited each display, their passport was stamped, and they received souvenirs from that continent. After forty-five minutes of exploration, families enjoyed more performances.

The Glades Central Multicultural Club, sponsored by Mrs. Rose Goldman, presented three selections, Pelea de Gallos (Mexican Dance), Moviendo Las Caderas (Merengue) and Roody Rood Boy (Haitian Carnival). The Learning Connection Band, sponsored by Mrs. M. St. Hilaire, also performed Hot Cross Buns and the Drum Cadence. The last selection of the night was the Butterfly Dance by Gove’s Bangladesh students.

The cafeteria was full of very pleased attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many cultures that form our school.

A special thanks to Gove’s administration, staff, parents, students, Glades Central Multicultural Club, Learning Connection and the Bangladesh community that made the Multicultural Night a big success.

Without a doubt, Gove Elementary has the finest parents, students, volunteers and staff.

Upcoming Events
• May 24: English Parent Project at 1-2:15 p.m.
• May 28: Memorial Day/No School
• May 29: Spanish Parent Project at 1-2:15 p.m.
• May 30: Fifth & Sixth Grade Bash at noon - 2 p.m.
• May 30-31: Kindergarten - second grade Summer Slide Book Distribution
• May 31: Special Education Award Ceremony
Safe-boating precautions can help save lives

Special to INI Florida

Although Florida’s boating season never really ends, the traditional start is marked by National Safe Boating Week — a time for boaters to focus on simple and effective steps that make boating safer. Leading the nation with nearly 1 million registered vessels across the state, Florida is the boating capital of the world and is world-renowned as a prime boating spot for residents and visitors. Each year, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers respond to far too many tragic and preventable boating accidents, so they want all boaters to remember to boat safely.

“Florida is an incredible boating destination,” said Maj. Rob Rowe, leader of the FWC’s Boating and Waterways Section. “The upcoming Memorial Day holiday and National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, present an opportunity to emphasize the importance of remaining safe while boating.

“Our officers are committed to keeping people as safe as possible, but we need the public’s help,” Maj. Rowe said. “We want to reach as many boaters as we can to help them understand that most boating accidents are preventable.”

Boaters can enjoy their time on the water even more by taking a few safety precautions such as wearing a life jacket, using an engine cutoff switch lanyard, designating a sober boat operator, paying attention and keeping a proper lookout, filing a float plan, and taking a boating safety class.

The FWC’s 2017 Boating Accident Statistical Report indicates there were 766 reportable boating accidents in Florida last year, resulting in 67 fatalities. This represents a 7 percent increase in the number of accidents, but the same number of fatalities as compared to 2016. The leading cause attributed to boating accidents in 2017 was the operator’s inattention or lack of a proper lookout (24 percent). Falls overboard has been the leading type of fatal accident since 2003, with drowning as the leading cause of death.

Accidents can often be prevented if boat operators pay attention to everything going on around their vessel, maintain a proper lookout and if everyone on board is wearing a life jacket. Fifty-two percent of boating-related deaths last year were attributed to drowning, which life jackets are designed to prevent.

“A lot of people say they don’t wear life jackets because they are uncomfortable,” said Maj. Rowe. “But with newer inflatable models that are belt packs or suspenders, you hardly know you’re wearing one. FWC officers wear inflatable life jackets all the time while on the water.”

The FWC has released compelling life jacket testimonials from three North Florida families whose lives have been changed by wearing — or not wearing — a life jacket when things went wrong on the water. These dramatic accounts provide vital information and a call to action for every boater to enjoy Florida’s waters safely while wearing a life jacket.

An engine cutoff switch lanyard is a safety device that is attached from the boat operator to the ignition. If it is disconnected, the engine will shut down, potentially preventing a boater who has fallen overboard from being injured by the moving propeller of a runaway boat.

Boating education is critical. In 2017, 67 percent of boat operators involved in fatal accidents had no formal boater education. Florida’s current boating safety education law applies to boaters born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, and who operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or greater.

“Safe boating is really the key to enjoying your time on the water, and education is a major component,” said Maj. Rowe. “2018 marks the year that if a boater is age 30 or younger, they are required to have a boating safety education. Florida’s current boating safety education law applies to boaters born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, and who operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or greater.”

FWC officers patrol our waterways in an effort to keep all boaters safe by checking that they have the required equipment and are operating safely. Ensure your encounters with FWC officers are positive ones by planning ahead and paying attention while on the water.

To report people who are operating boats dangerously, call 888-404-FWCC (3922) or text Tip@MyFWC.com. More information can be found by visiting MyFWC.com/Boating. You can even search there for the Florida Public Boat Ramp Finder to help you find a great place to launch your boat.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission officials conduct boating safety checks to make sure boaters have proper safety equipment.
JTK Bike Shop plans ride to Palm Beach State College

By Katrina Elsken
The Sun

JTK Bike Shop will celebrate its one-year anniversary in June. A bike ride is planned on Saturday, May 26, to celebrate.

“Our dedicated volunteer and supporter, Anton Pastuszak, is the welding instructor at Palm Beach State College (Belle Glade campus). Anton has created several beautiful metal sculpture art pieces that are being exhibited on the PBSC Belle Glade campus,” said Dawn Donaldson.

“Our JTK family has only seen these works of art in photos and we are excited to tour the Belle Glade campus of the college and enjoy viewing Anton’s work in person.

“Our bike riding team will meet at JTK Bike Shop at 233 W. Avenue A, Suite B, Belle Glade, at 4 p.m. The ride is less than three miles to Palm Beach State College campus, where we will spend some time touring the campus and viewing Anton’s sculptures. The JTK team and all those joining us on the ride are invited to return to JTK Bike Shop for refreshments. This event is dependent on weather conditions.”

In case of rain, this event will be rescheduled.

JTK Bike Shop is a nonprofit youth development program. With some training from the adult volunteers, youngsters use parts from old bicycles to build their own bikes. They also help each other build and repair bikes, and recently even started selling bicycles to raise money for the program. After working in the shop, the “JTK family” enjoys cooking and sharing a meal together. They also recently started growing their own garden to produce food for the meals.

JTK Bike Shop also organizes group bike rides, and invites the participants’ families to join in the fun.

The JTK kids are very proud of their corn! Muck grows the best veggies. They are also growing herbs indoors (hydroponically) and can’t wait to use them in dinner recipes.

Glades-area clerks honored

The city clerks of the tri-cities felt the love this month for the often thankless job they do for both the public and their own municipality’s elected officials. The 49th annual observance of Municipal Clerks Week was celebrated across the nation the week of May 6-12. From left are South Bay City Clerk Jessica Figueroa, who’s served for 10 years; Belle Glade City Clerk Debra Buff, 23 years; and Pahokee City Clerk Tijauna Warner, three years. The office of municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants, and their special week, established by their international group, was first declared in the U.S. by President Reagan in 1984. This photo was taken at the monthly meeting of the Palm Beach County clerks’ group at Clewiston City Hall on April 25.
Lohmann promoted to VP of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative

Special to The Sun

BELLE GLADE — Brian R. Lohmann was promoted to vice president, chief financial officer and general manager of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative at the April 2018 board of directors meeting.

“Brian has proven his leadership capabilities and the ability to juggle several different projects efficiently. His understanding of the ‘big’ picture of our business is critical in continuing to lead the cooperative successfully into the future,” said CEO and President Antonio L. Contreras.

Mr. Lohmann joined the cooperative in 2008 and was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer in 2015. Following the company’s internal reorganization, in addition to his current duties he will be the general manager overseeing all the administrative functions of the business as well as the environmental, safety and security area.

Prior to joining the cooperative, Mr. Lohmann worked for Pioneer Growers Inc. as director of replenishment. He started his career in public accounting with Deloitte & Touche in Jacksonville, including expatriate service in Saudi Arabia. He owned and operated his own accounting firm in Belle Glade for 13 years. A native Floridian who spent virtually his entire life in the Glades region of Palm Beach County, Mr. Lohmann graduated from the University of Florida in 1988 with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. He also has been very active in the community; he sat on the Glades Day School Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2018 and served as chairman or vice-chairman for most of his tenure. He was appointed to the Palm Beach County Health Care District by the Palm Beach County Commission in 2011 and served as vice-chairman and chairman of the finance committee.

Following the retirement of Kathleen Durrell Lockhart, manager of environmental affairs, the cooperative is pleased to announce the addition of Grant J. Lanham as vice president – environmental, safety and security. Mr. Lanham was environmental, health and safety compliance specialist for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Kokomo, Ind., from 2015 until he accepted this position. He is no stranger to Florida’s unique regulatory climate, as he worked at Pratt & Whitney in West Palm Beach from 2008 until 2015. He started his career in wastewater pollution control and later managed a project to install a fluid tracking system for chemicals and oils at DaimlerChrysler Corp.

He earned his master’s degree from Liberty University in 2009 and graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor’s degree in 1992.

“Kathy served the cooperative for more than 25 years, and we wish her the best in her well-earned retirement,” Mr. Contreras said. “Although we will miss her institutional knowledge about our many environmental issues that she handled so well, we are pleased to welcome Grant. His solid background and reputation seem to be a great fit for the cooperative.”

The cooperative’s 44 grower-members produced 3.6 million tons of sugarcane during the 2017-18 harvest season, yielding 400,000 tons of raw sugar grown on 77,000 acres of land primarily in Palm Beach County. As partners with Florida Crystals Corp., the cooperative owns and operates the world’s largest cane sugar refining company, ASR Group International Inc., which owns nine sugar refineries and two raw sugar mills in seven countries with the capacity to produce more than 6 million tons of refined sugar annually.

This year, the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida and Florida Crystals Corp. partnership launched a new value-added enterprise to our business portfolio — Tellus Products LLC. Tellus produces annually renewable, compostable food service products such as plates, bowls and clamshells made from the fiber of the sugarcane stalk called bagasse. This Earth-friendly product line adds to the overall sustainability of our operations.

Rosenwald Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Important dates

- May 1-31: Haitian Heritage Month
- May 1-31: Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month
- May 23: Multicultural Day at RES
- May 28: Memorial Day holiday - no school
- May 30: Fifth grade promotional ceremony
- June 1: Last day of school for students

School news

We are on Facebook: All parents are encouraged to follow Rosenwald Elementary on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/RosenwaldES/ Twitter: www.twitter.com/RosenwaldES

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Floridians are being reminded to get ready for hurricane season

Special to INI Florida

The Florida Department of Health is reminding every Floridian to anticipate this year’s rapidly approaching hurricane season by making preparations during National Hurricane Preparedness Week. Every hurricane season should be treated as a serious threat, especially after the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate last year.

“Last summer, Hurricane Irma’s path was unpredictable and threatened every part of Florida at some point,” said state Surgeon General and DOH Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip. “Hurricanes can pose a risk to anyone, even if your area is not in the predicted path. That’s why every Florida resident and visitor needs to have an updated emergency plan and a well-stocked emergency supply kit. I also strongly encourage individuals with special needs and their families to register now with your local emergency management office for special needs shelter accommodation.”

The department recommends the following tips to prepare for the 2018 hurricane season:

• Determine the risks to your home, property or business;
• Develop or update an emergency evacuation plan and review the plan carefully with your family — don’t forget to include your pets in your evacuation plan;
• Make sure you have adequate insurance by contacting your insurance company or agent;
• Assemble a disaster supply kit;
• Strengthen your home and complete any needed repairs;
• Identify your trusted sources of information for any severe weather event or hurricane. Credible and timely information is very important to taking the appropriate actions in the event of an emergency; and
• Complete a written hurricane plan and keep it in a safe, easily accessible location.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management offers a checklist for your emergency plan.

Everyone living in Florida should have an emergency preparedness kit that meets your specific needs. Some items you may want to include in your kit are:

• Water (at least one gallon a day per person);
• Non-perishable packaged or canned food (enough for at least three to seven days);
• Any necessary medication (enough for two weeks);
• Written instructions for care and medication (including medication dosages, a list of medical devices you use and a list of your doctors);
• First aid kit;
• Flashlights with extra batteries;
• Pet care items (including any pet medications); and
• Other important documents (stored in a waterproof container).

In certain situations, it may be safest for you to evacuate from your house to a more secure location like a shelter. If you have a disability or a special need such as a medical condition, please register with your local emergency management office. All emergency management offices maintain a list of people within the community with a disability or a special need so they can be assisted quickly during an emergency.

To find contact information for your county’s emergency management office, you can visit https://www.floridadisaster.org/counties/
The Florida Department of Health’s website also has valuable information that can help you plan for emergency situations: http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/index.html

To get information on special needs shelters in your county, visit the Florida Special Needs Registry: https://snr.floridadisaster.org/Signin?ReturnUrl=%2f

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We will be publishing a Special Tribute to the Graduating Class of 2018!

Please place your ad to appear May 17th, 24th or 30th!

Please call Stephanie at 863-763-3134 ext. 4230 to place your ad or e-mail Slarson@newszap.com

Deadline is the Friday prior to the run date.

www.devilsgardenmudclub.com

ATTENTION: PARENTS!
Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Residential Building Inspector. Applications must be received 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 VEO/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.

Central County Water Drainage District is looking to hire a Journeymen Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic with the skills to perform a range of overhaul and repair work on heavy-duty mobile equipment and vehicles powered by internal combustion engines (gasoline, butane, diesel or multi-fuel). Types of equipment repaired include construction equipment and specialized tools and testing instruments of the electrical trade on residential units. HS Diploma/GED is required. Minimum of one (1) years of experience working as a skilled electrician or related field is required. Full-Health and Employee Benefits offered!

Seminole Tribe of Florida: Electrician
This is skilled work at the journeyman level regarding the installation, alteration, maintenance and repair of electrical systems, equipment and fixtures for the STOP Housing Residential facilities. Duties include working independently with considerable latitude in determining methods of work and using specialized tools and testing instruments of the electrical trade on residential units. HS Diploma/GED is required. Minimum of one (1) years of experience working as a skilled electrician or related field is required. Full-Health and Employee Benefits offered!

Submit Resume to: michaeljean@semitribe.com or apply at www.seminoletribe.com

To place a classified ad in any of the following newspapers over the phone, call 877-353-2424
Okeechobee News • Caloosa Belle • Clewiston News • Glades County Democrat • Immokalee Bulletin • The Sun

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Del Valle Fresh, Inc... 20 Temporary workers needed in Enoree, South Carolina from July 4, 2018 through October 30, 2018. Applicants must be 18 years or older. The person seeking employment as an agricultural worker must be available for the entire period requested by the employer and have 3 months of experience in the manual harvesting of agricultural products. All tools, supplies and equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Peppers and Squash: Workers are assigned a row or series of rows and are required to select and choose products according to criteria described and demonstrated by managers, such as size, color and maturity and place them in a field container. They will be responsible for the harvesting and discarding of the table of poor quality products, rotten and/or overmature. Workers will gently load the quality products into containers, taking care to avoid damage or bruises. Workers must carry a full container that weighs approximately (50) pounds and empty them in a field container or load them into a trailer. Workers must be careful when performing their work tasks on the farm and exercise awareness so as not to damage or bruise the fruit. Workers must comply with all safety rules according to the instructions of their supervisors and all agricultural work operations must comply with the standards and specifications given by the employer. Workers will be required to stack containers in trucks and unload. Workers are exposed to humid weather early in the morning and heat during the day while working in the field. Workers must wait for occasional periods of little or no work due to weather, crops or other conditions beyond the control of the employer. These periods may occur at any time during the season. Cell phones are only to be used during breaks and emergencies. Successful applicants will be subject to a trial period of up to 2 days during which the completion of the required tasks will be evaluated. If the performance is not acceptable to the employer at its sole discretion, the worker will be fired. The employer may conduct a criminal background check. We will reimburse the worker for transportation costs (including traveler’s insurance) and subsistence to the employer’s job site from the place of hire upon completion of 50 percent of the contract period. Payment of transportation will not be less (and is not required to be more) than the cheapest and most reasonable common carrier transport charges for the distance involved. A copy of the employment contract or a copy of ETA 790 will be provided in lieu of an employment contract, and any modification, to the worker the day the work commences or as soon as possible. In the orientation, we will explain the “General description of the warnings” and we will provide the workers with a copy of this form. Workers will be paid $10.95 per hour, three fourth’s of which are paid as fringe benefits. At this week, housing, equipment and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the week. Employer may participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Complete job description can be found at your local SWA Job Center. Apply for this job at the State SWA Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area SC 800-737-2400, GA 912-285-6105, TN 901-636-7971 FL 863-385-3672, using job order #387515.

Reading a newspaper helps you understand the world around you.
No wonder newspaper readers enjoy life more!
Central County Water Drainage District is looking to hire a Highway Maintenance Tech. Candidates include: Operating a highway maintenance and traffic equipment to maintain, repair and clean highways and right-of-ways; Moving, loading, grouping, and unloading materials; Maintains, repairs, and installs traffic signs, route markers, and pavement markings; Maintains inventories of repair and replacement equipment and materials; Insurance as well as minor repairs, preventative maintenance, re-fueling, pre-trip inspections; Performs miscellaneous support duties, as assigned. Performs job documentation. Performs related job duties as assigned. Cleans debris from roadways and right-of-ways.

Must possess a valid driver’s license

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

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HIGHLAND GLADES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF WORK PLAN

Notice is hereby given pursuant to “The Water Rights Compact Among the States and the Florida Statutes, Title XXX, Chapter 376, Water Resources, and The Seminole Tribe of Florida” that the 8th Annual Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on the 11th day of May, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024. Notice is hereby given pursuant to “The Water Rights Compact Among the States and the Florida Statutes, Title XXX, Chapter 376, Water Resources, and The Seminole Tribe of Florida” that the 8th Annual Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on the 11th day of May, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024.

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL RELATING TO SOLID WASTE

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GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DEMONSTRATION & REBUILD OF ONE (1) HOME, NEW RENTING MADE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) requests that interested participants submit proposals for the Design/Build of a Demonstration & Rebuild of One Home. The project is part of the Glades County Ship Program. This project will be funded by Federal and State Monies. The Contractor shall complete the project within 120 calendar days after Contract Award. Participants interested in bidding on this project must be Pre-Qualified with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Pre-Qualification must be completed and submitted by 3:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. For more information, please visit www.FDAHomes.com.

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions hereinafter, will be received until 3:00 PM, EST, on Thursday, June 1, 2018, by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Hendry County Administrative Building, located at 99 E. Main Street, Suite 205, Labelle, Florida 33935; for furnishing all labor and materials necessary to demolish and perform all work connected with a project known as "DEMOLITION & REBUILD OF ONE (1) HOME, NEW RENTING MADE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY". This project is located at 625 West Avenue SW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The purpose of the public hearing and contractor review of these projects will be held on Friday June 1st, 2018 at 3:00 p.m in the SHIP Office located in the Glades Courthouse, Moore Haven. Mark Colbert, Chairman. This meeting is open to the public. Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to foreclose has been filed by the District Office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, FL 33942.

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How do you want your school district news and information?

News from the School District of Palm Beach County

WEST PALM BEACH — The School District of Palm Beach County wants to hear from parents, employees, students, business leaders and the community about how they’re getting their news about the district, and how they want the district to share news with them.

From now until May 31, the Palm Beach County community is invited to take an online survey to share their thoughts on how they want to receive news from the school district — whether it’s by email, mobile app, information posted on the district’s website, or posts shared on social media. They also will be asked to share how they currently learn about what’s happening in the district. The Department of Communications and Engagement has partnered with SCoPE (School Communications Performance Evaluation) to conduct the online survey. The survey will be offered in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole and will be linked directly from the district’s homepage. Links to the survey also will be emailed directly to parents and community members, and the survey links will be shared on the district’s social media platforms in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole.

Communications team members will attend community events in the next month to ensure maximum participation from a diverse cross-section of the community.

“We know how important it is for parents, employees, business partners, community leaders and students to stay connected with what is happening with our district. As the county’s largest employer and 10th-largest school district in the country, it is critical that our community is getting the news and information they need from the school district, in the ways that work best for them,” said Arny Schuyler, chief of staff for the Palm Beach County School District. “This survey is our community’s opportunity to tell us how we’re doing, how they’re getting their news about the school district, and how we can improve the ways we communicate to them.” The SCoPE survey will be available through May 31. Visit www.palmbeachschools.org/cope/ to take the survey.

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- Special Programs: Meredith Abrams, North Grade Elementary
- STEM: Susan Russo, Independence Middle School
- Career Education: Alicia Lauren-rences-Bersch, Indian Ridge School

The recipients, who each received $3,000 and a crystal flame award, were announced and all finalists, nominees and past recipients were honored at the Dwyer Awards ceremony, presented by The Hanley Foundation, on Tuesday, May 8, at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. All finalists also received $500.

The Dwyer Awards, an annual program developed and supported by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, honors outstanding educators from public and private schools in Palm Beach County, increases awareness of the exemplary teaching in our community, supports educators with financial awards and encourages all residents to promote high standards for excellence in education. The Economic Council of Palm Beach County is comprised of business leaders who are committed to educational excellence as a key tenet for creating an environment for business to prosper.

The 2018 Dwyer Awards would like to thank Presenting Sponsor Hanley Foundation; Excellence Sponsors Gunster and Pratt & Whitney; Award Presentation Sponsors Comcast, FPL; Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC); The Palm Beach Post and UnitedHealthcare; Finalist VIP Reception Sponsor Office Depot; Staging Sponsor the Elmore Family Foundation; Knowledge Sponsors B&I Florida and Johnson Controls; Creativity Sponsors CareerSource Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Palm Beach State College Foundation, Perry & Taylor, P.A., PNC, SBA Communications Corporation, Shuts & Bowen LLP; Teacher Student Sponsor the Palm Beach Kennel Club; Television Media Sponsor WPBF 25, and Radio Sponsor ESPN West Palm Beach.

“The Hanley Foundation believes that each and every teacher nominated is a winner,” stated Jan Cairnes, Executive Director. “The Hanley Foundation supports the Dwyer Awards because every citizen of Palm Beach County needs to know about the incredible impact our teachers are making on the youth of our county.”

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In speaking about innovative programs in rural areas conducted by the nation’s workforce boards, he told the attendees about CareerSource’s success in increasing employment and economic development in the Glades communities. This collaborative effort was so successful that CareerSource Palm Beach County and its community partners were selected to receive the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Community Development Award/Rural Community of the Year in 2015.

Mr. Painter specifically addressed CareerSource’s:

- Increased outreach to actual and potential major projects in the area. A direct result of this has been the addition of three new area employers and a fourth that is in progress. Together, they are expected to ultimately provide more than 300 jobs.
- Connecting project developers and organizations to buy local with purchases of more than $25 million in products and services from businesses in the Glades communities since 2009.
Special to INI Florida

To help restore the state’s northern bobwhite quail populations, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking private landowners to report sightings of bobwhite quail on their land.

Landowners can go to a new FWC webpage to record when and where they see northern bobwhite quail on their property: MyFWC.com/QuailSightings.

“I encourage landowners to get involved and let us know when you see or hear bobwhite quail on your land. The more landowners who decide to report their bobwhite quail sightings to the FWC’s new webpage, the more data we will have on the current locations and abundance of bobwhite quail throughout the state,” said Morgan Richardson, who heads the FWC’s Landowner Assistance Program. “Your participation will help us improve our efforts to restore bobwhite quail populations in Florida.”

The National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative in its State of the Bobwhite 2017 report mentions how FWC’s private lands biologists “provided technical assistance and cost share opportunities to landowners, creating roughly 8,000 acres of new bobwhite habitat throughout the state – nearly doubling last year’s acreage total.”

More than 19 million acres of Florida’s nearly 35 million acres are in private ownership. The land management practices encouraged by the FWC to maintain and restore bobwhite quail habitat include:

- Planting low-density longleaf pine forests (less than 500 trees per acre).
- Frequently doing prescribed burns.
- Planting and maintaining field borders with native plants, providing food and cover for bobwhite quail.

The FWC wants to record sightings of wild quail, not pen-raised quail that are released for hunting. Sightings of bobwhite quail that are current or within the past year are preferred, but older sightings may be reported if the year and month are known.

Learn more about the Landowner Assistance Program at MyFWC.com/LAP where you can contact an FWC private lands biologist.

The FWC also relies on citizen scientists to report sightings of other species. Go to www.fwc.gov/cis/FL.html.

To find out if a community participates in NFIP, ask an insurance agent or go online to www.fema.gov/cis/FL.html.

A single-family residential building can be insured up to a maximum of $250,000 and its contents up to $100,000. Renters can cover contents up to $100,000. Non-residential property owners can insure their building up to $500,000 and contents up to $500,000.

The cost of a policy depends on the flood risk, but the average annual cost for a homeowner is approximately $700. To find an agent who sells flood insurance, contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 800-427-4661.

For information on general flood insurance questions, contact your local floodplain administrator, NFIP at 800-427-4661, or your insurance agent. TTY users may call NFIP at 800-427-5593. Email FloodSmart@dhs.gov to request information in a language other than English. Information also is available at www.FEMA.gov, at frequently asked questions and at www.FloodSmart.gov. For more recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, or follow us @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA’s Facebook page.
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