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Mel Tillis's name enshrined on Main St.

Commission also sets special meeting on new course for marina

By Chris Felker
The Sun

PAHOKEE — East Main Street in town will henceforth be known as “Mel Tillis Boulevard” after unanimous approval Tuesday night by Pahokee city commissioners, who were so preoccupied after a long discussion on the future of the city’s lakefront marina property that they almost forgot to act on the renaming.

The idea had been added to the regular meeting agenda at the request of Commissioner Clara Murvin, though a city resident also stood to suggest the honorary gesture during the citizen comment part of the meeting. He inquired also about a sign noting that Pahokee is the late country crooner’s “hometown” that had disappeared many years ago, which City Manager Chandler Williamson

noted could not be found by staff after Mr. Tillis’ death Nov. 19 in Ocala. A city proclamation in Mr. Tillis’s honor already was on the agenda.

Lonnie Melvin Tillis, best known as Mel, was born in Tampa in 1932, but his parents, Burma and Lonnie Lee Tillis, moved their family to Pahokee when he was a boy and he grew up here. City commissioners early in their meeting OK’d the proclamation expressing the city’s sympathy to Mr. Tillis’s family.

No relatives were present to accept it, however; so Mayor Keith Babb stated the proclamation would be mailed to his next of kin.

A new city entrance sign is to be erected at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 on Bacom Point Road, commissioners learned, and Mr. Williamson said he would look into adding either an attached sign or one nearby declaring Pahokee as Mel Tillis’s hometown.

The commission’s proclamation made note of Mr. Tillis’s path to country music fame, his beginning in the early 1950s with a group called The Westerners while he was



Mel Tillis

stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and serving as a baker in the U.S. Air Force, and that in 1976 he had been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame and

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Corn farm field trip is sweet for culinary students

Taste History’s Three Senses Field Trip heads to sweet corn farm in Belle Glade and students from South Tech Culinary Academy creating

sweet corn recipes

Special to The Sun

The merging of food, art and history has been reimagined as a student outreach component for the Taste History Culinary Tours

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Lori J. Durante of the Taste History Culinary Tours and students from South Tech Culinary Academy visited sweet corn fields last week.

Crash kills 59-year-old bicyclist

Special to The Sun

A 59-year-old man died as the result of a car/bicycle accident on Nov. 22.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office reported a vehicular accident that occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at approximately 6 a.m. at the location of South Main Street and Southwest Avenue F in Belle Glade.

A 2016 Chevrolet driven by Mary Brown, 69, of Belle Glade was traveling northbound on South Main Street and made a left turn onto Avenue F.

Saqueo Dejesus, 59, of Belle Glade, was riding a bicycle northbound across Avenue F into the path of the Chevrolet. The Chevrolet struck the right side of the bicycle.

The bicyclist was ejected and landed northwest of the crash.

Mr. Dejesus was transported to St. Mary’s Medical Center, where he died from injuries sustained in the crash.



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Sun Spots

Free items to be given away

The Glades Initiative has three old copiers that need work and marginally function, 50+ large nice cloth tablecloths, some are maroon and others are gold, and a couple of office chairs available free of charge for tax-exempt organizations (churches, non-profits, etc.). If interested, call Jessica at 561-996-3310 or email Jgomez@gladesinitiative.org

Food meeting set Nov. 30

Attention all pantries and soup kitchens in the Glades area: Join The Glades Initiative, Inc., and the United Way of Palm Beach County for a meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Glades Initiative office, 141 SE Avenue C in Belle Glade. The meeting will serve two purposes. As part of the Hunger Relief Plan for PBC, The United Way wants to have a comprehensive meeting with all the pantries in the Glades area. The second part the meeting is a mandatory meeting for all pantries and soup kitchens that are members of The Glades Area Food Bank. Each agency needs representation at the meeting if they would like to continue receiving food support from The Glades Area Food Bank. For information and to RSVP call Sandy at 561-996-3310 or sdesty@gladesinitiative.org.

Basketball sign-ups

The City of Pahokee Parks & Recreation Department is accepting basketball registrations for children ages 4-14 through Dec. 2. Pick applications up at City Hall, 207 Begonia Drive, or the Parks & Recreation Department, 360 East Main St. in Pahokee. For information, call Coach Ron Osborne at 561-924-2972 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Christmas shopping spree

The Q81 Foundation is now accepting submissions for the annual Christmas shopping spree held on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The spree is open to children in grades K-12, residing in Palm Beach County. Groups must provide own transportation and submissions must include program name and number of students. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, Nov. 30. For application go to <https://q81.org>.

Delegation to hold hearing

Rep. Bill Hager, chair of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation announced that the delegation's final public hearing prior to the 2018 Florida Legislative Session will be on Friday, Dec. 1. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on the Palm Beach State College Belle Glade campus, 1977 SW College Drive, in Belle Glade, at 10 a.m. "These hearings are specifically designed to encourage the public to personally address the legislators on their concerns and issues involving state government," Chair Hager said. For information call the Legislative Delegation office at 561-355-2406.

Hoop Shoot contest set Dec. 2

The Belle Glade Pahokee Elks Lodge #1716 will hold a National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 8-13 on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9-11 a.m. at the

First Baptist Church Gymnasium, 17 NW Ave. B and Main Street in Belle Glade. No cost to participate. Contestants must provide an official document for proof of age. For information, call 561-261-7186.

Festival of Trees set Dec. 3

The Young Singers of the Palm Beaches' Choir in the Glades will join with the children and adult choirs to present, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade. Prior to the show, enjoy 20 beautifully decorated trees and wreaths in the Dolly Hand's 12th annual Festival of Trees!

Farm Bureau to host dinner

Farm Bureau of Western Palm Beach County will hold their annual dinner on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Everglades Research & Education Center, 3200 E Canal St. S in Belle Glade. Social time will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Sheriff of Palm Beach County Rick Bradshaw. Tickets can be purchased at the Farm Bureau office, 3019 State Road 15 in Belle Glade. For information, call 561-996-0343.

Credit workshop to be held

The Glades Initiative and Wells Fargo are teaming up to provide a Credit Workshop and Financial Literacy program to residents on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at The Glades Initiative, 141 SE Ave. C in Belle Glade. Learn about the importance of credit, how to build and use credit to meet financial goals, and more. Program will be in Spanish. For information, contact Jose Zaragoza at 561-996-3310, or at jzaragoza@gladesinitiative.org.

RSVP for Holiday luncheon

The public is invited to the 17th annual Precious Wright Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon at the West County Senior Center (WCSC), 2916 State Road 15 in Belle Glade. Activities will include a tasty lunch, gifts of love, and holiday greetings in memory of "Miss Precious" and other WCSC clients who are no longer with them. An RSVP is required by Thursday, Dec. 7. To RSVP or for information, call 561-996-4808.

U.S. Sugar holds hiring event

BELLE GLADE — U.S. Sugar will hold a hiring event at West Technical Education Center, 2625 State Hwy 715, in Belle Glade on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3-7 p.m. Positions: utility worker, electrical & instrumentation technician, forklift operator, pay loader, welder, diesel mechanic, heavy equipment operator, water treatment operator - class C certified.

World AIDS day luncheon

World AIDS Week is a week designated for remembering all residents who have been affected and/or infected by the HIV and AIDS virus. Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, at noon - 2 p.m. at the St. John's First Missionary Baptist Church, 600 SW 8th

St. in Belle Glade. Donation of \$15.

Toastmasters meet Dec. 13

The Toastmaster meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach State College, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade. For information and how to join, call 561-261-5043.

Holiday potluck served

Join The Glades Initiative for their Holiday Potluck followed by a gift exchange and take your favorite dish on Friday, Dec. 15, at noon - 1:30 p.m. at The Glades Initiative, 141 SE Avenue C in Belle Glade. If you would like to participate, bring a \$10 value gift suitable for a male or female. RSVP if you plan to attend. To RSVP, contact Sandy at 561-996-3310, or at sdesty@gladesinitiative.org.

Open Enrollment ends soon

Marketplace Open Enrollment for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2018, ends Dec. 15. Licensed navigators and certified application counselors will be on site at the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinic, 941 SE First St. in Belle Glade from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mondays - Fridays. For information, call 561-582-5559. For appointments, visit clbrumbackprimary-careclinics.org.

Donations for the Holidays

This holiday season the Lighthouse Cafe invites the public to make a difference in the lives of others by helping gift personal hygiene bags to those in need. To schedule a pick-up for donations contact: Martha Lynn Weeks at 561-993-7020 or Tandra Jones, 561-692-2074. Donations can be delivered to: The Lighthouse Cafe, 400 SW Ave B Place, Belle Glade; United Community Methodist Church, 401 SW 1st St., Belle Glade; and FirstBank, 325 S Main Street, Belle Glade.

Crime Stoppers

Special to The Sun

PALM BEACH COUNTY — Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County needs your help in locating Jacqueline Dixon aka Jacqueline Brown and Nicole Way, 30, black female, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and she has multiple tattoos.



Jacqueline Brown

Her last known address was on NW Third Street in Belle Glade.

Dixon is wanted on a felony warrant for violation of probation with a battery charge.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-458-TIPS (8477), or you can remain anonymous by downloading the new app "Connect & Protect," "See Something Say Something" for your Apple or Android smartphone.

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Reflections from the Pulpit

Santa Claus: More than a mall attraction

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Holiday season is upon us; Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is now past, and Christmas is soon to be celebrated.

It is easy to forget that "holiday" is of the same origin as "holy day." In fact, these three "holidays" toward the end of our calendar year all have religious roots.

Halloween, or "Hallow even(ing)," the evening before All Saint's Day or what was originally called "All Hallow's Day" the day for celebrating all of God's Holy/Hallowed ones comes originally from Church calendars.

The Pilgrims and our early forefathers gave thanks for their harvests, seen as a sign of God's favor and their call to thank Him in return for His bounty.

Christmas, the "Christ Mass" is the celebration of God's coming among us; a story of the beginning of a new relationship with

our Creator-Sustainer-Redeemer.

I look forward to Christmas each year to reflect on the Christmas story and its true meaning. Along the way, there is another part of the story which is integral to its meaning and yet lost in its origin. "Christmas" for many is about Santa Claus. He's the fat, jolly man in the red suit who brings presents and who children visit in the shopping centers and malls to tell what they want. History is relegated to an obscure corner in the story of "Santa Claus" who was a real person and who took seriously his faith and his call to use what God had entrusted to him to help others.

A vestige of his presence is kept in that well-known poem that begins "T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house..." The title is "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" and it is recorded just who it is about. Saint Nicholas was not a fictional person but someone who lived generations ago, in the second century and who lived in what is now Turkey. Nobody knows when he was born, but he is known to have died on Dec. 6, A.D. 343. That is the date he is remembered on many Church calendars.

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Dr. Carle Fllori

CLEWISTON —

Ms. Rosemary Fllori and Mrs. Cecilia Palm would like to share the sad news of the passing of their beloved father, Dr. Carle Fllori. His friends endearingly referred to him as "Doc". On Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, Dr. Fllori passed in his home. It is where his lovely wife of almost 46 years Cellia Fllori, passed in Aug. of 2009. Besides his two daughters; Dr. Fllori is survived by his two grandsons, Michael and Christian Palm.

Dr. Fllori and his family moved to Clewiston, FL in 1983, where he was employed as an Agronomist at U.S. Sugar until his retirement in 2000. He enjoyed working in the fields conducting tests and derived much personal satisfaction from his job. Some of his most cherished personal moments included the marriage to his wife and his service in the Army branch of the Armed Forces. He was very proud of the conference of a Doctorate degree in Agronomy from Louisiana State University. Other times of great joy included the births of his children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 at 10:00a.m. which will be followed by Dr. Fllori's burial. He will be laid to rest at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston. The family and friends of Dr. Fllori and Mrs. Cellia Fllori are welcome to attend.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.



Tanya Lynn Steadley, 49

West Palm Beach — Tanya Lynn Steadley departed this life on Nov. 6, 2017. Tanya was born June 4, 1968 in Pahokee.

Services will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at Roland Martins Club House. Interment is at Ridgelawn Cemetery. Arrangements By Akin-Davis Funeral Home Clewiston, Florida

GOD SAW YOU

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away,

And though we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



Sarah L. Pompa

Born Mar. 25, 1961 passed away unexpectedly Nov. 15, 2017.

She survived by her husband, Rohgilio Pompa; children, Shannon Teele,

Ruben Hernandez Caroline Hernandez;

grandchildren; father, Samuel R. Palmer Sr.; brother, Samuel R. Palmer Jr.; sister Wanda Palmer Winings.

Many more family and friends.

May You Rest in Peace

We love you.



It was a time of merciless persecution of Christians and he was exiled and imprisoned for his faith. When released he used his resources to provide dowries for a poor man with three daughters, making possible their weddings at a time when fathers were expected to provide something toward their marriages.

Nicholas is supposed to have tossed three bags of gold through the windows of the homes of the poor, having them land in the stockings that were set out to dry. This is attributed to be the origin of the "Christmas stockings" to be hung up and repository for the gifts received at this special time.

Legends grow, are embellished, become folklore, take on miraculous qualities at times, become distorted and sometimes they seem far-fetched. What is known, though, is that there was a real person who took Jesus' message seriously and "gave what he had" to

make life better for those around him. That is what is worth remembering about "Saint Nicholas" and the persons in the red suits are there as a testament to a man's faith, belief and acting on that faith and belief.

The Christmas story itself, likewise, is about God incarnate, God coming to this earth and bringing us gifts well beyond what the world can give to us. We've chosen a day to celebrate His birth because He is real and He gave us a real reason to celebrate. Saint Nicholas Day, Dec. 6, another in a season of holidays, and pointing the way to why Christmas is worth our devotion and thanksgiving for God's greatest gifts.

May this season be a time of giving in thanksgiving for what God has given us; may we recall and celebrate Him and all who follow, may we be a part of that throng throughout the ages who say "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..."

SFWMD gives thanks for bountiful harvest

The Governing Board's Python Elimination Program reached its latest milestone last week with the 700th python eliminated

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — Earlier this week, hunters killed the 700th invasive python as part of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board's Python Elimination Program, the latest milestone for the program. Since the program began in late March, an average of three pythons have been eliminated per day from SFWMD lands.

This month brought two of the largest pythons eliminated as part of the program. On Nov. 1, Dustin "Wildman" Crum, of Myakka City, brought in a 16-foot-11-inch Burmese python that broke his own program record, edging the previous high by an inch. Five days later, a 16-foot-3-inch python killed by Eric Bramblet, of Bonita Springs, weighed in at 143 pounds, 1 pound short of the program record set by Nicholas Banos and Leonardo Sanchez in early April.

"This Governing Board program has been enormously effective in killing this relentless predator to help preserve native Everglades wildlife," said SFWMD scientist Mike Kirkland, project manager for the Python Elimination Program. "The sheer numbers that are being caught and their size shows how massive a threat these predators are to our beautiful habitat." All the pythons eliminated by the program would stretch more than 4,700 feet - almost nine-tenths of a mile - and weigh more than 10,000 pounds, or the equivalent of approximately two Lincoln Town Cars. Elected officials and celebrities ranging from U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Fla., to superstar chef Gordon Ramsey have taken part in the hunts, bringing international awareness to the issue of this invasive species and the District's efforts to eradicate them. Kirkland and the python hunters were

also featured in a Discovery Channel television special about the program.

About the Program

A team of professional python hunters was selected from more than 1,000 applicants and given access to district-owned lands in Miami-Dade County for the pilot phase and later in Broward and Collier counties as the program expanded. These independent contractors are paid \$8.10 per hour, up to eight hours daily, to hunt in the Everglades. Depending on the size of the snake presented, they can also receive additional payments of \$50 for pythons measuring up to 4 feet and an extra \$25 for each foot measured above 4 feet. An additional \$200 is given for each eliminated python nest with eggs.

The invasive Burmese python, which breeds and multiplies quickly and has no natural predator in the Everglades ecosystem, has decimated native populations of wildlife. The more of these snakes that can be eliminated, especially females and their eggs, the better chance future generations of native wildlife will have to thrive in the Everglades ecosystem that Floridians have invested billions of dollars to restore.



Special to INI Florida/SFWMD
Dustin "Wildman" Crum, of Myakka City, brought in a 16-foot-11-inch Burmese python that broke his own program record.

COMMISSION

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also named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year.

"Mel Tillis will be remembered by his effervescent spirit and commitment to the residents (of Pahokee), along with the respect, admiration and high regard he earned by all whom he touched," the proclamation concluded. Mr. Tillis was 85.

Commissioners to decide new approach on marina operation

City Attorney Gary Brandenburg gave a report to the City Commission about a state agency's rejecting the sublease commissioners recently had approved with Everglades Reserves Holdings LLC (ERH) to operate the marina, restaurant and campground on the shore of Lake Okeechobee, which the city leases from the state. He presented a written list of eight options the city could consider going forward but said the first three really were the only viable ones and that two of those three even were quite iffy.

Mr. Brandenburg said the reason that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of State Lands Management rejected the proposed sublease was twofold, first because it was an unsolicited lease. "The proposers did not respond to a commercial bid for the project; the only thing that the city had put out for bid was the restaurant, and that was a request for proposals some time ago. They didn't respond to that, they waited until afterward and came in and negotiated a transaction with the city, and the state said that they would not accept that because it was not an open, competitive bid situation."

He went on, "The second reason ... was that it did not comply with the state require-

ments for doing a commercial bid," explaining that no business enterprise would be likely to lease recreational land from the state because the cost would be prohibitive, including fees based on both the appraised market value of the 138-acre upland parcel of the parkland and for the submerged lands in the marina.

"We advised everyone in advance that in order for it to get approved, it was going to require considerable lobbying effort to the governor's office to have it brought before the governor and Cabinet and for those fees to be waived," Mr. Brandenburg pointed out. "Whatever lobbying effort did occur, it wasn't sufficient, and the state rejected the entire deal."

It was news nobody wanted to hear, and two city commissioners, Ms. Murvin and Felisia Hill, tossed about for any way they could think of to try to salvage the deal with ERH. That prompted Mr. Brandenburg to declare, "The Miller group's proposal is for all intents and purposes dead at this point." (Two of the four partners are father and son Robert Miller Sr. and James R. "Bob" Miller, who own the Miller Restaurant Group; the others are Robert Lambert, a cruise-ship operator, and Mark Miller, a retiree who lives aboard a boat docked at the Pahokee marina.)

There ensued a long, back-and-forth discussion between commissioners and the attorney about alternatives and who was to blame for the situation, with ERH partner Mark Miller repeatedly commenting from the audience.

Mayor Babb asked him to wait to speak, then declared him out of order and, when he kept loudly making remarks, finally asked that he leave the room.

No resolution was reached, but the commissioners unanimously approved a motion by Commissioner Hill to have a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, to discuss how to proceed.

(of the farm); touch (of the farm) and taste (of the farm). One of the field trip farm hosts is Roth Farms in Belle Glade. There are about 15 to 20 farmers in the Glades farming 22,000 to 24,000 acres of spring-time sweet corn.

Total acres harvested from November through May range between 25,000 and 30,000 acres. Ten million crates of corn are harvested from November to May. A crate may average 30 pounds.

The agricultural learning experience for students includes visiting the University of Florida Everglades Research Center in Belle Glade.

The students will participate in presentations on water quality and sustainable agriculture; entomology and plant pathology and herbs and spring mix; and the barn owls.

So that the students would have a fully integrated farm-to-table experience, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, the students at South Tech Culinary Academy developed four sweet corn recipes using corn from Roth Farms in Belle Glade.

The sweet corn recipe developments were in the categories of breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. The South Tech recipe making lab was led by Chef Suzanne O'Neil.

GladesFest Teacher Job Fair scheduled for Dec. 15

School District of Palm Beach County

BELLE GLADE — The School District of Palm Beach County has an opportunity for those interested in becoming a teacher in its Glades-area schools. During the GladesFest Teacher job fair, applicants will be hired on the spot to be in the classroom after the holidays, or obtain a contract to begin work at the start of the next school year.

The GladesFest Teacher job fair will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glades Region Office, 2625 NW 16th Street in Belle Glade.

At least a dozen positions are vacant and ready to be filled to teach at one of the twelve schools in the Glades area.

Teachers hired in the Glades earn an annual supplement of \$3,750, have the opportunity to obtain additional jobs to supplement income, gain professional development and earn leadership and career advancement.

Featured subject areas include: Elementary education, secondary math, science, social studies and English, autism endorsement, construction academy, speech and language pathologists, ESE and ESOL/bilingual education.

Alternative Certification is available for applicants who do not currently hold a Florida teaching license.

For more information contact melicia.charleston@palmbeachschools.org.

Be a Library Literacy Tutor!

Glades Adult Literacy Project is seeking volunteers to be a library literacy tutor at the Belle Glade Branch, 725 NW 4th Street. Call 561-996-3453 for information.

Tutors: No special skills or degrees required; Tutor training is offered throughout the year; Instructional books and manuals are provided; Scheduling is flexible - meet with your student during library hours; Two hours a week can change someone's life forever! **Students:** Tutoring is free; Tutoring is one-on-one; Students are adult English speakers who read below 8th grade; Instruction is designed to meet the student's needs; Students meet twice a week at the library.

CITY OF LABELLE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission, for the City of LaBelle, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2017-21

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, PART I, CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; SECTION 3-4, CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES, LOCATION RESTRICTED; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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City of LaBelle City Commission
David A. Lyons, Mayor

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of Historic Palm Beach County, which is an educational program of the non-profit Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History (MLFH).

The educational objective of the student culinary tour is to allow an integrated and multi-sensory experience between art, history and food for the students hence the focus on at least three senses.

The school field trip program blends the STEAM curriculum, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. All of those are components represented in the culinary arts.

The field trip also complements the National Agriculture in the Classroom curriculum.

On Friday, Dec. 8, The Taste History Culinary Tour Three Senses Field Trip is heading to the sweet corn farms in Belle Glade for an agricultural program for students of the South Tech Culinary Academy in Boynton Beach.

Supporting the STEAM fields and national agriculture in classroom curriculums, the field trip will focus on the sight



Foundation awards \$750,000 to grassroots nonprofits

Special to The Sun

RIVIERA BEACH — Quantum Foundation recently hosted a celebratory breakfast at the Riviera Beach Marina to award grants totaling \$750,000 to 94 grassroots organizations in Palm Beach County. In the season of Thanksgiving, the annual Quantum in the Community initiative provides funds for operating support in amounts up to \$25,000 to qualifying nonprofits that help meet the basic needs of the county's most vulnerable residents. The grantee organizations represented all four corners of the county, from Tequesta to Boca Raton and from Belle Glade to Riviera Beach. The atmosphere was spirited and filled with gratitude as these organizations received funds to continue their good work in the community.

"Health is our mission, but we realize that if people don't have food, shelter or basic needs to start with, it's impossible for them to lead healthy lives," said Quantum Foundation President Eric M. Kelly. "We are proud to continue to support such an excellent group of organizations, and are inspired by what they do every day on very limited budgets."

Quantum Foundation is a private grant-making organization with a mission to inspire and fund initiatives that improve the health of Palm Beach County. According to the latest

data compiled by the Florida Philanthropic Network (FPN), Quantum Foundation is the largest Palm Beach County-based health funder with 100 percent of grant dollars used to support local communities. Since its founding in 1997, Quantum Foundation has given away more than \$125 million in grants to more than 450 organizations.

During the breakfast, a few of the grant recipients were invited to address the gathering to share how the funding would impact their organization. Representatives from Lighthouse Café, Our Sisters Place, and Wheels for Kids shared how their organizations help the community. "I came from addiction, and I didn't know where my next meal was going to come from," said Bernard Robinson, a client of Lighthouse Café. "Lighthouse Café helped me get into rehab. I've been clean eight years now, and the Lighthouse has blessed me with a nice job. Now, I volunteer there on my days off to give back what they gave me."

Many of these organizations heavily rely on this funding. "As grassroots programs, we don't always get the recognition we deserve, so thank you to Quantum Foundation for recognizing us," said Jane Riley from Our Sister's Place. This organization regularly changes lives. "When you're told you're nothing, you feel like a ghost on the wall," said Anna, a cli-

ent of Our Sister's Place. "The organization helped me find my voice, which is pretty awesome. I will be ever-thankful. I had no job and no money, and Jane helped me gain the courage to be myself."

Donna Mulholland, Quantum's Board Chair, noted the more than \$15 million in estimated value of services provided in 2016 by grantees in Palm Beach County. "We congratulate you and celebrate you, and it's important to recognize that most of you are volunteers," Mulholland said. "You have truly improved the quality of life in Palm Beach County."

The 2017 Quantum in the Community Grantees: Balanced Living Mentorship - Pahokee, Church of the Harvest - Pahokee, Dot and Ruby Helping Hand - Belle Glade, Light House Café Ministries of the Glades, Inc. - Pahokee, New Beginning Community Outreach - Belle Glade, and Pahokee Deliverance Christian Center - Pahokee.

Applications for Quantum in the Community grants open in the spring every year and funds are awarded each November. To qualify, applicant organizations must be based in Palm Beach County and have annual operating budget of less than \$500,000. The board of Quantum Foundation approved the Quantum in the Community initiative in 2011 when economic surveys showed local nonprofits were to struggling to keep their

doors open in the troubled economy. Since then, the Quantum Foundation has awarded a total of \$4.75 million to this initiative in addition to the millions it invests each year in other major health-related initiatives.

To learn more about the Quantum in the Community initiative, visit the organization's website at: www.quantumfnd.org/quantum-in-the-community



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Photography
Martha Lynn Weeks and Bernard Robinson from Lighthouse Café in Pahokee.

Glades Academy attends the Symphony's Peter & the Wolf

Glades Academy students enjoy the Sergei Prokofiev production

Special to The Sun

PALM BEACH — A pack of 100 students from Palm Beach Day Academy, Glades Academy and Opportunity Inc., filled the Smith Family Theater at PBDA on Nov. 9, when Palm Beach Symphony and Ballet East performed Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. The classic story portrays a boy named Peter and his adventures with a lovable duck, an impatient bird, an adventurous cat, a grumpy grandfather and a scary wolf.

"Palm Beach Day Academy is thrilled to once again partner with Palm Beach Symphony to bring another innovative facet of STEAM to our students," said Dr. Edwin Gordon, Head of School for Palm Beach Day Academy. "Along with Ballet East, we are excited to have our guests, Glades Academy and Opportunity Inc., here with us today to enjoy the richness of the arts."

Before the production began, the Symphony's Assistant Conductor Johann Sebastian Guzman led the students on a musical journey explaining the different instruments that were to be used in the performance.

"We are thrilled to hold our final Children's Concert Series performance of Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf at Palm Beach Day Academy for its students as well as those from Glades Academy and Opportunity, Inc.," said Palm Beach Symphony Executive Director David McClymont. "We enjoy our ongoing partnership with PBDA and a shared commitment to enriching the community by combining forces to ensure the arts are accessible to all."

The morning ended with Guzman leading an interactive Q&A on what the student's favorite instruments were. Two students were even brought on stage to help conduct the 22-piece orchestra themselves. After the performance, Glades Academy and Opportunity Inc. joined PBDA for lunch on the east field before they headed back to their schools.

Palm Beach Day Academy has grown from a cottage colony school started in 1921

into an innovative, top-ranked day school serving approximately 450 students from the greater Palm Beach area. The educational program, for age two through ninth grade, is dedicated to providing students with a learning experience that challenges to excel, em-

powers to act and prepares to lead. Striving always for the highest academic excellence, Palm Beach Day Academy is located on two campuses 1.3 miles apart in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. For more information, visit pbday.org or call 561-655-1188.



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The cast of the Palm Beach Symphony of Peter and the Wolf is pictured with kids from Palm Beach Day Academy, Opportunity Inc. and Glades Academy.

Students can apply for a FSASE scholarship by May 24

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

PALM BEACH COUNTY — The Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections will be awarding three \$1,200 scholarships in 2018 to students attending a senior college or university in Florida. To apply for the scholarship in Palm Beach County, appli-

cants must be either a Political Science/Public or Business Administration or Journalism/Mass Communication major, a citizen of the United States, a bona fide resident of Florida for two years, enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at a Florida senior college or university, and registered to vote in Palm Beach County.

The deadline to receive applications from

interested students is Thursday, March 29, 2018. The Supervisor of Elections Office will review all applications, interview students, and select only one student to proceed forward.

That student's application with our written recommendation and verified voter registration will then be forwarded on to the Scholarship Chair. The Scholarship Com-

mittee will announce the scholarship recipients at the Summer Conference which will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 through Thursday, May 24, 2018.

For more information, or to apply for the FSASE Scholarship, please visit our website at www.pbcelections.org or call our office at 561-656-6200.



Without CEPP, EAA reservoir would be 'static' storage

By Katrina Elsken
INI Florida

As plans for the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir make their way through a myriad of government meetings, reviews and approvals, comments at public meetings indicate there is still a lot of confusion about the project. A recap of some major points discussed in meetings related to the project:

- The EAA reservoir was in the original Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), approved by Congress in 2000. The C-44 east of Lake Okeechobee, the C-43 west of the lake and the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP) reservoirs are also part of CERP. Water managers and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers always planned for storage north, south, east and west as part of CERP. It was never an "either/or" choice. The C-43 and C-44 reservoir projects are currently under construction. A LOWRP reservoir is in the planning stage.

- Senate Bill 10 provides funding to move up the timing of the EAA reservoir as a CERP component.

- SB 10 requires SFWMD to use land that is already in public ownership or property or land purchased from willing sellers for the EAA reservoir. Land cannot be taken through eminent domain.

- About 25 percent of the land in the EAA is already in public ownership (state, federal or local government).

- The initial concepts under discussion are: a 240,000 acre-foot reservoir that would require 10,000 acres for storage and another

6,300 acres of stormwater treatment areas (STAs), with a total project footprint of approximately 16,000 acres; and a 360,000-acre foot reservoir that would require 22,000 acres for storage and another 9,500 acres for a total project footprint of approximately 31,000 acres.

- The original CERP plan is sometimes referred to as the "yellow book," because the original CERP plan, which was printed in multiple volumes, had a yellow cover. When someone refers to a project or idea as "not in the yellow book," they mean it was not part of the CERP plan approved by Congress.

- The EAA reservoir is not a "silver bullet." Construction of the EAA reservoir will not prevent discharges to the coastal estuaries during extreme storm events, such as Hurricane Irma, and extremely wet years, such as 2016. The EAA storage, in combination with other CERP projects, could lessen the severity of the discharges and reduce the number of years in which discharges would be necessary.

- The primary problem with the lake discharges is that too much freshwater lowers the salinity levels in the coastal estuaries. The nutrient pollution issues (phosphorus and nitrogen) affecting the estuaries are mostly from local basin runoff. The lake discharges are in most cases cleaner than the local basin runoff. For example, on average lake



A continuing series

water is about 120 ppb phosphorus while basin runoff into the C-44 Canal is about 300 ppb phosphorus. On average, lake discharges account for about 20 percent of the phosphorus entering the St. Lucie River. However, even if the lake discharges were as clean as rainwater, the rapid flow of excess freshwater would be damaging to the estuaries.

- The EAA reservoir will receive runoff from the local EAA basin as well as from Lake Okeechobee. This is what it was always designed to do as part of CERP.

- The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is a \$1.9 billion slate of storage and conveyance projects on land already in public ownership south of Lake Okeechobee. The southern components of this plan will allow additional water to be directed south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay and provide additional opportunity to reduce releases to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries. CEPP is congressionally authorized and awaiting funding.

- Congressional approval is not appropriate. Those who want the project to move forward should encourage their elected representatives in Washington, D.C., to finance the CEPP.

- The EAA reservoir alone would be a static reservoir. Without the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), the EAA reservoir could fill up with direct rainfall and local basin runoff during the rainy season

and have little space for additional water from Lake Okeechobee. The CEPP projects are key to moving water from the lake to the reservoir and moving water from the reservoir through water treatment areas and on to Florida Bay. CEPP provides increased capacity to move water from Lake Okeechobee south and removes barriers to move water from the water treatment areas north of the Tamiami Trail to Florida Bay.

- The Tamiami Trail acts as a dam to block the sheetflow of water to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. To increase flow to Florida Bay, the roadway must be raised to allow water to flow beneath it. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested funding for 10 miles of raised roadway, but so far funding has been approved for just 3.5 miles of bridging. One mile of bridging has been completed; another 2.5 miles of raised roadway is under construction.

- SFWMD is conducting a series of meetings to solicit public input on the EAA Storage Reservoir Project. These public meetings are consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The NEPA process provides an opportunity for the public to give input related to the project. The next public meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. at SFWMD Headquarters, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. If you cannot attend the public meetings, you can still submit comments on the EAA Storage Reservoir Project throughout the planning process by email to EAAreservoir@sfwmd.gov. Written comments can be sent to: Mike Albert, Project Manager, SFWMD, 3301 Gun Club Rd, MSC 8312, WPB, FL 33406.

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Pahokee falls to Madison County in state semifinal rematch

By Richard Marion
The Sun

The Pahokee Blue Devils lost to the Madison County Cowboys 28-10 on Nov. 24 in the class 1A state semifinal.

The game was a rematch of last year's state semifinal, which the Blue Devils won 21-19. Pahokee coach Orson Walkes thinks that mistakes on the Pahokee side of the ball were the difference in this year's match up.

"The season just caught up with us," said Walkes, "that's the best way I can put it. All the little things that were going wrong throughout the season that we were able to mask, or just get by in certain games, we weren't able to do in the game

against Madison County."

The Cowboys came into the game undefeated and were coming off blowout playoff victories against Union County on Nov. 11 and Dixon County on Nov. 17. Madison County won the Dixon game by a score of 62-7.

The Blue Devils were on the board first with a field goal from Ezekiel Hernandez in the final seconds of the first quarter. But the Cowboys responded in dramatic fashion with a 64-yard rushing touchdown from senior Derrick Staten.

Pahokee's only other score would come on a 19-yard touchdown pass from junior Deante Nelson to junior Lavonski Williams, but the Blue Devils never held the lead again in the game apart from the

early field goal.

Quarterback Deante Nelson went 15 of 27 for 180 yards and a touchdown, Lavonski Williams rushed for 69 yards on 9 carries, and junior Jatarie Washington rushed for 29 yards on eight carries.

"I really do believe this was a winnable game." Said Walkes, "I feel like we had the talent to go all the way, and we kind of underachieved in my eyes. And I take full responsibility for that.

"We could have done a little more and been more opportunistic at times. We didn't adjust as much as we should, and I take full responsibility for that part."

With Pahokee's season now over, the Blue Devils will part with 12 seniors from the 2017 school year.

But with over 20 players on the team, the core of the Blue Devils is made up of juniors.

Which bodes well for Pahokee's chances in the 2018 season.

"2017 was a good ride," explained Walkes, "any time you can make a playoff run to the game before state, you can't say the season was a complete flop.

"We just underachieved. Had a tough loss at Vero; we definitely could've done better there. I feel like we didn't even show up at all in the Cocoa game.

"And in the Muck Bowl, even though we won the game in overtime, I feel like we could've performed better. Anytime we had a real challenge I feel like we didn't rise to the occasion."

Strawberry growers benefit from UF web-based system

By Brad Buck
UF

GAINESVILLE — Strawberry growers in Florida and South Carolina are reaping the benefits of a UF/IFAS web-based system designed to ward off two deadly pathogens, a new University of Florida study shows.

That's good news as Florida's strawberry growers start a new season. Strawberries pack a powerful economic punch nationwide and in the Sunshine state, bringing in \$2.3 billion to the national economy and \$300 million a year to Florida, according to UF/IFAS research.

The tool, known as the Strawberry Advisory System (StAS), uses data such as temperature and leaf wetness to tell growers when to spray fungicide to thwart botrytis and anthracnose fruit rots.

For the study, UF/IFAS plant pathology professor Natalia Peres and her colleagues tested StAS on eight strawberry varieties at

39 commercial farms in Florida and South Carolina. They found the system saved an average of 50 percent of the fungicide growers normally would use without losing crop yield under different seasons, locations, cultivars, and nursery sources.

Based on their prior research, Peres and her colleagues knew Florida farmers were adopting StAS.

"The StAS has been valuable to growers in that it reduces not only the amount of chemical product they need to purchase, but also the number of times they have to spray," said Ms. Peres, a faculty member at the UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Balm, Florida.

"Thus, cost savings for growers are substantial. In addition, it has potential environmental and health benefits since residues on fruit are much lower. As strawberry growers in other states showed interest in the system, there was a need to evaluate whether it would work as well in

other environments and with different cultivars."

Most strawberry growers treat for fungi every week during the November-to-March growing season. Spraying more wastes money and can lead to fungicide resistance, Peres said.

When conditions are ripe for botrytis to spread — lower temperatures and dampness on leaves — strawberry production can go down by 50 percent, even if a grower uses a scheduled fungicide, Ms. Peres said.

Growers can use the system by going to <http://agroclimate.org/tools/sas/>, or use the website to sign up for email or text alerts.

"The system is easy for growers to use since disease alerts are sent by text messages or emails, so all alerts are timely," Ms. Peres said. "In addition, they receive information as to which products are most appropriate to spray in any given situation."

The new UF/IFAS study is published in the journal Plant Disease.



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- 1 Fun
- 5 Top
- 9 Org. with an eighth note in its logo
- 14 Title matchmaker of 19th-century literature
- 15 Condemn
- 16 Daughter of Martin and Ida, in '70s TV
- 17 Cheater's victory?
- 19 Half a '60s quartet
- 20 Custard component
- 21 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author
- 22 Short standards?
- 23 Haunted house nightmare?
- 28 Nine of its cast members received Emmy nominations for 1988-89
- 30 Plural medical suffix
- 31 Sean O'Casey's home
- 32 Pretend
- 35 Coll. instructors, at times
- 38 Chicken strips on browned bread?
- 41 Touch with a ball
- 42 1885 Savoy Theatre premiere, with "The"
- 43 Embezzle
- 44 2002 A.L. Cy Young Award winner Barry
- 45 Reflection
- 46 Facetious tribute for Hollywood's Stone?
- 52 ___ Minor
- 53 Practice with poses
- 54 PX patrons
- 57 Popcorn, e.g.
- 59 Big dinner for the tech staff?
- 61 Pucci contemporary
- 62 Not happy at all
- 63 Kunis of "Black Swan"
- 64 "Piece of cake!"
- 65 It adjoins the altar
- 66 Eclipse, to some

DOWN

- 1 Baja boss
- 2 Kindle download
- 3 Coast Guard concern
- 4 Stress
- 5 Parting word
- 6 Barbizon school artist
- 7 Meno ___: not as fast, in music
- 8 ER staff member
- 9 Sea section
- 10 Note changers
- 11 Promising type
- 12 Saw
- 13 Not at all current
- 18 Tidal movement
- 24 Loiter
- 25 Eternally
- 26 Words of accord
- 27 Paving stone
- 28 Split
- 29 Song often heard in a foreign language
- 32 Ruffle relative?
- 33 Want from
- 34 Kipling python
- 35 About to shoot
- 36 "It's ___ to tell ..."
- 37 List of charges: Abbr.
- 39 Send out

- 40 City where sidewalks are decorated with Ibsen quotes
- 44 "Moulin Rouge" (1952) co-star, familiarly
- 45 Five-time US Open champ
- 46 Latin dance
- 47 Challenging tests
- 48 Turk, most likely
- 49 Online bulletin board mgr.
- 50 Ones working on beds
- 51 Go along
- 55 Vacation destination
- 56 Baseball Hall of Famer Musial
- 58 Foresight
- 59 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show network
- 60 Confessional genre

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***NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 21, 2017 for the following Proposals:
E1R42-R0 - RPM, Striping, & Pavement Markings in Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, & Highlands Counties
Budget Amount: \$587,088.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559. 483211 CN 11/30;12/7/2017

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Pursuant to Ch 713.585(6) F.S. United American Lien & Recovery as agent w/ power of attorney will sell the following vehicle(s) to the highest bidder; net proceeds deposited with the clerk of court; owner/lienholder has right to hearing and post bond; owner may redeem vehicle for cash sum of lien; all auctions held in reserve
Inspect 1 week prior @ lienor facility; cash or cashier check; 18% buyer premium; any person interested ph (954) 563-1999
Sale date December 15, 2017 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
31345 2009 Lexus VIN#: 2T2GK31U49C068618 Lienor: Complete Collision Auto Repair Svc LLC 329 S Bridge St Labelle 863-234-1480 Lien Amt \$7039.62
31346 2005 Chevrolet VIN#: 1GNEC13T5SR261011 Lienor: Complete Collision Auto Repair Svc LLC 329 S Bridge St Labelle 863-234-1480 Lien Amt \$5034.93
31347 1995 Ford VIN#: 1FDEE14N8SHB17263 Lienor: Complete Collision Auto Repair Svc LLC 329 S Bridge St Labelle 863-234-1480 Lien Amt \$3470.15
Licensed Auctioneers FLAB422 FLAU 765 & 1911 483205 CN 11/30/2017

Public Notice

City of Clewiston
Invitation to Bid
The City of Clewiston is currently accepting bids for one (1) new, equal to or greater than 2018 LR612 refuse truck with new 22cubic yard automated refuse side loader body. These components are to be assembled and delivered to the City of Clewiston ready for service. You may obtain a specification sheet by calling Public Works Director Sean Scheffler at (863) 983-1471. The City of Clewiston will accept sealed bids until 2:00pm, local time, December 15, 2017 at City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston Florida. The bids will be opened immediately following the bid submission deadline at City Hall.
Each bid must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "2018 Automated Side Loader". Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to Kathy Combass City Clerk, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, 33440. No responsibility shall be attached to any officers for the premature opening of a bid not properly marked.
The City of Clewiston reserves the right to hold all bids for sixty (60) days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid that in its judgement best serves the City.
Al Perry, City Manager
City of Clewiston, FL
483206 CN 11/30/2017

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000548
JUDGE: THOMAS REESE

H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSY BOGARDUS, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 2, 2017, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-000548 in the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC. is the Plaintiff, and SUSY BOGARDUS and the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, are the Defendants, that:
The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 a.m., on the 13th day of December, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:
LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 404, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7th 1937, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property address: 506 East Obispo Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the bid pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED This 8th day of November, 2017.

483041 CN 11/23,30/2017

By: J. Bevis,
Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Sell Surplus Lands and Request for Bid

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 373.089 F.S., the below described property, situated in Glades County, Florida, which has been declared surplus by the Governing Board of the **South Florida Water Management District (District)**, is offered for sale for the highest and best cash bid, however, in no case less than the appraised value, of **\$1,400,000**, subject to terms and conditions. The successful bidder will also pay the cost of all advertisement, all appraisal costs, all recording fees, all real estate broker or finder's fees, all documentary stamp taxes, all abstract and title insurance fees, along with any other closing costs associated with the sale of the property, by local certified or cashier's check. The District, at B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to **2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2018**. Bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2018** in the District's B-1 Building or as soon thereafter as may be practical, at the discretion of the District.

All bids must conform to the Bid Specifications for Sale of Surplus Land Tract No. KC100-022 & KC10E-008. Interested bidders may obtain a copy thereof and additional information: (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading from www.sfwmd.gov/surplusland; or (3) by calling Ray Palmer at (561) 682-2246. The land, and any improvements located thereon, shall be accepted by the successful bidder in its "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" condition. The successful bidder will be required to close no later than **March 14, 2018**, unless otherwise agreed to by the District, at a time and location determined by the District.

The land to be offered for sale is described as follows:

Tract Nos. KC100-022 and KC10E-008
State Road 80 (approximately 8 miles east of LaBelle, FL.
Glades County, Florida
Containing, respectively, 260 acres, more or less, and 0.92 acre, more or less.
483149 GD 11/30;12/7,14/2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/11/2017, 10:00 am 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 or reject any and/or all bids.

2003 TOYT
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2000 GMC
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2005 KENWORTH
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483216 CN 11/30/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on December 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM U-Lock-It Storage of Clewiston, LLC, 500 S San Gabriel St, Clewiston, FL (863)233-3639 will at their discretion sell or dispose of the personal property therefore stored with the undersigned. **(NO PUBLIC AUCTION)** Alberto Hernandez Unit #12 Household Items 483235 CN 11/30;12/7/2017

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Gove Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Gove Elementary recognizes Pawtastic heroes

At Gove Elementary, teachers use the School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (SWPBIS) along with CHAMPS classroom management system. Students are presented with a Gove Mascot Paw by teachers when they are caught demonstrating positive behavior around the school. Once the class earns 14 paws the class earns 30 minutes of educational fun. The students earning the most paws in a month are acknowledged by their homeroom teacher by submitting their name to Mrs. Zavala, the SWPBIS and CHAMPS sponsor. Those students then become a part of the Pawtastic Heroes display board by the cafeteria for all to notice and congratulate. They are recognized in the Sun News and CAT TALK. The following are the Pawtastic Students nominated for the months of August and September: Kindergarten student Jayla Ponce, third grade students Alize Lopez, Brianna Villafuerte, Alexis Medellin, Rodrigo Barrera and Carlos Benjamin.

Gove Elementary thanks Mrs. Zavala for overseeing this monthly recognition program.

Upcoming Events.....

- Now thru Jan. 26: Magnet Open Enrollment is now! Deadline is Jan. 26.
- Dec. 1: Individual Reading Counts Celebration
- Dec. 5: Picture make-up day
- Dec. 7: Literacy Night 5:30-7 p.m.
- Dec. 8: Wellington Landing's NJHS Winter Gathering with first grade

Diagnostic Testing

- Nov. 29 & 30: ELA – third, fourth and fifth grades
- Dec. 6 & 7: Math – third and fourth grades
- Dec. 6 & 7: Science – fifth grade
- Dec. 12 & 13: Math – fifth grade

Clubs

- Every Monday: Student Council 2:30-3:15 p.m., Art Club 2:30-3:30 p.m., and Chess Club 2:30-4 p.m.
- Every Wednesday: Garden Club 2:30-3:30 p.m.



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo
Mrs. Zavala is pictured with the Pawtastic students nominated for the months of August and September: Carlos Benjamin, Rodrigo Barrera, Alexis Medellin, Alize Lopez and Jayla Ponce. Not pictured: Brianna Villafuerte.

Public invited to review instructional materials for science courses

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — The Palm Beach County School District's Instructional Materials Department is providing an opportunity for public viewing of all programs chosen by adoption committees for K-12 science courses during the 2018-2019 school year.

Materials can be accessed online or in print at the District Support Center, 1400 N. Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach. Digital access information can be requested by emailing tina.sparks@palmbeachschools.org. The district encourages anyone interested in providing input regarding the selection of these textbooks to review student content and submit feedback by Feb. 1, 2018. After all

input is reviewed and considered, committees will submit their recommendations for adoption to the School Board for approval.

Florida Statute 1006.283 requires school districts give the public access to student editions online at least 20 calendar days before an open, noticed school board hearing in order to receive public comment on the recommended instructional materials.

However, because the school district understands that community input is vital to the success of choosing the best possible instructional materials for its students and teachers, it is providing access to materials at this time.

For more information, contact Ms. Sparks at 561-684-5127 or email tina.sparks@palmbeachschools.org.

Alternatives Public Workshops: State Rd 80 from U.S. 27 to I-95

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Four invites the public to an Alternatives Public Workshop, as part of the ongoing State Road 80 Corridor Planning Study, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Belle Glade Library, 725 N.W. Fourth St. in Belle Glade. The purpose of the workshop is to give interested persons an opportunity to comment and provide input on the alternatives and design concepts under evaluation.

Some alternatives have been identified to address existing and future transportation needs along the roadway:

- U.S. 27 to Hooker Highway: (South Bay and Belle Glade area) new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit service improvements, new transit stations, better freight accommodations, transportation safety elements, and downtown Belle Glade beautification features.
- Hooker Highway to 20-Mike Bend: regional greenway trail, more in-depth assessment of transportation safety, and rehabilitation of County Road 880.

Rosenwald Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Important Dates!

- Nov. 30 - Dec. 1: Fourth/fifth grade college tour
- Dec. 8: Wellington High School visit

School News!

AVID: November College Spotlight - University of Puerto Rico Career Highlight - Chemical Engineering

• First annual fall public library tour event: Rosenwald Elementary Media Specialist Tara Lawrence hosted a public library tour at the Clarence E. Anthony Branch of the Palm Beach County Public Library in South Bay on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for Rosenwald Elementary Teachers! Children's Librarian Elizabeth Griffin created a won-

derful library scavenger hunt and discussed available resources for teachers to utilize. Refreshments and a gift card raffle completed the event. Kudos to Mrs. Jerelene Johnson, Second Grade Teacher, for winning the library scavenger hunt and the gift card.

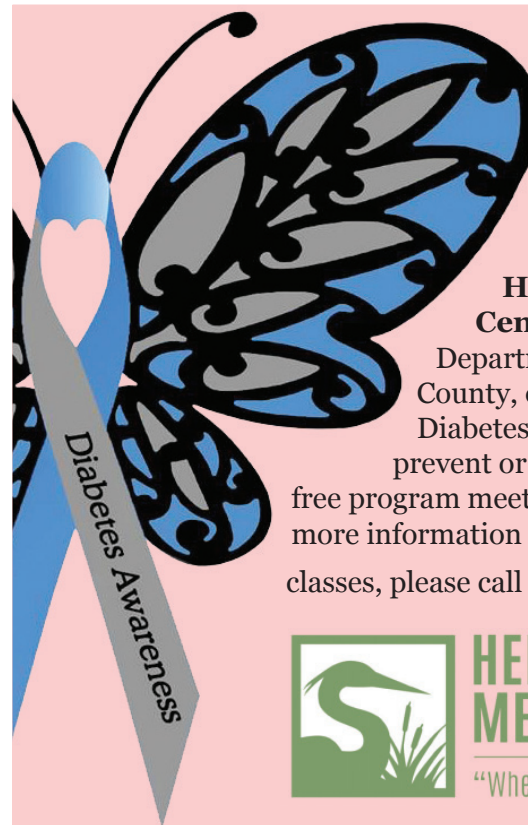
• Third annual Turkey Run: Kudos to the students and teachers who made the third annual Turkey Run on Thursday, Nov. 16, a huge success. This event which promotes physical fitness was sponsored by Mr. Nieves, Physical Education Instructor.

S.A.C.

Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Report Cards

Report cards go home Nov. 28.



November is American Diabetes Month, a time to communicate the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of diabetes prevention and control.

Hendry Regional Medical Center, in partnership with the Department of Health of Hendry County, offers a nationally recognized Diabetes Prevention Program to help prevent or delay Type 2 Diabetes. This free program meets weekly and monthly. For more information on Diabetes or to register for classes, please call **863-983-1123**



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