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## Lake Levels

15.35 feet

Last Year: 14.10 feet

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# Pahokee marina plans change course again

By Chris Felker  
The Sun

In a special meeting Tuesday, Jan. 2, a bare quorum of the Pahokee City Commission set a somewhat different course than had been approved last month for pursuing a deal to get the city's Lake Okeechobee-fronting marina and campground running under a single operator who would also reopen the restaurant there. A 3-0 vote of the commission directed the city manager, city attorney and staff to put together by Tuesday, Jan. 16, a competitive-bid package that will be acceptable to state regulators who had rejected a previous commission-approved sublease of the lakefront complex's three parts to investor group Everglades Reserves Holdings LLC (ERH).

Pahokee leases the recreation complex from the state and will now be seeking a waiver of the hefty fees that any private investor group would have to pay the state for the privilege of operating its lakefront land for profit.

Mayor Keith Babb opened the meeting by explaining where the effort stands, adding that he would be entertaining a motion to head in a different direction. Then he let City Manager Chandler Williamson update the commission and residents about what's going on.

Mr. Williamson noted that the commission last month had voted to hire North Palm Beach firm Technomarine Construction Inc. after a request-for-proposals (RFP) process to do several million dollars' worth of state grant-financed renovations at the city marina.

"We've also had some discussions with Technomarine and one of their consultants about assisting in some additional administrative due diligence for the submerged-land parts of the marina. We expect that mobilization to begin fairly soon here in January once we get a final agreement done with them, and we pretty much feel very comfortable after our last meeting that they are ready to move forward with the construction part, and that's a key," he said.

Mr. Williamson said he'd spoken with ERH

partner Robert Lambert, "and he did indicate that ... they would be willing to respond to a commercial bid on behalf of their entity," which is the competitive-bidding approach that the city manager and City Attorney Gary Brandenburg both later recommended the commission pursue, rather than an RFP. Mr. Williamson asked him to take over.

He told commissioners that "I had a fairly lengthy discussion this afternoon with Mr. Lambert and the head of the state lands commission, and what was suggested was that we prepare a competitive bid. I will have that ready for you to review on Jan. 23." Mr. Brandenburg said it should specify that "the minimum bid with funds coming to the city would be the amount that we negotiated with this group (ERH), and then that bid would also say that whatever fees the state is going to charge are going to have to be paid by the lessor."

He went on to explain that the different

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The Sun/Courtesy of City of Pahokee

The City of Pahokee unveiled its county 1-cent surtax dollars at work on Friday morning, Dec. 15, giving visitors an attractive heads-up that they're entering the "Grassy Waters Gateway to Lake Okeechobee," a new sign that stands at Bacom Point Road (State Road 715) and Airport Road at the south entryway to the city. From left are Mayor Keith Babb, City Manager Chandler Williamson, City Commissioners Felisia Hill, Diane Walker and Clara Murvin, and Vice Mayor Nathaniel Holmes. Several other local dignitaries and some city residents attended.

## Seven running for Belle Glade commission

2018 election set on March 13

By Chris Felker  
The Sun

Three of the seats on the Belle Glade City Commission are up for grabs in the municipal election set for Tuesday, March 13, and there are seven candidates running for the offices, including all three sitting commissioners.

Registered voters in Precincts 6022, 6024, 6028, 6029, 6032 and 6036 are qualified to vote in the election. The three positions that will be filled are Seats C, D and E. Voters must be registered with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office no later than Monday, Feb. 12, in order to cast a ballot. The runoff election(s) would take place Tuesday, March 27, in the event of a tie (or ties).

The two candidates for Seat D are briefly profiled here. An article about the candidates for Seat C will appear in next week's Sun, on Jan. 18, and another about the Seat E hopefuls will appear later.

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# EAA reservoir options sent to state legislature

By Katrina Elsen  
Okeechobee News

A Jan. 9 report to the Florida Legislature from the South Florida Water Management District lists two “best buy” options for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir required as part of Senate Bill 10.

SB 10 was signed into law on May 9, 2017 by Governor Rick Scott.

“Since its passage, SFWMD’s staff of professional engineers, scientists, modelers and restoration experts have worked tirelessly to meet the intent and letter of the law. Working with input from the public, they have developed alternatives to implement the EAA Storage Reservoir project on lands identified by the Legislature. Together with authorized projects including components of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), the reservoir will significantly reduce harmful Lake Okeechobee discharges, improve flow to the

Everglades and achieve state water quality standards. Implementation of any selected alternative will provide much needed relief to the estuaries and foster resilience in the ecology of the entire region,” SFWMD Chairman Dan O’Keefe wrote in the introduction to the Jan. 9 report.

“These alternatives presented to you today are built on a foundation of sound science, benefiting from an extensive and robust public outreach process. Each of these alternative plans will achieve state water quality standards. The work presented here is consistent with our broad portfolio of successful restoration activities such as Restoration Strategies, which when implemented has shown real-world results,” he continued.

The report gives five alternatives for the EAA storage reservoir. Alternative R240A and Alternative C360C are marked as the “best buys” and most cost effective of the options.

Alternative R240A includes a 240,000 acre foot reservoir, with a footprint of approximately 10,100 acres and a depth of approximately 23 feet. This alternative includes a stormwater treatment area of approximately 6,500 acres. This option preserves the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin. Estimated cost for this alternative is \$1.34 billion.

Alternative C360C is a 360,000 acre foot reservoir with a footprint of approximately 19,700 acres and a depth of about 18 feet. This option can serve multiple purposes including water supply as identified in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration plan. Estimated cost for this alternative is

\$1.71 billion.

All five alternatives reduce discharges from the lake to the northern estuaries, increase flow to the greater Everglades and achieve water quality standards, according to the report.

By itself, an EAA reservoir would be static storage, and have little benefit to the northern estuaries. Any of the five alternatives would be

part of the Central Everglades Planning Project which would convey more water from the lake to the reservoir and convey more water from the reservoir, through stormwater treatment areas, to the Everglades and on to Florida Bay.

“This is a really big day for our team,” said Eva Vélez, South Florida Water Management District Director of Everglades Policy and Coordination.

“We have two alternatives we have identified as the ‘best buys’. We want to bring them to the governing board for their input and optimize them.”

Optimizing an alternative involves making any changes that would help the projects to meet the goals in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. One of those goals is an 80 percent reduction in excess discharges from the lake to the northern estuaries.

The “best buy” alternatives use land that is already in public ownership, or private land available from a willing seller. SB-10 does not allow the taking of land by eminent domain. About 500 acres for the project will come from willing sellers, according to the report.

The next step involves a review of the alternatives by the Florida Legislature. The recommended alternative will be sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Army by March 30, then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin their review process, which will take another six months.

When the project is finally green-lighted by Congress with a funding appropriation, it will take about three years to design and another five years to build.

This is a massive project, Ms. Vélez explained. Even the smaller reservoir and stormwater treatment area alternative is so large that it could hold both the cities of Stuart and Palm Bay.

For a more in-depth review of the EAA alternatives, see future editions of this newspaper.



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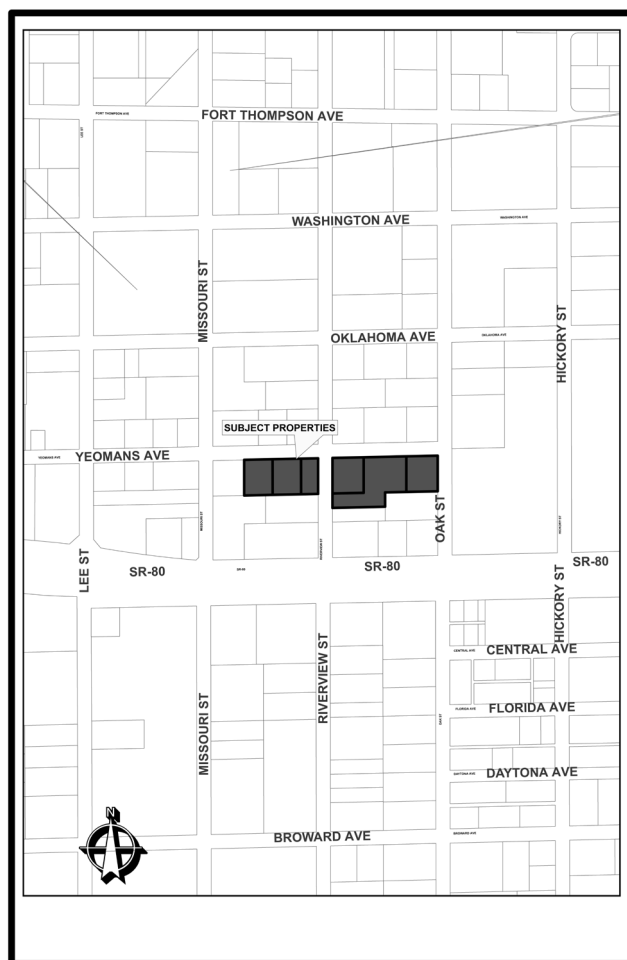
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Notice is hereby given that the City Commission, in its capacity as the LaBelle Local Planning Agency for the City of LaBelle will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; AND, the City Commission will hold a public hearing on March 8, 2018, both at City Hall at 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the following proposed small scale comprehensive plan amendment ordinance:

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COPIES OF THE ORDINANCES AND COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT LABELLE CITY HALL AND A GENERAL LOCATIONAL MAP IS SET FORTH BELOW.



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## Sun Spots

### Chamber selling fair tickets

The South Florida Fair starts Friday, Jan. 12, and you can get your tickets at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, 540 S Main St. in Belle Glade until Jan. 11 at discounted prices. The Chamber will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Jan. 2.

### Banquet set for Jan. 11

The Harvey J. Poole Scholarship Banquet will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center - Palm Beach State College, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade. Proceeds support Glades area students attending Palm Beach State College - Glades Campus. Rev. Leslie D. Camel will be the speaker at this event.

### Adult Ed course offered

Register now for ABE/GED & ESOL classes at West Technical Education Center (WTEC), 2625 N.W. 16th St. in Belle Glade. The programs are offered as part of WTEC's Adult Education Winter Course offerings for 2018. Registration will be held until Friday, Jan. 12, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### MLK Day scheduled Jan. 13

The city of Pahokee will hold its annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade and Extravaganza** on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The events will start off with a parade at 9 a.m. After the parade an Extravaganza will take place at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 100 E Fifth St. in Pahokee at approximately 11 a.m. featuring entertainment and vendors. For information, call 561-924-5534, ext. 2005, or email [jadams@cityofpahokee.com](mailto:jadams@cityofpahokee.com).

### MLK Parade set for Jan. 15

The City of Belle Glade invites the public to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade to be held on Monday, Jan. 15, at 10

## Crime Stoppers

Special to The Sun

PALM BEACH COUNTY — Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County needs your help in locating Wismick Lemene, 28, black, male, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 190 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and he has multiple tattoos.

His last known address was on NW Avenue F Place in Belle Glade.

Lemene is wanted on a felony warrant for failure to appear to answer a charge of a felon in possession of a firearm.

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.



**Wismick  
Lemene**

a.m. A MLK Memorial Service will be held immediately after the parade at the Belle Glade Loading Ramp (SW Ave. D & SW Fifth St.). For information, call 561-996-0100 ext 107 or fax to 561-992-2221.

### Upcoming PATCH meeting

The Glades PATCH (Planned Approach To Community Health) meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at The Glades Initiative, Inc., 141 SE Ave. C in Belle Glade. The meeting is open to all who wish to join.

### GIN meeting set Jan. 16

The Glades Interagency Network's regu-

larly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 11 a.m. - noon at the Bridges at Belle Glade, 33 Ave. A in Belle Glade. For information, call Shirley Walker at 561-449-6421, or 561-449-1371.

### Tenors return to DHCAC

The "infamous" 3 Redneck Tenors will be performing at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center (DHCAC), Palm Beach State College, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Their songs and music range from gospel, to country, to Broadway, pop and classical.

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# SEATS

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## Seat D

Robert C. Mitchell is challenging the incumbent commissioner, Vice Mayor Mary Ross Wilkerson.

Mr. Mitchell, 38, also is a lifelong resident of the city and a political novice. He's a graduate of GCHS and of Florida A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. He started and runs a Los Angeles-based company called Country Boy Catering that now has clients in many places and offers full services in the Glades area as well.

About his candidacy, he said: "The name of my candidacy is 'Building a Better Belle Glade,' the campaign slogan, and that is exactly what my intentions are. I want to build a better Belle Glade. I'm not impressed with the growth of the city, being here for many years and also being able to go off in other areas and see different things and, especially, driving 45 minutes up the road and seeing better, when we are actually in the same county. I don't understand how we have a downtown area that looks like a Third World country in a time like this."

So, he continued, "My reason for running is exactly what my campaign slogan says — whether that be with the youth in the area, whether it be dealing with the actual building technically of a lot of things, because we don't even have a movie theater here, and

also even when it comes down to one of my biggest missions, to help improve our law enforcement in their community relationship as we once had in Belle Glade. We knew each other back in the day, but now, the way that they've structured the law enforcement, they bring anyone in; the workers that actually work here are not allowed to patrol here. So they take outsiders and bring them in, and that's not community-building. He added that he's running against Ms. Wilkerson because "the vice mayor right now, she's responsible for beautification of the city, and I see no beautification."

Ms. Wilkerson, 66, is originally from Plains, Ga., but has lived in Belle Glade for 55 years and served on the commission for eight years. She graduated from Lake Shore Junior-Senior High School here and has a bachelor's in human resources from St.

Thomas University in Miami. She works for the Drug Abuse Treatment Association and is a retired social worker.

The vice mayor said she wants to keep serving citizens. "The reason I'm running for reelection is that we have a lot of things that we are trying to get completed. But most of all I'm running to help create jobs for our citizens, to help get our resurfacing and construction of our roads moving, and the new lights, trying to get new businesses to come into our community so that our people have productive pay and a productive life.

"Also," she added, "we are working to get state money to build a new, \$26 million community center for Belle Glade."

Ms. Wilkerson finished: "One of the things is that it's in my heart to help people, and I try to do that any way that I can that is possible."

# MARINA

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tack, while possibly not as complicated, still would take more time. Then, he said, the city "must put together a package justifying why we think the state should waive its fees because of the status of the marina and the effort that's going to have to be made by the partners to get it up and running." After that, a recommendation will be made by the Division of State Lands (DSL) to the governor and Cabinet. "If the governor and Cabinet approve the proposal that the city will make to them, then essentially (ERH) will get the deal that they asked for from the city.

"If they don't get that deal," Mr. Brandenburg continued, "then we'll have to see if there's any further negotiations the city wants to make or if they want to proceed. But no contract will be signed with them until after it goes to the governor and Cabinet and we see what that deal is. Now, that is not a quick process ... It's going to take at least three months to get to the governor and Cabinet. But that's really the only process that we can undertake to be able to enter into a sublease with a private party for a private purpose."

Mayor Babb asked Mr. Brandenburg if the ERH partners had said they would get involved in the lobbying to persuade the state to waive its fees. "They have made no commitments on hiring lobbyists," he answered. Mr. Babb also asked whether the staff would take Palm Beach County Mayor Melissa McKinlay up on her offer of county help in the lobbying effort. Mr. Brandenburg said yes, adding that some of the county's legislative delegation could help also, and that the hiring of Technomarine would bring another knowledgeable partner on board.

Mr. Babb then entertained a motion to pursue the competitive-bid option, and Commissioner Clara Murvin so moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Nathaniel Holmes to allow discussion. Ms. Murvin questioned how long it would take to draw up the bid package, and Mr. Brandenburg said he'd told them he would have it done by Jan. 23 only because that's the next commission meeting date, adding that it wouldn't take all that long to prepare. However, he noted that he the city needed to get advance clearance of the package from the Florida DSL, which is part of the Department of Environmental Protection, before actually advertis-

ing for bids in order to guarantee those bodies' approval later.

After more discussion, a consensus arose that the commission could have another special meeting to approve the package so it could win state approval quicker, so Ms. Murvin amended her motion to specify it be done by Jan. 16 or earlier. Mayor Babb clarified that he would call a special meeting on or before that date because the Pahokee City Commission must approve the competitive-bid package specifications before Mr. Brandenburg seeks pre-approval of it from the Florida DSL.

Assuming the DSL gives its preliminary OK, then the city could advertise for bids on management of the Pahokee Marina & Campground resort by a single entity. After bids are sought, the commission would have to go through a selection process if more than one entity bids on operating the complex. "After that," the attorney explained further, "you're going to have to put together basically an essay on why the state should waive their standard policy of charging those fees I talked about and allow all the monies to come to Pahokee. That proposal is then going to be reviewed by the Division of State Lands, which can either recommend the deal's approval by the governor and Cabinet, or not." That process, Mr. Brandenburg said, would take a minimum of three months.

Before the commission voted on the motion, Mayor Babb opened the floor for public comments and for the next 35-40 minutes, extremely pointed and sometimes accusatory questions were leveled at Mr. Brandenburg by citizens in the audience. One even berated another who'd spoken previously for being rude to the city attorney, who at one point turned his microphone away and said "I am so sick of this" because he'd been forced to repeat himself so much over the past several commission meetings.

Mr. Babb gave a short rebuttal to community criticism by saying the commission has done and will continue to do what it can to get the restaurant open, the marina renovated with a new pier and the campground and those other two parts running smoothly under one company's operation. "If it doesn't happen, as mayor I certainly will feel comfortable that I have done all that I can do, and I think this commission has done the same thing. So we're working as a team ... despite the criticism to still push forward to make this happen. And we've got to take the time to do it right."

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# Reflections from the Pulpit

## Searching: Starting from scratch or making additions?

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

I was sent information about a debate society that holds a summer camp each year for high school students at a university in Tennessee. Topics to be debated were about areas of ethics and morality, and faith. They piqued my interest about some of the possible attempts to present defenses in matters that have been open to question for centuries.

One debate topic was entitled "Christians, Muslims and Jews all worship the same God."

Another was "Outside the Church, there is no salvation." Interesting and bound to be subjects of controversy. They are not new topics and each raises questions within the question suggested.

Christians certainly are no longer one unified body of believers. One Church leader wrote a book on marrying someone of another faith and suggested that any marriage is a marriage of two faiths. He pointed out that even if a couple sat next to each other in the same Church for years and read the same books and said the same creeds, they would still believe different things. Another pointed out that the world has been of more than one Christian faith since 1054 when Eastern Christianity and Western Christianity went their separate ways. The division was more pronounced with the Reformation and the early reformers. These movements reflect not on what to believe but different understandings of faith.

The Reformation wasn't a start out of a vacuum but a "re-forming" of what was already in place. People came to see things in a new light.

One seminary dean pointed out to me that the Renaissance brought discoveries that had to be reconciled with prior understandings of the nature of the world, the matter of how to best worship and make sense out of religion for each person. My explorations, more limited than I'd like at times, has pointed out blessings and gifts from many sources. It has also shown me weaknesses in traditions, including my own, and I begin to see that "nobody but nobody has all the answers." One sage put it this way: The person who has all the answers doesn't like any questions."

I was serving in a large congregation a few years back when someone suggested that I go and see an old couple who were no longer active but still a part of the Church community.

As I approached, they were sitting on their front porch in rocking chairs and I found I was listening to a heated discussion. In my innocence I thought their stage of life should be more peaceful and idyllic, but no, it seemed not to be. In the bantering, the wife told her husband "I changed my faith for you!" and he retorted "No, you didn't change it but you just added to it!"

The comment suggested the banter had not ended, but there was something reconciling about it too.

As I see people coming to a different denomination for a first time, they bring with them a wealth of things that they believe, worked out, thought out, and not really wishing to give up but to add to what is already there. None of us believe exactly the same things anyway, and why should it be different in the search process to find something new to be added rather than starting all over once more?

The early Church existed in times of persecution and communication between differ-

ent communities and was the result of many individual and divergent realizations about just what the Lord had given the world.

Growing up in isolation left much to be resolved and decided when people were free to be Christian and did not fear persecution and were able to openly express their faith.

Recent lessons in a cycle of Biblical readings from the Book of Acts show some of the divine insight at a moment of encounter.

Paul was traveling and came to Ephesus where he found "some disciples (Acts 19:1ff)." He asked them if they received the Holy Spirit when they came to believe, and they said "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit (v.3)." He inquired about their baptism, (i.e. entry into the body of the faithful) and they spoke of "John's baptism."

Paul told them that John indeed told people to believe in the one that is to come after him, that is Jesus (v.4). Paul when he had heard them, baptized them in the name of Jesus and laid his hands on them, and Luke reports in Acts that "when Paul laid his hands upon them the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied (Acts 19:6)."

Paul did nothing to suggest that they were erroneous or lax, or to contradict anything they had understood. Paul made a noteworthy speech shortly before when he noted that many of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers had many Gods, and to cover every situation - even had an altar "To an unknown God (Acts 17:23)." He went on to say "What you worship as unknown, I proclaim to you...(v 24)" and went on to explain with some joining and becoming believers. Whether with disciples or non-believers; his message was to add something and lay the foundations for the next steps in growth. That has been my experience too.

A journey in faith is one of building on what God has already revealed to us to get us started on the journey and not out of nothing. It is my own experience and way of growing and that of many others whom I have encountered over the years. Paul's own journey is a great example and place to start.

## Obituaries

*Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to [obits@newszap.com](mailto:obits@newszap.com). Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com).*

### Julianne Charlene Cross

LABELLE — Julianne Charlene Cross went to be with the Lord on Dec. 31, 2017.

She was born in Sarasota on Feb. 23, 1952.

She is survived by her daughters, Charlene McCall, Shawna Griffen-Halloran, Regina Langdale and Nancy Hurtado; grandchildren, Lacey McCall, Briana Pascher, Kayla Renaldi, Richard Reese, Jr., Brody Griffen, Hunter Hansen, Destiny Ballard, Jasper Hurtado and Jazzlivia Hurtado.

Memorial Services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, 2 p.m. at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds. Please come join us in celebration of her life.



## 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, January 11, 2018 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 2018-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, OR APPROVAL OF, OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, DEVELOPMENT ORDERS OR PERMITS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH EXISTING LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Agency/Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and for that purpose(s), may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 863-675-2872, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE.**

City of LaBelle City Commission  
David A. Lyons, Mayor

## AMENDED NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The School Board of Hendry County will soon consider a measure to amend the use of property tax for the capital outlay projects previously advertised for the 2017 to 2018 school year.

Amended projects to be funded:

**Motor Vehicle Purchases**  
Purchase of six (6) School Buses

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on January 16, 2018, at 5:30 P.M., at the Hendry County School Board meeting room, 475 East Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

A DECISION on the proposed amendment to the projects funded from CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this meeting.





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## Honor roll students treated to a Holiday Sweet Treats Social

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Pahokee Middle School principal, Mr. Dwayne Denard, hosted a Holiday Sweet Treats Social for the A and A/B Honor Roll students. The city manager of the City of Pahokee, Mr. Chandler F. Williamson was the guest speaker. He challenged the students to exercise academic and personal discipline, and thereby maximize their chances of future success. After the presentation by Mr. Williamson, the students were treated to various holiday treats, including cake, cookies and brownies.

### Literacy tutors recruited

The Glades area Adult Literacy Project is recruiting adult volunteer tutors now. Contact Sandra Lusunariz, Adult Literacy Project Coordinator, Belle Glade Branch Library at 561-996-3453 for information.

### Hair services available

The Cosmetology Salon at the Palm Beach State College Belle Glade, 1977 College Drive, campus is now open for hair services by appointment. Appointments are taken Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for student services. Call 561-993-1420 to make an appointment. Payments should be made by credit card or check.

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# Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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- 1 17th-century privateer  
5 Rock worth unearthing  
8 Military groups  
13 About  
14 Downtime for Mars?  
15 Absorb  
16 Imperfect produce?  
19 Rob's "West Wing" role  
20 Domestic tearjerker  
21 "\_\_\_ Wedding": "The Simpsons" episode involving a fortune-teller  
23 Nocturnal picket-line crosser?  
26 Wild partner  
28 \_\_\_ Alamos  
29 Screening gp.  
30 Woodstock performer before Joan  
31 Kid's comeback  
34 Reconnaissance team?  
40 Romance novel features  
41 1963 role for Shirley  
42 In the same way as  
45 Defensive question  
46 It merged with Coors in 2005  
48 Result of a London tea cart mishap?  
52 \_\_\_ Blades, Latin jazz star  
53 Oater omen  
54 Uma's "Pulp Fiction" role  
57 Feature of a taped hardcore punk performance?  
60 Stage direction  
61 Vital  
62 Relative of -ule  
63 Ruled quarters?  
64 '60s campus org.  
65 Their Christmas feast included roast beast

- 2 Empire whose last stronghold was conquered in 1572  
3 Ginger Baker specialty  
4 Dict. entry  
5 Ready for business no later than  
6 Pizza cuts, essentially  
7 Halfway house resident  
8 Flash drive letters  
9 Roi et reine, par exemple  
10 "The drinks were on me"  
11 Affects, as one's heartstrings  
12 Divers' weapons  
17 Future yearling  
18 Hunting lodge decoration  
22 Jamaican genre  
24 Influence  
25 One taking coats, perhaps  
26 Used to be  
27 Tolkien terror  
31 Chanel creations  
32 Grain generally pluralized  
33 Ballet's Black Swan

- 35 Green workers  
36 "Amazing Grace," e.g.  
37 Big name in pies  
38 Comic Philips  
39 Indian flatbread  
42 LAX stat  
43 Adjustable door feature  
44 Spooner of Spoonerism fame, for one  
46 Walks unhurriedly  
47 Most fit to serve  
49 Engendered  
50 Subjects of washday mysteries  
51 Hollowed out  
55 Delighted by  
56 Quite a long time  
58 Scrap  
59 Copy cats?

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Floods are the most common and costly natural disasters in the United States. While there are currently more than 1.7 million National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies in force in the state, about 50 percent of Florida homeowners inside Special Flood Hazard Areas had insurance against flooding before Irma made landfall on Sept. 10, 2017.

As of Dec. 26, more than 27,690 NFIP claims for damage caused by Hurricane Irma had been filed, with 80.63 percent closed. More than \$609 million had been paid to policyholders. NFIP is a federal program created by Congress to mitigate future flood losses nationwide through community-enforced building and zoning ordinances. It provides access to affordable, federally backed flood insurance protection for property owners.

NFIP cannot pay a claim if you don't have a policy in effect when damage occurs. Typically, a new flood insurance policy takes 30 days to be effective after you buy it.

Flood damage is not typically covered by a homeowner's insurance policy; check with your agent or company to get flood policy and coverage details.

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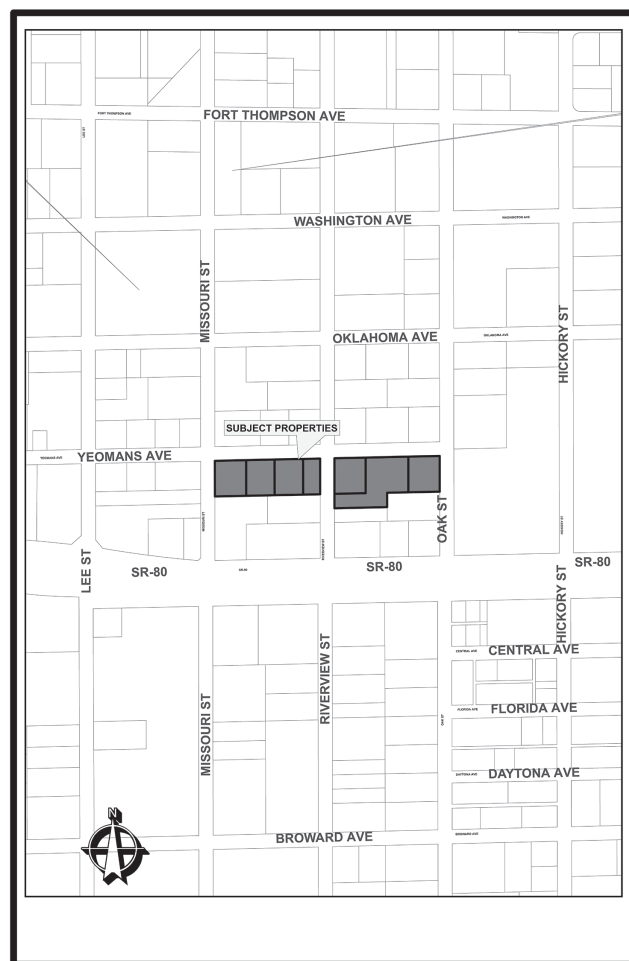
## CITY OF LABELLE NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission, in its capacity as the LaBelle Local Planning Agency for the City of LaBelle will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.; AND, the City Commission will hold a public hearing on March 8, 2018 both at City Hall at 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the following proposed rezoning ordinance:

### CITY OF LABELLE ORDINANCE 2018-02 REZONE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE ZONING MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 257, 277, 295, 351 EAST YEOMANS AVENUE, 51 NORTH RIVERVIEW STREET, AND 50 NORTH OAK STREET, CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (B-2) TO OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (B-1); PROVIDING FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COPIES OF THE ORDINANCES AND COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT LABELLE CITY HALL AND A GENERAL LOCATIONAL MAP IS SET FORTH BELOW.



All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Agency/Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and for that purpose(s), may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Joshua O. Dorsey - Mgr.  
10181 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy,  
Ste. C  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Michael A. Scott - Mgr.  
10181 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy,  
Ste. C  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

Ownership of Dorsey Law Firm is as follows:

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It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Dorsey Law Firm under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.  
Date: 1/3/2018  
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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FOUNDATION ANNUAL RETURN

The annual return of The Faass Foundation, Inc. is available at its accountant's office, located at 381 SR 80W, PO Box 2298, LaBelle, FL 33975, for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests such inspection within 180 days of the date of this notice. Citizens may request inspection by contacting Ruth A. Faass at (503) 843-3588.  
Date of publication: January 10th, 2018.

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CASE NO. 222017CP000051

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JOHN HENRY KRUSCHINSKI  
a.k.a. JOHN H. KRUSCHINSKI  
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of JOHN HENRY KRUSCHINSKI a.k.a. JOHN H. KRUSCHINSKI, deceased, whose date of death is November 13, 2017, File Number 222017CP000051, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 11th, 2018.

Personal Representative:  
John Glenn Kruschinski  
270 Palm Springs Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Kevin H. Hendrickson, Esquire  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
310 South Second Street  
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Email: hendricksonkevin@bellsouth.net  
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### NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 8:30AM, Thursday January 18, 2018, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member to the Board of Supervisors for a three year term and to review annual reports.

Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

This meeting is open to the public.  
Mark Colbert, Chairman  
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# Register for a free Valentine’s Day wedding

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It doesn’t matter if you were recently engaged over the holidays or have been in a committed relationship for a really long time. If a wedding is in your plans, you can join 39 other couples for a free Valentine’s Day wedding presided by Palm Beach Clerk Sharon Bock at the National Croquet Center.

The annual ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. and includes a beautiful outdoor ceremony at the National Croquet Center, photographs, champagne toast and wedding cupcakes thanks to community partners.

Wedding space is limited to the first 40 couples that pre-register for the ceremony and obtain a Florida marriage license before Feb. 12. The marriage license must be presented at the ceremony.

To register or receive more information, visit [www.mypalm-beachclerk.com](http://www.mypalm-beachclerk.com).

“Over the years, I’ve married hundreds of happy couples on Valentine’s Day,” Clerk Bock said. “Helping these couples to start a new life together is one of the best parts of being Clerk & Comptroller in Palm Beach County. It is truly a special day.”

Valentine’s Day wedding is made possible by the Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County, National Croquet Center, Gem Joeline Photography and SandyJames Fine Foods. Couples may bring up to 10 guests. Parking is limited.



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The 2017 Valentine’s Day Group Wedding was officiated by Clerk Sharon R. Bock at the National Croquet Center.

## Rosenwald Elementary School Events

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- Important Dates!**
- Jan. 15: MLK Jr. holiday - no school
  - Jan. 17: MLK Jr. Oratorical contest
  - Feb. 14: S.A.C. meeting - 6 p.m.

**School News!**

- S.A.C.: Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

**We are on Facebook!**

All parents are encouraged to follow Rosenwald Elementary on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RosenwaldES/>

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### Public Notice

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**West Glades Elementary School Dining Pavilion**

Sealed bids will be received by the **Glades County School Board** for the construction of **New Dining Pavilion at West Glades Elementary School, 2586 C.R. 731, LaBelle, Florida.**

Work includes **General Building, Site and Electrical Construction.**

All bids on Contractor's letter head **(to include an original and one copy)** must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside **"West Glades Elementary School Pavilion".**

Bids will be received in the Superintendent's office at the **Glades County School District Administration Building, 400 Tenth Street SW, Moore Haven, FL 33471** until **2:00 pm** prevailing local time, **Tuesday, February 6, 2018.** Bids received after that time will not be accepted. The bids will then be opened publicly and read aloud.

Full sets of drawings and specifications may be obtained from the Glades County School District or electronically in PDF format from the Architect, SchenkelShultz Architecture. Requests for electronic drawings shall be made via email to [gkrueger@schenkelshultz.com](mailto:gkrueger@schenkelshultz.com). Only registered plan holders will receive addenda or other official notifications by email.

All questions concerning the project shall be submitted, in writing, to the Design Consultant. This office is the only point where information will be disseminated. **All questions must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Final Addendum will be issued Friday, January 26, 2018.** Send all questions via email to [Gary Krueger, SchenkelShultz Architecture, at gkrueger@schenkelshultz.com](mailto:Gary Krueger, SchenkelShultz Architecture, at gkrueger@schenkelshultz.com).

The **Glades County School Board** reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive informalities and minor irregularities in bidding and to accept bids which are considered to be in the best interest of the System.

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**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF WORK PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to "The Water Rights Compact Among the Seminole Tribe of Florida, The State of Florida, and The South Florida Water Management District", the **4th Amendment to the 31st Annual Work Plan** of the Seminole Tribe of Florida has been submitted to the South Florida Water Management District (District).

The Seminole Tribe of Florida (Tribe), 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024, has submitted, on December 21, 2017, the **4th Amendment to the 31st Annual Work Plan.** The Work Plan describes existing and proposed activities on Seminole land. The work proposed includes two (2) projects in the Big Cypress Reservation and two (2) projects in the Brighton Reservation: **Big Cypress Reservation** - 1) Ahfachkee School Expansion - the Tribe is currently looking to expand the Ahfachkee School by constructing a two-story 30,000-square foot building and associated parking; 2) Mary Jene Koenes 4" Water Wells - the Tribe proposes the installation of two 4" water wells for beef cattle consumption at the Mary Jene Koenes pasture off Molly Pritchard Road. **Brighton Reservation** - 1) Kathryn Jo Anderson Access Way Culvert - the Tribe proposes one culvert (approximately 75' long) to provide legal access to tribal member home site; 2) B Pump Relocation - the Tribe proposes to relocate the two pumps within the B-Group (designated as B Pump) along with the South Florida Water Management District's in-kind replacement of PC-19; an additional culvert supplied by the Tribe; and an additional water control structure supplied by the Tribe. The Big Cypress Reservation is located in Broward County, Township 48 South, Range 34 East, and in Hendry County, Township 47 South, Ranges 32-34 East. The Brighton Reservation is located in Glades County, Township 40 South, Range 32 East; Township 39 South, Range 32 East; Township 39 South, Range 33 East; Township 38 South, Range 33 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the Amendment or submit a written request for a copy of the Amendment by either of the following methods: 1) Submitting a written request to: Regulation Division, South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; or 2) Submitting an electronic request at [permits@sfwmd.gov](mailto:permits@sfwmd.gov). Such comments or requests must be received within 30 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this Amendment. A copy of the Staff Report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an Administrative Hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request thereafter after reviewing the Staff Report.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District ("the District"), Hendry County, Florida will hold a **WORKSHOP** meeting on **JANUARY 24, 2018 AT 8:01 PM EST**, or immediately following the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting and continuing from time-to-time at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33470 to consider the following:

ADVERTISING, RECRUITMENT, AND SELECTION OF A DISTRICT MANAGER

This Notice further advises that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors of the District with respect to any matter considered during this meeting, you will need a record of the meeting, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is based.

Any interested party desiring to appear before the Board of Supervisors may do so on the date and place listed above.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (863) 983-5797 NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.

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## Gove Elementary School Events

- Upcoming Events**
- Now - Jan 26: Magnet Open Enrollment continues and the deadline is Jan. 26.
  - Jan. 9: iReady Diagnostic testing begins
  - Jan. 10: Sixth grade Winter Diagnostic testing begins
  - Jan. 12: Elementary progress reports go home
  - Jan. 15: Holiday No School/Dr. Martin Luther King Parade 10 a.m.
  - Jan. 16 - 18: Sixth grade ELA & Math Diagnostics
  - Jan. 16 - 19: Vision and hearing screening
- Jan. 17: PTO/SAC 5-6:30 p.m.
  - Jan. 22 - 26: National School Choice Week
  - Jan. 25: K-1 APTT Parent Meeting #2 5:30-7 p.m.
  - Jan. 25: K-1 FunFest 5:30-7 p.m.
- Clubs:**
- Mondays: Student Council 2:30-3:15 p.m.; Art Club 2:30-3:30 p.m.; and Chess Club 2:30-4 p.m.
  - Wednesdays: Garden Club 2:30-3:30 p.m.
  - Thursdays: SECME 2:30-4 p.m.

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# Meeting to discuss aquatic plant spraying

By Katrina Elsen  
INI Florida

OKEECHOBEE -- Aquatic plant spraying will be the topic of discussion at Thursday, Jan. 11 meeting at the Okeechobee office of the South Florida Water Management District. In recent months, area fishermen have complained that they believe the chemical spraying to control invasive plants is damaging the habitat for the lake's fisheries.

At the Jan. 4 meeting of the Water Resources Analysis Coalition, Newton Cook of United Water Fowlers, said the current plant management plan is not working.

"Our aquatic plant management programs are all over the map," he said. "We've got counties, we've got the water management district. We've got FWC as a major player, the corps, everybody is out there."

"We're destroying our waterways and our water systems," Mr. Cook continued. "No one intends to do it, but the end result is there. "You go up the St. Johns River and motor through there. It's are beautiful lakes, but there is no vegetation and a mud bottom. That is what is going to happen to the Kissimmee River and all of our lakes if we don't get our act together."

"We need to change some of the dynamics and get serious about this," he continued. "We are actually destroying some of the

habitat.

"A habitat unit of lake with a muck bottom and colloidal suspended water or a habitat unit that is solid willows, or solid cattails is zero," he said. There has been too much spraying and not enough burning, he opined.

"We need to address this all over the state," he continued.

"The environmental people should be hot on this because it is so negative to what is happening to our habitats from north to south," he said.

The Lake Okeechobee Aquatic Plant Management Interagency Task Force will host a meeting to provide information and receive input from the public on various ongoing management programs in Lake Okeechobee on Jan. 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Florida Water Management District Service Center, 3800 N.W. 16th Blvd., Suite A. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission manages, through a series of government and private sector contractors, aquatic plants in Florida's public waterbodies. Aquatic plant management work plans are approved each June for the ensuing fiscal year that runs from July 1 - June 30. Workplans provide an overview of the management objectives and an estimate of the amount of control and funds necessary to achieve these objectives for a 12-month period.



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