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## Lake Levels

**13.16 feet**

Last Year: 11.61 feet

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



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## Pahokee awarded \$300,000 brownfields grant

By Chris Felker  
The Sun

PAHOKEE — The city is among 144 communities nationwide, including five in Florida, to which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing \$54.3 million in grants that will assist in redevelopment of potentially

polluted tracts of land.

The grants, announced on April 25, are part of the Brownfields Redevelopment Program, which will give these cities and regional agencies money to conduct environmental assessments and cleanups in locally designated areas.

A \$300,000 allocation is designated for several potential hazardous substance and petroleum cleanup projects in Pahokee. “The grant money will be used for environmental research and analysis of areas that possibly

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Special to The Sun

The Glades Central Lady Raiders flag football team finished 13-1 this season, improving from their 9-5 finish last year and capturing the district title in the process.

## Flag football team wins district championship

By Richard Marion  
The Sun

The Glades Central flag football Lady Raiders defeated the Jensen Beach Lady Falcons 19-0 in the District 11-1A championship game on April 25 in Port St. Lucie. Jensen was ranked ninth in the state the week before the championship game by FloridaHSFootball.

com, while Glades Central was rated 19th in the state.

The Lady Raiders had a record of 13-1 coming into the game, with their only loss coming during the regular season against Jensen Beach. But Glades Central coach Sam Curry wasn't concerned about facing them again in the championship.

“Honestly, we beat ourselves in the first game against Jensen,” said Curry. “We were in the red zone six times that game and only converted one touchdown. They were only able to get into the red zone twice, but they were able to score both of those times.

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# More study needed to deal with the algal blooms

What we don't know CAN hurt us

By Katrina Elskan  
INI Florida

Nearly two years after the 'guacamole' algal bloom that blanketed the Treasure Coast in the summer of 2016, there are plenty of theories, but we don't "know" the cause.

The prevailing theory was that algae in the freshwater released from Lake Okeechobee through the C-44 canal seeded the bloom, which grew to thick mats when it was fed by the nutrient-rich local basin runoff.

That's the theory — but we don't know, and can't know for sure that the algae came from the lake, because the algae was not examined on the microscopic level at the time, according to UF algae expert Dr. H. Dail Laughinghouse IV. It was not examined in 2016, and it's too late to examine it now. Without that data, we can't be sure where the algae and/or cyanobacteria that made up the 'guacamole' algal bloom originated.

Dr. Laughinghouse said researchers believe that, wherever it came from, something in the basin runoff that feeds into the St. Lucie estuary caused the algal bloom to grow rapidly into thick mats and release toxins.

The algae didn't grow into thick mats in the lake, he noted. If the algae that covered Treasure Coast waterways came from the lake, whatever caused it to grow into the 'guacamole' mats was apparently not in the lake.

Theories on what caused the bloom to explode include discharges from leaking septic tanks, sewage spills and runoff from Treasure Coast farms and urban areas.

Research conducted since the 2016 bloom has found that the phosphorus levels in the C-44 canal are significantly higher than the phosphorus level in the water in Lake Okeechobee. Nitrogen levels in local runoff are also significantly higher than nitrogen levels in the lake water.

According to South Florida Water Management District data, water in the C-44 is around 300 parts per billion phosphorus. The phosphorus levels in water in Lake Okeechobee vary according to the lake depth, and amount of turbidity, but in general it averages around 120-130 ppb. Water entering the lake from the north averages around 140 ppb. The Florida Department of Environment Protection goal for Lake Okeechobee is 40 ppb phosphorus.

The 2017 study, "Septic systems contribute to nutrient pollution and harmful algal blooms in the St. Lucie Estuary, Southeast Florida, USA," by Dr. Brian E. Lapointe, Laura W. Herren and Armelle L. Paule, of the Harbor Brand Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, Marine Ecosystem Health Program, found the local basin runoff contributed 70 percent of the nutrients that fed the algal blooms.

The researchers also noted that excessive releases of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee disrupt the salinity levels in the estuaries and are harmful to that ecosystem even if there is not an algal bloom.

According to Dr. Laughinghouse, algae needs both phosphorus and nitrogen to grow, and limiting phosphorus can control

algae blooms. Controlling nitrogen is a little trickier, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, because if nitrogen is not readily available, some algae can "fix" nitrogen from the air.

## So what do we know?

- Algae is everywhere there is moisture — lakes, rivers, canals, ponds and the ocean. It's part of the natural ecosystem, and the base of the food chain.

- Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) is not new. In fact, it the oldest life form on the planet. It's been here an estimated 3.8 billion years.

- Excess nutrient loads in the water can cause the algae to grow rapidly. This is called a "bloom."

- Some forms of cyanobacteria sometimes (not always) release toxins that can be dangerous to fish, wildlife and humans.

- Thirty years ago, DEP set the target maximum phosphorus loading into Lake Okeechobee at 105 metric tons annually, with a goal for the lake water to be no more than 40 parts per billion phosphorus. That goal has never been met. The phosphorus load from the north has averaged three to four times the DEP maximum. South Florida Water Management District data shows the water flowing into the lake averages around 140 ppb phosphorus.

- The high levels of phosphorus flowing into Lake Okeechobee are harmful to the lake's ecology, and contribute to the growth of invasive plants.

- While the phosphorus levels in the water in Lake Okeechobee are much too high for its ecological balance, the levels in runoff in the St. Lucie basin are even higher. Phosphorus levels in basin runoff along the C-44 canal average 300 ppb phosphorus, per SF-WMD data.

- Releasing excess freshwater to the St. Lucie would be harmful even if the phosphorus levels were less than 40 ppb, because the freshwater releases disrupt the salinity levels in the estuary.

- Releasing freshwater from the lake to the Caloosahatchee River is necessary to prevent saltwater intrusion. Due to man-made changes, the river basin drains more quickly than nature intended and as a result, the river depends on lake releases for much of its water supply during the dry season.

- HABs can and do occur in salt water. HABs called "brown tide" and "red tide" are examples. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "Harmful algal blooms, or HABs, occur when colonies of algae — simple photosynthetic organisms that live in the sea and freshwater — grow out of control while producing toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and birds. The human illnesses caused by HABs, though rare, can be debilitating or even fatal. HABs have been reported in every U.S. coastal state, and their occurrence may be on the rise. HABs are a national concern because they affect not only



the health of people and marine ecosystems, but also the 'health' of local and regional economies."

- Algal blooms are not always harmful. According to NOAA, "Not all algal blooms are harmful. Most blooms, in fact, are beneficial because the tiny plants are food for animals in the ocean. In fact, they are the major source of energy that fuels the ocean food web. A small percentage of algae, however, produce powerful toxins that can kill fish, shell-

fish, mammals, and birds, and may directly or indirectly cause illness in people. HABs also include blooms of non-toxic species that have harmful effects on marine ecosystems. For example, when masses of algae die and decompose, the decaying process can deplete oxygen in the water, causing the water to become so low in oxygen that animals either leave the area or die."

- Even when the salinity levels are normal, the excess nutrients in runoff in the St. Lucie estuary and along the Treasure Coast are harmful to the environment. According to the 2015 Martin County Watershed to Reef study, nutrient pollution from coastal runoff has been linked to reef damage.

## CITY OF LABELLE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/VARIANCE BOARD Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustments/Variance Board for the City of LaBelle, "the City," will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 481 West Hickpooshee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of hearing:

A Variance Petition of Jesus & Yolinda Luna, requesting a variance from the 15 foot rear setback to replace a carport destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The property is Parcel ID# 2-29-43-01-010-0083-002.1 and is located at 681 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935.



A copy of the Variance Petition(s) may be obtained at City Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

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City of LaBelle City Commission  
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- To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.



# Criminal Justice Academy offered in BG

Special to The Sun

Members of the public are invited to attend the third annual Glades Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy. Sessions will take place on five consecutive Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., on June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25 and July 2, at the Belle Glade Library/Civic Center, located at 725 N.W. Fourth St. in Belle Glade.

The classes are free, and dinner will be served. Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome, and up to 15 hours of community service credit can be earned.

The purpose of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is to provide fundamental information to citizens of Palm Beach County regarding the criminal justice system and how decisions are made. Participants will see demonstrations, meet with decision makers and tour the jail.

It is a valuable opportunity to learn about procedures, meet experts, ask questions and see facilities in person.

The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, Sheriff's Office and Office of Community Revitalization sponsor the academy.

The first two years of the academy have been overwhelmingly successful, with more than 40 participants graduating. Applications are required.

For more information and to apply, visit the Criminal Justice Commission website (under Programs), [www.pbcgov.org/criminaljustice](http://www.pbcgov.org/criminaljustice), call 561-355-4943, fax at 561-355-4941 or email at [RMurray@pbcgov.org](mailto:RMurray@pbcgov.org).

"This five-week course is designed with the citizens of the western communities in mind," said Rosalind Murray, senior criminal justice analyst with the CJC.

"It is comprehensive and covers all as-

pects of criminal justice.

It will include a tour of the jail as well. In addition, participants will hear from the Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; the federal agencies will sponsor a night; and juvenile justice with an emphasis on school safety will be prominently discussed."

There is no limit on the number of participants, and students are welcome. Registration will close on Friday, June 1, at 5 pm.

## Crime Stoppers

Special to The Sun

PALM BEACH COUNTY – Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County needs your help in locating Victor Castaneda, 33, white, male, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes and he has multiple tattoos.



**Victor Castaneda**

His last known address was on South US 27 Highway in South Bay.

Castaneda is wanted on a felony warrant for failure to appear to answer for possession of cocaine.

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

# Hunter safety courses offered

Special to The Sun

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety course in Palm Beach County.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety

training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

An internet-completion course will be held May 6 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

A traditional course will be held May 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The specific locations for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety) or by calling the FWC's regional office in West Palm Beach at 561-625-5122.

## Sun Spots

### GAMA to hold Day of Prayer

The Glades Area Ministerial Alliance (GAMA) invites the public to participate in the National Day of Prayer gathering at Community United Methodist Church, 401 SW 1st St. in Belle Glade (next to Dixie Fried Chicken) on Thursday, May 3 at noon. Pray for the community, elected officials, community leaders, businesses, county, state and nation.

### DHCAC presents step show

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center (DHCAC) - PBSC, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade, will present a step show by Molodi on Friday, May 4 at 7 p.m. This step-type show features a performance ensemble that uses only their bodies as instruments, taking body percussion to the extreme. For information, call the box office at 561-993-1160 or visit [www.dollyhand.org](http://www.dollyhand.org).

### Support fight against cancer

Join the Relay for Life of the Glades to show your support in the fight against cancer on Friday, May 11 from 6 p.m. - midnight at Tanner Park, 105 Palm Beach Road in South Bay. For information, visit [RelayForLife.org/thegladesfl](http://RelayForLife.org/thegladesfl)

### Food Crush Wednesdays

The public is invited to Food Crush Wednesdays at Tanner Park 105 Palm Beach Road in South Bay. Food trucks, live

music, a DJ and more family fun. The event will be held the third Wednesday of every month, starting on May 16 at 5-9 p.m.

### Golf tournament returns

The annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament returns to Sugarcane Golf Club, 2619 West Canal St. N in Belle Glade, on Saturday, May 19 at 7 a.m. For information, or to register call Brenda Bunting at 561-996-2745.

### Learn to build a resume

West Technical Education Center - Building 1, 2625 State Hwy 715 in Belle Glade will hold a workshop that provides resume building tips on Monday, May 21, from 6-7:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP or for information, call 561-868-4068 or email [eocnorth@palm-beachstate.edu](mailto:eocnorth@palm-beachstate.edu)

### Yoga classes offered at WTEC

Register from May 21 to June 1 to take part in a Beginning Yoga class at West Technical Education Center, 2625 NW 16th St. in Belle Glade. Classes will be held June 4 - July 11 (Mondays and Wednesdays) at 6-7:30 p.m. To register: Apply online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/aceschools> or visit the front office Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and 2 - 8:30 p.m.

## CANVASSING BOARD ORIENTATION NOTICE

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene for Orientation on May 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida.

## JUNTA DE ESCRUTINIO AVISO DE ORIENTACIÓN

El comite de Escrutinio del Condado Hendry convocará par la Orientación el 10 de mayo de 2018 a las 3:00 pm en la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Condado de Hendry, Florida.

Brenda Hoots  
Supervisor of Elections  
Hendry County, Florida  
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## RAIDERS

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"From what we saw on film, we knew we had a good chance of beating them. I wasn't too concerned about facing them."

Quarterback Wiskierra Lemene got things started for Glades Central with a 20-yard touchdown run on the Lady Raiders' first possession. Lemene would rush for another touchdown and throw one against the Lady Falcon defense. Coach Curry refers to Lemene as the team's "Miss Everything."

The Glades Central defense also stepped up to the plate in the championship game, grabbing three interceptions on the night.

The district title is an outstanding achievement for a Lady Raiders squad that has consistently gotten better every year. Last season, the team finished 9-5.

"We had high expectations after last year," Curry said. "This year we had a lot of weapons coming back. We've had a great JV team for the past three years so we also

knew that we were bringing up some great athletes from our sophomore class."

Curry highlighted Dakedra Pompey for her contributions to the team throughout the year. Pompey missed the championship game due to a scheduling conflict with the track team, which she also competes in. Pompey leads the team in receiving, averaging six catches and over 90 yards per game.

Curry also gave credit to Olmanika Milfort for Glades Central's success. Milfort was the most experienced cornerback on the Lady Raiders and had five interceptions throughout the season.

Now, Glades Central will move on to the regional semifinals, where the Lady Raiders will face District 12 champions Suncoast High School.

"Suncoast has a great quarterback," Curry explained. "She's really mobile and she can throw deep. Great coach as well. I think we have more athletes than they do, but they're a great team and they play to their strengths." Glades Central will play Suncoast at 7 p.m. on May 3 at Glades Central High School.

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meet the 'Brownfields' definition," said City Manager Chandler Williamson. He listed among them the city's former water plant (which is currently being demolished) and the old Pahokee High School, which is to undergo inspections of the interior and the exterior ground foundation.

"It can also be used for other city-owned and general land areas that can become shovel-ready for economic development," he said.

"From there, if any environmental concerns are uncovered," Mr. Williamson explained, "the city then can receive cleanup grant dollars to ensure the property is prepared for redevelopment. Without these two funding streams, areas of the City of Pahokee would possibly be prevented from implementing (plans for) economic development."

Other nearby cities — Clewiston, Immokalee and Moore Haven — will benefit from a \$600,000 grant funneled through the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council to finance similar projects.

"EPA's Brownfields Program expands the ability of communities to recycle vacant and abandoned properties for new, productive reuses, using existing infrastructure," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in announcing the grants. "These grants leverage other public and private investments, and improve local economies through property cleanup and redevelopment."

Administrator Trey Glenn of the EPA's Region 4, which includes the Southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and the sovereign lands of six Native American tribes, said \$8.9 million of the total \$54.3 million awarded is coming to the Southeast.

"Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup grants target communities that are economically disadvantaged and provide assistance where environmental cleanup and new job opportunities are needed," he said. "These funds mean a great deal to these commu-

nities."

"Florida has been very successful with our Brownfields Redevelopment Program (BRP) over the years, and our efforts have been strengthened through funding received from EPA Brownfields grants," Carrie Kruchell, Florida BRP manager and liaison, said, noting that a total of \$1.2 million that has been awarded for environmental site assessments in fiscal 2018-19 in the state. "These assessment grants support this important first stage of protecting and preserving our environment, which sets the stage for future redevelopment and reuse."

The Brownfields Program targets communities that are economically disadvantaged and provides financing and assistance to transform blighted sites into assets that can generate jobs and spur economic growth. A study analyzing 48 brownfields sites found that an estimated \$29 million to \$97 million in additional tax revenue was generated for local governments in a single year after cleanup. Furthermore, another study found that property values of homes located near brownfields sites that are cleaned up increased by between 5 percent and 15 percent after cleanup.

In addition, communities can use brownfields funding to leverage water infrastructure loans and other financial resources. For example, EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund can be used, under certain conditions, to address the water-quality aspects of brownfield sites and the assessment and construction of drinking-water infrastructure on brownfields, respectively. EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program may also serve as a potential source of long-term, low-cost supplemental financing to fund brownfields project development and implementation activities to address water quality aspects of brownfields.

Pahokee's manager, Mr. Williamson, concluded, "The wonderful aspect of this grant is it ensures we can provide the very best in environmental protection as we continue to address housing development, plus new business development in the downtown areas of the City of Pahokee.

## HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS AND OTHER CHANGES PERTAINING TO AIRPORTS

Hendry County proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

**Ordinance Title:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-53, ZONING, SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 1-53-6.13, AIRPORTS; SECTION 1-53-3, ZONING DISTRICTS; AND SECTION 1-53-4, DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The first of two public hearings on the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on **May 8, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave, Clewiston, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the changes are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Maps depicting the affected areas around LaBelle Airport and Airlades Airport are adjacent to this advertisement.

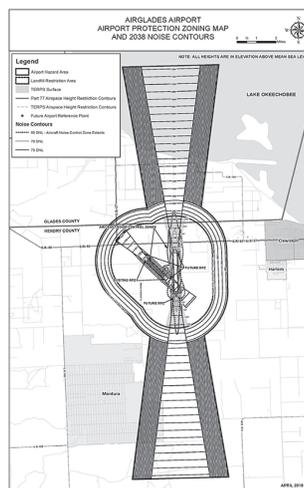
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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, by phone (863-675-5240), email ([mjohnson@hendryfla.net](mailto:mjohnson@hendryfla.net)), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at any meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail [mjohnson@hendryfla.net](mailto:mjohnson@hendryfla.net).

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# Experimental crop bed design survived Irma

By Beverly M. James  
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — While producers and growers across Florida lost some, if not all, of their crops due to Hurricane Irma, a University of Florida researcher saw his experimental bedding survive the storm.

"We were testing for flooding, and didn't expect to have winds strong enough to see the effects of wind force on crops," said Sanjay Shukla, UF/IFAS professor in the agricultural and biological engineering department. "So, when the hurricane hit, here was an opportunity to see if geometric bedding that I designed could withstand and protect crops during a severe storm."

Shukla has hundreds of acres of crops at the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, where he is based. He uses what he calls "compact bed geometry," which is used in plasticulture. The use of plastic in agriculture is used globally to produce high-value vegetable (e.g. tomato, pepper, eggplant) and some fruit crops.

The crops are grown on raised-soil

beds that are covered with plastic. The plastic mulch protects the crops from pests including weeds, provides a warmer soil environment and protects the fertilizer from being washed away, Shukla said. The end result is a high yield and consistent fruit quality, he said.

Instead of planting crops on beds that are normally 6 to 8 inches high and about 3 feet across, Shukla planted them 10 inches to a foot high and 1 ½ to 2 feet across. The crops were more narrow and higher.

With the compact bed designs, Shukla and his team in an ongoing experiment were able to demonstrate that farmers could still produce the same crop but with lower inputs, including cost. This meant that producers that use two drip tapes can now use only one without sacrificing production, he said.

While some growers had used modified versions of Shukla's design, he hopes those who are replanting will consider using his exact measurements. "Using geometric bedding will help growers save crops during severe storms, increase yield and save money," he said.

# Now's the best time to buy flood insurance

Special to INI Florida

ORLANDO — Floridians should consider buying flood insurance now while it's dry.

Typically, a policy does not take effect until 30 days after the date of purchase. Buying and maintaining flood insurance now will help protect Floridians financially from storm damage.

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Flood damage is most often called an excluded peril, meaning it's not covered.

Floods are the most common and costly natural disasters in the United States. A flood-insurance policy protects policyholders financially even when a presidential disaster is not declared or if they live in a county that was not designated for federal assistance.

Roy Wright, who oversees FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, spoke recently at an insurance conference in Miami. He said rather than trying to find the right flood zone map, people should check their driver's licenses.

"If it says Florida, you need flood insurance," he said.

NFIP has more policies in Florida than any other state. While there are currently more than 1.7 million NFIP policies in the state, only about half of Florida homeowners inside high-risk areas had insurance against flooding before Hurricane Irma

made landfall on Sept. 10, 2017.

As of March 15, nearly 33,000 NFIP claims for Irma damage had been filed. More than \$993 million had been paid to policyholders, with an average closed claim payment of \$46,099.

Flooding can occur almost anywhere. Almost 25 percent of flood-insurance claims come from low-to-moderate risk areas and receive one-third of all federal disaster assistance for flooding. In high-risk areas, there is at least a one-in-four chance of flooding during a 30-year period.

As long as their community participates in NFIP, Floridians are eligible to purchase an NFIP policy.

The national average annual policy for home and business owners is about \$700 for up to \$250,000 in coverage. Properties in moderate-to-low risk areas may qualify for lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy rates.

In addition to coverage for structures, NFIP offers content coverage as low as \$48 per year in some areas for home and business owners and renters. Policies may help with up to \$100,000 in losses.

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# Reflections from the Pulpit

## An area code search and an interesting finding

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

My telephone gives me an account of numbers of persons trying to reach me when I am away. The vast majority of them are preceded by a designation of "Unknown" with no identification of the caller.

In order to be able to return the calls, I explored the internet for "Area Codes" and wondered if maybe some of the calls were coming from people who I knew that lived in another state or some place and were trying to get in touch.

To my surprise I found out that the greatest number of those area codes came back as "Not in use." Someone had not given any identifying information such as a name or the name of an organization and chosen to fabricate a number designated from an area code that was not in use.

One recent number came from "area code 124" and the area code search said that no "100" numbers are used. I would conjecture that any identification of the person or organization trying to get in touch would have resulted in no response on my part. If I do not recognize a number or one that is "fabricated," I may choose not to reply. If it is a number that's identified or from a genuine area code, then I can return the call.

On those occasions when I have answered some unknown area code number I have found that it is a salesperson who wishes to sell me something I don't need, don't want, or a person asking for something that I do not wish to give.

A call came from one of the islands in the Caribbean asking me to fund the caller to come to Florida so he could get to the U.S. Consulate for identification needed for a job here. I told him that there was an embassy in the capital on the island where he lived. He told me I was "beating around the bush" in denying his request and I told him that "Flat out, I'm saying I'm not going to fund your trip here."

Another person talked about a computer virus that I had on my computer; nor realizing that my home computer was off-line and insisting that my own anti-virus service would not eliminate it.

These calls amount to an invasion of privacy; something I have come to avoid when I don't respond to area codes not listed or to calls from "unknown" sources.

I checked with my dictionary for a definition of "guile" and noted that the description was "deceivingly cunning." Biblical admonitions are to "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything more than this comes from evil (Matthew 5:37)."

Jesus went to Galilee and found Philip, and told him "Follow me (John 1:43)." Philip in turn found Nathanael and told him of his encounter with Jesus. Nathanael had questions; "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" and Philip tells him "Come and see (v.46)." Nathanael is seen by Jesus and said "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile (v. 47)."

What counted was being direct, being forthright, being open about who he was

and where his intentions could be found.

That is the mark of greatness. When Dwight Eisenhower was President, an American Surveillance plane, a U-2, was shot down over the Soviet Union and Francis Gary Powers was taken prisoner. Nikita Krushchev confronted Eisenhower about this "spy mission" and attempted to embarrass the General. Eisenhower responded "That's right" - and pointed out how other nations engage in such activities, including the Soviet Union. Krushchev was denied his political capital and eventually Francis Powers was traded for a Soviet agent that was captured by the U.S.

Paul describes himself as being "one of the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the Church of God (1 Corinthians 15:9)." He goes on to note "But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain (v.10)."

He is recognized as among the greatest of saints, not ignoring or denying but being who he was and going on to accomplish miraculous things in the formation of the Church.

That is the mark of so many of the great people to be admired; being themselves and being open about who they are no matter where they came from or what they have done. In other words, no guile!

I've found it's far more disarming than trying to cover up or giving weak excuses.

It was the Lord who told His believers "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). He had it right; it's been good for us to be as truthful as we can ever since.

## Obituary

### Emma Jean Seiler, 69

MOORE HAVEN — Emma Jean Seiler died

April 23, 2018. She was born Dec. 28, 1948 in Okeechobee to the late Floyd Dawson and Esther Geneva (Smith) Gunn. A lifetime resident of Moore Haven, she loved spending time with her family. She was the store manager at the Circle K for many years, before it closed.

Mrs. Seiler is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Ralph "Buster" Seiler; sons, Kevin Seiler (Bobbie), all of Moore Haven, and John Seiler (Rena), of Moore Haven; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; stepson, Steven Osceola (Jackie), of Hollywood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William Allen Seiler; brothers, John Gunn and Hilburn Gunn; and grandson, Steven Billie.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to a children's charity of your choice.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

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



## Gove Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

### Gove has a successful Kindergarten Round-Up

Gove Elementary School is ready for the incoming kindergarten students! Gove had its Kindergarten Round-Up on April 25, and it was a big success. The media center was full of parents that preregistered fifty-two students. Fifteen of those students are from Gove's prekindergarten class, which means Gove is growing its own students! A very special thanks to the prekindergarten teachers, Ms. Blanco, Mrs. Villavicencia and Mrs. Menendez, for their great support!

The leadership team members did an outstanding job with presenting information at five different centers (reading, writing, science, math and social studies). The sixth grade ambassadors assisted the presenters by translating in Spanish. It was a very enjoyable event where parents practiced the activities presented and then received kindergarten readiness activities for the upcoming year.

All parents that attended and preregistered their child for the upcoming school year received a book bag with more kindergarten readiness supplies. If you were unable to attend Kindergarten Round-Up, pre-registration continues to be available every day from 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3:30 p.m., in the front office with our school data processor, Ms. Ramirez. Once a student is prereg-

istered, they will receive a new a book bag.

Also, Gove is accepting late Choice Program applications for kindergarten students that do not live in the Gove assigned area (SAC). If you are interested, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Lopez at 561-993-8731 to set up an appointment.

### Upcoming Events

- May 3: Field Day 9 a.m. - noon for third through sixth grades.
- May 4: Field Day 9 a.m. - noon for Pre-K through second grades.
- May 7: Career Day classroom presentation
- May 8: Vehicle Career Day and Nutrition Class at 1 p.m.
- May 9: Student Career Dress-up Day
- May 9-12: Safety Patrols trip to Washington D.C.
- May 14: Multicultural Night at 5:30-7 p.m.
- May 16: PTO/SAC at 5-6 p.m.
- May 18: Reading Counts at 8:30-11 a.m.
- May 22: PBSO Glades Central HS presentation at 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- May 23: Spanish Spelling Bee at 8 a.m. - noon.
- May 28: Memorial Day/No School
- May 30: Fifth and sixth grade Bash at noon - 2 p.m.
- May 30-31: Summer Slide Book Distribution
- May 31: Special Education Award Ceremony
- June 1: Last day of school for students.



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Mrs. Carrasco, K-6 dual language coach, teaches writing skills to the parents.

## Hendry Regional Celebrates Hospital Week - May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>



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# Glade View celebrates Dr. Suess's birthday

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On Thursday, March 1, Glade View Elementary celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, who wrote beloved children's books

such as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham." Students and staff dressed in Dr. Seuss-inspired attire. The cafeteria staff also provided a special breakfast of green eggs and ham that was enjoyed by all!



Special to The Sun/ Courtesy photo Pre-K students Braxton Huggins and Ayden Michel donned red-and-white striped hats for the day.

# Belle Glade youths teams win state championship

Special to The Sun

On Saturday, April 21, the Wellington Wizards Rugby Club won four state championships. The club's Under-9, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-19 teams claimed the championship titles at the Florida State Rugby Union's state championships hosted by the Hobe Sound Polo Club in Hobe Sound.

Belle Glade residents Billy and Jenna Rimes' and Bradley and Rhonda Vickers' children: William "Will" Rimes, Garrett

Rimes, Abbie Rimes and Ty Vickers were players on teams who won their divisions' state championships for the Wellington Wizards.

The Wellington Wizards' teams Under-15 (Will Rimes and Ty Vickers) led by Coach Jaime Rivera defeated Okapi Wanderers 31-14; Under-11 (Garrett Rimes) led by Coach Doug Price defeated the Jupiter Sharks 3-2; and the Under-9 (Abbie Rimes) led by Coach Andrew Mack defeated the Okapi Wanderers 3-2.



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo Under-9 team member Abbie Rimes and team Coach Andrew Mack.



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo Belle Glade youths Ty Vickers (left) and Will Rimes (right) are part of the Wellington Wizards team Under-15.

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# Single vehicular crash claims life of Clewiston man

Special to The Clewiston News

CLEWISTON — A Clewiston man died in a single vehicle crash on Tuesday, May 1, while traveling on County Road 833.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) press release stated that at approximately 3:09 p.m. a 2002 Ford F-150 truck operated by Marvin Dwaine Mcgee, 53, of Clewiston was traveling southbound on County Road 833. The truck ran off the road way to the left and drove

over a drainage culvert. The truck went airborne and over turned. The truck struck the east shoulder of County Road 833. The truck came to final rest over turned on the east shoulder of County Road 833 facing north.

It was reported that Mr. Mcgee died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Mr. Mcgee was wearing a seatbelt.

The investigating officers were Trooper Justin Sanchez, Crash Investigator and Corporal Mariam Berthet, Homicide Investigator.

# South Florida Management District preparing to protect all from flooding

Canals, structures throughout 16-county District being maintained to maximize flood protection; wet season readiness well underway

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — With the memory of Hurricane Irma's devastating impacts throughout the region last September still on Floridians' minds, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is already well underway preparing to protect its 8.1 million residents from potential flooding from heavy rainfall or hurricanes this coming wet season.

One example of this is in Lee County, where the District is helping the county clear trees from the banks of the Imperial River, which is not in SFWMD's regional flood control system but is a major route to convey floodwaters away from the Bonita Springs area. The District also recently began clearing trees and vegetation from the banks of the Golden Gate Canal, a major flood control conveyance canal serving Collier County residents.

"This District never stops working to protect residents from flooding, as our staff is constantly preparing the system for the heavy rains that nature provides us during South Florida's wet season," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Federico Fernandez. "By working with residents, as well as local and county drainage authorities throughout the year, this agency is able to meet the wet season head-on."

South Florida on average receives roughly 36 inches of rainfall during the annual wet season that typically runs from June through October. This is about 70 percent of the average amount of rainfall received for the entire year.

As a result of the interconnected system of drainage in South Florida, flood control is a shared responsibility between the District, county and city governments, local drainage districts, homeowners associations and resi-

dents.

Residents should familiarize themselves with how to contact the homeowners association, municipality or local drainage district responsible for drainage from their property. A Local Contact Viewer tool to determine the local drainage district that represents your property and how to contact them can be found at SFWMD's website at <https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/flood-control>

SFWMD Governing Board members are urging their constituents to start taking simple steps now to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. You can help these systems work efficiently by making sure drainage grates and other parts of your neighborhood drainage system are clear of debris. Grass clippings and fallen leaves can quickly slow drainage in your neighborhood.

SFWMD operates and maintains the regional water management system known as the Central and Southern Florida Project, which was authorized by Congress more than 60 years ago to protect residents and businesses from floods and droughts. This primary system of canals and natural waterways connects to community drainage districts and hundreds of smaller neighborhood systems to effectively manage floodwaters during heavy rain.

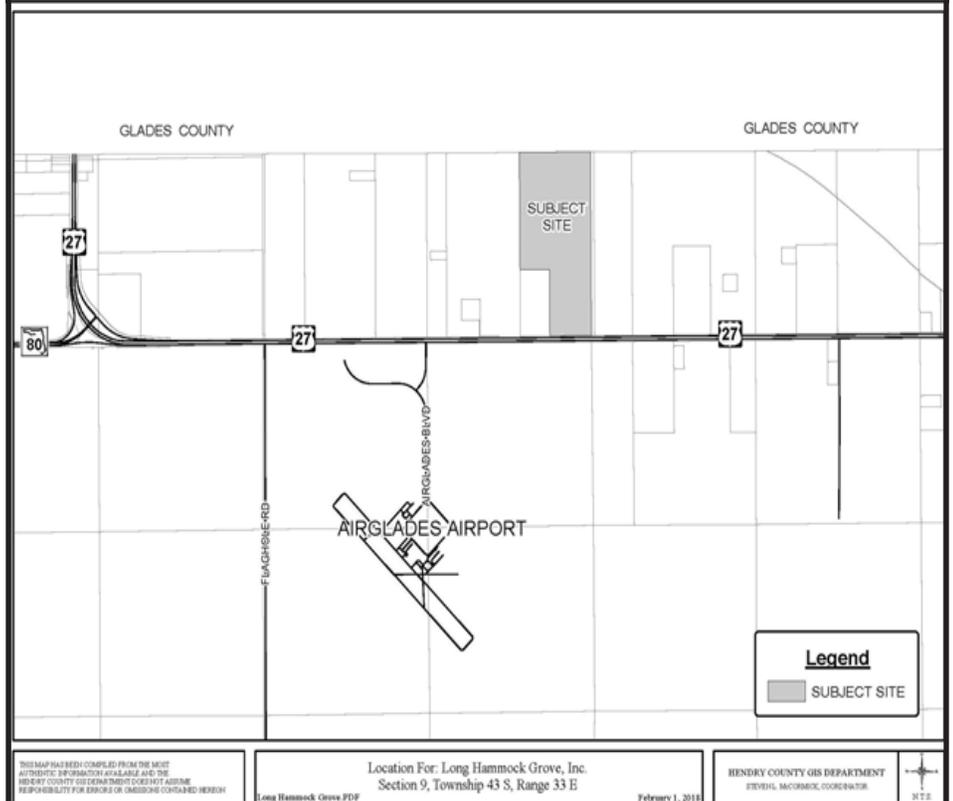
Water managers are hard at work preparing the entire regional flood control system, encompassing more than 2,000 miles of canals with 70 water control structures, for the expected rainy season.

The District is currently undertaking several maintenance projects to clear trees, vegetation and other debris from canal banks and rights of way. These trees can fall into canals during strong storms and block the flow of water, causing flooding. Canal tree-clearing projects are ongoing in the C-100A Canal in Miami-Dade County. The District also plans to begin a tree clearing project in May to improve safety and flood protection along the C-15 Canal, which protects hundreds of thousands of Palm Beach County residents from flooding.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE HENDRY COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following Ordinance. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on May 8, 2018, at 5:05 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, Florida.

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY +/- 233.34 ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE TO MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearing with respect to the proposed ordinance. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department by phone (863-675-5240), email ([mjohnson@hendryfla.net](mailto:mjohnson@hendryfla.net)), U.S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail [mjohnson@hendryfla.net](mailto:mjohnson@hendryfla.net).

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Applicant must be able to multitask and manage heavy workload, have knowledge of routine clerical procedures, the ability to prepare reports and correspondence, plan, organize and coordinate work activities. Position will require the ability to follow written and verbal instructions and communicate effectively with coworkers and the public. Prior computer experience required, bilingual a plus.

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to: Graduation from a standard high school or an equivalency diploma.

If you are interested in the above position, please contact Kelly Services in Fort Myers at 239-936-0086.

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Staff Assistant III-Permitting. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at [www.hendryfla.net](http://www.hendryfla.net). Hendry County is a VP, EEO/AA, DFWP employer and participates in E-Verify. Individuals needing assistance in the application process should contact the County Human Resources department at 863-675-5352.

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Administration of Estates

The administration of the Estate of THOMAS P. BARR, Deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2017, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 0306, Case Number 222018-CP-5 is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Glades County Courthouse, Post Office Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2014-CP-000037 Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORENE BOWERS GOPHER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of LORENE BOWERS GOPHER, deceased, whose date of death was August 14, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J #102, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 26th, 2018.

Petitioner: Andrew Jackson Bowers, Jr. 19755 Reservation Road Okeechobee, Florida 34974 Attorney for Petitioner: JEFFREY A. FADLEY, PA. Fla. Bar No. 035667 180 NW 3rd Avenue, Suite A Okeechobee, Florida 34972 Telephone: (863) 763-5733 Facsimile (863) 763-6199 259442 5/3,10/2018

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY. PROBATE DIVISION Case No.: 2018-CP-000009 Uniform Case No.: 222018CP000009CPAXMX

IN RE: the Estate of JAMES E. LEWIS, Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JAMES E. LEWIS, deceased, date of death November 7, 2017 by the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471; that the total value of the estate is \$00.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address Ruth M. Lewis 1720 Linda Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration, must file their claims against the estate in duplicate with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLA STAT.733.702.ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 May 3rd, 2018.

Person Giving Notice: RUTH M. LEWIS 1720 Linda Road Okeechobee, FL 34974 Attorney for Person Giving Notice: COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQUIRE Florida Bar No.: 270441 200 N.E. Fourth Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34972 (863) 763-8900 Email: colin@ccameronlaw.com 259600 GCD 5/3,10/2018

JUDGE: JACQUELINE N RE: The Estate of THOMAS P. BARR, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of JOMAS P. BARR, Deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2017, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 0306, Case Number 2018-CP-5 is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 26th, 2018.

Petitioner: Andrew Jackson Bowers, Jr. 19755 Reservation Road Okeechobee, Florida 34974 Attorney for Petitioner: JEFFREY A. FADLEY, PA. Fla. Bar No. 035667 180 NW 3rd Avenue, Suite A Okeechobee, Florida 34972 Telephone: (863) 763-5733 Facsimile (863) 763-6199 259442 5/3,10/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2016-CA-000046-CAAXMX

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL REYFF A/K/A MICHAEL R. REYFF, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2016 and Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000046-CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL REYFF A/K/A MICHAEL R. REYFF, is the Defendant, the CLERK OF COURT will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps, south door of the courthouse located at 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471 at 11:00 AM on May 24, 2018 the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 71 and 72, Bowden's Waterfront Lots, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in plat book 3, pages 27, of the public records Glades County, Florida, together with a 1989 Palm Trailers Doublewide Mobile Home, Width and Length 28.00 x 67.00, Serial Numbers PH092650A and PH092650B, Title Numbers 46708281 and 46889729, which, by intension of the parties and upon retirement of the Certificate of Title as provided in Florida Statute 319.261 shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the Foreclosure Sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days after the Foreclosure Sale.

DATED in Glades County, Florida this, 30th day of April, 2018.

Sandra Brown As Clerk of Circuit Court County, Florida Tam Simmons Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this [describe notice]; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 259864 GCD 5/3,10/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE No. 17000087CAMXAX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER CS FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. (INV. CODES 250 AND 251) SERIES 1996-1 POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SAMPSON JR, LONNIE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 17000087CAMXAX of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida, wherein, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER CS FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. (INV. CODES 250 AND 251) SERIES 1996-1 POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SAMPSON JR, LONNIE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 17000087CAMXAX of the Circuit Court of the 20TH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida, wherein, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER CS FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. (INV. CODES 250 AND 251) SERIES 1996-1 POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SAMPSON JR, LONNIE, et al., Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR of Courthouse, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 24th day of May, 2018, the following described property:

LOT 1 OF BLOCK 5, RANCH LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA;

TOGETHER WITH A 1995 HOMES OF MERIT MANUFACTURED HOME; BEARING SERIAL#: FLHMLCP60012822A AND FLHMLCP60012822B

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 18th day of April, 2018.

Sandra Brown Clerk Circuit Court By: Tamil Simmons Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on this form, in another written format, or orally. Please complete the attached form and return it to deliver@ca.cjs20.org as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Upon request by a qualified individual with a disability, this document will be made available in an alternate format. If you need assistance in completing this form due to your disability, or to request this document in an alternate format, please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, phone (863) 675-5229, e-mail deliver@ca.cjs20.org 256540 GCD 4/26/5/3/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/18/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 18-DR-47

DAWN GODINEZ, Wife, and GABRIEL BANUELOS GODINEZ, Husband,

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION TO: Gabriel Banuelos Godinez, 175 Adam Lane, Angier, NC 27501

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Dissolution of Marriage including allegations for equitable distribution has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Melissa Barrs, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2423 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, on or before May 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court at Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2018. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Tam Simmons Deputy Clerk 254960 GCD 4/19/26/5/3,11/2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Florida Power & Light, Inc., at 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach 33408 to construct a 74.5 megawatt (MWAC) solar photovoltaic energy facility and collector sub-station located Southwest of Sam Jones Trl. (CR 833), & East of County Road 846, Clewiston, FL 33440, within Sections 4 and 9 of Township 47, Range 33 in Hendry County. The substation will be located within Sections 20 and 21 of Township 47, Range 33 Hendry County, Florida

The Department will issue the environmental resource permit, unless a timely petition for an administrative proceeding is filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

The application file is available online and can be accessed through the Department's Information Portal at: http://prod.enrd.state.fl.us/Degis/flexpub/public/electronic\_documents/ERP\_360867/facilitysearch If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty viewing the electronic application, please call the South District Office at 239-344-5600, or contact by e-mail at SouthDistrict@floridadep.gov and reference DEP File No.: 0360867-001.EI. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Mediation is not available in this proceeding. The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. 259879 GN 5/3/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2016-65-CA

JEWELL D. BAKER, Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH R. YATES, CARMEN B. YATES, and BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS Defendants.

2nd AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned SANDRA BROWN, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, will on the 31st day of May, 2018, at 11 o'clock A.M., at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Glades County Courthouse (being the front steps), 500 Avenue J, City of Moore Haven, Florida, 33471, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Glades County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 11 and 12, Block 40, REVISED MAP OF MOORE-HAVEN, FLORIDA according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 72, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida of which Glades County, Florida was formerly a part. Street address: 571 Avenue H, Moore Haven, FL 33471 pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is: Jewell D. Baker, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth R. Yates, Carmen B. Yates and Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, and any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants; and unknown tenants, Defendants and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the real property sought to be foreclosed, herein described the docket number of which is Case Number 2016-65-CA.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 27th day of April, 2018. SANDRA BROWN Clerk of the Circuit Court Glades County, Florida; Tam Simmons Deputy Clerk

Joseph M. Hendry, II, Esquire Florida Bar No.: 0827060 Attorney for Plaintiff Email: jhendry@gate.net 220 Dal Hall Blvd. Lake Placid, FL 33852 Tel.: (863) 699-2889 259883 GCD 5/3,10/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL 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 SPECIAL meeting on May 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM EST and continuing from time-to-time at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440 to consider the following:

RECONSIDERATION OF SUMMER PROGRAM AT RECREATION CENTER and other regular business of the District. 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. 259869 GN 5/3/2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of Pelican Lake Water Control District is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 10:00 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:

- 1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the District at (561) 996-2940 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT By: /s/ Paul Allen, President 254946 SUN 4/26/5/3/2018

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Public Notice

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **May 16th, at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Clewiston City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Debbie McNeil, Code Enforcement Officer  
259873 CN 5/3/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR NEW WATER CONNECTIONS FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY HAS DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD TO CONSIDER A RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEW WATER CONNECTIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PORT LABELLE UTILITY SYSTEM (PLUS). THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD INCREASE THE NEW WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

The first public hearing will be held May 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., before the Port LaBelle Utility System Advisory Board.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., May 22, 2018, before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County. If approved, the rate increase will be effective for new water connections requested and paid on or after June 1, 2018.

Both public hearings shall be held in the County Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

The meeting is open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact: Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail keitha.daniels@hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240. 259803 CN/CB 5/3/2018

Public Notice

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 262017CP000117CPAMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARJORIE S. PAIGE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARJORIE S. PAIGE, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 2017, File Number 262017CP-000117CPAMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. 1760, La Belle, Florida, 33975. The name and address of the personal representative and his 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 has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME 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 April 26th, 2018.

Personal Representative: WILLIAM S. PAIGE  
10023 L1 Dyke Road  
Clewiston, FL 33440

Attorney for Personal Representative: Sandra L. Test, Esq.  
JOHN H. TEST, P.A.  
12150 SW 128 Court, #122  
Miami, Florida 33186  
Telephone: (305) 255-3924  
Florida Bar No.: 352543  
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