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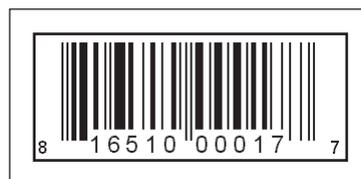
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Glades Central flag football team going to state semifinal

By Richard Marion
The Sun

The Glades Central Lady Raiders flag football team is heading to Boca Raton to compete in the state semifinal after two dominating regional playoff victories over Suncoast and Seabreeze.

The Lady Raiders shut out Suncoast 20-0 in the regional semifinal on May 3 at Glades Central High School, capturing the first-ever playoff victory in the flag football program's history. GCHS senior Wiskierra Lemene scored all three of the Lady Raiders' touchdowns, living up to her nickname of "Miss Everything."

Impressively, the Lady Raiders were able to capture the victory without senior wide receiver and linebacker Dakedra Pompey, who was in Jacksonville representing Glades Central in the state track and field competition. The victory moved Glades Central into the regional final where they faced Seabreeze High School.

Glades Central coach Sam Curry and his team made the long trip up to Ormond Beach, near Daytona Beach, on May 7 to face Seabreeze and earn their shot at the state championship. Heading into the game, the Lady Raiders would get an extra boost of firepower as Pompey rejoined the team after the conclusion of track and field season.

Pompey made her presence felt early in the first half as she caught two fourth-down touchdown passes from Lemene. The Lady Raiders put another touchdown on the board before halftime, and their defense held Seabreeze scoreless in the first half.

And although Seabreeze was able to score a touchdown in the second half, that's all they were able to put up on the Lady Raider defense as Glades Central went on to win 27-6.

The win catapults the Lady Raiders to their

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Pahokee moves ahead on marina, sues fired contractor

By Chris Felker
The Sun

City commissioners voted unanimously at the close of their long regular meeting Tuesday night to sue the company they'd hired to design and build the Pahokee marina/campground improvements because it failed to return \$125,000 the city claims it owes after commissioners fired the company on April 26.

City Attorney Gary Brandenburg reported that the city has received nothing from Technomarine Group of North Palm Beach, whose CEO reported to the commissioners last month that his firm had so far spent only \$25,000 of the \$150,000 it had been advanced. Two weeks later, when nothing further had been accomplished, the commission voted 5-0 to terminate its contract with Technomarine and demand a refund of the difference.

Previously during the meeting, the commissioners approved a series of resolutions to move ahead with individual projects for renovations and upgrades at the marina/campground and restaurant building at the Lake Okeechobee-fronting complex, which the city leases from the state. It has provided grants totaling \$1.2 million for the work.

Approved Tuesday were:

- A resolution ratifying the approval of the \$1.2 million grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) dated July 13, 2017, and approving an amendment to the scope of work by

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Woman allegedly abused baby

By Matteo Tullio
The Sun

BELLE GLADE — A 25-year-old Belle Glade woman was arrested Wednesday after she was reportedly seen in the act of hanging an infant over a dumpster.

LaChanzee Jameilla Horbbs, 25, Southwest Third Street, Belle Glade, was arrested May 2 on a felony charge of knowingly or willfully abusing a child without causing great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

According to an arrest report by Detective Amy Hoffman of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBCSO), at approximately 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, she responded to the Lakeside Medical Center, located in the 39200 block of Hooker Highway in Belle Glade, in regard to a child abuse case. She was reportedly advised that PBCSO Deputy N. Krause had responded to the area earlier because Horbbs allegedly had

been seen throwing a one-month-old baby into a garbage can. Horbbs had reportedly fled the scene, and her whereabouts were unknown.

Upon her arrival at the hospital, Detective Hoffman met with a legal guardian of the infant, who explained that she and Horbbs recently had separated. The woman reported that she left the residence earlier that evening with her and Horbbs getting into a verbal disagreement. Horbbs supposedly became upset and began to walk back home with the child and, in doing so, apparently held the child over a garbage dumpster near Fifth Street and Avenue D, according to the woman. The complainant said they continued to argue in the parking lot of her residence and it was apparent that Horbbs became more enraged and due to her aggressive behavior



LaChanzee Horbbs

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Storm damage sets back river restoration

Repairs to Reach 2 estimated at \$11 million

By **Katrina Elsken**
INI Florida

Work on the Kissimmee River Restoration had a serious setback from Hurricane Irma in 2017, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers still expects to finish the project in 2020.

Turbulence barriers were no match for the torrent of water rushing down the river from the upper Kissimmee after the hurricane dumped 8 to 12 inches of rain water into the basin.

It takes 12 billion gallons to raise the big lake by 1 inch. The storm runoff dumped so much water that it raised the level of Lake Okeechobee by a foot in less than a week, and 4 feet by the end of the month. As the major source of water to the lake, much of that runoff came down the river.

The surge of water washed out backfill used to fill in the canal in the area designated Reach 2. Fill dirt and sand now blocks access to oxbows in formerly restored sections of the river. Some of the fill dirt washed downstream, contributing to the turbidity in Lake Okeechobee.

Hurricane Irma set the restoration back about \$11 million, according to Jenn Miller of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District. But despite the setback, the project is still projected to be completed in 2020.

"As a result of Hurricane Irma, a significant amount of backfill was displaced in Reaches 2 and 3 resulting in approximately \$11 million in damages for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project," she explained. Surveys to determine the extent of the damages in Reach 2 backfill footprint are complete, and the survey efforts for Reach 3 are scheduled to commence this month, she explained.

Repairs should qualify for funding under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, she added.

The allocations of money under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 are still being determined, she explained.

On April 30, the corps headquarters announced the initial set of work to be accomplished with a portion of funding provided for

disaster recovery in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. This included operation and maintenance funding for flood risk management projects.

"We will have better clarity on our path forward once additional allocations are announced," Ms. Miller added.

On April 30, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced an initial set of work to be accomplished with a portion of the funding provided for disaster recovery in Public Law 115-123, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, signed into law Feb. 9.

Among other things, Public Law 115-123 provides \$17.398 billion to USACE for disaster recovery in six appropriations accounts: Investigations; Construction;

Mississippi River and Tributaries; Operation and Maintenance; Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies; and Expenses.

According to the corps news release, the initial allocation of approximately \$360 million of the \$608 million of appropriations in the Operation and Maintenance account will be used to address the highest-priority needs identified by USACE at 32 projects in 12 states.

The funding for this short-term repair work is to be used for repairs to USACE projects damaged by natural disasters and to perform emergency dredging of shoaled material deposited at USACE projects by natural disasters.

"The short-term repair work will alleviate the impacts of the project damages and shoaling on human safety, flood-prone property, commercial navigation costs, ecosystem values and other project outputs such as recreation, hydropower and water supply," said R.D. James, assistant secretary of the Army for civil works.

Additional operation and maintenance work will be identified as information on damages incurred at USACE projects and the estimates of the cost to address those damages are refined.

The 2017 storm was not the first time heavy rainfall impacted work on the river restoration. The project was initially scheduled for completion in 2015.

For more on the history of the river restoration project, see Page 8.



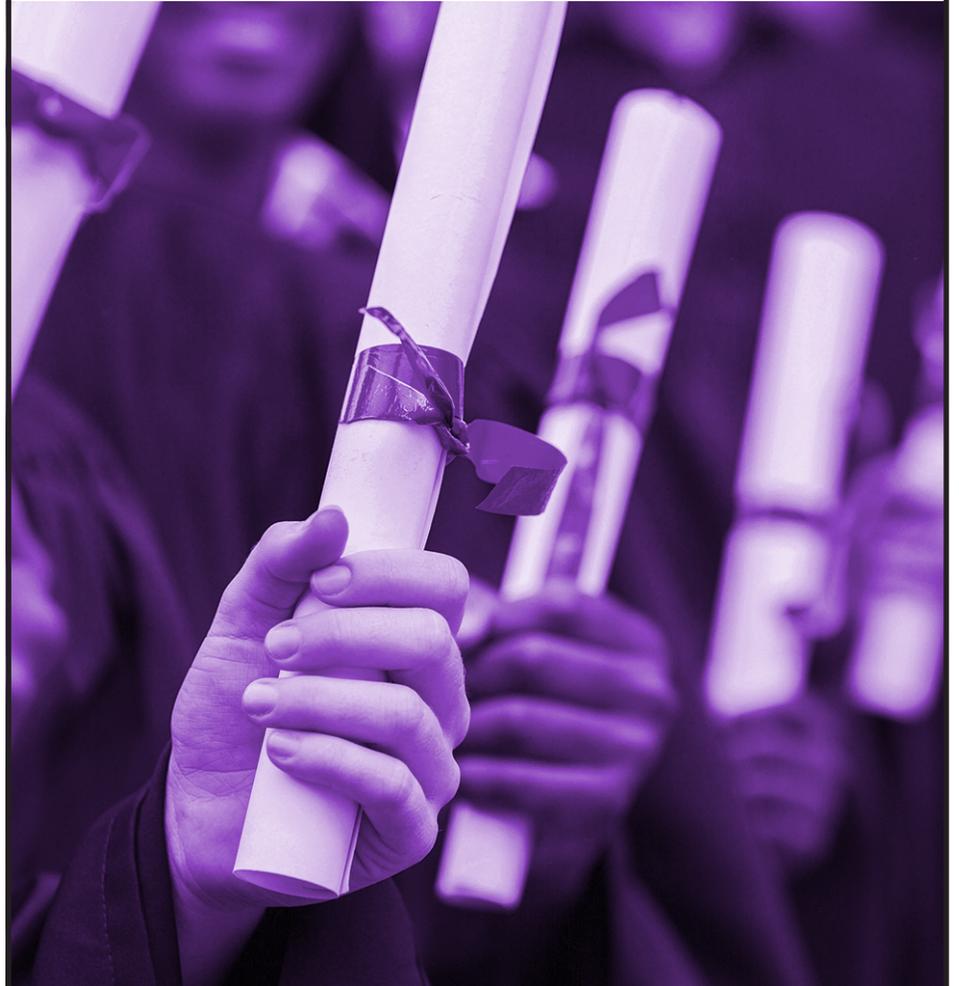
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A turbidity barrier was no match for the high volume of water that rushed down the Kissimmee River after Hurricane Irma, leaving more than \$11 million in damages to the Kissimmee River Restoration Project work.

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Woman dies in Clewiston traffic crash

By Debbie Perviss
Special to The Sun

CLEWISTON — Two Belle Glade women died from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash on Wednesday, May 2, in Clewiston.

A Florida Highway Patrol news release stated that at 4:09 p.m., a 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser operated by Thelmakia Robinson, 20, of Belle Glade was traveling northbound on the inside lane of U.S. 27 south of County Road 835 (Evercane Road) in Hendry County. The

car began rotating clockwise across the outside lane and entered the east grassy shoulder, where it overturned into a water-filled canal and came to a final rest on its roof in the canal, east of U.S. 27.

It was reported that Ms. Robinson was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach and pronounced deceased on May 2. A passenger in the car, Evylen Ziggler, 71, of Belle Glade, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Charges were pending for further investi-

gation at the time of the news release.

Any person with information regarding this crash is asked to contact the Florida Highway Patrol. The traffic accident was investigated by Trooper S.S. Vonsoosten, crash investigator, and Corporal Mariam N. Berthet, homicide investigator.

PBSO seeking to identify suspect

Special to The Sun

SOUTH BAY — A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office news release stated that an unknown male committed an armed business robbery at the Subway located in the 100 block of U.S. 27 South in South Bay at approximately 6 p.m. on May 1. After the robbery, the suspect fled on a bicycle, similar to a beach cruiser.

The suspect was described as a thin black male, approximately 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a dark-colored,

long-sleeve sweatshirt and dark-colored long pants.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS, or remain anonymous by downloading the new app "PBSO" for your Apple or Android Smart Phone and using the "See Something" feature. The app can also be downloaded from www.pbsoapp.com.



Robbery suspect

Suspect wanted for armed robbery

Special to The Sun

BELLE GLADE — A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office news release stated that at 9:50 p.m. on April 29, an unknown, armed masked male entered the Town Star located in the 300 block of North Main Street in Belle Glade and committed an armed robbery.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing a black mask, in his early 20s, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 7 inches, and approximately 125 to 135 pounds. He was wearing a gray jacket with a hood under a black jacket with a white line along the back and both sleeves,

blue jean pants which were turned inside out over gray seat shorts, black socks and shoes.

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Robbery suspect

Sun Spots

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

Call for food distribution

If your organization wants to distribute the white food boxes to people in need in the Glades area, call Sandy at 561-996-3310 to make an appointment for pick up. Pick up days will be May 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Once you have a confirmed appointment for pick up, you will be given the specific pickup location in the Glades.

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 Sugarcanee 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@palmbeachstate.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. Apply online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/aceschools> or visit the front office Monday

PBSO is investigating an accident death

Special to The Sun

SOUTH BAY — A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office news release stated that deputies responded to Okeelanta Sugar Mill, located at 21250 S. U.S. 27 in South Bay, in reference to an accidental death at 9:44 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2.

Rene Trujillo, 81, of Canal Point was struck by the tires of a payload. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Division and crime scene investigators arrived at the site to investigate further. No foul play is suspected.

Mr. Trujillo was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office, where an autopsy was scheduled to determine his exact cause of death.

City of Clewiston Notice of Election

I, Brenda Hoots, Supervisor of Elections, County of Hendry, do hereby give notice that the City of Clewiston General Election will be held on the 6th day of November, 2018, for three of the Seats on the Clewiston City Commission. Qualifying week will be Noon, June 18, 2018 to Noon, June 22, 2018. The voter registration books will close at 5:00 p.m., October 9, 2018. For more information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office located 1100 S. Olympia St., 863-902-3392 or at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592.

Ciudad de Clewiston Aviso de Eleccion

Yo, Brenda Hoots Supervisor de Elecciones, el condado de Hendry, doy cuenta de que la ciudad de Clewiston Eleccion General se celebrara en el dia 6 de Noviembre de 2018, para tres de los asientos en el Commission Ciudad de Clewiston. La Semana de calificacion sera al mediodia, el dia 18 de Junio asta el 22 de Junio. El libro de registro de votantes se cerrara a las 5:00 pm, el 9 de Octubre de 2018. Para mas informacion pungere en contacto con el Supervisor de las Elecciones oficina ubicado 1100 S. Olympia St., en Clewiston 863-902-3392 o E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 863-983-1592.

Brenda Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
May 10 & June 7, 2018

MARINA

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deleting the planned fishing pier.

- A resolution authorizing a contract with Palm Beach Septic Systems of Boca Raton for repairs to the grease trap for the restaurant at a cost of \$27,130, to be completed within 21 days.

- A resolution authorizing the campground and marina railing agreement with Climatrol Quality Aluminum Products, for the installation of guardrails on top of the marina structures, including sea walls, at a cost of \$142,470.

About the latter item, Commissioner Benny Everett asked where exactly the railings would be installed. City Manager Chandler Williamson explained: "That is the sea wall railing that's being installed around the entire sea wall of the marina. Many years ago, when that sea wall was built and they had renovations up there, what was supposed to be installed was a protective railing around the entire facility. Subsequently, that also has stopped the city from getting full insurance in that area because of the safety (issue) and liability it caused."

"Would that railing impede or prevent citizens from fishing?" Mr. Everett asked. "I think to some degree it will disturb the ability to fish in some areas," the manager replied. "That is a decision that we have to accept because of the liability that not having railing causes for this particular marina. And again, the reason why we can't repair the

docks right now is because we don't have insurance on it."

Mr. Everett replied, "That is a hard decision to make."

Mr. Williamson asked the commissioners to keep in mind that "the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says we have to install this; our insurance company that dropped our coverage says it must be installed to protect against the loss of life, and that supersedes any practice that is going on at the marina now. The reason why it was never installed was the city never had the money."

He added that Climatrol will start the work as soon as pressure-washing of the area has been done, "so it'll probably be another 10 to 15 days before that project starts," adding that it is supposed to be complete by July 1 under the state's grant timeline and actually will beautify the area. Also, the city has put out fliers to alert people who use the area that it will be closed for a time during construction.

Mayor Keith Babb jumped in to point out, "I see it as a detour. That's not the only place that they can fish, and certainly we can designate or note other areas." He said he wondered how long the area would be off limits to visitors.

Mr. Williamson said he wasn't sure of the duration yet but that the marina walkway probably would be closed periodically during the renovations at various times.

An amendment to the resolution was later passed to limit the wall's height to 42 inches total.

BABY

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another individual attempted to remove the baby from Horbbs' possession. At this time, Horbbs forcefully thrust the infant outward from her body in an aggressive manner, violently enough to cause the baby's head to snap back, and a witness had to remove the baby from Horbbs, stated the report.

A witness to the event reportedly stated she saw Horbbs hold the infant over the garbage dumpster on Fifth Street and Avenue D and violently shake the baby one time, causing the child to cry.

Detective Lisa Leto is reported as responding to the scene and met with Deputy Krause and several other witnesses - who confirmed the same story of Horbbs' actions at the residence. All witnesses were interviewed via sworn, videotaped statements and were placed into PBSO evidence. Detective Hoffman reportedly spoke with the infant's doctor, who stated

there were no current signs of injury and medically cleared the child.

The report continued that Horbbs was later located at her residence and was identified through a "show-up" as the suspect. According to Black's Law Dictionary, a "show-up" is the name for a one-on-one meeting between a suspect and a witness in a lineup where the witness is shown a group of people and asked to select the suspect.

The report concluded that Horbbs was then transported to the PBSO Western Regional Substation for an interview where, after she'd been read her Miranda rights, she confessed to shaking her baby with force and holding her near the dumpster. She was arrested and booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on the aforementioned charge.

FOOTBALL

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first-ever state semifinal appearance. They'll travel to Boca Raton, the site of the flag football state championship, where they'll face Miami Edison on May 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the state semifinal.

If they can get past Miami Edison, they'll face either Clay or Robinson at 5 p.m. on May 12 in the state championship.

It's been a historic season for the Lady Raiders, and they'll attempt to cap it off by bringing home the state championship trophy to Glades Central High School.

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES WITH- IN 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.

A public hearing on adoption of the ordinance will be held before the Board of County Commissioners on **May 22, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, 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.

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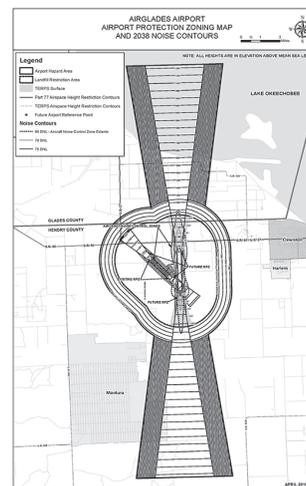
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is 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), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

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Class Reunion to be held

Calling all members of the Glades Central Class of 1973 for a 45th Class Reunion in June 2018. For information, contact Sharon Singleton at 561-996-7510 or 561-914-0592. or Cynthia Cosby at 561-996-1137 or 561-985-0430. The reunion will be held in June 2018.

Reflections from the Pulpit

Mother's Day: A God-sized gift that could come only from Him

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

One cold winter morning I encountered one of my Church members bent over a sled and struggling with the infant riding in it. She was trying to put on the youngster's mittens and he was doing his best to keep it from happening. I was passing and retorted "Atta girl, Debbie, make him do it!" She turned and gave me a scowl "Well, he won't keep his mittens on!" She misjudged my words and I quickly added "Debbie, I'm on your side! Make him do it!"

Here was a young mother struggling with a rebellious offspring and doing her best to protect him even when he didn't want or understand it was because of her love and protection. That's what mothers do. Over the years I've encountered many of these saints who have overcome all sorts of obstacles and have, by their diligence, patience, relentless interventions for the good and plain love; turned out some wonderful human beings that are a credit to the human family.

I have witnessed all kinds of sacrifices and the wrestling with almost insurmountable obstacles to help shape base human nature recently come into the world into responsible, caring, sensitive, helpful adults. No doubt you've seen such mothers in action; been blessed by having one yourself, been privileged to share in parenthood too.

Christianity has heralded one of them "theotokos" or "God bearer," simply known as "Mary."

Her call by God is faced with obstacles, being little more than a child herself, having a partner with questions, being required to journey during moments of expecting a birth and giving birth under harsh winter conditions in a stable, having to flee with her new-born immediately after His birth to a strange far-away country.

Mary will provide Jesus with the nurture and comfort He will need during those early and very formative years.

He will be lost from them (Luke 2:41ff) and stay behind in Jerusalem for three days around age twelve. Mary will chide Him "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously (v.48)." His response is not understood (v.49) but accepted, and Luke reports "He was obedient to them, and His mother kept all of these things in

her heart (v.51.).

Her guidance and love is responsible for Luke commenting "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man (v.52)." Jesus will not always respond as His mother wishes (John 2:1ff).

They will attend a wedding and Mary will point out

"They have no wine (v.3)." Jesus did not wish to act, but His mother will tell those who are attending "Do whatever He tells you(v.5)" and Jesus responds to the needs of the hosts on the occasion; the wine stewards being overwhelmed by the quality of the wine that they now had for their guests.

Mary will have shared in His suffering and at the end of His earthly life (John 19:25-27) and joy will come only later.

These miracles are repeated time and again among those persons we call "Mother-Mom-Ma" and who we honor for their giving to us life in all of its physical, mental, social and spiritual dimensions. In short, they are the ones with the biggest part in making us who we are.

We take a day to honor them; but I think we honor them more often when we respond to our higher callings; in our helping others, our response to those in our lives with love, our caring, our generosity of spirit, our ability to see the greater good,

our witness to the values of faith, hope and charity that we have received at the hands of the ones who have nurtured us from our earliest moments.

My own mother had her share of hardships and challenges, her three children no doubt being a large part of them, but she was up to the task.

From her own childhood on, difficulties were a part of her own growing up but she overcame; found love, shared it and cared for her own mother, her own husband and children, and then grandchildren when she was able. She had her own businesses from time to time, but she was first and foremost mother. She knew her craft and I know God blessed her for it.

Your mother, no doubt, has been blessed in her calling too. God uses them to make our world a better, more perfect place and more like that home where we all will one day come.

As I reflect, my thanks on this day is a rather weak response to all that I have been given; may it be received with her knowing that I will make it as perfect as I humanly can and with my love in return as perfectly as I can make it.

May you take this special day to give your thanks and appreciation to the one who God sent to you from your beginning and ever afterward.

Obituaries

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Marvin L. Staples, 64

SEBRING — Marvin L. Staples passed away May 5, 2018 in Sebring.

He was born Oct. 20, 1953 in Quincy, Fla. to the late Walter L. and Norma Tryon (Prusia) Staples.

Survivors include his wife, Tonia (Ensminger) Staples; one son, Jason Staples of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two daughters, Carrie (Christian) Merelo of Swansea, S.C. and Tara Staples of Lakeland, Fla.; one brother, Walter Staples; one sister, Angel (Roy) Leonard of Morristown, Tenn.; 5 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston with Pastor Troy Ezell officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Marvin Dwaine McGee, 53

CLEWISTON — Marvin Dwaine McGee died May 1, 2018. He was born April 8, 1965 in Okeechobee to Jimmie and Joan (Woodham) McGee. Raised in Okeechobee, he lived most of his life in Clewiston and was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy formerly in Moore Haven.



Mr. McGee was preceded in death by his son, Michael Caleb McGee.

He is survived by his daughter, Caitlin Troutman (Matthew), of Albemarle, N.C.; parents, Jimmie and Joan McGee, of Clewiston; brothers, Bart McGee (Tanda), of Okeechobee, Chris McGee (Gloria), of Moore Haven, Allen McGee, of Ft. Myers, Bret McGee (Cheryl), and Brad McGee, all of Moore Haven; sisters, Catherine Johnson (Bruce) and Rhonda Iglesias (Ramon), all of Clewiston.

Visitation was 11 a.m. until services at 12 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018 at Turning Point Church of God, 207 Pine Lane, Clewiston, FL 33440. Interment followed at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston.

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

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

Jennifer Lee (Thies) Loos

Jennifer Lee (Thies) Loos, formerly of Ft. Thomas, Ky., passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at her home in Lakewood, Colorado after a lingering illness.

Jennifer was born October 9, 1958 at St. Luke Hospital in Ft. Thomas, KY. Survivors include her partner Peter Purrazzella, Denver, CO., Jennifer's precious children, Jonathan Loos, Seattle, WA, Katherine Loos, Denver, CO., Peters children, Mia Purrazzella, Rebekah Purrazzella, Julianna Troiani, Jennifer's father, Robert J. Thies, Cincinnati, OH, mother, Anne (Thies-Deuschle) Coffey, Moore Haven, FL, her twin sister, Genevieve Conroy, Pompano Beach, FL/Bahamas, sister, Celeste Keeney, Delhi, OH, Marie Thies, of Coral Springs, FL, brother, Terry Thies, Boca Raton, FL, mother-in-law, Beatrice Loos, Williamsburg, VA, brothers-in-law, Colin Conroy, Pompano, FL, Jerry Keeney, Delhi, OH, Karl Loos, Falmouth, MA, Steve Caputo, Summit, NJ, Charles Gildehaus, Concord, MA, sisters-in-law, Ann Loos, Falmouth, MA, Sasha Thies, Coral Springs, FL, Jeannette Thies, Boca Raton, FL, Peggy Loos, Williamsburg, VA, Penny Loukakos, Williamsburg, VA, Patty Caputo, Summit, NJ, Bea Alice Loos, Acton, MA, Pamela Gildehaus, Concord, MA, aunts, Cathy Humphrey-LaCour, Somerset, KY, Peggy Thies-Mahoney, & Paul Mahoney, Florence, KY, Marianne Thies, Bellevue, KY, uncles, David Humphrey, Latonia, KY, Michael Humphrey, Carrollton, KY, Lee Weddle, Somerset, KY, and James Thies, Bellevue, KY. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews,



cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Loos and her sister, Deborah Deuschle.

After graduating from Highlands High school in 1976 with academic and track honors, Jennifer received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Kentucky University and a Master's Degree in Geology and Paleontology from the University of Cincinnati.

Jennifer married Kenneth Dingwell Loos, of Bethesda, MD, also a geologist and graduate of University of Cincinnati where they met. After having their children, they spent several years in Stavanger, Norway, and Cairo, Egypt where Kenneth was employed by the Amoco Oil Company. Kenneth died of natural causes suddenly in Cairo at 42 years of age.

She moved to Denver in 2011 with Peter where she enjoyed trail running, hiking, biking and attending concerts. A gifted Geologist; she was employed at Ageiss, Inc. in Denver. She took great pride in her work and will be missed by her coworkers.

Jennifer had a sense of adventure and a fierce, indomitable, independent spirit. She had a sharp wit and a contagious laugh, always looking for the great prank or good pun. She was a scholar and creative artist, but most of all, Jennifer was timeless in her support and love of her family. She fought to stay with them with a strength and courage that will forever be her legacy.

A Memorial Service, Life Celebration and Wake will be held at 619 Covert Run, Bellevue, KY on Friday, May 18, 2018 beginning at 1 p.m. Parking is limited. Taking Uber or Lyft is encouraged. Bright dress encouraged. In lieu of flowers, an educational trust fund for her three children is being established.

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KEC/Canal Point Elem School News

Special to The Sun

Second graders earn I-Ready top scores

Mrs. Charzette Moorer's second grade students have earned the top I-Ready reading scores in the Glades region for the January diagnostic assessment! Ms. Carlene Millen, Glades Area Regional Superintendent visited Mrs. Moorer's class to congratulate the students and Mrs. Moorer on all of their hard work!

Mrs. Moorer's philosophy with her class is "We always do our best!" and she promotes that with her students in all that they do. Mrs. Moorer believes that the differentiated instruction of the I-Ready platform engages students at their instructional level and promotes individual student achievement. She is very proud of the progress they have made! Students also like using I-Ready for reading and math.

Jatasia Holmes stated, "If we pass a quiz, we have a team leader we show our quiz to and the leader tells us "good job." We get to put a sticker on our I-Ready chart. We can win prizes like McDonald's fries, Pizza Hut slips, and other prizes."

Benjamin Jackson said, "I-Ready teaches stuff we don't know." Malachi Bother stated "I like to be able to go on different subjects Read-

ing or Math."

Students and teachers at KEC/Canal Point are up to the I-Ready Challenge!

Glades champions

Congratulations to the KEC/Canal Point Elementary basketball team on their win over Glade View Elementary in the Championship Game. The final score was 20 to 11! The boys were motivated and were undefeated the entire season!

Special thanks to Dr. Hibler, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Ernestine Williams, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Scott, Mr. Davis and others for their support this season.

Hawaiian Luau Carnival

The carnival will be held on Friday, May 11. Tickets will be on sale at the carnival. Fun games, exciting prizes and delicious food!

Dates to Note:

- May 9 - SAC meeting
- May 10 - Spring Music Festival
- May 11 - Field day/Carnival
- May 15 - APTT meeting #3
- May 16 - Kindergarten Round Up
- May 22 - Fifth grade class picnic
- May 24 - PRE-K graduation
- May 30 - Fifth grade awards ceremony



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Mrs. Moorer's second grade class - rocked the I-Ready reading diagnostic! Mrs. Bernice Bell, Kevin Brown, Jason Crawford, Curtisha Davis, Goddess Evvans, Malachi Bother, Ja'Riyah Evans, Sincere Foster, Serenity Harris, Fabian Hernandez, Deamore Holmes, Jatasia Holmes, Benjamin Jackson, Robert Johnson, Keshawn Kinsler, Emmanuel Mack, Nayeli Mendez, Hayden Mosley, Ariella Ruiz, Zackary Valdez and Mrs. Moorer.



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Boys basketball team - left to right back row: Coach Patterson, Johnathan Moore, Calbert Edwards, J'tavious Jones, Jacorie Darrisaw and Xavier Mitchell. First row: Martell Jones, Zachary Mitchell, Uzarus Bosewell and Samuel Arnold. Not pictured - Zyquan Davis.

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Gove Elementary School News

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Gove turns green and blue

Gove Elementary turned Earth "blue" in support of Earth Day and the last day of Autism Awareness month. It was the first "Blue Earth Fun Run" and it was a great success judging by all the smiles, laughter and money raised for a great cause. Students raised \$632.50 to support individuals on the Autism Spectrum. During the run, fine arts teachers splashed students with blue dye water! The Go Grant, ESE Department and Mr. Flo Zavala, our number one school volunteer, also sponsored a Sensory Garden. Mr. Zavala designed a fabulous path, with the help of Jayna and Rick Smith, which included different sections for students to explore.

Gove wants to thank their Wellness Champion, Bridget Lutz, and the Fine Arts Team for leading the way to bring awareness to the need for taking care of our planet and having compassion for our fellow students with challenges. Administration highlighted

videos of students with autism on a weekly basis. Each video featured the students telling our school their likes and dreams. All of these initiatives bring our school closer to understanding the need for empathy for all.

Upcoming Events

- May 9-12: Safety Patrols Washington DC trip
- 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 - 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



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo
Wellness Champion, Ms. Lutz, PE Coach Carril and Art teacher, Ms. Schmidt, splashed blue dye water on students.

Rosenwald Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Important Dates

- May 1-31: Haitian Heritage Month
- May 7-11: National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11: Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, May 11 from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. at Rosenwald Elementary School.
- May 9: SAC meeting 6 p.m. at the School Media Center
- May 16: Safety Patrol annual trip to Washington, D.C.
- May 23: Multicultural Day at RES
- May 28: Memorial Day Holiday - no school
- May 30: Fifth Grade Promotional Ceremony
- June 1: Last day of school for students

School News

Rosenwald Elementary School held a Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive at Rosenwald Elementary School on April 23 - May 4! The school sponsor was Ms. Julia McLaughlin. Rosenwald Elementary School collected

over 20 boxes of 1134 canned goods items. Kudos to Mrs. Jeralene Johnson's second grade class for collecting the most canned goods (147) and winning the Classroom Pizza Party for their efforts. Way to go Baby Raiders! All items were picked up by the South Bay Post Office Mail Carriers!



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo
On Monday, May 7, students from Mrs. Jeralene Johnson's second grade class presented donated canned goods to the South Bay Post Office mail carriers at Rosenwald Elementary School. Pictured: Lyric Thompson, Jeniyah Cineus, Jatwaun brown, and Isaac Jackson.

Hendry Regional Celebrates Hospital Week - May 6th to May 12th



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Kissimmee River timeline

• The Kissimmee River historically meandered 103 miles from Lake Kissimmee to Lake Okeechobee through a diversely rich, 1- to-3 mile-wide floodplain. During periods of heavy rains, the river would fill to capacity, sending the excess water into the river's floodplain. Waterfowl, largemouth bass, eagles, alligators, aquatic invertebrates and a mosaic of broadleaf plants thrived within the floodplain ecosystem.

• The City of Kissimmee was originally a small trading post on the northern bank of Lake Tohopekaliga known as the community of Allendale. After the Civil War, this area was included in a purchase of 4 million acres of marshland and plains by Hamilton Disston, the owner of Disston Saw Co. in Philadelphia. The sale price for the land totaled \$1 million at 25 cents an acre. That purchase was credited with saving the State of Florida, which was deeply in debt following the Civil War.

• In January 1881, Mr. Disston contracted to deepen the Kissimmee River as part of his plan to create a liquid highway so products could be shipped from Kissimmee to the Gulf of Mexico and points beyond. Mr. Disston's dredges connected Lake Okeechobee with the Caloosahatchee River, which allowed boat traffic from Kissimmee to Fort Myers. Mr. Disston was also involved connecting the Chain of Lakes with canals. Historically, the Chain of Lakes was connected by creeks, streams and sloughs, and water levels fluctuated with the seasons. The lakes were connected by manmade canals to facilitate transportation of crops.

• Steamboat captains navigated the Chain of Lakes from Kissimmee to the Gulf of Mexico with cargoes of cypress lumber and sugar cane.

• Although Mr. Disston's canals aided water transport and steamboat traffic in Florida, he was unsuccessful in draining the Kissimmee River floodplain or lowering the surface water around Lake Okeechobee and in the Everglades. He was forced to sell much of his investments at a fraction of their original costs.

• In 1947, prolonged flooding from hurricanes inundated the Kissimmee basin as well as the surrounding cities, prompting

citizens to demand that the government provide flood control.

• In 1948, the U.S. Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct the Central and South Florida Project.

• The construction of canals and other water control structures for flood control in the 1960s disrupted the natural water fluctuation and harmed the lakes and associated marshes. Development around the lakes and an increase in the nutrients flowing into them further disrupted the wetlands.

• From 1960 to 1971, the Kissimmee River was transformed from a 103-mile winding river into a 56-mile-long, fairly straight ditch — 300 feet wide and 30 feet deep — known as the C-38 Canal. The C-38 Canal was cut and dredged straight through the original river's meanders. In addition, six water control structures were created to manage flooding within the Central Florida basin. As a result of this ditch-and-drain effort, the wetland-dependent flora and fauna that once thrived in the Kissimmee system declined drastically.

• Before channelization was complete, biologists suspected the project would have devastating ecological consequences. While the project delivered on the promise of flood protection, it also destroyed much of a floodplain-dependent ecosystem that nurtured threatened and endangered species, as well as hundreds of other native fish and wetland-dependent animals. More than 90 percent of the waterfowl that once graced the wetlands disappeared, and the number of bald eagle nesting territories decreased by 70 percent. After the waterway was transformed into a straight, deep canal, it became oxygen-depleted and the fish community it supported changed dramatically.

• In 1992, the Kissimmee River Restoration Water Resources Development Act was authorized that allocated funding to restore the middle third of the channelized Kissimmee River. The Kissimmee River Restoration is a 50/50 cost share project between the USACE and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The restoration involves using the material that was originally dredged from the river to fill

in the ditch, as well as using weirs (barriers across the canal) to force water back into the old meandering oxbows.

• The Kissimmee River Restoration Project will return flow to 44 miles of the river's original 103-mile historic meanders and restore about 40 square miles of floodplain. The restoration project — a 50-50 partnership with the SFWMD and the USACE — is currently projected to be complete in 2020.

• According to the Army Corps of Engineers website, 102,061 acres have been purchased for the restoration project. However, the numbers are a little more complicated.

According to the latest South Florida Environmental Report, the SFWMD needs

about 100,000 acres for restoration. The water district has acquired 99,018 acres and is trying to buy an additional 1,300 acres. Some purchases required buying additional land because the landowners would not sell just the acreage needed for the restoration; to get the land SFWMD wanted, it sometimes had to purchase larger parcels. Since the purchases, some of that supplemental land has been sold off as surplus.

SOURCES: Florida Atlantic University, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, Kissimmee, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS

HENDRY COUNTY DOES HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

THE COUNTY IS NOW SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FROM VERY LOW, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF HOMES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY

Program Details

Hendry County is providing housing assistance to owner-occupied households through the CDBG program in order to complete a HUD national objective through the revitalization of conditions in underserved, and low to moderate income neighborhoods. Assistance will be provided in the form of a no interest deferred-payment loan. No mobile homes will be eligible for rehabilitation, only replacement with a site built structure as funding allows. The County has been awarded \$750,000 and expects to serve a minimum of eleven (11) households. The average cost per house will be approximately \$58,000. Listed below is some general information on the application process.

(CDBG) Application Process

Hendry County will be hosting a homeowner orientation on May 24, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to explain the program details at the Hendry County Annex Offices, Janet B. Taylor Auditorium located at 1100 S. Olympia Street, Clewiston, FL 33440. Attendance at the orientation is strongly encouraged. Applications will be accepted beginning Friday, May 25, 2018. The application period will be open for 30 days. Complete instructions can be found in an application packet that can be obtained beginning May 25, 2018 at the Hendry County Social Services Department, LaBelle Office located at 133 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida, Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am – 5:00 pm and at the Clewiston office located at 1100 Olympia Street, Clewiston, Florida on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or on line at: http://www.hendryfla.net/new_social_services/index.php.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2018. Complete applications will be accepted at the Hendry County Social Services Department, located at the Labelle Office, 133 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and at the Clewiston Office located at 1100 Olympia Street, Clewiston, Florida on Thursday and Friday. Each complete application will be time and date stamped to ensure compliance with the application acceptance period. Final application ranking shall be determined by the required guidelines set forth in the Hendry County CDBG Housing Assistance Plan (HAP).

All projects must benefit very low, low and moderate income households within the unincorporated area of Hendry County. To qualify under the program, the property must be located within the unincorporated limits of the County, the owners must have resided in the home for at least one year prior to making the application, and the annual household income must not exceed the following:

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4 persons	\$25,100	\$26,050	\$41,700
5 persons	\$28,150	\$28,150	\$45,050
6 persons	\$30,250	\$30,250	\$48,400
7 persons	\$32,350	\$32,350	\$51,750
8 persons	\$34,400	\$34,400	\$55,050



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Alligators can often be seen near or on the sandbars in the restored areas of the Kissimmee River.



For more information, contact the Hendry County Social Services Department at (863) 675-5297 or Antonio Jenkins at (888) 482-7393. Hendry County is a Fair Housing Community and an Equal Opportunity employer.

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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. 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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 Property of: **Carmetha Walker:** Headboard Mattress & Box Spring Miscellaneous Bags and Items.
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Administration of Estates

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

Notice Board Meeting Time Change
 The time for the Hendry LaBelle Recreation Board regular meeting scheduled for May 15, 2018 has been changed to May 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hendry LaBelle Recreation Office, 310 Cowboy Way LaBelle, Florida.

The meeting is open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such a 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. Please note that matters may be discussed at a meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for this meeting.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Ramiro Rodriguez, Hendry LaBelle Recreation Board Director at 863-673-4404; Hearing Impaired: Florida relay 7-1-1; or email rrodriguez@hendryfla.net

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HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to procurement by Hendry County entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XI, PROCUREMENT, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-184, PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES; 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 meeting is open to the public. All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

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.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 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)

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

Administration of Estates

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) 763-8600 Email: colin@cameronlaw.com 259600 GCD 5/3,10/2018

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 Barris, 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: Tami Simmons Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

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 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 By: Tami Simmons Deputy Clerk

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on May 22, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida to discuss the 2018-2019 county budgets and related issues.

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. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.

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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 46869729, which, by intention 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 Tami 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

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Spot
4 "My Name Is Asher Lev" author
9 Normandy beachhead
14 Rollover
15 Send packing
16 Jazz section
17 "Hip Hop Is Dead" artist
18 Composer Dvorak in hiding?
20 Misrepresent
22 Main part
23 No harder than
25 Edible decapods
29 Provide new audio for
30 More than square
32 Council position
33 Adjust, as sails
35 Mythical elephant carriers
37 "Aladdin" monkey
38 Demands for quiet from the downstairs tenant?
41 Your Moment of ___: Jon Stewart's show ender
42 Spike
43 Fuzzy Endor native
44 They're often smashed
46 Ellington's "___ Indigo"
48 Nearby
51 Umbria tourist town
53 One who keeps it in the family
55 Sports gp. with three divisions
57 "The Kids Are ___": 1979 The Who documentary
58 Wildebeests slowing down?
62 One of Kramden's hardy followers?
63 Staff symbol
64 Singer's asset
65 Ode opener?
66 Resort off the Sorrentine Peninsula
67 Gather together
68 Post-workout destination

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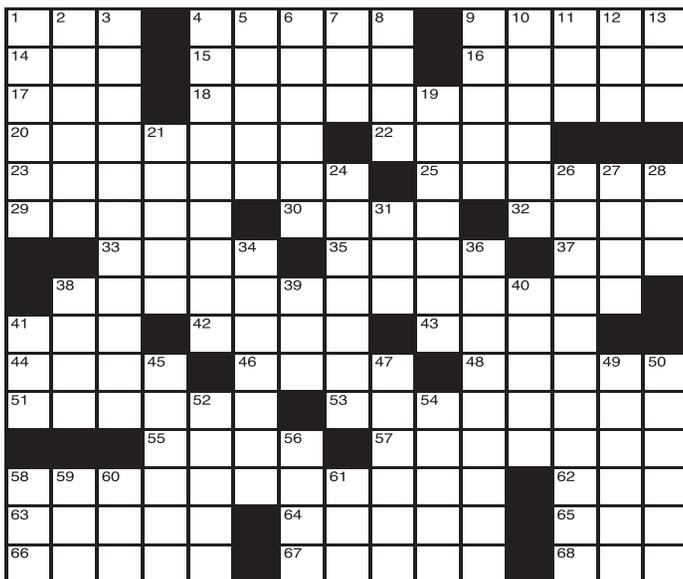
- 1 "The test of any man lies in action" odist
2 Game challenge
3 Walked by a campsite?
4 Lover of Slue-Foot Sue
5 Subject for Italian anatomist Fallopius
6 Certs alternative
7 "Alas!" from a lass
8 "Hooked on Classics" co.
9 Grouch in a can
10 Protegés, e.g.
11 Fire
12 Crime-solver Ramsey of 1970s TV
13 Krakatoa output
19 "Exciter" band ___ Mode
21 Alpha ___, star in the Bull constellation
24 Cutting-edge professional?
26 Poor jousters?
27 Snares
28 Former Beatle Sutcliffe
31 Defer

- 34 Dolphin, e.g.
36 Cutting supports
38 Co. VIPs
39 Sgt. maj., e.g.
40 Tropical raccoon kin
41 Half a Gabor?
45 Angling aid
47 Counselor in Jean-Luc's command
49 Note in the key of B major
50 Oxide in incandescent gas mantles
52 Space opera genre
54 Promotions
56 Uttar Pradesh tourist city
58 Discreet email letters
59 Nipper's label
60 High peak
61 Moll's leg

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Real Estate Directory

First1Bank advertisement with logo, tagline 'It's a great time to buy or refinance a home!', website www.first1bank.com, and contact information for NMLS ID# 423166.

Rawls real estate advertisement featuring property listings in Clewiston/Mobile Homes, Moore Haven/Lakeport/Sebring, Commercial/Investment Property, and Rentals-Residential/Commercial. Includes contact info for Cheryl Eby Gutjahr, Anabel Miranda, and Curt Thompson.

Advertisement for reading a newspaper, featuring a newspaper image and text: 'READING A NEWSPAPER MAKES YOU A MORE INFORMED AND INTERESTING PERSON. No wonder newspaper readers are more popular!'.

How to make a disaster plan

Special to INI Florida

ORLANDO — A key way to cope with a disaster is to have a plan. Know how to react before, during and after a disaster and know the hazards that could affect where you live, work and go to school. It is important for all Floridians, especially individuals with access and functional needs, to plan ahead.

Communication

- Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a meeting place that's familiar to everyone and easy to find.

- Complete your family emergency communication plan online and print it onto wallet-sized cards.

- Ensure all family members have a copy.
- Install the Federal Emergency Management Agency mobile app. It provides severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five selected locations.

- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to the local emergency station; monitor TV and radio.

- Follow mobile alerts and warnings about severe weather.

Evacuation

Evacuation orders can come with little notice. Planning ahead is vital to evacuating quickly and safely.

- The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website FloridaDisaster.org

has comprehensive information on what to do before, during and after a disaster under Plan and Prepare.

- Plan how to leave and where to go if advised to evacuate.

- Fill vehicles with gas if an evacuation seems likely.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothes.

- Those without cars should plan how to leave.

- Listen to a battery-powered radio and leave when told to do so.

- Leave early to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

- A list of nearby open shelters is on the FEMA mobile app.

- The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of open shelters by county.

- Inform an out-of-state contact about your evacuation plan.

- Unplug radios, TV and small appliances.

- Secure the home by locking doors and windows.

- Leave a note letting others know the plan for evacuation.

- If the home is damaged, shut off water, gas and electricity.

- Take pets along, but be aware some shelters or hotels only accept service animals.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

- Follow recommended evacuation routes.

- If stranded when driving, stay in the ve-

hicle, put on flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

Disaster kits

Have disaster supply kits ready at all times in your home, work and vehicles.

- A disaster kit is a collection of basic items needed in the event of an emergency, and can be assembled well in advance.

- Have enough food, water and other necessities, including all medications, in sufficient quantity for each family member to last for at least 72 hours.

- The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of items to include in

disaster kits.

- Ready.gov has a list of recommended emergency supplies.

- MySafeFlorida.org is another source for suggested items for disaster kits.

- Include supplies for individuals with disabilities, children, seniors or pets, and protection against the Florida weather. Insect repellent and sunscreen should be in all kits, as well as rainproof gear for everyone.

For more recovery information, visit www.floridadisaster.org/dem/recovery/, www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, or follow us @FEMARegion4 on Twitter and on FEMA's Facebook page.

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CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 15 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.855.954.6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



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Glades Day graduating Class of 2018

Glades Day School will have its Class Night (senior academic award program) on May 10 in Tripp Hall at 7 p.m. Baccalaureate will be on May 15 at the United Methodist Church, 401 S.W. First St. in Belle Glade, at 7 p.m. Commencement exercises will take place held on Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m., in McWhorter Hall (Glades Day Gymnasium), located at 400 Gator Blvd. in Belle Glade. The Class of 2018: front row, from left: J.J. Hernandez, Rachel Ruiz, Eduardo Gutierrez, Jorge Acosta, Rana Hilliard, Sydney Arroyo and Cameron Whalen; back row: Yasser Halum, Shawn Collins, Zachary VanFossen, Danilla Montes, Jaylin Smith, Jayci Congleton, Caroline Stein, Jorge Viera, Taylor Lunford, Jizelle Camacho, Kadie Helvey, Caylin Dupree, Alex Brewster, Ethan Bair, Tyler Miller and Brendan Erickson. Alex Mineo is not pictured.

EYCC summer camp registration is now open

Special to The Sun

The week-long residential summer camp programs at the Everglades Youth Conservation Center (EYCC) offer a fun, safe and affordable way for kids to develop skills such as paddling, fishing, eco-equestrian, wilderness camping, hunting and more. Register now for EYCC camps, which are offered June through August in western Palm Beach County.

EYCC summer camps are available to kids completing grades 3-8 and cost \$360 per session, which covers food, lodging and instruction resources. Some camps require an additional fee.

Though the emphasis of the materials presented at each camp is different, all

campers will have hands-on opportunities to learn outdoor skills from qualified instructors. Campers also will learn about conservation to ensure the next generation is prepared to become stewards of Florida's natural resources.

The EYCC Youth Camp was created by individuals who cared deeply about conservation, wildlife in natural habitats, and preserving a way of life. The camp is part of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) program dedicated to Creating the Next Generation That Cares™ about fish and wildlife conservation. This successful program works with 350

partners to introduce kids throughout Florida to fishing, boating, shooting sports, wildlife discovery and conservation stewardship.

The EYCC is at the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area, 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road in West Palm Beach.

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