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14.07 feet

Last Year: 12.05 feet

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Blaze levels old Pahokee appliance store

County firefighter sustains minor injuries

By Chris Felker
The Sun

PAHOKEE — A fire that broke out just before midnight Monday, June 18, destroyed a historic building constructed in the 1920s that housed a bridal shop and, later, an appliance store, just north of the intersection where U.S. 98 turns south away from U.S. 441/State Road 15 in Pahokee.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Capt. Albert Borroto said firefighters were dispatched to battle a large, two-alarm blaze in the old two-story, wood-frame building at 11:46 p.m. Monday. First responders still

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Remnants of the fire that destroyed the old Mathis Boes appliance store in Pahokee on Monday night flared up again around midday Tuesday, forcing firefighters to return.

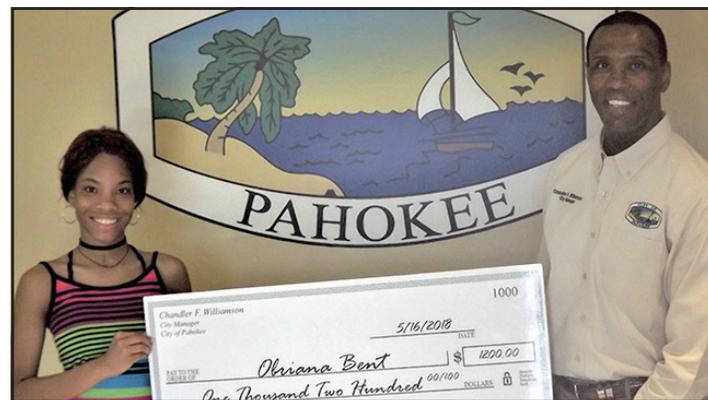
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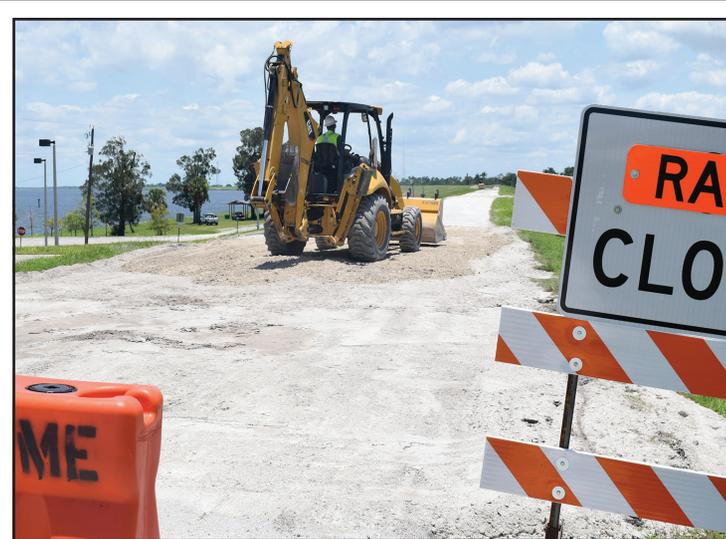
PAHOKEE — City Manager Chandler Williamson named the

first recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship at the City Commission's regular meeting

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The Sun/Courtesy of City of Pahokee
Obriana Bent (left), who will attend UCF, is the winner of the first Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship, established by Pahokee City Manager Chandler Williamson.



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Paving and other projects commence at dike and marina

An earthmover begins making preparations for paving work atop the Herbert Hoover Dike at the waterfront complex Tuesday along Lake Okeechobee's shore in Pahokee. Many projects are underway simultaneously in the city. For more photos, see Page 7.

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Flood control systems protect South Floridians

By Katrina Elsen
INI Florida

The Central and South Florida Flood Control Project had some unintended consequences, but the project did what the engineers set out to do, and because of that flood control project millions of people now live, work, play and farm in areas that would otherwise be underwater part of the year.

The South Florida pioneers knew which areas would flood. They anticipated and found ways to live with periodic flooding. They built their homes on high ground ... or on stilts. During the wet season, some roads were regularly closed due to high water.

Today, most South Florida residents expect government to protect their homes and businesses from floods. They expect roadways to be safe and open.

"In 1947, we had these massive floods. We got about the same amount of rain in '47 that we got in 2016," said Water Resources Analysis Coalition member Mark Generales at the June 7 WRAC meeting.

"Did we have any flooding of any significance in 2016? To the best of my knowledge, we didn't," he said.

"The district has not done a good job of talking about what I think is its primary job, and that is public safety," he said.

At the June 14 meeting of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board, Chairman Federico Fernandez said June is Flood Awareness Month.

"June represents an ideal time to remember the ability to live, work and raise families in South Florida depends on the work in many instances that we do here and water management systems across the board," he said.

"I am proud the work the district staff does ensures that the flood control system, built over 60 years ago for 2 million people, performs to today's standards of providing flood control services for more than 8.1 million South Floridians," he said.

Flood control

In 1947, after several years of drought, Florida was deluged by rainfall that averaged 100 inches along the lower east coast, nearly twice the normal rainfall, according to the South Florida Water Management District records.

Next came the storms. In September and October, two hurricanes and a tropical storm battered the "Sunshine State," leaving most of

the state from Orlando south submerged. Roads and streets were flooded.

Cattle drowned, as did deer and other wildlife that could not find high ground.

Much of the ground had already been saturated before two hurricanes hit the state late in the year, and flooding throughout the region was devastating.

According to records in the University of Florida/IFAS library, in 1947 floodwater inundated outlying suburban areas of West Palm Beach, and 30 percent of the city of Fort Lauderdale, including the business

district, railroads, industrial and residential sections. Large areas in the western part of Miami and the outlying communities of Miami Springs and Hialeah were underwater.

The flood damaged roads, utilities, railroads and airports in the coastal area.

Newspaper articles from 1947 and 1948 tell the story. The Sept. 19, 1947, edition of the Okeechobee News called the Sept. 17 hurricane "the worst since 1928" and noted the heavy rainfall that came with the hurricane lasted more than a week.

"The town and most neighboring sections

were flooded with water and the cattle pastures were, most of them, almost completely underwater," the article states.

The Oct. 17, 1947, edition of the Okeechobee News relates, "Storm and flood damage over weekend was serious."

"Thousands of residents of lowland areas were forced to seek refuge elsewhere," the newspaper story continues. Throughout South Florida, thousands of refugees from the flooding were housed in schools and other public buildings.

The people of South Florida cried out for flood control, newspaper stories explain.

The State of Florida asked the federal government for a master plan to tame nature's excesses.

In 1948, the U.S. Congress adopted legislation creating the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project, the largest civil works project in the country. Construction began the next year and continued over 20 years as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built the massive flood control plumbing system stretching from just south of Orlando to Florida Bay, according to the SF-WMD archives.

In 1948, the Florida Legislature created the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the predecessor to the South Florida Water Management District, to manage the C&SF Project.

Will feds pay share of cost for planned EAA reservoir?

By Katrina Elsen
INI Florida

Will the federal government fund 50 percent of the cost of the planned Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir?

At their June 14 meeting, members of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board expressed concern that the federal government might not provide the expected 50-50 match to build the EAA reservoir. The reservoir is part of the approved Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Florida Senate Bill 10, passed in 2017, moved up construction of the reservoir, which is intended to provide more water storage south of Lake Okeechobee.

"They did the study on the SB 10 reservoir, and to my surprise, to everybody's surprise, we discovered in the fine print of their attached discussion they think they are prohibited from participating in the 50-50 cost share because of water quality and other issues with the water coming from Lake Okeechobee into the reservoir," said SFWMD board member James Moran.

"We've got all of this time and energy we have spent over the last year putting a lot of other projects aside while our staff worked around the clock for the best part of the year to come up with the plan for the EAA reservoir, and now we find out that our federal partners question whether they can participate in the funding of it. I wish they had let us know a year ago. Maybe we could have done stuff differently.

"We have all these issues with our federal partners. Their failure to live up to the terms of the agreements with them punishes us.

"If the consent degree is violated, it's no skin off their nose. We're the ones under the federal order to get that done."

Mr. Moran said he has great respect for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and especially for Col. Jason Kirk and Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds,

but that he is frustrated with the federal bureaucracy.

"Perhaps it's time we look again at our local sponsorship of CERP and see if it is still in our best interest," he said.

"If our federal partners are not going to step up to the plate with the SB 10 and the EAA reservoir, I think we really need to start thinking about how do we look at this thing," agreed board member Brandon Tucker.

"It is increasingly frustrating," said board member Melanie Peterson.

"We're being put into a box where this is how it is supposed to be. We are doing our end of the bargain. They are not doing theirs," she said. "We need to think about how we fix this. How do we think outside the box and make this happen, with them or without them? Going along to get along isn't working. It's not acceptable."

"We're all trying to get across the finish line with a project that everyone agrees would be very beneficial," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Federico Fernandez.

"I am a major proponent for holding all parties involved to task," he said but added that he encouraged the board members to be patient.

SFWMD Executive Director Ernie Marks said the Corps of Engineers just received their work plan funding, so they don't yet know how much money could be available for the EAA reservoir project.

He said funding the reservoir is getting a lot of support from Florida's elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and from Tallahassee.

"The federal funding process is really confusing," said Lt. Col. Reynolds. "There are two different sets of appropriations that we receive."

She said the letter SFWMD received in May that stated the funding was not in the president's budget was because "at that time we did not have the money."

The work plan, she continued, is additional money that can be appropriated however Con-



gress chooses to give that money. "Between the time that we receive the president's budget and the time the work plan comes out, the corps submits work packages that identify additional funding that we could use this fiscal year," she explained.

She said there is consistently a problem with misunderstandings in Washington, D.C., in regard to CERP projects. There is a federal requirement that the CERP project receive federal matching funds, she said.

When the project is funded, it is estimated it will take about eight years to complete, with three years for engineering and five years for construction.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps), will host a series of public meetings to discuss and seek input on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the South Florida Water Management (SFWMD) District Section 203 Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Southern Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) study.

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Guest Commentary

Glades community seeks solutions, not finger-pointing

By Tammy Jackson-Moore Co-founder of Guardians of the Glades

In recent weeks, Congressman Brian Mast has made political statements regarding the discharges from Lake Okeechobee, urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to stop them. What's revealing about these statements is that his concerns about the water quality in Stuart weren't expressed prior to the discharges, when the local health department's warnings were closing beaches due to high amounts of enteric (fecal) bacteria in the water.

It is unfortunate that Mast would let his political mission to get re-elected interfere with the mission we all share to clean up our water locally. More than a decade ago, our Glades communities took the difficult and expensive step to convert septic tanks to sewer, because as the research shows, septic tanks are one of the leading contributors to pollution.

Instead of blaming Lake Okeechobee, the Congressman should be addressing on

the actual cause of the problem and looking for solutions: local basin runoff in the St. Lucie watershed. According to the University of Florida's 2015 Water Institute report, "On average, 70-80 percent of the freshwater discharge and 65-80 percent of the nutrient load to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries originates in the local basins, with the remaining balance contributed from Lake Okeechobee." This is a significant part of the problem Mast cannot ignore.

As for sending more water south, there is simply no place to send it because the Water Conservation Areas are completely full with water and the Tamiami Trail continues to largely block the flow of water south to Everglades National Park. Additionally, we need to get a handle on the more than 95 percent of the water that comes into Lake Okeechobee from the north.

I urge Congressman Mast to ignore the political consultants and follow the scientists, who tell us the water quantity problem happens north of the lake, and the water quality problems are happening in his own community.

Crime Stoppers

Special to The Sun

PALM BEACH COUNTY — Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County needs your help in locating Randall Johnston. 50, black, male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, 200 pounds, black hair, brown eyes and he has multiple tattoos.

His last known address was on Southwest Avenue B in Belle Glade.

Johnston is wanted on a felony warrant for violation of probation on a charge of

false imprisonment.

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



Randall Johnston

Belle Glade Library Happenings

Special to The Sun

• Crafternoon - Suncatchers: Paint a beautiful suncatcher to hang at home and let the sun shine through on Saturday, June 23, at 2 p.m. All ages. (60 minutes)

• Children's book author Nancy Krulik discusses her new book series "Princess Pulverizer" via Skype on Monday, June 25, at 2 p.m. She is the author of "Katie Kazoo," "George Brown, Class Clown," and "Magic Bone" series. For second through fifth grade kids. (45 minutes)

• Musical tag karaoke to be held on Monday, June 25, at 3 p.m. for ages seven and up. It's musical chairs with a twist. Go around a circle of chairs, but once the music stops, be ready to sing like no one's listening. Snacks will be provided. (90 minutes)

• Movie and snacks will be held on Wednesday, June 27, at 3 p.m. The Disney movie Coco will be shown. (109 minutes)

The Belle Glade Branch Library is located at 725 NW 4th St. in Belle Glade. For information, call 561-996-3453.

Conference set June 29

RSVP to take part in the Open Table Faith-Government Conference at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 600 S.W. Eighth St. in Belle Glade, on Friday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Eva Reese at 561-358-4434 or email evareese420@gmail.com.

Sun Spots

Amplified phones distributed

Florida Communications Relay Inc. will distribute free amplified phones to persons with hearing loss on Thursday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinic, 941 S.E. First St. in Belle Glade. To receive a phone, bring the following with you: Florida driver's license or Florida State ID, and a Florida voter's card.

Review your meds at WCSC

Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University will host a Prescription Brown Bag event on Thursday and Friday, June 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West County Senior Center (WCSC), 2916 SR 15 in Belle Glade. Take your current medications in a brown bag, and a student pharmacist or pharmacist will help you review your medications. This event includes prayer, games and health screenings.

Backpack & supply event

The Travis Benjamin Back to School event will be held at Glades Central Community High School, 1001 S.W. Ave. M in Belle Glade, for students in first through 10th grades on Friday, June 22, at 5 p.m. Register online at www.tbenjamint3.com

St. John's Day celebration

New Hope Lodge #23, of Belle Glade, invites all Masonic Lodges, Order of Eastern Star Chapters and the community to fellowship with them on their annual St. John's Day celebration on Sunday, June 24, at 11:45 a.m. at the Miracle by Faith Church, 190 N.W. 11th Ave. in South Bay. Admission is free. For information, call 772-285-6491.

College information session

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

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County unemployment rate remains lowest since 2006

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County's unemployment rate for May remained at the lowest level in a dozen years — matching the 3.3 percent rate for April and down from 3.9 percent a year ago. The county's rate was lower than the state's 3.4 percent and the nation's 3.6 percent rates (all numbers not seasonally adjusted), according to the latest monthly reports released today from CareerSource Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Palm Beach County's unemployment rate has stayed below the state rate for the past 15 consecutive months and below the national rate for 16 consecutive months.

"If you're looking for a job, the current market is about as good as it gets. For the past eight consecutive months, the county's unemployment rate has fallen below or matched 4 percent, a healthy indicator of what many economists consider to be full employment," said Steve Craig, president and CEO of CareerSource Palm Beach County, the nonprofit organization chartered by the state to lead workforce development in Palm Beach County.

Over the past 12 months, the county's unemployment rate ranged between 3.3 and 4.5 percent, primarily reflecting seasonal fluctuations. May's rate is less than one-third of what it was at the 11.6 percent peak unemployment rate of the Great Recession in sum-

mer 2010.

Job growth by industry sector: On a percentage basis, job gains in May were led by the construction industry with 8.4 percent over-the-year job growth, above 6.2 percent statewide. The construction sector added jobs in every month of 2017 to date, and had a higher percentage of monthly job growth over the state average during the same period.

The number of jobs in five sectors — construction, manufacturing, financial activities, leisure/hospitality, and government — grew faster than statewide over the year.

By the numbers, over-the-year job gains/losses in Palm Beach County were:

Industry type and change from previous month: construction +3,000 jobs, financial activities +1,800 jobs, leisure/hospitality +1,000 jobs, manufacturing +900 jobs, government +900 jobs, other services unchanged, information -500 jobs, trade/transportation/utilities -600 jobs, professional/business services -1,800 jobs, and education/health services -4,000 jobs.

Top eight most advertised jobs available: The Conference Board produces a monthly report of advertised jobs by position. This report shows that there were 20,654 advertisements for full-time and part-time jobs in Palm Beach County in May. The top eight most advertised jobs in the county were for: registered nurses; retail salespeople; first-line supervisors of retail sales workers; customer

service representatives; accountants; first-line supervisors of office and administrative support workers; bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks; first-line supervisors of food preparation and serving workers.

Breakthrough 100 Hiring Challenge announced at the June 15, Leadership Palm Beach County Summit: CareerSource Palm Beach County President and CEO Steve Craig announced a challenge to the 330 business, government and community leaders attending today's leadership summit at the Hilton West Palm Beach:

"CareerSource is committed to providing Palm Beach County residents with the opportunity to get a great job and build a career. We will immediately help recruit, screen and hire 100 interns and 100 ex-offenders in 100 days for all employers who have pledged to participate in this Breakthrough Challenge announced at today's leadership summit. As part of this, we will be holding two special countywide Breakthrough 100 hiring events at the Palm Beach County Convention Center — July 10 for internships and July 24 for ex-offenders wishing to re-enter employment. There is no cost for both events and our services for employers or job seekers," he said.

Whatever career you would like to pursue, the staff at CareerSource offers classes and facilities for job searches, grants for job skills training for those who qualify, career development and consulting. During the past five

program years, CareerSource Palm Beach County assisted more than 118,000 residents find employment ranging from entry level to executive suite, with salaries from these jobs creating \$2.2 billion in annual average wages. CareerSource also has awarded nearly \$15 million in grants to area businesses and employees for training and educational assistance during that time.

Services for employers: CareerSource provides a comprehensive package of services to help businesses compete in today's challenging marketplace. CareerSource absorbs the cost of most of these services including recruitment, assessments and referrals of qualified job candidates; space and staff assistance for screening/interviewing candidates; and grants for training employees.

Services for career seekers: Our career centers in West Palm Beach, Delray Beach and Belle Glade offer classes and facilities for job search, career development and consulting; and grants for job skills training — all at no cost. Schedules of workshops and employer hiring events are posted at www.careersourcepbcc.com. From this same home page, you also will find our mobile-friendly Virtual Career System with online tools and resources to access our programs and services 24/7.

Next monthly employment reports for Florida and Palm Beach County: State and local employment reports for June 2018 are scheduled for release on July 20.

FIRE

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were actively putting out hotspots around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, and later in the day a fire engine was dispatched there again because of a flare-up.

Frances Eric "Skeets" Boe, son of the building's original owners, Olaf and Catherine Boe, was tending to some of his horses on pasture land at his house next door early Tuesday afternoon and said he'd learned of the fire when "my son came and woke me up. The girl next door woke him up." He related some of the building's history, including this: "I was born here, and was raised in the second floor above the shop."

Mr. Boe said that his father began constructing the building in 1921 and used it, once complete, first to open a repair shop, then a bridal shop and, later, the appliance store, which was a Frigidaire dealer.

He said he'd been in the process of dismantling the main building but could only shake his head in disappointment over the loss of another structure next door on the property, which had warehouse space on the ground floor and an apartment above that a woman was renting from him.

"She had to evacuate," said Mr. Boe's niece Jennifer Cole of Palm Beach Gardens, who had prearranged to drop another horse off that morning to be kept at his pasture. Asked whether either knew what had caused the blaze, she said, "My cousin, his son, said it was electrical."

Mr. Boe, 73, who took over operation of the appliance store for his mother when she was approaching her 90s, couldn't remember the exact year he ceased operating the business but said it was "somewhere around 1991."

Carol Peaden, owner of Carol's Hair Barn just up the street, said early Tuesday morning by phone that she'd learned via Facebook message from her granddaughter after midnight that there was a "big ol' fire" nearby. "But I didn't know what the fire was, so we walked on down there, and I said, 'Oh, my goodness, that's Skeets Boe's place!'" Ms. Peaden said.

When she realized which building it was, she took out her cellphone to capture a Facebook Live video on her page. Later, Ms. Peaden was interviewed by WPTV-Channel

5 News and supplied the television station some of her video.

She said that firefighters arrived before midnight to the vacant structure at 2505 E. Main St. Ms. Peaden said the Mathis Boes appliance store that had been there was "like a small Walmart" and that the owners "sold wash machines, refrigerators, appliances; Miss Boe, she sold name-brand dishes. Some of the plates and cups and saucers were very expensive," Ms. Peaden said, speaking of Skeets Boe's late mother. "I used to do Miss Boe's hair," she recalled.

One firefighter suffered minor injuries in battling the blaze and was taken to a hospital for treatment, but was expected to be OK. No one else was hurt.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

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last week. The award — one that he initiated with his own money — went to a young lady who just graduated from Pahokee High School in May, will be attending the University of Central Florida and says it's her dream to return to her hometown with a medical degree that she hopes to use to care for fellow Glades residents.

He told listening commissioners, those in the chamber and others watching via the city's YouTube meeting broadcast:

"It gives me really great pleasure to talk about this scholarship. I thought this was something that was needed here in the City of Pahokee ... but it's rewarding for myself

to give back to this community in any possible way I can beyond this administrative role that I serve. And I'm hoping that this Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship annual award will be supported by our churches in this community. Tonight it's a \$1,200 award that's going to a graduating Pahokee High senior from who's on her way to college, but I'm hoping that next year, it's \$2,400."

Mr. Williamson added, "We had some very competitive graduating seniors who applied for this first-time award, but Obriana Bent really stood out." Explaining that part of the application was an essay written by applicants about who they are, their hopes and dreams for their future careers and where they expect life to take them after high school, he finished up by quoting Miss Bent's submission listing her many extracurricular activities — including participation

in Dream Catchers, speech and debate, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, student government, soccer, volleyball, track and field, plus community service for Alzheimer's patients and at local nursing homes.

"This is what she said," the city manager related: "Dr. King never gave up no matter how many people were against him and the obstacles that were in his way. ... Helping the ones around me and making my community a better place gives me satisfaction, and I will continue to do so over the years. It gives me great joy to help people that are in need. My career goal is to become a psychiatrist or a trauma surgeon, which will allow me to come back to the Glades and volunteer at schools informing kids, or do much more important work in the health-care field for our residents and citizens here in the Glades."

"Finally," Mr. Williamson concluded, "she said, 'I have a dream that one day, I will become successful, and no one can ever take that away from me.'"

With that, he called her up to the podium to receive her scholarship check, and everyone in the room broke into applause.

Miss Bent expressed her happiness in a clear, measured voice, surely masking her excitement: "Even though I already knew I won the scholarship, it's still a shock to me, and I'm very grateful to be standing up here receiving this. It will help me a lot in college, and I will definitely come back to improve Pahokee. I have a lot of family here, so it wouldn't be right not coming back. So again, I want to thank everyone who's standing up here with me and supporting me through my new journey. Thank you!"



Algae testing takes time, says Department of Environmental Regulation

By Katrina Elsen
INI Florida

Algae is part of the natural ecosystem in lakes, rivers and streams worldwide. Algae is ever-present in Lake Okeechobee, even when it is not visible in a bloom; boaters and fishermen are used to seeing algae in the water column or blown about by the winds.

Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releasing water to the east through Port Mayaca lock and to the west through the Moore Haven lock, coastal officials have voiced concerns about the algae that may be in the lake water. In 2016, algae from the lake was blamed for seeding the massive harmful algal blooms that plagued the Treasure Coast.

So far this year, a small patch of wind-

blown algae was been found near the Port Mayaca Lock on Lake Okeechobee, on June 5. Toxin levels were very low at 0.6 parts per billion. The World Health Organization considers levels below 10 ppb to be safe.

At the June 7 Water Resources Analysis Coalition meeting, Chad Kennedy of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation explained that FDEP takes samples whenever algal blooms are reported, but it takes four days for the FDEP staff to analyze algae samples.

"This isn't something that you can do, run through a machine and get an instant number," he said.

"This is something folks have to do analysis on and quality assurance and quality control to make sure the information is accurate," he explained.

"If algae is present, it is not necessarily synonymous with toxins present," he said.

Mr. Kennedy said that the Corps of Engineers has personnel monitoring the locks and levee every day. In addition, water management personnel are out on the lake collecting samples. It's a big lake, he said. FDEP also seeks the public's help to monitor algal blooms.

"If you see an algae bloom, please call 855-305-3903. Please leave a message and we will call you back and get details about the bloom," he said. He added that algal blooms can also be reported on the FDEP website.

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is looking for ways not only to monitor algal blooms but to treat harmful algal blooms when they occur.

He said FDEP put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March.

FDEP has about 60 people — scientists and individuals — "who said they had a solution to this problem," he said.

"Unfortunately, we only had four responses to that RFP when it really came right down to brass tacks," he continued.

"We have to protect the water. We are not going to let people disperse chemicals or anything like that which is going to have an adverse effect on the whole resource just to get rid of the algae.

"We had two responses that were deemed complete," he said. "Unfortunately, they did not respond to all the aspects of the RFP in a manner that the department felt comfortable moving forward with."

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is working on a new RFP. "We are actively seeking people who can clean up and actively respond to these blooms if we do have a toxic bloom," he said.

"If you know someone that has a technology that is scalable and can be deployed on an ad-hoc, as needed, response, we are looking for that.

We are looking for ways to respond and clean up, not just monitor, algal blooms," he said.

Nominations sought for 2018 Woman of The Year in Agriculture

INI Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam is now accepting nominations for the 2018 "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award, which recognizes women in all areas of the industry who have made outstanding contributions to Florida agriculture. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 31.

Nominations may be submitted electronically by accessing the application located on the Woman of the Year in Agriculture page. Nominations may also be sent via mail or fax to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Director of External Affairs Clay Hollis. Send completed nomination forms to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Plaza Level 10, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800; fax 850-617-7744; Clay.Hollis@FreshFromFlorida.com.

More information about the "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award and past award winners can be found at FreshFromFlorida.com.

For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit FreshFromFlorida.com.

Reflections from the Pulpit

More than just getting along: Oneness within ourselves, too

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

Recent graduations were celebrated to mark the completion of a rite of transition in the lives of many early adults and those in early years of their adulthood. Completion makes for significant changes.

Each graduation I celebrated opened doors and it introduced me to new chapters in my life that would not have been possible without having "run the course" and having the "crown laid up" that let me begin a new and special phase of my life.

God has created us to seek wholeness, completeness; "almosts" don't count, as the saying goes. We understand the anxieties and longings of those who are in transition in life; a couple in love who want to take the next step in growth in their relationship, an employee during a probationary period who wants to really have the job he's trying out, persons who immigrate and who are living but without citizenship, buying something and not completely being able to say "it's mine" until it's fully paid for; ceremonies of burning mortgages in Churches when the building is finally paid off; the list goes on and on.

When talking to couples about marriage, they've often told me that their current relationship is "not enough" and that they seek a more solid commitment to being one.

Parables about the lost sheep (Luke 15:3ff) and the widow who searches for a lost coin (Luke 15:8ff) are about the celebrations held when what was incomplete becomes complete once more: the lost sheep is found, the widow locates her coin. Now there is wholeness once more.

A more personal and complex example follows with the story of a "prodigal" son (Luke 15:11ff). It is no longer seeking out what was gone but the realization that an incomplete family might never be whole again. One of two sons asks for his share of his inheritance and leaves for a "far country." (v. 13). Things do not go well and there are no relatives to whom he can turn. He takes a menial job and then reflects on the better life back home. Luke reports that "When he came to himself...(v,17), he decides to go home if only to be one of the hired hands and not claim the rights of son-ship. As he nears his family home, the father welcomes him and orders the best robe for him, a ring for his finger, shoes for his feet and killing the fatted calf to make a feast of celebration (v 22). Once more the family is whole, the child is whole, the story is understood as one of being complete once more. (A jealous older brother complains; the father reminds him "son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours (v.31) - again a reassurance of his being an essential part of the family constellation; oneness where all play a vital part.)

Our created order that comes from God seeks that wholeness, oneness, completeness.

When the Lord prayed "...that they all may be one, even as we are one...(John 17:11)" He was calling for that completeness, that wholeness both within us and among us; even like the oneness of God Himself. The prodigal son had to come to wholeness within to bring a realization of a greater life and the true meaning of what family is about. The lost sheep deprives the shepherd of being the true guardian of the flock and must be found if he is to be true to his calling. The widow will need her lost coin that she is not deprived a part of what it takes for her to exist.

Today, these parables are played out in different ways. We suffer from opioid crises when addictions keep people from being how God intended them to be; we show concern for families that are separated due to political upheavals and migration, we are called to share our wealth with the less fortunate who do not have the same whole life that we enjoy. The work of religious bodies is to provide for those who are regarded as "less fortunate" and in reality are perhaps better described as having a "less than a whole life" which calls us to help.

The Good Shepherd has told us that He came "...that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)." That's more than existence; that's wholeness, completeness, oneness with God and one another; and in our very inner beings too.

SFWMD, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fight Old World climbing fern

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board on Thursday, June 14, approved a budget amendment that will clear the way for up to \$2 million per year in federal funding to help fight the spread of invasive lygodium, also known as the Old World climbing fern, in the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in western Palm Beach County.

The funding will come from the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which manages the refuge. USFWS leases the refuge land from the State of Florida under an agreement that includes numerous performance measures, including controlling the spread of invasive plants.

"We must control the spread of invasive plants such as lygodium to protect the investment of billions of Florida taxpayer dollars to restore the Everglades. SFWMD has shown it is committed to fight this invasive fern, and this money offers assistance with the federal government's obligation," said SFWMD

Governing Board member Jim Moran, who spearheaded efforts to forge an agreement with USFWS to ensure more federal funding to fight lygodium in the refuge.

Lygodium has overrun countless tree islands, and its spread has increased by about 600 percent in the refuge over the past two decades. The invasive fern can cause the collapse of tree islands, a crucial part of the habitat in the ridge and slough ecosystem of the Everglades. It also increases the risk of wildfires spreading.



GCHS Class of 2008 celebrates 10 years of being alumni

Special to The Sun

BELLE GLADE — The Glades Central High School (GCHS) Class of 2008 sprinkled accents of maroon and gold throughout the Crescent City of New Orleans on Thursday, June 7, through Sunday, June 10. Over 40 students, spouses, friends and former staff members descended upon the “Big Easy” to celebrate the graduates’ 10-year reunion titled “#TheGlowUp: Ten Years of Raider Alumni Status.”

Dynesha Wade, a 2008 Glades Central H.S. alumna, was a driving force behind pushing the officers and committee to provide a fun-filled, quality, affordable and inclusive reunion. “I am one for all and all for one, because if one wins we all win,” said Ms. Wade in reference to hosting an award-winning reunion.

Over the course of 18 months, the class members collected dues, hosted fundraisers and held meetings to plan their weekend getaway. The money collected and donated was enough to finance the Glades Central Community High School Cynthia Bostic-Ellick and Christopher McMichael Scholarship, a book stipend named after both class sponsors and awarded to 2018 Glades Central H.S. graduate Adrian McRae. The dues remitted also covered all reunion-related expenses and other social activities the class participated in.

“People think this was easy, but it was hard work,” said Antorris Williams, 28, who has been the class president since 2004. “You have to use two-way communication, be transparent, prevent delusions of gran-

deur from taking over, consider everyone’s finances and have experience in hotel contracting and event planning,” he added.

During their stay in New Orleans, the Raider alumni hosted an innovative array of events. From their musical icebreaker and mixer/social to the rooftop day party, masquerade gala, and excursions to the French Quarter, The riginal Cajun Seafood restaurant, Manchu food store, the Riverwalk, Harrah’s Casino, Cafe Du Monde and the Seventh Ward, they spent their reunion time laughing, smiling, reminiscing and enjoying the comfort of being a cohesive class 10 years later. Throughout the weekend, individuals and groups could be spotted with one of their two class shirts on street cars, using Lyft or Uber, eating and enjoying the cultural climate of the French Quarter (specifically Bourbon and Frenchman streets). They could also be seen on Snapchat with custom geofilters enjoying the amenities of the hotel and vibrance of New Orleans. The alumni also collectively honored the memory of fallen classmates Leonard King and Lakeisha Michel.

“We came together as a class, and stayed together like family,” said De’Angelo Bolden, a 2008 Glades Central H.S. alumnus. “It has been 10 years, and it still feels like our senior year because we are setting an example that requires raising the standard,” he added.

Raider reunions are sure to continue to go amazingly well after this class displayed how teamwork can make the dreamwork. Each participant returned home safely with a wonderful experience of what it was like to reunite as Raiders in New Orleans.



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo
Classmates met at the Mississippi River after purchasing beignets from Cafe Du Monde.



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Several members of the alumni pose in front of the New Orleans 300 Year Celebration signage.



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Sorority sisters Joykeria Pitman (left) and Dynesha Wade reunited at the “L’Affaire Blanche” All White Party.



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Kasey Graham, Kharryunna McCloud, Antorris Williams and Tabatha Jones (from left to right) at “A Night in the Crescent City” gala.

BG native named to Dean’s List

Special to The Sun

TALLAHASSEE — Vashod Vereen of Belle Glade was named to the Tallahassee Community College Spring 2018 Dean’s List.

Vereen was among more than 1,000 students named to the Spring 2018 Dean’s List. To qualify, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Pahokee seeing progress on several fronts

Standing on top of the Herbert Hoover Dike near the entrance to the lakefront marina, restaurant and campground, one can see progress being made on several large projects dear to Pahokee residents' hearts. First, work is underway on painting the restaurant building, some pressure-washing has been done on the dock area and preparations are being made for parking and road improvements (above), plus paving work is ongoing atop the levee. The entire waterfront is closed except to workers and campground tenants right now; sightseers can't go past the construction barricades. Just east of the dike, demolition of the old city water plant is moving along (right), for which the city is using Solid Waste Authority grant money. There are several other projects going on throughout the city, including renovations and improvements at Commissioners Park and paving/drainage work at Glades Citizens Villas, to name just two.



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Algae coming from many discharge sources

By **Katrina Elsken**
INI Florida

Record rainfall in May and continuing heavy rains this month are causing ecological damage, according to a report given by South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Director Terrie Bates at the June 14 meeting of the SFWMD Governing Board. Algae found in the St. Lucie watershed is coming from many sources, not just from Lake Okeechobee, she said.

"The perception that there is this huge channel of the algae coming from the lake isn't correct," she said.

She said there are other sources of algae coming into the estuary from the local watershed.

The watershed that drains into the canals and waterways that discharge through the St. Lucie Estuary received over 450 percent of normal rainfall in May, she said.

"All of the area, when you have 450 percent of normal rainfall, everything has discharged into the estuary system, every canal, every stormwater pond," she continued. Algae is commonly present in all freshwater, and it tends to grow faster in stagnant

water. The heavy rainfall in May flushed out ponds and canals into the drainage system that goes into the St. Lucie Estuary.

She pointed out that there is even algae in the stormwater pond at the SFWMD main office. "It fills up. It discharges," she said.

"The lake has jumped very rapidly in the course of a month. It has gone up about a foot and a quarter," said Ms. Bates. "All of the effects around the system ecologically, the lake is feeling the same thing."

On June 1, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started discharging water from Lake Okeechobee east and west, she continued.

"The discharge to the estuaries for the last week, about a third of the flows coming into the St. Lucie Estuary were from Lake Okeechobee. We're still having significant discharges coming from those local basins and tidal tributaries," she said.

Even before any discharges started from Lake Okeechobee, the estuary had already been completely overloaded with freshwater, she said.

"Now the lake is contributing to continuing those low salinity levels," she said.

On the Caloosahatchee side, about 50 percent of the freshwater flow going to the estuary is coming from Lake Okeechobee. She said the dark water plume seen on the Gulf Coast has to do with the tannin that is in the water from the Caloosahatchee.

"You can have algae that exists throughout the system that is not toxic," said Ms. Bates.

She said toxins have been detected in two samples but that, at such low levels, it is barely detectable. According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, toxin levels have been less than 1 part per billion. The World Health Organization considers levels under 10 ppb to be safe.

She said satellite imagery shows very little algae in Lake Okeechobee. Algae is buoyant and moves with the wind, she explained. So you might see it one day and it is gone the next.

Board member Brandon Tucker, who represents St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, said he knows that in certain areas of central Martin County, runoff into the C-44 Canal was inundated with 2 feet of fresh-

water in May.

"The issues that we are seeing right now that are being talked about with any algae signatures on the South Fork of the St. Lucie, I would assume that is from local basin rain runoff," he said.

"This is not a Lake Okeechobee issue," said Mr. Tucker. "This is a local basin runoff issue."

He said they need to do more with Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wells to slow local basin runoff into the St. Lucie. They also need to deal with the pollution from septic tanks in that basin to reduce the nutrient pollution to those waterways, he added.

"We need to be doing everything we can do in our local communities to deal with low-hanging fruit," he explained.

"If the EAA (Everglades Agricultural Area) reservoir were built and working today, it would have had no effect on what we saw in the St. Lucie basin," he said.

"We need solutions now, in the Caloosahatchee, in the St. Lucie, to deal with these big rain events."

FDEP, SFWMD, NASA watch for algae blooms to check for toxin levels

Report algal blooms by calling 855-305-3903

By **Katrina Elsken**
INI Florida

Images on the news of green water and coastlines choked with a thick green sludge are misleading, according to a South Florida Water Management District briefing on June 8. The images are from 2016 when a massive harmful algae bloom plagued the Treasure Coast. Scientists theorize the 2016 bloom was seeded by releases of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee and fed by high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the coastal basins.

That is not the situation today, said Terrie Bates, South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Division director.

SFWMD and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regularly monitor area waterways for signs of algal blooms. NASA monitors conditions via satellite. In addition to the regular sampling and monitoring conducted by government agencies, members of the public are encouraged to report algal blooms when they see them.

It's not unusual, however, for a bloom to be reported and then disappear before it can be sampled. Algae floats and is pushed around by the wind and by moving water.

In the past two months, there have been three reports of algae sighted on or near Lake Okeechobee.

• On May 9, algae was reported at the Pahokee marina. FDEP took samples. No dominant species was detected. No toxins were detected.

• On June 4, a fragmented surface algal bloom was reported on Lake Okeechobee blown against the S-352 structure in Palm Beach County. A dominant strain was not detected. The toxin level was so low as to be barely detectable at 0.37 parts per billion. The World Health Association considers levels of less than 10 ppb to be safe for recreational uses.

• On June 4, a small surface bloom was reported near Port Mayaca. FDEP took samples. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was the dominant strain. Toxin levels were 0.63 ppb.

• On June 18, Florida Department of Environmental Protection investigated reports of an algal bloom on Lake Okeechobee on the Palm Beach County side of the lake.

FDEP staff reported a dense surface film, about 1,000 square feet in size, wind-blown against the water control structure at Canal Point.

Algae is part of the natural ecosystem of the Big Lake, just as it is found in all freshwater. The combination of high nutrient levels and summer heat can cause the algae to bloom. Blooms are normal on the lake in the summer, but certain conditions may cause the algae to release toxins. Not all types of algae release toxins, and algae that can release toxins does not always do so. When a bloom is reported, FDEP takes samples to determine the type of algae in the bloom and to measure toxin levels, if any.

According to the FDEP, cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, are a group of organisms that can live in freshwater, saltwater or mixed (brackish) water. These kinds of organisms are naturally occurring in Florida's environment and are

also found all over the world. They are part of a healthy ecosystem and help support a wide variety of aquatic life.

When conditions are right, such as warm water and increased nutrients, these organisms can increase in numbers and accumulate in some areas of a water body. These blooms can sometimes be pushed near the shore by winds, waves, tides and currents. When this happens, people have a greater chance of contacting the blooms.

Not all algae produce toxins, and even if a species of algae is capable of producing toxins, it does not always do so. Many factors are involved in the creation of a harmful algal bloom, or HAB.

However, since you can't tell whether toxins are present by looking at the algae, FDEP advises residents and visitors to take

some common-sense precautions around algal blooms:

- Do not swim in areas where an algal bloom is visible.
- If you come into contact with an algal bloom, wash with soap and water.
- Do not eat fish harvested from areas in an algal bloom.
- Untreated water from the bloom area should not be used for irrigation where people will come in contact with it.
- Report all algal blooms. Call 855-305-3903 or go online to floridadep.gov and use the online form. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection investigates reports of algal blooms, and takes samples of algae found. Scientists need this data to determine the type of algal blooms and toxicity levels (if any).

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Clewiston at City Hall, Attention: 2018 Sidewalk Improvement Project, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 until Wednesday July 11, 2017, 2:00 p.m. The Bids will be opened immediately following the bid submittal deadline at City Hall.

The project is titled 2018 Sidewalk Improvement Project. The work consists of installing approximately 440 linear feet of five-foot (5') wide, six-inch (6") thick concrete sidewalk with crosswalk signage and striping, and other associated work.

All materials furnished and all work performed, shall be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents pertaining thereto, which may be examined at the office of Johnson-Prewitt & Associates, Inc., 850 West Ventura Avenue, Post Office Box 1029, Clewiston, Florida 33440. The documents, plans, and blank bid forms may be obtained from this office for a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$20.00 per set.

A certified check or cashier's check on a National or State Bank or a bid bond in a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Clewiston, shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that the bidder will not withdraw from the competition after opening of the bids, and in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will enter into contract and furnish the required performance and payment bonds, failing which, he shall forfeit the bid deposit as liquidated damages. The performance and payment bonds shall be executed by a fully authorized surety, acceptable to the owner and licensed by the State of Florida.

The owner reserves the right to hold all bids for thirty (30) days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid in its judgment that serves the owner.

Al Perry, City Manager
City of Clewiston, Florida

269749 CN 6/21/2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of Landowners of Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District, for the year 2017 will be held at the office of Hilliard Brothers of Florida, Ltd., 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., 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.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he 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.

Board of Supervisors
Hendry-Hilliard Water Control District

By: Joe Marlin Hilliard II
President
269687 CN 6/21/2018

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice I hereby given that in accordance with chapter 77-562 Florida Acts of 1977, The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District has caused to be prepared a budget of the cost of maintaining and operating all of the work and improvements of the District for the period beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, and that said budget is on file in the office of the district, 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, Florida.

The Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District will meet in the office of the District on June 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to said budget.

Additionally, this notice advises that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Flaghole Drainage District Board of Supervisors, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, he 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 based.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BRYAN HILLIARD
PRESIDENT
269741 CN 6/21/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hidpochee 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. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Building, Licensing, & Code Enforcement at (863) 675-5245; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail mwilliams@hendryfla.net. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

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Richard Yoraschek, Chairman
Hendry County Construction Licensing Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JUNE 26, 2018 AT 9:45 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BRYAN HILLIARD
SUPERVISOR
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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Public Notice

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000017

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2, Plaintiff,

v.
DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAYID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C. LEE; CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A.; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 22, 2018 entered in Case No. 2015-CA-000017, Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AHL2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL2 is the Plaintiff; and DILLANA RANDANT; JAMES DAYID RANDANT; RONALD LEWIS LEE; SHARON C. LEE; CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A.; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION are the Defendants; Sandra Brown, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on the Courthouse steps at 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2018, the following described real property, situate and being in Glades County, Florida to-wit:

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Said sale will be made pursuant to and in order to satisfy the terms of said Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

DATED: this 24th day of May, 2018.

Sandra Brown, As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tami Simmons, Deputy Clerk
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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 18-CA-347

TAMMIE GARZA
Plaintiff,

vs.
PEDRO MURILLO MARTINEZ,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE/PROPERTY

TO: Pedro Murillo Martinez
Current address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following property in Lee County, Florida:

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jacqueline J. Peregrin, Esq., of Peregrin Law Firm, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1, Naples, Florida 34109, on or before July 20, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED on June 14, 2018.

Clerk of the Court
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HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION
NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING CHANGE

THE HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION BOARD WILL HENCEFORTH CONDUCT ITS REGULAR RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. AND ARE HELD AT THE HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION OFFICE, 310 COWBOY WAY, LABELLE, FLORIDA. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that the application(s) for permit described below has been received for project(s) in Okeechobee County. The application(s) and future additional application documents can be obtained by any of the following methods: 1) Accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and clicking on Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page; 2) Submitting a written request to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; or 3) Submitting an electronic request at permits@sfwmd.gov.

Okeechobee Land Turf LLC (Okeeland Turf) PO Box 833143, Miami, FL 33283, has submitted Application 180514-1 for modification of Water Use Permit 47-01094-W to irrigate 271.69 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer System and the project is located in Sections 32,33, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.
269368 CN 6/20/2018

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Devils Gardens Drainage Association LLC (Devils Garden Drainage Association) 2725 Hanson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33902, has submitted Application 180601-12 for modification of Water Use Permit 26-00143-W to irrigate 899 acres of livestock lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Sections 1-3,10-12,22-27,34-36, Township 46 South, Range 33 East.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, 10:15 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BRYAN HILLIARD
SUPERVISOR
SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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Public Notice

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PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS INFORMATION

The purpose of this notice is to let you know that information about potential chemical hazards that exist in your community is available for your review at the office of Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, which serves the residents of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Hendry, and Glades counties. The information includes:

- * The Southwest Florida LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan,
- * Safety Data Sheets,
- * Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier Two) Forms,
- * Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Forms,
- * Emergency Release Follow-up Reports,
- * Hazards Analyses for Section 302 Facilities, and
- * Other related information.

To review this information, please contact the LEPC Coordinator at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1400 Colonial Blvd., Suite 1, Ft. Myers, FL 33907 at 239-938-1813, or visit www.sfwlpc.org/lepc. This notice is published pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) (42 USC § 11044).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, 9:15 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD II
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Take a hunter safety class

By Tony Young
FWC

"Hunting teaches patience while fostering one of the closest relationships we can have with the natural world around us," said University of Florida rising sophomore Hanna Hodges. "Hunting also contributes to conservation."

Miss Hodges loves hunting for deer and turkeys with her family and boyfriend, and enjoys introducing new people to hunting and taking youth on their first hunting trips. However, that hasn't always been the case for her.

As a young girl growing up in a family that enjoys the outdoors, Miss Hodges spent many weekends fishing, boating, kayaking and hiking. But, she admits she was intimidated by some of the elements of hunting, and credits her father and the hunter safety class she took at age 10 for giving her knowledge and confidence to safely develop what became her greatest passion.

"My dad first introduced me to target shooting and hunting — he was a great coach," she said. "He actually introduced my mom and brothers, too — and now hunting is a family affair."

Miss Hodges' father signed her up for a weeklong Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) hunter safety camp at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center during the summer before her sixth-grade year.

"It was a great experience attending the hunter safety summer camp at Beau Turner," she said. "I made numerous friends there and loved it so much that I volunteered there for several years."

Growing up in a hunting family and attending hunter safety camp had such an effect on Miss Hodges that she is now majoring in wildlife ecology and conservation and hopes one day to work in a field that blends hunting and conservation. And for this summer, she is proud to announce she will be a hunt camp counselor at the place where it all got started for her — the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.

For more information on the center, which is east of Tallahassee, or to register your child for summer camp, go to BTYCC.org.

If you haven't completed the state's hunter safety course requirement, now's a good time to sign up. Many of these classes, offered statewide, fill up fast.

People born after May 31, 1975, must complete the FWC's hunter safety class before they can buy the type of hunting license that allows them to legally hunt alone.

If you're a youngster and already into hunting, I suggest you go ahead and take a hunter safety class before you turn 16. And you can purchase your very first hunting license that's good until your 17th birthday.

Even if you were born before June 1, 1975, and are exempt from having to take the class, it's still a good idea because you'll learn so much. The FWC encourages beginning hunters to do so. Even the most experienced hunters will learn something new, which will help them become even better hunters or mentors.

If you're new to our state, these classes will make you aware of Florida's hunting

laws. Or if you just relocated from another town, the classes are a great way to meet other hunters. You can make some new hunting buddies or maybe even get a line on a great hunt club that's looking for new members.

You can register for a hunter safety class by going to MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by contacting your nearest FWC regional office.

In Florida, virtual schooling also an option

Florida also offers a virtual school outdoor education course. This course, which combines hunting and boating safety, is free and open to Florida residents ages 12 to 18.

Participants will develop outdoor skills and learn about the benefits of physical activity while using proper safety procedures to experience a range of outdoor activities.

By meeting all the requirements of the outdoor education course, students will receive their Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and be eligible to obtain a Florida Hunter Safety Certificate. They'll also earn half a credit for high school and meet public school requirements for taking an online course and a physical education course.

Registrations for these instructor-led courses are limited. Those who are interested can find out more at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Online training and skills day

A popular option for completing the hunter safety training is to take online training and a skills day. The online course is designed to help new hunters of all ages learn how to be safe and responsible hunters.

Before you begin the online training, you'll need to register to attend a skills day. Skills days are led by a corps of volunteer hunter safety instructors who give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills you learned in the online course. Skills day takes about five hours to complete and includes time on the shooting range.

During skills days, you get hands-on training and must demonstrate proper firearm and tree-stand safety.

In the last hour of the skills day, you'll be given a standardized test of multiple-choice questions. You need to score 80 percent or higher to successfully complete the course.

The last steps

After you pass the test for either course, you'll be given a temporary hunter safety card. You'll receive a permanent card in the mail about four to six weeks after the class. Once the hunter safety requirement is met, you can purchase your first Florida hunting license and be ready for opening day.

Just a couple of things for parents to remember: The course is designed for youth ages 12 to 16. If your child is younger than 18 years old, you must fill out our parental release form and present it to the instructor at all courses. Also, if your child is younger than 16, you are required to accompany him or her to all classes.

Register to take a hunter safety class today, 'cause the 2018-19 hunting season will be here before we know it. Remember, safe hunting is no accident.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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The Glades County SWAT Chapter is looking for more dedicated YOUTH to rise up and help stop the tobacco industry from callously taking our money and lives year after year. SWAT is committed to developing leadership skills in youth through training in tobacco issues, media literacy, community mobilization, policy process, presentation skills, evaluations skills, etc.

The Glades County SWAT Chapter has school-based SWAT clubs at Moore Haven Middle High School and West Glades School. For more information call (863) 265-6040; meetings are being held throughout the summer. Stand Up. Speak Out.

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