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Lake Levels

14.10 feet

Last Year: 12.04 feet

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



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Guardians ad Litem 'speak for the child'

By Matteo Tullio
The Sun

The State of Florida Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program is a network of professional staff and community advocates, partnering to provide a strong voice in court and positive systemic change on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children. There are currently GAL Programs in all 20 judicial circuits in Florida.

The program's mission is simple and clear,

"I am for the Child." The vision statement from the program to accomplish their mission reads, "The Florida Guardian ad Litem Program will continue to be a powerful and effective voice advocating for the best interests of Florida's abused, abandoned and neglected children and be recognized and respected as a partnership of community advocates and professional staff. To the fullest extent possible, this vision will be realized through volunteers who will advocate as Guardians ad Litem for the children they serve."

According to the GAL Program 2018 Annual Report, when a child is abused, abandoned or neglected and cannot remain at home in a healthy, safe environment, he or she is removed and a court case begins. The GAL Program is appointed by the judge to represent the child's best interest and is the only party in the case that focuses exclusively on the child.

Florida's GAL Program represents the best interests of children alleged to be abused,

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The Sun/Katrina Elsen

Dike repairs continue

Col. Jason Kirk of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District visited the Herbert Hoover Dike between Clewiston and South Bay on June 21 to assure residents that rehabilitation work on the dike is continuing. At left is Mali Gardner, mayor of Clewiston. At right is Janet Taylor of Guardians of the Glades. For the story, see Page 8.

Fire in Pahokee home displaces four residents

By Chris Felker
The Sun

PAHOKEE — A house fire on Wednesday, June 20, displaced four people living in the 200 block of South Lake Avenue in Pahokee, according to the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department.

Firefighters were dispatched around 4:45 p.m. Wednesday to the residence, finding the source of the blaze in a laundry room and rapidly putting it out, Fire Rescue Captain Albert Borroto said. The cause of the fire was being investigated, and authorities asked the Red Cross's local chapter to step in and help the residents find interim lodging.

The Greater Palm Beach & Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross reported that it sent a team of three volunteers to assist in coordinating emergency help for the group of four adults who were dislodged from their home. Those Red Cross workers, members of the chapter's Disaster Action Team, were assessing their immediate needs for food and clothing, in addition to a place to stay.

The Red Cross response was made possible by public donations to the organization. Visit redcross.org to contribute, learn more about protecting residences from fire or apply to join the Red Cross volunteer corps.

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Algal blooms reported throughout the area

By Katrina Elskan
INI Florida

Heavy rainfall in May and June followed by hot summer weather has led to increased reports of algal blooms and cyanobacteria blooms in South Florida.

A combination of hot weather, low salinity, nitrogen and phosphorus can cause algae and cyanobacteria to grow rapidly; this is called a "bloom." Laboratory tests are required to determine what types of algae or cyanobacteria are in a "bloom."

Some — not all — species of cyanobacteria produce toxins under certain conditions. Species that can produce toxins do not always do so.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is monitoring what is believed to be a massive cyanobacteria bloom on Lake Okeechobee.

According to oceanographer Michelle Tomlinson of the NOAA National Ocean Service, they have been monitoring satellite photos of the lake since the start of June.

Ms. Tomlinson shared the following information about the images:

- A series of satellite images acquired on June 12, 20, 21, and 24 show the progression of a cyanobacterial bloom in Lake Okeechobee.

- On June 12, about 3 percent of lake area was covered by cyanobacteria blooms. Most of the blooms appeared along about a mile off the eastern shore.

- On the June 20 image, the bloom was observed to be covering about 49 percent of the lake surface area, mostly in the southwestern quadrant of the lake with some bloom accumulation along the northwestern shore.

- There was a decrease in bloom areal extent on June 21 of about 22 percent, where the bloom was observed along the eastern part of the lake. The decrease was likely due to wind mixing cyanobacteria cells down into the water column and not the disappearance of the bloom. These cells float back to the surface when winds subside.

- The latest image from June 24 shows the maximum cyanobacterial bloom extent observed in the month of June so far.

- The bloom was observed to be covering almost the entire lake area, excluding a narrow stretch along and about 6 miles off the eastern shoreline. Pronounced bloom accumulation was observed along the eastern shoreline.

"The algorithm we developed for the imagery is showing cyanobacteria blooms," Ms. Tomlinson explained. "So it is separating out the cyanobacteria from any other back-

ground algae in the lake. There may be some non-harmful phytoplankton mixed in there, but what you are seeing is the concentration of the cyanobacteria."

According to Dee Ann Miller of the Florida Department of Health: "Some — not all — blue-green algae can produce toxins that can contribute to environmental problems and affect public health. Little is known about exactly what environmental conditions trigger toxin production. Over time, these toxins are diluted and eventually break down and disappear. Persistent blooms are routinely monitored and retested. Because you cannot tell if algae is producing toxins by looking at it, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) coordinates with the water management districts and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to routinely sample observed and reported algal blooms and test for algal identification and toxin levels."

Results posted by FDEP as of June 26 found no toxins in the samples collected in Lake Okeechobee since June 6. Earlier this month, very low levels of toxins of less than 1 microgram per liter were reported in samples from small blooms just off Lake Okeechobee's east shore. The World Health Organization considers levels under 10 micrograms per liter as safe for recreational contact.

Samples were collected from various areas around the lake on Monday. Testing takes about four days.

NOAA is also tracking algae blooms in other areas of the country, such as Lake Erie and the Gulf of Maine.

On June 18, an algal bloom was reported on the Calooshattee River near the LaBelle bridge. According to the FDEP tests, the bloom was mixed algae (not cyanobacteria) with no dominant species in the sample. No toxins were detected.

The most recent sample of algae near the St. Lucie Lock on June 21 found the dominant species was microcystin aeruginosa (a form of cyanobacteria). No toxins were detected. A sample taken June 19 at Port Mayaca found the same type of cyanobacteria. No toxins were detected.

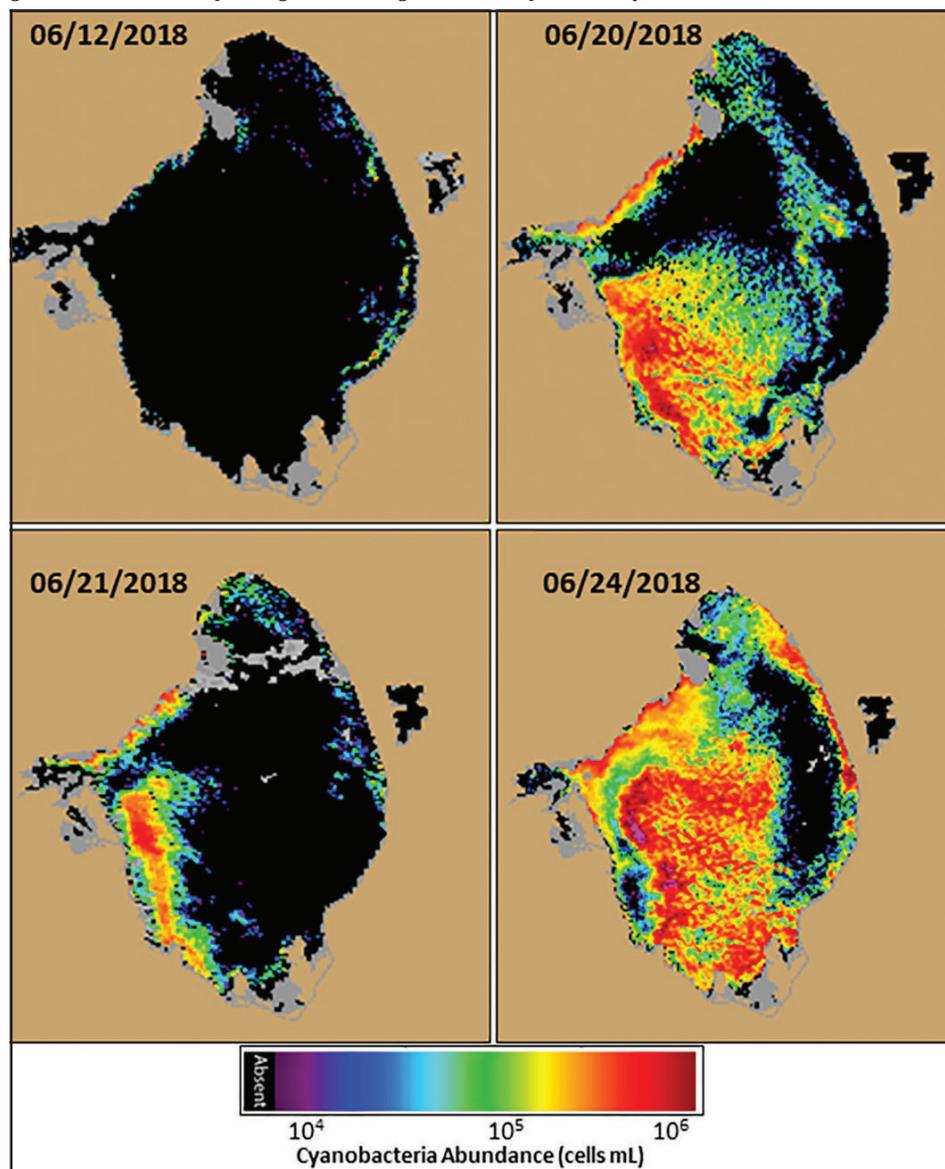
A number of algal blooms were reported on Lake Okeechobee and connecting waterways on June 25. It takes four days to get test results, so the type of algae or cyanobacteria is not yet known.

FDEP investigated an algal bloom June 25 at the Ortona Lock. Dense mats of algae were observed at the surface along the canal bank. Algae was visible across the entire canal.

FDEP also investigated an algal bloom June 25 at the Alva Bridge. They found some surface algae which was sampled. They also collected samples at the Franklin Locks and the 41 bridge.

NOTE: Cyanobacteria, commonly referred to as "blue-green algae" is not actually algae. Algal blooms and cyanobacterial blooms look alike; it takes a microscope to tell the difference. Cyanobacteria are prokaryotic organisms (a microscopic single-celled organism

that has neither a distinct nucleus with a membrane nor other specialized organelles) where as green algae are eukaryotic organisms (an organism consisting of a cell or cells in which the genetic material is DNA in the form of chromosomes contained within a distinct nucleus.) According to the Environmental Protection Agency, both algae and cyanobacteria occur naturally in freshwater worldwide. There are thousands of species of algae and thousands of species of cyanobacteria.



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PBC Board of County Commissioners briefs

Special to The Sun

At the June 19 Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

- Property appraiser — received a presentation from Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks on property values in Palm Beach County.
- Surplus property — approved the conveyance of the county's interest in three small parcels of surplus property with reservation of mineral and petroleum rights, but without rights of entry and exploration: 0.13 acre in Pahokee to Larance Ford for \$861.43; 0.14 acre on Edham Drive in West Palm Beach to Tiger Real Estate Development LLC for \$5,000; and 0.21 acre improved with a 1,232-square-foot manufactured home to the city of Belle Glade.
- Roads — approved on preliminary reading, and to advertise for a public hearing on July 10, midyear modifications to the county's five-year road program.
- Fire Rescue — adopted an ordinance authorizing the levying and collection of a

special assessment for charges billed to the county by the City of Riviera Beach for maintenance of fire hydrants located in unincorporated areas of the city.

- Palm Tran — approved the filing of a fiscal year 2017 grant application with the Federal Transit Administration for capital funds in the amount of \$16.158 million. This is a cost-reimbursable agreement with an anticipated start date of Oct. 1, 2017, and an anticipated end date of April 10, 2022. An upward budget amendment of \$519,364 was approved to reconcile the adopted budget to the grant award.
- Financially Assisted Agencies — approved fiscal 2019 funding allocations of \$1.615 million for the Domestic Abuse/Sheltering and Homelessness service category and \$11.255 million for the Behavioral Health and Special Needs/Developmental Disability, Economic Stability/Poverty, Senior Services, and non-competitive service categories under the Financially Assisted Agencies Program.
- Service Awards — recognized and congratulated 216 county employees for their

long-term service to the county. Honorees included County Administrator Verdenia Baker, 30 years, and Palm Tran bus operator Thomas Romano, 40 years.

Belle Glade Library Happenings

Special to The Sun

- Baby Play Date will be held on Mondays at 10 a.m. Features toys, baby board books, puppets, rhymes and songs. Ages 3-12 months. (30 minutes)
 - Outdoor painting: stencil art: Use stencils, crayons and paint to create one-of-a-kind artwork on Thursday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. Dress to get messy. All ages. (60 minutes)
 - Summerise: Bring a mat or towel to practice some poses with your child as "Good Morning Yoga: A Pose-By-Pose Wake up Story," by Mariam Gates is read on Saturday, June 30, at 10:15 a.m. Ages 3-6. (45 minutes)
 - Who's that Pokemon? Bring your DS or Pokemon cards and get ready to battle, trade and make new friends on Saturday, June 30 at 1 p.m.. Snacks provided. All ages. (60 minutes)
 - Happy Birthday America: Celebrate Independence Day with stories, music and patriotic crafts on Monday, July 2 at 2 p.m. All ages. (60 minutes)
 - My Library. My Life! Teen Roundtable will be held on Monday, July 2 at 5 p.m. to share your ideas for activities you want to see happen at the library. Teens will enjoy playing games and snacks, while earning community service hours! Grades 5-12. Preregister. (60 minutes)
 - LEGO Bricks: Build, imagine and play with the library's LEGO bricks on Thursday, July 5, at 2 p.m. Ages 5-12. (45 minutes)
- The Belle Glade Branch Library is located at 725 NW 4th St. in Belle Glade. For information, call 561-996-3453.

Water disinfection process begins July 8

Special to The Sun

In order to maintain compliance with regulatory water quality requirements in the water distribution system, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) will temporarily modify its water disinfection process between Sunday, July 8, and Sunday, July 29.

The modification will entail the use of free chlorine as opposed to chloramine during the three-week period.

Periodic modifications to the water disinfection process are standard practice and recommended by the Palm Beach County Health Department as a precautionary measure to maintain high water quality in the county's water distribution system.

Customers served by PBCWUD may notice a slight chlorine taste and odor during this period. These conditions are temporary and will not cause any adverse health effects.

Those who are especially sensitive to the

taste or odor of chlorine can keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerators for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice, as the method of removing free chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals.

Anyone needing more information on this temporary change in the water disinfection process is advised to call PBCWUD at 561-740-4600, option #1.

To find the most up-to-date information concerning the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department water distribution and wastewater collection systems, follow the department on Facebook and Twitter @PBCWUD.

Sun Spots

GTAC to meet in South Bay

The public is invited to a GTAC meeting to be held at the South Bay City Hall, 335 S.W. Second Ave. in South Bay, on Thursday, June 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Carlos Serrano, director of strategic planning and operations for Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability (DES) will be the guest speaker. For information, call 561-233-5303.

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.

Church to celebrate

Pastor Willie C. Williams and the New Birth Deliverance Baptist Church, 1650 South Main St. in Belle Glade, invites the public to celebrate their 18th pastoral and church anniversary in the Glades on Sunday, July 1, at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Leslie Camel of Moore Haven.

Fourth of July celebration

Join the City of Belle Glade and the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce for a Fourth of July Celebration at Torry Island, 5000 W. Canal St. North in Belle Glade, on Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 4 p.m. with food, fun, music by The Clique at 7:30 p.m., and a fireworks show beginning at dusk.

Pahokee fireworks set July 4

The public is invited to a fireworks show in Pahokee on Wednesday, July 4, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Pahokee Marina and Campground, 190 N. Lake Ave. in Pahokee. For information, visit www.cityofpahokee.com

DIY workshop scheduled

The Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller's Office will present a workshop on the topic of sealing or expunging a criminal record on Thursday, July 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the West County Courthouse, Conference Room C-121, 2950 State Road 15 in Belle Glade. The event is part of a series of "Do-It-Yourself in Court" workshops offered each month by the Self Service Center of the clerk and comptroller. Register at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/workshops

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abandoned or neglected who are involved in court proceedings. This means advocacy for things the law says the child is entitled to, such as a permanent home within a year, and working to ensure child-centered decisions are made by having a thorough understanding of the facts and the child. GALs visit children regularly to understand their circumstances, wishes and needs, and to explain the process in a way they can understand. GALs give children a voice and help them find their own.

The GAL Program uses a team approach to represent children using GAL volunteers, child advocate managers and best-interests attorneys. GAL volunteers bring a community-based, common sense approach to children's cases. They are supervised and supported by child advocate managers who help them navigate the complex dependency system. Best-interests attorneys provide essential legal counsel, attend hearings and depositions, negotiate outside of the courtroom and take on appeals. The unique perspective and expertise of each team member complements the others and all are critical in advocating for the best interests of children.

GAL volunteers are the eyes and the ears of the court providing firsthand accounts of the child's situation at critical points in the case through reports to the judge. The GAL gives the child a voice and helps the child find his or her own voice unlike other dependency stakeholders with caseloads of many children – the GAL volunteer serves two children at a time on average. This enables GAL volunteers to get to know their children, visit their homes and schools, and develop a relationship with each child. Having a firsthand understanding of the child enhances the GAL team's advocacy because the case can be seen from the child's perspective and advocacy built around the child's unique needs. The GAL Program has over 170 lawyers representing children's best interests. Legal advocacy of the best interests of children must be well-informed, proactive and tailored to the unique needs of each child. GAL best-interests attorneys advocate for things like expedited permanency, compliance with statutory time frames, stability in placements and schools, appropriate healthcare, including mental health treatment, visitation, involving children in court hearings when it is in their best interests, and normalcy activities.

The GAL Program's Appellate Team litigates in all of Florida's appellate courts. The GAL Program uses appellate advocacy to make systemic changes for children's best interests. The GAL appellate team has coordinated litigation to make case law more child-centered in the area of adoption intervention and in the constitutional analysis of least restrictive means. The decisions of the appellate courts affect all children, and the GAL Program ensures children's legal interests are at the forefront in appeals, appearing in over 580 appellate cases in 2017.

The GAL Program advocates for systemic improvements for the thousands of children it represents by championing legislation that furthers children's best interests. The GAL Program worked with legislators to pass laws allowing children to use facil-

ity and therapy dogs in dependency court, to give foster and adoptive parents free access to state parks, and to make permanent the Keys to Independence Program, which helps kids in out-of-home care get driver licenses. In 2018, the GAL Program is advocating to improve the quality of representation in dependency court and to expedite permanency for children through bills to streamline the identification of legal fathers and more meaningfully engage incarcerated parents in case plans. In 2017, the GAL Program expanded pro bono opportunities in its "Defending Best Interests" initiative. Attorneys volunteer to write the legal argument in a child's case on appeal with support from the GAL Program. The initiative has received enthusiastic support, especially from the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar. Attorneys help children reach permanency by defending judicial determinations of best interests, children benefit from advocacy by some of Florida's top lawyers, and the state saves money.

Section 39.01305 authorizes appointment of attorneys for certain children with special needs, such as a developmental disabilities diagnosis. The GAL Program must attempt to find attorneys to serve pro bono, and if a volunteer attorney cannot be found, an attorney from a registry is appointed. The GAL Program is working to improve the number and quality of attorneys representing children. The GAL Program provides training opportunities to registry attorneys, including providing scholarships to an annual conference focused on topics unique to these children. The GAL Program is also working to remove barriers for pro bono attorneys to serve through legislation that will enable volunteer attorneys to have due process costs paid by the state. The GAL Program is also collaborating with The Florida Bar Foundation using its Pro Bono Matters website to more effectively identify pro bono attorneys who are interested in representing children with special needs.

The GAL Program is fortunate to be supported by a not-for-profit organization in each of the 20 judicial circuits. These organizations provide critical support to a wide range of GAL Program initiatives, such as volunteer appreciation events, securing grants and even employing staff. They also give invaluable assistance to the children represented by the GAL Program from sports equipment to clothing, and even paying for services such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) when a provider cannot or will not pay.

Speak Up for Kids is the non-profit organization for the 15th Judicial Circuit whose sole purpose is to support the GAL program in Palm Beach County by funding projects and needs that are not supported through other sources. Their website states that in Palm Beach County there are nearly 1,400 children involved in dependency court proceedings and that there are nearly 300 children every year that require the voice of a GAL volunteer to speak for the child's best interest. If you wish to donate or make contact with the organization, their office is located at 205 North Dixie Highway, Suite, 2.2100, West Palm Beach FL 33401, and can also be contacted via telephone 561-408-7779 or email at info@speakupforkidspsc.org. Speak Up for Kids is currently looking for individuals to RSVP for Tuesday April 17, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza off State Road 7 in Wellington who will be donating back 20% to the organization.

2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

PWS# 5260262

South Shore Water Association/City of Clewiston

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre agua de beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

This report is provided pursuant to Federal and State drinking water requirements. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

Your water source is City of Clewiston Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, which officially went on-line January 08, 2008. The plant draws ground water from the Floridan Aquifer. Water from this aquifer is of high quality and less vulnerable to pollutants which could be caused by runoff or surface water. This brackish water is drawn from (4) wells which are 1200 feet deep. The water is pumped to the treatment plant which is passed through micron filters, then to the Reverse Osmosis membrane process which removes any contaminants, minerals and salts in the water to produce high quality drinking water which exceeds water quality standards. After the RO process, the water is disinfected and fluoride is added to the drinking water to enhance dental health for the community, then pumped to a 1.5 million gallon storage tank and finally distributed to the customers.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, or want to obtain a copy of this report, please contact the office at (863)983-2323. We value our customers and want them to be informed about their water.

South Shore Water Association routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. Data obtained before January 1, 2017, and presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In this table you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- **Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

WATER QUALITY TESTING RESULTS

Radiological Contaminants-City of Clewiston							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radium 226 (pCi/L)	May 2017	N	0.06	N/A	5	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminates-City of Clewiston							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	Mar 2017	N	0.0000252	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Mar 2017	N	0.523	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories; water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	Mar 2017	N	0.0870	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Mar 2017	N	70.0	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil
Selenium (ppb)	Mar 2017	N	.000209	N/A	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products-South Shore Water Association							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDL G	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines (ppm)	Monthly/2017	N	1.56	0.78-1.76	MRDLG = 4.0	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)-South Shores Water Association							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of samples (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	August 2017	N	0.072	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	August 2017	N	7.4	1	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp or they can be obtained from City of Clewiston Utilities, 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

• **Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG**: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

• **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)** - one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

• **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - measure of radioactivity in water

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In 2017 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There is one (1) potential source of contamination identified for this system with a Low (8.33) susceptibility level. The



Reflections from the Pulpit

Independence Day: worth celebrating and why

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

Independence Day, July 4, is a great national holiday. We celebrate going from a collection of colonies that were brought forth out of a rugged wilderness into a democracy never before known in the world and a world power to provide leadership, support and protection among other nations. What has been accomplished in this country in two hundred and fifty years has truly been remarkable and has made us the choice of millions who want to come here to live. We have been blessed and should take this day of celebration to express our gratitude to all who have made our life here possible. In spite of all of our disagreements and factions, our internal struggles and calls for improvements, the reasons to celebrate overshadow and should make us thankful.

Our founders credited God for His guidance and provision of the leadership that has led us to our being that great nation.

Every now and again I see news that highlights actions or groups that point out that we're less than perfect, or that society is still in need of change for the better. I think

that at least in part, they're reminders that we're still growing and still have things to accomplish; but I don't want to lose sight of how far we've come and our cause to celebrate "Independence Day" and all that it means. When some of our Pilgrim ancestors first arrived here; they stopped to give thanks to God for their safe arrival and the opportunities before them. God's place in their lives was a part of what carried them on and laid the foundations for what we have today. I find that scriptures talk about our relation with God and not only as individuals but His collective people across the ages. The first Epistle of Peter calls us to "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil, but live as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor (1 Peter 2:13-17)." That's quite an admonition, but deserves our attention.

The call to be "subject to every human institution" and referring to our leadership sounds a bit absolute; but it doesn't deny freedom of expression and our right to be

heard. The passages suggest that leadership is called to keep order in our society, for without an orderly society we will cease to exist. Anarchy is never an answer; and there must be provision for people to be heard. The idea that the best thoughts and directions will come from the populace is noted; the best will rise and by force of what they offer for the good of all, those with lesser ideas ("the ignorance of foolish men") will give way to the best interests of all. I doubt that "ignorance of foolish men" means only something in a negative sense; rather feel that it has to do with their just not knowing and being unaware.

Sometimes people that propose things that are in their selfish interests or self-serving; such directions are not in the interests of all, or the interests of being a democracy.

We are to live as free men but our liberty is not to be used for purposes other than for the benefit of all and for God's intentions for us (i.e. as a "pretext for evil" as Peter puts it.) Honor all men; respect one another even when we may not agree and treat everyone as worthy of being heard, respected and having rights.

Love the brotherhood; love the family that makes up the being of our nation. Fear God; have a deep respect for God and what He has given us and how we've been blessed by Him. Honor the emperor: show

respect even if we may disagree, acknowledge their places of leadership and do our part to contribute to the greater good.

When I think of all that we have and all that we are, we are a blessed people. Even if not perfect, blessed still. We've come a long way toward being that great nation and our national holiday gives us a moment to reflect on how God has blessed us. My hope is that we will continue to build on the greatest of foundations in the world and work to bring in that Kingdom of Heaven that is to come at the end of time.

We have so much to be thankful for; our calendar gives us the opportunity on Independence Day. May we all give thanks and celebrate God's gifts to us all.

Obituaries

Dorothy Jane Leyva, 76

CLEWISTON — Dorothy Jane Leyva passed away June 24, 2018 while a patient with Trustbridge Hospice.

Dorothy was born Nov. 20, 1941, in Greenwood, Miss., to Jesse and Dorothy (McCain) Flowers. She married Jose Ramon Leyva; he preceded her in death on 2011. Dorothy worked as a beautician for a few years and then as a chemist for United States Sugar Corporation.

Survivors include one son, Michael (Jacqueline) Leyva of Orlando; and one daughter, Julia Leyva of Fayetteville, N.C.; grandson, Joseph Leyva of Orlando.

Celebration of her life will be Friday, June 29, 2018, burial will be in Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 10 a.m. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday also at the funeral home.

Celebration of life arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Marlene Summerall Grillo, 77

LABELLE — Marlene Summerall Grillo passed away June 23, 2018 in LaBelle.

She was born April 18, 1941 in Tampa, to the late Clyde and the late Edith Marie (Thompson) Summerall, Sr.

Survivors include her children, Debbie (Cary) Grillo Haerlin, Terri (Mike) Grillo-Cross, Tony (Lori) Grillo, Cathy (Steve) Grillo and Lonnie (Donnie) Gore; step-sons, Frank Grillo and John Grillo and families; sister, Joyce Boatright; grandchildren, Tommy, Michael, Ben, Skeeter, Michele, Robert, Cassie, Dillon, Josh and Bruce; numerous great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Grillo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle. Pastor Bill Maddox officiated. Visitation was for 30 minutes before the funeral at Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle. Interment followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

New course requirements for airboat operators carrying passengers for hire

Special to INI Florida

At its June 19-20 meeting in Sarasota, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved new course requirements for airboat operators carrying passengers for hire. A tragic airboat accident in south Florida was the impetus behind House Bill 1211, known as "Ellie's Law," requiring all airboat operators carrying passengers for hire to complete an Airboat Operators Course.

FWC staff worked with the airboat education industry and stakeholders to gather public input and develop the rule, which details minimum course requirements for instructor qualifications, student requirements, airboat operators course requirements, basic course topics, proof of completion and refresher course requirements. The rule is supported by the airboat education industry, stakeholders and the public as indicated from three public meetings and meetings with the Florida Airboat Association.

"Public safety is important to the FWC, and with the Legislature's guidance, this new rule provides additional requirements for airboat operator courses which will improve safety measures for passengers

aboard an airboat for hire," said Commission Chairman Bo Rivard.

Implementation of the new rule will go into effect by July 1, 2019. The entire rule can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2MBC9nQ>.

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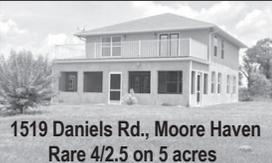
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Kitzerow to lead School District Police Department

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — Frank J. Kitzerow Jr., a veteran police officer who has led the Jupiter Police Department for nearly 13 years and whose distinguished career in law enforcement spans more than 35 years, has been selected to become the next police chief for the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC). Chief Kitzerow's appointment was pending approval by the School Board at its June 20 meeting.

During his tenure as chief of police for Jupiter, Chief Kitzerow helped improve collaboration and communication for law enforcement agencies throughout Palm Beach County. He championed a regional consortium of 25 law enforcement agencies, then shared information and intelligence and pushed for a regional emergency communications center that would improve responses between agencies during critical events.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Chief Kitzerow's breadth and depth of experience to lead our School District Police Department," said Dr. Donald E. Fennoy II, Palm Beach County schools superintendent. "Chief Kitzerow has built his career by working with multiple local, state and federal agencies, and that knowledge will only benefit our students, teachers and staff in Palm Beach County."

Prior to coming to Palm Beach County, Chief Kitzerow worked as a police chief and officer in Virginia, serving most of his career with the Fairfax County Police Department.

In his 25 years there, Chief Kitzerow established a Regional Intelligence Center in conjunction with the FBI to provide real-time information regarding terrorist threats after the Sept. 11 attacks; organized and commanded a multiagency task force to investigate and prosecute the Washington, D.C., beltway

sniper shootings; and directed criminal investigations related to major crimes, organized crimes and narcotics, and money laundering.

Chief Kitzerow also served as chief of the Portsmouth, Va., Police Department, before he was named police chief in Jupiter in 2005.

During his time in Palm Beach County, Chief Kitzerow has served in a number of leadership roles with law enforcement organizations throughout the state, including:

- Chairman of the board for the LEX Data Sharing Project, Palm Beach County;
- Executive board member for the Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force;
- Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Palm Beach County Regional Criminal Justice Academy;
- Executive board member for the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission;
- Past president of the Palm Beach County Police Chiefs Association; and

• Past chairman of the Palm Beach County Law Enforcement Planning Council.

Chief Kitzerow's work in the community has also earned recognition from many community organizations in the county, including:

- Heroes Award, ADL Florida, 2016
- El Sol Legacy Award, 2016
- ASIS Exemplary Leadership Award, 2014
- Town of Jupiter Team Achievement Award, 2012
- ASIS Palm Beach County Police Chief of the Year, 2011
- "Real Heroes" Award, American Red Cross Palm Beach County, 2010

Chief Kitzerow earned a bachelor's degree in management from National Louis University, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Phoenix. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2000.

Enhanced Palm Beach County system features text to 9-1-1

Special to The Sun

On June 25, Palm Beach County was proud to announce that hearing and/or speech impaired members of the community, or those in a situation where it is too dangerous to dial 911, now have another option to request help in an emergency — Text to 9-1-1.

The benefits to the public are significant, especially in cases when the caller cannot communicate verbally. Examples of Text to

9-1-1 scenarios include an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing, or has a speech disability; someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911; or a medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech.

Text to 9-1-1 guidelines:

- "Call if you can — text if you can't."
- Do not include anyone other than "911" in the text message. If you include anyone

else on your text, it may not be received.

- Always provide your location. Text to 9-1-1 location information is not equal to current wireless-location technology.

- When communicating with 911, use plain language. No abbreviations, shortcuts or slang.

- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911 at this time.

- Language interpretation is not currently

available when texting 911.

- As with all text messages, messages to 911 may take longer to receive, may get out of order, or may not be received at all.

- Text to 9-1-1 is an enhancement to the existing 911 system and is not intended to replace traditional emergency voice calls. Text messages are routed to the appropriate Palm Beach County 911 center, in a designated queue.



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LMC celebrates 6th annual graduating class

Special to The Sun

BELLE GLADE — At a time when the nation is experiencing a growing physician shortage, Lakeside Medical Center, Palm Beach County's only rural teaching hospital, celebrated the graduation of five residents from its Family Medicine Residency Program.

Stephanie Dardanella, hospital administrator, welcomed the more than 130 attendees on Friday, June 22, at the Wanderers Club in Wellington. This is the sixth class of residents to graduate from the program, which was established at the acute-care facility in Belle Glade in 2011 and is one of the few of its kind to focus on the health care needs of rural, underserved areas.

"Through your training, you've learned to identify the importance of improving health disparities and expanding access to care for all, including the most vulnerable," said Darcy J. Davis, chief executive officer of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, in a video address played at the event. "You've embraced the Health Care District's commitment to delivering high-quality care."

The five graduates, Bralin Bean, Roberteen H. McCray, Stephen Perez, Tyler Provost and Elena Herschdorfer-Rodriguez, all doctors of osteopathy, completed a rigorous, three-year curriculum that included rotations in emergency medicine, women's health care, pediatrics, psychiatry, general surgery, internal medicine, community and sports medicine, cardiology, dermatology, women's health, radiology, orthopedics, ENT, urology, ophthalmology and critical care.

Lakeside Medical Center, which is accredited by The Joint Commission and owned and operated by the Health Care District, is the program's primary clinical training site.

"It is my hope you will always practice the art of compassion as physicians and that you be the very best you can be despite any challenges you may face along the way," said Nikerson Geneve, Lakeside Medical Center's family medicine residency program director and director of medical



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo
From left are Daniel Padron, chief medical officer of Lakeside Medical Center; Stephanie Dardanella, hospital administrator; graduates Tyler Provost, Stephen Perez, Roberteen H. McCray, Bralin Bean and Elena Herschdorfer-Rodriguez; Nikerson Geneve, Family Medicine Residency Program director; and Luis M. Perezalonso, medical director of the Emergency Department.

education.

The graduation comes at a time when physicians are in great demand. Just this past April, the Association of American Medical Colleges published a report that shows by 2030 the United States could see a shortage of 120,000 physicians and, of that number, as many as 49,000 primary care doctors. "The community in the Glades is so unique," said Dr. McCray, who plans to practice primary care in Orlando. "There were things I saw that we only saw in textbooks. And what I learned about being compassionate and caring is to take the time to treat the medical issues and also the social issues."

"If I had to do it all over again, I'd do it at Lakeside Medical Center," said Dr. Bean, who plans to pursue sports medicine in Miami. "Always listen to your patients. I don't think anyone will teach you more than them."

"Please know that our bonds as residents will stay with us forever, no matter

where our journeys take us," said Dr. Perez, chief resident, who plans to join a primary care practice in Fort Lauderdale.

"I commuted four hours round-trip every day to Lakeside Medical Center," said Dr. Herschdorfer-Rodriguez, who plans to practice primary care in Port Charlotte. "I would not trade this experience for the world."

Daniel B. Kairys, M.D., Lakeside Medical Center's chief of surgery delivered the keynote speech about preceptors like himself and their impact on the residents.

"I hope what you have learned from the physicians who have trained you will stay with you, carry with you and be the voice in your head as you're taking care of patients in the future," said Dr. Kairys.

Following the ceremony, the five graduates, along with Dr. Geneve, took part in coating the program's five incoming residents: J.D. Adame, Quaneicia Beasley, Sonya Dusseault, Kerlan St. Prix and Christal Santos-Landeros. "For the new interns, I re-

member this moment three years ago," said Dr. Provost, who plans to practice sports medicine in Boynton Beach. "It's a little scary, but lean into it. That's how you're going to get the most out of this experience."

Among the event attendees was Dan Liftman, staff assistant to U.S. Rep. Alcee L. Hastings. The Rev. Robert Rease, chairman of the Lakeside Health Advisory Board, which governs Lakeside Medical Center, delivered the invocation, and Donia Roberts, Lakeside Health Advisory Board member and former chairwoman, presented the graduates with their certificates. Also attending the graduation were numerous preceptors and prior graduates.

James T. Howell, assistant dean of professional relations and professor of public health at Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, helped establish the residency program at the hospital and delivered the closing remarks: "Be proud of your residency. You were very, very well-trained."

The Family Medicine Residency Program is funded by a grant from the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration. The program's academic and community partners include Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Florida Department of Health for Palm Beach County.

For more information about Lakeside Medical Center, visit www.lakesidemedical.org or call 561-996-6571.

South Bay's Food Truck Expo unites the community

By Antorris Williams

Special to The Sun

The City of South Bay presented its residents with a new experience by hosting "The Gourmet Food Truck Expo" on Wednesday, June 20, at Tanner Park in South Bay. During the event, many residents, including parents and children, elected officials, city employees and other community members, were spotted in line waiting to order or pick-up food from several different food trucks.

"The City of South Bay has always been a family-oriented community," said Leon-drae Camel, city manager of South Bay. "The Gourmet Food Truck Expo in South Bay will further enhance the familial atmosphere of this tiny yet powerful community and bring about more togetherness in the city," he added.

Moreover, the Gourmet Food Truck Expo was birthed from city leadership and employees listening to the residents' request to bring something new to the tri-city area.

While local communities out east have had success in hosting similar events through the years, Economic and Business Development Director Napoleon Collins felt it was time to bring an organized community-based event to the Glades area.

"The purpose of the event is to promote unity within the community in a calm environment, while providing quality food selections and soft music in the background," said Mr. Collins.

He added that many of the residents were excited to experience the event in their community because they no longer must travel to enjoy an event of this caliber.

On the third Wednesday of each month,

residents can expect to see food trucks lining the pasture at Tanner Park because the expo is now a monthly initiative taken on by the city.

City Manager Camel said he believes that this will open many doors for future activities in South Bay because he thinks that as people are getting away from the big-box stores and chain restaurants, their direct-impact relationship with individual business owners will directly affect the community's economic development.

From seafood egg rolls to brisket nachos, cheesesteaks and chicken wings – the third Wednesday of every month will be known as "Food Crush Wednesday" to the South Bay residents participating in the gourmet food truck experience.

The next expo will take place on Wednesday, July 18, from 5 to 9 p.m.

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Corps cuts lake flows to the coastal estuaries

By **Katrina Elskén**
INI Florida

Florida Gov. Rick Scott wants to send excess freshwater from Lake Okeechobee south, but existing water conveyance structures, direct rainfall south of the lake, the Tamiami Trail and the Department of the Interior make that difficult, if not impossible.

Heavy rain in May — some areas received more than 400 percent of average rainfall — left all of South Florida saturated with freshwater. As runoff from the Kissimmee River basin flowed south into Lake Okeechobee, the lake level quickly rose. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers tries to keep the lake on schedule between 12.5 and 15.5 feet above sea level. Higher levels damage the lake's ecology by drowning the marshes along its shores. These marshes are critical habitat for fish and wildlife and also help clean the water. Higher levels also threaten the stability of the earthen Herbert Hoover Dike.

During hurricane season, the corps tries to leave enough capacity in Lake Okeechobee to anticipate the heavy flows from storms, which can cause the lake to rise as much as 4 feet in a few weeks.

On June 1, the corps started flowing up to 1,800 cubic feet per second (cfs) east to the St. Lucie from the lake as measured at the St. Lucie Lock, and up to 4,000 cfs west to the Caloosahatchee at the Moore Haven Lock.

Flow south of the lake is currently limited by the capacity of the canals and by the Tamiami Trail, which acts as a dam bisecting the Everglades from Tampa to Miami. The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) calls for raising part of the roadway. The corps recommended 11 miles of raised bridging. Currently only 1 mile of raised bridging has been completed; another 2.6 miles is under construction.

An additional barrier to flow south is the Department of the Interior, which has blocked flow under the Tamiami Trail to protect the nesting area of the Cape Sable sea sparrow. To protect the nesting grounds, two of the S-12 gates (which would allow flow under the trail) are closed. On June 20, flow under the trail was 1,316 cfs — about 700 million gallons per day. If all of the S-12 gates were open, that flow could nearly double. This would still only be a fraction of the water that has been flowing east and west since June 1.

Flow south is also limited by restrictions on phosphorus levels. While the Lake Okeechobee inflows from the north average around 140 parts per billion of phosphorus, water entering Everglades National Park must be no more than 10 ppb. So the water that flows through the lake must be sent through Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) to be cleaned before it can be sent south into the Everglades.

Due to heavy rainfall in May, those STAs were at or above capacity when the releases east and west started June 1.

On June 20, water from the lake was flowing south at 1,031 cfs to the STAs, then into the Water Conservation Areas. Clean water from the WCAs was flowing at a rate of 1,316 cfs to Everglades National Park.

On Wednesday, June 20, Gov. Scott directed Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein to issue

an order urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to take emergency actions to help redirect the flow of water out of Lake Okeechobee to the south. This order is in response to the Army Corps decision to release water from Lake Okeechobee west to the Caloosahatchee River and east to the St. Lucie River estuaries and the Indian River Lagoon. Since the corps began releasing water from Lake Okeechobee this year, DEP has continued to respond to reports of algal blooms in both rivers, as well as continued reports on Lake Okeechobee.

Gov. Scott said: "In previous years, we have seen algae blooms develop in our waterways due to the federal water discharges from Lake Okeechobee. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers directs these discharges when the dike is nearing capacity and at risk of breaching. Unfortunately, the federal government has had decades to fix the dike that they operate, but have failed to do so. In response, I have put up state funding to fix the federal dike and I have secured an agreement from the Trump administration to expedite the repairs. Also, working with the Florida Legislature, I signed a law that accelerated the EAA reservoir to move more water south of the lake, to help ease these discharges. But, while we continue to wait on the federal government's action on the dike and EAA reservoir, we are going to do all we can to protect our waterways as we enter the hot summer months in Florida.

"I am directing DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein to issue a Secretarial Emergency Order urging the Army Corps and SFWMD to take emergency actions to lower lake levels and help redirect the flow of water out of Lake Okeechobee to the south. Two years ago, we saw the devastating impact of releases from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries, which caused widespread algal blooms and led to the declaration of a state of emergency in four counties. We are taking immediate action to do everything in our power to solve this problem.

"With this order, and the cooperation of the Army Corps and other federal agencies, the state will continue to work to mitigate and minimize the impacts of algal blooms we witnessed in the past. We will continue to fight to secure federal action and urge the federal government to authorize the EAA reservoir and fully fund the Herbert Hoover Dike repairs."

DEP Secretary Valenstein said: "We want to take every step possible to allow the Army Corps and water management district to proactively address high water levels and move more water south and away from our communities. While lake releases will continue to depend on the Army Corps' water oper-

ations, the state is committed to providing flexibility to the Army Corps, while also standing alongside Floridians."

Prior to the Army Corps' releases, the SFWMD was already maximizing opportunities to lower water levels in all three water conservation areas south of the lake, and this emergency order will provide additional opportunities to move clean water out of the water conservation areas to the south. SFWMD continues to make use of all available water storage, including recently completed components of Gov. Scott's Restoration Strategies Plan, such as the A-1 and L-8 Flow Equalization Basins.

On Thursday, the corps announced that it will slightly reduce the flows east and west starting Friday, June 22

Starting Friday (June 22), the target flow for the Caloosahatchee Estuary will be reduced to 3,000 cfs as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam (S-79) located near Fort Myers. The target flow for the St. Lucie Estuary will be reduced to a seven-day average of 1,170 cfs as measured at St. Lucie Lock & Dam (S-80) near Stuart.

Because these releases will include local flow, the actual flow from the lake will be less than the target flow number. For example, on June 20, 1,760 cfs was flowing into the Caloosahatchee from local basin runoff. With the new schedule, that would have meant only 1,240 cfs could have been released at Moore Haven.



A continuing series



INI Florida/Katrina Elskén

Col. Jason Kirk, Jacksonville District commander, visited the Herbert Hoover Dike on June 21 to assure those living south of the dike that work is continuing to keep them safe and to announce a reduction in lake releases toward the northern estuaries east and west.



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Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Emergency Management Planner. Applications will be received 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

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time **Maintenance Technician**. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 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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Public Notices

Public Notice

HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Clewiston, Florida

Notice to Public

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, July 2nd, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The public is invited to attend. 270144 CN 6/28/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/09/2018 10:00 a.m. at 600 E. SUGARLAND HWY. Clewiston, FL 33440-3213, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CLEWISTON TOWING & AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept

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TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/13/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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271105 CN 6/28/2018

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Each
- 5 Subtly cruel
- 10 Stock items: Abbr.
- 14 Couch potato's aid
- 15 Bizarre
- 16 Severely damaged sea
- 17 "Think you can manage?"
- 19 Beatle George's Indian friend
- 20 Defiant challenge
- 22 Dishevel
- 23 Matzo's lack
- 25 Approach to a landing?
- 28 Grass plot around a sundial, in "Jabberwocky"
- 31 ___ chi
- 32 Would-be immigrant's concern
- 35 Believer's suffix
- 36 Binding oath
- 37 "___, With Love"
- 38 Comprehend
- 39 Scand. country that borders Russia

DOWN

- 1 Org. regulating explosives
- 2 Painter Mondrian
- 3 Concluded
- 4 Nylon, for one
- 5 Egyptian Christians
- 6 Road runners
- 7 Trans Am roof option
- 8 Road ___
- 9 "Snowman" in a fur coat
- 10 Homer's beloved
- 11 Ones earning play money?
- 12 Helps by arriving early, with "for"
- 13 Priest who mentored Samuel
- 18 Unreasonable interest
- 21 Scientific Bill et al.
- 24 Ski race equipment
- 25 "The Bucket List" director
- 26 Bali citizen
- 27 Container seen above seats

- 28 "The Weavers: ___ That a Time!": folk documentary
- 29 Quarreling
- 30 Third U.S. VP
- 33 Ancient portico
- 34 Band commitment
- 40 Sear
- 41 "___, I do adore thee": Shakespeare
- 42 Swiftian
- 47 Screen array
- 48 Old photo tone
- 49 Deals (out)
- 51 A Möbius strip has just one
- 52 Upset, with "off"
- 53 Fix
- 54 Joint
- 55 Chutzpah
- 56 Box score stat
- 58 Business card no.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Administration of Estates

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Probate Division
CASE NO.: 18000022CPMXAX

IN RE: ESTATE OF
TAMMY SUE HELFJNSTINE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of TAMMY SUE HELFJNSTINE, deceased, whose date of death was December 15, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Room 102, PO Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 21st, 2018.

Personal Representative:
JOSEPH HELFJNSTINE
1952 Linda Rd.
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Attorney for Personal Representative:
WARREN B. BRAMS, ESQ.
Florida Bar Number: 0698921
2161 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Ste 201
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33409
Telephone: (561) 478-4848
Fax: (561) 478-0108
E-Mail: mrgbramslaw@gmail.com
Secondary E-Mail: warrenbrams@bramslaw.onmicrosoft.com
268204 GCD 6/21,28/2018

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) No. 6000000901
LOCK TENDER SERVICES, GLADES, HENDRY, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, OSCEOLA AND POLK COUNTIES, FL

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the **2:30 p.m.** opening time on **July 25, 2018**, for Lock Tender services, which include, but are not limited to, operation and maintenance of eleven (11) navigational boat locks located on the Kissimmee River Waterway and perimeter of Lake Okeechobee, which provide for boat passage from Lake Tohopekaliga to Lake Okeechobee and beyond. The Contract resulting from this solicitation will be for a three (3) year period with a two (2) year renewal option.

An **OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held July 16, 2018, 9:00 A.M., in the Okeechobee Field Station Conference Room, 1000 N.E. 40th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 for all interested Respondents. **NOTE:** Visits to field sites will immediately follow. Transportation will be the responsibility of interested attendees.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested Respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling 561-682-2011, or (4) by calling the 24-hour **BID HOTLINE 800-472-5290** (option 1). The public is invited to attend the bid opening. **Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our website - www.sfwmd.gov.**
271073 CN 6/28/2018

Public Notice

EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
2. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at: 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting. DATED this Thursday, the 21st day of June, 2018.
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Administrator, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
270644 CGS 6/28;7/5/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2018**, at approximately 10:00 a.m. during the Annual Landowners Meeting, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all objections to the budget as proposed, to make such changes to the proposed budget as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary and to adopt the budget as finally approved by the Board of Supervisors for the District.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

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BY: Charles F. Schoech, Administrator, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
270647 CGS 6/28;7/5/2018

Public Notice

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Department announces receipt of an environmental resource permit modification application (File No. MMR_367067-001) from the Garcia Family Farms, LLC, to conduct mining activities at Garcia Farms Sand Mine. The project involves a new sand mine including dredging and mining operations into an approximately 600.02-acre site; impacts to approximately 0.0 acres of wetlands and approximately 50.3-acre of other surface waters are to be impacted. The project is in the Feeder Canal drainage basin, Class III waters, Hendry County, Sections 14 and 15, 22 and 23, 10 Township 47 South, Range 33 East.

This application is being processed and is available for public inspection at: https://depodms.dps.state.fl.us/443/Online/Service/Shell/Command=getItem;fileId=26522446;1184profile=Remitting_Authorization, or by contacting the Department at MiningAndMfg@dep.state.fl.us, (850)245-7554. Any comments or objections should be filed in writing with the Department at this address. Comments or objections should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that there is adequate time for them to be considered in the Department decision on the application.
270634 CN 6/28/2018

Public Notice

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:
Lot 4, Block 2150, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 86 through 102, inclusive, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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, PA, 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
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

PEREGRIN LAW FIRM, PA.
Jacqueline J. Peregrin, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0085264
6621 Willow Park Drive, Suite 1
Naples, Florida 34109
(239) 349-2628 or Fax (239) 631-2304
269715 CN 6/21,28/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 18000305CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED,
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
(TRACT 29) THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 7-20-18 / (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hendry County, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@raslaw.com

EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
2. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at: 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting. DATED this Thursday, the 21st day of June, 2018.
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Administrator, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
270644 CGS 6/28;7/5/2018

SOLICITATION NO. 6000000898
C43 West Caloosahatchee Basin Storage Reservoir, Hendry County, Florida

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed Statements of Qualifications up to **2:30 p.m.** opening time on **Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, for the **C43 West Caloosahatchee Basin Storage Reservoir, Hendry County, Florida.** The South Florida Water Management District (District) is seeking a construction contractor for a major Civil Works project to build the new dam and water control structures located in Hendry County, FL. The Reservoir is a major component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project being executed between the South District and the US Army Corps of Engineers. As the local sponsor, the District is responsible for design and construction of the Reservoir. The C43 Reservoir will be an earthfill dam with total perimeter dam length of approximately 16.3 miles and separator dam 2.8 miles in length separating the reservoir into two cells. The reservoir will encompass approximately 10,000 acres and will store 170,000 acre-feet of water when full.

All Statements of Qualifications must conform to the instructions in the Solicitation. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete Solicitation (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov; (3) by calling 561-682-2510 or 561-682-2680. The public is invited to attend the opening. **Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our website - www.sfwmd.gov.**
271099 CN 6/28/2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
EMPLOYEE MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE FOR HENDRY COUNTY EMPLOYEES
RFP NUMBER: RFP # HCB0CC2018-01
OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "HENDRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE". In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpoche Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

The Evaluation Committee will meet on August 6, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the County Administration building, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Administrator's Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5354 or (863) 674-5671 or by emailing Crystal Mornullen at CMORNULLEN@abrittonins.com.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
270692 CN/CB 6/28/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 17000304CAAXMX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSP9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GUADALUPE CORTEZ; JESUS L. CORTEZ, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Consent Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 10, 2018 and an Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 15, 2018, entered in Civil Case No. 17000304CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSP9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, and GUADALUPE CORTEZ; JESUS L. CORTEZ, JR., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on 2nd Floor in Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoche Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 1:00 PM, on the 1st day of August, 2018, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK 2067, UNIT 2, PORT LABELLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 60 THROUGH 72, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the sale may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 20th, 2018.
BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rossler, Esquire Popkin & Rossler, PA.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 18000305CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. PRICE, DECEASED,
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
(TRACT 29) THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 7-20-18 / (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hendry County, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@raslaw.com

GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DEMOLITION & REBUILD OF ONE (1) HOME,

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) requests that interested parties submit formal sealed proposals for the above-referenced project. This project will be undertaken as part of the Glades County SHIP Program. Contractors must be qualified to bid on SHIP projects. If not pre-qualified, the Contractor's Application Documents may be obtained from the SHIP Administrator or <http://www.myglades.com/departments/communityservices/ship.php>.

A mandatory meeting and contractor review of these projects will be held on **Friday June 29th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** at 1882 Linda Drive, Okeechobee, FL (Buckhead Ridge - Jobsite) 34974. Any firm not represented at this meeting will not be able to bid. All potential bidders must be in meeting no later than 4:00p.m. in order to participate in these RFPs.

The specifications and requirements informational package must be obtained from Cindy Ricker, SHIP Administrator 863-946-6124, cricke@myglades.com.

Due date/time: **July 20th, 2018, 1:00 p.m. EST.** All responses (7 copies and 1 digital copy) shall be placed in separate sealed envelopes with the titles clearly indicated on the outside: **GLADES COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM - RFP #2018-DEMO/REPLACEMENT-2-Hoyt** with delivery to the SHIP Administrator, in SHIP Administrator's office at Court House, Moore Haven, no later than deadline time of 1:00 p.m.. RFPs received after such time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Responses delayed for any reason shall not be considered. Faxed and electronically mailed responses will not be accepted.

All prospective respondents are cautioned not to contact any member of the BoCC. All questions should be directed to Cindy Ricker, SHIP Administrator, 500 Avenue J, (P.O. Box 1527) Moore Haven FL 33471. Phone 863-946-6124. EMAIL cricke@myglades.com.

It is anticipated that the qualified responses to this RFP will be considered and a decision on the selection of a qualified responder will be made by the BoCC. The County reserves the right to reject any or all responses in its sole discretion. The County also reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities, to advertise for additional responses, and to select the responder, who, in the BoCC's sole opinion, is in the best interests of Glades County.

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Boating safety tips: Help protect manatees

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The Fourth of July is a busy boating holiday with Florida's appealing waterways beckoning in-state and out-of-state boaters to enjoy their many charms, including the manatees. Save the Manatee Club urges residents and visitors to watch out for manatees throughout the holiday and beyond.

The largest known cause of manatee mortality is from collisions with boats. Additionally, most living manatees have been hit by boats — many manatees have been hit multiple times — and most suffer through these injuries that can negatively affect their ability to eat, swim, mate and take care of their young. Manatees must surface to breathe and prefer shallow waters. Any boat, moving fast, can injure or kill a manatee if there is not enough clearance for the boat's hull to pass safely over a manatee's back. Slowing down in manatee habitat is one of the best ways to reduce the risk of watercraft-related injury and death.

In order to safeguard manatees and to curb the number of manatee injuries and deaths from boat collisions, Save the Manatee Club offers a number of free public awareness materials to help boaters protect manatees. One of these is a Boating Safety Packet, which contains a weatherproof boat decal with a hotline number for reporting manatee injuries, deaths or harassment. It also includes a waterproof waterway card that was created in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It can easily be hung and kept on board a vessel and features examples of regulatory signs posted for manatee protection, with information in English, French, Spanish and German.

Save the Manatee Club also provides free waterproof banners for boaters and public awareness signs for Florida shoreline property owners. The bright yellow banners read "Please Slow: Manatees Below," and can be used to warn other boaters if a manatee is spotted in the area. Aluminum dock signs with a similar message are available for Florida shoreline property owners. Family-friendly "Buddy" manatee signs, designed to teach manatee manners, are available to state, mu-

nicipal and county parks; marinas; and other busy sites where human/manatee interaction can be a problem, resulting in manatee harassment.

Remember, it is always important to report a sick, injured or orphaned manatee to the FWC. Here's how to recognize if something is wrong:

- A manatee floating high in the water that is unable to submerge may indicate a serious problem.
- An adult manatee not resting or traveling rapidly should surface to breathe every two to three minutes.
- Manatees entangled in crab traps or fishing line should be reported to the FWC— do not try to cut the entanglement.
- A pink scar or open wound on a manatee needs to be reported.
- Thrashing and splashing manatees are usually a mating herd and need their space; however a lone manatee that has beached itself should be reported to the FWC — do not push the manatee back into the water.
- A small, lone manatee with no larger manatees around could be an orphan, and the FWC should be called at 888-404-FWCC (3992).

To view the club's new video, "How to Report Distressed Manatees," and get more information, including how to report manatees outside of Florida, go to savethemanatee.org/rescue.

"We greatly appreciate the help of the boating community to be extra vigilant on Florida's waterways during the July 4th holiday and every day," said Patrick Rose, the club's executive director & aquatic biologist. "The risks and threats to the manatee's survival remain uncontrolled and accelerating, and we need everyone to be good stewards and help ensure that manatees continue to roam free for future generations to enjoy."

The free public awareness and education materials are available by emailing [Save the Manatee Club at education@savethemanatee.org](mailto:education@savethemanatee.org) or by calling toll free at 800-432-JOIN (5646). More Manatee Protection Tips for Boaters can be found on the club's website at savethemanatee.org/boatertips. You can also view the club's new "Safe Boating Tips to Protect Manatees" video.



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The Fourth of July is a busy boating holiday. Save the Manatee Club urges residents and visitors to watch out for manatees when boating on Florida waterways.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES



Your local newspaper will be closed
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