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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

### 2nd Quarter

April 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017

Glades Media has determined the issues important to the Clewiston area by WAFC-AM FM 100.5- FM 92.5- AM 590 General Manager KC Kelly and Public Affairs Director and Morning Show Host Nicole Reid. They met on Thursday, March 30, 2017 to discuss the issues to be targeted for the 2nd Quarter of 2017.

#### LOCAL FESTIVALS

-Black Gold Jubilee

#### SUMMER SAFETY

-water, sports, sun, boating

#### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

#### HEALTH

- April is Autism Awareness Month
- April is National Alcohol Awareness Month
- May is National High Blood Pressure Awareness Month
- Managing Your Prescriptions
- Holistic Healing

#### RECYCLING

#### FINANCE

-Community Banking

#### LEGAL

- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Immigration Issues





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**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**Topic: Autism Awareness and Training**

**Guest: Stephanie Busin, social activist and Billy Griffin, Lt. Hendry County Sheriffs Office**

Stephanie Busin is the mother of a beautiful son who is on the Autism Spectrum. Lt. Billy Griffins adorable 3-year-old has down syndrome. As parents of children with special needs, the are creating a much-needed dialogue in our community. From a parental perspective, Stephanie says, "Its important to us that our special needs families do not feel isolated. We want to encourage them that we are here to support them because we understand." From a law enforcement standpoint, "We want our officers to be sympathetic to these types of individuals in this hot climate for law enforcement. If we can get our deputies and personnel properly trained, we could have a much lower level of incidents and potential save a life. The training will take place on April 20th and 21st in LaBelle.

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

**Topic: Black Gold Jubilee**

**Guest: Cheryl Stein**

Cheryl Stein, chair of the Black Gold Jubilee, shared with us the line up of this years celebration as well as several honorees. "This years festival is in honor of the Wedgworth family, a prominent farming family in the glades since the 1930s." BGJ 2017 will not be unlike any other in that the parade, the produce and the production will all be in full force once again. "Its great to see the residents come together and enjoy this great land." The Black Gold Jubilee celebration is not just about the harvest. Its

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

**Topic: April is Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month**

**Guest: Horace Coleman**

Horace is a certified substance abuse counselor at the Jerome Golden Center in Belle Glade. "This month, I want to make people aware of the treatment options for those suffering from addiction. Its a continual and ongoing battle for me everyday but particularly this month, we need all the awareness we can get." He continues. "We don't have enough resources in our area to meet the need. There are so many people that are unable to take advantage of the limited resources our area has to offer."

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**Topic: Alcohol Awareness**

**Guest: Alexa Lee, program director at the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition**





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The Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition will work to address underage drinking, illicit and synthetic drug use among youth, not just in honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, but all year around. “What’s important to understand is alcohol may lead to other drugs. It’s our mission to work with parents to ensure our kids remain alcohol and drug free”. Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition was created to give parents and youths the tools to live drug and smoke-free. By bringing together teens, parents, educators, business owners and many other partners, they coordinate activities, provide information, and organize public awareness campaigns to steer youths and adults away from harmful substances.

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

**Topic: Hurricane Preparedness**

**Guest: Brian Newhouse**

Hendry County Emergency Management is hosting a hurricane awareness course in honor of Hurricane Awareness Month. It’s a 4-hour course that will help to increase the residents understanding of the latest knowledge in hurricane science, forecasting, warning, and preparedness. The course will enhance the participants ability to identify and describe the hazards associated with hurricanes and to better prepare for and mitigate the impacts of high winds, heavy rain, and storm surge. “This course is for everyone... law enforcement, government agents or even your neighbor. The takeaway can be lifesaving.”

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Topic: Autism Awareness**

**Guest: Stephanie Busin**

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**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

**Topic: Community Banking**

**Guest: Carey Soud**

April is Community Banking Appreciation month. Its amazing that First Bank has been around since 1922. “In honor of that, we are celebrating our 95th Anniversary with some great changes and updates.” We now have 7 locations in 5 counties. We have an increase in customers of 10% per year. Though for a





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while there, profitability slumped as our industry suffered. Well, profitability has rebounded and we are doing better than ever”. Carey Soud attributes the success of the banks with Community Banking. “Its much more personal”. Community banks tend to focus on the needs of the businesses and families where the bank holds branches and offices. Lending decisions are made by people who understand the local needs of families, businesses and farmers. This makes a huge difference in a community such as Clewiston.

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**Topic: Hendry County Law Enforcement Torch Run**

**Guest: Billy Griffin**

The Hendry County Sheriffs Office is partnering with Family Initiative and the Clewiston Police Department and several other agencies for the Hendry County Law Enforcement Torch Run. The LETR is the largest annual public relations and fundraising event amongst Special Olympics Florida and law enforcement agencies. Started in 1981, the Torch Run is one of the primary fundraisers for the Special Olympics. “I’ve been involved for 11 years. I have an emotional connection investment to this cause. I’m down with “Team Hendry”. Many agencies will be involved with this event including Clewiston Police Department, the Florida Wildlife Commission, and the State Attorneys Office just to name a few.

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

**Topic: Guardians of the Glades**

**Guest: Tammy Jackson-Moore**

Tammy Jackson-Moore is one of the founders of Guardians of the Glades which, surprisingly, has only been around for 8 months. “We have created such a dialogue at the state level that sometimes we surprise ourselves!” Tammy is passionate about the Glades community as well as its constituents. That passion is shared throughout the Guardians, made up mostly of clergy. “Its designed that way because the clergy have such a broad reach. And we are about reaching out.” That said, anyone who shares this same love and philosophy for whats fair are welcomed to join the group.

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**Topic: Child Abuse Awareness**

**Guest: Robert McPartlan, Mayor of Sebastian; Christina Kaiser, Director of Community Relations**

Every year in Florida, thousands of children are subjected to child abuse, which can take the form of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment or mental injury. Too many continue to suffer because the abuse is never reported. Under Florida law, anyone who suspects a child may be abused or neglected has a responsibility to report it. Some signs of abuse may include unusual fearfulness, frequent injuries,





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malnutrition, many absences, and many more. “Seventy percent of reports are due to domestic violence and substance abuse.” Christina informed us about some initiative put forth to promote foster parenting which could save some kids from abusive situations. “We have several initiatives this month, however, including One School One Child, which is a foster parent recruitment campaign that targets teachers and educators, and an online recruitment campaign. We also have an event called Foster Parents Rock, a letter to the editor writing campaign in celebration of both Foster Parent Month and Teacher Appreciation”.

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

**Topic: National Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Guest: Samuel Thomas**

Samuel Thomas, a Glades County native and Clewiston Middle School teacher is a recent recipient of the Governor’s Shine Award. It recognizes educators and administrators in Florida who make significant contributions to the field of education. This program spotlights the states teachers of the year and other outstanding teachers and personnel. The Governor presents medals to the recipients throughout the year with the purpose of showing appreciation for Florida’s exceptional teachers and for their commitment to improving Florida’s education system. Thomas was presented with the honor for his dedication to the armed forces (22 years) and his love for education. In visiting with Thomas’ eighth grade Language Arts class, they echoed, “He’s the best teacher we’ve got. He’s cool.”

**Thursday, May 11, 2017**

**Topic: Agape Christian Academy**

**Guest: Edgar Figueroa, Principal and Ashley Nichole, Teacher Assistant**

“Our school is like no other school you've visited”. Located in Glades County, this private Christian institution is tucked away in a quiet location perfect for nurturing and learning. “We train our students not just for the future but for and eternity”. The ACE curriculum is unique in that it measures each child’s individual progress and allows teachers to focus on the areas where they may need more specialized attention. Ashley explained that the school has conventions. At these conventions, there are a variety of activities such as archery, swimming, piano, multiplication, etc., in which each student will compete for a prize. The conventions are believed to inspire and educate by exposing the kids to new and exciting subjects and activities.

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

**Topic: Hurricane Prep**

**Guest: Sean Scheffler**





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In preparation for hurricane season, next month is tree trimming amnesty month. You can call the city to get information about getting your trees trimmed and the city will dispose of the waste for free. For those that have begun preparations for hurricane season which begins on June 1, be sure to make arrangements with families outside of the hurricanes path, go ahead and anchor your boats, put your important papers in Ziploc bag or totes, and make any other travel plans. Go ahead and run your generator but consult an electrician before engaging your generator in the house. After the storm, remember to stay away from downed power lines, wires, debris and sharp edges.

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Topic: CHS Graduation Val and Sal**

**Guest: Richard Perez and Joel McCray**

A 5.1 GPA? Unimaginable. And that's just the salutatorian. How does a 5.24 GPA sounds? Outrageous! Not for a valedictorian. Well, Joel McCray and Richard Perez pulled it off. As the top scores in the class, the graduates are breaking down their road to greatness. "We'll both be going to the University of Florida," said Joel McCray, salutatorian, who admits that he and valedictorian Richard Perez grew up together. "We were friends at a young age," Richard said. They confess they ever really felt competitive toward each other, they just each wanted to achieve the highest level of high school success. Mission accomplished. We played a game called 12 questions and no surprise, the boys did great! I asked questions like how many curves are in a standard paperclip? Whose face is on the dime? How many hot dog buns are in a standard package? But maintaining a 5 point GPA is anything but fun. "We just took lots of AP classes and made good scores on tests and stuff," Richard said. Joel has plans to become an engineer and Richard sees a future studying animals.

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

**Topic: GCH Graduation**

**Guest: Principal Angela Moore, Perla Cervantes (Valedictorian) and JeCynthia Nonar (Salutatorian)**

"Our limitations are only as significant as you allow them to be." This is a favorite quote from Perla Cervantes, valedictorian. Her GPA is a 4.0. Salutatorian, with a 3.78 GPA has a favorite quote also. "Be resilient and persevere". Principal Moore chimes in as well. "If we believe in our students, they will believe in themselves". She continues. Our school gave away \$580,000 in scholarships". Perla will be attending Earlham College and JeCynthia Nonar is headed to Howard University. As for Principal Moore, "We at Glades Central Community High School will continue to support and feed programs that help our children explore more educational options beyond high school and will continue to encourage and nurture their talent".

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**Topic: Therapy**

**Guest: Dr. Daniel Tomasulo**

There is a stigma attached to therapy. We see it in the movies, our friends joke about it and our families are critical of it. Dr. Tomasulo is working to dispel this taboo. “Believe it or not, ordinary people helped me to turn this perception around. And even the movies have begun to show more character strength in therapy scenes.” He wants people to feel comfortable with the idea of therapy. “Almost always, people feel relieved after receiving therapy. It’s refreshing to have someone listen to you and not judge”. He says if a situation is bothering you for more that 2 weeks, therapy is recommended. Things like loss, betrayal, circumstance, etc., should be addressed. Also, one should see several therapists until the right one fits.

**Thursday, June 1, 2017**

**Topic: Instacart**

**Guest: Jack Butler, Ops Manager**

Fort Myers and Naples residents can now order from their favorite retailers like Whole Foods, Publix, ABC Fine Wine and Spirits, Petco and Costco, and have their groceries delivered straight to their doorsteps in less than one hour. Customers go online to [instacart.com](http://instacart.com), select their city/store, add items to a virtual cart then choose a delivery window. Instacart offers customers a simple solution to save time and eat fresh food from the most trusted grocery brand. Is the car is the only grocery service that can meet today's on-demand lifestyle by delivering in as little as one hour. First delivery is free at [www.instacart.com](http://www.instacart.com).

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

**Topic: Glades County Emergency Management**

**Guest: Angela Colegrove, Executive Director**

Glades County Emergency Management is responsible for carrying out the provision of Florida Statute 252 (Emergency Management) which requires the management of emergencies and disasters in Glades County. In the event of an actual or threatening large-scale emergency or disaster, the Glades County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as a central coordinating point for all emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities. “This weekend we are hosting the Glades County Hurricane Expo which will include many agencies helping us to bring awareness to getting prepared this season. There will be lots to learn, see and do”! The following agencies will be in attendance: Emergency Management, Sheriffs Office, Department of Health, Fire Department, Florida Forest Service, National Weather Service –Miami, Department of Environmental Protection, IFAS, Area Agency on Aging (SHINE), Moore Haven Mosquito Control, Dr. B Good Clown, Free Car Seat Fitting, Free Fire Extinguisher Class, Florida Community Health Center-Blood Pressure and Glucose Check,





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Florida Fish and Wildlife, American Red Cross, FDOT and BHR Fire Department will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs.

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017**  
**Topic: Opiod Epidemic**  
**Guest: Jim Hall**

Jim Hall, an epidemiologist at Nova Southeastern University has studied South Florida's drug market for decades and tracks national drug use trends. “Palm Beach County deaths from opioid abuse out pace Broward 2 to 1. This is a wake-up call for America.” Jim says what needs to happen is better drug abuse prevention programs. Also, prescribers need to be trained to be more cautious. In addition to that, there are numerous insurmountable insurance obstacles. “An epidemic is when we see 1 more [drug abuse] case than expected, we’re seeing thousands.”

**Thursday, June 8, 2017**  
**Topic: Water Safety**  
**Guest: Robert Nelton, Sr Public Relations Specialist, Palm Beach Cnty Water Utilities Department**

Robert spoke about how to sterilize water for drinking and how to appropriately use water safely in emergency situations. He has managed many major storms in S. Florida and he shared many of his experiences with our listeners in the aftermath of the of South Florida’s most destructive storms. He described the appropriate ways to handle water before, during and after a storm. He also highlighted some of the major mistakes constituents make in being ill prepared for a storm as well as some best practices.

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**  
**Topic: May is National Blood Pressure Awareness Month and Managing your Prescriptions**  
**Guest: Amanda Pacheco, ARNP**

Amanda Pacheco has opened her own brand new practice right here in Clewiston. “it has been quite a journey,” she says of going to school and balancing kids and family life. “but it is completely worth it because I am doing what I love and what I have a passion for.” Amanda says she even contemplated even more school to further her expertise but she's decided “I’m good for now.” Her practice, though new, is growing thanks to her familiarity (being from Clewiston) and having such amazing support from friends and neighbors. “My kids go to school and play here. Its important to me that our town be healthy”. Going from the classroom to the doctors office is a smooth transition though. “Checking blood pressure is one of the most common practices. You do it a million times in school”. Amanda says she learned about blood pressure in excess as it is one of the most prevalent issues plaguing our town. “I tell





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my patients, my friends and my family how important it is to maintain a healthy blood pressure.” Most people with high blood pressure will eventually need to take blood pressure medication to help lower it. “You must be able to keep track of your numbers as well as your medications so that you may properly control your treatment practice”. Some medicines by themselves may not suffice. “Sometimes three types of blood pressure medicine together are still not enough to fully control a person’s blood pressure. Your doctor may give you another medicine or they may refer you to a specialist.” Amanda encourages her patients and even people that may know her from Facebook to simply call her or send her an email and she would be happy to help or answer any questions they may have regarding prescription, blood pressure, or any other ailments or other illnesses they may be experiencing.

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**Topic: Dear World**

**Guest: Jonah Evans**

Dear World is a renowned interactive storytelling experience that unites people through pictures in a distinct message-on-skin style and has been used by the worlds leading companies and universities to learn about their employees and students. I was introduced to the Dear World after commemorating the lives lost in the Pulse Nightclub Massacre. “It’s a touching experience for all parties involved”, said Jonah Evans, Executive Producer, Dear World. Its precursor, Dear New Orleans, became an alternative platform for people to write love notes to their city. Before launching Dear World, the project’s founder, Robert Fogarty noticed that the simple portraits could be a vehicle for shared communication no matter race, religion or language. The project has also photographed Laurene Powell Jobs, Peter Thiel as well as the executives of several major companies including Pacific Life, UBS and Astra Zeneca. Because of its work with his private clients, Dear World uses a portion of its revenues to underwrite the project costs of their field projects, which document people with incredible stories to share.

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

**Topic: Burn Ban**

**Guest: Chief Ralph Franklin**

A burn ban is issued here at my office. There is a special number scale that we use to determine when a ban is needed. During that time, no campfires, fire pits, backyard fire places may be used. Failure to follow the established regulations may subject individuals to fines and other cost should their fire escape and cause damage to other people’s property. The burn ban was originally put in place in February of this year. The implementation of the burn ban at that time was due to the high drought index and that the county was experiencing a large volume of brush fires. Due to the amount of rain we have recently received, those drought condition have diminished enough to again allow open burning. Chief Franklin also advises that even though people may now burn, they still must follow the established regulations.





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**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

**Topic: Canine Influenza**

**Guest: Doc Savvy**

There was the Bird Flu, the swine flu and even flu in horses. Now we are faced with the canine flu and it is on the rise. "Symptoms are consistent with humans in that dogs will cough and sneeze. It is recommended that the animals be vaccinated." The doctors says its important to know that 20% of dogs don't show symptoms. Though the dog flu is on the rise now, the strain actually started back in 2004 in the racing world. Someone thought that feeding horse meat to dogs would make them run faster. This caused the H3 strain to spread. Unfortunately, the flu is not preventable in dogs but, the good news is, there have been no reported cases of transmission to humans.

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

**Topic: Natural Supplements**

**Guest: Dan Glidden**

Dan is a local pharmacist in Clewiston. Ironically, he is an advocate for natural supplements. Dan made it clear that he is not anti-pharmaceutical. "Some of the medications actually work in better in conjunction with the supplements." Dan says he's been involved in natural remedies and supplements since childhood. He recounts a time when he remembers his mother giving him ginger root and apple cider vinegar. "It was disgusting, but it worked!" Even as a child, he says, he was impressed. Since then, Dan has continued to work in the pharmaceutical field while still exploring and studying the world of natural supplements. Natural supplements are available in our city at a local pharmacy called K and M Drugs which is managed by Haitham Khaki.

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

**Topic: Immigration**

**Guest: Sharon Scheidhauer, Pubic Affairs Officer, USCIS**

Formerly named INS which was abolished, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services was created to oversee legal immigration. Beyond that ICE, or Immigration and Customs Enforcement is in place to enforce immigration laws and CBP, or US Customs and Border Patrol is put in place to protect the border. Immigration can be extremely complex. From green cards, to visas, to temporary status to permanent status, the website has all of the information anyone needs to satisfy their inquires. Some services, admittedly, can take a long time, as long as 3 years depending on the request.

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

**Topic: Holistic Health**

**Guest: Caroline Blanke-Peña, Traditional Chinese Medicine Physician**



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Many people don't know too much about Eastern methods of treatment. "Well, to that end, I like to be approachable to new or inquiring clients". The good news is, a person does not have to abandon their Western therapies in order to transition in to alternative medicine. "Chinese medicine is meant to be a proactive approach. We want to treat you before you get sick". What I like about Dr. Blanke-Peña is that she is not against Western medicine, she is just for Eastern treatments. It is clear that her goal is to care for the clients overall well being. When choosing to transition to holistic health, her advice it to follow your gut.

## In-House Campaigns

### Black Gold Jubilee

WAFC AM, Classic Hits pre-promoted and participated in the local festival: Black Gold Jubilee on April 8, 2017. We provided a game center at the festival where children ages 12 and under played games and won prizes all free of charge. The morning show team took a promotional ride in a helicopter live on our Facebook page to promote the station.

### National Small Business Week Van Hits, 5-1/5-17

### Memorial Day Messages, in honor of military, past and present, Friday, 5-26/31-17

### Hurricane Expo

WAFC AM, Classic Hits pre-promoted and participated in the Glades County Emergency Management Hurricane Expo and Family Fun Day on June 3, 2017 from 10a to 12p. Many other agencies were in attendance including Sheriffs Office, Department of Health, Fire Department, Florida Forest Service, National Weather Service –Miami, Department of Environmental Protection, IFAS, Area Agency on Aging (SHINE), Moore Haven Mosquito Control, Dr. B Good Clown, Free Car Seat Fitting, Free Fire Extinguisher Class, Florida Community Health Center-Blood Pressure and Glucose Check, Florida Fish and Wildlife, American Red Cross, FDOT and BHR Fire Department was on site selling hamburgers and hotdogs



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## PSAs

Free Clothing Giveaway: Sponsored by Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Clewiston. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at FCHC from 9AM to 12PM

Public Hearing Airglades Airport Draft Environmental Assessment Wednesday, April 19th from 4-7 pm at John B. Boy Auditorium

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Waste Collection Saturday, May 6, 2017 Doyle Conner Building - Moore Haven 8AM-1PM

The public is invited to pay tribute to our fallen veterans with a Memorial Day Service on Torrey Island in Belle Glade on Monday, May 30th, 2017 at 6:25p

Elks Golf Scramble 2017 Saturday, June 17th Clewiston Elks Lodge #1853 All proceeds go to the scholarship fund

## Notes

After numerous attempts to schedule a professional on the following topic, we were unable to book a guest: **Recycling**: The plant in Belle Glade has closed down, the contact for the Clewiston office has changed, and attempts to contact any other representatives were in vain.

We will attempt to cover this topic in future on WAFC AM.

