

Crews restore flooded road

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SORRENTO

Crews from the Lake County Public Services Department spent Tuesday starting to restore Round Lake Road after Sunday's thunderstorm washed it out.

"I called in every truck we had from three different areas," county Road Operations Manager Mike Brooks said.

Brooks also corrected Monday's public speculation that a dike on the Theophilus Inc. mine broke and caused the flood. He said that dike broke three weeks ago and had been repaired.

"This water is all stormwater run-off from Baucom's (of Florida) nursery and Britt Road," Brooks said.

Sunday's storm flooded the north side of the Round Lake Road's intersection with Wolf Branch Road.

But the south side was hit worse, with flowing waters eroding the road's lime and clay base.

The eastern lane pavement collapsed Sunday night, breaking off and falling into a newly formed gully.

Meanwhile, Brooks said, Astor residents are still complaining of their lots being underwater. Emergency officials are predicting that water will subside over the next few weeks as the St. Johns River recedes from its high-water mark.

In Sorrento, county workers started removing the remainder of the Round Lake Road pavement and replacing the lime and clay road base.

Crews also are reshaping the drainage swales to hold more water before they overflow.

By Friday, county officials say, the road should be open again — if nature doesn't dump another 5 inches of rain in 1½ hours.

"We took a million gallons," Brooks said.



Staff photo by Tracy Mack

Steven Lee uses a grade-all to remove broken blacktop from Round Lake Road Tuesday, while John Rutherford, left, and Randy Dean shovel debris into his path. The Lake County Road and Bridge Department expects the road to be closed until Friday.

in April when he saw a rd and a Bealls Department employee chasing a man parking lot. d the chase, shouted I shoot," and eventually it Darrell Rainey with a automatic pistol he had a arry in a pouch at his

), was being chased be- had stuffed a dress ne store into his pants, a ew to the ground as he

wounded in the upper The injury was so severe n by helicopter to Bay- al Center in St. Peters- he was hospitalized for

es blood s of donors

— More than 100 people ast month to give blood to find a bone marrow 17-year-old Venice girl ith a rare blood disorder. y sample taken in the e for Venice High School her Schlag was ruined ing lab stored 282 vials g place. ne the error was detect- mens had been rendered

and her family learned of last week, and were dev- the news. e someone kicked me in h," said Joyce Schlag, oother. "All the time and ll the outpouring of the it was just wasted." who is undergoing treat- l Children's Hospital in urg, "was pretty shaken and out what happened," said.

ds continues child support

HELES — After a conten- ys in court, Burt Reyn- Tuesday to continue a t stipend to ex-wife Loni or their adopted 6-year- t the amount was kept hed a decision amicably s sake, who we love very, Burt's been very gener- " Ander-

man's Sawmill. Jim Holt defeated Clyde "Les" Davenport 126 votes (60 percent) to 85 votes (40 percent). Holt was the city's police chief from 1981 to 1984. He works in the courthouse as the county probation officer.

Marge Thies, who holds the District 3 seat and was not opposed this year, will automatically keep

clerk for 13 years, won re-election by receiving 209 votes (74 percent). Challenger Bobby Caruthers received 73 votes (26 percent). Caruthers owns and operates the used-car dealership in town.

Coleman's District 4 representative Lonnie Evans won his seat 219 votes (78 percent) to 61 votes (22 percent) over Harold Reynolds. Evans,

percent) and Ronald Pitts received 29 votes (21.3 percent).

Mack Kelly, the only person who qualified for the District 4 seat, was automatically elected to the post.

Each office is based on a 2-year term. The mayor-commissioner is paid \$1,800 each year while the city council members receive \$900 each year.

Astatula voters turn out to re-elect two incumbents, council veteran

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ASTATULA

About 121 voters turned out in Astatula on Tuesday to re-elect two incumbents and a government veteran to the Town Council.

Bobby Bawcum was the top vote-getter, taking 104 (31.1 percent) of the 334 votes cast in Tuesday's at-large election. Incumbent Joyce A. Harrison received 85 votes (25.4 percent) with incumbent Mayor James Ellrodt receiving 84 votes (25.1 percent).

The three top vote-getters beat candidate William Grubb — who received 61 votes (18.3 percent) —

for seats on the Astatula Town Council.

The two-year council positions are paid \$60 per month, while the mayor is paid \$75 per month.

The election marks Bawcum's return to the Town Council. He had served a two-year term, but had been off the Town Council for two years.

Bawcum, 41, a 10-year resident of Astatula who works as an assistant sales manager with a citrus company, said he wanted to return to the council to see some of the ongoing projects completed.

The desire to complete ongoing

projects, including the town's new water and fire hydrant system, was also the reason Mayor Ellrodt sought his third term on the council.

Ellrodt, 37, is a bondsman and has been a resident of Astatula for nearly six years.

Incumbent Council Member Harrison was seeking election re-election after serving a one-year portion left open after a resignation.

Harrison, 54, a softline receiving clerk at a discount store, is not related to Councilman Douglas Harrison. She said she wants to see more road improvement in the town.

DEATHS

Myrtle Lee Chrysler

Myrtle Lee Chrysler, 84, of Brooksville, died Monday (Dec. 5, 1994) in Brooksville. Born in Atlanta, she was a homemaker and a Baptist. Survivors include a son, Charles of Hollywood; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell.

Beatrice F. Fletcher

Beatrice Frances Fletcher, 93, of 10201 S. Hwy. 27, Clermont, died Tuesday (Dec. 6, 1994). Born in Buffalo, N.Y., she moved to Clermont from there in 1983. She was a homemaker and member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church of Clermont. Survivors include her husband, Raymond V.; a son, Robert Skimmer of Marilla, N.Y.; a daughter, Eileen Colgrove of West Palm Beach; a brother, Leonard Schuler of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.

of Grover Hill, Ohio and seven grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

Bernard A. Jordan

Bernard Anthony Jordan, 86, of 94 Lakeview Terrace Drive, Altoona, died Monday (Dec. 5, 1994). Born in Albany, N.Y., he moved to Altoona from Ocala in 1974. He was a retired college professor, a Protestant, a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 1981, a volunteer in presenting programs for the community elderly, a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, both on the local and national level, involved in preparation and editing professional literature and active in teaching and counseling senior citizens in the community college environment. Survivors include a sister, Luciette Firlick of Albany, N.Y. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Gracie Mae Osterhout

Gracie Mae Osterhout, 61, of 15245

1994. He was a student and a Methodist. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Ronald L. and Linda J. of Paisley; and a sister, Tammy of Elmira. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Marjorie J. Thomas

Marjorie Jane Thomas, 69, of 1858 West Schwartz Blvd., Lady Lake, died Tuesday (Dec. 6, 1994). Born in Emma, Mo., she moved to Lady Lake from Cherryville, N.C. in 1986. She was a jewelry store manager and a member of various bowling leagues. Survivors include his husband, Henry J.; a son, Dan Joel Thomas of Kings Mountain, N.C.; a daughter, Wanda Joy McMillan of Shelfont, Pa.; a sister, Dorothy Fangman of Emma; and three grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral services for Marjorie Jane Thomas will be at 1 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 9, 1994) at North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake with the