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Clubs and meetings

Hendry County pageant registration

Registration for the Miss and Jr. Miss Hendry County Pageant will be on Nov. 17 beginning at 7 p.m. Registration will be held at the fairgrounds in the dressing rooms.

Help Feed A Family

Palm Terrace of Clewiston is collecting non-perishable food items to help feed some needy families this Thanksgiving. You can drop off your donations at 301 South Gloria St. Clewiston. If you know of a deserving family that you would like to see receive a food basket please Fax the information to Tabitha Yebba at 863-983-6698 or e-mail t_yebba@yahoo.com.

Benefit dinner

A benefit dinner for Larry Gilmer, II., will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23. We will be serving dinners that will include ribs, corn on the cob and Sonny's baked beans. This will be available for pick up starting at noon at the Elks Lodge 5 Acres on Francisco Street in Clewiston. Please contact the Elks Lodge for further information on costs of dinner plates at 863-983-7471 or 863-228-4179.

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Sugar Dolls

The Clewiston Sugar Dolls Baton, Pom-pom and Dance classes will be held every Wednesday at Central Elementary School. The classes are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advanced classes are from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second class is also for middle and high school students. For more information please call Jackie Tucker at 863-993-0083 or by fax 863-993-9740.

Ladies VFW Dinners

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 4185 has Wednesday Night Dinners to eat in or take out, open to the public. The menu is different each week and dinners are available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a \$7 donation. You can call the Post at 863-983-9748 to get the menu and to place your order.

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U.S. Sugar to keep its mill

New deal calls for sale of land, not facilities

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- There is a new deal on the table regarding the sale of U.S. Sugar to the state. Despite initially offering all of its land and production facilities, the company is now keeping the mill and the railroad and citrus

plants out of the sale.

The news was made public by Governor Charlie Crist on Tuesday, following initial reports.

Under the terms of the sale, the company is offering 182,500 acres land to the South Florida Water Management District -- 4,500 acres less than the initial deal. U.S. Sugar will maintain its primary mill in Clewiston, its railroad and citrus operations.

The original terms called for a \$1.75 billion buyout of U.S. Sugar. The new sale is in the neigh-

borhood of \$1.34 billion.

The change poses some interesting questions as the matter heads toward the governing bodies of the company and the South Florida Water Management District for final approval.

With U.S. Sugar keeping just about 2.5 percent of the land it owns, the question is whether the company can sustain the profits it has become accustomed to when it has operated with a much larger area of production.

The matter of the 1,700 jobs is still vague. A much scaled down operation seems to guarantee the loss of jobs, but with the deal in its infancy, concrete plans are still murky.

When the sale of the company was announced earlier this year, Carol Wehle, the district's executive director, assured residents that there were no plans to shut down the mill. The district unable to operate such a facility, the general consensus seemed to be a sale of the production

facilities to another agricultural company -- perhaps that operated by the Fanjul family, or even the Sugar Co-op in Palm Beach County.

This news seems to throw a wrench into those plans.

Whether U.S. Sugar plans on continuing its operations well into the future, or if its executives simply believe that they can sell the production portion of their company at a higher value pri-

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America's Sweetest Heros: Celebrating Veteran's Day



A retired veteran listens to Clewiston High School students giving a speech to celebrate and thank those who served our country.

INI/Ashley Smith



Young students gathered to view and learn about portraits painted by Clewiston High School Students displayed at the Veteran's Day Ceremony in Sugarland Park.

INI/Ashley Smith

In honor of war heroes

Students pay tribute to military men

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- On Tuesday morning, members of the high school's Criminal Justice program held a stirring program for Veteran's Day.

Traditionally held at the high school, this year the program was moved to Civic Park, where several hundred people gathered under clear skies.

Mayor Mali Chamness paid tribute to all local military men, and all of those who have served their country.

"We honor them today," she said. "We honor them every day."

Old soldiers and young servicemen sat in the chairs across the podium, listening as students took time to formally recognize and honor the contributions the men had made.

Members of the various branches of the military -- the Coast Guard, Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force -- stood as students filed past carrying flags bearing the representation of their branches of service.

Kristine Petersen, Clewiston assistance chief of police and

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Pelletier wins recount

Kristina Kulpa searches for recourse after narrow loss to Pelletier

By Patty Brant
INI Florida

In an election year filled with high emotions, vigorous debate and historic implications Hendry County was not without its own Election Day twist.

Just five votes separated incumbent Property Appraiser Kristina Kulpa and her opponent, Phillip Pelle-

tier when the counting was done Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Mr. Pelletier had garnered 5,255 votes to Ms. Kulpa's 5,250.

After the recount Monday, Nov. 10, they were still separated by five votes, confirming challenger Phill Pelletier as the winner.

However, Ms. Kulpa is continuing to search for any recourse in challenging the outcome.

She said she is researching the law and talking to attorneys.

She intends to pursue any avenue she may find.

"I am not relinquishing my job," she said.

"I still have the office. I do not feel defeated."

She added that she is very grateful for all her support and knows that she has done a good job as Property Appraiser.

The recount itself was a tense five-hour process that lasted from 3 p.m. until it finally ended at 8 p.m.

Both candidates sat quietly inside the counting area with their respective party chairman.

The canvassing board, in-

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Kristina Kulpa, right, following a recount which handed her the narrowest of losses to Phillip Pelletier, said she will continue to exhaust all avenues before giving up her position as property appraiser.

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Tigers Whip Scots; Win Title

By Jeff Barwick

Clewiston's journey to Boca Raton St. Andrews on Friday night proved to be very rewarding as the Tigers captured their fourth consecutive 2A District 6 title. Three rushing scores by senior tailback Darris Hughes powered the offense while the defense kept the Scots well in check. The victory improved the Clewiston record to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the district. In fact, the Tigers have never lost a district game since joining the district four years ago. Clewiston won the opening toss but deferred until the second half. The defense held the Scots three and out. From their 45, the Tigers used 8 plays with Hughes getting the final 4 yards. Key plays on the drive were throws from quarterback Isandro Marquez of 22 and 12 yards caught by tight end Julio Ramos. The Tigers roared back in the second period, scoring on a 25-yard jaunt by Hughes. Hughes set up the score with an 18-yard return of a short St. Andrews punt. Kicker Isandro Marquez added

the extra point and was perfect on the night on his 3 attempts. Clewiston took the second half kickoff and Hughes returned the ball 18 yards to the Tiger 39. Hughes then ran for 14 followed by an 18 yard smash by fullback Leonard Newton. From their, Hughes burst up the middle and raced untouched for the 29 yard touchdown. St. Andrews lone score came early in the final quarter on a 12 yard run by tailback Ben Dexter. The score was a gift as a result of a blocked Tiger punt, the second of the game. While the Tigers won, the victory was not impressive as the Scot's defensive front appeared to be all the Tiger offensive line could handle for most of the game. From a rushing perspective, 16 of 31 Tiger rushes were held to 3 yards or less. Marquez' passing was sharp except for 2 interceptions. Defensively, the Tigers seemed more their normal self as they held the Scots to 116 yards rushing on 31 tries and only 55 yards passing. Most of the rushing yards



Submitted photo/Jeff Barwick
Fullback Leonard Newton churns out an 8-yard gain.

came in the second period after the game was decided. Linebacker Joey Cordova turned in his best performance of the year with 10 tackles, an assist, and 1.5 rushing sacks for a total of 5 yards lost. Linebacker Dillon Irey also was active with 7 tackles and an assist. Linebacker Leonard Newton recovered a fumble and defensive back Damion Smith picked off a pass. Tailback Darris Hughes eclipsed the single season rushing record for the Tigers on his first carry of the game. The record was 1,527 yards set in 1990 by fabled Tiger tailback Thomas Washington. Hughes now stands at 1,649 yards rushing with one game remaining to add to the total. The Tigers close out their regular season this week hosting Okeechobee. The Brahmins have also secured a playoff berth and feature the hard running of Lonnie Pryor, one of the best backs in the state. Pryor rolled past the 2,000-yard mark rushing in last week's victory over Jensen Beach.

The Tigers will open their play-off activity on November 21 when they host the Mulberry Panthers, runner-ups in 2A District 5. The Panthers are 6-4 entering their final contest and finished 4-1 in district play.

Scoring:

	1	2	3	4	Total
Clewiston	7	7	7	0	21
St. Andrews	0	0	0	0	7

- 1Q: Clewiston: Darris Hughes, 4 yd run; kick Isandro Marquez.
- 2Q: Clewiston: Darris Hughes, 25 yd run; kick Isandro Marquez
- 3Q: Clewiston: Darris Hughes, 29 yd run; kick Isandro Marquez
- 4Q: St. Andrews: Ben Dexter, 12 yd run; kick Will Shuttleworth

Stats:
Rushing (Carries/Yards): Darris Hughes, 25/124; Leonard Newton, 4/32; Joey Cordova, 1/16; and Isandro Marquez, 1/3.
Passing (Compl/Att/Int/Yards): Isandro Marquez, 6/13/2/121
Receiving (Catches/Yards): Julio Ramos, 2/34; Damion Smith, 1/0; Jamarcus Smith, 2/58; Damarian Allen, 1/29.



Submitted photo/Jeff Barwick
Wideout Jamarcus Smith awaits a long throw but a Scot defender picked off the pass.

Area boxers chosen Top PAL Team in Florida

On November 7, 2008 we brought 12 Belle Glade and Pahokee PAL boxers to Fort Myers to compete against other PALs for the Florida PAL Championship title. The kids boxed on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. Our youth boxers won five championship title belts. In addition, we were chosen as the top team in the State of Florida out of every other PAL team, winning a 4 foot trophy from the Florida PAL. This was an outstanding opportunity that PBSO Community Services gave to the glades kids between the ages of 11 to 17. Many of the glades kids never had the gift of staying away from home and staying in a Holiday Inn before the tournament. We are keeping our kids off the streets. They are away from gangs, drugs, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco. The school watch program has begun in Pahokee.



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The local PAL Boxing Program has proven its contribution to the community by receiving the award for best PAL Program in the state.

Our presence on campus is occurring every week. We have met with teachers. We are tracking school behavior, grades, and attendance. We are working with the kids who have behavior problems. It is anticipated we will see many great things from our kids in the future. It is just a matter of time. Please keep our programs in your prayers, thank you Mike.

Sports Briefs

Bass Busters tourney dates set

Bass Busters Classic on Nov. 15 and 16, for qualifying teams. Please visit the official website and look on the 2008 standings page for qualifying team names.

Also the 18th ANNUAL TOYS FOR KIDS fishing tournament will be held on Sunday Dec. 14, in Clewiston on Lake Okeechobee. \$50 and two unwrapped toys for the entry and the tournament runs safelight to 3 p.m. 100 percent Pay-Back with Cash and Prizes. For More information or to get entry forms for these events please contact Chris Fickey at 941-232-9539 or go to www.bassbustersflorida.com and we look forward to seeing you at the ramp.



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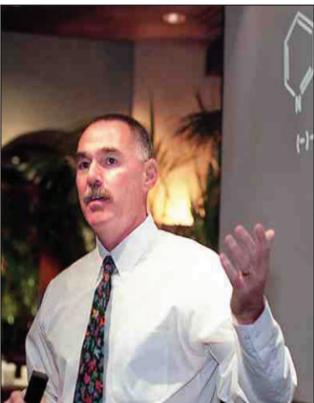
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Raiders clinch district, win over Suncoast

Pahokee defeats Vero Beach, Glades Day beats Moore Haven

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

BELLE GLADE - In Glades Central's 44-0 thumping of Suncoast, a few things were proven at the conclusion of the Muck Bowl tune-up.

The Raiders most likely will be thoroughly dominant at a homecoming game, which was rescheduled from Oct. 3 to Nov. 7.

Also, Glades Central can easily win contests on the run, through the air and on defense.

Simply put, this year's assembly of Raiders is proving that an opponent must play at least a near-perfect game to even have a chance of pulling a victory.

It's akin to, say, an opponent picking its poison, especially in District 15-3A play, which the Raiders won with a 4-0 record this season.

The consensus No. 1 team in Class 3A, according to the latest Associated Press High School Football poll, mostly used its run-ning game to overpower them in the blowout win.

The running back duo of senior Antonio McCloude (eight carries, 69 yards, 2 rush TDs) and junior Antwon Chisolm (four carries, 18 yards, 2 total TDs) was just too much for Suncoast to handle.

McCloude broke a scoreless tie in the first quarter with a 5-yard touchdown run, the first of three touchdown drives in the second quarter.

Chisolm followed with a 8-yard rushing score of his own later in the quarter.

Senior tight end/wide receiver James West (three receptions, 36 yards) hauled in a 12-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter from junior quarterback L.J. Thomas (11-for-15 passing, 173 yards, 1 TD).

Glades Central went into half-time with a 22-0 lead after senior Andre Edwards caught a 2-point conversion from Thomas, courtesy of Chisolm's rushing score.

If Suncoast (4-6) thought they were going to score at any point, Glades Central gave them that answer in emphatic fashion as the Raiders gave up only 65 total yards in the game.

The exclamation point came in the second half when senior defensive back D'Anthony Jaboam, a Royal Palm Beach transfer, caught an interception at the Suncoast 19 yard line for a score.

Chisolm, who recorded 110 all-purpose yards in the game, broke

loose for a 60-yard punt return for touchdown in the second half.

The Raiders (9-0; Beef O' Brady's No. 3 team in the state's all-classification poll) are now looking forward to the annual Muck Bowl against the Pahokee Blue Devils.

Glades Central is hoping to avenge a 34-24 home loss in last year Muck Bowl, where this year's backup senior quarterback, Kentavious McCoy, was named the Muck Bowl MVP.

If the Raiders win the Muck Bowl, it would be their first since 2004.

Not only that, Glades Central may make its first appearance in USA Today's Super 25 national high school poll next week, contingent on the outcome of their final regular season game.

The Raiders haven't been nationally ranked since 2006, when they were the No. 5 team in the country before losing an early season game to Byrnes (S.C.)

Pahokee 28, Vero Beach 10

The Blue Devils (8-1; Beef O' Brady's No. 4 team in the state's all-classification poll) won their Nov. 6 road game on the strength of its running game, led by senior Vincent Smith.

The Michigan commit rushed for 211 yards and three touchdowns in Pahokee's Muck Bowl tune-up game against the Indians.

University of Florida commit and senior Nu'Keese Richardson, the only Muck-area player to appear on ESPN's latest ESPN150 high school recruiting list, threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to fellow senior Dexter Holmes to complete Pahokee's scoring in the game.

However, Vero Beach did a fairly decent job of neutralizing Richardson, who was held to 6-for-15 passing with 58 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

In all fairness, Richardson played quarterback for the first time since Pahokee faced Byrnes (S.C.) on the road in an 38-12 heartbreaking loss.

In the three games before Vero Beach - all blowout wins - Richardson lined up at receiver, his natural position.

It was an effort to showcase sophomore quarterback Emmanuel Perez, who made a brief appearance in the Muck Bowl tune-up, though he didn't attempt a pass.

On the defensive front, the

Blue Devils, anchored by outside linebacker Brandin Hawthorne and defensive back Jarvis Byrd, limited Vero Beach (7-2) to 164 total yards.

Tailor-made to stop the run, Pahokee registered four sacks, while allowing just 88 rushing yards to the highly regarded team, who is in Class 6A.

That being said, for the second consecutive season, Pahokee (8-1; 3-0 in District 7-2B play) compiled a clean sweep in two districts.

Those two districts were Class 6A-District 7 (Vero Beach, Palm Beach Lakes, Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter) and their own (Melbourne Central Catholic, John Carroll and District 7-2B runner-up King's Academy).

Next up for Pahokee is the annual Muck Bowl against Glades Central, which is their final regular season game.

The top-ranked team in Class 2B, according to the AP's latest high school poll, are aiming for their third consecutive Muck Bowl win against their archrival.

Last season, Smith scored the game-winning score in what will forever be remembered as a classic showdown.

Winning the Muck Bowl would be huge for this team, as the Blue Devils have had to play on since losing Norman Griffith to a tragedy a few games back.

Add to the fact that this year's game is played at Lair Field, a victory here would probably be their biggest win since, well, last year's Muck Bowl win.

The Muck Bowl will take place on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.

It's advised that fans of both team come out to Lair Field at least two hours before the kickoff time as it's expected to be fully packed before the game begins.

Glades Day 53, Moore Haven 12

Both the Gators and the Terriers entered this meaningless district battle with identical 4-4 records.

But in the end, all the game showed was why Glades Day is the dominant force in District 6-1A play, which it has won every year since 2004.

Kelvin Taylor - the son of Jacksonville Jaguars running back and Glades Central alum Fred Taylor - led Glades Day with 125 rushing yards and three touchdowns on only nine carries.

Amazingly, in nine regular season games, the eighth-grader has rushed for at least 100 yards in all but one game, a 65-yard effort

against King's Academy in Glades Day's 41-7 road loss on Oct. 31.

Taylor scored twice in the first quarter against Moore Haven's young defense, which gave up 269 total rushing yards in the game.

Deandre Jackson, who registered 133 all-purpose yards (64 rushing on four carries, 69 passing on three receptions, two total TDs), also scored in the first quarter, a 30-yard rushing touchdown.

Those scores put Glades Day up 21-6 to end the first quarter.

By the end of the first half, the Gators put the game out of reach for the Terriers to even think about mounting a comeback.

Though Terriers junior running back Fred Hall (22 carries, 93 yards) scored a touchdown in the second quarter, the Gators were in attack mode, highlighted by Taylor's third touchdown, a 40-yard run.

Jackson, who is a Suncoast transfer, rushed for his second touchdown of the game in the second quarter, an 11-yard effort.

At halftime, Glades Day was up by a score of 40-12.

The game was further put out of reach in the second half, highlighted by Jarrett Swaby's 50-yard punt return for a touchdown.

The University of Central Florida commit scored two touchdowns in this contest, including a 14-yard strike from Bo Schlechter.

Schlechter, who is known as an accurate quarterback, was 7-for-8 passing with 125 yards and no interceptions.

On the Moore Haven side, Dalton Britt was 8-for-25 passing with a touchdown and an interception.

What hurt Moore Haven in this contest was that they weren't effective enough in its running game, which has proven to be its strongest suit throughout the season.

Interestingly, though, the Terriers displayed a balanced offense on their 52 called plays, with 27 for rushing and 25 for passing.

In most games, gaining 12 first downs would be enough to muster a win. But it didn't work out, as the Terriers defense allowed 20 first downs to the Gators.

Glades Day's defense showed noticeable improvement in this game, as it allowed just over 200 total yards, including 102 rushing.

The Gators defensive backs, anchored by Swaby, Jackson, Davonte Allen and Joshua Thornton, neutralized the Terriers passing game effectively.

Glades Day's defenders did a great job of limiting the effec-

tiveness of Moore Haven senior receiver Xavier Fagan, who came into the games as the state's top receiver, according to MaxPreps Florida.

Fagan (three receptions, 51 yards) led Moore Haven's receiving corps in this game, highlighted by an 11-yard score from Britt in the first half.

Final regular season games

The final regular season game for Glades Day (5-4; 3-0 in District 6-1A play) will likely be their toughest one of the season, as they host Jupiter Christian tomorrow night.

In what will be a litmus test for the Gators throughout the Class 1A playoffs, which begins next week, to win this game, they absolutely must neutralize the Warriors running game.

Jupiter Christian, the state's consensus top-ranked Class 1B team, according to the AP's latest high school poll, is led by the power running game of Will Powers, who Glades Day cannot afford to let loose.

If Powers rushes for more than

100 yards against the Gators tomorrow night, it may very well be a long night for Glades Day and a likely victory for the defending Class 1B state champions.

For the Moore Haven (4-5; 0-3 in District 6-1A play), it would be highly disappointing if they finish their season with a loss to Central Florida Christian in Orlando.

After a promising start in which the Terriers were 4-0 and considered by the AP as one of the top 10 teams in Class 1A, they have suffered through a five-game losing streak.

It was very probable for Moore Haven to at least finish as the District 6-1A runner-up, but losses to St. John Neumann and Evangelical Christian eliminated them from playoff contention for the fifth straight season.

Jason Bond, Moore Haven's second-season coach, led the Terriers to a 4-6 record last season.

Here's hoping that Moore Haven's three-hour bus ride from Orlando tomorrow night will be joyous with the possibility of finishing the season with a 5-5 record.

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the campaign calls for all Florida residents to use the hotline when faced with poison-related emergencies, including accidental poisoning of pets. Consumers are urged to call the hotline to receive complimentary magnets and stickers so they can display the hotline number in a prominent location before they have a actual emergency.

"The poison information hotline is staffed around the clock with experts that can answer any question, no matter how big or small," said Dr. Cynthia Lewis-Younger, medical director Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa.

"We're hoping to bring awareness about the poison control hotline to help Florida residents know how to avoid poison dan-

gers, call in the even of suspected poisoning, get immediate help in emergency situations and prevent unnecessary hospital visits."

Created by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1989 in response to an overwhelming need for emergency poison information in the state, the Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa is part of the Poison Information Center Network. Currently, the FPIC/Tampa receives approximately 160-200 calls each day from Floridians.

"Since we have a nationwide hotline, Floridians can even use this resource while on vacation. We're here to help all Florida residents at all times," said Dr. Lewis-Younger.

"We hope to save lives and to become a household name and reference for consumers. We

want people to know how to find us when they don't need us so they'll be prepared for any potential scenario."

All poison specialists at the Tampa center are registered nurses with emergency medicine or critical care experience.

In addition, board-certified toxicologists are available 24 hours per day for consultation.

The center also conducts a full spectrum of poison prevention education programs for the general public and healthcare professionals.

Florida residents may call the hotline at 1-800-222-1222 to request magnets or stickers or for other free information on poison-related dangers.

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Kids Fall Fest

The winners of the two brand new bicycles raffle sponsored by the Hendry County Fair and Livestock Governing Board were Wheaton Westbery and Lisa Miller.

Local Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers.

Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday Night And Sunday: Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday Night Through Tuesday: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.



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Boy Scouts scouting for food, Pack 922

Pack 922 is participating in the Annual Boy Scouts of America "Scouting for Food".

Non-perishable food items are needed to help supply local food banks.

All food collected by Pack 922 stays in Clewiston.

It will not be included in food going to food banks throughout Florida.

You can contribute in several ways:

- Pack 922 will be placing door hangers around town. (There is also another Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop doing the same.)

- Pack 922 will be placing a box inside the door at St. Margaret's Catholic Church.

You are welcome to drop food in the box before or after any of the daily Masses or services.

(Daily: Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday)

- If you have not had a door hanger placed on your door, but would like to donate, please contact Pack 922, who will arrange for your items to be picked up.

- Drop your items in the box located at the Chamber of Commerce.

We thank you for your generosity towards those who may not have enough to make it daily or through the upcoming holidays.

Being able to share a meal is so important to families.

Thank you again for helping to make this possible for our local families.

Please contact the Pack through PJ Mahoney at 561-723-6753.

Parent education program gets funding

Healthy Families Program announced a partnership with Target® in recognition of its efforts to help parents create a safe and nurturing environment for their children. The grant will be used to purchase educational videos, curriculum and literature in family violence prevention.

The Healthy Families Program offers home visiting services to parents-to-be and new parents, who wish to learn about positive parenting techniques, their child's

development, parent-child activities and community resources. Home visitors use age appropriate curriculum with parents in the home at a time that is convenient for the family.

The educational material from Target® will be used at home visits and at parent meetings to help parents learn about, stress and how it affects parenting, positive communication, anger management, etc.

This grant is part of ongoing

efforts by Target to strengthen families and

communities throughout the country. Since opening its doors, Target has given 5 percent of its income to organizations that support education, the arts, social services and volunteerism. Today that translates to more than \$3 million every week.

"At Target, our local grants are making a difference in the communities we serve," said Laysha Ward, vice president, community

relations, Target. "We're proud to partner with Healthy Families as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work."

To find out more about the Healthy Families Program contact Judy Paskvan at the Hendry County Health Department, 863-674-4056 ext. 116.

Inside the Dark Side: Dr. DeNoble To Speak

In 1994 Dr. Victor DeNoble, after a congressional release from a confidentially agreement with the tobacco company Philip Morris, became the first "whistle-blower" to begin tearing down the wall of secrecy built by the tobacco industry. He was a key witness in the federal government's case against the industry and has testified before Congress, the Food and Drug Administration and former Vice President Al Gore's Tobacco Settlement Committee. He has been featured on several TV shows such as "60 Minutes", "Dateline NBC" and Sunday Morning with David Brinkley.

Victor DeNoble, Ph.D. was employed by Philip Morris in the

Behavioral Research Department from 1980-1984. He performed in-house Philip Morris rat studies on nicotine and addiction and was later fired by Philip Morris because of sensitive nature of what studies revealed about nicotine addiction. As a former employee of tobacco giant Phillip Morris Dr. DeNoble speaks about his experiences from inside the dark side of tobacco. He shares important information about how tobacco companies target youth as 'replacement smokers' for the 30,000 smokers who die everyday from the harmful effects of nicotine. Dr. DeNoble said he is determined to get the truth out about what the tobacco industry knew

about nicotine and that they were consciously killing people who are addicted. In April 1994, seven executives from the tobacco industry stood before Congress and testified that nicotine was not addictive, but rather it was a choice. Two weeks after the testimony on April 28, DeNoble testified that the Phillip Morris and the other six tobacco executives knew 10 years earlier that nicotine is an addictive drug and were fully conscious the product killed people. "My contribution is to show what the tobacco industry knew and when. My role is to tell that the tobacco companies made a conscious decision not to make a safer cigarette that could have saved lives. They

chose to make money and profits over lives," DeNoble says. Everyone who is interested in learning the truth about how the tobacco companies target young people to become smokers or dippers and work to keep them addicted will be interested in hearing Dr. DeNoble's message.

Dr. DeNoble will speak in Moore Haven at the Doyle Conner Building at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17 and at Flora and Ella's Restaurant at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The talks are free and open to the public. Breakfast will be available for purchase on Tuesday. Dr. DeNoble will also speak to students in schools in Hendry and Glades counties.

Clubs and organizations

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For details, e-mail okcirc@strato.net or call Janet at 863-634 1188

Volunteer opportunities

Hope Hospice and Community Services seeks opportunities to speak to civic groups, clubs and churches about services provided and volunteer opportunities.

- Speaker topics include:**
- Volunteering for Good Health
 - 25 ways to Support Someone Facing a Serious Illness
 - Advance Directives
 - Hospice 101 and Volunteering

Volunteer opportunities

- include:**
- Providing companionship to patients
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 - Volunteers to sit with children so family can visit
- For more information, call Jean Best at 863-983-7771.

Hurricane

Preparedness

The Clewiston Police Department is getting their hurricane preparedness plan updated for

this season.

We are again looking for those who have boats or airboats and are willing to be available to assist during any disaster.

We would like to have volunteers identified and credentials before a disaster strikes.

When volunteers have been identified beforehand we are able to get them ready to respond in the safest manner possible.

There will be a short training class on safety and protocol and then volunteers will receive credentials that will allow them to be admitted into disaster areas in the city.

For more information please call Detective Curtis Clay at 863-983-1474.

General News and Information

Pre-file now for 2009

The Honorable Kristina Kulpa, Property Appraiser, would like to remind you that you can pre-file for your 2009 tax exemptions now. You do not have to wait until January 2, 2009 to file. If you file early you can avoid the rush, the waiting in line and perhaps even forgetting to file and missing out on the exemption.

Both of our office locations maintain the same hours 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please stop by during those hours and put your filing for tax exemptions behind you.

If you have any questions on pre-filing for 2009 you can call our office in LaBelle at 863-675-5270 or toll free in Clewiston at 863-983-3178. You can also go to our website www.hendryprop.org for additional information.

Questions on your tax bill?

The Honorable Kristina Kulpa wants to remind everyone that you will be receiving your 2008 tax bill this next week.

If you have any questions regarding your bill that pertains to the Property Appraiser please contact our office at 863-675-5270 in LaBelle and 863-983-1591 in Clewiston. Both of our offices maintain hours from 8:30 AM to 500 PM Monday through Friday. You are always more than welcome to stop by with your questions. You can also visit our website at www.hendryprop.org to find some of your answers.

If your questions pertain to any of the Taxing Authorities you may contact them at: Hendry County at 863- 675-5220; School Board at 863- 674-4100/983-1500; City of LaBelle at 863- 675-2872; City of Clewiston at 863- 983-1484; Port LaBelle at 863- 675-0346; Water Management at 561-686-8800; or County Special Districts at 863-675-5252.

If you are looking for a Tax Authority that is not listed above please contact our office and we will be glad to assist you.

The Caloosa Humane Society has 'School Year Hours'!

Please make note of the business hours change as follows:

- Tuesday through Friday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Surgery days will remain the same as always:
- 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. - drop-off of scheduled pets for surgery
 - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. pick-up of pets after surgery

Surgery dates are posted in the lobby of the shelter, on the Website and in return auto-response e-mails. Thank you and we hope to see you all at the shelter soon!

Plan now for November

It is time to organize your schedule so that you can take the time off during Thanksgiving week to attend the Big "O" Hike around Lake Okeechobee.

The Hike will begin in Pahokee on Nov. 22, and end at Pahokee on Nov. 30.

That's nine days of walking from 9 to 14 miles a day to make it all the way around the lake. There is a little bit of a challenge to this walk.

Hundreds of people have tried over the years and (for some reason) only about 20 to 30 percent of the walkers manage to finish the 9 days. So plan now and get in shape for November.

For further information please call Paul at 561-963-9906.

Sponsor a pet

People who love pets but cannot adopt one for one reason or another now have another way to help. Caloosa Humane Society has just added a feature to its pet list on Petfinder.com called Sponsor a Pet.

With a simple click of a button, a visitor can make a donation to a pet's care. To see pets available to sponsor, visit www.dogncat.petfinder.com.

Addiction recovery help

Narconon reminds parents that during the summer months, children are more apt to let boredom set in and drugs and alcohol can work into their lives. To help your child this summer, learn to

recognize the signs of drug and alcohol addiction and get the help they need.

If you or someone you know is struggling with an addiction, call Narconon. Narconon offers free addiction counseling, assessments, and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide by calling 1-800-468-6933 or logging onto www.stopaddiction.com.

Stop the violence services available

The Hendry and Glades Domestic and Sexual Violence Council's

mission is to increase community awareness about domestic and sexual violence and victim safety by providing services, referrals and education relating to the affects of domestic/sexual violence in our community.

The meetings rotate between LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven. To get involved in the council or for information about meeting dates and times, please call Abuse Council and Treatment, Inc.'s Rural Extension (REACT): 863-674-1811, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. to speak with an advocate.

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Nurse Practitioner's Week

At Hendry Regional Medical Center

Your Partner in Health – The Nurse Practitioner is the theme for the 2008 National Nurse Practitioner's (NPs) Week, Nov. 9 through Nov. 15.

Hendry Regional Medical Center wants to celebrate the vital role and provide awareness that NPs play in bringing high-quality, cost-effective and personalized health care to Hendry and Glades Counties.

A Nurse Practitioner is your partner in health, providing quality primary care services, similar to those of a physician.

Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses with advanced education and advanced clinical training.

They bring a unique perspective to health care services in that they place emphasis on both care and cure.

Along with clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, while guiding patient to make smarter health and lifestyle choices.

Nurse Practitioners practice under the rules and regulations of the state in which they are licensed.

Most NPs are nationally certified in their specialty area; they are recognized as expert health



Submitted photo
Pictured from left to right are Alice Blandford, Debbie McCarthy, and Toni Pavey-McDaniel. (All from Hendry Regional Medical Center.)

care providers and provide health care services in all states and in many countries around the world.

NPs provide a full range of services including the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, infections and injuries.

Patients who see NPs often report extremely high levels of

satisfaction with the care they receive.

Craig Cudworth, the CEO of Hendry Regional Medical Center, invites you to join him in thanking the nurse practitioners of our community for their focus in educating and treating patients.

They are truly 'Your Partners in Health.'

Is Your Gallbladder Acting Up?

By Dr. Leonard Carroll
HRMC Board Certified General Surgeon

The gallbladder is a pear-shaped organ that sits under the liver and stores bile. Bile helps to digest fats. It is attached to the bile ducts that come from the liver. These ducts carry bile from the liver to the gallbladder, where it is concentrated, and then to the intestine, where the bile helps to digest the food.

Gallstones

Gallstones can form in the gallbladder because of excessive cholesterol in bile. They can be smaller than a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball. They can also form if the gallbladder does not empty as it should. People who are overweight or who are trying to lose weight quickly are more prone to get gallstones. Gallstones are a very common medical problem. When they cause pain or other problems, treatment is usually needed. The removal of the gallbladder is one of the most common types of surgery performed in this county. In the past, open abdominal surgery was the traditional treatment. The procedure required a five to seven day stay in the hospital and a five to seven inch incision and scar on the abdomen.

Gallbladder Attacks

Most gallbladder attacks are due to gallstones. People can go for years with digestive symptoms and never realize that they may be related to a gallbladder problem. That's because they are so similar to other digestive symptoms; constipation is one of the most commonly missed ones. Those at risk may fall under the five F's – 1. female, 2. forty or over, 3. fat (obese), 4. fertile (kids), 5. flatulent (gas).

Gallbladder attack symptoms can include the following:

- Moderate to severe pain under the right side of the rib cage
 - Pain may radiate through to the back or below the right shoulder blade
 - Severe upper abdominal pain
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Gas
- Attacks often occur at night or after overeating. Pain will often,

but not always, follow a meal including fats or grease. Pain may also be worse with deep breaths. Attacks can last anywhere from 15 minutes to 15 hours.

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

Laparoscopic surgery, sometimes called band-air surgery, is a modern technique in which operations in the abdomen are performed through small incisions. A cholecystectomy is the surgical removal of the gallbladder.

The technique is performed as follows: The patient receives general anesthesia. A small incision is made at the navel (point A) and a tube carrying the video camera is inserted.

The surgeon inflates the abdomen with carbon dioxide, a harmless gas, for easier viewing and to provide room for the surgery to be performed.

Next, two long instruments are inserted (points B and C). These instruments serve as tiny hands within the abdomen. They can pick up the gallbladder, move intestines around, and generally assist the surgeon.

Finally, several different instruments are inserted (point D) to clip the gallbladder artery and bile duct and to safely dissect and re-

move the gallbladder and stones. When the gallbladder is freed, it is then teased out of the tiny navel incision. The entire procedure normally takes 30 to 60 minutes. The four puncture wounds require no stitches and may leave very slight blemishes. The navel incision is barely visible.

What Are the Benefits?

The main benefit of this procedure is the ease of recovery for the patient. There is no incision pain that occurs with standard abdominal surgery. The patient is up and about the very same day.

In fact, up to 90 percent of patients go home on the same day as the surgery; the other 10 percent are usually discharged the next day. Within several days, normal activities can be resumed. Also, the scars on the abdomen are very small.

Gallbladder removal by laparoscopic surgery is an exciting development because it offers so much to the patient. The surgeon carefully evaluates each case and discusses it with the patient.

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"Hope provides quality care and is focused on living life as fully as possible. Each of our programs offers 'Hope' in its own special way," according to President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. These programs and services are now provided under the umbrella of "Hope HealthCare Services."

"Hope HealthCare Services' encompasses all of our care programs and represents who we are today, serving 2,000 people daily in an eight county area," Beckwith said. She added that each person is still cared for as an individual, with their own unique needs.

Hope HealthCare Services:

Hope Hospice – End-of-life care, comfort and support provided by professionals and volunteers working together to meet the physical, social emotional and practical care needs of each person and their families. Services are available in the person's home, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and Hope Hospice Houses. Lee, Glades, Hendry, Highland, Hardee and Polk counties

Pathways of Hope – For those who have experienced a personal loss, Hope's individual and

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Hope Life Care – Many people age 65 and older share an important goal: living in their own home. They can be supported by this comprehensive program that meets all medical, health care and personal needs all medical, health care, personal and day-to-day needs specific to each individual. Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Hendry counties

Hope Connections – Meals, personal care, transportation, medical equipment, emergency response – all necessities, available through this program for seniors age 60 and older. Glades and Hendry counties

Hope Adult Health Center – A special place in Fort Myers where adults participate in social activities, wellness programs, therapies and meals under the supervision of a licensed professional staff that includes Registered Nurses. Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte and Collier counties

Hope Select Care – A single point of access for all health care needs for people 55 and older: medical services and supplies; medicines; case management; transportation; social and wellness activities and more. Hope Select Care is a Medicare/Medicaid program, part of the nationwide

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Lee County

Hope Child and Teen Care – Children who are dying, seriously ill or grieving require special, developmentally appropriate care. The program is also a provider of Partners In Care/Together for Kids (PIC-TFK). Lee, Glades and Hendry counties

Hope Comfort Care – For those of all ages who live with a serious, Hope Comfort Care provides management of symptoms and counseling support. Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties

"As Hope HealthCare Services, we continue to provide 'Hospice and Community Services' to all in need," Beckwith said. "Hope is the core of all of our programs and the core of our mission."

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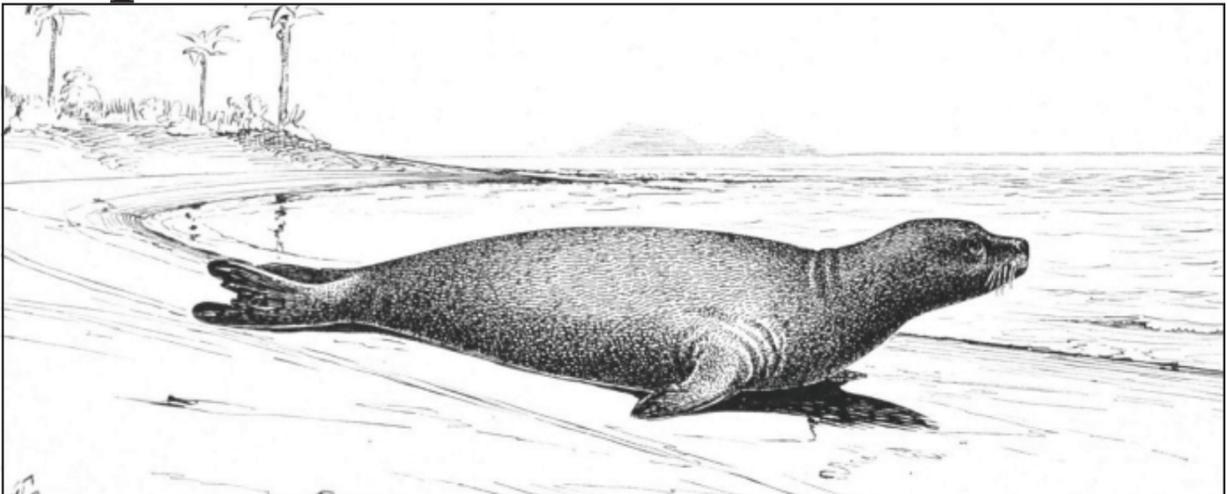
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Tequesta Indians and Sea Wolves



The "Sea Wolves" were a popular food item for the Tequesta, although not all ate the animal. The Sea Wolf is better known to the world as a Caribbean Monk Seal -- a species that is extinct.

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

The tide's invasion ended at the high water mark, as wind swept dunes and sea oats stood like guardians, banishing the sea's advance.

The frothy tide slowly retreated, leaving in its wake abandoned sea grasses and marine debris that formed a dark thin border paralleling the shoreline.

The debris from the retreating sea soon attracted thousands of screaming, diving birds and scurrying crabs.

The sea wolves elongated shapes moving like fat, brown caterpillars, advanced cautiously from the water's edge toward the dunes.

Their streamlined bodies squirmed and flopped across the hard wet sand until they reached the edge of the dunes.

The sluggish sea wolves stretched their bulging stomachs across the warm sands and drowsily basked in the warmth of the tropical sun.

What were sea wolves and who were the Tequesta?

It is time to take a "Walk in the Past" and read Fontaneda's Tall Tales about the Tequesta Indians and the sea wolves.

Fontaneda, a Spanish castaway taken captive by the Calusa Indians, described the Tequesta Indians living on the keys.

He said, "These Indians have no gold, less sliver, and less clothing."

"They go naked, except only some breech-cloths woven of palm, with which the men cover themselves; the women do the like with certain grass that grows on trees."

"This grass looks like wool, al-

though it is different from it. The common food is fish, and snails (all of which are alike fish), and tunny and whale; which is according to what I saw while I was among these Indians.

"Some eat sea-wolves; not all of them, for there is a distinction between the higher and lower classes, but the principle persons eat them.

"There is another fish, which we here call langosta (Lobster) and one like unto a chapin (truck-fish), of which they consume not less than the former."

The wool that Fontaneda referred to was Spanish moss and the snails (clams, oysters and conch) were shellfish.

The Spanish term "sea wolf" was used to describe the Caribbean monk seal, also known as the West Indian seal, which once inhabited the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

The seals were once numerous in the keys. The last seal sighting in the keys was at Key West in 1922, and it was killed.

The Caribbean Monk seal was hunted into extinction. The seals were unique to the Tequesta and must have held a social or religious status, since only the Tequesta from the high cast system could eat them.

So who were the Tequesta?

Some linguistics thinks the Tequesta may have spoken the Calusa language, which would link the Tequesta directly to the Calusa culture.

If they were kissing cousins it didn't help much because the Calusa Indians dominated them and demanded tribute.

The Tequesta Indian nation lived on the southeast coast of Florida in areas known today as Miami, Dade, and Broward coun-

ties. However, some of the Tequesta villages relocated from the mainland to the keys during the mosquito season, which lasted about three months.

There are numerous Spanish documents that make reference to the Tequesta living in the keys.

The Tequesta's practiced human sacrifice.

A Spanish priest heard that a young girl was going to be sacrificed to celebrate a peace treaty with the Santaluces Indians.

The priest sent a message to the chief begging him not to sacrifice the young girl, so the Tequesta chief relented.

Other Spanish priests saw the Tequesta Indians worshipping a stuffed deer, which was a symbolic representative from the sun.

They also reported a bird's head carved in pine that was stored in a temple, along with carved masks used in festivals.

The sacrifices, Tequesta temples and masks bare great similarity in the Calusa culture.

An archeological discovery ten years ago brought the forgotten Tequesta Indian nation back into the limelight of Native American history.

The Miami Circle, also known as the Miami River Circle is located on the site of a Tequesta village south of the Miami River.

There are 24 large holes cut into the bedrock, forming a circle approximately 38 feet in diameter.

The Circle was discovered during an archeological survey of a site being cleared for the construction of a high-rise building in 1998, and is believed be 1700 to 2000 years old.

Some think the site was the Tequesta capital, but no one is sure

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of its true significance.

I find it interesting that Fontaneda said the Tequesta had no gold and little silver.

The Tequesta Indian nation included territories that are now termed the "Gold Coast."

It is a term used to describe the Florida coast from Miami to Palm Beach, where many gold and silver coins have been found.

The Gulf Stream runs much closer to shore in Palm Beach County, so maybe the ships that sank in the Tequesta territories (Dade and Broward Counties) were in deeper water and not savaged by the Tequesta Indians, which would account for no gold and little silver.

The Florida coast starting at Hobe Sound (Martin County) and ending at Sebastian Inlet (Indian River County) is described as the "Treasure Coast" because so many ships laden with gold and silver wrecked in these areas.

The famous 1715 Spanish Treasure Fleet wrecked on the Treasure Coast. There will be other "Tall Tales" in next week's edition of "A Walk in the Past" when Fontaneda and Jonathan Dickinson, a Quaker, describes the Ais Indian nation that lived on the Treasure Coast.

I hope you have enjoyed this story.

Please contact the Clewiston Museum if you have questions, artifacts, pictures or a "Whale of a Tale" that you would like to share. The Museum's hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Butch Wilson is the Clewiston Museum Director. He can be reached at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com, or by phone at 863-983-2870.

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Alvin Akridge Jr., 76

LILBURN, Ga. — Alvin Akridge Jr., 76, of Lilburn, Ga., formerly of Clewiston, Fla., passed away Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, in Atlanta.

He was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Tampa, Fla. He served in the U.S. Army during The Korean War.

After moving to Clewiston, Fla., he served as a Professional Fishing Guide on Lake Okeechobee, owning and operating an Upholstery Shop.

He was a member Sugarland Lodge 281 F & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies at Ft. Myers having obtained the 33rd degree.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joanne; son; Dale and Terry Akridge, Lilburn, Ga.; daughters, Elaine and Jim Moore, Easley, S.C., Cindy and Keith Pflum, Clewiston, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial services will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston, Fla., with Rev. Dave Thomas officiating. Masonic Rites will be rendered by ILL. Gordy Fordes of the Valley of Ft. Myers Scottish Rite Bodies.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Amy Elizabeth Lundy, 18

MOORE HAVEN — Amy Elizabeth Lundy, 18, of Moore Haven, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, in Fort Myers.

She was born Feb. 20, 1990, in Fort Myers and was a lifelong resident of Moore Haven. She was a member of 1st United Methodist Church, Moore Haven, graduating from Moore Haven High School class of 2008. She attended Florida Gulf Coast University.

Survivors include her parents, Jack E. and Janice Marie (Herne) Lundy; sister, Jaclyne Marie Pollard (Dwayne); paternal grandfather, Roy D. Lundy, maternal grandmother, Floy Herne; paternal great-grandmother, Alice Hogan, all of Moore Haven; and maternal great-grandmother, Gladys Herne of Lake Placid.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel David Lundy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, 2008, 10:00 am at Moore Haven High School Auditorium, Moore Haven with Pastor Thom Street officiating. Interment followed in Ortona Cemetery.

The family suggests donations to your local chapter of FFA or 4-H.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Marie Waltz

Crawford, 77

WEST MELBOURNE — Marie Waltz Crawford, 77, died in her home in West Melbourne Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008.

Born in New York and raised in Oil City and Meadville, Pa., Mrs. Crawford lived most of her life in Miami, where she worked as a bookkeeper/secretary at the Earl Billings Music Company for attorney Marion Sibley many years, and part-time at the Biscayne Kennel Club in North Miami.

She married Robert Crawford in Miami and began a totally different life joining her husband as an avid sports person, developing long-lasting friendships while hunting and fishing in exotic locations such as Argentina, Alaska, the Bahama islands, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Hawaii and South Africa.

Upon retirement, they moved to Moore Haven, next door to Hicpochee Hunting Lodge on Riverside Drive. They hosted innumerable hunting and fishing parties as well as dock parties, tasty fishfrys and family gatherings.

An enthusiastic dog lover, she was nearly always accompanied by a Boston Terrier, Clem, Pumpkin or Gus, and at the height of their hunting adventures, a Chocolate Lab named Bear.

After Robert contracted Parkinson's disease, they moved to West Melbourne where he died in 2003.

They are terribly missed by all. Memorial services were held Saturday Nov. 8, 2008, under the Big Cypress tree on the Caloosa Hatchee river.

Susan Delona

Smelley, 62

MOORE HAVEN — Susan Delona Smelley, 62, of Moore Haven, passed away Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, in Clewiston.

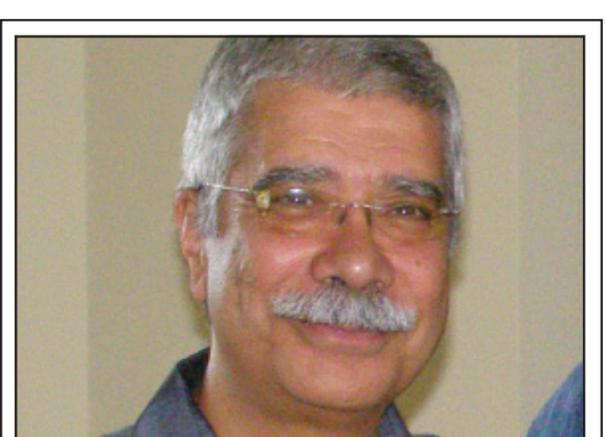
She was born Sep. 21, 1946, in Fort Myers to the late John Silas Coker Jr. and the late Lois Alma (Browning) Coker. She was a resident of Moore Haven for the past 27 years and was a former resident of Ft. Myers.

She was retired from Glades County Chamber Of Commerce in 2000.

Survivors include her husband, James A. "Butch" Smelley Jr.; sons, David Lee (Tammie), Moore Haven, James A. Smelley III (Anna), Glen Burnie, Maryland; daughters, Charity Lee, Okeechobee, Crystal Wagner, Albertville, Ala.; sisters, Janice Wheeler (Harry), Eagle Point, Ore., Robin James, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Rev. Earl Cline officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

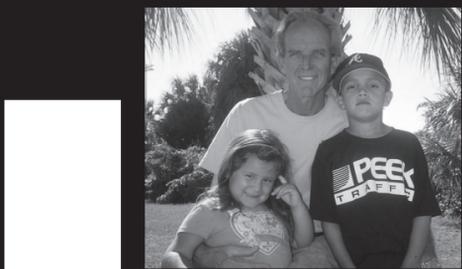


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HRMC Hosts Open House

Hendry Regional Medical Center is hosting an open house for its newest general surgeon, Dr. Darayes Mobed. The community is invited to enjoy refreshments and meet/greet him on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Dr. Mobed's office at 540 West Sagamore Avenue in Clewiston.

THANK YOU!



I would like to thank all my family, friends, supporters, campaign volunteers, employees, voters and concerned citizens of Hendry County for their votes and support. Many of you stood in the gap, spoke up and encouraged me during the campaign which I truly appreciated. I will work very hard to provide the best opportunities for our children, grandchildren, employees and adults that will prepare them for the challenges ahead. To e-mail suggestions and comments logon to rickmurphyforsuperintendent.com anytime. I will begin my term on November 18th, with my oath of office ceremony at 5:30 in the LaBelle Courthouse School Board meeting room and guests are welcome.

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Arrest Report

This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Devon Sandiford, 27



- South Bay
- Sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a place of worship
- Affray escape/resist officer with violence

Arrested November 7
No bond set

Donovan Lennox, 34



- South Bay
- Smuggle contraband into prison - inmate introduce remove or possess

Arrested November 4
Bond has been set to \$3,000

Theodore Green, 22



- South Bay
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
- Improper exhibit of firearm or dangerous weapon

Arrested Nov. 8
Released Nov. 8

Tyrell Morris, 22



- South Bay
- Robbery with a firearm
- Burglary of a dwelling structure or conveyance, armed

Arrested Nov. 4
Bond has been set to \$25,000

Zertavious Hooper, 17



- South Bay
- Carrying concealed weapon - firearm
- Weapon offense - deliver, possess, or sell altered firearm

Arrested Nov. 10
Released Nov. 11 on \$3,000 bond

Darelle Jordan, 21



- South Bay
- Carrying concealed weapon - firearm

Arrested November 8
Released November 8 on \$3,000 bond

Bolmon Slater, 33



- Belle Glade
- Destroying or tampering with physical evidence
- Resist officer - obstruct without violence

Arrested Nov. 10
Released Nov. 10 on \$3,000 bond

Charles Coney, 20



- Belle Glade
- Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon
- Aggravated assault with intent to kill

Arrested Nov. 8
No bond has been set for release

Connie Matthews, 20



- Belle Glade
- Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
- Forgery of public record, certificate, etc

Arrested Nov. 8
Released Nov. 11 on \$3,000 bond

Elbert Barber, 51



- Belle Glade
- Burglary of dwelling unarmed no assault or battery

Arrested November 8
Released November 9

Jermiah Kitchen, 46



- Belle Glade
- Failure to appear for felony offense
- FTA for violation of probation burglary while armed

Arrested November 10
No bond set for release

Johnnie Smith, 31



- Belle Glade
- Failure to appear for felony offense
- Possession of cocaine

Arrested November 4
Released November 7 after time served

Mariano Lopez, 46



- Belle Glade
- Failure to appear written promise to appear
- FTA for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

Arrested Nov. 8
Released Nov. 11 on \$3,000 bond

Marquetta Beckford, 31



- Belle Glade
- Aggravated battery person uses a deadly weapon

Arrested November 7
Released November 8

Noelcius Pasteur, 31



- Belle Glade
- Flee/elude police
- Nonmoving traffic violation
- Resist officer with violence

Arrested November 5
Released November 6 on \$3,000 bond

Precious Bolden, 18



- Belle Glade
- Violation of probation: grand theft; motor vehicle

Arrested November 5
No bond has been set for release

Shantique Smith, 26



- Belle Glade
- Out of county warrant: VOP - grand theft

Arrested November 4
No bond has been set for release

Willie Irving, 22



- Belle Glade
- Violation of probation: carrying a concealed weapon

Arrested November 4
No bond has been set for release

Willie Mccoy, 45



- Belle Glade
- Out of state warrant - fugitive warrant of extradition
- Booked for the State of Alabama

Arrested Nov. 7
No bond set for release

Adrainn Davis, 19



- Belle Glade
- Burglary of a structure/grand theft and possession of burglary tools
- Aggravated stalking

Arrested Nov. 7
No bond has been set for release

Clifton Dunnaway, 33



- Pahokee
- Crimes against person - corrupt by threat public servant or family
- Resist officer - obstruct without violence

Arrested Nov. 9
Released Nov. 9

Franklin Butler, 35



- Pahokee
- Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed no assault

Arrested November 10
Bond has been set to \$3,500

Matthew Paige, 21



- Pahokee
- Robbery with a firearm
- Aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability
- Weapon offense

Arrested Nov. 4
No bond has been set for release

Arrest Reports for Clewiston

•Willie Paul Ferrero, 31, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with aggravated assault without a deadly weapon and no intent to kill and battery touch/strike. Deputy N. Kirk was arresting officer.

•Roy Allen Navarro, 21, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and no intent to kill. Deputy Neidert was arresting officer.

•Marbel C. Hernandez, 29, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged as a fugitive from justice from Indian River County. Deputy S. Bell was arresting officer.

•Jerome Odoms Jr., 16, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with no intent to kill. Deputy J. Woods was arresting officer.

•Lavelle Dennard, 21, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with non-moving traffic violation no valid driver license, non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license, dealing in stolen property and resisting an officer/obstruction by disguised person. Deputy K. Thomas was arresting officer.

•Iran Labrada Palacio, 35, was arrested Nov. 7 and charged as a fugitive from justice from Hillsborough County. Deputy K. Thomas was arresting officer.

•Victor Carlos Najira was arrested Nov. 7 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver Schedule 1 and possession/use narcotic equipment.

•Dennis Eugene Johnson, 50, was arrested Nov. 7 and charged with battery second or subsequent offense. Deputy L. Brooks was arresting officer.

•Caroline Vitier Mendoza, 37, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

•Josue Modesto Alvarez, 17, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon electrical weapon or device, possession of weapon by delinquent act felony other st

FA concealed and altering identification on weapon - removing serial number on firearm.

•Albert Favors Jr. 26, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with firing a weapon into a dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft and criminal mischief under \$200. Inv. R. Archer was was arresting officer.

•Zitavious Demikious Strawder, 25, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged on a warrant with VOP felony or community control. Deputy P. Short was arresting officer.

•Douglas Scott Perkins, 30, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged with VOP felony or community control. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

•Cergio Rios Garcia, 41, was arrested Nov. 4 and charged with VOP felony or community control Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

•Luis Chaparro, 17, was arrested Nov. 4 and charged with dealing in stolen property. Lt. Joe Lee was arresting officer.

•Marilyn Grant, 29, was arrested Nov. 3 and charged with possession of a vehicle without a serial plate, grand theft third degree and dealing in stolen property. Deputy Julio Perez was arresting officer.

•Vincent Anthony Carreno, 17, was arrested Nov. 3 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny grand theft between \$10,000-\$20,000. Deputy Aaron Angell was arresting officer.

•Dobert Sanchez Jr., 16, was arrested Nov. 3 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny grand theft between \$10,000-\$20,000. Deputy Aaron Angell was arresting officer.

•Alejandro Moreno, 17, was arrested Nov. 3 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny grand theft between \$10,000-\$20,000. Deputy Aaron Angell was arresting officer.

Brinerria Williams, 19



- Pahokee
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

Arrested November 4
Bond has been set to \$10,000

Sabrina Cornish, 41



- Pahokee
- Aggravated battery using a deadly weapon

Arrested November 7
Released November 8 on \$3,000 bond

Ronald Atkins, 21



- Pahokee
- Robbery with a firearm
- Aggravated battery using a deadly weapon
- Weapon offense

Arrested Nov. 4
No bond has been set for release

Michael Hale, 26



- Pahokee
- Felon of possession of firearm ammunition
- Carrying a concealed firearm
- Resist officer without violence

Arrested Nov. 9
Released Nov. 9

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of November 6.

William Vaughn, age 44, also known as Bird is a white male with brown hair and green eyes. He is 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He has tattoos on both arms and right calf.

Vaughn's last known address is listed as Keens Mobile Home Park in Pahokee. His last known occupation is listed as a Commercial Fisherman.

He is wanted on felony charges failure to appear: burglary of a dwelling; grand theft; felon in possession of a firearm. Also violation of probation: Dealing in stolen property, failure to appear grand theft; burglary of a structure or conveyance.



William Vaughn

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of this wanted fugitive is asked to contact the Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestopperspb.com.

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Found 0130

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Lost 0135

BULL DOG - Female. Last seen at Henry Creek. Red & White Orange collar. (863)467-4149

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BOAT - 20 Ft., Fiberglass. Excellent condition. Free. (917)836-8628 Fort Drum... Cemetery Rd.

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Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

Special Notice 0155

NOTICIA
 East Coast Migrant Head Start Project (ECMHSP) el Centro de O'Brien esta reclutando familias migrantes que trabajan en la agricultura con niños desde 6 semanas hasta 5 años de edad.

Para mayor información, favor de comunicarse al Tel. 561-993-0557 con Patricia o visitenos a nuestro local ubicado en 1140 NE 18th St. En Belle Glade, Florida 33430 from 6:00 am. a 6:00. pm.

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For more information please contact Patricia at 561 993 0557 or visit our location at 1140 NE 18th. St. in Belle Glade, Florida 33430 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Need a few more bucks to purchase something deer? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifieds.

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Employment Full Time 0205

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR Experience preferred Great Benefits Apply at Oakbrook of LaBelle 250 Broward Ave LaBelle, FL 33935

Employment Medical 0210

LPN Nurse Manager 2 yrs supervisory exp. needed and current FL LPN license. Competitive salary & Excl benefits. Fax resume to (561) 924-3405 or apply at:
 FL Community Health Centers, 170 S. Barfield Hwy, Ste 103, Pahokee, FL. hr@fchcinc.org EOE/DFWP.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN

Must have 1 yr. exp. Bilingual Spanish/English pref. Competitive salary and exc. benefits. Fax resume to: (863)983-9604, or apply at FL Community Health Ctrs 315 South W.C.Owen Ave Clewiston, FL EOE/DFWP

Employment Full Time 0205

JOB OPPORTUNITY LIST
 City of South Bay
 335 SW 2nd Avenue
 South Bay, FL 33493

Position Available Within City Manager's Department

City Manager
 Annual Salary \$70,000 - \$80,000
 Salaried Position
 Benefits
 Closing Date: November 21, 2008

The City of South Bay is accepting applications and resumes for a population of 3,086 for the position of City Manager. This position will be the administrative head of the government of the City under the direction and control of the City Commission. This position will be responsible for performing complex and difficult administrative work planning, organizing and directing the day to day operations of the City. This position reports directly to the City Commission. Supervision is exercised over Department Heads. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with major course work in Public Administration or Business Administration. Required is seven (7) years of progressively responsible Municipal and Governmental experience in Public Administration, Public Works and Government Fund Accounting. Please forward both Resume and Employment Applications to the Human Resources Department (No Faxes Please). Deadline for submittal will be November 21, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.. For additional information please contact the Human Resources Department at (561) 996-6751 ext. 17.

Employment Full Time 0205

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~POSITION AVAILABLE~

Immediate opening with national healthcare company to work at Hendry Medical Center. Qualified candidate will work M-F, 40 hours per week. Position requires excellent work habits, self-starter, self-motivated, quick learner, knowledge of hospital or clinic business office duties, experience with insurance claim submission, HIPAA and good computer skills. High school diploma or equivalent required. Competitive salary and benefit package.

Fax resume to 205.402.9132
 Attn: Kim Rogers or email resume to Kim.Rogers@CashRetriever.com
 Deadline for resumes are November 24, 2008.

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AIDS Program seeks Case workers for our BG Office. Provide Assessment, referral, linkage and support services to HIV clients. Requires BSW or equivalent degree, experienced in medical, HIV, addictions or related fields; Valid Florida drivers license, automobile insurance and reliable automobile; Bilingual/Creole preferred. Excellent benefits package, competitive salary, retirement program. Fax resume to (561) 868-5652, or e-mail employment@cappbc.org w/position code CAP-08-CRC in subject line EOE,M/F,DFWP

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Employment Full Time 0205



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Sous Chef	1	Salary
EDR Manager	1	Salary
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EDR Production Cook	7	Full-Time
EDR Prep Cook	3	Full-Time
Pit Clerk	1	Part-Time
Public Space Floor Attendant	1	Full-Time
Players Club Manager	1	Salary
Slots Customer Service Representative	3	Part-Time

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If you are interested in applying for any of these positions complete an Application and return it to the Casino HR Department. Qualifications for the desired position will be reviewed and you may be given an opportunity to interview for the position. As with all applicants, hiring decisions will be made by the department to which you are applying.

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- Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet aggressive deadlines.
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- Position requires climbing stairs and ladders, walking over large areas, maneuvering safely or elevated surfaces and in confined spaces.
- Ability to work on weekends, holidays and off shifts.
- Line Operation Supervision Preferred

Preferred:

- B. S. degree and 2-3 years supervisory experience.
- Budget management and computer skills (SAP).
- Working knowledge of HACCP, Quality Management Systems, and TPM.

US Sugar has entered into negotiations to sell its land and assets to the South Florida Water Management District for Everglades restoration. However, there will be a transition period and the Company intends to operate its business as usual for the foreseeable future. We believe our sugar and citrus processing factories will continue to operate well into the future. In addition, the Company has announced generous severance packages to employees who lose their jobs.

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Please contact Jdooley@ussugar.com Fax 863-902-2886
 Stop in the Employment Center on WC Owen Drive in Clewiston

Apply on line at www.ussugar.com

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

RN OR LPN WITH MDS AND LTC EXP. PREFERRED

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Employment Part Time 0215

G4S Wackenhut is currently hiring a qualified candidate for:

Upscale Security Officer
 One (1) Part-Time Position (24 hours per week) \$10.00/hour

Must be 18 or older, must provide proof of high school diploma or GED, must be able to provide proof of stable work history, must be able to pass extensive background check and drug test.

Please apply in person at our Ft. Myers Office Mon - Fri: 8:30am-5pm (Evenings by appointment) G4S Wackenhut Corporation 2830 Winkler Ave Suite 101 Fort Myers, FL 33916 Ph: 239-768-0808

For a complete listing of the basic qualifications for these positions, visit: www.wackenhut.com

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Job Information 0225

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SENIOR REGISTERED NURSE

Registered Nurses - L1 (#64003361)

Public Health Nurse position in Clewiston & Moore Haven; makes home visits to pregnant women & their children; assists in public health & primary care clinics @ Glades County Health Department; two years nursing experience; bi-lingual a plus. Pre-employment Drug Testing, Background screening/fingerprinting required. EEO/AA. Apply on line: <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>
 Call Alina @ 863-946-0707 x208 or Patti @ 863-674-4041 x135 for more details.

Job Information 0225

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Glades General Hospital

For the second time in three years, Captain Flintlock came ashore on Halloween to recruit new pirates for his ship – set to sail at midnight. To the delight of patients, visitors, staff and doctors alike, the good Captain sang a hearty pirate tune and gave out candy to entice possible recruits.



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Looking for new recruits

Patient, Willie Green, wasn't getting the green light from Dr. Charles Azan to travel tonight, but his brother RayRay signed on as First Mate in exchange for the Captain's hat.

Lake O 17th annual walk



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This year's Big O Hike will kick off Nov. 22 at the Pahokee Marina. The annual event is customarily well attended by locals and tourists.

On Nov. 22, hikers will gather at the Pahokee Marina to kick off the 17th Annual Big O Hike. Since 1992, the 109 mile Florida Trail circuit walk known as the Big O Hike has pumped tourism dollars into small towns around the lake while encouraging hiking for fitness, drawing visitors from as far away as Ontario and California. For nine days the participants walk from 9.3 to 14.7 miles, starting at sunrise and ending at their leisure, usually before noon. Although flat and open, the trail offers outstanding scenic views, especially at sunrise and sunset. The hike passes through five counties around Lake Okeechobee where hikers experience the quiet side of South Florida. As one of the Florida Trail

Gateway Communities, Pahokee is an ideal kickoff point for the Big O Hike. Join us on Nov. 22 at the Pahokee Marina at 8 a.m., or at any point along the hike for an interesting and educational walk. Learn more, including details of stops along the way at Lox. floridatrail.org/big0.



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Gathering supplies

With only one man recruited and Dr. Daniel Kairys assuring the Captain that he had no money, Flintlock stopped by the Gift Shop to gather some loot for his travels. As he left the building bellowing on top of his lungs, Captain Flintlock (aka Kevin Tressler, Director of Materials Management) threatened to return next Halloween.

Wildlife officials to test ducks for avian influenza

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services biologists will collect samples from hunter-harvested ducks to test for highly pathogenic avian influenza - H5N1. Sampling will occur at various times during the migratory game bird hunting season at several duck-hunting hot spots throughout Florida.

Hunters will not need to surrender their ducks, and participation is voluntary. Biologists will obtain the samples by swabbing the ducks' respiratory and digestive tracts. Scientists at a diagnostic lab will test the samples for avian influenza and other diseases. The sampling is part of a continuing international surveillance effort to determine if migratory birds carry the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of avian influenza in North America. Last year, more than 65,000 samples were collected nationwide, including more than 1,200 samples from Florida. None of the samples tested positive for the virus, including the 481 collected at check stations in Florida's wildlife management areas. While it is extremely unlikely that hunters could contract avian influenza from wild birds in Florida, officials recommend taking common-sense precautions to reduce the risk of contracting any disease from wildlife. For instance, do not harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead; wear rubber gloves while cleaning game; clean game outdoors and stay upwind of game while cleaning; and do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game. It's also important to wash hands with soap and water immediately after handling game or cleaning bird feeders. Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game birds with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10-percent bleach solution. In addition, hunters should separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.

The FWC recommends cooking game birds thoroughly. Meat should reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit to kill disease organisms and parasites. For more information about avian influenza and the FWC's monitoring program, including how to report observations of dead birds, visit MyFWC.com/bird/AvianInfluenza.htm.

An Educational Toy: Finding our way home

Our guide when we cannot see the horizon

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

Many times when I was growing up, we'd find a "treasure" when shopping around.

For years after the end of World War II there were lots of military surplus items that found their way into local second-hand stores and surplus centers.

Many of them were great finds to do-it-yourselfers, radio amateurs and hobbyists of all sorts of interests.

One day when "shopping" with my father and brothers, we came upon a bubble sextant. They were originally estimated

to cost the government a few hundred dollars each; now they were on sale for fifty cents a piece.

Their purpose was for celestial navigation; to guide an aircraft.

Two of them had to come home!

My father had a sailboat earlier in his life and they brought back memories as well as being something he could share with his sons.

This was a great learning experience.

I didn't master all of the details but I learned enough to "shoot the sun" or get an angle between a star and the earth, seeing how I might figure out the time from the angle of the sun or explore ways to use it as a level.

It was different than the usual sextants, the kind my father would have had on his boat.

Instead of looking for the ho-

zizon, there was a bubble level built into it.

It was much like the level used in hanging pictures or building houses. It was for aircraft use and provided an artificial horizon.

A plane above the clouds or flying on a very dark night when everything was blacked out might still be able to find its way home or where it was going.

The bubble provided an invisible horizon even when there were no landmarks or there was nothing to be seen in the distance.

Long before satellites were even thought of, or when radio navigation was still in its infancy, the combination of a simple level and a way of measuring angles gave a means of finding our way and bringing us safely home.

For me, it was a toy, a relic of another time, something that was once very valuable but now had

little worth or purpose.

I was fascinated with it for awhile sharing in my imagination a time gone by when people crossed oceans with much greater courage than we need today.

The Bible has many stories about navigational dangers; Jonah who thinks he is going to Tarshish and winds up in Nineveh, the very place he doesn't want to go.

There were disciples who were afraid of being lost in a storm at sea while Jesus is sleeping in the stern of their boat.

He becomes their guide and calms their fears about being lost (Mark 4:36ff).

Paul tells about being shipwrecked three times (2 Corinthians 11:25) but he continues on "through visions and revelations" (12:1) as his guide.

These can be our guide too

when we don't see the horizon or feel lost or can't find a familiar landmark.

An invisible force inside of a direction finder kept a bubble floating to provide a horizon, and it became a way to find the way.

A force is also within us; faith will provide a sense of direction, help us find our way home, give us assurance when the night is dark and there seems to be nothing around to guide us.

It will provide us with the courage to venture out when the way is unknown or the world seems full of hidden dangers.

There are those navigational plans; to guide us in the earthly world and to guide us in the world of the spirit.

We can rely on them both to get us through and take us where we need to go.

I count myself as fortunate

when I grew up.

My brothers and I were encouraged to be curious and had our quest to explore stimulated.

We were given "toys" at times that weren't really toys and we learned how to "navigate" around strange objects, to ask questions, to search for answers and direction.

Sometimes what we learned pointed to greater truths; they let us marvel at great deeds done by saintly people, taught us something about faith and seeing God at work.

There are many blessings out there: God comes to His faithful and shows us the horizon within us, guides us in safety and finally leads us home

Thanksgiving is really Thanksliving!

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

At First Christian Church we are celebrating the entire month of November as Thanksliving Month.

We are urging all not to just "Give" Thanks but to "Live" Thanks the entire month!

William Law, a 17th century Englishman, once asked: "Would you know who is the greatest saint? It is not the man who prays most or who does most. It is the man who is most thankful."

Were did Mr. Law get such an idea?

He, like many Englishmen of his day, was deeply versed in Scripture.

In I Thessalonians 5:18 Paul wrote, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The man who wrote those words endured much hardship for Christ.

The great apostle Paul was arrested, tried, and imprisoned.

He was beaten with whips and rods. Once he was stoned and left for dead. He suffered shipwreck, perils in the water, perils in the

city, perils in the wilderness.

He was badly used by his own countrymen, by robbers and false brethren.

He experienced weariness, toil, sleeplessness, hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness. Finally he was beheaded.

Yet he wrote, "In everything give thanks."

Notice that Paul did not say FOR everything but IN everything.

Surely he did not thank God for all of these dreadful things that happened to him.

But because he knew that "all things work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28) he could thank God in those dreadful circumstances.

This is why he could write, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Arthur Callender writes, "I am similarly impressed by the Pilgrims who did so much to shape the great heritage we have in America.

"If you have ever been to the New England coast in winter, you can appreciate what they endured. Imagine a small band of people arriving in early Decem-

ber.

"The trees were barren. Grass which was lush and green in summer is now yellowish-brown and dry.

"The ground is getting hard as the winter freezes begins. There is little food, for the growing season is past. It's cold.

"The winds blowing in off the North Atlantic bite into the settler's bodies as if searching for the very marrow of their bones.

"As they look across the ocean toward England, they see nothing more than gray waves pounding, churning spray upon still grayer rocks.

"New England is a hostile, forbidding place in winter, yet the Pilgrims managed to build shelters.

"By summer half of them were dead of disease, deprivation, and exposure to cold.

"But a small group of hardy ones survived to see the Mayflower return to England, not one of them choosing to go with it. In spite of the hardships they determined to stay.

"With the help of Indians they planted their first crops and when the short growing season ended, they did not have that much.

"Yet when the harvest came, the dominant idea in their minds was to give thanks to God for what they had.

"They had a celebration, a time of thanksgiving for God's blessing.

"The first Thanksgiving was a holy day.

"Wouldn't it be great if you and I as individuals and our nation as a whole could once again think of Thanksgiving as a holy day instead of just another holiday?"

"The Pilgrims believe that Almighty God who created them was over all, and that men, women, and children were dependent upon Him.

"Things have changed over the years. The dominant attitude today is that we are masters of life.

"We feel we are in charge of the world and don't need this God so much anymore.

"We can handle everything ourselves.

"It is more difficult for a modern person to be grateful, and that, I believe, is why Thanksgiving has changed from being a holy day to being a holiday."

Religion briefs

Thanksgiving Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston will host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 11:30 a.m. We will serve family style, and send leftovers home with those who want them! There is no charge, but a love offering basket for the community food bank will be available. For more information please call 863-983-5269.

Revival

The New Beginnings Ministries of Deliverance of Clewiston, Inc. will be hosting a Revival from Oct. 15 to 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Elder James Bigham, Assistant Pastor from New Beginning

Ministries Deliverance. We are located at 1808 11th Street Della Tobias Ave in Clewiston. For more information call Elder Adolph Lee, Pastor at 863-983-4737 or James Bigham, Assistant Pastor at 863-228-0673.

Celebrate the Call

Kenneth and Nerissa Jackson, Pastors of Glades Covenant Community Church will be honored by their congregation, family and friends on Sunday, Nov. 9. The theme for this day is "Celebrate the Call." The special Sunday morning service begins at 10 a.m. and will feature a message by Rev. Gregory Williams of Pahokee Church of God. Glades Covenant is located at 248 US Highway 27,

South; The old Honda Dealership next to City Hall in South Bay.

Christmas Bazaar

St. Martin's Episcopal Church is having its 11th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be holiday crafts and fresh baked goods. Also check out our food pantry containing homemade jellies, relishes, pickles and more. We will be serving Audie Hooks famous Brunswick stew with barbecue pork sandwiches and tea or coffee from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Martin's Episcopal Church is located on 207 North W.C. Owen Avenue in Clewiston. For additional information on prices or questions please call 863-983-7960.

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Van Tonder, Hadyn Velasquez, Alejandro Villarreal and Jose Zeferino.

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Kielman, Kaitlynn Lee, Faith McConnel, Juan Moran, Chloe Murphy, Tony Ornelas, Juan Puente, Alicia Pujol, Perla Ramirez, Cecilia Rico, Gabriel Rico, Chavelys Rodriguez, William Rodriguez, Medeyli Romero-Ruiz, Albert Salgado, Austin Sandoval, Joshua Stephens, Frank Suarez, Jonathan Suarez, Jaylin Thicklin, Alberto Trevino, Tekyla Turner, Johana Vanegas, Cesar Vera and Kaleigh Williams.

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A Honor Roll: Courtney Berry, Jade Castillo, Zoie Cotton, Holden Crawford, Jesus Fonseca, Brooke Jarvis, Denise Lindimas, Emmanuel Lopez, Victoria Padilla, Sara Perera, Lisette Perez, Jose Rivera, Betsy Romero, Janessa Smith and Joshua Valdez.

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Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll: Alyssa Colson, Scarlett Fernandez-Perez, Sadie Gomez, John Goodman, Angel Lopez, Sinead McManus, Louis Mitta, Victoria Shanowski, Tyrin Summers and Abigail Villarreal.

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First 9 Weeks

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E's: Kalianna Ali, Julia Bristoll, Jessiah Cruz, Emily Gast, Evelyn Jones, Elyana Leon, Aidan Price, Tehya Richardson, Denzel Rubia, and Angel Vasquez.

First Grade
A's: Shakaila Albert, Dakota Ali, Taylor Bain, Tierra Bradford, Jacqueline Calderan, Deyla Cardenas, Jaiyus Chavers, Jeiner Chum, Kiyah Coco, Jayna Corley, Yolanda Cruz, Mar'lashawndra Eillison, Sy'Mya Footman, Andrea Garcia, Isabel Gast, Justin "Cade" Gibson, Miranda Giddens, Logan Griffith, Joseph Guasp, Jennah Hernandez, Bruce Jones, Fernando Lorenzo, Juan Luna, Ashlynn Lytle, Michelle Mila, Alex Morrell, Alexa Navarro, Anthony Perez,

Layton Price, Daniella Pupo, Damaya Raige, Jaden Robinson, Anthony Rodriguez, Kristy Rosquete, Rebekah Rudd, Desiree Rudd, Carissa Snead, Chasity Spooner, Olivia Williams, and Tyler Williams.

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Second Grade
A's: Alex Acree, Trent Brown, Brittany Campuzano, Ramon

Contreras, Yaxini DeLeon, Marcel Diaz, Sarah Fertil, Tajanay Gray, Dave Jackson, Hailey Johnson, Carlie Lawson, Eddie Lopez, Steve Nguyen, Britney Ortega, Ricardo Paniagua, Juan Puentes, Selinda Puentes, Francis Ramos, Kimberly Rashford, Van'Queveya Reid, Damien Rivera, Kalei Sutton, Ednivan Thomas, Mariah Thomas, Leeanne Varnum, Chynna Villarreal and Horace Washington.

A's and B's: Daniela Betancourt, Aleah Brown, Derrick Bryant, Jason Caballero, Marylee Calderon, Jeison Chum, Angel Dela Cruz, Arianna Escobar, Koby Fajardo, Laterrika Gray, Christopher Griffith, Anasofia Guardian, Eric Hernandez, Elys Hernandez, Kate Hurtado, Hailey Jones, Alfonso Marshall, Guadalupe Munoz, Anthony Munoz, Alberto Paniagua, Adan Perez, John Perez, Bella Perez, Bianca Ramos, Karina Ro-

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Third Grade
A's: Alquonne Brown, Pricilla Ortiz, Julia Rentas, Luiz Yanes and Chance Zimmerman.

A's and B's: Fatima-Gomez Brito, Daja Atkins, Sicoya Chavers, Morgan Daniels, Kody Durance, Da'Juan Ellison, Alayna Esparza, Stacy Filyaw, Javier Garcia, Jamiya Gordon, Vernisha Green, Alexis Hernandez, Shanya Hunter, Brittany Johnson, Odilia Lopez, Chance Lowman, Jared McInturf, Megan Pittman, Jordan Potter, Tara Pruitt, Litteria Pugh, Angel Reyes, Tyren Richardson, Kayman Robinson, Benjamin Ruelas, Sonia Ruiz, Christian Schooner-Scott, Janae Steen, Clarissa Summers, Manuel Valdes, Ashley

Vallejo, Lauryn-Lyne Varnum, Darshada Williams, Lyndell Williams and Johon Willingham.

Fourth Grade
A's: Skylar Duckstein, Joshua Johnson, Alkashia Keys, Antonio Lorenzo, Emily Mila, Richard Perez, Keianna Summers, Sara Walker, Seth Walker and Aaron Williams.

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Fifth Grade
A's: Estaban Candelario, Adrian Contreras, Adriana Diaz, Kacie Durance, Marissa Espino, Micaela Franklin, Ruben Gonzalez, Tyler Hall, Alkeria Jackson, Ross Mack, Alee Perry, Kaci Pittman, Myles Polhill, Weston Rayburn, Cassandra Staples, Lacie Steadley, Keah Stephens and Matthew Vary.

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E's: Dulcemaria Toledo, Jesus Vega, Lauren Berry, Anya Brown, Rondareontae Hunter, D'Juan Canty, Calixto Delacruz, Michael Johnson, Asia Horne, Miguel Iaconis, Z'Terria Mann, Patricia Pereyra, Pablo Raymundo-Lopez, Ezequiel Vanegas. Gisselle Contreras, Christian Gonzalez, Mia Mazzina, Ashley Perez, Michael

Stevens, Brianna Taunton and Makayla Wallace.

First Grade
A's: Orion Haneboutta, Elizabeth Chavero, Daniel Frey, Aracely Hurtado, Juana Paniagua, Roberto Vega, Aylin Xenos, Duaricka Bryant, Gustavo Morales, Tailya Mozoul, Kalei Peele, Roberto Perez, Justin Whitehead, Haile Barraza, Michael Crum, Tommy Darden, Noah McCray, Rey Paniagua, Nicole Roth, Kylie Tarter, Isai DeLeon, Betty Sanchez, Crystal

Carmona, Yilia Jackson, Gilbert Romero and Harlee Whitehead.

Second Grade
A's: Martin Paredes, Cassandra Whitehead, Tariana Dhliwayo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Donavon Taylor, Michael Ison, Donshamar Wagner, Randy Williams, Norma Chairez, Ashana Etzweiler, Gloria Salmeron, Jon Basquin, Hannah Hayes, Kale Knaack, Dania Toledo and Aileen Valdez.

Third Grade
A's: Adamali Delacruz, Sora-

ya Martinez, Khamari Adderley, Ramiro DeSantiago and Amanda Periero.

Fourth Grade:

A's: Robyn Basquin, Ashley Roth, Joel McCray, Hannah Baraza and Tylyn Tarter.

Fifth Grade

A's: Alyssa Avant, Kyle Knaack, Alayna Pereiro, Julio Valdez, Stanira Butler and Randy Paniagua.



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Deep and Pray

By Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

The Garden of Gethsemane is really an olive orchard, and olive trees still grow there today.

The word Gethsemane itself means olive press.

An olive press is made from a large stone placed on a basket leveraged by several more large stones on the end of a long pole.

It literally crushes the liquid oil from the olives.

It is no mistake that Jesus spent His last evening in the Garden of Gethsemane.

From there He would go to the cross and receive the weight of the world, the gethsemane of our sins.

Luke describes the pressure Jesus suffered that evening: "Being in anguish His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

It is an image of the gathsemane crushing the oil from the olive fruit.

Gethsemane ever since has come to symbolize suffering.

We are surrounded by gethsemanes in our life – times when innocent people and communities have suffered.

Times when we feel pressures and situations pressing down on us.

Think about Hurricane Wilma or Tropical Storm Faye.

Think about the proposed U.S. Sugar buy out or the current financial crisis around the world, but more directly around our lives.

Think about the current election with all of the amendments and proposals and the future of our community and nation.

As I wrote this, I still haven't fully decided for whom I'm going to cast my presidential vote.

By the time you read this, it will have been decided along with a number of amendments and issues. In the face of such suffering and conflicting promises, in the face of the election results, in the face of our life situation, we ask ourselves: Who do we turn to? What do we do? Where do we go from here?

First, let's look at who we turn to. In the midst of our suffering or the oncoming storms, we can turn to God – an ever present help in times of need.

The psalmist in Psalm 121:1-2 states it this way, "I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." I remember when Hurricane David headed our way in 1979.

A college friend had a boat that he was worried about, so number of us descended south from Gainesville to help him secure his boat for the coming storm.

Being a former Boy Scout, I was proud of the job we did in tying down that boat. We lashed it tightly to the dock, trees, and even to itself. We were patting ourselves on the back when a sea captain informed us that the best way to secure a boat safely during a hurricane was to anchor it away from the trees and things which would "get eaten up in the 'cane."

It was better to anchor it deep with four ropes going out in different directions and pray.

It was good advice then and is good advice as to what we are to do. We are to anchor deep and then we are to pray. We are to do what we can do and then turn to our Lord.

Now the 20-dollar question, "Where do we go from here?"

Regardless of who won the election, regardless of whether the amendments we wanted or didn't want passed or failed, regardless of where the economy is, we are to go on.

We pick up the pieces and go forward the best we can, trusting that God, family, and friends will help us.

We take inventory and try to realize anew the really important things in our life, as well as those important people - and then embrace them!

Now is when the body of Christ can really become the hands of Christ. It is also a time when we can reach out and embrace our faith and God's peace as we remember the words of Jesus in John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

By Brenda Barnes

A lot of people may remember getting chickenpox as a kid, but did you know that you can now get a shot to prevent chickenpox? Chickenpox is highly infectious and symptoms can include a blister-like rash, itching, tiredness, and fever. Usually, you will start seeing the rash on the face and upper body. Imagine trying not to scratch 250 to 500 "itchy" blisters! Chickenpox can spread from per-

son to person by direct contact or through the air from an infected person's coughing or sneezing. (Remember to cover your face with a tissue!) A person with chickenpox is contagious one to two days before the rash actually appears and is still contagious until all blisters have formed scabs. It takes about 10 to 21 days after exposure for someone to develop chickenpox. Chickenpox will usually last anywhere from five to ten days and children usually miss

from five to ten days of school or daycare due to their chickenpox.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about one out of ten children can have complications when they get chickenpox. These complications can include infection, dehydration from vomiting and diarrhea, or more serious complications such as pneumonia and encephalitis. If a child gets the chickenpox shot, there is a small chance that they can still get chickenpox, but

their illness is usually mild, with no symptoms at all other than a few red bumps.

It is recommended that children get two doses of the varicella vaccine (chickenpox vaccine). The first dose should be given when the child is 12 to 15 months old. It is usually given at the same time as their MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps & Rubella). The second dose should be given when the child is between four and six years old, before they enter kin-

dergarten or first grade. If you've had the chickenpox, then you don't need to get the shot.

Please remember that it is very important that your kids get all recommended shots. For a list of shots that you or your child may need, please contact the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4041, LaBelle; 863-983-1408, Clewiston; or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707, Moore Haven. Be Healthy & Be Happy!

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Mill

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ately is yet to be resolved. The original announcement was met by shock that the long-time company, and the backbone of the local community, would close its doors.

Environmental groups hailed the news as a milestone for Florida, as polluted water feeding into the Everglades could be filtered naturally, providing a renewed lifeline to the unique eco-system. But locals wondered if it was in the best interest for Clewiston -- a town that is synonymous with the sugar giant. Following the release of infor-

mation, some were hopeful that the sale would free up lands that were off-limits to development, and open up new enterprises. Work has already begun at the local level to identify new industries, including a plan by Hendry County to serve as the site of an ambitious inland cargo project. Earlier this year, the company took advantage of a smaller crop

to refine Mexican sugar through NAFTA. The raw sugar was shipped in barges to the Port of Tampa and transported to Clewiston for processing. In August that partnership worked so well that the company announced that the streamlined mill had broken several production records. For the first time in its history, buoyed by the partner-

ship with Mexican companies, the refinery easily surpassed its total refinery output -- overshadowing the record set in 2006. With less land to work with, there is the possibility that the company may head more in this direction. "It is important to note that this imported sugar has enabled us to process and sell additional sugar -- above and beyond the sugar

sold contractually for this year," Robert Coker, senior vice president, public affairs said in September. "The Refinery's record pace allowed U.S. Sugar to turn NAFTA's open border between the United States and Mexico into an opportunity." **To participate in a larger discussion about this story, go to www.newsapforums.com/forum52**

Veterans

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Criminal Justice teacher, guided the students through the presentation, watching for snags and problems while the young kids

carried out the ceremony. She said they did a great job with the ceremony, and thanked Wendell Johnson, Clewiston city manager, for entrusting the group with this year's activities. They also put together a Wall of Fame, with pictures of locals who have served in the military. It

was on display during the event. "I am very hopeful for the future of the United States of America because of these kids," said Ms. Petersen. Children from local elementary schools were on-hand, too. They visited some of the murals that had been designed and painted

by the high school's Art Club. Showing a soldier in full military garb, or a row of cemetery plots symbolizing the fallen war heroes, the pieces turned out to be a popular addition to the ceremony. Many were pitched up against trees or benches, while high school students read pre-

sentations about the creation or meaning of each one. After the program, Randel Hatfield Sr. thanked the students for their artwork and their interest in remembering the soldiers. Serving in the air force in the 60s, Mr. Hatfield still has a spot in his heart for every serviceman

who has fought for his country. "For years, a lot of us weren't appreciated," Mr. Hatfield said. "The kids today did a fine job. They made us feel good." **News Editor Jose Zaragoza can be reached at jzaragoza@newsap.com**



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CCS Lion Music
CCS Students enjoyed singing and playing their tambourines.



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CES Musical
Central Elementary Second graders perform in the recent musical "Bugz." Thank you to Mrs. Denault, the Second grade teachers, students, and staff, and all of the volunteers who helped out with this excellent event!



FFA Chapter Attends National Convention

From Oct. 21 until Oct. 22 five members of the FFA chapter attended the 81st FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The members that attended were Richard Howell, Michelle Langston, Caitlin McGee, Shelby Weeks, and Katie Whidden. Mike Swindle the FFA chapter's advisor and Tina Martin an "FFA Mom" also attended. During the trip the members attended many educational tours and events. They toured an organic creamery, the National FFA Center, and the Indiana Downs horse race track facility. The members learned many things about each one of these places. The members attended a career show and the FFA mall, where they picked up information about colleges and potential agricultural related careers. The members also attended a national parliamentary procedure competition and attended one of the national meetings in which two members, Katie Whidden and Shelby Weeks, were recognized on stage to receive a National Chapter Award in recognition for being one of the outstanding chapters in the Nation for the Clewiston chapter. The members had a great time and are hoping to return next year.

FCAT Classes at CMS

Saturday FCAT tutorial classes will be held at Clewiston Middle School beginning on Nov. 8. The classes will be held in the Media Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will be taught by Highly Qualified teachers. Students must be on campus before 8:55 a.m., as the gates will be locked at that time. Students will be dismissed at 12 p.m. and must be picked up promptly by 12:05 p.m. Supervision will be available only from 8:45 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. No transportation will be provided. Letters and parent permission slips will be sent home with report cards on Oct. 29 and must be returned by Nov. 5 for students to be eligible to attend the sessions. Please call the office at 863-983-1530 for additional information. Las clases preceptorales de FCAT serán llevadas a cabo los sábados al principio del 8 de

noviembre en Clewiston Middle School. Las clases serán llevadas a cabo en la biblioteca de las 9 a.m. a las 12:00 p.m. y serán enseñadas por profesores de altos calificados. Los estudiantes deben llegar antes de las 8:55 a.m., el pueron sera atrancado en aquel momento. Los estudiantes seran despididos a las 12 de la tarde y deben ser recogidos puntualmente. No habra supervisión antes de 8:45 a.m. and después de las 12:05 p.m. No se proporcionará ningún transporte de parte de la escuela. Las cartas del permiso del padre serán enviados a casa con los boletines de notas el 29 de octubre y SE DEBEN DE ENTREGAR antes del 5 de noviembre para que los estudiantes sean elegibles atender a las sesiones. Llame por favor la oficina al 863-983-1530 para solicitar información adicional.



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Eastside Elementary
Victoria Wheeler, Hailey Johnson, Karlie Lawson, and Kallie Sutton enjoyed hanging out and visiting at the pumpkin patch at the United Methodist Church on Thursday during their Eastside second grade field trip.

Recount

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cluding County Judge Jim Sloan, County Commissioner Kevin McCarthy and Supervisor of Elections Lucretia Strickland, resolved any questions coming up through the tedious process of counting first the early ballots, then absentees, and finally each precinct vote. With a total of 16,987 registered voters in Hendry County, a substantial number took advantage of early voting. In fact, 4,884 -- approximately one third of all Hendry County voters -- cast their votes before Nov. 4. In the heaviest turnout in quite a while, 10,976 Hendry Countians exercised their most American of rights -- casting votes for their candidates. In the Presidential election, Hendry County voters leaned slightly toward John McCain with 5,779 votes (52.95 percent). Barack Obama commanded 4,998 votes (45.79 percent) in Hendry County. The other votes cast were distributed among a number of third party candidates. Hendry County has 9,239 reg-

istered Democrats; 5,434 Republicans; 1,757 No Party Affiliation; and 557 other. Mr. Pelletier will take office in January and seems anxious to take on the new role. A political newcomer to the area, "I look forward to working dilig-

ently for Hendry County," a very happy Phillip Pelletier said after the recount. To the voters he said, "Thank you for all your support. God bless you." The extremely narrow recount demonstrated just how effective voting can be.

In one of the tightest races in the county's recent history, Mr. Pelletier was more than content with the final results of the recount. He then added with a big smile, "Every vote counts!"

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