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Sugar Pageant

Applications are now available for the Miss Sugar 2009 Pageant at the following locations: Clewiston High School, Clewiston Public Library and the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce. A mandatory meeting will be held January 29 for both parents and contestants at the Clewiston Inn upper porch at 7 p.m. Please bring your application, entry fee and copy of birth certificate to this meeting. A \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to the new Miss Sugar.

Volunteer's needed

CREW is still helping Hendry and Glades county residents recover from Hurricane Wilma, Tropical Storm Ernesto and Tropical Storm Faye. We need skill volunteers to do home repairs. Material donations are also needed. Call Renee at 863-

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Charge in sex crime against dog

Animal control works to rehabilitate three-month-old puppy

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

LABELLE -- Doug Morgan had never during his career as an animal control worker seen anything similar: the three-month-old puppy didn't want to get up. It didn't want to move. While other dogs her age can-



Jose Alberto Alvarez

not contain their rambunctious ways, this dog just lay there. Officials with the Hendry

County Sheriff's Office say the reason is because the 20-pound puppy was the victim of a violent sexual assault.

They have charged a 58-year-old LaBelle man with the crime. Jose Alberto Alvarez was detained on charges of animal cruelty after investigators say the suspect was caught during the heinous act.

According to the sheriff's office, a young man first spotted the suspect engaging in sexual intercourse with the puppy at a residence on C. Road. The witness had heard cries from the

dog and came upon the scene, watching how the suspect also beat the dog in the head with a stick.

When confronted by the witness' guardian, the suspect reportedly agreed it would not happen again.

Five days later, on Jan. 3, the young boy heard the dog crying again. When he went to investigate, he found the suspect extremely intoxicated and the puppy was lying on her side and could not get up. She would not eat and her tail area was wet with blood.

Although he didn't see anything this time, the boy said it was easy to tell what had happened.

One witness remarked, "There is something wrong in the suspect's head to have done this sick act."

He called the sheriff's office to report the crime.

The witnesses said the suspect had just recently moved in, and that shortly after doing so, he showed up with three puppies he claimed to have found.

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Poker Run: Bikers gather for Make A Wish



INI/Ashley Smith

A poker run ended at Roland and MaryAnn Martin's Marina in Clewiston on Sunday, with bikers from all over the area joining in to help the Make A Wish Foundation.



INI/Ashley Smith

Bikes as far as the eye could see swarmed the marina parking lot on Sunday during the hard-fought poker run.

Two women arrested in stabbing case

One suspect stabs her own mother during the uproar, officers say

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

HARLEM -- Hendry County Sheriff's officials arrested two women they said were involved in a fight in Harlem on Dec. 29.

While no one was viciously injured, investigators say one of the suspects stabbed the other with a knife, and accidentally

stabbed her own mother during the conflict.

Shatterica L. Mills, 26, told officer she was arguing with Tushenia I. Sherman, 25, when Sherman said she "had something for her."

Shatterica said she followed Tushenia into Tushenia's apartment on Harlem Gardens, and Tushenia came out of the kitchen with a knife. Shatterica said the suspect managed to stab her in the back of the neck and her arm, and stabbed her own mother by accident.

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Clewiston man charged with animal cruelty

Dog had a "look of suffering" officers said

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- A cruel sexual assault against a dog was

not the only animal cruelty case that the county's animal control unit handled over the weekend.

A second case in Clewiston had all the tell-tale signs of a life lived so hard by an animal, that it remained fearful of even kind

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New sheriff takes reins

By Patty Brant
INI Florida

As Hendry County's new sheriff Steve Whidden prepared to take office, he sat down to explain to the residents what they should expect from his administration.

Sheriff Whidden said employees can expect the new regime to exact a new level of accountability from each division.

Chief Deputy Chuck Powell said the public will witness a new level of transparency in the department. He said the public will know, to the fullest extent possible, how HCSO is

being operated.

Sheriff Whidden agreed that this transparency would begin to establish more accountability of officers and the department, and increase public confidence in both.

The sheriff said the public will first notice a change in the attitude of deputies. One of the first acts Sheriff Whidden plans is to have a one-on-one talk with each deputy, to make sure they understand what is expected of them and to clear up any misconceptions.

HCSO employs some 160 people; approximately 50 sworn road deputies; 27 corrections; 9-10 investigators; and

2 ag deputies. He said approximately 12 employees would not return after the change in administration; few of them working deputies.

He has even retained some of those in management, including Rick Waldren and Don Rodriguez, although they are now in different positions.

Another change for the Whidden administration is the addition of "more experienced, qualified investigators."

Chief Deputy Powell added that performance measures will be put in place similar to CompState, based on New

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Gathered

Music, food and bikes: they didn't ask for more at the marina on the weekend.

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Making a strong impression on the court



Clewiston's Hurley Johnson, who played in last year's home-and-home series against Glades Central, leads the team with 15.2 points per game and 2.8 steals per game. Clewiston does not play Glades Central this season.

Clewiston's boys push for momentum in stretch run

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

CLEWISTON - Finishing strong is perhaps the most critical element in any outcome, as far as basketball is concerned.

It's something the Clewiston Tigers boys basketball failed to do last season, suffering a season-ending swoon with a 13-11 final record after a 7-2 start.

Seven of Clewiston's 11 losses were critically painful, including two losses each to Pahokee, Glades Day and Glades Central.

For a team that boasted great talent last season - most of the key players are back - it was especially disappointing, to say the least.

In all fairness, though, four of last season's five starters were sophomores, according to Willie Lee, the head coach.

"We had a young team last year," Lee said.

"We played against senior-oriented teams last season, but now I feel we have an advantage because our kids are more experienced."

With this year's team, Lee is hoping that a combination of youth and experience will serve them well come playoff time.

Considering the fact that Class 4A is up for grabs this season - Miami-Monsignor Pace is the two-time defending state champions - Lee expects his boys to be in the mix.

That shouldn't come as a surprise, with Clewiston playing some playoff-caliber teams in the home stretch, including a Feb. 3 home game against Class 2A power Glades Day and two games each with Immokalee and Pahokee.

"These games will be measuring stick to see how good our team really is," Lee said of Glades Day, Immokalee and Pahokee.

Clewiston will have an opportunity to sweep the home-and-home series against Glades Day after capturing a 56-53 road victory against the Gators on Dec. 9.

To do that, however, the coaching staff and the players must display a fluid chemistry that was, at best, questionable in several key games last season.

Clewiston has the players and the coach to make a run at winning the District 11-4A tournament next month.

The District 11-4A teams consist of South Fort Myers, Estero, LaBelle, Riverdale, Lemon Bay, Gateway Charter and Cypress Lake.

If Clewiston defeats Estero in its home game tonight, which begins at 7 p.m., they will finish the regular season at 5-2 in its district.

With losses to South Fort Myers and Cypress Lake, Clewiston may have to face one of these two teams in next month's district tournament.

In order to make it to the Class 4A regional playoffs, the Tigers must at least make it to the championship round.

Clewiston failed to do after

losing to South Fort Myers in the semifinals last year's semifinals, effectively ending their disappointing season.

South Fort Myers is the defending district champion, while Estero finished as the district runner-up last year.

For Clewiston to even think about reaching the Class 4A State Final Four - they last accomplished that feat in 1992 - it must stick to its key strengths.

What works for them is using the transition defense as its key to control the tempo of each game they play in, as well as displaying a sense of overall discipline on the court.

"I'll put my chances with any Class 4A team in the state", Lee said.

"In my opinion, we're still a year away, but we can be as good as we want to be."

The Tigers certainly has played to its strengths thus far, as they reached the finals of the Mariner Pre-Christmas Holiday Tournament, held in Fort Myers from Dec. 20-23.

Though Clewiston lost in the Dec. 23 championship game to Mariner, 67-51, something good came out of the experience.

Not only were junior guard Hurley Johnson and freshman center Darius Redd named to the all-tournament team, the entire squad gained a new sense of confidence heading into January.

"I love this team and I hope we're going to have a successful season," Lee said.

Barring a rash of injuries, which Lee realizes can happen

at any time, this season promises to bring a better finish than last time.

Nonetheless, Lee is careful to put things in perspective.

"I'm not in control of the outcome," Lee said.

"It's in God's hands."

Clewiston Tigers

Head Coach: Willie Lee (21st season)

Last season's record: 13-11 (lost District 11-4A semifinals to South Ft. Myers)

Current record as of today: 8-3 (4-2 in District 11-4A)

Team Roster: Hurley Johnson (junior), Demetris Allen (junior), John W. Williams (senior), Kelvin Lawson (junior), Darius Redd (freshman), Jonathon Williams (senior), Timothy Jackson (junior), Ra'vin Lee (freshman), Andres Rios (freshman), Breon Cox (junior), Vontavious Allen (senior), Nick Gutshall (senior)

Season schedule for 2008-2009:

- Nov. 25 - Okeechobee (W, 55-44)
- Dec. 2 - South Fort Myers (L, 66-68)
- Dec. 5 - Lemon Bay (W, 69-52)
- Dec. 8 - Riverdale (W, 56-44)
- Dec. 9 - Glades Day (W, 56-53)
- Dec. 12 - Gateway Charter (W, 67-61)
- Dec. 16 - Cypress Lake (L, 70-73)
- Dec. 18 - LaBelle (W, 69-49)
- Dec. 20 - Key West (W, 66-48)
- Dec. 22 - Palmetto Ridge (W, 67-65)
- Dec. 23 - Mariner (L, 51-67)
- Jan. 9 - Estero (Home @ 7 p.m.)

- Jan. 13 - Florida Christian Institute (Away @ 7:30 p.m.)
 - Jan. 16 - Immokalee (Home @ 7:45 p.m.)
 - Jan. 20 - Okeechobee (Home @ 7:30 p.m.)
 - Jan. 23 - Florida Christian Institute (Home @ 7:45 p.m.)
 - Jan. 27 - Pahokee (Away - time to be determined)
 - Jan. 30 - Pahokee (Home - time to be determined)
 - Feb. 3 - Glades Day (Home @ 7:45 p.m.)
 - Feb. 5 - Immokalee (Away @ 7:30 p.m.)
 - Feb. 7 - Coral Gables (Home @ 7:30 p.m.)
- Note:** All district games are highlighted in bold text.
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Sports briefs

College softball comes to the Glades area

Glades Day Lady Gator Softball will host a Winter Softball Clinic. Girls of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend a very special softball clinic hosted by the Lady Gator softball team of Glades Day School.

The clinic will be held from 9

a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at Glades Day School in Belle Glade.

Florida Gulf Coast University Head Coach Dave Deiros and select members of the FGCU 2009 soRball team will be partnering with Gator Head Coach Sherri Paez to present this fun and informative sports clinic.

Participants looking to im-

prove their overall skills in fielding and hitting should attend this special event.

The cost of the clinic is \$50.00 and early registration is required.

Registration forms can be picked up or faxed by contacting Coach Paez at (561) 996-6769 EXT 27 (561) 261-9452

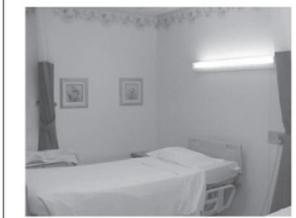
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— patient survey response

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(from left) Ahmed Barhoush, M.D., Carlito Arrogante, M.D. and Charles Azan, M.D. with new 3D Ultrasound



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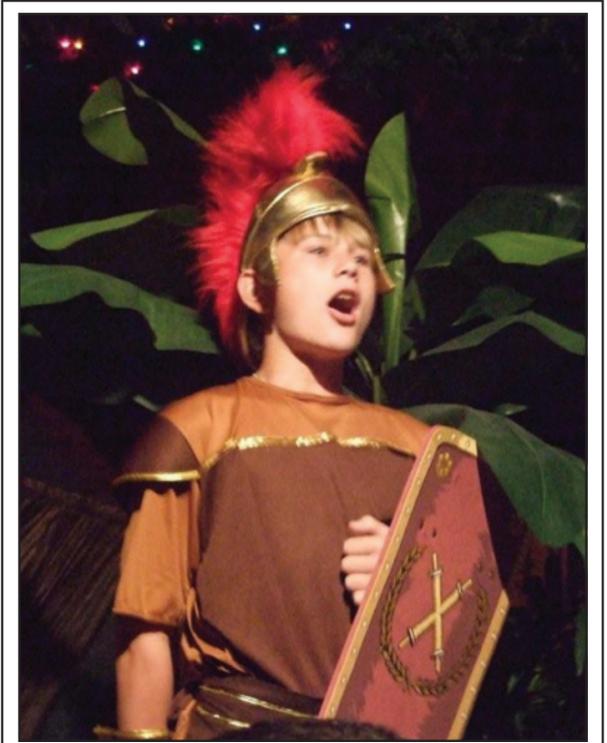
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RACISM IN THE WORK PLACE: How can this be tolerated. I think the people involved should be terminated immediately. Going around calling people Guatemalans and Mexicans be over heard saying that those people aren't worth anything. Also I would like to state that telling people that you are going to retest them only in english and that if they don't pass that they would be suspended for sometime and brought back to take the test again and if not passed the second time that they would be fired that's a violation of civil rights you can not single out one group of people. Don't believe me look it up on flsenate.gov. Now I'm sure you have told your bosses a different story but we will see when the truth comes out who was telling the truth and who is telling the lie, and one more thing 75 percent of employees voted to have the union. Sorry you lost so please get over it and move on or just leave.



Submitted photo

Christmas play

Bryson Mills, a student at Clewiston Christian School, played the Centurion Guard in thier 2nd annual Christmas Play.

Local Weather Forecast

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Northwest wind around 7 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Northwest wind around 6 mph.

Extended Forecast:

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Light east wind.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Sunday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 73.

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Clubs and organizations

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GED testing dates

The Clewiston Adult School will be offering GED testing Jan. 26, 27, and 28. Pre-registration is required. If you have any ques-

tion please contact the Clewiston Adult School at 863-983-1511 for more info. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Classes offered at Adult School

We will be offering another substitute teacher, computer class, and a conversation spanish the second week of January. Sign up at the Clewiston Adult School. If you have any question please contact the Clewiston Adult School at 863-983-1511 for more information.

Youth ball registration

Baseball and softball registration will be held at the Clewiston Youth Center Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until February or further notice.

A.A. and N.A. Meetings

A.A. and N.A. meetings are being held regularly on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m. These meetings will be held at the Clewiston Gospel Ministries on 6800 Flaghole Rd. For further information please contact Gene at 863-983-4437.

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Letters to the Editor

Choo Choo Training

As we have now crossed the threshold of another year, with the tumult and tragedy's of 2008 in our rear view mirrors, I want to share a piece of my past with you. Without knowing it back then, I was fortunate enough to have been given some of the best advice at a time when I was laid off with 3 children, ages 5 through 2, and another on the way. That advice, which came in the form of a verse, I think might have some traction and help some of the people being hit by the current economic crisis to get "back on track." "Some people ride the train of life looking out the rear. Watching the miles of life roll by, and marking every year. They sit in sad remembrance of wasted days gone by and curse their life for what it was, and hang their head and cry. But don't concern yourselves with that, just take on a different vent. Look forward to what life holds, and not what has been spent. So strap yourselves to the engine, as securely as can be, you want to be out in front to see what you can see. You want to feel the winds of change blowing in your face. You want to see what life unfolds, as you move from place to place. You want to see what's coming up, not look-

ing at the past. Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast. So if the ride gets bumpy while you are looking back, go up front, and you may find, your life has jumped the track. It's all right to remember, that's part of history. But up front's where it's happening, where there's so much mystery. The enjoyment of living is not where we have been. It's looking ever forward to another year and ten. It's searching all the by-ways, and never should you refrain. For if you want to live your life, you gotta drive the train."

Now I don't know that this will heal any, let alone all, of the wounds you are now being subjected to, but back in the recession of 1958, it provided the stimulus for turning our totally negative employment and family situation into a positive career launching change in our lives. I was forced to make a life changing decision, and move my family away from our families in Indiana, by train, to Buffalo, New York, and accept a position in sales with a Plastic Material Supplier. That train ride and geographical relocation, resulted in a forty year career in Plastics sales and sales management. I trust that this article may in some small way serve to help any of you faced with similar cir-

cumstances as we work our way out of today's economic turmoil. I learned a long time ago that "Intelligence doesn't necessarily have to mean educated, and creative doesn't have to mean talented." "Work is like air. It's not all that important, unless you're not getting any." And, an article should be like a mini-skirt. Long enough to cover everything, but just short enough to keep it interesting. I trust I've met that test, again today. Remember! "Stay on track" and may God Bless us all in this new year.

Respectfully,
T. W. Bill Neville

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- Agricultural Classifications are not transferable.
- New owners of agricultural lands must apply in order to receive an agricultural classification
- If the status of the land changes in any way, it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to notify our office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Agricultural Classification please feel free to contact Karen Robinson, our Agriculture Specialist, at 863-675-5270 or visit our web site at www.hendryprop.org.



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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..

Kenneth Lanning, 46



- Clewiston
- Animal cruelty, torment, deprive, mutilate, kill
- Arrested Jan. 3
- Arrested by Juan Soto

Mario Hernandez, 22



- Clewiston
- Violation of probation: felony
- Arrested Jan. 1
- Arrested by Jackie Garrett

Rene G. Granda, 32



- Clewiston
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Dec. 30
- Arrested by Clifton Green

Tushenia Sherman, 25



- Clewiston
- Aggravated battery with a deadly weapon
- Arrested Dec. 30
- Arrested by Jason Walker

Virginia C. Garcia, 35



- Clewiston
- Battery on an officer
- Resisting officer without violence
- Arrested Jan. 1
- Arrested by Sgt. J. Spence

Derrell Odom, 16



- Clewiston
- Burglary in a structure with person inside
- Arrested Dec. 31
- Arrested by Robert Wingate

Lewis L. Dozier, 34



- Clewiston
- Fugitive from justice
- Arrested Jan. 2
- Arrested by Nathan Kirk

Juan O. Rosario, 20



- Clewiston
- Violation of probation: felony
- Arrested by Christian Buchhofer

Francisco Bartolo, 42



- Clewiston
- Out of state fugitive
- Arrested Jan. 3
- Arrested by Timothy Neidert

Charlie Simmons, 29



- Belle Glade
- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Jan. 1
- Bond set for \$5,000

David Billings, 21



- Belle Glade
- Stolen property - deal in
- Fraud - false owner info pawn items less than \$300
- Arrested Jan. 3
- Bond has been set for \$8,000

Deneil L. Carter, 25



- Belle Glade
- Carrying a concealed weapon
- Burglary of an occupied dwelling
- Arrested Dec. 31
- Bond set for \$31,500

Deon L. Davis, 22



- Belle Glade
- Resist officer - flee elude law enforcement officer with lights siren active
- Arrested Jan. 2
- Released Jan. 3 on \$3,000 bond

James Currington, 33



- Belle Glade
- Cruelty toward child - abuse without great harm
- Arrested Jan. 3
- Released Jan. 3 on \$4,500 bond

Jorge A. Rosas, 21



- Belle Glade
- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Jan. 1
- Bond set for \$10,000

Jose Mojica, 22



- Belle Glade
- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Jan. 1
- Released Jan. 2 on \$2,000 bond

Marvin L. Walton, 38



- Belle Glade
- Violation of probation: burglary of an occupied dwelling
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 2
- No bond set for release

Donald Cooper, 39



- South Bay
- Smuggle contraband into prison
- Obscene material - possession - first offense
- Arrested Dec. 31
- Bond has been set to \$3,000

Issac Hill, 38



- South Bay
- Smuggle contraband into prison - cellular phone portable communication device
- Arrested Dec. 31
- Bond has been set to \$3,000

Leonard King, 18



- South Bay
- Burglary of dwelling structure or conveyance armed
- Larceny - grand of firearm
- Arrested Jan. 2
- Bond has been set to \$26,000

Vernon D. McFadden, 37



- South Bay
- Smuggle contraband into prison - cellular phone portable communication device
- Arrested Dec. 31
- Bond has been set to \$3,000

Noel Dunkley, 25



- Pahokee
- Battery - felony battery or domestic battery by strangulation
- Arrested Jan. 5
- No bond set for release

Harvey Otis, 19



- Pahokee
- Violation of probation: burglary of structure or conveyance
- Arrested Jan. 2
- No bond set for release

Milk income loss contract program

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that sign-up for the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) has begun and will continue through the program's expiration date, September 30, 2012.

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorizes the MILC Program, which operates similarly to the counter-cyclical payment program for crops, and makes three key changes in program operation.

Under the 2008 Act, the MILC payment rate and the per-operation poundage limit are modified, depending on when the milk is produced. In addition, a "feed cost adjuster," is introduced over the file of the 2008 Act, which adjusts the \$16.94 per hundred-weight (cwt.) benchmark price upward depending on the cost of feed rations.

When available, MILC payments are based on a payment rate percentage that is multiplied by the difference between a now-flexible target (\$16.94 per cwt. or higher) and the specific month's Boston Class I price of milk. USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues MILC payments on an operation-by-operation basis up to a maximum of 2.4 million pounds of milk produced and marketed (about 120 cows) from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

The production limit per operation increases to 2.985 million pounds (about 145 cows) for each fiscal year from October 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012. The production limitation reverts back to the original limit of 2.4 million pounds per fiscal year in September 2012. The 2008 Act adjusts the trigger price of \$16.94 cwt., depending on the extent to which feed costs increase.

The feed cost adjustment takes effect when the monthly National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost (calculated from the "entire month" prices published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service) is greater than \$7.35 per cwt. beginning January 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012.

Calculations from January 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012 will be made at 45 percent of the percentage that the National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost exceeds \$7.35 per cwt. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2009 marketing's, which started October 1, 2008 the 2008 Act made changes to the provision for payment eligibility to add an adjusted gross income (AGI) limit.

If the individual or entity has annual non-farm AGI for the relevant base period greater than \$500,000, the individual or entity is not eligible for MILC benefits. The base period will be set pursuant to AGI regulations yet to be issued. That rule will also define what is considered to be non-farm income.

During the sign-up application period, participating dairy operations must select the month of the fiscal year to start receiving payments for eligible production.

Producers submitting a contract application within 30 days of the beginning of the application period can select any preceding month as the start month. Producers submitting contract applications after January 21, 2009, will not have the option of selecting an earlier month as the payment start month for the dairy operation for a fiscal year; and will be limited to applicable start month selection rules.

Those general rules are that the start month must either be the month the contract is submitted or some later month. Changes in the month may be made from year to year so long as the designation is made by the fourteenth of the month proceeding the new start month.

Pound limits run from the start month and all pounds for which payment is received count against the limit for that fiscal year. Eligible dairy producers are those who commercially produce milk in the United States.

To receive program approval, producers must enter into a MILC contract with CCC and provide month milk marketing data. Dairy producers can apply for MILC at local FSA offices. All payments in the program are subject to limits in the contract, regulations, and to changes in statutory provisions for payment.

More information on MILC is available at local FSA offices.

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of December 31.



Juana Silva-Cerna.

Juana Silva-Cerna, age 36, also known as Maria Martinez is a white female with black hair and brown eyes. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs approximately 145 pounds. Her last

known address is listed as S.R. 715, Belle Glade.

Silva-Cerna is wanted on felony charges failure to appear for trial: aggravated stalking; Obtaining driver's license by fraud; Fraudulent use of personal identification information; Fraudulent use of credit card; Grand theft.

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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Beryle Bowling
CLEWISTON — Beryle Bowling, passed peacefully on Jan. 4, 2009, in her home, grateful for a blessed life on earth and excited for an adventure in Heaven.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1918, in Worcester, Mass. She was predeceased by her late husband, Herschel W. Bowling.

She is survived by her children, Beverly Day and her husband James, Wayne Bowling and wife Evelyn, Debra Allen and husband Paul; and grandchildren Brian Day, Jonathan Allen, and Courtney Allen.

A Memorial Celebration was held Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Clewiston followed by interment in Ridgelawn Cemetery. A reception was held at the church fellowship hall following interment.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home-Clewiston Chapel.

Marion Hazel Alford, 90
CLEWISTON — Marion Hazel Alford, passed away Monday, Dec. 29, 2008 in Clewiston. She was 90.

She was born Nov. 17, 1918 in Wausau, Wis., to the late Alfred Reich and the late Hazel (Noland) Reich. Marion was a resident of Clewiston since 1984 and is a former resident of Wausau, Wis. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Cloverbelt Cooperative Services while in Wausau. Marion was a member of First United Methodist Church in Clewiston.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Alford, of Clewiston; brother, John Reich, of Dingmans Ferry, Pa.; and sisters, Ruth Ziebell, of Marietta, Ga., and Elizabeth Douville, of Bend, Ore. Services for Marion were private.

Memorial donations can be made to Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation, 544 West Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Joyce E. Purvis, 66
CLEWISTON — Joyce E. Purvis, of Clewiston, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008. She was 66.

She was a loving and devoted mother, a caring, supportive wife and a fantastic cook. Joyce lost her year long battle with cancer on Christmas day. She recently celebrated her 49th wedding anniversary with her husband Grady, at the wedding of their youngest son Matthew.

Joyce leaves behind her husband, Grady; her two sons, Alan and Matthew; their wives, Chauntel and Amber; along with to wonderful grandchildren, Cheyenne and Brandi.

The continued story of the Mayamis Nation

Treasures at Fort Center

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

Dark, ominous clouds brewed and rumbled on the horizon, until the tempest exploded in a brilliant and thunderous barrage.

Gusting winds swept across the lake, churning the shallow depths into a cauldron of seething, grey waves that danced along the surface in deadly duets before striking the three dugouts with a fury.

In timeless minutes, the storm passed as quickly as it came. The sun reappeared sheepishly on the horizon, radiating light across the darkened heavens and upon the lake's surface.

Gold and silver treasures lying in the wet dugouts glittered to the sun's caress, as two dejected figures sat impassive to the wealth around them.

One wore finely tailored cloths and was a goldsmith, a talent that had brought wealth and fortune into his life and would now bring a life of enslavement.

The other person was dressed as a Spanish mariner, whose face was weathered by years at the mast on a slave ship, a curse that would follow the mariner to the grave. This story has a merit of truth. Gold and silver were found at Fort Center and a mystery man of Spanish origin left his calling card there.

It's time to take a "Walk in The Past" and learn about the treasures and mystery man at Fort Center.

Fontanedo, a Spanish slave to the Calusa Indians, wrote in his memoirs, "The King of Ais and the King of Jeaga are poor Indians, as respects the land; for there are no mines of silver or of gold where they are; and, in short, they are rich only by the sea, from the many vessels that have been lost well laden with these metals."

Later in his memoirs he writes, "Leaving this matter aside, I desire to speak of the riches found by the Indians of Ais, which perhaps were as much as a million dollars, or over, in bars of silver, in gold, and in articles of jewelry

made by the hands of Mexican Indians, which the passengers were bringing with them. These things Carlos divided with the caciques of Ais, Gaucata, Mayajuaco, and Mayaca."

Fontanedo describes Guacata as a town on the Lake of the Mayaimis Indians.

Archeologists think Guacata was on the eastern side of Lake Okeechobee and are basing that educated guess on other clues found in Fontanedo's memoirs. Simply stated, gold and silver were brought to Lake Okeechobee and given to the cacique (chief) at Guacata.

Gold and silver have been found throughout the Glades region. I believe there were other deliveries of gold treasures to the Mayaimis Indians on Lake Okeechobee, before and after Fontanedo was ransomed and wrote his memoirs in 1575. One of the largest, Spanish treasure fleets assembled was destroyed in a hurricane in 1715 on the Treasure Coast.

An amateur organization secured permission from the former land owners of Fort Center to "survey" a mound site. The land owners were unhappy with the resulting "survey" and cancelled permission to continue work at the site. A collection of gold and silver artifacts found by the organization were recovered by the land owners, who later made them available for study at different times to Florida archeologists.

The gold and silver specimens were of Spanish origin, but most had been reworked into Indian forms. Some of the objects had been cast and the rough edges smoothed with coarse files. Archeologist, Mr. Sears, suggested that the gold and silver were done by Spaniards, who were following Indian directions as they melted and formed the gold and silver.

The suggestion they were following directions could probably be better interpreted as slaves following orders.

Lawrence E. Will, the noted Lake Okeechobee historian, writes about a clam shell found in a Fort Center mound. Mr. Wills said a curious letter had been written on both sides of the clam

shell. A scratched line going to a circle with an "X" and the word Rio, for river was found on the first shell. An etched cross gave directions NORT, for north and ESTE, for east on the shell.

A large Christian cross was scratched on the second shell with the letters, XX XX + LA etched below. Archaeologists think the LA stands for leagues and the X's mean 40 plus. A Spanish league at that time was approximately 2.5 miles, so that would put Fort Center about 90 miles from where?

The second shell had the name Calos scratched on it. Calos was a Calusa town on the West coast. The person who wrote this information was educated and knew distance. He created a map and was hoping it would be traded and found by a Spanish expedition. We will never know this mystery man, but it is clear that the sender never got a reply until the 19th century.

There will be more Tall Tales about the Mayaimis Indian Gold at Fort Center in next week's edition of "A Walk in The Past." This Fort Center article can come alive for you, your friends and families on Jan. 10, 2009, when the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission host a grand opening.

Everyone is invited, and the activities are free. Activities will include: swamp buggy hayrides, presentation on Fort Center history, music, archery, live reptile displays, and hands-on lessons in native craft.

Please bring old photos of Fisheating Creek and share your stories about the creek with the Clewiston Museum at Fort Center's grand opening. Take a moment to stop by the Clewiston Museum booth and tell your "Tall Tales."

I hope you have enjoyed this story.

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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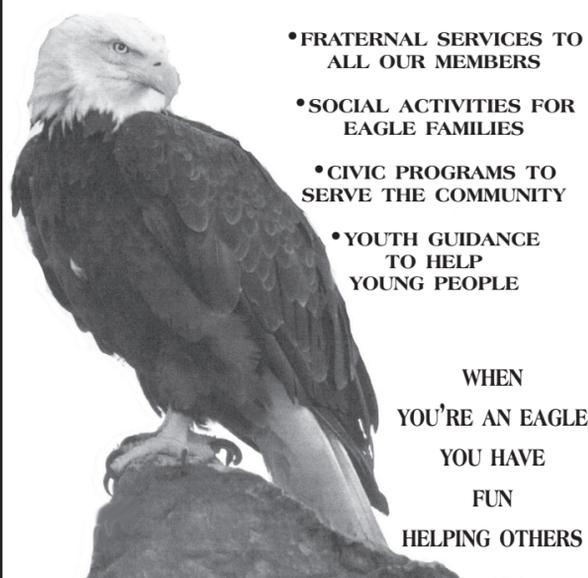
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Notice of Annexation/Public Hearing

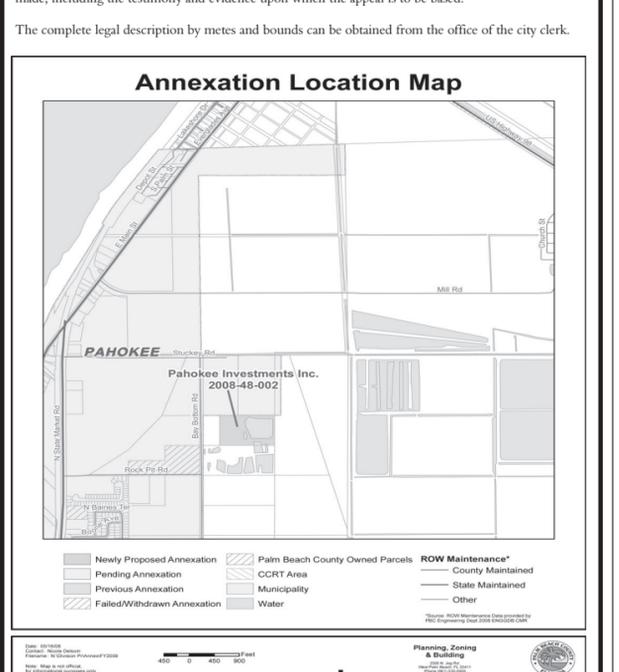
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pahokee Investments LLC has applied for annexation into the City of Pahokee of property located at NE 28th Street. The City Commission of the City of Pahokee will hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-08, regarding the annexation on January 13th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Pahokee Old High School Cafeteria, 360 East Main Street.

This property is intended to be used for light industrial. The property is located East of Bay Bottom Road, South of Stuckey Road. It is approximately 15 acres.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the City of Pahokee City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 207 Begonia Avenue, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All persons wishing to be heard on this issue may appear at said meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission, the person should ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The complete legal description by metes and bounds can be obtained from the office of the city clerk.



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NOTICE BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF INTENT TO LEASE LANDS

The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (the "Governing Board"), pursuant to Section 373.093, Florida Statutes, as amended, hereby gives notice of its intention to ground lease certain lands owned by the Governing Board to the South Florida Water Management District Leasing Corp. (the "Corporation") pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Series 2006 Ground Lease (the "2006 Ground Lease"). The Governing Board will be authorizing and approving the lease of such land at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 12, 2009 at any time after 9:00 a.m. at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406. The land to be ground leased is located in Palm Beach County and Hendry County. The Palm Beach County land consists of two separate sites consisting of 4,500 acres generally located approximately 20 miles south of South Bay on the east side of U.S. Highway 27 upon which the Stormwater Treatment Area ("STA") Compartment B North buildout will be constructed and 3,000 acres generally located approximately 25 miles south of South Bay on the east side of U.S. Highway 27 upon which the STA Compartment B South buildout will be constructed. The Hendry County land consists of approximately 6,400 acres generally located in the southwest corner of Hendry County at the intersection of Palm Beach, Broward and Hendry County lines, west of the Rolanberger Wildlife Management Area, approximately 25 miles south of Clewiston, Florida upon which the STA Compartment C buildout will be constructed.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Collier County, Florida, on the 18th day of November, 2008 in the cause wherein Orion Bank is plaintiff and John A. Carbona, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson, Thomas Randy Wilkerson and North River Ranch Investments is defendant, being Case Number 08-2642CA, in said Court, I, Ronald E. Lee, Sr., as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant and John A. Carbona, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson, Thomas Randy Wilkerson and North River Ranch Investments, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying and being in Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East one-half, of the Southwest one-quarter, of said Section 17, Thence N 01°11'17" E, along the West line of said fraction, 1532.71 feet to the point of beginning of the lands herein described; Thence continue N 01°11'17" E along said West line, 1131.60 feet to the Northwest corner of said East one-half, of the Southwest one-quarter; thence S 88°55'55" E, along the North line of the South one-half of said section 17, 2658.67 feet to the Northwest corner of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said Section 17; Thence S 00°55'57" W, along the East line of said West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter, 2330.90 feet to the Northeast corner of the South one-half of the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 17; Thence N 88°56'19" W, along the North line of said fraction, 1330.73 feet to the Northwest corner of said fraction; Thence S 01°02'01" W, along the West line of said fraction, 283.01 feet to the North right of way line of County Road Number 78; Thence N 88°56'35" W, along said right of way line 332.83 feet to an intersection with the East line of the Southwest one-quarter, of the Southeast one-quarter, of the Southwest one-quarter, of the Southwest one-quarter, of said Section 17; Thence N 01°02'00" E, along said East line, 283.01 feet to the Northeast corner of said fraction; Thence N 30°41'01" E, 296.79 feet; Thence N 01°02'15" E, parallel to the East line of the Southwest one-quarter, of said Section 17, 953.20 feet; Thence N 89°31'04" W, 1145.85 feet to the West line of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter, of said Section 17, and the point of beginning.

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, and the Northwest 1/4, and the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, all lying in Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 28 East, all lying in Hendry County, Florida.

LESS thy: East 850 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 and LESS road right-of-way for SR-78, of Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

And on the 22 day of JANUARY, 2009 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, and John A. Carbona, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson, Thomas Randy Wilkerson and North River Ranch Investments, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
 Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Captain Andy Lewis

304002 CGS 12/18,25/08 1/1,8/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
689	2006	1-33-43-31-A00-0087-0000	Sebrina Stevenson

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the North 20.00 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 295, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304738 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Dade County, Florida, on the 11th day of December, 1995 in the cause wherein First Union National Bank of Georgia is plaintiff and Maria E. Colon is defendant, being Case number 94-16317CC, in said Court, I, Ronald E. Lee, Sr., as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Maria E. Colon, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

From the intersection of the north line of Section 33-43-29 with the centerline of SR 29, run S 3°47' E along the centerline of SR29 a distance of 2061.8 feet to the Point of Beginning. THENCE N66°30' E 450 feet; thence S 3°47' E 75 feet; thence S 86°30' W 450 feet to the centerline of SR 29; thence N 3°47' W 75 feet to the Point of Beginning; LESS the westerly 50 Feet for right of way of SR 29. Being in Section 33-43-29, Hendry County, Florida, and commonly known as Business Lots 33-35 Inc., Section B-2 Labelle Ranchette a/k/a 4429 S SR 29, Labelle, Florida

And on the 29th day of January, 2008 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, Maria E. Colon, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
 Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Captain Andy Lewis

304235 CGS 12/25/08/1/1,8,15/09

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida, on the 12th day of August, 2008 in the cause wherein First Union National Bank of Florida is plaintiff and Christopher Coge a/k/a Christopher C. Cogle is defendant, being Case number 97-01618 CDSO (62), in said Court, I, Ronald E. Lee, Sr., as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Christopher Coge a/k/a Christopher C. Cogle, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

The Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida also known as Lot 6, Block K, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision a/k/a 575 Union Avenue. (Parcel No. 1-31-43-35-010-000K-006.0)

And on the 29th day of January, 2008 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, Christopher Coge a/k/a Christopher C. Cogle, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
 Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Captain Andy Lewis

304638 CGS 12/25/08/1/1,8,15/09

Houses - Sale 1025 Houses - Sale 1025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
689	2006	1-33-43-31-A00-0087-0000	Sebrina Stevenson

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Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304738 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

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And on the 29th day of January, 2008 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, Maria E. Colon, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
 Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Captain Andy Lewis

304235 CGS 12/25/08/1/1,8,15/09

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida, on the 12th day of August, 2008 in the cause wherein First Union National Bank of Florida is plaintiff and Christopher Coge a/k/a Christopher C. Cogle is defendant, being Case number 97-01618 CDSO (62), in said Court, I, Ronald E. Lee, Sr., as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Christopher Coge a/k/a Christopher C. Cogle, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

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Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
 Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Captain Andy Lewis

304638 CGS 12/25/08/1/1,8,15/09

Houses - Sale 1025 Houses - Sale 1025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 10:00 A.M., January 29, 2009, at the District office at 3293 Bellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, 33955.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports.

Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark D. Colbert, Chairman

305742 CB/CN 01/08,15/08

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sautermes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
389	2006	1-17-43-29-040-0000-0060	Noe. A. Cantu & Mariu G. Cantu

Lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and the North 40 feet of Lot 19, BOTH'S SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in the Plat Book 1, Page 21, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304744 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
617	2006	1-22-43-31-010-000A-0030	Ralph B. & Gail Seymour

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road described as follows: A strip of land in the East one-half of said Section 22, beginning at a point on the East boundary of said Section 22, which is 237.38 feet South of the Northeast corner thereof run Westerly paralleling the existing rural road and canal to a point which is 160.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the said East one-half of Section 22; thence North along the West boundary line of said East one-half of Section 22 to the North boundary line of said Section 22; thence along said North boundary line East to the Northwest corner of Section 22, thence South along the East boundary line of Section 22 to the said point of beginning. Also known as Lot 3, Block A, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304748 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
617	2006	1-22-43-31-010-000A-0030	Ralph B. & Gail Seymour

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road described as follows: A strip of land in the East one-half of said Section 22, beginning at a point on the East boundary of said Section 22, which is 237.38 feet South of the Northeast corner thereof run Westerly paralleling the existing rural road and canal to a point which is 160.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the said East one-half of Section 22; thence North along the West boundary line of said East one-half of Section 22 to the North boundary line of said Section 22; thence along said North boundary line East to the Northwest corner of Section 22, thence South along the East boundary line of Section 22 to the said point of beginning. Also known as Lot 3, Block A, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304748 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
617	2006	1-22-43-31-010-000A-0030	Ralph B. & Gail Seymour

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road described as follows: A strip of land in the East one-half of said Section 22, beginning at a point on the East boundary of said Section 22, which is 237.38 feet South of the Northeast corner thereof run Westerly paralleling the existing rural road and canal to a point which is 160.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the said East one-half of Section 22; thence North along the West boundary line of said East one-half of Section 22 to the North boundary line of said Section 22; thence along said North boundary line East to the Northwest corner of Section 22, thence South along the East boundary line of Section 22 to the said point of beginning. Also known as Lot 3, Block A, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 304748 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sauternes V. LLC, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
872	2006	1-13-44-32-A00-0208-0100	Madelyn Balceiro

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
304736 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
773	2006	1-36-43-31-010-000N-0070	Todd James, LLC

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 7, Block N, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
304743 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
616	2006	1-22-43-31-010-000A-0020	Ralph B. & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 7, Block N, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
304743 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Banyan Village area, Port LaBelle Plat Units 10-13, within the unincorporated area of the County, for capital costs associated with construction of water lines for Banyan Village and service assessments for maintenance of such water lines commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2009, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2009, in the County Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

305123 CB/CN 1/1,8,15,22/09

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Collier County, Florida, on the 18th day of November, 2008 in the cause wherein Orion Bank is plaintiff and Rialto Pointe Investments, LLC, John A. Carbone, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson and Thomas Randy Wilkerson is defendant, being Case number 08-1643CA, in said Court, I, Ronald E. Lee, Sr., as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Rialto Pointe Investments, LLC, John A. Carbone, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson and Thomas Randy Wilkerson, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Government Lot 1 and 2, of Section 4, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 98 City of La Belle, Section 4, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence North 00° 08' 14" West (Basis for bearings is county and South Florida Flood Control District, right of way map of Canal C-43) along the East line of said Block 98, a distance of 259.10 feet to the South right of way line of the Caloosahatchee River Canal C-43 and the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence North 53° 20' 42" West along said South right of way line a distance of 119 feet, more or less, to the Northernly edge of the Old River; thence Southeasterly, along said Northernly edge, a distance of 185 feet, more or less, to the East line of said Block 98; thence North 00° 08' 14" West along said East line a distance of 52.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning (Westerly part of Island).

LESS AND EXCEPT:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of Block 98 of the City of La Belle, North 0° 8' 14" West along East line of Block 98 - 259.10 feet to South right of way of the Caloosahatchee River Canal C-43 and Point of Beginning - Southeast along the South right of way of canal 43 to North Bank of Old Caloosahatchee River, North Westerly along the North Bank to a point 52 feet South of the point of beginning - North 52 feet to Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH Easement for ingress and egress, as recorded in Official Records Book 218, Page 1037, Public Records of Glades County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH Perpetual access Road Easement, as recorded in Official Records Book 229, Page 740, Public Records of Glades County, Florida and Official Records Book 665, Page 1645, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

And on the 22nd day of January, 2009 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:30am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendants, Rialto Pointe Investments, LLC, John A. Carbone, Russell S. Weisenberg, Donna L. Wilkerson and Thomas Randy Wilkerson, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Ronald E. Lee, Sr.
Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida

By: Captain Andy Lewis

304108 CN 12/8,25/08 1/1,8/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
602	2006	1-14-43-31-010-0000-0280	Michael J. Thompson

Lot 28, GREENWOOD FOREST UNIT NO. 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 123 and 124, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of January, which is the 29th day of January, 2009.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2008.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
304746 CGS 1/1,8,15,22/09

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
602	2006	1-14-43-31-010-0000-0280	Michael J. Thompson

Lot 28, GREENWOOD FOREST UNIT NO. 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 123 and 124, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Good turnout

Based on the number of people at the Poker Run, the event seemed to be a success.



INI/Ashley Smith

A loud multitude

The motors of rumbling motorcycles filled the air on Sunday in Clewiston.



INI/Ashley Smith

Fun at the marina

Dozens of motorcyclists ate food, conversed and listened to music on this beautiful Sunday morning.



INI/Ashley Smith

Poker Run

Bikers gathered at Roland and MaryAnn Martin's Marina in Clewiston over the weekend to participate in a Poker Run.

School briefs

Westside Elementary School

Welcome back!
Westside Elementary wants to welcome back all students and faculty. We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday break and are looking forward to a prosperous 2009!

Acevedo Coloring Contest Winner for Westside
A coloring contest sponsored by Old Cypress Bank located inside of Wal-Mart hailed kindergartner Alexis Acevedo the winner for Westside Elementary. Students from kindergarten to fifth grade were given an opportunity to participate by coloring a picture of Santa in his sleigh. Alexis received The Littlest Pet Shop's Pets Only Clubhouse as a reward for her excellent coloring skills. Congratulations Alexis!

Clewiston Middle School

Jr. Beta Club News
Students from Clewiston Middle School Jr. Beta Club attended the Florida State Jr. Beta Club Convention held Dec. 8 - 9 at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando. Students competed in various academic competitions, talent, songfest, and arts and crafts. Those awarded were in Technology - third place: Sidney Mesa and Victoria Rice; Battle of the Books - third place: Sara Perez, Savannah Bowers and Jocelyn Martinez; and Scrapbook - third place: Ashley Schwartz, Brooke Flynn, Chelsea Steadley, Mandi Perry, Sidney Duckstein, Savannah Bowers, Jocelyn Martinez and Cecilia Luna. The club received an invitation to attend and compete at the National Jr. Beta Convention to

be held in June in Orlando.

Florida State Jr. Beta Club Presidents
At the Florida State Jr. Beta Club Convention, Maelis Martinez was named the new Florida State Jr. Beta Club President. She was required to give a two minute speech, have her friends perform a one minute skit, and have the whole club campaign for her.

With an attendance of 1,500 people, Maelis was elected the Florida State president for 2009. She was installed by Cecilia Luna, the 2008 president who is also from Clewiston Middle School. Maelis adjourned this year's convention and will be attending the National Convention in June 2009 in Orlando. She will have the opportunity to run for National Jr. Beta Club President at that time. She will also preside at the 2009 Florida State Convention in De-

cember. Sponsors of the CMS Jr. Beta Club are Mary Ann Mammen and Kathryn Caulkins.

Tuesday nights at Beef's
Clewiston Middle School and Beef O'Brady's invite you to Tuesday Nights at Beef's. For the month of January only, 15% of your bill will be donated to CMS to raise funds to purchase books for the Read Aloud Initiative.

This fundraiser cannot be combined with any other discount or offer. Be sure to tell your server that you have the coupon, which will be available at Beef's and sent home with the students when they return after the Christmas vacation. Students' names on the coupons will be entered into a drawing for an MP3 player. Clewiston Middle School thanks everyone, especially Beef O'Brady's, for their support of our reading project.

Central Elementary School

Welcome back, everyone! We hope students, families, teachers, and staff all experienced a restful and enjoyable Winter Break.

Here are our upcoming events at Central Elementary:
After School Resumes: Week of Jan. 12.
End of First Semester - Thursday, Jan. 15.
Early Release Day for Students - Friday, Jan. 16.
Report Cards Go Home With Students - Friday, Jan. 23.

Friends and family packed out our small pavilion on Dec. 11 to hear our students sing and perform the true meaning of Christmas. Immediately following the program friends and family enjoyed a baked spaghetti meal. CCS would like to thank everyone who helped make this program a huge success. We can't wait till next year.

Happy New Year
Happy New Year CCS Family! We are looking forward to the rest of the school year. We hope that all of you read over winter break. Our 2nd Reading Counts Challenge is underway. READ READ READ!

Upcoming events:
Jan. 9 - 2nd Term Report Cards Go Home.
Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No school.

School Happenings

Westside Elementary School

Nestle Pure Life Water bottle project
Westside elementary has been hard at work this school year. One of the major yearlong projects the

students and faculty are working on is the Nestle Pure Life Water Bottle collection. The school is collecting not only the bottles for recycling, but the labels from the Nestle bottles. The labels are then saved and redeemed for physical education equipment for the school. The biggest goal is to save

more labels than any other registered school in the nation! The one school who saves the most during the months of September through February will learn a new playground for their school! So far, Westside has collected nearly 5,000 labels. Our goal is over 15,000. Westside invites

the community to join us in our quest for new physical education equipment and the possibility of a new playground. For anyone interested in helping us reach our goal, please call 863-983-1570 and a representative from the school will be more than happy to pick up the bottles and the labels!

Hendry County reads Fahrenheit 451

Hendry County Library Cooperative is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to receive a grant to host The Big Read from September 2008 - June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature. The Big Read in Hendry County will focus on Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury.

Activities will take place January 13 starting with a kickoff at 7 p.m. at the Clewiston Library. County Commissioner Janet Taylor and Clewiston Mayor Mali Chamness will issue a proclamation to begin the community wide read. Jeff Klinkenberg, St. Petersburg Times writer, will be guest speaker. Copies of the book will be given out free to attendees.

The latest Big Read grantees represent 46 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To date, the NEA has given more than 500 grants to support local Big Read projects.

"We feel fortunate to have received this grant for the second straight year. This enables us to read a classic book selection that

can be enjoyed by school children and adults alike," said Barbara Oeffner, Clewiston Library Director.

"Everything the NEA does we do in partnership. I am delighted to announce our 208 new partners in The Big Read. Some are new to the program, some are returning, but all of them have answered the call to action to get our country reading again," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia.

The selected organizations will receive Big Read grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 to promote and carry out community-based reading programs featuring activities such as read-a-thons, book discussions, lectures, movie screenings, and performing arts events. Participating communities also receive high-quality, free-of-charge educational materials to supplement each title, including Reader's, Teacher's, and Audio Guides.

"With this latest round of grants, I am proud to say that The Big Read has supported more than 500 public library partnerships," said Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the NEA's lead federal partner for The

Big Read. "Through this program, public libraries continue to demonstrate their value in communities as centers of engagement, literacy, and lifelong learning. I am particularly delighted by the innovative public programming born out of library and museum collaborations."

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. For more information about The Big Read please visit www.neabigread.org.

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts—both new and established—bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Arts Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. For more information,

please visit www.arts.gov.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. For more information, please visit www.imls.gov.

Arts Midwest connects people throughout the Midwest and the world to meaningful arts opportunities, sharing creativity, knowledge, and understanding across boundaries. Arts Midwest connects the arts to audiences throughout the nine-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. One of six non-profit regional arts organizations in the United States, Arts Midwest's history spans more than 25 years. For more information, please visit www.artsmidwest.org.

Lunch menu

Hendry County District Schools lunch menu for the week of **Jan. 8-15**
Clewiston area schools

Primary grades
Thursday, Jan. 8: Nacho cheese, green beans, applesauce, choice of milk
Friday, Jan. 9: Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, and pickles, cherry slush, choice of milk
Monday, Jan. 12: Chicken nugget, tossed salad, baked beans, pineapple, white dinner roll, choice of milk
Tuesday, Jan. 13: Tacos, corn, orange juice, choice of milk
Wednesday, Jan. 14: Pop-corn chicken, or sausage patty, mac and cheese, cherry jello, mixed fruit, broccoli, choice of milk
Thursday, Jan. 15: Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, green beans, diced peaches, white dinner roll, choice of milk

Secondary grades
Thursday, Jan. 8: Tacos - hard shells, corn, mixed fruit, choice of milk
Friday, Jan. 9: Corn dog - chicken, French fries, baked beans, Shape up, choice of milk
Monday, Jan. 12: Spaghetti, tossed salad, California blend, wheat dinner roll, choice of milk
Tuesday, Jan. 13: Hoagie sandwich, lettuce and tomato, French fries, applesauce, oatmeal raisin cookie, choice of milk
Wednesday, Jan. 14: Chili, baked cheese sandwich, mixed fruit, Shape up, choice of milk
Thursday, Jan. 15: Manager's choice

** Milk offered daily. Peanut butter and jelly sandwich and variety of salads offered daily.*

** Hoagie sandwich offered every day as an alternative entree.*

Menu subject to change.



Submitted photo

Vote for Maelis

The CMS Jr. Beta Club members are shown here campaigning for the fellow student Maelis Martinez for Florida State Jr. Beta Club president.



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Jr. Beta Club Presidents

Pictured from left to right is 2008 Florida State Jr. Beta Club President, Cecilia Luna, and 2009 Florida State Jr. Beta Club President, Maelis Martinez.

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Gift supports new Glades community hospital



Submitted photo
C. David Goodlett, (left) Glades Healthcare Foundation Chair and Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff.

WEST PALM BEACH—While campaigning this year, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw made a commitment to the residents of the Glades: to give back at least fifty-percent of the funds raised from his re-election campaign in the community back to the people.

Sheriff Bradshaw recently made good on his promise by presenting a \$5,000 gift to Glades Healthcare Foundation, the non-profit organization leading the fund raising campaign for a new community hospital that will serve 40,000 residents along the

southern shore of Lake Okeechobee.

The new facility, Palm Beach County's only public hospital, will replace Glades General Hospital.

Sheriff Bradshaw is proud of the link he has had to the Glades region for over thirty years.

His brother was a state trooper in the Pahokee area.

"My connection to the Glades community is strong," said Sheriff Bradshaw. "Our work is to ensure that the quality of life for all of the people in our county is the best it can be, and healthcare is a big part of that."

Glades Healthcare Foundation is leading the fund raising campaign for a new 70-bed, \$73 million community hospital in the Glades.

Thanks to a commitment of \$53 million from the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and the generosity of individuals and organizations, the campaign has reached 89 percent of its goal.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.gladeshealthcare.org or call 561-833-8999.

Secretary Schafer Announces 2009 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres are taking place now both online and at local USDA Service Centers and will continue until June 1.

Producers are urged to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up; however, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

The June 1 deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP program and can be accessed at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>.

To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

For 2009, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 2008.

Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price.

The effective price for each covered commodity and peanuts equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of the national average market price received by farmers during the 12-month marketing year or the national average loan rate.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for ACRE Program will begin in the spring.

Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in the spring 2009.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on State revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of county-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is

based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For the 2009 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2007 and 2008 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the State and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the State revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the State expected yield.

The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm.

In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

First Bank gives \$100,000 to Hospital Foundation



Submitted photo/HRMC
The Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation was presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 by First Bank of Clewiston. The money is intended to be used toward paying for the construction of a new emergency room, surgery suite and laboratory.

By Glenda Wilson

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, First Bank employees, along with their board members and members of the Hendry Regional Medical Center (HRMC) Foundation, gathered around First Bank's Christmas tree to present the hospital foundation with a check for \$100,000.

In 2006, the First Bank of Clewiston made an initial pledge of \$500,000 to the HRMC Foundation; this was First Bank's third gift towards that pledge. The funds will be restricted to the construction of the new emergency room, surgery suite and laboratory at

Hendry Regional Medical Center.

Though global financial lending opportunities have greatly affected the ability to borrow, the Foundation and the Hospital Board of Authority are committed to moving forward with the emergency room construction project. At their September board meeting, the hospital board of directors selected and hired DEJA (David E. Johnson Architect) firm to design the new emergency room, surgery suite, and laboratory. This firm will work under the direction of John Albert from American Health Facilities Development (AHFD), the project management

firm hired to oversee the construction development. DEJA has begun the preliminary development of architectural schematics. In the meantime, Hospital Administration is diligently negotiating with lenders for the financing of the new facility, which will cost approximately 17 million dollars. Once financial negotiations are completed, the architectural design and engineering plans will be submitted to the State for approval.

The hospital foundation members wish to thank First Bank for their wonderful generosity and continued support.

Money to Lend

Although, it's hard to miss the bad news about housing and mortgages these days, it is actually one of the best times to buy a home. Interest rates are the lowest they've been in decades, home prices are the lowest in years and Seacoast National Bank is open for business and making residential mortgage loans.

application for up to 90 days. You can then shop for a home with the peace of mind that the rate will not increase while you shop. If rates go down before you close on the loan, so does your rate. You can also choose to change the loan to a fixed rate option at closing.

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In fact, we've been in business for over 80 years. We did not participate in payment-option ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages), sub-prime loans or other 'exotic' mortgage loans you read about today and which so many other mortgage lenders are struggling with. Instead, we sat out the irrational lending frenzy and built our internal resources to better serve our customers and home buyers today and in the future.

Technology & Convenience

A common misconception is that an online-only lender will save a home buyer money. Although the Internet is ideal for gathering information, the drawbacks of working with an online-only lender outweigh the advantages. To complement our loan services, Seacoast has convenient online tools for home buyers including a mortgage calculator and application for those who want online convenience. However you choose to apply, local, dedicated mortgage loan officers are available to assist you with the application process in person at your home or office, at a Seacoast office or over the telephone. Seacoast's professional mortgage lenders are prepared to understand your current economic and housing needs, to answer your questions and make quick local decisions. We disclose all terms and conditions up front, and provide a single point of contact throughout the process, so there are no surprises at closing. Our promise to you is simple – whether you apply online or in person, there's nothing "mechanical" about the way you'll be treated as a customer.

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The events of the last few years have created the perception that all ARMs (Adjustable Rate Mortgages) are dangerous – they're not. There are times when an ARM is the right loan for the situation. For instance, a couple purchasing a home that plans to sell and upgrade in a few years would most likely benefit from a shorter term ARM loan. It's a matter of applying common sense lending practices and selecting the right loan to fit the needs of the borrower.

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Like the Lark: Realizing our Potential

By Pastor John Hicks
 First United Methodist Church

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made -- to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

This prologue to John is focused not on what we have been, or even what we are now. Rather it focuses on what we can yet be. A great thought now that we have entered into the new

year!

There was a young man pedaling around a college campus on a bicycle.

He was wearing a T-shirt. On the T-shirt it said, "I'm going to be a doctor."

There was also a sign on the back of his bicycle. It proclaimed: "I'm going to be a Mercedes."

There was someone who understood his potential. All of us have unrealized potential.

When each of us came into this world, we brought with us an amazing amount of potential.

The Suzuki method that has helped millions of children learn to play the violin is an example of realizing some of this potential. Suzuki shared that he had two

moments in his life that gave him his insights.

Suzuki's first revelation came when he was visiting a building that served as a giant incubator for thousands of Japanese songbirds known as larks. The breeders of these larks take literally thousands of eggs and incubate them in giant, warm, silent halls that act as a gigantic nest.

There is only one sound that the tiny songbirds hear as they break through the shells of their eggs. It is the sound of another lark, a very special adult lark, that is chosen because of its singing ability.

Suzuki noticed to his amazement that every little chick that hatched automatically began to

copy the master singer lark.

Even more remarkable, after a few days he observed that each chick, having started out by purely copying songs, began to develop its own variations on the original Master Song.

The breeders wait until the chick musicians have developed their own styles, and then select from them the next Master Singer, and so the process continues.

Suzuki's reasoning: "If a bird's tiny, tiny brain can learn so perfectly, then surely the human brain, with its vastly superior abilities, should be able to do the same and better!"

This line of reasoning led Suzuki to his next revelation: "Every Japanese child learns to speak

Japanese!"

It seems like an amazing grasp of the obvious, but what Suzuki had realized was something so apparent no one could see what it meant.

Any baby, born in any country, automatically learns, within two years, the language of that country.

This means that every normal baby's brain is capable of learning millions of potential languages.

This means, that given the proper environment, the human creature is capable of acquiring an amazing amount of information and skills in a short time.

God has placed within each of us enormous potential, mental potential, physical potential, but

the greatest of all is spiritual potential, the potential to become children of God.

Notice, the Scriptures don't say that Christ came into the world so that we can improve our I.Q. or that we will be able to run the 440 in record time.

It says that whoever receives Christ and believes on His name has the potential to become a child of God.

What does that mean?

It means that you and I have the potential to be like Christ.

We have a potential within our hearts and souls for peace, a potential for joy, a potential for hope, a potential for love, and a potential for forgiveness that is greater than we can possibly imagine.

New Year: Redeeming time The true, the Eternal now

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

John was a retired military officer. He'd tell me each Sunday morning "You started two minutes late today" or "You began a minute early this morning." I asked him how he was certain and he said he set his watch by the radio. One day I asked him "John, how old is this outfit - 2,000 years old?" And he muttered "Yeah." I said "Remember, John, for the first fourteen hundred years, they didn't have clocks!" (I thought "outfit" would be a good word to refer to the Church for a military man. He knew what I was talking about.)

Actually, we conduct our lives to the arbitrary agreement we call "time" and it is the means that makes living possible. We rely on appointments, the ordering of our days, regular times for the things we have to do. The great things, though, are what we recall, not in hours or days but by events. I'd have to think what I was doing in the Fall of 1963, but if you asked me where I was when Kennedy was shot, I could tell you instantly.

My grandmother read me

Bible stories and told me about right and wrong; perhaps the strongest influence in shaping my life toward the ministry. She died when I was eight years old, but she lived long enough to have a tremendous impact; not hours or days but what she did - events.

The Greeks had two words for time; one related to "clock time" and the other related to "event time." The latter, event time, is Biblical time. I believe Church is about what we do together to worship God; not when we get started or when we end. Paul writes in his Epistle to the Romans "One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems them all alike. (14:5ff)." He adds "He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord (v.6)."

It is not how many we have, or how much time, but what we did with the time allotted to us. Two thousand and nine opened with a host of problems, war fronts, economic problems, political entities in transition, job problems, and on and on. The resolutions made or the promises given will not be something we can demand; but we can get underway with them.

It is evident that many of the so-

lutions needed are still a long way off. I've come to believe, though, that we accomplish things by laying the foundations and doing our part, no matter how small. This Christmas I received many cards and letters from people that I knew during past ministries and places I've served. We shared in fellowship, touched each other's lives, lived as a Church family for awhile; and those who shared had an impact on my life, and apparently I had an impact on theirs too.

They are an affirmation of the foundations laid, the use of time as God would have intended and the bonds continue today even after a separation of miles and days. We observed the day, we honored the Lord, what was shared will last for eternity. May this new year be for all of us a time of hallowed opportunities to share in God's name and in His work. May we bring the gifts of faith, hope and love to others, laying foundations and letting God give the growth. To paraphrase a prayer: "I may not be able to do everything but I can do something..." That is my prayer for 2009, beginning, planting, laying foundations, letting God give the growth. Amen.

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
 First Christian Church

The New Year Holiday is chiefly a secular one, merely the starting date for a calendar set up by man for his own convenience.

But as a milestone in a life given to us by a loving Father, the day is one that is well deserving of prayer meditation and thought.

There is nothing really new about the New Year - we were on January 1st what we were on December 31st. For each person, the character of our life on any given day is the sum total of our yesterdays - with one important qualification: At any given moment, with God's help, we can change direction, steer, rather than drift.

Are we defeated by past mistakes haunted by past failures? If we dwell on them, we will repeat them.

Are we convinced that these failures were the fault of others? If so, there will be little or no incentive to take personal inventory, to look within for the source of our difficulty.

But what if we refuse to hold memories of past mistakes in our consciousness?

What if we recognize and act on - the truth that right now we can start afresh? And it is true if only we turn to Him for guidance.

Right now we are the sons of God, if we have believed the Gospel, Repented of Sins, Confessed faith in Jesus Christ, and have been immersed for the remission of sins to receive the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 says "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." He is our genuine spiritual identity.

We have only to claim what He has already freely given us. On New Year's Day - or any other day - we can decide to live NOW, rather than in a dead yesterday or an uncertain tomorrow!

And when we do, we will see that His genuine, eternal vow is all we ever have or need.

Some are asking themselves, "How can I be a triumphant Christian in this New Year. The converted sinner loves God and is resolved to live for God. But he soon realizes that there are conflicts. We have an adversary, Satan, who seeks constantly to sidetrack us and defeat us. We can overcome him and be victorious

each day if we will. Here's how:

1. Yield to the Lordship of Christ. This is what discipleship is, to follow Him as Master of our lives.
2. Pray! This is communion with God. In this way the Lord can impart to us wisdom and strength, and provide all our needs.
3. Read God's Word every day. My wife and I read the "Everyday With Jesus" Bible each morning that takes one through the Bible in a year. The Bible gives us light and direction. Obey its precepts and trust its promises.
4. Have fellowship with God's people. Align yourself with a church which believes and teaches the word of God and is not a denomination.
5. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. In proportion as we yield ourselves unto Him, He will fill us with God's love and power and all the fruits of the Spirit.
6. Witness to others. Share the Good News with as many possible. Romans 1:16 says: "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe."
7. Watch for the return of Christ for "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

Religion briefs

Grace Harmony at First Christian

Mike and Sue Filisky, know as "Grace Harmony", will be in Concert at First Christian Church, 201 N. Francisco St., Sunday, January 11, 7 p.m.

The Filisky's live at Lake Placid, Florida, and are members of the Eastside Christian Church.

Each year the Filiskys go in tour with their "Journey For Jesus!"

The couple presented a Concert for the church last year at this time and were so well received that they were invited back this year.

They will have CDs for sale. A "love offering" will be received to help with the ministry of the Filiskys.

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The Clewiston Church of Christ would like to announce their regular service times to the public and invite anyone interested in attending.

Sunday Bible Class will begin at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship begins at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship will start at 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study starts at 7 p.m.

The Clewiston Church of Christ is located at 336 Central Ave in Clewiston. For further information please call 863-983-8822.

Clewiston Church of God Service Times

Jackie Miller, Minister of First Christian Church, extends a hearty invitation for all to attend this special service.

Rummage, Bake Sale at Calvary Baptist Church

The youth of Calvary Baptist Church are having a Rummage/Bake sale every Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The church is located at 1075 Davidson Rd. Hookers Point in Clewiston. We are raising funds for a youth seminar in January. Donations accepted.

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Public Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of South Bay Florida. Sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday January 20, 2009 beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall located at 335 S.W. 2nd Ave, South Bay, Florida to Consider:

The proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) to the City of South Bay Comprehensive Plan, as amended.

For your information, a copy of the proposed EAR to be considered by the LPA at the January 20, 2009 hearing will be available for review on Friday, January 9, 2009 at City Hall, 335 S.W. 2nd Ave, South Bay.

At such time and place, the LPA will hear all evidence in support of or in opposition to the EAR. You are advised that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the LPA with respect to any matter considered at the Public Hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and such purpose he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Crime

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Since then, one of the dogs had gone missing. The suspect said he gave that puppy away. The suspect denied that the dogs belonged to him. Investigators arrested him. Two days after the crime, Mr. Morgan said the puppy took its first steps again.

"She's been on painkillers because she's been awfully sore," said Mr. Morgan, who added that the dog was being given two pain pills a day and has been kept on antibiotics. To the worker, who is more accustomed to seeing animal abandonment cases, the crime was surprising. The accusation against the suspect is hard to believe. The animal hospital that provided first aid to the dog did not provide comment, citing patient/

doctor confidentiality. "We're still watching her for neurological damage. From what we can tell, from what the vet said, there were blows to the head," said Mr. Morgan. "If we can keep her healthy, and she has no neurological problems, she'll be alright." The state of Florida does not have a defined law against zoosexuality. In these cases, investigators instead pursue animal cruelty charges.

In a fortunate twist, the Caloosa Humane Society has stepped forward to provide the dog with antibiotics and has committed to continuing the care of the dog once it is released by animal control. And the dog has nothing else to fear. "We already have people standing by for adopting the dog," Mr. Morgan said. To share your views about this story, visit our public forums at www.newszap.com.

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Cruelty

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efforts to save him. An anonymous caller reported a neglect case at a home on Central Avenue in Clewiston on Jan. 3. Responding Sgt. Juan Soto found a dog lying on the ground that "had a look of suffering." It seemed as though he was tied in the front of the residence as a security dog, and his bark was low, the sergeant reported. Animal control was contacted and, since the owner of the home wasn't in, left a note about the neglected dog.



Kenneth Lanning

When they returned to follow up, officials could not find the dog and the owner could not be contacted. The animal control worker and an officer entered the yard and found the American Bulldog in bad shape. "Every bone on the dog's body was showing," said Sgt. Soto. "You could see his face and eyes crying out for help." According to the arrest report, the water the dog had to drink was green and his only source of sustenance was a container with Doritos and insect-infested scraps of food. The true signs of cruelty, however, could be seen in the way that the dog reacted to the animal

control worker and the sergeant, according to the report. When they finally had the dog on the side of the road, the workers were surprised to see the dog defecate from having to deal with the officer's efforts. He collapsed in the nearby grass. The animal control worker stated that "the stress and, due to his condition, he was probably dying." The suspect in the case, Kenneth Lanning, 46, is charged with two counts of animal cruelty, causing cruel death, pain or suffering. The dog was put to sleep by animal control. News Editor Jose Zaragoza can be reached at jzaragoza@newszap.com.

Stabbing

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Investigators say they found the occupants cleaning up a large amount of blood from the apartment. The suspect's mother, one of the victims, was holding a towel around her arm and told officers she had been stabbed. She could not tell officers, however, whether it was her daughter who was holding the knife when she was stabbed or not. Tushenia, meanwhile, said she

acted in self-defense. According to Tushenia, Shaterica followed her into the home, without consent, and grabbed her hair and began punching her. Tushenia said she could not hit back, since her mother was between the two. That's when she heard her mother say she was cut. Although the knife believed to have been used was recovered by officers, it had been washed by the victim and contained no traces of blood. Another victim was reported to have been cut, but refused to

press charges in the matter. Arriving at the hospital with a cut to his hand, that victim was intoxicated and didn't provide a written statement. Tushenia and Shaterica were arrested on charges of battery, burglary with assault, and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Following treatment of injuries, they were transported to the Hendry County Jail for processing. News Editor Jose Zaragoza can be reached at jzaragoza@newszap.com.

Sheriff

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York City's highly successful response to Times Square crime issues. The chief deputy said it is a "mechanism to capture statistics and data from employees including road deputies and bookkeepers." The raw data is formatted to highlight work loads and efficiency, so that residents' needs may be adequately addressed. He added that managers will be "empowered to make decisions." He said managers will be held accountable for deputies' performance and be provided with the tools to correct any problems. Weekly progress reports will be required with rewards given for good jobs as well as assistance for resolving issues. The sheriff also said there will be more law enforcement presence in outlying areas. No desk jockeys allowed - the sheriff's management team will be "hands on," heading out to the streets regularly to see what is happening for themselves. The chief deputy also said the new administration will break the "us/them" barriers within the department - becoming one team and sharing information within the department. The public can also expect to be privy to as much information as possible. HCSO is a government agency, the sheriff said, and the public has right to know about budget and other important issues. The new sheriff admits that he and his team will have limited fiscal control their first year, since the budget has already been established. He promises to work with the county commissioners, though, and has already been in contact with County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf. With the budget as tight as it is, the new administration will be looking at each classification before authorizing budget items.

Chuck Powell, Sheriff Whidden's choice for chief deputy, was a Lee County sheriff's employee since 1976, and has a very diverse background in law enforcement. He managed a \$6 million budget in his division and has served as both a district commander and division. He has worked in human resources, purchasing, technology, volunteer services, community relations and media. He was a K-9 officer eight years; a traffic officer five years; was a School Resource Officer; and a certified adult educator. Marci (Martinez) D'Huynslager is the Number 3 officer at HCSO now, as Operations Manager. She is a Georgia Bureau of Investigations graduate, has a degree in criminology, is bilingual; and a member of the Florida Latino Officer Association. She has experience as both a state and local investigator. She has worked for HCSO off and on for about ten years and will be responsible for the office's fleet, 911 dispatch, records, IT, supply and purchasing. Capt. Keith Bennett heads up Law Enforcement services over both Road Patrol and the Criminal Investigations Division. He is to foster their cohesion as a team. He has been an investigator for eight years, including time as a supervisor, and was on Road Patrol for four. Countywide there are two lieutenants under Bennett: Kevin Nelson in LaBelle (longtime Collier County deputy and former candidate for Hendry County sheriff) and Eddie Wilcox (well respected former Glades County officer with Hendry for 8 years) in Clewiston. It will be Training Director Dave Harney's job to make sure all personnel keep up with the appropriate schooling. Jail Lt. Mike Kosh is the new Jail Administrator. He has many years in Corrections and is a certified jail inspector. Susan Harrelle comes back as Public Information Officer, and is also in charge of the Explorers, DARE program, School Resource Officers and community relations. Look for her at many community

events. Sheriff Whidden said he had not been afforded as much access to department information as he had hoped in the weeks leading up to actually taking office, so he and his team were making the best of things. He said he and Chief Deputy Powell had talked to some of the sheriff's employees before taking over and Sheriff Lee allowed them to use the gun range to swear in deputies Monday and Tuesday. He said that, according to state law, the incoming sheriff actually completes the necessary paperwork right after the election. It must be notarized and returned to the Secretary of State, and is dated to take effect at midnight Jan. 5. Taking advantage of this, he swore in law enforcement and corrections officers Monday and Tuesday, again to take effect at midnight Jan. 5. He said he felt it was critical to swear in these employees, making their transition as seamless as possible for the officers and public. The new sheriff took part in the public swearing in of all the Constitutional officers Tuesday morning in the new circuit judge's chambers. Sheriff Whidden said he was the only sheriff-elect at the Florida Sheriff's Association new sheriffs conference not hired on as an employee of the department after the election. Consequently, he and other members of his administrative team had to pay their expenses to the conference out of pocket. Sheriff Whidden said that, while all crimes will be addressed, he sees the most immediate need as addressing gang activity. He said it is growing quickly, especially in the Clewiston area. The sheriff is also aware that economic factors and cutbacks will have a deep impression on his administration, but hopes to focus on working toward the department's accreditation when appropriate. However, he pointed out, "It's law enforcement first."

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983-2390 to volunteer. **Inauguration Celebration** Anyone interested in sharing in this historic celebration on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. is asked to please contact Commissioner Janet Taylor at 863-228-0612. **Cougars meeting** The Clewiston Cougars will be having a board meeting Jan. 9 for the board members of the upcoming season. This meeting will be held at the Cougars locker room beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out

to support the organization for the kids. **Visit the Downtown City Market** The City Market, sponsored by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce and the City of Clewiston Recreation Department, is located at the Civic Park right in the middle of town. The City Market will be held on Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. We invite you to come to the City Market to visit with your neighbors, meet our local farmers and businesses, and enjoy a morning of food, fun and friendship. If your pet is friendly, so are we! Bring your furry well-behaved

and leashed best friend for a visit to the Market. For vendor information please contact the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce at 863-983-7979 or the Youth Center at 863-983-1492. **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. The Post is located at 501 S. Francisco St., Clewiston.

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