



# Clewiston News

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## News in briefs

### Project Graduation meeting

There will be a Project Graduation meeting held on Monday, March 2 at the Clewiston High School Auditorium for all parents of Senior students. This meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

### Big Cypress Shootout

Second Seminole War Reenactment at Billie Swamp Safari, Big Cypress Reservation will be held from February 27 to March 1. For further information please call 1-800-949-6101 ext. 12125.

### Lighthouse Apostolic Church Revival

February 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., Sunday March 1, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., 911 Evercane Road. For more information call 863-983-2338.

### Baby sitting course

The American Red Cross will be holding a baby sitting course for ages 12 to 15 on March 28 at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of the class is \$45. All participants need to bring their lunch. Space is limited please pre-register by March 23. To register please call 863-983-1492.

### Lifeguard Training

Want to be a Lifeguard? Sign up now for Red Cross Lifeguard Training. First meeting will be April 8 at 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Ages 16 and older, cost is \$150 per person. To sign up please call 863-983-1492 or for more information.

### 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.

### 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 863-983-2390 to volunteer.

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# County debates lease renewal

## Reduction in operating dollars forces tough decisions

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- A discussion on the subject of a lease renewal assumed much larger dimensions when the conversation shifted to the state of the county, and the financial challenges it

faces in the next year. Along with dealing with the issue of where to locate several important offices, the county is also tackling the possibility that there may be a reduction in some services, and even of staff should the financial climate continue the way it has in recent months.

At the onset, commissioners considered renewing the leases of several offices at the Clewiston Towne Center (formerly the K-Mart Plaza) in Clewiston. The plaza has housed the sheriff's of-

ice, clerk, tax collector, property appraiser and the supervisor of elections, but is up for renewal.

The clerk and the property appraiser have given commitments to the county attorney to move out of their offices at the plaza and into a satellite office on El Paso. It is expected that the supervisor of elections will do the same.

With three out of the five leaving, the county attorney said the landlord decided to increase rent for the sheriff's office, and has asked the tax collector's office

to pay for providing a public restroom -- which would be an additional charge for the county.

Commissioners did not appreciate the terms.

"With all of the rental spaces that are available in Clewiston, you would certainly expect that we would be able to get some leases that are favorable," argued Commissioner Tris Chapman. "I think we draw a line in the sand here."

The discussion brought back the issue of rehabilitating the Clewiston sub-office and moving

a number of the constitutional offices to that location.

"Does anybody not notice the irony here?" asked Commissioner Karson Turner. "We're renting and spending \$169,000 a year and we have an 8,750 square foot structure, ready to be refurbished, and we're not gonna do anything with it?"

Commissioner Turner said the county's money is better spent on addressing the code issues at the sub-office. He expressed

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## Labelle Shooting: Case under investigation



Police tape on the fence hinted at the shocking discovery deputies found last Friday at this home: two people fatally shot, one in serious condition. The victim in serious condition later succumbed to her injuries at Lee Memorial Hospital.

# HCSO work 'shooting/suicide' case

## Man may have shot women and himself

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

LABELLE -- Investigators want to know why a normally reserved, quiet LaBelle man would, based on what they know, possibly shoot two women and then himself in a gruesome crime last Friday night.

The shooting left all three involved dead: 44-year-old Gilberto Fernandez -- identified as the alleged shooter -- 32-year-old Madai Rodriguez and 26-year-old Maria Perez.

The incident in LaBelle has left neighbors stunned, wondering how the long-time Citrus Ave. resident could have been involved in what officials are calling a double shooting/suicide.

In a press release prepared

by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Susan Harrelle reported officers responding to a possible shots fired call at 963 Citrus Ave., shortly after 8 p.m. on Feb. 20.

Deputies found three persons inside the mobile home with gunshot wounds. Emergency Response workers determined two of them were dead, while a third was in serious condition.

Maria Perez, was still alive when she was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries. According to the sheriff's office, a few days later, Maria died.

Both victims were reportedly from Lehigh Acres.

Law enforcement officials have released very little information regarding the case or the reason for the shooting.

"There's nothing else I can say, except that at this time we are waiting for autopsy results," said Lt. Harrelle.

A routine check of the suspect's criminal record with sheriff's office revealed only a single arrest in 2000 for driving under the influence of alcohol, Lt. Harrelle reported.

Meanwhile, Gilberto Fernandez's neighbors expressed shock.

On Monday, the home was vacant, with little sign of the man's wife or his son, neighbors said. The door to the porch was locked, and an A&E repair van, a car and a small pick up truck were parked in the driveway.

"All I know is that they were very quiet," said a next-door neighbor in Spanish. "It was all a surprise." The ten-year resident of the neighborhood said the suspect and his family moved in shortly after she did, but were always a tranquil family. They kept to themselves, she said.

The suspect would occasionally talk to a neighbor

across the road, she said, but rarely to anyone else.

Jorge Cruz, another of the suspect's neighbors, agreed.

"Mostly, he was very reserved," said Mr. Cruz. "He hardly talked to anyone. He was very distanced from everyone else. He was quiet and didn't like to talk to anyone."

The neighbor said he didn't see or hear anything when the shooting was reported. He was asleep and woke to see patrol cars and ambulances arriving in droves. He saw emergency workers remove one of the victims on a stretcher.

He said he didn't know the victims, but said the crime had become the talk of the neighborhood.

"People say the women sold Herbalife products. Well, that's what the people are saying, anyway."

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# Man shoots friend in leg

Miami suspect arrested after telling deputies he did not need their help

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- After shooting a friend of his and losing control of his vehicle and it teetering on a highway railing, police say a suspect continued to lose his cool and acted violently when they attempted to help the injured friend.

The incident happened Sunday, Feb. 22, at just after 2 p.m. in Clewiston, according to a report released by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responding to a possible traffic crash call via 911 found two men sitting on the railing just beside the crashed utility vehicle.

Yuniel Llufrío, 22, of Miami, identified himself as the driver of the vehicle and told deputies that he had lost control of the vehicle for "no apparent reason." The impact hurled the car into the railing, where it remained stuck.

According to the report, Llufrío said a towing company had been called and the two needed no additional help.

Walking toward the vehicle, Deputy Julio Perez spotted a third person, lying in the front passenger seat. The man, Angel Llanes, 18, of Miami, was incoherent and told

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# New tattoo shop on bond street

Services offered include piercings, permanent make up

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- Of the variety of businesses located in and around Hendry County, Adrian Aguilar noticed the vacuum created by one: a tattoo shop.

There are no tattoo shops in Clewiston -- a fact he set out to remedy.

The experienced tattoo artist teamed up with Jessica Alvarez, who loved the idea, and now they operate Serenity Tattoos

on Bond Street in Clewiston.

"It was A.D.'s (Adrian's) dream, and we made it come true," said Hector Perez, who helps to manage the shop. "He wanted to do this in town."

According to Hector Perez, finding a tattoo shop means having to travel to either of the coasts to find a good place.

Taking a look around the city, the tattoo artists found a perfect location on Bond Street and got to work right away.

Walking into the shop, a number of the tattoo artist's creations adorn the brick walls inside the business. The artists have taken to decorating the inside with light touches of their

personal creations.

The shop offers all types of tattoos, limited only by the customers' ambitions, and also provides piercings and permanent make up services -- including eyebrows and lipliner.

There are currently three separate stations that provide privacy for customers, with the hope of adding a fourth.

Since opening the shop last Wednesday, business has been booming. In its grand opening event on Saturday, the shop was booked for the entire day, although walk-ins were accommodated.

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A new tattoo shop on Bond Street promises to deliver high-quality tattoo services at a reasonable cost.

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## **ATTENTION: BELLE GLADE REGISTERED VOTERS**

The City of Belle Glade's March 10, 2009 Election, to fill two City Commission Seats, is soon approaching. Only those qualified registered voters living within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Glade may vote in City elections.

If you are not able to go to the polls on election day to cast your ballot, you may cast your ballot early at the County's Glades Office Building, 2nd Floor, located at 2976 State Road 15 (corner of North Main and State Road 80) in Belle Glade, or you, or someone designated by the voter, may request an absentee ballot from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office, in person, by mail or by calling (toll free) 1-866-868-3321.

Remember to bring current and valid picture and signature identification, such as a driver's license, or some form of photo identification bearing your photo and signature. If you do not have a photo/signature ID, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

**CITY OF BELLE GLADE  
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CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

### 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..

**Antonio Washington, 30**



- Belle Glade
- Possession of cocaine with intent to sell
- Possession of cocaine

Arrested Feb. 19  
No bond has been set for release

**Bobby Washington, 31**



- Belle Glade
- Forgery
- Larceny - \$300 less than \$10,000 from person 65 years or older

Arrested Feb. 20  
Bond has been set for \$28,000

**Cemeull Yarbrough, 33**



- Belle Glade
- Possession of cocaine
- Trespassing - failure to leave property upon order by owner

Arrested Feb. 20  
Released Feb. 21 on \$3,000 bond

**Darreyon Thomas, 23**



- Belle Glade
- Operating while driving license revoked for habitual traffic offense
- Possession of cocaine with intent to sell

Arrested Feb. 20  
No bond set

**Edtavion Wilcox, 17**



- Belle Glade
- Violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure
- Resist LEO without violence

Arrested Feb. 20  
No bond has been set for release

**Eduardo Ramos**



- Belle Glade
- Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
- Cruelty toward child

Arrested Feb. 17  
Bond has been set for \$25,000 for release

**Erick Jones, 31**



- Belle Glade
- Out of state fugitive
- Handgun charges

Arrested Feb. 17  
Booked for Maryland/Wicomico County Sheriff's office

**Henry Machado, 21**



- Belle Glade
- Contempt of court - Burglary of a structure or conveyance; grand theft
- Criminal mischief

Arrested Feb. 22  
Released Feb. 22 on \$1,000 bond

**James Sims, 31**



- Belle Glade
- Possession of cocaine with intent to sell
- Resist officer obstruct without violence

Arrested Feb. 18  
Bond has been set to \$6,500

**Jawanza Mays, 28**



- Belle Glade
- Contempt of court
- Attempted trafficking in cocaine

Arrested Feb. 19  
No bond has been set for release

**Lindell Bush, 31**



- Belle Glade
- Violation of probation - burglary of a structure or conveyance
- Grand theft

Arrested Feb. 22  
No bond set for release

**Ruth Renderos, 21**



**No photo available.**

- Belle Glade
- Scheme to defraud/grand theft

Arrested Feb. 23  
No bond set for release

**Timothy J. Anderson**



- Belle Glade
- Battery on officer, firefighter, emt, etc
- Resist officer with violence

Arrested Feb. 17  
Released Feb. 17 on \$3,000 bond

**Vontarius Weston, 22**



- Belle Glade
- Carrying a concealed weapon - firearm
- Possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams

Arrested Feb. 21  
Released Feb. 21 on \$3,000 bond

**Willdy Auguste, 18**



- Belle Glade
- Possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver schedule

Arrested Feb. 21  
Released Feb. 22 on \$3,000 bond

**Torrance Mathis, 18**



**No photo available.**

- Belle Glade
- Robbery - by sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon
- Battery touch or strike

Arrested Feb. 17  
Released Feb. 18 on \$1,000 bond

**Antavious Holzndorf, 18**



- Belle Glade
- Contempt of court - Unoccupied structure unarmed; grand theft

Arrested Feb. 22  
No bond set for release

**Grady Love, 41**



- Pahokee
- Cocaine - sell - schedule

Arrested Feb. 20  
Bond has been set to \$5,000 for release

**Gregory Hamilton, 33**



- Pahokee
- Possession of weapon or ammo by convicted felon

Arrested Feb. 20  
No bond set for release

**James Jackson, 21**



- Pahokee
- Failure to appear - aggravated battery on a pregnant person

Arrested Feb. 20  
Released Feb. 21 on \$2,000 bond

**James T. Snead, 29**



- Pahokee
- Contempt of court - aggravated stalking, follow, harass or cyberstalk after injunction.

Arrested Feb. 19  
No bond has been set for release

**Leroy Akins, 30**



- Pahokee
- Violation of probation - shoot/throw missile into building or vehicle
- Grand theft motor vehicle

Arrested Feb. 20  
Released Feb. 23 on \$6,000 bond

**Donny R. White, 37**



- Pahokee
- Traffic offense - DUI alcohol offense or drugs first offense

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Released Feb. 19

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### Clewiston Arrests

- Demetrius Richardson, 14, was arrested Feb. 17 in Clewiston on a charge of marijuana possession with intent to sell. James Clark was the arresting officer.
- James Chester Winn, 66, was arrested Feb. 17 in Clewiston on a charge of producing marijuana. Robert Archer Jr. was the arresting officer.
- Corey Terrell Hollingsworth, 32, was arrested Feb. 19 in Clewiston on a charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. Jason Walker was the arresting officer.
- Laverne Scott, 58, was arrested Feb. 19 in Montura on a

- charge of child neglect cause great harm. Richard Waldron Sr. was the arresting officer.
- Demetrae Lamante Pearson, 27, was arrested Feb. 20 in Clewiston on a charge of failure to appear for felony offense. Jackie Garrett was the arresting officer.
- Robert Leon Holmes, 29, was arrested Feb. 20 in Clewiston on a charge of hit and run, fail to remain at crash involving injury. Julio Perez was the arresting officer.
- Angelica Lashea Samuel, 20, was arrested Feb. 20 in Clewiston on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon without

- intent to kill, aggravated battery person uses a deadly weapon, firing weapon or missile into dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft. Julio Perez was the arresting officer.
- Ismael Fay Claro, 30, was arrested Feb. 21 in Clewiston on a charge of felony probation violation. Julio Perez was the arresting officer.
- Yuniel Llufrío, 22, was arrested Feb. 22 in Clewiston on a charge of possession of a weapon by convicted felon or conceal weapon. Julio Perez was the arresting officer.

### Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of February 19.

**Andrea Harold.**

Andrea Harold, age 20, is a black female with black hair and brown eyes. She has tattoos on her left arm, right leg and neck. Her last known address is listed as W. Avenue "A", in Belle Glade. Harold is wanted on felony charges throwing a deadly mis-

sile into an occupied vehicle. 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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### CES participates in softball

Pictured are members of the CES Softball Team, who played Jan. 31 at the Co-Ed Softball Tournament that took place at the Clewiston Baseball Fields. Not pictured are team members Miss. Nicholls and Mr. McKean, who were also a big help to our team. We would like to thank Mrs. Lisa Knaack for her efforts in organizing the event, along with the umpires and officials who volunteered to help during games, as well as all the students, staff, and parents who participated in games, and volunteered at the concession stand. Everyone gave a great effort, and the event helped the CES Safety Patrol Members raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C.

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## Legos techniques

Diego Rodriquez teaches children Legos techniques at the Clewiston Youth Center on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. This project is sponsored by the Hendry County Library Cooperative's The Big Read grant from the National Endowment of the Arts and Artsmidwest.



Submitted photo

## Clewiston Garden Club

The Clewiston Library hosted the Green Thumbs Garden Club monthly meeting on Feb. 17 at 9 a.m. The Library Players presented a program "Ghost of the Glades," which portrayed several prominent authors and their stories. The characters were Laura Upthegrove, the only female member of the notorious Ashley gang, (Shirley Reynolds), Mayor Marian Horowitz, (Barbara Oeffner), Zora Neale Hurston, (Sabrina Pearson), and Marjorie Stoneham Douglas portrayed by Melva Woods.

## Local Weather Forecast

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Breezy, with a east wind around 16 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. East wind around 15 mph.

### Extended Forecast:

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. North wind 8 to 13 mph becoming east.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind around 6 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 8 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.  
**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78.  
**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.  
**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 75.



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# Showmanship, Demonstration Clinic success

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the Rooters club held a Showmanship and Demonstration Clinic at the Mathis home. The club had a swine showmanship demonstration for the over 30 club members. Kim Fielder of Clewiston, Fla. was the showmanship presenter. Kim did a great job instructing the exhibitors on showing techniques, ring

manners, dress, potential questions, and grooming tips

Courtney Davis, Jessica Mancil, Lindsey Wiggins, and Cole Garvey volunteered as Demonstration judges. The judges were impressed and at times amused with the participants and the swine related subjects being presented. Samantha Shearer and

Seth Garvey were winners of the first place Jr. & Sr. Demonstrations and were awarded \$20 gift certificates provided by Tractor Supply of Clewiston. Our Jr. second place was Tanner Mathis, third place was Ethan Taylor. In the Sr. division Lindsey Ringstaff placed second and Samantha Barnes third. Regan Mathis cooked hot

dogs and Carla Shearer created her adorable and delicious "pig" cupcakes. The Rooters club is grateful to the Mathis family for hosting this event. Thanks Laura & Regan! We also would like to thank Tractor Supply, B&B Grocery, and U.S. Sugar for donating to our event.



Submitted photo

The judges for the Swine Demonstrations are rocking out for the Rooters theme of Rockin' Rooters. Left to right is Courtney Davis, Glades County Extension Agent; Cole Garvey; Lindsey Wiggins, Hendry County Livestock Agent; Jessica Mancil. Bottom: Kim Fielder - Showmanship presenter.



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The winners of the Swine Demonstrations are as followed: left to right are Samantha Shearer, Lindsey Ringstaff, Seth Garvey, Samantha Barnes and Tanner Mathis.

## Clubs and organizations

### Clewiston's Annual "Relay for Life" walk

It's time again for Clewiston's annual "Relay for Life" walk for the American Cancer Society. This year the event will take place March 14 and March 15. Relay will start at 1 p.m. and go until 7 a.m. the next morning. The walking tract will be the bus trail at the high school on San Francisco St. The event's theme is "Once Upon a Cure." Booths, food and costumes will all revolve around a nursery rhyme theme. This year's goal is \$50,000. There will be fun food and entertainment. Come join us as we "Celebrate" the victories over this horrible disease, "Remember" those who have lost the battle, get mad and Fight Back" to find a cure. We all know someone who has been affected by this disease. For more information on being on a team or starting one. Call 1-941-627-3000 ext. 111.

### Bird-Watching Tours

Through a partnership with Hendry-Glades Audubon, the South Florida Water Management District will offer to the public escorted birding tours at the South Florida Birding Trail Stormwater

Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) south of Clewiston in eastern Hendry County. Tours are open to anyone, but participants must register to reserve a space on the trips. Meet at the STA5 gate at 8:30 a.m. To sign up for the STA-5 Birding Tour: Send an e-mail to Margaret England, at: [sta5birding@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birding@embarqmail.com) with your name and contact information including an emergency cell number for the tour day, the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave a message at: 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Website: <http://www.orgsites.com/fl/hgaudubon/>

2009 Schedule:  
 Great Backyard Bird Count Fun Weekend:  
 Feb. 28, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 9 (North American Migration Count: Teams) June 20, July 11, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 (North American Migration Count: Teams), Oct. 17.

### 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.

### Guardian ad Litem needed

You're the only one who ever listened to me or asked my opinion. -Andrea, 8, said that during her GAL's monthly visit

Are you flexible, open-minded and interested in advocating for a child? Only 65 percent of Hendry County children taken from their homes due to allegations of abuse or neglect have a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) to protect their interests.

A GAL volunteer has the opportunity to be a champion for an abused, neglected or abandoned child in court and within the community—strongly supported by program staff.

New Guardian ad Litem volunteer training begins soon in LaBelle.

For information, to apply, or to ask how your business or organization can help, call 863-234-9506.

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### Volunteer opportunities

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

#### Speaker topics include:

- Volunteering for Good Health
- 25 ways to Support Someone Facing a Serious Illness
- Advance Directives
- Hospice 101 and Volunteering

#### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing companionship to patients
  - Driving patients to the doctor, store and taking them on errands
  - Spanish speaking volunteers to talk to people in the language they are most comfortable with
  - Volunteers to sit with children so family can visit
- For more information, call Jean Best at 863-983-7771.

## General News and Information

### Property Appraiser Extends Hours

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, is reminding everyone that today (Feb. 26) is the final day for extended hours for homeowners to file for 2009 Exemptions. The hours and locations are as follows: The offices in Labelle and in Clewiston will be open tonight (Thursday) until 6 p.m. We will have representatives in Felda from 4 to 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Felda Community Center.

For additional information please go to our website at [www.hendryprop.org](http://www.hendryprop.org) or you can call the LaBelle office at 863-675-5270 and in Clewiston at 863-983-3178.

March 2 is the deadline for filing 2009 exemptions.

### Deadline for exemptions

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, says in today's economy every penny counts for all of us. Why not take advantage of your savings between now and March 2, 2009 by coming to the Property Appraiser's Office in the Courthouse, third floor in LaBelle during office hours (8:30 a.m. till 5 p.m.) Monday thru Friday OR our Clewiston sub-office at 939 W. Sugarland Hwy. (in the old K-Mart building) same hours/days apply.

You may qualify for one or more of the following exemptions:

- Homestead Exemption - \$25,000 / \$0 / \$25,000  
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- Additional Exemption 65 years of Age or Older W/an Annual Income \$50,000 of Less Than

\$25,873 Per Household (documentation is required).

- Tangible Personal Property Exemption - \$25,000
- Agriculture Classification (Green Belt)
- Homestead Portability

If you have recently purchased your property the previous owners exemptions are NOT transferable. New applications MUST be filed in the event of any changes or deed transfers. This would include changes in Agricultural Classifications also.

You should have received your automatic renewal receipts for Homestead Exemption (white) and Agricultural Classifications (green), if you still qualify keep your receipt do NOT return it to our office.

To file for Homestead exemption you will have to furnish the following:

- Florida Drivers License
- Florida Vehicle Registration
- Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile
- Social Security Number
- Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen)
- Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker, if filling on a mobile home.

For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the Courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for you to file an application for Homestead Exemption or any other exemption.

### Sponsor a pet

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

With a simple click of a button, a visitor can make a donation to a pet's care. To see pets available to sponsor, visit [www.dogncat.petfinder.com](http://www.dogncat.petfinder.com).

### Addiction recovery help

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

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

### Stop the violence

The Hendry and Glades Domestic and Sexual Violence Council's mission is to increase community awareness about domestic and sexual violence and victim safety by providing services, referrals and education relating to the affects of domestic/sexual violence in our community.

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

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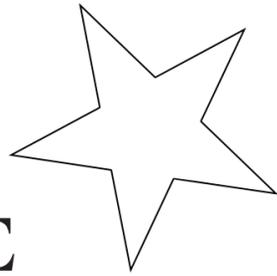
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# Abandoned Spanish Settlements and Forts

Early settlements and confrontations shape the relations of the Native Americans and the Spanish

By Butch Wilson  
Clewiston Museum

Fiery comets streaked across the black empty space of night, marking their flight with long, thin vaporous trails of smoke that arched across the heavens.

The flaming arrows hummed like angry bees as they plummeted earthward, striking the thatched roofs of the Spanish shelters.

Gray wisps of smoke drifted upward from the smothering palm fronds until amber flames, stroked by the stiff ocean breezes, craced hungrily across the dwellings, creating white, billowing clouds that spiraled skyward.

The quietly settled twilight awoke to an early pre-dawn as the roaring fires clawed at the night sky.

Wild, excited crowds danced themselves into a hysterical frenzy as the burning inferno swept across the entire Spanish settlement.

Raging flames consumed the huts and walled barricades, turning them into fire pyres that burnt into the night.

The thunderous sound of many voices rose like a storm above the fire's crackling roar as chants and songs echoed the unconquerable will of the Calusa nation.

This fictitious yarn reflects Native Indian culture that resisted Spain's early encroachments in south Florida during the 15th and early 16th centuries.

It is time to take "A Walk in the Past" and read about the demise of the Spanish forts and missions in south Florida during the 15th century.

South Florida was a vast wetland integrated with lakes, rivers, sloughs and swamps that rose and fell at nature's whim.

It was a hostile environment to



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St. Augustine being one early settlement in Florida, it was just one of many important settlements of Florida history. Forts in Tampa Bay, in the province of Calus and on the Miami River were instrumental in the development of foreign settlers in Florida.

the early Spanish expeditions that came in search of riches, but to their dismay found warlike Indians and hardships.

The Spanish built forts along Florida's coast to protect their rich laden ships and citizens from the Native Indians and other European nations.

Early Spanish forts and settlements in south Florida were located on Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and the Miami River.

These locations were strategic areas that provided fresh water and natural harbors for ships.

The fort locations built in south Florida during the 15th century are listed below:

- A fort and settlement on an islet in the province of Calus

called St. Antonio.

It was started with thirty six houses that were encircled with a wall of logs and sticks.

The Calusa Indians rebelled against the Spanish and Pedro Menendez Marques beheaded Casique Felipe and twenty-two other leading Indians.

He abandoned the fort in 1571.

- A fort was started on Tampa Bay with twenty-four houses.

The supplies went bad due to heavy rains and the soldiers grew weak.

The Tocobaga Indians killed everyone in the fort.

Pedro Menendez Marques burnt the Indian villages and fort

to the ground. The Spanish abandoned the fort in 1567.

- A fort and mission was started in 1567 on the Miami River.

The Tequesta Indians killed several soldiers and constantly threatened the fort.

The Spanish abandoned the fort in 1570.

There was a religious fervor in Spain among the men of the cloth to Christianize the Indians in the New World.

The Spanish government encouraged missions in south Florida and for good reason.

It was a lot easier for a Spaniard in South Florida to sleep at night if he knew the Native Amer-

ican was following the Christian creed, "Love thy neighbor as thyself" rather than following an ancient creed that would make the Spaniard's decapitated head the life of the party.

The Calusa, Tequesta and other tribes in south Florida were fiercely independent and warlike.

The religious and social customs that they believed were ingrained in their lives by tradition.

Some of their customs were bad.

A child was sacrificed when a Casique (king) lost a child and house hold members were sacrificed when a Casique died.

Yearly human sacrifices were made to their idols.

Spanish priest attempted to teach the Indians the Christian

doctrine, which conflicted with many of the Indian's barbarous customs.

Many honest priests practiced and lived the Christian doctrine in their hearts and were willing to risk or lose their lives to convert the Indians.

Unfortunately, many Spaniards marched under the banner of Christianity in a traditional form and failed to adhere to the true "Doctrine of Faith."

The Spanish soldiers performed barbarous acts under the guise of Christianity that spawned seeds of hate and mistrust in the Indian communities.

Christian doctrine and the conflicting roles that Spanish priest and soldiers lived were confusing to the Indians and encouraged them to maintain all their religious and social customs.

The Jesuit missions were a failure in South Florida in the 15th and early 16th centuries.

Forts and missions were completely abandoned in south Florida until the later part of the 16th century.

There will be more "Tale Tales" in next week's edition "A Walk in the Past" when the Spanish return to south Florida in the late 1600s.

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 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

## Glades Central's basketball season ends

Clewiston, Glades Day eked out close wins in their regional quarterfinal games

By Najj Tobias  
INI Florida

SOUTH LAKE REGION - Clewiston won't be facing off against Glades Central after all.

It would have been nice to see both boys basketball teams make it to the Class 4A Final Four, but for Glades Central, it just didn't work out.

The Raiders, who finished their season at 20-7, lost their regional quarterfinal matchup to Rockledge, 56-53.

Glades Central's season ended on a game-winning layup by Rockledge's Ralph Williams, who scored 34 points in the game.

Tied at 53 late in the Feb. 19 game, Williams stole the ball from Glades Central's Antwon Chisolm, took it coast-to-coast

and put in the winning layup.

Williams followed through with a free-throw after being fouled, which sealed the deal in Glades Central's loss.

Interestingly, Glades Central had the lead throughout the game, but simply could not stop Rockledge's best player.

For that alone, perhaps, the Raiders are now forced to look forward to next season.

As for Clewiston, they moved on to the Class 4A regional semifinals after a close 60-58 home win against Golden Gate on Feb. 19.

Clewiston, who improved to 21-4 after the win, scored a road date with District 12-4A winner Naples Lely.

The District 11-4A winner played Naples Lely on Tuesday night.

"I'm so proud of how our team is doing so far," Clewiston head coach Willie Lee said hours before the game against Lely.

"I love this team because they've accomplished a lot this year.

In 2006, Clewiston lost to Lely in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals.

But Lee, who knows the vast potential that his team carries, preferred to be realistic when asked on Clewiston's chances of advancing to the Class 4A regional final on Saturday.

"All we can do is work hard and do our best," Lee said in a telephone interview on Tuesday afternoon, while preparing for the team's bus ride to Naples.

"God's in control, no matter how we see it.

"This is what we worked hard for since the summer," Lee continued.

"This team has the chance to make its own history," Lee said.

Clewiston's last trip to the FH-SAA Final Four was in 1992.

Glades Day also earned the opportunity to make its own history, as well.

After a 49-45 road win against 2008 Class 2A state runner-up Sagemont (Weston), Glades Day knew who its next opponent

was.

The Gators (20-6 after the Class 2A regional quarterfinal) played Summit Christian in West Palm Beach on Tuesday night.

It marked the fourth time that the archrivals faced off against each other.

Glades Day lost two of three meetings to Summit Christian prior to the Class 2A regional semifinal matchup.

That includes Glades Day's 45-44 loss in the District 13-2A championship game.

Had Glades Day won that game, then they would have been the home team Tuesday night.

The Glades Day-Summit Christian winner will play on Saturday night for the right to move on the Class 2A Final Four, which is on March 5.

If Glades Day makes it to the Class 2A Final Four, it would be the first in school history, capping off an amazing season they've had.

Staff Writer Najj Tobias can be reached at ntobias@newszap.com.

## U.S. Sugar confronts possible takeover bid

U.S. Sugar declares dividend distribution of stockholder purchase rights; a measure against takeover bids

CLEWISTON, February 23, 2009—The Board of Directors of United States Sugar Corporation declared the adoption of a Stockholder Rights Plan and a dividend distribution of one "Purchase Right" for each outstanding share of its common stock.

"Basically the Stockholder

Rights Plan and Purchase Right distribution are legal tools designed to assure that the Company's stockholders receive fair and equal treatment in the event of a hostile takeover of the Company," said Robert Coker, senior vice president, public affairs.

"By hostile, I refer to a bidder who does not negotiate with our Board, who could offer only some of our stockholders a high price to gain control of U.S. Sugar and offer less to the remaining stockholders," Coker said.

"It is not intended to deter or discourage bona fide offers and proposals that the Board in good faith determines are fair, advisable and in the best interests of all

of the Company's stockholders," Coker said.

"What happens with the Stockholder Rights Plan in place is that when someone buys 15% of U.S. Sugar's stock, the Board can trigger an exchange of 'rights' for stock, in essence doubling the number of shares held by remaining shareholders.

"The hostile bidder does not receive the additional shares, and in this example, the 15% would be diluted to approximately 8%," Coker said.

Coker said that shareholders and employees are being informed of the distribution in a letter accompanied by legal documents outlining the benefit.

"This action does not affect the number of shares or the value of shares a shareholder currently owns.

"It has no impact unless triggered by a hostile action," said Coker.

"The whole purpose of the Stockholder Rights Plan is to allow the Board to properly exercise its fiduciary duties as it considers alternative transactions and to protect all stockholders from coercive and discriminatory takeover attempts," Coker said.

## Bass Busters tourney results

Silver Division, Saturday, Feb 21.

Cold and windy was the forecast and it came true.

Rim Ditch running hot in the morning but by afternoon the lake was the ticket back to the dock.

First Place went to the team of Turner and Locke with a total weight of 21.52 lbs. and First

Place Big Bass tipping the scales at 9.27 pounds, Great job guys. Second Place went to the team of

Power and Bousquet, of Naples, with a overall weight of 19.86 lbs and the second place BIG BASS weighing in at 5.46 lbs.

Third Place went to Howard Kleman of Belle Glade, He weighed in a total of 14.32 lbs.

Congratulations to all these winners and thank you to all the teams that came out for the tournament.

Gold Division, Sunday, Feb 22. Cool start to the morning but almost no wind, the lake was the

avenue early.

First place went to the the team of Charlie Horton and John Burke, fishing all over the lake.

Their total weight was 14.85 lbs with the Second Place Big Bass weighing in at 4.10 lbs.

Second Place went to David Kilbury and Greg Callen with a total weight of 12.42 lbs and the First Place Big Bass weighing 4.15 lbs.

Third place on the day went to Howard Kleman and Angie

Douthit with a total weight of 11.61 lbs.

Great fishing and tough catching, but it was still a day on the lake to make it all worth while.

The Next BASS BUSTERS events are March 21 and 22, 2009 in Clewiston.

For more information or to get a registration form visit our official website at www.bassbusters-florida.com or call Chris Fickey at 941-232-9539

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# HCSO shuts down Ft. Denaud grow house



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Plants were at a street value of approximately \$423,000.

Narcotics Investigators took out another Marijuana grow house on February 19, 2009 at 4377 Fort Simmons.

The execution of a search warrant by members of the Sheriff's Office paid off.

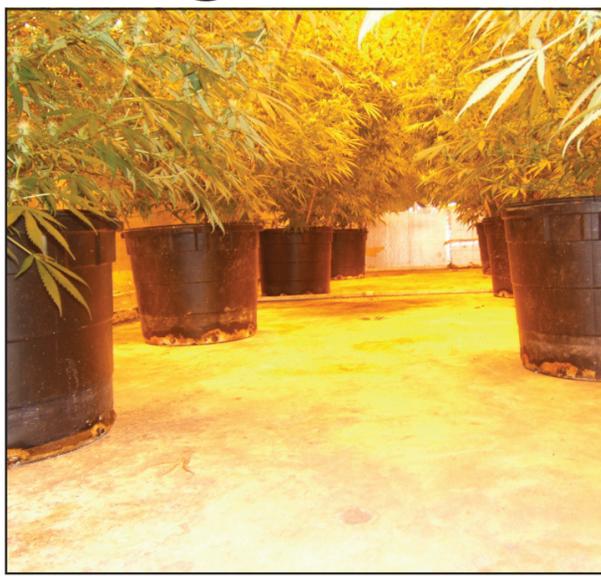
Investigators located behind

the residence of 53-year-old Pedro Linares, a barn with a sophisticated indoor marijuana growing operation.

They found three large air conditions units, two air conditioner handlers, and twenty seven 1,000 watt grow lights with transform-

ers, sophisticated electrical network and irrigation system, exhaust fans, and numerous other items that assisted in the cultivation of the marijuana.

Once inside investigators found 25 mature live growing marijuana plants standing about five to six



Submitted photo

Investigators seized 25 mature marijuana plants.

feet in height with a street value of approximately \$423,000.

Investigators spoke with Linares who admitted to being the owner and operator of the marijuana grows operation.

Pedro Linares was then placed under arrest and charged with

trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, cultivation of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He is currently being held on \$130,000 bond.

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## Governor names 'Tobacco Free Florida Week'

TALLAHASSEE—Governor Charlie Crist has proclaimed Feb. 27 through March 7, as Tobacco Free Florida Week to promote smoke-free living while reminding tobacco users of programs and support that are available to help them quit.

During Tobacco Free Florida Week, Floridians are encouraged to take the pledge to be tobacco free on [www.tobaccofreefloridaweek.com](http://www.tobaccofreefloridaweek.com).

In partnership with FOX Sports Florida and Sun Sports, pro and college teams around the State are rallying behind the campaign. Throughout the week, Tobacco Free Florida will be the focal point of eight sporting events for the following teams: Orlando Magic, Florida State University men's basketball, Florida Marlins, Miami HEAT, Tampa Bay Rays, Florida Panthers, Tampa Bay Lightning

and University of Florida men's basketball (see game schedule below).

Total attendance at the eight events is projected to top 100,000 with the televised games reaching millions more across the state on Sun Sports and FOX Sports Florida.

"Tobacco Free Florida Week presents a tremendous platform for us to utilize our unique media assets, along with those of our sports team partners across the state, in a concentrated, highly-visible way and encourage Floridians to pledge to be tobacco free," said Steve Liverani, Sr. VP/GM of FOX Sports Florida & Sun Sports. "The consequences of tobacco use are well-documented and we are proud to be part of this call to action pledge campaign."

During the week, the Tobacco Free Florida Street Team and

Smokifier vans will travel around the state to spread the message and host school rallies featuring athletes from Florida's pro teams.

"Tobacco Free Florida Week is an opportunity to unite Floridians against the leading cause of preventable illness, disability and premature death in Florida, says Kim Berfield, Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

"By combining efforts of professional and collegiate teams, local County Health Departments and other key tobacco prevention stakeholders, we can further extend the reach of the campaign's message."

To counter the advertising efforts of tobacco companies that spends more money on advertising in Florida than in any other state, Tobacco Free Florida's statewide youth prevention advertising campaign will also launch

that week, with television, radio, cinema and print ads across the state, encouraging youth to "Be Free" from tobacco.

Smoking is responsible for upwards of 29,000 deaths in Florida each year, and thousands more suffer from cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases related to tobacco use and second-hand smoke.

Nearly one out of every five adult's smoke, and 28.8 million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by youth in Florida each year.

To access the pledge, visit [www.tobaccofreefloridaweek.com](http://www.tobaccofreefloridaweek.com).

Local cessation class will begin on Thursday, Feb. 26, in LaBelle and Clewiston, please contact the Health Department at 863-674-4041 for more information and to register.

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## SFWMD committed to Solving Weedy Worries

District and its partners recognize National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week

West Palm Beach, FL —While exotic pythons in the Everglades have slithered across recent headlines, an invader equally insidious to the natural environment remains at the forefront of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) mission to manage and protect the region's water resources.

Non-native plants continue to stress the natural environment by crowding out native vegetation, which a diverse array of wildlife depend on for food and habitat.

Invasive plants can also clog flood control canals and structures, impede waterway navigation and impact recreation and other facets of the Florida economy.

As National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week begins this week, the SFWMD continues its work to control exotic plants while at the same time identifying and mustering defenses against new invaders.

The District has invested at least \$20 million in each of the past five years to remove the most threatening invasive species, such as Old World climbing fern, Brazilian pepper and water hyacinth.

In 2008 alone, the District treated more than 92,400 acres to combat Melaleuca, torpedo grass, the climbing fern and other offenders.

"Invasion of exotic plant species remains one of the most serious environmental issues facing Florida," said SFWMD Governing Board Chair Eric Buermann. "Controlling these invaders is a key component of the District's environmental restoration mission and is crucial to public safety."

Along with environmental and public safety concerns, exotic plant species cost the agricultural industry alone more than \$20 billion annually, according to the North American Weed Management Association.

SFWMD Invests in Biocontrols and Science:

One of the most visual efforts to control exotic plants inched through Jonathan Dickinson State



Courtesy photo/IFAS

Non-native vegetation like this torpedo grass continues threatening the Everglades.

Park in Martin County.

The SFWMD, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, released a thousand Neomusotima conspurcatalis moths at the park in 2008.

The moths lay eggs that morph into caterpillars that chew through dense stands of the invasive Old World climbing fern without harming native Florida ferns.

The SFWMD supports continued applied scientific research that improves management efforts.

To further facilitate that effort, the District participates in key partnerships with agencies including: the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC); the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the USDA's Agricultural Research Service; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

An example of these partnerships was the coordination between the District and the FWC to combat Brazilian pepper in Water

Conservation Area 3, benefiting the native population of deer and birds.

The District has taken several other steps toward curbing invasive plant species:

July 2008: The SFWMD partnered with Palm Beach County to remove non-native plants from 150 acres in the DuPuis Management Area.

July 2008: The District Governing Board approved an agreement with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service to continue developing biological controls — in the form of tiny insects — to fight Brazilian pepper and Old World climbing fern.

March 2008: Scientists introduced nearly 20,000 grass carp into the North New River Canal by Fort Lauderdale. The hungry fish, which do not breed, feast on the rapidly growing invasive hydrilla plant that can clog structures in SFWMD flood-control canals.

A Success Story: Melaleuca remains an example of the District's success in managing exotics.

Once covering hundreds of

thousands of acres, this species now is only occasionally spotted on District-managed lands.

What seemed to be an insurmountable species now is being successfully managed through sustained interagency commitment.

The District-led Melaleuca management program is in its nineteenth year, and resource management agencies estimate this program has cost nearly \$40 million to date.

Florida's Melaleuca management program is a model for invasive species management nationally.

Continued Vigilance: The SFWMD has located two invasive aquatic plants newly discovered in Florida, Luziola subintegra and Azolla pinnata.

Containing these new problems in a "rapid response" effort has required clearly identifying the plants and then determining their best management practices.

Residents also play an important role in the protection of South Florida's environment.

One of the primary ways that invasive species, both plant and animal, end up in the natural environment is when they are thrown out or released by people who no longer want them.

For example, emptying a tropical aquarium full of live but non-native aquatic plants can have serious consequences for the environment.

SFWMD Senior Scientist Mike Bodle discussed invasive plants and the District's management efforts.

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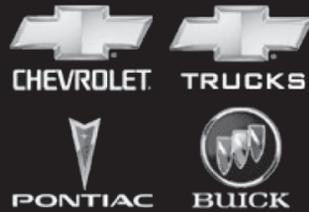
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### CCS Spelling Bee

Pictured here are the winners for the Clewiston Christian School Spelling Bee: Ankit Patel fifth-grade, Nathan Howard third-grade and Jessica Ramos sixth-grade. We are so proud. Congratulations!



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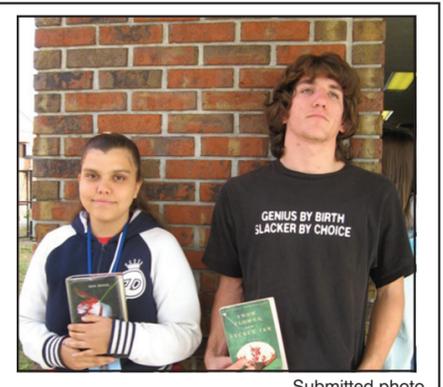
### CES Spelling Bee winners

Congratulations to our recent Spelling Bee winners! Pictured left to right: Second place - Kenny Mejia-Ruiz, First place - Alyssa Avant, and Third place - Jade Bryan. Thank you to all the judges and staff who helped out with this event. The Hendry County Spelling Bee took place at Country Oaks Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 17.



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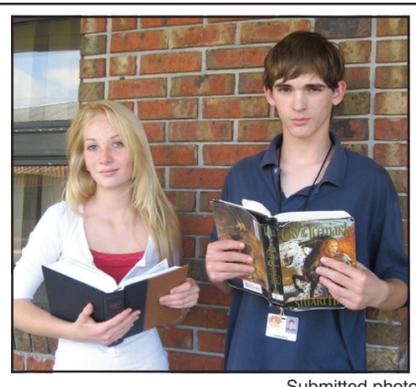
On February 7, 2009 26 CPAC students passed the promotional belt at Luis Maisonet Taekwondo in Clewiston. The parents and staff are very proud of the accomplishment and achievements of those students who participated in the testing. Students needed to perform techniques learned in the class cycle. Congratulations to all students who participated in the testing.



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### January readers

Clewiston High School's readers of the month of January were Samantha Reyes and James Camaratta.



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### February readers

Clewiston High School's readers of the month of February were Ashley White and David Blair.

### School briefs

#### Clewiston Christian School

**Upcoming events:**  
**Now to Feb. 27:** Registration for returning students for the 2009-2010 school year  
**March 2 to March 31:** Registration for new students  
**March 11:** First United Methodist Church Dinner Benefit for CCS 6-7pm  
**March 17:** Open House Pre-K-9-11am K5-9th 5-7pm  
**March 20:** Report Cards sent Home  
**March 23 to 27:** Spring Break Have Fun!

#### School

**CES Relay for Life Team - Yard Sale and Bake Sale - Saturday, March 7!**  
 The CES Relay for Life team will be holding a yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, March 7, from 6 a.m. until 12 noon in the CES cafeteria. Make sure to come and buy some yard sale items and then buy some delicious goodies from the bake sale! Help us be the BEST Relay for Life team!  
**Safety Patrol "Spring Fling" Dance**  
 The "Spring Fling" Dance that was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27 has been cancelled.  
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#### Central Elementary

# Hendry County Fair 4-H/FFA Swine Show

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show was held. The show consisted of 4-H and FFA members exhibiting their market swine ranging from 236 pounds to 345 pounds.

The official judge of the evening was Mr. Alan Newsome of Riverview, Florida. The hogs were judged on muscling, trimness, length of body, spring to the rib, design, productive type, correctness of finish, and expected carcass desirability.

Receiving blue ribbons for their entry: Linda Atkinson, Chelsea Barrineau, Kenneth Bowers, Savannah Bowers, JoyAnna Bryan, Colin Buff, Zoie Cotton, Channcy Curry, Kale Gibson, Dustin Gurganious, Zachary Hunter, Colten Irely, Michelle Langston, Kyle Mann, Landon McDuffie, Caitlin McGee, Carley Morell, Rachel Morrell, Ryan Nesbitt, Ashton O'Neal, Tyler Peacock, Kaci Pittman, Grant Polhill, Myles Polhill, Crystal Postell, Dalton Rayburn, Weston Rayburn, Frank Self, Alan Smith, Sara Smith, Lacie Varnum, Sara Walker, Aaron Watson, Amber Watson, Tyler Westberry, Katharine Whidden, and Gavin Williams.

Receiving red ribbons for their entry: Kagni Adkins, Victoria Ballard, Brittany Basquin, Robyn Basquin, Taylor Beatty, Yvette Clinard, Caleb Curry, Kacie Durranse, Chelsa Gosa, Robert Hansen, Quade Lamb, Stephen Lee, Kayman Mills, Ale Perry, Mandi Perry, Jeri Lynn Ramer, Rachelle Spry, Lauryn Varnum, Seth Walker, Clay Williams, and Davis Witt.

The Grand Champion Swine was shown by Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club member Sara Smith. Sara's hog weighed 281 pounds and was purchased by Cypress and Family. Crystal Postell of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club exhibited the Reserve Champion Hog weighing in at 274 pounds. Crystal's hog was purchased by Quality Electric.

After the placing of the swine came the Showmanship category. The official showmanship judge of the evening was Rachelle Miller of Plant City, Florida. Showmanship is judged on the ability to exhibit an animal to its best advantage, as well



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Ashley Pittman, Corie Robertson and Sara Smith exhibiting the Grand Champion Swine.

as the overall care and training of the animal. The exhibitors are judged on control, presentation to the judge, awareness of the species. Planning, practicing, and neat appearance will assist the exhibitor in being successful.

In the Junior Swine Showmanship division, Kaci Pittman achieved the first place award with Myles Polhill in second and Tyler Westberry in third place. Kaci, Myles, and Tyler are members of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club.

In the Senior Swine Show-



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Pictured from left to right is Ashley Pittman, Kaci Pittman, Corie Robertson, Tyler Westberry, and Myles Polhill.

# A 'watchdog' with manners?



A legitimate role for the press is that of "the public's watchdog." Most citizens can't spend the time necessary to personally observe their public officials at work, or to determine how well public institutions are carrying out their public mission.

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# Walking: Long and Slow, Short and Fast?

Some people may wonder if it's better to walk a long distance at a slow pace or a short distance at a fast pace. Well, studies have shown that no matter the distance or the pace, "hoofing it" adds so many health benefits. So it's better to walk some, than nothing at all! To burn the most calories however, (from every minute

that you are squeezing out of your busy schedule) you should walk very briskly. Speedy walking can help your heart and lungs to become stronger. A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that brisk walking on a regular basis can also lengthen the lives of people who have diabetes.

Some people may also wonder if walking in the morning is better than walking at night. Well, a calorie burned, is a calorie burned, whether it's morning or night. The important thing is to choose a time that fits best with your schedule so that you are more likely to stick with it. No matter how young or how old you are, walking is one of the

easiest things we can do for our bodies. Grab a friend, your children or your pet and "hit the pavement." Turn it into an adventure, and you'll have some fun while becoming healthier. Walking can help build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints, and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

It can also help reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression and help to control the swelling and pain from arthritis. Walking can also help to control weight, build lean muscle and reduce fat. So get out there and get moving.

# FWC use magnets to keep crocodiles away

Magnets usually attract, but the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) want magnets to do just the opposite. FWC biologists are studying if magnets can keep state-endangered American crocodiles from returning to situations where they are not welcome, primarily in neighborhoods in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Crocodile-human interactions have increased as the crocodile population has recovered. One technique to resolve these conflicts is translocation. This involves capturing the crocodile and moving it to suitable crocodile habitat as far away as possible, in an attempt to keep it away from an area. However, translocation is seldom effective. FWC biologists have found that translocated crocodiles will travel an average of 10 miles per week to return to their capture site, in a practice called "homing." Others

never make it because they are hit and killed by vehicles as they cross roads. Some may be killed by other crocodiles at the release site or during their journey back.

In an effort to break the "homing" cycle, FWC biologists have initiated a new study. Crocodile agents have been instructed to attach magnets to both sides of the

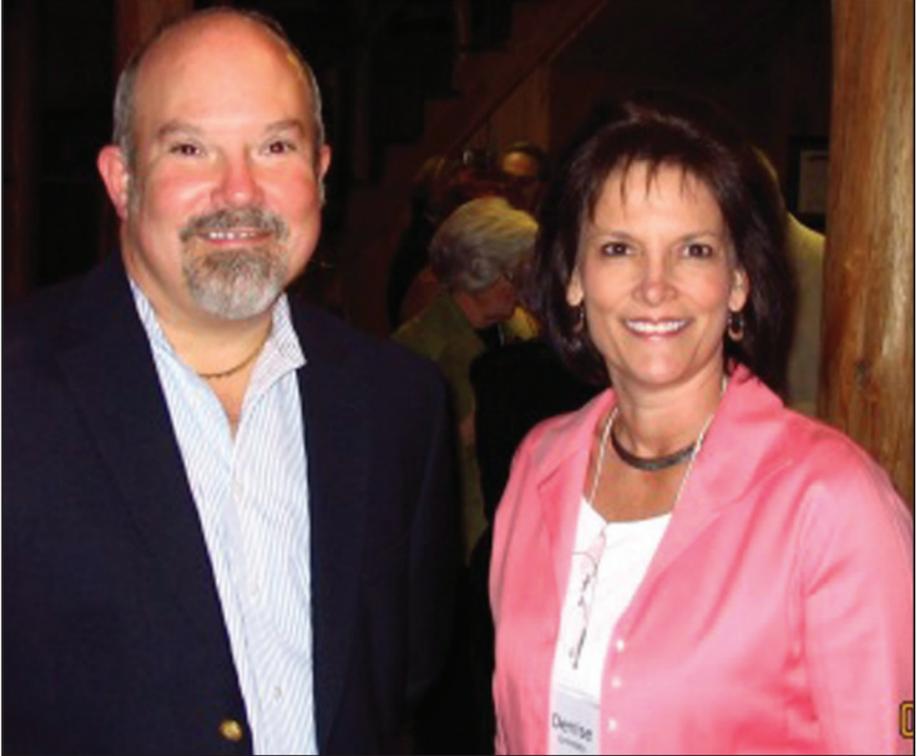
crocodile's head at the capture site. It is hoped the magnets will disorient the crocodiles and disrupt their navigation, so they can't find their way back to the capture site. The magnets are removed from the crocodile's head upon release. Agents will also secure a colored tag to the crocodile's tail, so returning crocodiles can be identified later. "Scientists in Mexico have reported success in using magnets to break the homing cycle," said Lindsey Hord, FWC crocodile response coordinator. "The results of the study are promising. If it proves successful here, we could gain an effective technique to resolve crocodile-human conflicts." If a nuisance crocodile continues to return to the capture site, or its behavior presents an unacceptable risk to people, under certain circumstances, it could be removed from the wild and placed into captivity.



Submitted photo A bit of tape remains after the magnets are removed at the release site.

# Hospital Foundation raises \$83,000

**By Glenda Wilson**  
On Saturday, Feb. 7 the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation held his 2009 Social at Barbara and Joe Marlin Hilliard's beautiful log cabin. Approximately 200 people attended this third annual fundraising event. Thanks to the many contributions of participating guests, by the end of the night, the Hendry Regional Medical National Bank came out to join the yearly celebration. Hospital physicians including its surgeons, new anesthesiologist, and general practitioner also came to support the fundraiser. Joining the social for the first time was Dr. Richard Chazal, a cardiologist out of Fort Myers, and his wife, Linda. The live and silent auctions included an assortment of enticing items for the guests to choose from: art The foundation members feel blessed to have exceeded last year's proceeds and wish to thank the supporters who opened their checkbooks to help with the funding of the construction project of the new Emergency Room, Surgery Suite and Laboratory. They also extend a special thanks to Barbara and Joe Marlin Hilliard for hosting the event.



Submitted photo Pictured from left to right Chris Shupe, President of Olde Cypress Community Bank, is pictured with State Representative, Denise Grimsley.

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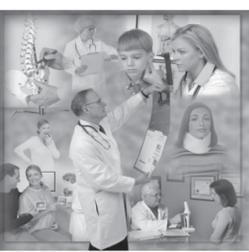
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# Potential skin damage from "Black Henna" tattoo

Tallahassee – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) warns students of potential health risks from having a temporary "black henna" tattoo applied to their skin.

This issue is especially important as more than 250,000 students are expected to hit Florida beaches for 2009 "Spring Break" which extends from mid February to mid April.

Last year, DOH received 17 reports of severe allergic reactions to temporary black henna tattoos applied in one of Florida's beach communities.

"Black henna" tattoos have become popular in recent years because they look more like a "real" tattoo.

In reality, there is no such thing as "black henna."

True henna paste is green or greenish brown and must remain on the skin eight hours or overnight to leave a brown or reddish-

brown design.

The paste for a "black henna" tattoo is black or brownish-black and can be removed in one hour or less to leave a black design.

The danger of "black henna" tattoos is that the black color may be a result of the addition of black hair dye, which may contain a toxic chemical called para-phenylenediamine (PPD).

PPD can cause severe allergic reactions in some individuals.

The general progression of symptoms is itching or burning, blistering, oozing, scab formation, and sometimes permanent scarring in the shape of the tattoo design.

Symptoms may occur within a few hours or up to a few weeks, depending upon the concentration of PPD in the paste and how allergic a person is.

Medical attention should be sought immediately upon any symptoms of an allergic reaction.

In addition to medical attention, allergic reactions should be reported electronically to DOH on the Injury Report Form found on the department website at [www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/Black\\_Henna/index.htm](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/Black_Henna/index.htm).

Temporary tattoo hints include:

Ensure the paste is green or greenish-brown.

Ask to see the ingredients, which should be ground henna leaves, lemon or grapefruit juice, and possibly botanical oil.

Ask how long the paste should stay on skin.

The answer should be eight hours to overnight.

DOH promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. For more information about DOH programs, visit [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us).

# Chubby Babies Are Cute, But Are They Healthy?

How can you tell when your child is developing a weight problem?

Obesity (being overweight) has become a major public health concern for all ages.

Believe it or not, the problems actually start while you are a baby.

People may say "oh what a cute chubby little baby," but did you know that overweight babies usually grow up to be overweight adults?

Obesity has been linked to diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

It may be surprising, but even six month old babies can show evidence of diabetes and high cholesterol.

It's so easy to stick a bottle

in a crying baby's mouth, but sometimes it may not be hunger that's causing the crying and you are just training your baby to eat something when they are upset.

Babies usually eat every three hours or so, and they can even recognize when they are full, so don't try to force your little one to "finish the bottle" if they don't seem to want to continue eating.

Also, babies can develop a "sweet tooth" at an early age.

Once your baby is big enough to eat baby foods, start them on some healthy vegetable types, because once the sweet stuff touches their lips, you'll be forever trying to get them to eat their peas and green beans!

Once you start giving them 100% fruit juice, give them no more than 6 ounces a day.

Fruit juices have lots of extra sugar and extra sugar means ex-

tra calories.

So if someone tells you that you have a "cute chubby baby" you may want to talk to your healthcare provider to make sure that you are not over feeding your baby.

Healthy babies can grow into healthy adults.

Remember to wash your hands, be healthy and be happy!

*(Brenda Barnes is the Public Information Officer and Planning Consultant for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4047, extension 126)*



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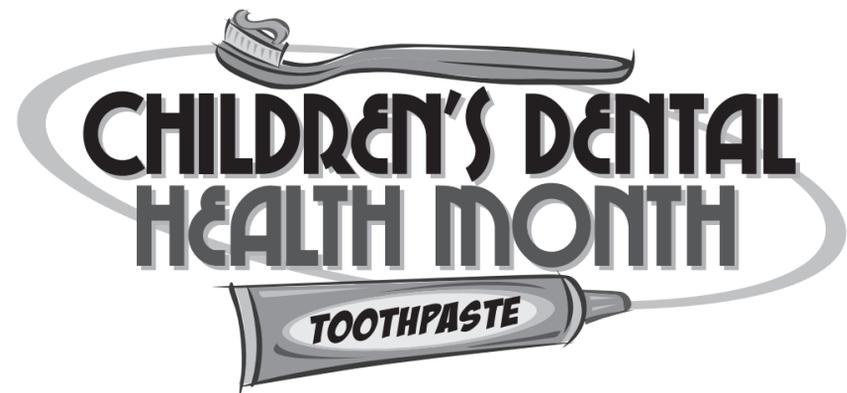
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# County

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frustration with how that project has sat stagnant.

Perhaps finding a way out of all the leases could alleviate some financial burden the county is under, the commissioner said.

"We're broke," said Commissioner Turner, who pledged on "Educating the public on the east side that this is the reality of the times that we're in. We're going

to have to even lose some more services. We know we haven't had court on the east side of the county for three years now. We may not ever get court back on the east side of the county.

"It's gonna get way worse before it gets better," Commissioner Turner said.

Commissioner Chapman agreed.

"We've got some difficult decisions to make in our budgeting process and we're right around the corner," said Commissioner

Chapman. "Some of those tough decisions could require some personnel adjustments. I'm reluctant to sign up for a one-year lease at a facility where we're not at all sure what our headcount is going to be. We have some tough times coming up here."

Commissioners have instructed the attorney to negotiate better terms, including the option to terminate after 90 days.

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# Friend

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the deputy he needed medical attention because he had been shot while trying to kill a wild hog.

The man's leg had a tightly wrapped shirt acting as a tourniquet, and a small pool of blood had formed in the vehicle.

Llufrio told the deputy he did not say anything about the injured man because he did not want to get into trouble. He said he had shot the man by accident.

Medical personnel determined

the door to the vehicle would have to be cut to remove Llanes. Hearing this, Llufrio walked toward EMS and fire personnel to keep them from cutting the door.

Deputies ordered Llufrio to step away, but the suspect reportedly told them he could not allow them to cut the door because the vehicle did not belong to him.

"We advised Llufrio that he needed to worry about his friend and not the vehicle," Deputy Perez said.

Two deputies tried to apprehend the visibly upset suspect, who tightened his body and refused to enter the police cruis-

er. When they took him to the ground, the suspect kicked, hitting both deputies and threatening to call the "real police."

Medical personnel had to become involved in restraining the man, placing his feet in restraints, also.

Llufrio complied once the restraints were removed and was charged with resisting arrest with violence, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. He was also issued a citation for careless driving.

Llanes, the gunshot victim, was transported to Lee Memorial for treatment of his injuries.

# Tattoo

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"We've been pretty busy," said Mr. Perez. "Now they don't have to go all the way to Palm Beach and we give them reasonable prices."

And about those prices?

"Our limit is \$50, but depend-

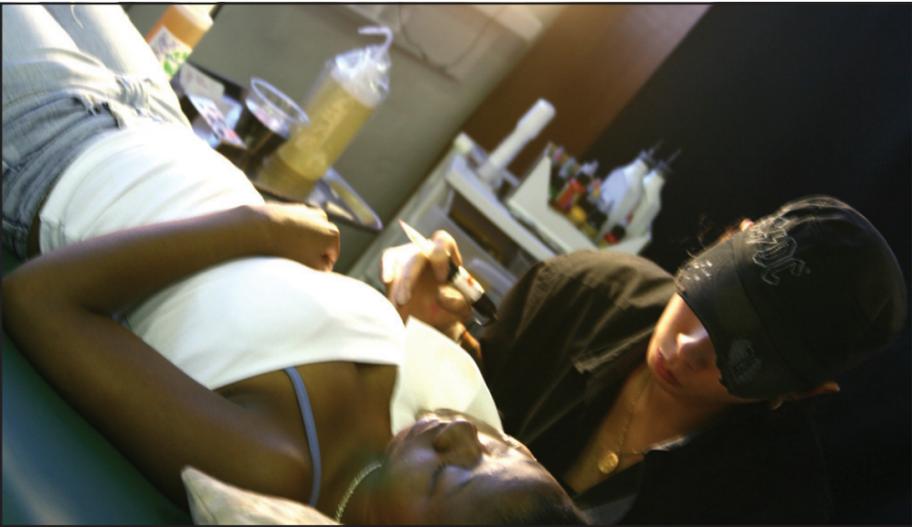
ing on how big they want it, tattoos can cost \$1,000, \$2,000 up to \$4,000 if you want your whole back done," the operator said.

The business is located at 111 Bond St. It is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. The owners are debating whether to keep the store open every day, and will be looking at just how busy they stay in the coming weeks.

The shop is staffed by: Jessica Alvarez, owner, Adrian Aguilar, tattoo artist, Billy Cardente, tattoo artist, Andy Miley, permanent make up, Juan Fuentes, piercing and Hector Perez.

For more information, call Serenity Tattoos at 863-983-6586.

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A customer prepares for her tattoo at Serenity Tattoo on Bond Street.



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# CCS Kicks off RAK Week

The Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club at Clewiston Christian School sponsored a "Kindness Door Competition" in honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week which runs Feb. 9-15. Each classroom was encouraged to participate with a door covering showing a kindness theme. Mayor Mali Chamness and Gaile Carter served as judges for the activity. Shown here are the judges and first grader classmates with their entry entitled "Kindness shows a Big heart" which was honored as the "Most Colorful."

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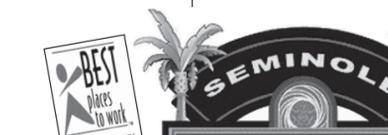
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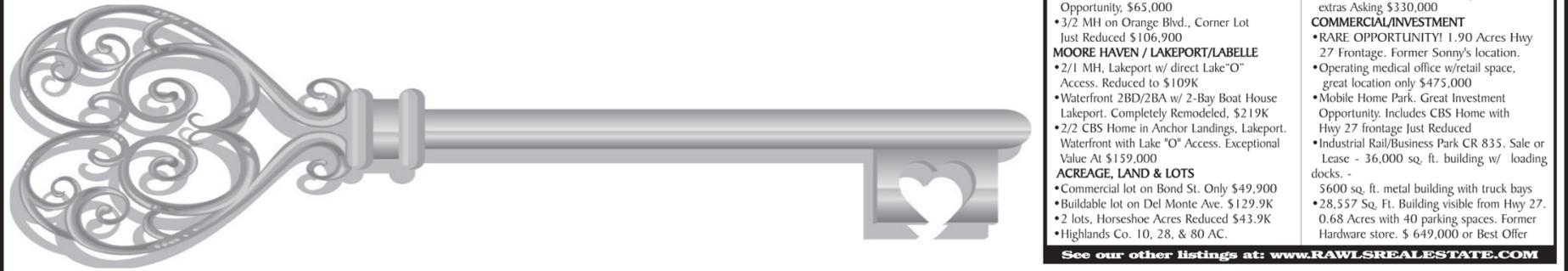
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**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**  
 SUBMITTED BY: R Scott Cooper DATE: 3/24/09  
 SUBJECT AREA: 500 Community Use of School Facilities  
 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for community use of school facilities.  
 CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1013.10, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.  
 CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1013.10, 1001.42 and 1001.43 F.S.  
 FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for community use of school facilities  
 STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.  
 LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on March 24, 2009  
 Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice  
 Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future  
 Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.  
 Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.  
 Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.  
 Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.  
 Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.  
 310691 CN 2/19,26,3/5 CB 3/5/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CABERNET I, 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  
 3249 2006 4-10-43-29-100-2363-0140 Angel E. Gandullia & Norma Gandullia  
 Lot 14, Block 2363, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, which is the 12th day of March, 2009.  
 Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.  
 Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310280 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MERLOT III, 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  
 601 2006 1-14-43-31-010-0000-0270 MICHAEL J. THOMPSON  
 Lot 27, 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.  
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 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, which is the 26th day of February, 2009.  
 Dated this 7th day of January 2009.  
 Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308297 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED  
 4052 2006 4-10-43-29-120-2489-0060 VERA JARDINE  
 Lot 6, Block 2489, PORT LABELLE UNIT 12, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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 Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.  
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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED  
 3329 2006 4-10-43-29-100-2372-0100 PEAN L. PHE & WANNY CHHAY  
 Lot 10, Block 2372, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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 Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.  
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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED  
 3474 2006 4-10-43-29-100-2391-0070 ANDRENE FOSTER  
 Lot 7, Block 2391, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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 CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED  
 3223 2006 4-10-43-29-100-2360-0130 Pearl Ince  
 Lot 13, Block 2360, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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 Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.  
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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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 311268 CGS 2/26,3/5,12,19/09

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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, 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  
 2791 2006 4-10-43-29-070-2209-0150 DIAMANTIS N. PATERAS  
 Lot 15, Block 2209, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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.  
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 Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.  
 Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310303 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CABERNET I, 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  
 4121 2006 4-10-43-29-120-2494-0060 FRANK BOCHICCHIO & YLUMINADA BOCHICCHIO  
 Lot 6, Block 2492, PORT LABELLE UNIT 12, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, 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.  
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 3339 2006 4-10-43-29-100-2374-0070 DORA HARPER ANDERSON HARPER & LENORA GARDNER  
 Lot 7, block 2374, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2825	2006	4-10-43-29-070-2224-0040	JEANNE M. CUMMINGS

Lot 4, Block 2224, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 116, 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 way of record.

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

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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308306 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, 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
3333	2006	4-10-43-29-100-2373-0070	BETTEL A. MOORE & MARILYN J.F. MOORE & VANESSA Y. MOORE

Lot 7, Block 2373, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, A subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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.

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 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MERLOT III, 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
920	2006	1-14-44-32-A00-0161-0100	MICHAEL MARK HOBAN

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2850, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, 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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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308296 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
1186	2006	1-24-44-32-A00-0011-0100	CAMINITO FOND-ROSE

Lot 5372, The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof and SUBJECT to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 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.

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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
 CASE NO. 08-1326-CA

**HOME FINANCING CENTER INC., Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**MARIA A. HADDOCK, et ux., et al., Defendant(s)**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: MARIA A. HADDOCK AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA A. HADDOCK, if married if alive, and/or dead his (their) unearned heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees and all persons or parties claiming by, through, under or against him (them).  
 Residence is unknown.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an Action for foreclosure of a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida:

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 17, ALL OF LOTS 18, 19, AND BLOCK 11, BELMONT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 9, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on O'NEAL AND HOFFMAN, P.A., Attorneys, whose address is 6700 South Dixie Highway, Suite 610, Miami, Florida 33156, (305) 670-2299, within 30 days after the first publication of the notice, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on SPEAR AND HOFFMAN, P.A., attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 16th day of FEBRUARY, 2009.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
 As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ D. Hammond  
 As Deputy Clerk

311102 CN 02/26,03/05/09

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4383	2006	4-10-43-29-130-2521-0070	KEITH WHARTON % SUNCOST LAND HOLDINGS, LLC

Lot 7, Block 2521, PORT LABELLE UNIT 13, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 55, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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 310264 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, 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
2765	2006	4-10-43-29-070-2201-0260	AMERA BREWER % DENISE BREWER, GUARDIAN

Lot 26, Block 2201, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 116, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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1394	2006	1-34-44-32-A00-0003-0100	SANTANA ANGELA CELENE

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4402 Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, which is the 26th day of February, 2009. Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308308 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, 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
3238	2006	4-10-43-29-100-2362-0050	NORMA Leticia RODRIGUEZ CORNEJO, GUSTAVO ADOLOFO CHOTO, JOSE GUILLERMO RIVAS, AND ISIS ESMERALDA CHOTO

Lot 5, Block 2362, PORT LABELLE UNIT 10, subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of March, which is the 26th day of March, 2009. Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 311274 CGS 2/26,3/5,12,19/09

**NOTICE OF SALE**

TO: Bryan Westfall  
 Troy Johnson  
 James Wilkinson

You are hereby notified that the property stored by you with Randy Coyle & Rena Blissett, located at 1801 Red Road, Clearwater, FL 33840. The items are believed to be household and miscellaneous items and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the above address on March 6, 2009 at 11:00 A.M., along with advertising costs. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

311085 CN 02/26,03/05/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
2003	2006	2-02-43-29-260-0008-0030	DESIDERIO DELATORRE, JR. & ROSALINDA DELATORRE

ENGLEWOOD TERRACE, Block 8, Lot 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 40, 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, which is the 12th day of March, 2009. Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310297 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CABERNET I, 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
2769	2006	4-10-43-29-070-2203-0020	LORNA POLYNE, RAYMOND DELATORRE, MILLERY POLYNE, & ANTONINE E. POLYNE

Lot 2, Block 2203, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, 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 Second Thursday in the month of March, which is the 12th day of March, 2009. Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310310 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MERLOT III, 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
810	2006	1-32-43-32-A00-0028-0000	William O. Brantthover, Sr. & Mark D. Brantthover

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 32, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS road dedication of 25 feet on the South and 25 feet on the West side of tract and of description.

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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, which is the 26th day of February, 2009. Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308299 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
1260	2006	1-25-44-32-A00-0155-0100	GUILLERMO F. AGUIAR & EDUARDO JESUS ALDRRO

The North one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for ingress, egress, & utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 607, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of March, which is the 26th day of March, 2009. Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 311264 CGS 2/26,3/5,12,19/09

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VERDOT VI, 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
2879	2006	4-10-43-29-080-2243-0020	TODD JAMES, LLC

Lot 2, Block 2243, PORT LABELLE UNIT 8, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 131, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of March, which is the 26th day of March, 2009. Dated this 4th day of February, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 311196 CGS 2/26,3/5,12,19/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
2095	2006	3-01-43-34-010-0152-0101	KENNETH D. WILDES JR & GWEN J. WILDES

Lot 35, Block 152, GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71 to 78, inclusive, 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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, which is the 26th day of February, 2009. Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308307 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MALBEC II, 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
1446	2006	1-35-44-32-A00-0143-0000	OPELIA WILLALDON

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 3828, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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 Second Thursday in the month of March, which is the 12th day of March, 2009. Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310285 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HENDRY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency (LPA) of Hendry County will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to discuss proposed changes to the Hendry County Land Development Code. The LPA will determine if the changes are consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the changes for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on March 24, 2009 at 5:05 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

The ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the ordinance amendments. All advertised public hearings are subject to Section 206.0105, Florida Statutes, which states if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Local Planning Agency or Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-5.5, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING MINING, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIBENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chair  
 Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2776	2006	4-10-43-29-070-2205-0100	KATHLEEN M. SIBBLES & HAZEL M. MILLER

Lot 10, Block 2205, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, Public Records of Hendry County, FL.

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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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 308301 CGS 2/5,12,19,26/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
2030	2006	2-02-43-29-400-0004-0030	MARVIN WILLIAMS %SAL CAMPOS

Lots 12 and 13, Block 4, of LaBelle Park, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 25, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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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 Second Thursday in the month of March, which is the 12th day of March, 2009. Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 310298 CGS 2/12,19,26,3/5/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE

Public Notice 5005

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**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Clewiston Drainage District, PO Box 969, Belle Glade, FL 33430, has submitted Application 090114-10 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00137-W for diversion and impoundment of 2170 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lake Okechobee and the project is located in Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 34 East.

City of Clewiston (Sugarland Park) 115 W Ventura Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090116-6 for modification of Water Use Permit 26-00675-W to irrigate 35 acres of landscape lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer and the project is located in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 34 East.

John Davis (JW Davis and Sons Ranch) 6880 Circle Dr, Ft Myers, FL 33905, has submitted Application 090120-17 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 897 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and the project is located in Section 9, Township 46 South, Range 36 East.

Ben Moore (Banana Branch Grove) PO Box 2728, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090121-15 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 71.9 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Crawford Branch Canal and the project is located in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Ben Moore (Moore Groves) PO Box 2728, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090121-15 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 71.9 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Crawford Branch Canal and the project is located in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Ben Moore (Moore River Groves) PO Box 2728, LaBelle, FL 33975, has submitted Application 090121-16 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 110 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 21,28, Township 43 South, Range 28 East.

Acuna Investments LLC (M & M Ranch) 7227 NW 29th Ave, Miami, FL 33147, has submitted Application 090123-11 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00349-W to irrigate 157 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from onsite lakes and the project is located in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 32 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Environmental Resource Regulation, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hidden Lakes Dev. Corp., the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 36-2006  
Year of Issuance: 2006  
Description of property: A25-42-28-U01-0005-2460  
Blk 5 Lot 246  
Unrec. Hidden Lakes Ranch  
Unit 1 OR 49 PG 492  
Total acres 1.01 ML

Name in which assessed: Jerry R. + Richard L. Olson "JTR05"

All said property being in the County of Glades, 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 in the hallway located at the South entrance of the Courthouse on the 26th day of March, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.  
Dated this 11th day of February, 2009.

Joe Flint  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Glades County, Florida

310683 GCD 2/19,26,3/5,12/09

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PINOT IV, 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
1527	2006	1-07-44-33-010-0000-0040	RANDALL J. HENDERSON, AS TRUSTEE FOR RANDALL JASON HENDERSON & HEIDI ILENE HENDERSON % DIANE HENDERSON TAYLOR

Lot 5, MIDWAY ACRES, a subdivision located in Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 5, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, excluding right-of-way.

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 Fourth Thursday in the month of February, which is the 26th day of February, 2009.  
Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida

308282 CN 2/5, 12, 19, 26/09

# Let the lower lights be burning!

**By Jackie Miller, Evangelist**  
First Christian Church

The song-writer was inspired to write this gospel song by hearing the following story told by Dwight L. Moody: On a dark, stormy night, a boat, rocking and plunging, neared the Cleveland harbor. "Are you sure this is Cleveland?" asked the captain, seeing only one light from the lighthouse. "Quite sure," replied the pilot. "Where are the lower lights?" "Gone out, sir." "Can you make the harbor?" "We must, or perish, sir!" With a strong hand and a brave heart the old pilot turned the wheel. But alas, in the darkness he missed the channel, and with a crash upon the rocks the boat was shattered, and many a life lost in the watery grave. The Master will take care of the great lighthouse, let us keep the lower lights burning." The song was published in 1871 in "The Charm," written by Philip Bliss.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world ... and it giveth light unto all ... let you light so shine" (See Matthew 5:14-16). The world often does not see the evidence of God. Nor do they read the Bible. They do not go to church either -- so if there will ever be a gospel influence on them it will come from those who are Christians. Your Christian example is so important to the lost as well as to other Christians. We are the lower lights that save others from loss. James 5:10 says, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction and of patience. We can hear lessons on patience and faithfulness but an example is so much more helpful. When the message is lived we learn best. We are challenged to be faithful to

the Lord when we see how Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos suffered. The faithfulness of Daniel inspires us. To see how the Lord repeatedly blessed Daniel for his good choices encourages us to do the same. Gideon was a great leader who led a great victory. His personal dedication inspired the others. Just before the great victory over the Midianites, he instructed the small 300 man army what to do and then said, "Do as I do" (Judges 7:17). How challenging are the leaders who set the pace and bear their part of the load. Gideon visually showed the right life style. When Israel was discouraged and most were ready to quit, Jonathan shone as an example of courage. With only the armor bearer at his side he challenged the entire Philistine army.

What a light in a dark time. Others following his example stepped up and a great victory was won (I Sam. 14). On the way to Rome, Paul's ship was caught in a terrible storm which lasted for days. The outlook was dark. Hope was gone. But Paul received encouraging words from the Lord. He passed this on to the others saying, "be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me." We need to be a lower light when others are discouraged. They will be shipwrecked without hope of the gospel. There are so many who need words of comfort. Pass them on.

# The wonderful thing about Tiggers

**By Pastor John Hicks**  
First United Methodist Church

There is within each of us a desire to explain complex truths in a simple way. That's why adults like the three minute children's message just as much or more than the kids! That's why I want to share with you my fascination with Tigger (tee -- eye-double gee -- errr). As the Tigger Song on Youtube goes, "The wonderful thing about Tiggers is Tiggers are wonderful things. Their tops are made out of rubber. "Their bottoms are made out of springs. They're bouncy, trouncy, flouncy, pouncy -- Fun, fun, fun, fun, FUN!" When Tigger first comes to the 100-acre wood, he shows up in the middle of the night at Winnie the Pooh's house. Pooh asks him to be quiet and sleep and in the morning he could have a bowl of honey. Tigger said, "That's what tiggers like best!" But in the morning, when Tigger tastes the honey, it turns out that tiggers don't like honey after all. So Pooh walks and Tigger bounces

to Piglet's house to munch on some of Piglet's favorite food -- haycorns (acorns). But when he tastes a haycorn, he finds out that tiggers don't like haycorns. So Pooh and Piglet walk, and Tigger bounces, on down to Eeyore's place to sample some of Eeyore's favorite food -- thistles. It comes as no surprise that we soon discover that tiggers don't like thistles either. Right away, we learn that although Tigger may not be the sharpest tack in the box, he is always happy, always positive, always confident. He might be hungry, but that doesn't keep him from bouncing. Tigger is the personification of "looking on the bright side." A tigger makes the most of each and every moment and in doing so fills his world with joy. Tigger bounces in joy, although his bouncing annoys the always practical and reasonable Rabbit, who thinks it's impractical and unreasonable to be bouncing and so filled with joy all of the time.

Once, when Rabbit was particularly perturbed with Tigger and his bouncing, he hatched a plan to change Tigger by taking Tigger deep into the woods and waiting for him to bounce out ahead of the other animals as he always did, and then to run home, leaving Tigger lost and alone in the woods overnight. "Mark my words," says Rabbit, "he'll be a different Tigger altogether." "Why," said Pooh. "Because he'll be a humble Tigger. Because he'll be a Sad Tigger, a Melancholy Tigger, a Small and Sorry Tigger..." "I should hate him to go on being Sad," said Piglet. "Tiggers never go on being Sad," explained Rabbit. "They get over it with Astonishing Rapidity. I asked Owl and that's what he said, they always get over it with Astonishing Rapidity." No life is without sadness. No life is without troubles and trials. But Tigger, it seems, and tigger-like people, find a way to get over these things with "Astonishing Rapidity." Give thanks to God! For God makes it possible for each and everyone of us to be joyful.

We find in the Psalms, "God has turned my mourning into dancing; God has taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." God makes it possible for each and everyone of us to bounce like Tigger. Even Rabbit eventually comes to appreciate Tigger's bounciness. Tigger brings something special to the hundred acre wood. Tigger brings joy. We need more Tiggers in the world. We need more joy in the world. We need more bouncing. Life is bigger and better when it is lived joyfully. Let us ask God for joy and let us concentrate on the blessings and the good things of life. Let us not be anxious about the bad, but give it to God. Joy will make us better. God will make it possible.

# Words? Acts? Which tells the truth?

**The Bible as a Sudoku puzzle, or as an affirmation of God?**

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

When I worked with people having addiction problems, friends and family would tell me "But he said...." and find out what was said didn't always match what happened. They learned quickly not to look at words but at what was going on. One of my professors wrote a book called "Doing the Truth" and maintained that it's not our words but our actions that tell who we really are, and what we really stand for and believe. The New Testament accounts of the last days of the Lord on earth has one of those involved in Jesus' execution (Pontius Pilate) asking "What is truth?" The answer is not always in the words, but more reliably found in actions. When it comes to the nature of God and our relationship with Him, people

will wonder "What can we believe?" There are many conflicting interpretations and understandings about "the Word of God" and what it all means. I know of people that regard finding "the truth" as treating the Bible like some sort of giant Sudoku puzzle, stringing Bible verses together with the right verses in the right order and saying "There! I've solved it!" Looking at people and their actions as well as their words gives the best picture. Sometimes a clear picture is in what is not said, too, letting the deed speak volumes and really telling the truth. A recent lesson used one Sunday morning was about the healing of a leper (Mark 1: 40-45). A leper approaches the Lord and says "If you choose, you can make me clean" The Lord responds "I do choose, Be made clean" and the man was healed. Then the man is told to perform the customary ritual offering and "See that you say nothing to anyone." The man instead tells everyone; so many people that Jesus could no longer go into town openly and stayed in the

country. People came to Him anyway. Evidently, he was "mobbed" because of the indiscretions of the cured leper; and wanted not to have it turn out this way, with "people coming from every quarter (v.45)." The man did what he was told not to do. Ordinarily, that would have been a no-no, or a reason for getting angry, or telling the man "See what you did Now I can't even go into town!" or maybe "Now you've done it! You're going to get sick again. That will serve you right!" Of course, none of these things happens. It is in the deed, the act of kindness, of healing, of love, that the true nature of the Lord is revealed. Words are only incidental to the act. The man goes on his way, healed, and we hear nothing else about him; not even if he is thankful or not. The deed tells the story; it stands by itself as a witness of the true nature of the Lord's character and what He feels about us.. There is another account of ten lepers who are cleansed (Luke 17:11ff) and

only one returns to give thanks. Again, no lecture on "Where's your manners" to the nine, or nothing about them; they are left to enjoy the benefits and blessings of their contact with the Lord and then go on their way. The one who gives thanks is also told to go on his way, his faith has made him whole. All benefit from an act of outpouring love that speaks volumes about the nature of God's love for His creatures, better than the stringing of Bible verses together or trying to find out what "The Lord said..." of quoting "That's what the good book says." Therein is the heart of knowing another, of knowing the truth of a person, of knowing about the Lord as well, and a firm answer about "What is truth!"

## Religion briefs

**Lighthouse Café Fund Raiser Dinner**

On Friday Feb. 27, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 401 SW First Street, Belle Glade the Light house Café will be holding a roast beef fund raising dinner. It will consist of a full dinner entree of roast beef with all the trimmings, desert, and a drink. The price of the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The Lighthouse Café provides a FREE hot meal at 11:30 a.m. everyday, Monday through Friday to anyone in need. It is an interdenominational organization which is located at 400 SW Avenue B in Belle Glade. Without these meals many in the Glades would go hungry. Come join the Glades in fellowship and supporting a worthy cause. If you have any questions please call 561-996-5568.

**Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays at St. Joseph the Worker Church**

St. Joseph the Worker Church is having Fish Fry Dinners every Friday from 5

p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinners include fried fish, hush puppies, a vegetable, dessert and tea, for a donation of \$7. Eat there or take home.

**Revival at Lighthouse Apostolic Church in Clewiston**

A revival service will be held on Feb. 26, Feb. 27 and March 1 at the Lighthouse Apostolic Church from 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Lighthouse Apostolic Church is located at 911 Evercane Rd. in Clewiston. Evangelist Josh Herring will be the guest speaker.. For further information please call 863-599-8661.

**Jews For Jesus to speak at church in Belle Glade**

Greg Savitt of Jews for Jesus will speak at Community United Methodist Church, 401 SW First Street, Belle Glade on March 1 at 11 a.m. Jews for Jesus uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world. Mr. Savitt is the director of the south Florida branch of Jews for Jesus. Mr. Savitt was born and raised as a

conservative Jew in the Chicago area. A friend began telling Mr. Savitt about Jesus. He listened and experienced a sense of joy. Eventually he attended church regularly, accepted Jesus as the Messiah, and then he left his well paying career as a CPA to become a full time evangelist with Jews for Jesus in 1997. To the Jews for Jesus members, the evidence of the Old and New Testaments and the transformation in their lives provides the evidence that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. Mr. Savitt will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. There is no charge for admission. Call the church office at 561-996-5568 for more information

**Thrift shop open at Church of God of Prophecy**

The Church of God of Prophecy, in Moore Haven, will have a thrift shop open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., all things are given for a donation, this is to help for expenses of the church. We feel in helping the church it is helping you also, with your needs. All things are nice and clean, these things are supplied by Cowboy Church

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**Clewiston Church of God Service Times announced**

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.

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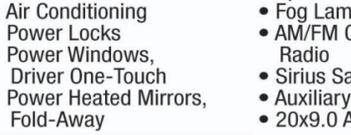
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