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## News in briefs

### Unity March Against Violence and Community Rally

On Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m., people from all over the community are invited to come again to the vacant lot on El Paso next to the Rodeo Grounds and across from the sheriff's old sub station for a community Unity March Against Violence.

It is time to start claiming our community back! We will divide up into two groups and march a planned route through two of the neighborhoods that have experienced high incidences of violence and trouble.

Our police and sheriff officers on hand to help with the march.

The two groups will meet at the Elks Park on Francisco Street (by the railroad tracks) for a rally with music and food and guest speakers. Come and join us!

Call John Hicks at 863-983-5269 for more information.

### Cracker Cowboy Poet and Storyteller at The Clewiston Museum

On Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Hank Mattson will use his own works and those of turn-of-the-century cowpunchers to chronicle and preserve the life and times of the many Florida folks who for over 400 years have been workin' cattle.

There will be plenty of artifacts and exhibits and the audience will have the opportunity to participate in the presentation.

This entertaining program will provide a great appreciation of the typical lives of many early pioneer ranchers in South Florida.

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

Call the office at 983-2870 to reserve your seats. The program is part of the Museum's Cultural Arts Speakers Series and is made possible through a Partnership Grant with the Florida Humanities Council.

### BBQ benefit

The VFW Men's Auxiliary will be having a BBQ Benefit for Tom Wallace whose wife, Andrea, recently passed away. Menu: Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll at an \$8 donation and a 16 oz. side order of Swamp Cabbage for \$1.50.

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## County resuscitates local EDC

Following plea from EDC members, community, county reconsiders

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- Following a presentation by an expert in the economic development field, county commissioners reconsidered their earlier decision to withdraw their funding of Hen-

dry's Economic Development Council.

Commissioners recognized the efforts of the EDC board, and the staff, which continued operating despite the crippling decision last year.

The commissioners factored the state of the economy and decreases in operating dollars in removing the funding, but determined on Tuesday that it is now more important than ever to have a fully functioning EDC.

Without a director on board, the group made its case for the

hire of a supervisor.

"Things were starting to turn for us and we lost our funding," Debra Van Sickle reminded commissioners. "We're kind of just throwing it all out there for you guys."

Wendell Johnson, Clewiston's city manager, agreed.

"Hendry County is nowhere near being competitive," the manager said. "Their [EDC] heart's are in it, don't let them slip away from you. Somebody's got to go to bat for you."

Business representatives also

stood up to press for funding, including representatives from Alico and Gulf Citrus.

But it was information from a private consultant specializing in economic and real estate development that seemed to tip the discussion in favor of the re-funding.

Janet Watermeier applauded the efforts of the local EDC, and spoke directly to commissioners in explaining why the county needed to fund the group.

Current times are difficult, and the consequences of the sale of

U.S. Sugar's land to the state are still unknown. The losses of jobs could be considerable, or could lead to the much-needed diversification of industry in an area so heavily dependent on agriculture, she said.

The county should poise itself to capture as many dollars, and as much help as it can from the state and federal governments through all the uncertainty, Ms. Watermeier told commissioners.

"You will have more leverage

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### Geddy the Gecko visits: Event at Harlem Library



Submitted photo

Geddy the Gecko visited the Harlem Library recently to entertain the children from Childcare of Southwest Florida.



Submitted photo

The gecko performed a number of tricks for his young audience, including a backwards flip.

## CPD note increase in burglaries

Officials hope recent arrest will lead to others

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- In the span of a three-month period, the Clewiston Police Department responded to a total of 31 burglaries.

It is a number that might be overlooked in any number of metropolitan police forces, but, locally, has the attention of the chief and his officers.

From Dec. 25 to March 2, criminals have targeted homes

and vehicles throughout the area. While the more densely populated area south of town figured heavily, the normally quieter north side called in just as many burglary complaints.

Detective D. Colburn considers it an unfortunate offshoot of the economy.

"We've been inundated with auto and residential burglaries," the detective said Monday.

No one asks to be victimized, but many aren't doing quite enough to prevent being victimized, the detective explained.

"The majority of the time, it's just feeling too secure ... not locking deadbolts and not

letting neighbors know when they go out of town," he said.

Preventing burglaries also means calling the police if someone suspicious is in the area.

According to him, a number of plain-clothed officers walking in residential backyards and lots did so without being questioned, opposed or even approached.

"The residents haven't challenged us," Detective Colburn said. "If you see someone walking in a neighbor's yard, that's somebody we need you to call about."

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## Locals asked to share thoughts on healthcare

Forum to give residents a chance to weigh in on the state of healthcare today

Clewiston has been selected by the State of Florida as one of five locations, where people in the community can provide their input about healthcare concerns in a rural area.

"The State Office of Rural Health is interested in knowing the top healthcare issues and primary healthcare concerns

of the rural health population, and we need your help", said Craig Cudworth, CEO of Hendry Regional Medical Center in Clewiston, Florida.

A community/town meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Public Library in Clewiston. (The hospital will be providing a light lunch.)

"This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for the State of Florida to hear your voice, so I encourage all individuals in Hendry County and its surrounding areas to attend and

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## New Red Cross Communities' Center in town

Improves Life-Saving Services to Area Residents

Clewiston, Fla. --- Area Red Cross volunteers, staff and supporters gathered alongside local dignitaries at the Lakeside Communities' Service Center Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening in Clewiston on Tuesday, March 3. The group discussed Red Cross' programs and services and snacked

on hors d'oeuvres from the Clewiston Inn. Among those in attendance were Clewiston Mayor Mali Chamness, County Commission Chair Janet Taylor, County Commissioner Kevin McCarthy, and CEO of the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross Larry Casey.

The new office location (206 East Sugarland Highway) allows Red Cross volunteers

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Pictured left to right: Debbie McDuffie, Manager Lakeside Communities' Service Center; Craig Cudworth, CEO HRMC; Mali Chamness, Mayor of Clewiston; Janet Taylor, Hendry County Commission Chair; Larry Casey, CEO American Red Cross Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter; Kevin McCarthy, Hendry County Commission.



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# Moore Haven track strives for strong season

Moore Haven has a home meet today at 3:30 p.m.

By Naji Tobias  
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN - It's safe to say that this year's track program is in the mix.

The application fits the Moore Haven Terriers boys and girls teams in more ways than one.

Fresh off last year's stellar appearance in the Class 1A state track championships - Antwonnie McCloud brought home state gold in the high jump at 6-0 - the Terriers are gunning to be in peak condition as the season rolls on.

What's interesting about this season is that there's a healthy combination of youth and experience.

Not only that, but a host of them more than excel at what they do; particularly the seventh and eighth graders.

Steve Petti, in his 18th season as the track program's head coach, is very pleased with what he sees thus far.

With two meets already in the books - a Feb. 27 meet at St. John Neumann and a Mar. 3 meet at Lake Placid - Petti was able to see some potential in many of his athletes.

As a team, the boys won both meets in overall points, according to Petti.

The girls placed second overall as a unit at St. John Neumann, while placing fourth in Lake Placid.

At the St. John Neumann meet, seven schools, including Moore Haven participated.

The teams at the meet were St. John Neumann, Canterbury, Community School of Port Charlotte, Evangelical Christian, Community School of Naples and Seacrest (Naples).

For the boys, senior Xavier Fagan won the 400 meter race (53.48 seconds) and placed third in the long jump (19-4 1/4).

Elazarus Blackmon, possibly Moore Haven's best overall track athlete, garnered a personal-best 100 meter time of 10.98 as he grabbed the win.

Blackmon, who also won the long jump event at 20-1/2, helped lead his 4 x 100 relay team to victory with a time of 44.88 seconds.

The 4 X 100 relay consists of Blackmon, Fagan, sophomore Keivon Bell and junior Josh Patterson.

As for Patterson, he won the high jump (5-10) and finished as the runner-up in the 100 meter race to Blackmon (11.18 seconds).

Bell placed third in the 400 (54.40), while finishing second in the triple jump (39-6).

Lascelle Humphrey, a junior, won the 110 meter hurdles (16.87) and the 300 meter hurdles (41.61) at St. John Neumann.

Saul Leon, an up-and-coming eighth grader, won the 1 mile race (5:22) and placed third in the 2



INI/Naji Tobias

At last year's Moore Haven Invitational, Elazarus Blackmon won the 100 meter event with a time of 11.16 seconds. Glades Day's Anthony Norton and Earnest Jackson finished second and fourth with times of 11.37 and 11.41 seconds, respectively, while Moore Haven's Joshua Patterson and Antwon McCloud finished with times of 11.38 and 11.65 seconds, respectively.

mile race (12:02).

Petti is particularly pleased with Leon's progress, noting that he can become a formidable runner once the district championships come around.

"Saul is just an eight-grader and he's holding his own against high school kids," Petti said of Leon.

"He's doing real well for us right now," he continued.

"If he stays with it as he gets older, then he'll become a top distance runner down the line."

Overall, 14 of the 22 boys scored points for Moore Haven in the St. John Neumann meet, propelling them to victory.

On the girls side, Cortasia Ford, a senior, won the shot put (29-1), while placing third in the 400 meter race.

Tierra Perkins, also a senior, finished fourth in the 100 at St. John Neumann (13.3 seconds).

Other notables at St. John Neumann meet: Rebecca Langdale (junior): 1st in 110 hurdles (21.46), 4th in 330 meter hurdles (60 seconds), 4th in triple jump at SJM

Kaneidra McPherson (eighth grade): 1st in long jump (16-10), 3rd in 100 meters (13.05)

Viviana Leon (seventh grade): 2nd in 1 mile (6:30), 4th in 2 mile (13:31)

Kourtney Jimenez (eighth grade): 3rd in 1 mile (6:35), 3rd in 2 mile (13:26)

Seven of the 11 girls for Moore Haven scored points at the St. John Neumann meet.

The Lake Placid meet was somewhat of a different story, however.

With temperatures hovering around a breezy 40 degrees in Lake Placid, the teams didn't do as well.

But Petti wasn't at all discouraged, as he realizes that it was just the second meet of the season.

"The times were definitely off," Petti said about the Lake Placid meet, who featured teams such as Lake Placid, Sebring Avon Park

and LaBelle.

With that being said, Petti is highly confident going into today's meet, which will be held at Terrier Field in Moore Haven.

"It's clearly going to be a team effort this year," Petti said of his program.

In last season's home meet, Moore Haven's boys team was edged out by Glades Day, while the girls won the event with relative ease.

For the girls last year, Venisha Lewis, a five-time MVP and currently one of the assistants, won the 100 meter race at 12.3 seconds, easily besting the field.

On the boys end, it was a four-man show, with Elazarus Blackmon winning the event with a time of 11.16 seconds.

The favorites going into the meet - Glades Day's Anthony Norton and Earnest Jackson, finished second and fourth, with times of 11.37 and 11.41 seconds, respectively.

Patterson edged out Jackson for third place with a time of 11.38 seconds at the Moore Haven Invitational, which took place last March.

This year's meet looks to be different, as two stars from Glades Day seek to make a lasting impression in Glades County.

Joshua Thornton, a rising track phenom who has already received a scholarship letter from Navy, is aiming at a win in the 400 meter race.

As a freshman, Thornton was nothing short of impressive, highlighted by his fourth-place finish in the Class 1A state track championships last year (50.60 seconds).

For any of Moore Haven's 400 meter runners to catch Thornton (Fagan and Bell, especially), they may have to clock in at 50 seconds or less to win the event.

Kelvin Taylor, the son of NFL running back Fred Taylor, is slated to compete in the 100 meter race, as well as Glades Day's 4 X 100 team, which edged out Moore

Haven's foursome last year.

After today's meet, Moore Haven will have a few left, most notably the April 3 meet at Charlotte.

Petti will clearly know where his team stands after that event, with schools from Class 1A to Class 4A expected to show up there.

"We like to compete against bigger schools because it will help us prepare to peak at the right time," Petti.

The right time, as Petti carefully says, is in the Class 1A District Championships, which will be held on April 17 at St. John Neumann.

Petti on the program's chances of making a statement in the post-season:

"We have decent, young kids coming up," he said.

"I like what I'm seeing right now from them.

"We have a really good nucleus of experienced runners, with a young group of distance runners," Petti continued.

"If they continue to work hard and stay focused, then everything will be fine."

As for the possibility of Moore Haven winning the Class 1A state track championships:

"We'll just focus on one meet at a time, getting better and peaking at the right time," Petti said.

## Moore Haven Terriers

**Head Coach:** Steve Petti (18th season)  
**Assistants:** Norman Spero, Wayne Reese, Venisha Lewis (Class 1A state track medalist in 2008)

**Roster - Girls:**  
Patricia Ainsworth (junior)  
Tiffany Avalos (senior)  
Cortasia Ford (senior)  
Kadedra Gadson (freshman)  
Nianna Hallback (seventh)  
Kourtney Jimenez (eighth)  
Rebecca Langdale (junior)  
Vivian Leon (seventh)  
KaNeidra McPherson (eighth)  
Porshia Parker (junior)

Tiara Perkins (senior)

**Roster - Boys:**  
Ethan Basche (eighth)  
Keivon Bell (sophomore)  
Elazarus Blackmon (senior)  
Samuel Cooper Jr. (junior)  
Darryl Davis (senior)  
Michael Elrod (seventh)  
Xavier Fagan (senior)  
Arliss Ford (eighth)  
Fredrick Hall (junior)  
Akkua Hallback (eighth)  
Lascelle Humphrey (junior)  
Ty Johnson (seventh)  
Kaleb Langdale (eighth)  
Saul Leon (eighth)  
Vinton Lewis (eighth)  
Daniel Maria (eighth)  
Josh Patterson (junior)  
Jeremiah Ramirez (seventh)  
Joshua Redd (eighth)  
Samuel Sanchez (senior)  
Keonte White (sophomore)  
Donald Wilson (seventh)

## 2009 Season Schedule

**This afternoon @ 3:30 p.m.:** Open Meet at Terrier Field in Moore Haven (Glades Day, Canterbury, Evangelical Christian, St. John Neumann, Community School of Charlotte, Moore Haven)

**Thursday, March 19 @ 3:30 p.m.:** Tri-Meet at Terrier Field (Clewiston, Moore Haven, Okeechobee)

**Tuesday, March 24 @ 4 p.m.:** Avon Park Invitational in Avon Park

**Tuesday, March 31 @ 3:30 p.m.:** American Heritage-Plantation Tri-Meet in Plantation

**Friday, April 3 @ 3:30 p.m.:** Tri-Meet at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda

**Friday, April 17 @ 11:30 a.m.:** Class 1A District Meet @ St. John Neumann High School in Naples

**Friday, April 24:** Class 1A Regionals @ Community School of Naples in Naples

**Friday, May 1:** Class 1A State Track and Field Championships in Winter Park  
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# Glades General Hospital staff raise \$30,000

The employees of Glades General Hospital have done something extraordinary for the health of the Palm Beach County community. Together they have raised \$30,000 towards the construction of the new Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County's only public hospital.

This incredible gift resulted from a weekly fund raising breakfast where employees donated funds and the managers donated their time to serve their colleagues.

They presented their gift on February 26th to Glades Healthcare Foundation, the organization raising funds for the hospital campaign.

David Goodlett, chair of Glades Healthcare Foundation, was on hand to thank employees personally, and showed the organization's appreciation by handing out prizes and give-aways for employees, including a \$250 Best Buy gift certificate, Universal Studio passes, a stay at the Jupiter Waterfront Inn, an afghan crocheted and donated by Dr. Effie Grear and over 150 gift certificates to Popeyes and Smokey Bones. All prizes were donated.

Glades General Hospital board members who were in attendance included board chair Bryan Cross, Dr. Effie Grear and Dr. Donald Flihs.

New Glades General Hospital administrator, Brian Gibbons also attended and thanked employees for their incredible generosity.

The GGH employee gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to a \$250,000 matching challenge grant from the Kirkwood Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and also count toward a \$1.5 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation.

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# HCD of Palm Beach names hospital administrator

West Palm Beach, Fla. – The Health Care District of Palm Beach County has named Brian P. Gibbons, CHE, Hospital Administrator for Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade.

In addition, Mr. Gibbons will become Administrator of Lakeside Medical Center, the \$73 million regional hospital that the Health Care District is currently constructing.

Scheduled to open late this year, Lakeside Medical Center, situated on a 50-acre campus centrally located to all the western Palm Beach County communities bordering Lake Okeechobee, will feature all private patient rooms and replace 65-year-old Glades General.

"The construction of Lakeside Medical Center is the single largest capital project in our 20-year history. Brian Gibbons is in many ways uniquely qualified to lead

this critical transition to a facility that is going to have a huge positive impact on the health as well as the economy of this economically vital region of Florida," said Health Care District Board Chair Jonathan R. Satter.

Health Care District Chief Executive Officer Dwight D. Chenette added, "With his nearly twenty years of hospital experience, Brian brings an invaluable background in rural healthcare management, not to mention his deep roots in Florida."

Prior to joining the District, Mr. Gibbons was Chief Operating Officer of the Sebastian River Medical Center, an 86-bed acute care facility in Sebastian, Florida.

From 2003 to 2007 he held executive-level positions at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell, New Mexico and Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico where he built

community support, increased admissions and improved the hospital's financial performance. Earlier he worked in a variety of administrative positions at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach, and Cape Canaveral Hospital. Mr. Gibbons' background includes development oversight of various hospital construction projects including a unique off-site Emergency Department.

"I am very impressed with the dedication of the staff at Glades General Hospital," said Mr. Gibbons.

"In addition to advanced technology and modern facilities, Lakeside Medical Center will feature a veteran team that takes pride in caring for this community."

# HIV/AIDS-It could be closer to home than you think

Not underestimating the severity of the disease

By Pat Dobbins, R.N., M.S./H.S.A. Administrator

HIV/AIDS is a scary topic, but one that needs to be discussed. In Florida, women account for 34% of AIDS cases and 29% of HIV cases that were reported in 2007.

It may be surprising, but most cases of HIV/AIDS are from the results of sexual relations between men and women.

Even though there has been progress in fighting HIV in Florida, there is still an unacceptable rate of women being infected.

Some people may think that only homosexuals, drug users, those with lower financial status

or lower education levels are the people who end up getting infected.

This is simply not true. Anyone that chooses to have unprotected sexual activity puts themselves at risk of infection.

Also the sharing of injection needles (which can include tattooing and piercing, not just drug use) are also factors that could increase your risk of infection.

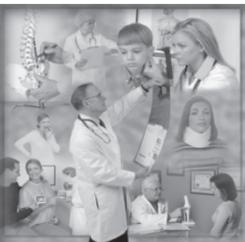
Spring Break is upon us once again, and I urge all of the college students to please think about the choices you make.

The Florida Department of Health recognized March 10 as National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and in support of that, the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments offered free testing.

Women of all ages need to empower each other and encourage each other to get tested.

The AIDS epidemic is now 27 years old, but we still have to remind folks that "it only takes one time" to get infected. If you would like more information on HIV/AIDS awareness, please contact the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4041 - LaBelle, 863-983-1408 - Clewisston or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

(Patricia Dobbins is the Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4041, extension 120.)



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## Garden Club

More than 20 members of the Green Thumbs Garden Club in Clewiston met on the levee on Feb. 26 to dedicate a cluster of Sabal Palms in memory of two members, Martha Lowry and Shirley Perry and the husbands of members, Marci Propes and Anna Jones, all of whom passed away in 2008. Kathy Hicks presented a touching memorial service using scripture and poems to depict the lives of the deceased and to remind those present that as long as memories live, they will never be forgotten. Pictured are Marci Propes, Walter Lowry and Anna Jones.

## Public notice

The annual report of the United States Sugar Corporation Charitable Trust for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2008 is available at its office at United States Sugar Corporation located on 111 Ponce De Leon Avenue in Clewiston, for inspection during regul-

lar business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. The principal managers of the foundation are Robert H. Buker, Jr., Malcolm S. Wade, Jr., and Robert E. Coker.

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## Local Weather Forecast

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. East wind between 7 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 62. East wind between 6 and 9 mph.

### Extended Forecast:

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. East wind around 8 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64. East wind around 8 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind around 8 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South wind around 7 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80.

# Unrefrigerated oysters seized in county

## Two in Hendry County charged in illegal oyster sales

More than 4,400 pounds of unrefrigerated oysters would have reached the mouths of Southwest Florida consumers were it not for the diligence of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers.

In two seemingly unrelated incidents, FWC officers arrested three unlicensed people attempting to sell oysters that had not been stored in accordance with

state health standards. However, markings on the bags showed that oysters in both seizures originally came from the same shipment.

On Feb. 23, an FWC officer on patrol in Hendry County saw a man by the side of the road advertising Louisiana oysters for sale. The officer found 14 bags of oysters in a cargo trailer without refrigeration or ice. He charged William R. Kersey Jr., 35, of LaBelle, with selling saltwater products without a retail license and with violating quality-control regulations. The officer seized

and destroyed approximately 1,100 pounds of oysters in that incident.

On Feb. 24, an FWC officer conducting commercial fish house inspections on Estero Island in Lee County found two men and a juvenile attempting to sell oysters to a local fish house. The officer discovered 41 bags of oysters without refrigeration or ice in the rear of a pickup and in an open trailer. Dean T. Daniels, 45, of Chalmette, La., claimed that his refrigerated truck broke down while transporting the oysters from his fish house in Louisi-

ana. The officer charged Daniels and Jeremy Kennedy, 21, of 4003 Cascade Lane, LaBelle, with attempting to sell saltwater products without a wholesale dealer's license and with quality-control violations.

FWC officers and Florida Department of Agriculture agents routinely inspect licensed fish dealers in Florida to ensure that high standards for consumer products are met. The FWC reminds consumers never to purchase seafood from an unlicensed dealer. Licenses must be posted in open view for consumers.

## Clubs and organizations

### Cracker Cowboy Poet and Storyteller at The Clewiston Museum

On Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Hank Mattson will use his own works and those of turn-of-the-century cowpunchers to chronicle and preserve the life and times of the many Florida Folks who for over 400 years have been workin' cattle. There will be plenty of artifacts and exhibits and the audience will have the opportunity to participate in the presentation. This entertaining program will provide a great appreciation of the typical lives of many early pioneer ranchers in South Florida. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the office at 983-2870 to reserve your seats. The program is part of the Museum's Cultural Arts Speakers Series and is made possible through a Partnership Grant with the Florida Humanities Council.

### Smoking cessation class

Quit Now Clewiston! Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Cessation Class

Starts Thursday, March 12 – last class on Thursday, April 9.

FREE classes held in the conference room at Hendry Regional Hospital, Clewiston.

Contact Valarie James at 863-674-4041 to register.

### 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.

### Project H.O.P.E.

Sometimes when a disaster is over and you are just beginning to get back on your feet, you discover you still do not have the ability to repair or rebuild your home without some help. After Tropical Storm Fay, you may have been able to repair or rebuild but things are just not the same. Anxiety or just feeling the blues is common. Talking really helps... getting connected with available resources really helps!

Project H.O.P.E. is a FEMA funded program managed by the State of Florida. Project H.O.P.E. outreach workers are in your community. If you would like to talk with one of the team members, please contact Diego at 239-200-7454. They are here to help and would love to hear how you are doing!

### 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.

## General News and Information

### Breakdown of services provided by Relay For Life

Here are just a snapshot of the work we do, in just our local area alone: Local cancer patients and their families received 5,734 services through our patient services and programs. In our area, 151 patients found support through "Reach to Recovery" for both Breast and Prostate Cancer. 214 patients from our community received 3,160 transportation services to and from treatment. 36 patients from our area received free lodging at one of Florida's Hope Lodges, while undergoing treatment. 40 local children and their families received support through our "Reaching out to Cancer Kids" program. 23 kids from our area enjoyed a camp experience at R.O.C.K. camp in partnership with Camp Boggy Creek, 12 local young cancer survivors from our area attended college on a R.O.C.K. College Scholarship, and 5 families took part in our educational and inspirational Families R.O.C.K. weekend.

Cancer Resource Center in LaBelle: An average of 10 patients a month receive supplies from closet.

### Attention business owners

The City of Clewiston – Community Redevelopment Agency Façade Grant Program. As an outreach to existing business buildings, technical and financial assis-

tance is available for renovations to the exterior of business buildings within Clewiston's Community Redevelopment Area. The objective of the program is to implement the CRA plan and encourage business and property owners, through financial incentives, to improve existing business properties. Policy guides and application forms are available at the Chamber Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 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 rehabilita-

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:

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.

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New Guardian ad Litem volunteer training begins soon in LaBelle.

tion centers nationwide by calling 1-800-468-6933 or logging onto [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).

### Stop the violence services available

The Hendry and Glades Domestic and Sexual Violence Council's mission is to increase community awareness about domestic and sexual violence and victim safety

by providing services, referrals and education relating to the affects of domestic/sexual violence in our community.

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

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

### Go Green

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For details, e-mail [okcirc@strato.net](mailto:okcirc@strato.net) or call Janet at 863-634-1188

### Volunteer opportunities

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

#### Speaker topics include:

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

#### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing companionship to patients
- 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.



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### Arrest Report

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

Lee E. Snow, 30



•Clewiston  
•VOP: felony or community control  
Arrested March 4  
Arrested by Deputy L. Chevalier

Cornelius Ward, 29



•Clewiston  
•VOP: felony or community control  
Arrested March 5  
Arrested by Deputy T. Hessler

Miledy Cruz, 52



•Clewiston  
•Larceny - \$2,000-\$100,000  
Arrested March 2  
Arrested by R. Archer

Sharoad Brown, 22



•Clewiston  
•Selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a place of worship - business, schedule II  
Arrested March 8  
Arrested by Deputy L. Brooks

Charles Cobb, 50



•Clewiston  
•VOP: felony  
Arrested March 3  
Arrested by Deputy B. Weaver

Carltaivious Robinson, 16



•Pahokee  
•Assault on public or private education employee  
•Possession of weapon on school property  
Arrested March 3  
Bond set for \$6,000

Lasteven Wilson, 18



•Pahokee  
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill  
Arrested March 5  
Bond set for \$25,000

Nathan Washington, 18



•Pahokee  
•Burglary - dwelling structure or conveyance armed  
Arrested March 3  
Bond set for \$3,000

Otis Harvey, 18



•Pahokee  
•Violence of probation - burglary of unoccupied structure or conveyance  
Arrested March 3  
No bond set

Althea Knight, 21



•Pahokee  
•Fraud utter false statement  
Arrested March 5  
Bond set for \$3,000

Dekevious Mcrae, 25



•South Bay  
•Out of county warrant  
•Felony - fleeing or attempting to elude officer  
Arrested March 6  
No bond set

Erin Gunn, 30



•South Bay  
•Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant  
Arrested March 9  
Released March 9 on \$1,000 bond

Lawrence Baker, 22



•South Bay  
•Aggravated battery - intended harm  
•Violation of probation  
Arrested March 9  
No bond set

Marcus Collins, 25



•South Bay  
•Aggravated battery cause bodily harm or disability with firearm  
Arrested March 3  
Bond set for \$25,000

Antonio Bess, 33



•South Bay  
•Violation of probation - battery on person 65 years or older  
Arrested March 9  
Released March 10 on probation

Abraham Cantu, 24



•Belle Glade  
•Violation of probation - grand theft \$300 to \$5,000  
•Sale of marijuana  
Arrested March 9  
Bond set for \$3,000

Alton Johnson, 22



•Belle Glade  
•Possession of cocaine  
•Trespassing - property not structure or conveyance  
Arrested March 8  
Bond set for \$3,000

Christopher White, 19



•Belle Glade  
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon  
•Possession of weapon - short barreled gun rifle  
Arrested March 9  
Bond set for \$30,000

Faustino Valencia, 30



•Belle Glade  
•Traffic offense - DUI  
Arrested March 6  
Released March 6

Fredrick Williams, 19



•Belle Glade  
•Violation of probation - carrying a concealed weapon  
Arrested March 7  
No bond set

Joetavious Cato, 19



•Belle Glade  
•Possession of cocaine  
•Trespassing on private property  
Arrested March 5  
No bond set

Jonesha Curry, 17



•Belle Glade  
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill  
•Carrying a concealed weapon  
Arrested March 4  
Bond set for \$25,000

Juan Ruiz-Rodriguez, 48



•Belle Glade  
•Public orders crimes - interfere with railroad track or equipment  
Arrested March 8  
Released March 8 on \$3,000 bond

Octavio Martinez, 24



•Belle Glade  
•Burglary - unoccupied dwelling unarmed  
•Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000  
Arrested March 9  
Released March 10 on \$5,000

Omar Gomez, 26



•Belle Glade  
•Possession of cocaine  
Arrested March 9  
No bond set

Patrick Owen, 39



•Belle Glade  
•Cruelty toward a child  
•Kidnap false imprisonment - adult  
Arrested March 9  
Released March 9 on \$3,000 bond

Tara Drummer, 22



•Belle Glade  
•Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill  
•Resist officer without violence  
Arrested March 4  
Released March 4

Taris Drummer, 22



•Belle Glade  
•Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon  
Arrested March 4  
Released March 4 on \$1,500 bond

Tyronie Patterson, 20



•Belle Glade  
•Larceny - commits grand theft use vehicle damage property  
•Battery on officer, firefighter, EMT, etc  
Arrested March 7  
Bond set for \$21,000

Abel Garcia, 28



•Belle Glade  
•Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs  
Arrested March 8  
Released March 8

### Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of March 10.

Eddie Daniels, age 21, is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. He also has a tattoo on his neck that reads "Bean" and his last known address is listed as W. 5th Tr., in Pahokee.

Daniels is wanted on felony charges violation of probation: child abuse; Simply battery, violation of probation: aggravated assault with a weapon. And aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

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.crimestopper-spbc.com.



Submitted photo  
Eddie Daniels.

# Bronson asks for public's help in fire prevention

## Wildfire danger increasing

Tallahassee - Florida is experiencing twice the wildfire activity of a year ago and the danger is increasing every day, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said today.

Bronson is urging residents to do their part to prevent wildfires by avoiding any unnecessary outdoor burning. They should also check with their local Division of Forestry office or county government to determine if there is a local burn ban in effect.

"Prevention is the key," Bronson said. "We're asking residents and visitors alike to exercise extreme caution when you use anything that involves fire or high heat. Before conducting any outdoor burning, check with officials to see if it is a dangerous burning day and if there is a local burn ban in effect."

A lack of substantial rainfall, especially in Central and South Florida, coupled with recent freezes throughout the state, has left Florida's vegetation ripe for wildfires. Wildfires can start easily, intensify quickly and move rapidly because of the current conditions.

Statewide, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) currently stands at 520, well above normal for this time of the year. More-

over, the Index shows that nearly half of Florida is well above the statewide average and is experiencing "severe" dry conditions. The KBDI measures available soil moisture and runs from 0 (saturated) to 800 (desert-like).

Since January 1, Florida has had 1,024 wildfires that have burned 24,730 acres - compared with 508 fires impacting 11,292 acres at the same time last year. Because the lightning season has yet to begin, virtually all of the fires that have occurred to date were caused by humans and were therefore avoidable.

Additional tips for residents to help prevent wildfires include:

- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Don't throw cigarettes or other lighted material out of car windows,
- Clear gutters of leaves and other debris, and remove vegetation from around homes, creating a 30-foot defensible space.

For other wildfire prevention actions you can take and information about recommendations you can follow to increase the probability that your home and community can survive a wildfire disaster, visit the Florida Division of Forestry website at www.fl-dof.com or contact your local Florida Division of Forestry field office.



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**Evan Santiago Sr.**

**BELLE GLADE** — Evan Santiago Sr., a faithful and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed on to be with the Lord above on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

Through the many years of his hard work, his compassion for others and genuine heart of gold, he will never be forgotten. Although his bigger than life presence will be greatly missed we will always remember who he truly was.

Evan was a man who loved and cared about everyone. He always had a smile on his face and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was the proud business owner of Santiago Trucking for 27 years.

He enjoyed fishing, barbecuing and working in his yard, doing his best to make it look beautiful. He loved music, dancing, and most of all sharing time with his family, that he loved more than life itself.

Those who are blessed to have known him will remember him as a strong, courageous, determined and serving man.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Linda Santiago; his beloved sons, Ivan Emilio and Eric Mitchell Santiago; and his beautiful daughter, Leia Carmen Santiago.

**Franklin A. Lovell**

**ROYAL PALM BEACH** — Franklin A. Lovell, of Royal Palm Beach, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lovell; one son, Jeremy Lovell of Wellington; one daughter, Jennifer Lovell-Ramirez of Belle Glade; one step-son, Jessie Camacho of Clewiston; two stepdaughters, Carmen Camacho and Samantha Lovell all of West Palm Beach; three very special grandchildren, Estella, Gabriella and Nathan Lovell; and seven more step-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Altman of Grand Fork, N.D., David Mayo of Glen St Mary, Mike Lovell of Toms River, N.J.; his father, Samuel Lovell; and mother, Ann Lovell of Belle Glade.

Frankie Lovell was raised in Belle Glade and graduated from Glades Central High School in 1973. He went on to work for A-Duda & Sons for 32 years. Frankie started as celery supervisor and went on to be harvest superintendent, leaving the company in 2008.

He loved going fishing, hunting and golfing when he could get away. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family. Great times, great memories, and Frankie's smile. Frankie leaves quite a legacy and a loving memory that will be in our hearts forever.



**Jones birth**

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Missey Jones of Clewiston, Fla., are parents of their second child, a daughter, born Friday, January 23, 2009 at 3:15 p.m. at Lee Health Park Medical Center in Fort Myers, Fla. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has been named Addison Kennedy Jones.

Her grandparents are Mary Ann Jones of Clewiston, Fla., and the late Bob Jones, and Fred and

Gay Donaldson of Mexico, Miss., and the late Dorita Donaldson.

Her great-grandparents are Ann Brown of Miami, Fla., and Mary Katherine Jones of LaBelle, Fla., and Elmer and Marge Donaldson of Mexico, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones' first child, Bryson Cole Jones, who was born May 15, 2007, died July 28, 2007 of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.



Addison Kennedy Jones.

Submitted photo

**Janice Bishop Burchard**

**PORT ST. LUCIE** — Janice Bishop Burchard, 64, died March 1, 2009, at her home in Port St. Lucie after an extended illness of Pulmonary Fibrosis.



Mrs. Burchard was born in Glasgow, Ky., and was raised in Stuart. She lived in Clewiston for 35 years and moved to Port St. Lucie in 1999.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Lawrence Burchard of Port St. Lucie; sons, Brian and James Burchard, both of Port St. Lucie, and Rusty Burchard of Charlotte, N.C.; brothers, William, David, and Carroll Wayne Bishop; 13 grandchildren and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lencoy and Lera Bishop.

Visitation and services were held on Monday, March 9, at Haisley Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. A guestbook may be signed at [www.haisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.haisleyfuneralhome.com).

**Jack B. Moree, 80**

**ORMOND BEACH** — Jack B. Moree, of Ormond Beach, passed away March 3, 2009, in Ormond Beach after an extended illness. He was 80.

He was born Sept. 8, 1928, in Riviera Beach to late Ivan B. Moree and the late Marion Irene (Jordan) Moree.

Jack received the Holy Baptism at Palmer Memorial Episcopal in Houston, Texas on March 7, 1959 and Confirmation March 22, 1959.

He attended Polk and Glades County Public Schools. He graduated from the University of Houston with both a bachelors and master's degree in economics.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy (1943-1946) and served in the Normandy Invasion. Jack had a long and varied working life: City of Houston (Traffic Analyst), as a realtor in Houston, Anthem Corp in California, Illinois and Texas, Program Director-Seminole Tribe of Florida and Coordinator of Federal Projects-Glades County Schools (1960s), Glades County Clerk of Court (70s) and Glades County Rancher/Sugar Cane Farmer (1970s - 1990). Jack retired in 1990.

Memberships include VFW Post 3283, Port Orange, Elks Lodge 21, Ormond Beach, Moose Lodge 1263, Daytona Beach, St. James Episcopal Church, Ormond Beach, S.A.E. Fraternity, U.S. Navy Memorial Member and Florida Sheriff's Assoc (Hon).

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Wanda (Yoder) Moree of Ormond Beach; step-children, Lori Shuford Bond, Moore Haven, Phillip Craig Shuford Jr., Buena Vista, Ga.; grandchildren, Lainey Bond and Shelby Bond, of Moore Haven; great-grandchild, Reston Stokes of Moore Haven; brother, John Moree of Jupiter; and sister, Marcia Moree Crosby of North Palm Beach.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Ortona Cemetery Pavilion, 12870 W. SR 78, Moore Haven, with Father Alan Kelmereit officiating. Burial followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven. Military Honors were conducted by the U.S. Navy.

Memorial donations can be made to Moore Haven High School Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 459, Moore Haven, FL 33471 or American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

**La Florida in the Early 16th Century**

By Butch Wilson  
Clewiston Museum

The Indian diver pulled his long, lithe body over the gunnels of the Spanish longboat and collapsed on the boats floor from exhaustion. His chest heaved as oxygen-starved lungs expanded like bellows to inhale the sweet, ocean breezes. The diver slowly regained his strength and sat up in the boat. He rested for an hour before stretching his weary leg muscles in preparation for another dive.

Walking to the bow of the boat, he began to hyperventilate, filling his lungs with precious oxygen that would fuel his body's descent to the ocean bottom. There, at a depth of 60 feet, lay thousands of gold doubloons, scattered alongside the hulking remains of a sunken Spanish Galleon.

Perched like a "Bird of Prey" on the bow of the boat, he stared intently into the depths of the ocean's gin, clear waters. Slowly raising his arms, he launched himself into the air. His long body arched like a drawn bow, then straightened like an arrow, before plunging beneath the water's glistening surface. A slight splash erupted, casting white beads of glittering water into the air as his body descended into the warm, Caribbean Sea.

This fictitious yarn reflects back to the day when all salvage operations in the Caribbean were conducted by Native Americans, who dove to great depths to recover the vast riches that were strewn about sunken treasure ships. It is time to take "A Walk in The Past" and read about "La Florida" in the early 16th century.

The first official recorded sighting of "La Florida" was in 1513, by Ponce De Leon, whose discovery opened a new land for Spanish exploration. Spanish explorers eagerly led expeditions into "La Florida," hoping to find gold and silver. Very little gold was found, but much hardship was endured. Many of the expeditions turned into catastrophes. Panfilo de Narvaez's expedition in 1528, started with 300 men and ended with four sole survivors, who walked into Mexico City nine years later.

The Spanish gleaned information from these doomed Florida expeditions, acknowledging that south Florida was a vast wetland, whose natural resources were of no monetary value. Ironically, what south Florida lacked in natural resources was compensated by its strategic location. The riches discovered and exploited in other parts of the New World were transported by ships to Spain via "La Florida."

South Florida was important to the Spanish crown because it was geographically centered in the Spanish shipping lanes, making it a virtual crossroad to all Spanish shipping. Large convoys (Flotillas) of gold, laden Spanish ships bound for Spain were forced to follow the Gulf Stream currents that ran adjacent to Florida's coast. South Florida's strategic location, plundered shipwrecks, and ill treatment of Spanish sur-

vivors by hostile Indian Nations, forced the Spanish to act.

Three forts were started in south Florida in the 1560s, to protect the Spanish shipping lanes. Missions were established at the forts because Spanish policy endorsed the church's enthusiasm to Christianize the Indians. A converted Indian was less contentious than an idolatrous Indian. The missions led by Jesuit priests failed to convert the Indians and military rule at the forts failed to subjugate the Indians. Open Indian hostilities forced the Spanish to abandon the forts and missions by 1571.

Shipping losses and the ill treatment of Spanish survivors once again prompted the Spanish crown to seek a truce with the south Florida Indian Nations. In 1612, the Florida governor sent an expedition to the Calusa Indian Nation, and a truce was established. It is uncertain how long this truce lasted because there are only a few Spanish documents on record that date back to the early 1600s, describing Spanish activities in south Florida.

One document was written in 1617, by Florida Franciscan Priests living in north Florida. It was a letter addressed to the King of Spain. The priests charged that the new governor of Florida was failing to support evangelical work in South Florida, which indicates a truce still existed between the Spanish and the Calusa. There is merit to this letter because other Spanish documents dating to that time, report that the new governor of Florida had called for a reduction of priests living in Florida and requested that the remaining priests no longer be paid as soldiers.

The letter also describes the severe impact of European diseases on Native Americans. The priests elaborate on the ominous event, "We find that from four years ago down to the present, half of the Indians have died because of the great plagues and contagious diseases that they have suffered. Thus, with the help of the twenty-two religious men that Your Majesty ordered sent to these regions five years ago, a very great harvest of souls for heaven has been made in these mortalities. More than eight thousand Christians remain alive, at the least; more rather than fewer."

The Indians that the priest was alluding to were the Timucua Indian Nation, whose territories included northeast Florida. Based on this document, we must conclude that 8,000 or half the Timucua Indian Nation died from European diseases. Such a loss of life would have seriously weakened the Timucua Indian Nation. Imagine a nation losing half its population in four years; it had to be devastating. Their social structure and culture would have been seriously impacted and totally disrupted.

Another document describes a salvage operation that took place when a Spanish Plate Fleet wrecked in the keys in 1622. One of the ships that sank was the Nuestra Senora de Atocha. Most

readers are familiar with the Atocha; it is the famous treasure ship that Mel Fisher spent much of his adulthood life searching for. The Atocha was discovered by Mel Fisher's son in 1985. It yielded hundreds of millions in emeralds, gold and silver to Mel and his business partners.

The 1622, document states that the Indians living in the keys were hired as divers to help recover the Spanish Platte Fleets sunken treasures. Caribbean Indians were known for their diving skills. The Indian divers were aided in their deep water dives to depths of 60 feet with a heavy stone attached to a rope. Our ole friend Fontana-do wrote in his journals about the diving exploits of the Calusa and Tequesta Indians, who lived in the Keys, validating that the Key Indians were up to the salvaging task.

In 1623, another Spanish Platte fleet sank off the Treasure Coast around present day Ft. Pierce. The Florida governor Salinas remarked in a 1623 letter that the Ais and Jeaga Indians living in that area usually killed all shipwreck survivors. He reported that punitive steps were taken against the Indians, and a truce was established. This truce would save English lives years later, when an English merchant ship wrecked on the shores of the Ais Indian Nation.

Jonathan Dickinson, an English Quaker merchant, was shipwrecked close to the present day Jupiter Inlet. Mr. Dickinson wrote that the Indians were fearful of the Spanish. He mentions repeatedly that the Indians were constantly asking him if he was a Nickaleer, which meant English. They wanted to know if his nationality was English, so they could kill him and his fellow castaways without fear of retaliation from the Spanish. Mr. Dickinson and his fellow castaways abandoned their Quaker virtues and told little, white lies, declaring they were Spanish.

A friar's brief comments around 1634, referred to contact with the Calusa as a result of the salvage operations in 1622. He stated that "the Calusa would receive evangelical preachers with great pleasure." This is our last report on south west Florida until 1675. Misplaced documents reporting Spanish activities in south Florida from 1634 to 1674, are hopefully waiting to be disclosed in Havana, Cuba or Seville, Spain, only time will tell.

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](mailto:clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com), or by phone at 863-983-2870.

**Elliott - Lilley engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lilley, Sr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Susan Christine and David Michael, Jr. Susan is currently attending Florida Gulf Coast University and will be graduating in May with a degree in Elementary Education. She is a 2004 graduate of Clewiston High School.

Michael is attending the Florida Wildlife Commission Academy in Tallahassee. Upon graduation, he will return to Hendry County as a FWC officer. He is a 2002 graduate of LaBelle High School.

The couple will be married on November 28, 2009, at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and plan to reside in LaBelle after the wedding.



David Michael, Jr. and Susan Christine Elliott.

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Full Size. \$125 (863)357-3635<br>TRANSMISSION - '03 Cad. CTS \$500/or best offer. (863)801-5687<br>TRANSMISSION - Chevy 4x4 Auto. \$500/or best offer. (863)801-5687<br><b>Pickup Trucks 4050</b><br>CHEVROLET S10 1995 - Utility bed, wht, V6, auto. Needs TLC. \$1750/or best offer. (863)697-1413<br>DODGE D100 1984 - 6cyl, 4spd, runs good, many new parts, tires & body fair. \$850/neg. (863)763-3669<br>DODGE THUNDER ROAD HEMI 2005 - Loaded, 1 owner, V-8 Hemi w/chip Flowmaster exhaust dark tinted windows 20" factory chrome wheels SLT package \$13400. (863)983-5357<br>FORD F150 1996 - Ford F150 pickup truck, 5 speed, 300 6 cylinder \$1800/or best offer. (863)634-3280<br>FORD F250 1985 - Diesel, runs great. OBO \$1200. (863)675-1113<br>FORD F250 1985 - Diesel, runs great. OBO \$1200. (863)675-1113<br>FORD RANGER - Great condition, low miles \$5000 (214)978-7372<br>FORD RANGER - Runs great, call for details \$2500 (214)978-7372<br>GMC JIMMY - Full size 1985, 4 inch lift 35 inch tires, \$1800 or best offer (863)532-9243<br>TOYOTA TACOMA 2005 - 2200 MILES AT AC CRUISE TOW PACKAGE, 4-cyl, air bags, anti-lock brakes, CD, auto. A/c CHA-PAIGNE EXTERIOR GRAY INT \$10000/neg. (863)233-6134<br>CULVERT - CULVERT plastic 20"x 30inch diameter cash \$400. (863)634-2003<br>ENCLOSED TRAILER 05 - Single axle 6x12 vent, lights, side/rear doors. Clewiston \$2300. (863)599-0809<br>FLAT TRAILER 06 - 6x16 dual axle, 12" side rails, wood floor, electric brakes. Clewiston \$1750. (863)599-0809<br>UTILITY TRAILER - 4' x 6' Good Condition. New Plywood Floor. Spare Wheel & Tire. \$600. (863)675-8559<br><b>Vans 4070</b><br>DODGE CONVERSION VAN 2000 - asking \$4700 (863)675-0077 / 674-1333<br>CITY OF CLEWISTON PUBLIC MEETING ON SEWER LINE EXTENSION<br>The City of Clewiston will hold a public meeting on March 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium to discuss the possibility of extending the sewer collection system to all un-served areas of the City. During the meeting, the purpose, advantages, differences and prices of two collection system options will be considered. This is an important decision for the City and the residents we serve and we need your input. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn McCorvey at City Hall at 863-983-1484. The John Boy Auditorium is a wheelchair accessible facility. Any person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey at least three days prior to the meeting. PO. Box 3024 811652 CN 3/5/12/09<br>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2008-147-CP<br>IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CANNON Deceased<br>NOTICE TO CREDITORS<br>The administration of the estate of Elizabeth Cannon, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975-1760. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.<br>All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's Estate must file a copy of this Notice in the office of the Personal Representative and file a copy of this Notice in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, on or before the date of the date of service of a copy of this Notice on them.<br>All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.<br>ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.<br>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.<br>The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 5th, 2009.<br>Attorney for Personal Representative: Jay A. Brett Florida Bar No. 160749 Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, F.A. 919 College Pointe Court Fort Myers, FL 33919 Telephone: (239) 334-1141 Fax: (239) 334-3965<br>Personal Representative: Patricia G. Kujawski P.O. Box 3024 312090 CN 3/5/12/09<br>Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds |
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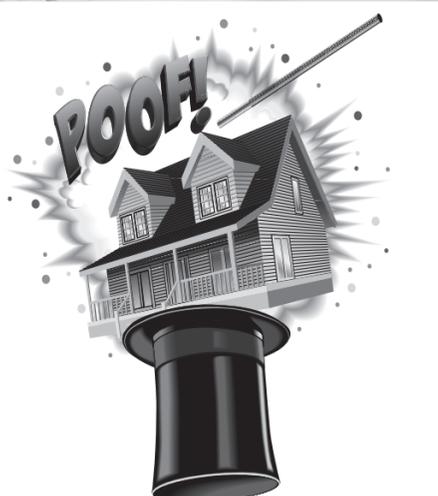
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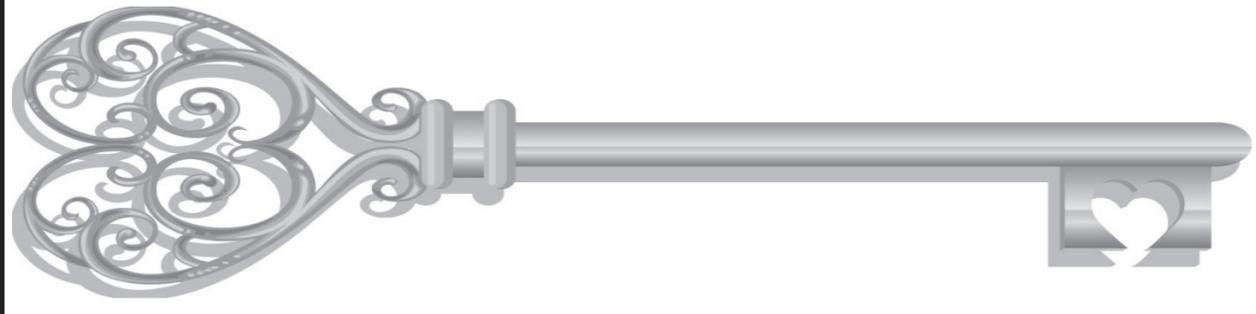
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Public Notice 5005

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 08 CA 242

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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENRY COUNTY JAIL INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES RFP No. 2009-15 Opening Date and Time: March 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 09 R 24 Laneather C. Braham Petitioner

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the final judgment of foreclosure dated December 22, 2008, and entered in Case No. 08 CA 242.

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: Anthony Lavon Braham Last Known Address: 1021 Hendrix St Moore Haven, FL 33471

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FRANK P. & JUNE E. HARBEN holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF ACTION STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HENRY TO: ROBERT L. MCINTOSH and JOY A. MCINTOSH, husband and wife; and HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RELATED SERVICES ASSESSMENTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY Lots 50 and 51, Block D, SUNSET PARK, a subdivision lying in the W1/2 of SW1/4 of Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, LaBelle, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 1, Henry County Records, accounting to and as shown by survey attached to Deed recorded in OR Book 107, Pages 497-498, Henry County, Florida; Account No. 2024329-6700000162

COUNTY OF HENRY, STATE OF FLORIDA RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 18 RECORDED IN RESOLUTION BOOK XXII, PAGE 46

NOTICE OF ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (P.L. 101-504) AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING

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**Public Notice 5005**

**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 ALADRO |

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

**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 Glades County:

Perry Brothers (Perry Sugarcane) PO Box 1029, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 090116-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00029-W to irrigate 1100 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-19 Canal and the project is located in Sections 9,16,21, Township 42 South, Range 30 East.

Wheeler Farms Inc (Carlton Grove - Ortona) PO Box 2715, Lake Placid, FL 33862, has submitted Application 090116-9 for renewal of Water Use Permit 22-00037-W to irrigate 751 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the C-43 Canal and the project is located in Sections 20,21,28,29, Township 42 South, Range 30 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.

312651 GDD 3/12/09

**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                  |
|-----------|------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2765      | 2006 | 4-10-43-29-070-0201-0260 | AMEERA 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.

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  
 311255 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

**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 | BETHEL 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.

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, 2009**.  
 Dated this **4th day of February, 2009**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 311197 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

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

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| CERT. NO. | YEAR | DESCRIPTION              | NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED                                                                             |
|-----------|------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3238      | 2006 | 4-10-43-29-100-2362-0050 | NORMA LETICIA RODRIGUEZ CORNEJO, GUSTAVO ADOLFO CHOTO, JOSE GUILLEN RIVAS, AND ISSI SHERALDA 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 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.

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  
 311260 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

**HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., at the Hendry County Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, 165 S. Lee Street, Room A-118, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/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.

Board of County Commissioners  
 of Hendry County, Florida  
 312661 CB/CN 3/12/09

**Public Notice 5005**

**NOTICE OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND WORKSHOP**

In accordance with section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) announces a closed attorney-client executive session concerning settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation expenditures for pending litigation to which the FGUA is a party. The FGUA also will hold a public meeting and planning workshop to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interoctal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, and the Town of Dundee, Florida. **The public meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on March 19, 2009 at the Majestic Golf Course, Crown Meeting Room, 350 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.** At the public meeting the FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. **The attorney-client session will be held immediately following the regular public meeting of the Board at approximately 10:30 a.m. in a private meeting room at the same location.** The following persons will be attending the attorney-client executive session: Board Chairman Lea Ann Thomas; Board Member Jim Lavender or alternate Doug Meurer; Board Member Robert Knight; Board Member Judi Kennington-Korf or alternate Shane Parker; Board Member Michele Baker or alternate Bruce Kennedy; Board Member Chris Rogers or alternate Bartley Arrington; Robert Sheels, System Manager; John Pelham, General Counsel; Heather Encinosa, Utility Counsel and Harry Chiles, Utility Counsel. **The Planning Workshop will immediately follow at the same location as the regular public meeting.** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the regular public meeting should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board toll free at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900.  
 312645 CGS 3/12/09

**Public Notice 5005**

**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.: 31-2006  
 Year of Issuance: 2006  
 Description of property: A25-42-28-U01-0001-0030  
 Blk 1 Lot 3  
 Unrec. Hidden Lakes Ranch  
 Unit 1 OR 49 PG 492  
 Total acres 1.01 ML

Name in which assessed: Enrique & Estela Elizondo

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  
 310680 GDD 2/19;26;3/5,12/09

**Public Notice 5005**

**\*PUBLIC NOTICE\***  
**\*AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY MEETING\***  
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There will be a Airglades Airport Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport boardroom in Clewiston. All interested are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863)-983-1588.

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Janet Taylor, Chair  
 Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County  
 312558 CGS 3/12/19/09

**Public Notice 5005**

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 Total acres 1.01 ML

Name in which assessed: Jerry R. + Richard L. Olson \*JTR0S\*

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Dated this 11th day of February, 2009.

Joe Flint  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Glades County, Florida  
 310683 GDD 2/19;26;3/5,12/09

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**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:

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|-----------|------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 3223      | 2006 | 4-10-43-29-100-2360-0130 | Pearl Ince             |

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 311268 CGS 2/26;3/5,12/19/09

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**Public Notice 5005**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 22-2008-CA-000164**

**AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**RALPH CONSTANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH CONSTANT; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY Defendants**

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Motion and Order Resetting foreclosure Sale Date dated the 9th day of February, 2009, and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000164, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, where in AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the Plaintiff and RALPH CONSTANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH CONSTANT; JOHN DOE; JANE DOES UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the AT FRONT STEPS, SOUTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE at the Glades County Courthouse, in Moore Haven, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of March, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 2, BLOCK 25, OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ADA, Disables persons who, because of their Disabilities, need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Senior Deputy Clerk Administration whose post office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 MONROE STREET, FT. MYERS, FL 33901, Telephone (239)335-2299 or 1 (800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800)955-8770 Via Fl. Relay Service, no later than 5 days prior to the Court Date.  
 Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009.

Joe Flint  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Jennifer Bevis  
 Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson  
 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309  
 Phone: 954-453-0365  
 Fax: 954-771-6052  
 Toll Free: 800-441-2438  
 312571 GCD 03/12/19/09

**Public Notice 5005**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**

**GREEN TREE SERVING LLC, AS SUCCESSOR SERVICER FOR GREENPOINT CREDIT, LLC, Plaintiff**  
**vs.**  
**CASE NO. 08-928-CA JUAN A. VASQUEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN A. VASQUEZ; CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MIDLAND FUNDING INC., A CORPORATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: CAROL N. FLOYD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s);

Whose residence is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, to the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1326, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within 30 days of date of first publication, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 101.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 450 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 21' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 1' A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID PARCEL LOCATED IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To include: a

1999 Fleetcraft Corp., VIN GAFLR9A02064VH and 68048527  
 A/K/A  
 5910 SPENCER ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or for this 5th day of March, 2009.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /S/ D. HAMMOND  
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# New Hope Baptist Church in Chaló Nitka Parade



Submitted photo  
**Ms. Brenda's Sunday School Class participated in the Chaló Nitka Parade on Saturday, March 7. They were excited about their new T-shirts if you don't attend Sunday School please come out and enjoy the fun we have every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch is provided for those attending along with Bible Lessons, Crafts and other activities. Children are working on special projects for Easter and Mother's Day. If you would like more information, please call Ms. Brenda at 863-946-3731.**



Submitted photo  
**New Hope Baptist Church's float was on full display during Chaló Nitka.**

**Come grow with us**

Saturday, March 7 ... This was New Hope Baptist Church first time involved in the Chaló Nitka Parade.

What a great time it was and we look forward to participating again next year.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the parade and saw what a great job our folks did on our float.

A special Thank you to everyone who participated in our float.

Special thanks to the following in regards to our float.

Dan Cook – use of trailer and truck Roger Walker Sr. and Roger Walker Jr. for the carpentry work.

Ms. Brenda's Sunday School Children along with Pamela Osborne, Jennifer Winifrey, Joyce Branham, Nina Wright, Diane Winiecke, Brenda Walker, Ed Winiecke, Bo Roberts, Roger Walker Sr., Darrel Branham and Roger Walker Jr., for helping with decorating and participating in the parade.

The children were proud to show off their new T-shirts while riding the float.

Roger Walker Sr. and Bo Roberts for driving during the parade.

Bo Roberts for letting us park the float at his property

## School briefs

### Eastside Elementary School

**School news**  
**FCAT preparation tips for parents:**

- Re-Arrange after-school and evening activities on the days before each section of the test if possible.
- Ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep before the test.
- Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast on test days (and every day).
- Have your child come to school prepared with sharpened pencils and a good eraser.
- Discuss with your child any test review material that might be sent home.

- Realize that your child may seem more tired than usual after each day of testing.
- Elementary children always benefit from being read to nightly, as well as having an opportunity to read to an adult.
- Express your support and confidence in your child to do well on the FCAT.
- Help your child understand that testing is a part of the instructional process, and nothing to be feared.
- Express to your child how PROUD you are of them for trying their best!

**Upcoming events:**  
**Now to March 18:** F-Cat Testing.  
**March 24:** Early dismissal. No lunch will be served.  
**March 27:** Students will be

taking Spring Pictures.

### Clewiston Middle School

**SAC meeting**  
 Clewiston Middle School will hold a meeting of the School Advisory Council on Tuesday, March 17, in the Conference Room in the Administration Building. All interested are invited and encouraged to attend. This committee meets monthly and is involved in School Improvement. Please call 863-983-1530 for more information.  
 La próxima reunión del Consejo Escolar será el Martes 17 de Marzo a las 5:15 p.m. en el Salón de Conferencias del Edificio de la Dirección. Todos interesados son bienvenidos para asistir.

### Clewiston Christian School

**Upcoming events:**  
**Now to March 31:** Registration for new students.  
**March 17:** Open House Pre-K from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., K5 - Ninth-grade from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**March 20:** Report Cards sent Home.  
**March 23 to 27:** Spring Break Have Fun!

### Central Elementary School

**CES 2009 Yearbooks are on sale now!**  
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sage for the ad. Alternatively, you could choose the Yearbook staff to design the ad layout. Please contact Central Elementary School at 863-983-1550 if you have any questions. Our school address is 1000 S. Deane Duff Ave. Clewiston, Fla.

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### Reading Literacy initiative

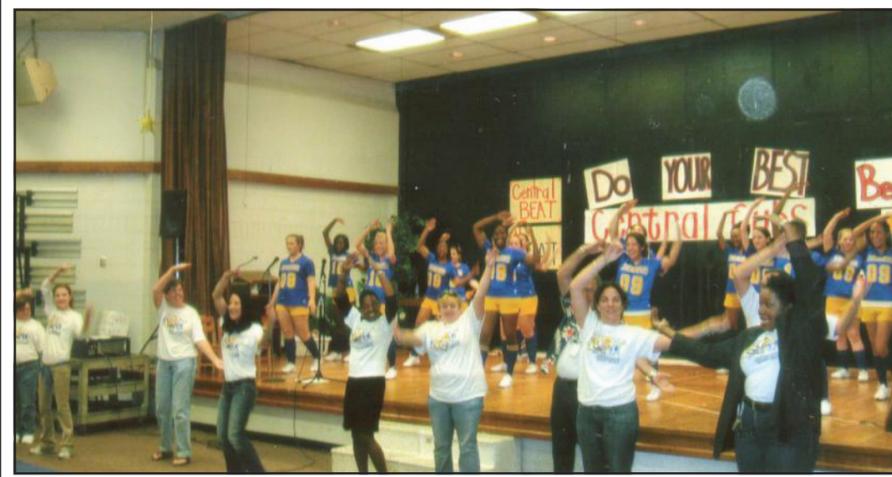
Clewiston Middle School would like to thank everyone who ate at Beef O'Brady's on Tuesdays in January for their help with our Reading Literacy Initiative. The winner of the MP3 player, donated by Beef O'Brady's, was Virthavious Robinson, pictured with Ms. Kersten Maxson from Beef's and Media Specialist, Mrs. Veronica Roquett. CMS thanks Ms. Maxson and Beef O'Brady's for their generous donation to purchase books for the students and encourage reading at our school.



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### CHS Cheerleaders perform at CES FCAT Rally

The Clewiston High School Cheerleaders are pictured backstage at Central Elementary School, while preparing for their performance at Central Elementary's Recent FCAT Rally. Thank you to everyone involved with this successful event.



Submitted photo

### CES FCAT Rally

Pictured are Central Elementary teachers and staff performing with the Clewiston High School Cheerleading squad, while leading the "F.C.A.T." song during the recent Central Elementary FCAT rally. Thank you to everyone involved with this successful event.

### Lunch menu

Henry County District Schools lunch menu for the week of **March 12-19.**  
**Clewiston area schools**

#### Primary grades

**Thursday, March 12:** Nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, cherry jello, choice of milk.  
**Friday, March 13:** Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato and pickle, sliced pears, vegetable soup, choice of milk.  
**Monday, March 16:** Ravioli, peas and carrots, fresh tangerines, dinner roll, choice of milk.

**Tuesday, March 17:** Turkey sandwich, lettuce and tomato, American cheese slice, vegetable cup, Sun chips, choice of milk.  
**Wednesday, March 18:** Hot dog, mixed vegetables, strawberry/banana yogurt, orange juice, choice of milk.  
**Thursday, March 19:** Beef a roni, broccoli, peach cup, dinner roll, choice of milk.

#### Secondary grades

**Thursday, March 12:** Chicken sandwich, French fries, fresh strawberries, choice of milk.  
**Friday, March 13:** Catfish strip, cheese grits, cole slaw with dressing, mixed fruit, diced pears, choice of milk.  
**Monday, March 16:** Manager's choice.  
**Tuesday, March 17:** Chili dog, French fries, baked beans, diced peaches, choice of milk.  
**Wednesday, March 18:** Chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, diced pears, garlic bread, choice of milk.  
**Thursday, March 19:** Turkey wrap, vegetable soup, oranges, pink cookie, choice of milk.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE of the Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. ANNUAL MEETING March 28, 2009

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Osceola Middle School in Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the meeting being to elect trustees and hear annual officers' reports. Registration, Entertainment and Voting will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Business Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for great entertainment, fun, and prizes including a 1996 GMC C1500 truck for one lucky member!

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**'06 Ford Ranger Reg. Cab**  
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KELLY BLUE BOOK SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: \$10675  
 CLEWISTON DISCOUNT: \$1680  
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**'06 Saturn Ion**  
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 CLEWISTON DISCOUNT: \$1995  
**SALE PRICE \$9,995**

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# The Church Seasons, and the Lenten Season

**By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D. +**

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Church calendars help keep worship from being repetitive and provide a variety of themes around which people can grow in different parts of belief.

Best of all, they can give a sequence of unfolding events in the growth and revelation of what faith is really about.

If there is no organized religious plan or calendar, worship can become "same-old-same-old" and get monotonous or reflect limits of understanding of the breadth and depth of what faith has to offer.

There is more to it than hearing pet peeves or having someone grind axes over and over and over.

There is a certain tempo in

worship and Church celebrations throughout the year; it can add variety and zest to Sunday mornings.

Everyone knows about Christmas in December and Easter in the Spring, but there are other special times to commemorate, each with something to add to experiencing and understanding what faith can give.

This season is the season of Lent in many Church calendars.

It is for preparation for Easter, for getting ready for the greatest of Christian holidays (no, not Christmas - Easter! - the message of resurrection and the promise that we will participate in it with the One who has gone before).

As with any great event, you prepare for it first.

A special meal with friends?

You don't overindulge before getting together!

A special gathering of your baseball team?

You may wish to practice before getting on the field.

So too with our spiritual life; getting ready makes the special times all the more meaningful.

For centuries people prepared for Easter by their acts of devotion and concentrating on doing something special as a prelude to the great celebration on Easter morning.

The would add something to their daily devotional schedules and prayers, give up something so that someone else might enjoy a little better life, attend a Bible study group., take on a project. (Sometimes it was time to begin a diet - something done in the name of religious that should have been done anyway!).

There are Biblical examples. Jesus went off to Gethsemane

to pray before He faced arrest, trial, condemnation, execution and finally resurrection. (e.g. Matthew 26:36ff) He takes forty days in the wilderness after His baptism and before He begins His earthly ministry (Matthew 4:1ff, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1ff).

These times of preparedness are for facing spiritual temptations and resolving to win out over them.

They set the stage for great things to come. Christians ever afterward have taken forty days before Easter as a time to follow the example given to us.

This season, Lent, is one of those times; we get ready for a great event by facing things that could detract us first.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word for "Lengthen" and was related to the time when the days of the year grew

longer as winter was coming to an end.

Little by little, more light would come with each morning, a sign that a greater light would come into the world at Easter and things would get brighter and brighter for humanity.

It is in our getting ready for special occasions that we make them even more special.

As we save our appetites for a big banquet; so we can hone up on our spiritual selves before a great spiritual occasion.

Like Christmas, a joyful occasion just doesn't "happen" without lots of preparation first. We purchase the gifts, do the shopping, pick out a tree, decorate the house, plan to be with friends; all days before then actual event.

Easter should be the same for us too; only on a more spiritual plane - and that's what Lent is

about.

Like other times, occasions, and things we share; we get out of them what we put in (and maybe even more sometimes).

May this pre-Easter season be for us all a special time of getting ready, and make the Lord's Resurrection celebration be a great and glorious occasion for everyone.

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## Stand firm in your faith, or you will not stand

**By Pastor John Hicks**

First United Methodist Church

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)

There's a common saying going around today, "If you don't stand for anything, then you will stand for nothing." The prophet Isaiah stated it this way, "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

Hearers must become doers.

The faith we proclaim with our Sunday morning affirmations has to be evident in our Monday morning lives.

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing. "Theologian Martin Niemöller was imprisoned by the Nazis in 1937.

He stated that when the Nazis attacked the Communists in 1933, he was a little uneasy, but he was not a Communist, and so he did nothing.

They continued as other groups were targeted, but still he did nothing.

And then they attacked the Church, and he was a Churchman, and he did something -- but then it was too late."

In looking back over the experience, he composed the fol-

lowing poem: "They came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. And then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. And then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me. And by that time there was no one left to speak up."

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing.

If we do not stand firm in our faith, we will not stand at all.

In our confession of faith, we say, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and I accept Him as Lord of my life."

And when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We say all of these wonderful things, but what do with we do with them?

There's a big difference between what is going on out there and what should be going on out there.

There's a big difference between what people are interested in and what they should be interested in.

The world's question is, "What is this world coming to?"

The church's question is "What is coming to this world?"

Will God's chosen instrument, the church, bring Christ to this coming world?

There are times when God meets our need to be comforted and strengthened.

But there are also times when God knows that our greater need is to have our thinking challenged, our faith examined, our lifestyle called into question.

A time when we are called to put our faith into action and stand in the gap.

Jesus doesn't call us to walk on water.

He did that.

Jesus doesn't call us to change water into wine.

He did that.

Jesus doesn't call us to multiply loaves and fishes.

He did that.

Jesus does call us to believe in God.

Jesus can't do that for us. Jesus does call us to trust God.

Jesus can't do that for us.

And Jesus does call us to love one another and stand firm in our faith and to make a difference.

Evil flourishes when the good do nothing.

Hearers must at last become doers. The faith we proclaim on Sunday mornings has to be evident in our Monday morning lives.

Added note: On Saturday, March 21, we as a community

will have a chance to stand and make a statement.

People are encouraged to gather at 10 a.m. across from the old sub station at the corner of El Paso and Francisco in Clewiston, for a Unity March Against Violence.

The plans are to march through several troubled neighborhoods

and conclude with a rally at the Elk's park on Francisco.

We love our community and want to claim it for the Light. This is one of several efforts to let certain elements know that we are not going to just sit by and let them corrupt our youth. Join us!

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## An essay: If I were the Devil

**By Jackie Miller, Evangelist**

First Christian Church

Our nation will be strong only as long as it is convinced of the validity of the Bible as the eternal message from God. The strength of the nation is found in the commitment and obedience to the Bible as the inspired and authoritative Word of God.

A noted newscaster once wrote the things that would lead to the destruction of our beloved nation. He titled it "If I Were The Devil" and this is what he said:

If I were the Devil:

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world.

I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort instead of God's blessings;

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around;

I would up entire states into

relying on gambling for their state revenue;

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership;

I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies;

I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient;

I would cheapen human life as much as possible, so that the lives of animals are valued more than human beings;

I would take God out of schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit;

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the minds of every family member for my agenda;

I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation;

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable, because if the family crumbles, so

does the nation;

I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it Art;

I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled;

I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities, and refer to their agenda as politically correct;

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and that the Bible is for the naive;

I would dull the minds of Christians to make them believe that prayer is not important and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are right now!

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## Religion briefs

### Catfish - Mullet dinner

St. Martins Episcopal Church in Clewiston will host a catfish or mullet dinner with cole slaw, beans or grits, hush puppies, tea or coffee, all for donations of just \$7. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. as a Community Outreach Fundraiser on Saturday, March 14 at 207 North W.C. Owen Avenue, Clewiston. For more information, please call 863-983-7960.

### Sacrifice Something for our Jesus Yard Sale

On Saturday, March 14 Evangel Assembly Outreach Center will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. This yard sale will be held at 350 South Berner Road. Lots and Lots of Items for sale

### Sue Somer Concert at Canal Point United Methodist Church

Sue Somer will hold a concert at Canal Point United Methodist

Church on Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

Sue hails from Coral Springs, Fla. where she has inspired thousands through her testimony and music.

Be prepared to be lifted up to the heavens and listen to the inspired word of God through her ministry.

There is no charge for the concert but a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, you may contact Pastor David Broadbent at 561-308-7654.

### 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.

### 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 - Hand & Hand Ministries of Palmdale, if you would like to help us call 863-612-0640, if no answer leave message, God bless you.

### 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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# EDC

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than you have had at any time," she said.

The EDC could play a vital part in advocating the widening of S.R. 80, for example, or tapping into the five million people on either

coast. The EDC could adopt the inland port -- a plan to route commercial activity through U.S. 27 -- and support increased economic activity at Airglades Airpark.

Ms. Watermeier points to the county's high unemployment rate, 10.5 percent, but reminded commissioners that is an addressable problem.

"Why are companies not com-

ing here?" she encouraged leaders to consider.

The county should be ready to stake its investment in the EDC, she said. Providing a ballpark figure of \$140,000 for staff (\$75,000 for an EDC director), and additional funding needed for overhead, professional fees and market and research, Ms. Watermeier said that roughly \$275,000 is needed

to operate the group.

Of the amount, it is possible that \$150,000 can be secured from the South Florida Water Management District, she said, \$75,000 from the county, \$15,000 from Clewiston and LaBelle each, as well as \$20,000 from EDC members and new members.

Funding can be viewed either as a cost or an investment, the

speaker contended.

After the workshop, during its regular meeting, the Hendry County board of commissioners voted to move forward with re-fund the council.

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# Assistant Health Director Appointed

Hendry and Glades County Health Departments



Submitted to INI  
**Jennifer Hood was recently appointed as the assistant community health nursing director for the Glades and Hendry County Health Departments.**

University of Florida.

She is also a Family Nurse

Practitioner.

Ms. Hood has worked in hospital settings as well as public health.

She has spent the last 8 years with the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments as a clinician providing a variety of services which include primary care and family planning.

She is also a member of the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses.

Ms. Hood is a native Floridian.

She has lived in Hendry County for almost ten years and her family consists of husband, Justin and daughters, Kayla age 8 and Ashlyn age 5.

LaBelle -- The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments would like to announce the appointment of Jennifer Hood as the Assistant Community Health Nursing Director, effective February 20, 2009.

"Jennifer brings a broad base of clinical expertise to this position. Her combination of knowledge and leadership will be a benefit to the department," stated Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments.

Jennifer Hood holds a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from the Uni-

# Red Cross

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to more quickly respond to local disasters because it's in the center of the territory covered by the Lakeside Communities' Service Center.

The facility will also significantly decrease the operating expenses of the local Chapter, more efficiently using the donor dollar.

The new 860 square foot location includes two offices and a classroom meeting space. The Service Center delivers life-saving programs to Glades and Hendry counties and parts of Palm Beach County, including the communities of Belle Glade, Clewiston, LaBelle, Moore Haven, Pahokee and South Bay.

The Service Center, former-

ly known as the Glades Area Branch, first opened on November 21, 1989 and was the vision of Mrs. Irvin Zumpf, a benefactress of the Red Cross, and Mr. Richard Turner.

Turner, a member of the Red Cross Board of Directors, saw a need to improve services to residents living in Florida's western communities.

Of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, Debbie McDuffie, Branch Manager of the Lakeside Communities' Service Center said, "I am glad the Red Cross has grown over time to have a strong presence in the tri-county area." She continued, "Community members have confidence in the American Red Cross as we continue to help local residents prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

The new facility may be

reached at 863-902-1220. There is also a local volunteer-operated Red Cross satellite office in Belle Glade at 802 SW 16th Street.

**About the American Red Cross: For over 90 years, the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross which includes Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee and Palm Beach counties, has provided relief to victims of disasters at home and abroad, taught lifesaving skills, and supported military members and families. The American Red Cross, a charity and not a government agency, depends on voluntary contributions of time and money to perform its humanitarian mission. To learn more about the work of the Red Cross in the local community, or to make a donation, please call 561-833-7711 or visit [www.redcross-pbc.org](http://www.redcross-pbc.org).**

# Health

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participate," Cudworth stated.

Dr. Gail Bellamy, an FSU Professor, will be facilitating and leading the discussions.

The information gathered will

be documented and provided to the State Office of Rural Health.

Again, this upcoming session will allow local people the chance to highlight their identified healthcare concerns as they relate to our rural area.

Craig Cudworth described the unique challenges related to the delivery of healthcare services in

a rural community.

He said, "There are limited medical providers, transportation issues, and many uninsured individuals within our service area. Let the State of Florida hear your voice on healthcare issues; join the community on March 13."

# Burglaries

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He hopes that residents will exercise common sense if approached by persons attempting to sell them something that is "too good to be true." Dealing in stolen property is as serious an offense as committing the burglary itself.

The police department also provides a free home inspection service to residents who are traveling out of town for several days at a time. Officers check up on the homes to make sure everything is alright -- a strong deterrent for criminals.

It takes all of this and more to keep a neighborhood secure, Detective Colburn said.

It's as simple as not letting your guard down.

"This is a small county and many people are still under the impression that these things don't happen," he said.

The question of who might be responsible for committing so many burglaries is not clear.

The department believes it is dealing with several groups, perhaps three or four, with at least two individuals involved in each.

"Somebody might have moved in who, this is their bit," said Detective Colburn.

The department recently made an arrest, catching a suspect red-

handed last week. It is thought that the suspect has been involved in numerous burglaries.

The detective did not provide specifics, as the case remains under investigation, but signaled that the arrest carries the hope that others may follow.

"We hope it will open up more doors for us," said Detective Colburn.

The officer means that figuratively, and not in the literal sense.

For more information, or to report a suspicious person, you are urged to contact the Clewiston Police Department at 863-983-1474.

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Proceeds will be used to pay Tom's bills.

The benefit will be held on Saturday, March 28 starting at 12 p.m.

For further information you may contact the VFW Post 4185, 501 S. Francisco St. in Clewiston at 863-983-9748.

# St. Patrick's Day dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4185 will be serving a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Tuesday, March 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The menu is: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, onions and carrots and dessert - \$7 donation. You can eat in or take out or call the Post to place your order.

There will be no dinner served on Wednesday, March 18 that week.

The weekly Wednesday night dinners will resume on March 25. The VFW Post is located at 501 S. Francisco St., Clewiston.

For further information please call us at 863-983-9748.

# Campbell and Frances Nall Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Clewiston will hold its 22nd annual Campbell and Frances Nall Scholarship Golf Tournament, Saturday, March 21 at the Clewiston Golf Course.

Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. and play will commence at 9 a.m. The deadline for registration is 12 p.m. Friday, March 20.

Register now at the Clewiston Golf Club, 863-983-1448.

# 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 Cen-

ter. 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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**Comcast announces the following changes to the channel lineup for customers in the communities of Okeechobee, Belle Glade / Pahokee, Clewiston and each of its surrounding areas:**

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| Bluegrass - no longer offered                        | 805       | N/A      |
| Blues                                                | 832       | 837      |
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| Mexicana                                             | 846       | 845      |
| MixTape                                              | NEW!      | 803      |
| Musica Urbana                                        | 844       | 842      |
| Opera - no longer offered                            | 849       | N/A      |
| Party Favorites                                      | 824       | 825      |
| Pop Hits (was Adult Top 40)                          | 821       | 820      |
| Pop Latino                                           | 843       | 843      |
| R&B Classics (was Classic R&B)                       | 807       | 808      |
| R&B Soul                                             | 808       | 809      |
| Rap                                                  | 810       | 805      |
| Reggae                                               | 833       | 811      |
| Retro Rock (Merge of Arena Rock and Retro-Active)    | 813 & 817 | 813      |
| Rock                                                 | 812       | 814      |
| Rock en Espanol - no longer offered                  | 847       | N/A      |
| Romances                                             | NEW!      | 846      |
| Showcase - no longer offered                         | 825       | N/A      |
| Show Tunes - no longer offered                       | 838       | N/A      |
| Singers & Swing                                      |           |          |
| (Merge of Big Band & Swing and Singers & Standards)  | 836 & 837 | 838      |
| Smooth Jazz                                          | 830       | 835      |
| Soft Rock (was Lite Hits)                            | 820       | 819      |
| Solid Gold Oldies                                    | 829       | 824      |
| Sounds of the Seasons                                | 802       | 833      |
| Soundscapes                                          | 834       | 834      |
| Stage & Screen                                       | NEW!      | 826      |
| Throwback Jamz (was R&B Hits)                        | 809       | 807      |
| Today's Country                                      | 803       | 829      |
| Toddler Tunes                                        | NEW!      | 828      |
| Tropicales (was Salsa y Merengue)                    | 845       | 844      |
| True Country                                         | NEW!      | 830      |

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