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Protesting utility bills: Group demands response



INI/Ashley Smith

A group of concerned citizens took to the streets of Clewiston to protest what they consider to be unusually high utility bills by the city of Clewiston. The protesters urged the city to come up with a plan to reduce the bills.

Spike in light bills leads to protests

Group asks city to reconsider fees

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- These days, about the only thing that Anita Griffin, the owner of the Clewiston staple Dixie Fried Chicken, has in abundance are her Elvis souvenirs.

Almost every week, Ms. Griffin heads to her mail to find another picture of The King, another trinket, or another figure of the famed Rock and Roller.

It started after someone gave her an Elvis memento and she

placed it in her restaurant. Like wildfire customers of Ms. Griffin's started giving her Elvis pictures, posters and dolls.

One enthused customer even brought her an almost life-sized statue of Elvis, which serves to greet hungry lunchers eager for a bite of fried chicken.

"I have enough pictures to cover the walls completely," Ms. Griffin said Monday.

It is too bad, then, the city of Clewiston's utilities department does not list "Elvis Memorabilia" as a form of payment.

Ms. Griffin would have nothing to worry about if they did.

Ms. Griffin does worry, however.

She worries that her bills are getting so high that she might have to make some tough decisions she's put off until now.

Her electricity bill came in this month about \$800 higher than last month's. The inflated price for power puts the restaurant owner in a bind.

Sitting at a table in one corner of her restaurant -- a place where many in the community have grown used to finding her and striking up a conversation with the amicable Ms. Griffin -- she isn't afraid to say that business is looking bad.

A gloomy economy that only

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The McKowns settle in

City manager, family, move into Clewiston

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- On Tuesday, Steve McKown, who recently became Clewiston's city manager, at his new office at city hall, seemed cheery and excited with the job ahead.

It didn't seem to matter to him that he may have picked out his wardrobe from boxes in his living room floor.

"We've moved in, but we haven't unpacked the boxes. We have a bit of that to do," the manager said affably.

But if he did pick out his clothes from a cardboard box marked "Clothes," an unlikely scenario, no one could tell as he talked and shared his plans for the future, underscored his challenges, and offered the community a promise that his "door is always open."

Moving in

The McKowns have been busy, to say the least.

In just 15 days, the family went from Georgia residents to proud new Floridians after Steve received word that Clewiston wanted to hire him.

The couple made arrangements for three of their children to attend middle and elementary schools in

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Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

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Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. West wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.



Thursday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. South wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.



Extended Forecast:

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Friday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. East wind between 5 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.



Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. East wind between 5 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Saturday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. East wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.



Sunday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Sunday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 79. Chance of precipitation is 20%.



Labor Day: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Letter to the editor

Lee Memorial

A few residents, having lived in Clewiston for a long time, may remember. Many have forgotten. Everyone should be aware.

Specialist 5th Class Lee Ford, a 1966 graduate of Clewiston High School, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in Southeast Asia in 1967.

Lee had been a part of multiple combat missions that saved the lives of fellow soldiers on the day he died. Lee lost his life when the helicopter, in which he was a door gunner, exploded on approach for a landing.

A memorial, that is dedicated in Lee's honor, quietly rests near the remains of an old flag pole on one end of the Cane Field in Clewiston.

I was on of Lee's classmates and had the privilege of raising the flag on the day the memorial was dedicated.

Many of Clewiston's residents have gone in harm's way to defend Freedom and many will continue to do so in the future. Students at Clewiston High School and Clewiston Middle School, however, should know Lee's story and put it in the context of their lives.

May I offer my thanks to Clewiston Middle School and to Clewiston High School's new principle, Janice Lee, for kindly welcoming me, a stranger, and helping me to verify that



Atheletes of Clewiston High School still gather around Lee's memorial before every sports event to pray and hear words of encouragement from coaches.

INI/Jose Zaragoza

Lee's memorial still remained.

And finally, I'd like to thank Lee. Your bright smile, love of life and laughter remains

in the hearts of those who knew you.

Sincerely,
William G. Perry

Clubs and organizations

Hendry County 4-H Club program

Your child is invited to join the Hendry County 4-H Club Program. The Hendry County 4-H Club Program is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 18 as of September 1, 2009.

Without regard to race, sex, national origin, handicap, etc. The showing of cattle, dairy goats, houses, and swine are limited to youth ages 8 to 18 as of September 1, 2009. Come join us for 4-H Open Houses Wednesday, September 9 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Clewiston 4-H Office at 622 West Sugarland Hwy.

The Labelle 4-H open house will be held on Thursday, September 11th from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Extension Office, 1085 Pratt Blvd. If your child is interested in show-

ing a market swine or steer in the Hendry County Fair or the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show, your child must be enrolled in a 4-H project club and must have a completed enrollment form on file at the 4-H office on or before October 1, 2009 or by the initial weigh-in date, whichever comes first. For more information call Clewiston 863-983-1453 or 863-983-1598, Labelle 863-674-4092 or 863-983-1598.

1st Annual Benefit for the CPD Explorers

The Clewiston Police Department Explorers will be having a co-ed softball tournament on Sept. 19 at the Clewiston softball fields. Cost per team will be \$150 plus two balls. For more information or to enter a team please contact Adam at 863-634-0735

no later than Sept. 17.

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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.

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Hot 25 Super Seniors list released



INI/Naji Tobias

Glades Central's L.J. Thomas, the paper's first Hot 25 Super Seniors quarterback selection, recorded 357 total yards (passing and rushing) in the Raiders 14-6 loss to Carol City in the Aug. 29 kickoff classic game in Miami.

Pahokee Blue Devils make up about half of INI Florida's All-Star picks

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

SOUTH LAKE REGION - Independent Newspapers Inc. is proud to announce its selection for the "Hot 25 Super Seniors" all-star football team.

The qualifications are straightforward:

A total of 25 high school senior football players from the South Lake area's five teams - Moore Haven, Clewiston, Glades Central, Glades Day and Pahokee - were selected based on this set of criteria:

Playing experience (at least one year at position)

Potential positive impact on a team's season

Possibility of playing college football in 2010 and beyond

Now, this list was not easy to compile, as it took a few weeks of discussion, brainstorming, and thought to make sure that the Hot 25 Super Seniors reflected the best of the area.

In actuality, there were well over 30 seniors in the area that were considered for the 'Early Season' Super Senior selections.

With that being said, the Hot 25 list will be updated midseason (after the Week 6 games) and at the season's end (after the Week 11 games).

There are no spots guaranteed for anyone throughout the season, which makes it that much more important for each player to give his best effort in each game.

The selection format consists of 11 Super Seniors for offense and defense, respectively.

That makes it 22 overall.

But the list wouldn't be complete without the area's top three specialty players - those picks are for players who have the ability to excel at more than one position on the field.

Without further ado, here are your Hot 25 Super Seniors:

Offense

QB Leron Thomas (Glades Central)

RB Antwon Chisolm (Glades Central)

RB Fred Hall (Moore Haven)

WR Chris Dunkley (Pahokee)

WR Dennis Hall (Pahokee)

WR Fred Pickett (Pahokee)

C Doral Willis (Pahokee)

LT Willis Bowles (Pahokee)

RT Tony Kibler (Glades Day)

RG Lamaricus Thicklin (Clewiston)

LG Antonio Williams (Clewiston)

Defense

CB Merrill Noel (Pahokee)

CB Tavares Crawford (Glades Central)

FS Raheam Buxton (Pahokee)

SS Travis Bell (Glades Central)

OLB Zachary Allen (Pahokee)

OLB Corey Hill (Pahokee)

MLB Dillon Irey (Clewiston)

DE Willie Huggins (Clewiston)

DE Julio Ramos (Clewiston)

DT Richard Ash (Pahokee)

DT Antonio Ford (Pahokee)

Specialty Players

ATH Greg Dent (Glades Central)

WR/QB De'Joshua Johnson (Pahokee)

WR/CB Damian Smith (Clewiston)

Notations: QB - quarterback, RB - running back, WR - wide receiver, ATH - athlete, LG - left guard, RG - right guard, LT - left tackle, RT - right tackle, C - center, CB - cornerback, FS - free safety, SS - strong safety, OLB - outside linebacker, MLB - middle linebacker, DE - defensive end, DT - defensive tackle

In all, 12 Pahokee players were selected, with six from Clewiston and five from Glades Central. One senior each from Moore Haven and Glades Day made the list.

Check back each week for more detailed information on each of INI Florida's Hot 25 Super Senior picks.

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



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Fred Hall, Moore Haven's senior running back, is the Terriers lone representative on this paper's first-ever Hot 25 Super Senior list.

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H.S. football to air Friday nights on Sugar 900 AM

‘Game Day on the Muck’ live from Clewiston on Thursdays, starting today

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

SOUTH LAKE REGION - WSWN-Sugar 900 AM radio station, an area broadcasting station, will begin bringing high school football games to its programming. Beginning tomorrow night, you won't actually have to attend a game to get the high school football experience -- if for some reason you can't make it to the games, you can listen to the broadcast on the radio or on the Internet.

New additions to Sugar 900's radio coverage

A nifty addition to the radio experience this season, according to Sugar 900 radio analyst Mike D, is that fans will have access to every competitive game each Friday night. What that means is if, for example, Glades Central is blowing out Dwyer by a 24-0 score at halftime tomorrow night, Sugar 900 will switch its broadcast to a more competitive game from either Pahokee, Clewiston or Glades Day.

If any team is either up or down by three touchdowns, that game will be swapped for a closer one.

Sugar 900 will provide listeners live in-game updates from the area's teams every half-quarter.

"The listeners will be getting all the live information as it happens from all of our area football programs," Mike D said of the area's new broadcasting game feature.

"We'll be in position to make sure our listeners feel like they're right at the game each week."

The commentary is also available online, via www.florida-cast.com.

If you visit the website, you'll notice that the broadcast of Glades Day's kickoff classic game against John Carroll aired live last Friday night.

And if you take a scroll through the archives, you'll get to hear games from last season such as Pahokee's Class 2B state championship game and Glades Central's playoff game against Monsignor Pace (Miami).

Also new this year is the weekly live broadcast on Thursday evenings - the day before each area game.

Entitled 'Game Day on the Muck', Mike D and his broadcasting crew will be airing live on Sugar 900 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The location of the broadcast will be at Sonny's BBQ in Clewiston.

Speaking of Clewiston, Mike D said that Sugar 900 AM has picked up the Tigers games for the foreseeable future.

Clewiston fans will continue to enjoy commentary from play-by-play analyst Smoking Joe Whitehead, who has been at the helm for more than 25 years.

He'll be joined by John Polhill, who will be the color commentator for the Clewiston Tigers, and Mike D.

It'll be like 'John Madden, Al Michaels and Bob Costas on the radio together,' joked Mike D.

"We feel there was too much history in Clewiston for the area not to be represented in radio," he said.

"We know how important football is in our area, so we respect the tradition that's in Clewiston as well."

Sugar 900's weekly broadcasting schedule

- Friday, Sep. 4 - Glades Central @ Dwyer
- Friday, Sep. 11 - Kings Academy @ Clewiston
- Friday, Sep. 18 - Glades Central @ American Heritage (Delray)
- Friday, Sep. 25 - Glades Day @ Jupiter Christian

Friday, Oct. 2 - Clewiston @ Glades Central

Friday, Oct. 9 - Glades Day @ Summit Christian

Friday, Oct. 16 - Coral Springs Charter @ Pahokee

Friday, Oct. 23 - Berean Christian @ Glades Day

Friday, Oct. 30 - Pahokee @ Palm Beach Lakes

Friday, Nov. 6 - Dunbar @ Clewiston

Saturday, Nov. 14 - Pahokee @ Glades Central (MUCK BOWL)

Each scheduled game, known to Sugar 900 as the 'Game of the Week,' will feature play-by-play and color commentary from Mike D and Pahokee Blue Devils legend Rickey Jackson.

Sugar 900 will not be broadcasting any games for the Moore Haven Terriers this season.

Nonetheless, this season features more options than ever before, which should make for a lively Friday night experience regardless of where you're at.

"They (the listeners) just have to stay glued to the radio," said Mike D. "I think they're going to love our format."

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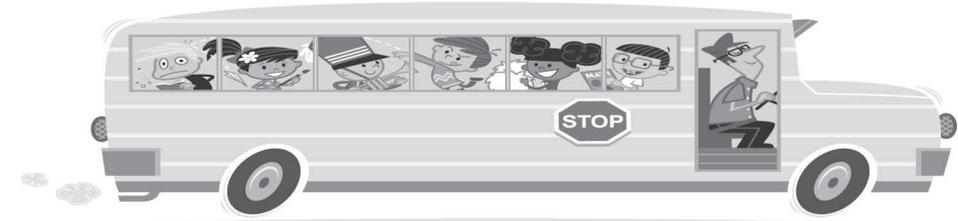
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Jesus Mendoza Jr., 63

CLEWISTON — Jesus Mendoza Jr., of Clewiston, passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2009, in Palm Beach Gardens, after a brief illness. He was 63.

He was born Jan. 9, 1946 in Dilley, Texas, the son of the late Jesus and Matilde (Gonzalez) Mendoza Sr. Mr. Mendoza married Lidia Figueroa. He was a Truck Driver for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Lidia (Figueroa) Mendoza; two sons, Adrian Mendoza of Clewiston, and Rene Mendoza of Orlando; one daughter, Haydee Mendoza of Orlando; five sisters, San Juana, Soenida, Franke, Severa, and Chona; and grandchildren, Stephanie, Adrian, JR, Melania and Aiden.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2009 in Saint Margaret's Catholic Church, 208 N. Deane Duff, Clewiston. Father Marcial Garcia presided.

Interment was in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston, with a mariachi band playing his favorite songs.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Katherine Taylor Harris, 90

HOBE SOUND, Fla. — Katherine Taylor Harris, of Hobe Sound, Fla., passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Mrs. Harris was born May 22, 1919 in Homestead, Fla. She was a native Floridian, graduating from high school in Canal Point, Fla, and living most of her adult life in Palm Beach County, Fla.

Mrs. Harris was the co-owner of Harris Insurance Agency in Belle Glade, Fla.

She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, Fla.

Katherine was a loving wife to Junius. Nurtured her family with love, and in retirement enjoyed her hobbies of quilting and reading.

Survivors include her three daughters, Evelyn (Leon) Bennett, of Palm Desert, Calif., Karen (George) Cridlin, of Jonesville, Va., June (Carlos) Varella of Tequesta, Fla; five grandchildren, Jennifer Ghodsi, William Varella, Katherine T. Bennett, Jay Cridlin, Fuller Cridlin; four great-grandchildren, Madison Ghodsi, Alec Ghodsi, Emily Varella, Katie Varella; her sister, Cleo Atkinson, of Lake Harbor, Fla, and brother-in-law, Herman Kleinhammer of Tampa, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, 17 NE Avenue B., Belle Glade, Fla. 33430.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, or to the National Parkinson Foundation, National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue/Bob Hope Road, Miami FL 33136-1494 in loving memory of Katherine.

Frank Hendershot, 67

LAKEPORT — Frank Hendershot, age 67, of Lakeport, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at his residence.

Born March 16, 1942, in Newton, N.J., he had been a resident of Lakeport for the past 18 years and was a member of the AM Vets of Buckhead Ridge. He enjoyed woodworking and fundraising for Hospice.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard and parents, Walter and Ethel Hendershot.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine of Lakeport; sons, Michael Hendershot of Sarasota, Joseph Hendershot of Augusta, N.J., Christopher Hendershot of Frorham Park, N.J.; brothers, Bob Hendershot of Blairstown, N.J., William "Bill" (Priscilla) Hendershot of Port Jervis, N.Y.; and sister, Betty Doyle of Candor, N.J.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, Fl.

Volunteers needed for Hospital Auxiliary

By Glenda Wilson

Do you want a break from the hum-drum of your daily routine? Do you need to get out of the house for a few hours a week? If so, Hendry Regional Medical Center (HRMC) Auxiliary needs you! We're looking for men and women who would like to volunteer their services to our hospital auxiliary.

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Raiders doomed by miscues in loss to Carol City

Moore Haven and Glades Day win big

By Naji Tobias
INI Florida

MIAMI - It just didn't happen. The Glades Central Raiders, for some reason, weren't themselves in their 14-6 loss to Carol City (Miami).

L.J. Thomas, the starting quarterback, statistically had a better-than-average game, with 309 passing yards (357 overall) and threw for a touchdown.

That score came on Glades Central's very first drive - a two-play, 81-yard run that took only 29 seconds.

The play, which came at 8:11 in the first quarter, was a 45-yard strike to teammate Greg Dent, who finished with two catches for 69 yards in the game.

Shockingly, Glades Central never reached the goal line again, though they would get close several more times.

Thomas on Glades Central's inability to find a consistent rhythm on offense:

"We started out with a bang, but our offense just didn't capitalize on the opportunities we had in the game."

Though there were sparks of excellence with the wide receivers - Glades Central's 6-6 receiver, Kevin Benjamin, had five catches for 108 yards in just two quarters - Thomas did throw two interceptions, one of which appeared to be a pass completion.

Driving toward Carol City's end zone in the second quarter, with 1:47 left, Thomas lobbed a 54-yard pass to Demetrius Evans to the Chiefs 23-yard line.

Inexplicably, as Evans caught the ball, Carol City cornerback Troy Johnson somehow stripped the ball right from his hands as the catch is made.

That play was ruled an interception, killing a potential scoring drive.

At halftime, Glades Central was down 7-6 to Carol City.

The Chiefs took the one-point lead off a 1-yard run from freshman running back Bramond Snell, who methodically led Carol City on a 13-play, 69-yard drive, answering Glades Central's early score in the process.

Interestingly, though, Glades Central's defense performed admirably, given the fact they spent the vast majority of the game on the field.

The Raiders defense, though allowing a 6-yard touchdown pass early in the second half on a Devonte Mathis pass to Ruben Lawhorn, were stingy and ferocious.

Glades Central's defenders allowed just 277 total yards and registered five sacks on Mathis, with two each by rising underclassmen William Likely and Robert Way.

"The defense did their part, we [the offense] just didn't help them enough," Thomas said.

Thomas's other interception, meanwhile, came with 6:38 left in the fourth quarter.

It looked like he threw a second down pass right to Carol City cornerback Kenyatta Marion, which made Thomas visibly and uncharacteristically frustrated right after the play.

"After I threw that second pick, I thought the game was over for us," Thomas said. "But when we got the ball back again, it looked to be a big turnaround for us as we were driving down the field."

After a Carol City punt, Glades Central seemed primed to march down the field 85 yards with just 4:28 left.

Thomas completed four passes on that drive, including a 30-yarder to Benjamin.

But it came down to the final two minutes, as Antwon Chisolm (11 carries, 52 yards) needed just one yard to net a first down at the Chiefs 13.

With 51.3 seconds left, Carol City's run defense put the brakes on Glades Central's final drive as they stuffed Chisolm on a fourth-and-1 play.

That effectively sealed the upset win for Carol City, a Class 6A team who's in the same district as Northwestern (Miami) and Central (Miami).

"Glades Central is one of the best teams in the state," said Mathis, who went 13-24 with 145 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. "Coach [Harold Barnwell] told us how disciplined Glades Central was and he told us not to take them lightly. After they scored on the first two plays of the game, we knew we had to bounce back. We couldn't hold our heads down because there was a



Photo courtesy of Chuck Bethel
In Glades Central's 14-6 preseason loss to Carol City (Miami), Raiders wideout Demetrius Evans completes a 54-yard pass from quarterback L.J. Thomas with 1:47 left in the first half. However, Carol City cornerback Troy Johnson strips the ball from him, as he's credited with an interception.

whole game left after that."

Jessie Hester, Glades Central's head coach, provided his assessment on the game.

"L.J. had a really good game, but the receivers didn't help him at all," Hester said. "They [the wide receivers] ran the wrong routes and they didn't execute. But if we played 100 games, collectively, I think our receivers would play a lot better than that."

As for Glades Central's chances against Dwyer tomorrow night?

"Our receivers, collectively, will never have another game like that," Hester said emphatically. "Our offense wasn't focused against Carol City, but they'll do a lot better against Dwyer. Hopefully, they'll write that memory out of peoples' minds."

Glades Central also lost two fumbles, with one each from Thomas and Dent.

Moore Haven 48, Coral Springs Christian 6: Terriers quarterback Keonte White, a junior, led the team with 135 yards passing in the win.

White went 3-for-4 with a touchdown to Lascelle Humphrey (two catches, 66 yards) in the game.

Fred Hall registered 11 carries for 154 yards and two touchdowns, while White added five carries, 96 yards and three rushing scores of his own.

Vinton Lewis scored a touchdown on just three carries, as he tacked on 100 rush-

ing yards in the game.

The Terriers offense, as a whole, rushed for 389 yards and 524 overall.

The Moore Haven defense allowed just 155 total yards, with the defensive backs giving up just eight pass yards.

Glades Day 42, John Carroll 3: Gators sophomore quarterback Tanner Redish was 13-for-17 with 150 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions in the blowout win.

Eaton Spence caught a 6-yard touchdown from Redish, while Kelvin Taylor scored two rushing touchdowns and had 140 yards on the ground.

Glades Day's defensive backs shined the brightest, meanwhile, as Clint Johnson and Ricky Christmas each returned interceptions for touchdowns in the game.

Spence caught Glades Day's third defensive pick in the fourth quarter, while Josh Thornton locked down John Carroll's wideouts to the point no balls were thrown his way.

Week 1 games

Glades Day at Benjamin - 7 p.m.

Pahokee vs. Atlantic - 7:30 p.m.

Glades Central at Dwyer - 7:30 p.m.

Clewiston vs. American Heritage (Plantation) - 7:30 p.m.

Moore Haven vs. First Baptist Academy - 7:30 p.m.



INI/Naji Tobias

Thousands of Glades Central fans made the two-hour trip down to Traz Powell Stadium in Miami to support the Raiders football team, even in a game that was delayed by 1 hour and 17 minutes due to rain and thunderstorms.



INI/Naji Tobias

Here's a close look at the Glades Central Raiders cheerleaders, who were dressed up in grand style at the Aug. 29 kickoff classic game against Carol City in Miami.

Clewiston Tigers drop Kickoff Classic Game

By Jeff Barwick

Clewiston journeyed to Martin County South Fork on Friday and the ranked Class 4A Bulldogs were more than a handful for the Tigers.

While Clewiston wound up on the short end of the 21-7 score, the Tigers played hard and made a respectable showing.

The contest was delayed for about 20 minutes due to lightning in the area.

The first quarter was marked by two offensive possessions by each team, all of which ended in punts.

Early in the second, the Bulldogs put together a five play, 62 yard drive with tailback Zach Fisher carrying for the final 3 yards.

The drive was sustained by two quarterback keeper plays for 22 yards each.

The extra point kick was low.

The Tigers essentially handed the Bulldogs their other second quarter score when punter Randy Massie dipped down to scoop up a low punt snap and let his knee touch the ground.

The Bulldogs took possession at the Tiger 5-yard line and took only two snaps to convert for the score.

Then quarterback Anthony Tellex ran a keeper off the left side for a two point conversion and a 14-0 South Fork advantage.

Clewiston took the kickoff and finally got the offense going.

Junior quarterback Andres Rios hit wide-

out James Bigam for a 11-yard gain and then Rios had runs of 13 and 10 yards.

Two plays later, Rios fired a strike to flanker Damion Smith on a slant pattern for a 14-yard touchdown play with only 51 seconds remaining in the first half.

Bryant Richardson converted the point after.

Clewiston played spirited ball in the second half and forced two Bulldog fumbles in the third period.

Defensive end Landon McDuffie got the first recovery and the other was by linebacker Edrick Crosby.

Zach Fisher got the Bulldog's final touchdown on a 48-yard scamper with 2:46 left in the game.

The Tigers mounted another scoring drive after that but were finally stopped at the South Fork 15 yard line with less than a minute left in the contest.

Although not winning, the Class 2B Tigers were outmatched in size and numbers but put forth a good effort.

Rios showed excellent field presence and when under pressure on passing plays showed that he knew how to take off and make something out of the play.

Wideout Damion Smith is a speed merchant and has great skills on kickoff returns and should provide some Tiger excitement during the regular season.

At running back, the Tigers have depth

with Chris Herring, sophomore Chauncey Thicklin and freshman Virthavious Robinson.

Defensively, the Tigers should make a respectable showing this season.

Smith is a seasoned cornerback.

Linebackers Crosby, Chris Herring, Dillon Irey and Fred Washington are all veterans.

Linemen Antonio Williams, LaMarcus Thicklin and Willie Huggins are also returnees with great size and play on both sides of the ball when needed.

Tight ends Darius Redd and Landon McDuffie, both sophomores, are both impressive in size and skills and also play both ways.

The Tigers open their regular season this Friday night at Cane Field as they host perennial foe Plantation American Heritage in a non-district game. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

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South Fork: 0 14 0 7 21

Scoring:

2Q: SF: Zach Fisher, 3 yd run; kick failed.

SF: Chris Collette, 3 yd run; 2 pt conversion; Anthony Tellex, 3 yd run; Clew: Damion Smith, 14 yd pass from Andres Rios; kick Bryant Richardson

4Q: SF: Zach Fisher, 48 yd run; kick Bernard Hunter

Rushing: Andres Rios, 7/25 yds; Chauncey Thicklin, 4/24 yds; Virthavious Robinson, 5/23 yds; Chris Herring, 10/10 yds; Fred Washington, 4/17 yds.

Passing: Andres Rios, 15/5/0 - 53 yards.

Receiving: Edrick Crosby, 2/24 yds; Damion Smith, 1/14 yds; James Bigam, 1/11 yds; Fred Washington, 1 / 4 yards.

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RAK Club begins third year

As the new school year gets underway, so does the local volunteer student organization known as the RAK Club. RAK stands for "Random Acts of Kindness."

This year the club has adopted the theme, "Make Me Aware" based on the words of a song sung by Salvador in which the singer asks to be made aware 'that everything I am is not all about me.' This message is significant and counter culture in today's world and it fits with the overall goal of the RAK Club which is "to encourage students and faculty to think of others and to impact the lives of others through visible expressions of kindness."

Another major focus for the club this year will be the development of leadership skills in club members whom are in the seventh and eighth grades.

These students will be given the opportunity to work with younger students at club meetings, serve as project co-leaders and provide impute on upcoming projects and activities.

During the 2008-2009 school year, students and parents provided over 750 hours of community service through assisting with several clean up projects, volunteering at Sugar Fest and the Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, making and delivering lap blankets to the Nursing Home, serving free lemonade and cookies at the Clewiston Utilities Department and actively participating in other community activities.

The RAK Club began in the fall of 2007 with a long term goal to provide opportunities for students at Clewiston Christian School in grades second through eighth to become people who give to others and the community thereby developing and expressing Christian character.

Club Advisor, Denise Hatton, welcomes opportunities for the members to participate in community events. Call her at Clewiston Christian School, 863-983-5388, if you have an activity upcoming that could use some assistance.

School Happenings

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Kindergarten at CES

Mrs. Crawford's Kindergarten class is pictured smiling for the camera during Central Elementary School's first week!

Westside's Down On the Farm

Westside wants to welcome back all the students and teachers for another exciting school year. This year Westside's theme is "Down on the Farm". This theme will carry over into many classroom activities throughout the school and has inspired some exciting field trips and guest speakers for the year.

The Warrior Faculty and Staff want to also welcome some new additions to the family. As always, Westside sends out a big welcome to all new Warrior students. We

are excited to have you with us. We would like to extend a special welcome to three new teachers that have joined the Westside family. Miss Kathy McCloud has joined the first grade team and Mrs. Stephanie Williams and Miss Jodi Jabs have both joined the second grade team.

This year holds many exciting opportunities to succeed and the teachers and staff at Westside are ready to get started! Let's have a great year Warriors!



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Growing conflicts between famished Seminoles and the people who took control of their lands

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

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As the herd neared the hammock, a heifer playfully broke away, kicking, frolicking, and romping across the dry, prairie grasses.

The animal's youthful energy quickly carried it past the hammock to an isolated palmetto head, where a movement caught its eye.

The naive and impetuous, young heifer stopped and gazed with curiosity at the strange creatures that lay partly concealed behind the foliage.

A Seminole rose from the shadows of the palmetto fronds, releasing a steel tipped arrow from his bow that hissed like a snake, before finding its mark in the young cow's side.

The arrow struck with a thud burying itself, until only the wild turkey feathers remained exposed.

The heifer leaped into the air, staggered, then collapsed on the ground.

A soft bellow escaped the death, stricken animal as the Seminole Indian quickly cut its throat and began the task of butchering.

A long, sharp blade of Spanish steel cut through hide and flesh as the Indian worked quickly to quarter the animal.

One blade stroke cut across dark brand marks, burnt deep into the hide, indicating ownership.

The brand also represented 39 strokes with a whip, to any Seminole, who was foolish enough to get caught committing such an act of thievery.

The ole saying, "two wrongs don't make a right" is very true.

The Americans stole Florida lands from the Seminoles, who then stole cattle from the Americans.

Both Americans and Seminoles justified their actions, regardless of the consequences to their people.

It is time to "Take a Walk in The Past" and read about the events that led to the Second Seminole Indian War.

The Treaty of Moultrie Creek in 1823 established small reservations on the Apalachicola River and one large reservation that started north of Ocala and extended south of Peace River.

Most of the Seminoles were relocated to the large reservation, which had poor lands that hardly sustained them.

Florida Governor DuVal and other government officials requested additional lands for the Seminoles.

A fertile area called Big Swamp was added, increasing the reservation by 15 percent.

The new fertile lands may have changed the Seminoles food problems, were it not for the droughts that descended on the South-

east in the mid 1820s.

The droughts impacted everyone who was dependent on the soil, both Indian and settler.

The Seminole fared worst during this period because they were confined to reservations whose lands were dry and brown.

The droughts destroyed reservation crops, forcing the Seminoles to become totally dependent on the food subsidies allocated to them in the Treaty of Moultrie Creek.

The subsidies were originally planned to supplement the Seminoles only during their first resettlement year on the reservations.

It was assumed that after the first year, the Seminoles would be self-sufficient again.

The situation became only bleaker because the food subsidies weren't sufficient to feed the starving Seminoles.

Military official, General Brooke, stated in his report to Washington that Indians were starving to death on the reservations.

The governor, Indian agency, and military officials in Florida, interacted on the Seminoles' behalf.

They requested additional subsidies, plus extended aid to the Seminoles after the first year of resettlement expired.

The wheels turned slow in Washington, but aid finally came.

In the meantime, many famished Seminoles had become desperate and crossed the reservation boundaries in search of food.

The Florida frontier had no fences, so livestock roamed free.

Cattle soon became prey for the starving Indians.

White settlers were alarmed to see the Indians outside the reservation.

Some were outraged when they discovered the butchered carcasses of their free roaming cattle and were ready to fight the Seminoles; others were more sympathetic to the Seminoles plight, feeding hungry families that stopped at their homesteads.

Florida officials, administrating the Seminole Nation, soon became sandwiched between the Seminole and the settler.

The settler's loss of livestock generated legitimate complaints, while starving Indians preying on the settler's livestock generated reasonable cause.

It was "Catch 22," so diplomacy became the weapon of choice for the American officials in charge, who tried in every way to avert bloodshed on the Florida frontier.

The growing issues between settlers and Indians weren't restricted to the depletion of livestock.

In 1827 and 1828, Governor DuVal allowed the famishing Indians to travel outside the southern reservation boundaries and fish on the west coast.

The fisheries along the Gulf coast were either Spanish or had contact with the Spanish fishermen from Cuba.

Cuban fishermen brought trade goods from Cuba to trade with the Indians, and some of those trade goods included muskets, powder and lead.

The reservation's inland boundaries set in the Treaty of Moultrie Creek were established to discourage trade between the Seminoles and Cubans.

Needless to say, DuVal received much flak

from settlers and government officials, who opposed Seminoles wandering outside the reservations and trading with the Cubans.

Slavery was another source of friction between the Americans and Seminoles.

Fugitive slaves continued to live among the Seminoles, much to the annoyance of slaveholders, who demanded they be turned over to their rightful slave owners.

However, the slave problem was far more complex than black runaways fleeing from their masters and seeking shelter with the Seminole Indians in Florida.

True, there were a lot of runaway slaves living in Florida, but there were also many free blacks in Florida.

Some of the free blacks were birthed under the Spanish flag, while others had gained their freedom during the War of 1812, fighting for the English.

There was also the problem of how to deal with Seminoles that purchased black slaves.

How would they be compensated, if they gave up their slaves?

Last but not least, what was the fate of children conceived by free blacks that had married Seminoles?

To resolve some of the Indian problems, the Florida government passed laws to help keep interaction between American citizens and Seminoles at a minimal.

In 1827, the Florida Legislative Council passed an act to stop American citizens from trespassing on reservation lands.

The act also required traders to have a state license to trade with Indians at government designated points.

Anyone caught breaking these laws would be dealt with severely.

One clause in the act was aimed at the Seminoles.

It stated that aiding a runaway slave was a crime punishable by death.

That same year the council passed another act, which stated that Indians found outside the reservations could be given 39 lashes by the local justice.

Washington grew alarmed at the Seminole and settler conflicts in Florida, so they appointed Colonel Clinch the responsibility of keeping peace between the Indians and settlers.

Clinch centralized his troops around the problem areas where Seminoles and settlers collided.

He stationed troops near the Aucilla River to maintain order, west of the Suwannee, while other troops were stationed near St. Augustine to maintain order in the east.

Additional troops were stationed at Tampa Bay (Fort Brooke) and Ocala (Fort King). The military's role was to maintain peace on the Florida frontier territories at all cost.

With few soldiers, it was essential that the commanders at the different posts be able to communicate and move troops in a timely manner, should a crisis develop.

It was imperative that a network of roads be constructed to reduce travel time between forts.

The many roads were primitive by today's standards and in some areas were no wider than a foot path.

Several of the roads were quite long and required much labor.

The road from St. Augustine to Pensacola was over three hundred miles long, while the road from Fort Brooke (Tampa Bay) to Fort King (Ocala) was 125 miles long.

The nation's capital was satisfied with the military changes, but knew the old issue of the "Indian problem" was not going away.

Officials in Washington were receiving signed petitions from Florida settlers, communities and even the Florida Legislative Council, requesting Seminole removal from Florida.

The United States concluded that the Seminole had to go, if there was to be peace in Florida.

In 1827, Joseph M. White, the Florida Territorial delegate, attempted to sell the Seminoles on the notion of moving west.

He told them the President of the United States was offering a better country, plus much more money and provisions, if they were willing to relocate west.

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The Seminole Nation knew the handwriting was on the wall and that time was running out for them.

In 1828, five important chiefs signified to Indian agent Gad Humphreys that they would send a group of Seminoles to the western country to scope out the land.

I hope you have enjoyed this story.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2009-027-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAULINE HULL TOWNSEND, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAULINE HULL TOWNSEND, deceased, whose date of death was September 5, 2008 and whose social security number is 263-82-9935, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975-1760. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THE decedent.

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The date of first publication of this notice is August 27, 2009.

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The District's agency action as set forth in the staff reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes.

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN OF WIDENING AND RESURFACING CR 833 FROM BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION TO 4 MILES NORTH AND CR 833 CURVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CR 833 AND CR 846 IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No: 2009-35
OPENING DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the design of CR 833 from the Big Cypress Reservation to 4 miles North and CR 833 Curve at the intersection of CR 833 and CR 846 in Hendry County.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Office, located at 99 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

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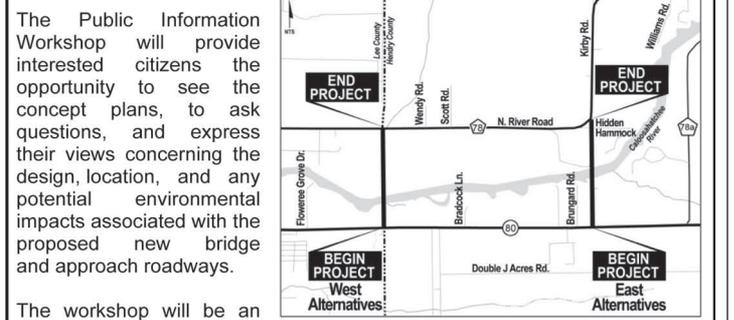
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PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP
NEW RIVER CROSSING
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Project Development & Environment Study
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: LaBelle Civic Center
481 Highway 80 West (Behind City Hall)
LaBelle, Florida

Hendry County has scheduled a Public Information Workshop for the proposed New River Crossing bridge project. A study is currently being conducted by Hendry County to determine the type, location, and design of a new bridge across the Caloosahatchee River, locally known as the Okeechobee Waterway, connecting SR 80 and CR 78 in northwestern Hendry County.



The Public Information Workshop will provide interested citizens the opportunity to see the concept plans, to ask questions, and express their views concerning the design, location, and any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed new bridge and approach roadways.

The workshop will be an open-house format so the public may arrive at any time between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Aerial photographs, conceptual plans, and other project-related information will be on display.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other non-discrimination laws, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Bonnie Hanshaw at (863) 675-5222 at least seven (7) working days prior to the workshop.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN OF WIDENING AND RESURFACING CR 78 FROM OLD CR 78 TO SLAUGHTERHOUSE CURVE (APPROXIMATELY 2.3 MILES) IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No: 2009-36
OPENING DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the design of CR 78 from Old CR 78 to Slaughterhouse Curve (approximately 2.3 miles) in Hendry County, Florida.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Office, located at 99 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation. Board of County Commissioners Janet B. Taylor 332042 CB/CN 9/3,10,17/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY Case #: 2009-CA-000853

First Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Michael James Awbrey and Jerri Kelly Awbrey; Maude A. Awbrey, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael H. Awbrey (DOD 10/20/2008), Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Michael H. Awbrey; Deceased; First Bank; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If Living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Unknown Heirs of Michael H. Awbrey Deceased; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: N/A

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 3, BLOCK P, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

more commonly known as 3300 Pioneer 11th Street, Clewiston, FL 33440.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 10004 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 112, Tampa, FL 33618, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 20th day of August, 2009.

BARBARA S. BUTLER Circuit and County Courts By: /s/ S. Miller Deputy Clerk 331311 CN 8/27;9/3/09

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY Case #: 2009-CA-000164

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, Plaintiff, vs. Rilean Smith Hooker and Emma J.S. Smith a/k/a Emma Smith; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Emma J.S. Smith a/k/a Emma Smith; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 448 Avenue S Southwest, Moore Haven, FL 33471

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Glades County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 39, LESS THE NORTH 50 FEET, AND ALL OF LOT 46, BLOCK 175, IN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF MOORE HAVEN FLORIDA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 448 Avenue S Southwest, Moore Haven, FL 33471.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 10004 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 112, Tampa, FL 33618, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 27th day of August, 2009.

JOE FLINT Circuit and County Courts By: /s/ Jennifer Bevis Deputy Clerk 331882 CN 9/3,10/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2008-CA-000213

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 21, 2009, and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000213 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida, wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, and ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ MORALES, Defendant(s); THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ MORALES N/A/TRA PRADO; TENANT #1 N/A/ MATILDA ORTIZ; TENANT #2 N/A/ GABRIEL PRADO are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 23rd day of Sept. 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2105, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 73, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 5021 GRAMERCY ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Aug. 24, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ D. Hammond Deputy Clerk

See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 331880 CN 9/3,10/09

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 09CC69

Dick Seegmiller and Julia Seegmiller, Plaintiffs vs. Elise Schofield, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Elise Schofield, Defendant, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendant.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for Eviction, Past Due Rent and Damages.

The action was instituted in the County Court, Glades County, Florida, and is styled DICK SEEGMILLER and JULIA SEEGMILLER vs. ELISE SCHOFIELD.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Dick Seegmiller and Julia Seegmiller, 13852, on or before September 24, 2009, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.

DATED: Aug. 20, 2009.

Joe Flint Clerk of the County Court Glades County, Florida By: /s/ Bonny Rhymes Deputy Clerk 331302 GCD 8/27;9/3,10,17/09

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate

Trust Estate of Robert Earl Meyers ("Decedent") Date of Decedent's Birth: October 18, 1927 Name of Trust: Earl and Ruth Ann Meyers Joint Living Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Robert Earl Meyers, who lived at 170 Daniels Road SE #173, Moore Haven, FL 33471, died August 14, 2009. There is no personal representative of the Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against Decedent's trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Trustee Amy S. Neuman at 5981 Driftwood Lane, Belleaire, Michigan 49615 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Amy S. Neuman 5981 Driftwood Lane Belleaire, MI 49615 (231) 533-8067 331803 CN 9/3,10/09

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, the 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at the office of said District, at Lake Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 8:00 A.M. for the purposes of:

- 1. Electing one Supervisor for a term of three years,
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT Roger Hatton, President 330740 SUN 8/27;9/3/09

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 17, 2009, for the following Proposals: E1H39- A Certification of Qualification is not required for adding turning lanes, milling & resurfacing, base work, curb & gutters, drainage improvements, sidewalks, signing and pavement marking at the intersection of SR 15/700 and Southeast 18th. Terrace in Okeechobee County. Budget Estimate: \$224,432.00

E1H66- A Certification of Qualification is not required for edging and sweeping, removal of vegetation from curb, gutter, and sidewalk areas in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$110,000.00 Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/ #PLANNING/DEPT%20LIST: or by calling (863) 519-2559. 331033 CGS 8/27;9/3/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE
20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA, IN AND FOR
GLADES COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-000151

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National
Association,
Plaintiff,

-vs-
Tylon Fraley; Unknown Parties
in Possession #1; Unknown Parties
in Possession #2; If living,
and all Unknown Parties claim-
ing by, through, under and
against the above named Defe-
dant(s) who are not known to be
dead or alive, whether said Un-
known Parties may claim an in-
terest as Spouse, Heirs,
Devises, Grantees, or Other
Claimants
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-
PROPERTY

TO: Tylon Fraley; ADDRESS UN-
KNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN
ADDRESS IS: 2145 Riverside Drive
Southwest, A/K/A 2286 Riverside
Drive, Moore Haven, FL 33471

Residence unknown, if living, includ-
ing any unknown spouse of the said
Defendants, if either has remarried
and if either or both of said Defen-
dants are dead, their respective un-
known heirs, devisees, grantees,
assignees, creditors, lienors, and
trustees, and all other persons claim-
ing by, through, under or against the
named Defendant(s); and the afore-
mentioned named Defendant(s) and
such of the aforementioned un-
known Defendants and such of the
aforementioned unknown Defen-
dants as may be infants, incompet-
ents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that
an action has been commenced to
foreclose a mortgage on the follow-
ing real property, lying and being
and situated in Glades County, Flori-
da, more particularly described as
follows:

LOT 6, RIVERVIEW, ACCORDING
TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RE-
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE
128, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 2145 Riv-
erside Drive Southwest, a/k/a 2286
Riverside Drive, Moore Haven, FL
33471.

This action has been filed against
you and you are required to serve a
copy of your written defense, if any,
upon SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP, At-
torneys for Plaintiff, whose address
is 10004 N. Dale Mabry Highway,
Suite 112, Tampa, FL 33618, within
thirty (30) days after the first pub-
lication of this notice and file the
original with the clerk of this Court
either before service on Plaintiff's at-
torney, or immediately thereafter;
otherwise a default will be entered
against you for the relief demanded
in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this
Court on the 27th day of August,
2009.

JOE FLINT
Circuit and County Courts

By: /s/ Jennifer Bevis
Deputy Clerk

332001 CN 9/3,10/09

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of
Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry
County will hold the Regular
Monthly Meeting on Thursday,
September 3, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at
The Greentree South Community
Center at LaBelle, Florida, Hendry
County.

The purpose of the meeting is to
conduct the general business and
consider any other matter that
may be brought before the Hous-
ing Commission. Any person or
persons wishing to appeal any de-
cision made at such meeting must
ensure that a verbatim record is
made upon which the appeal is to
be based.

The meeting will include any busi-
ness before the "Hendry County
Non-Profit Housing, Inc."
331985 CB/CN 9/3/09

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Port LaBelle Community Devel-
opment District Board of Supervisors
will conduct a Public Hearing and
meeting of the Board of Supervisors
on Thursday, September 10, 2009,
at 5:05 P.M., at the District Office,
33393 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle,
Florida.

The purpose of this meeting is to ap-
prove the proposed budget and con-
duct routine business.

This meeting is open to the public.

Scott Wegscheid
Chairman

331879 CB/CGS 9/3/09

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Religious columns

What about "Your House"?

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

At another time, much like our own, Genesis 6:5 says "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

God told Noah to build an Ark "for the salvation of His House."

Noah obeyed what God commanded!

Noah and his family were saved because he did what he was told to do.

Parents, what about "Your House."

Are the members of your household saved?

Your children and your grandchildren?

You are instructed to "Bring up a child in the way he should go," and "Bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Are you doing that?

The world is wicked and dangerous, therefore, children need a place of safety.

That place is the home.

The home should be a haven in a heartless world, a place of safety and security.

Home should be the first place where any child hears of and experiences first-hand what the love of Christ means.

Yet, sometimes this is the very place we neglect the most.

We are so busy with so many things that we neglect the most important things.

We make sure our kids are involved in little league, ballet, and so many other activities, that we don't have time to make sure they are in church and Sunday School.

I don't know how many times I have heard parents say, "We just can't make it on Wednesday night; that's when Junior is playing football."

"We know we need to be there Sunday night but that's the night of our little Betty's dance recital."

What are we saying to our children?

"Everything you want to do is more important than being with God's people to study His Word and

enjoy the fellowship with fellow Christians."

How can we change this?

Well, we will need parents who are committed to Christ FIRST!

Parents who aren't afraid of their own children. Parents who will say, "I know you would like to do that but it interferes with Church."

We need to let our children know that all other activities are second to Christ and his church.

We need parents to begin to support the youth program of the congregation.

They need to make sure their children are in Youth Group and in Preaching.

They need to get them in a place where they are surrounded with other Christian Youth.

We need to read scripture to our children and have them read it to us as well.

We need to meet together and have prayer as a family.

Make your home a place where your children can find protection from the world.

Make it a place they enjoy.

Make it a place of learning and sharing.

Make it a home where Jesus would feel welcome!

College Thoughts

By Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

I'm a fan of college football. Most of the teams have reported back to begin practice, and we are days away from the first games!

But as intense as every Saturday promises to be, do you realize that most of the games are being won and lost right now, before they are even played?

Who shows up in shape?

Who has been watching extra films?

Who is most focused and determined in practice right now?

People who study successful men and women point out how intentional they are with their time and work.

Every action today is done with tomorrow's challenge in mind -- a challenge they will be most prepared to meet.

We would do well to follow their example, for there will come a time when we will all have to "be ready."

The challenge will begin, and the time for preparation will be over.

We will win or lose by how prepared we are for the moment.

We know that moment is coming.

We need to ask ourselves what we are doing right now to get ready for it.

Just as football games are won or lost in practice, spiritual victories are won and lost in our preparation.

The moment is coming, and what we are doing right now will determine how well we do.

Jumping back to college thoughts, do you realize if this year's entering college class had been more alert back in 1991 when most of them were born, they would now be experiencing a severe case of déjà vu.

The headlines that year railed about government interventions, bailouts, bad loans, unemployment and greater regulation of the finance industry.

The Tonight Show changed hosts for the first time in decades, and the nation asked "was Iraq worth a war?"

For them, the Green Giant has always been Shrek -- not the big guy picking vegetables.

They have never used a card catalog to find a book.

They have never had to "shake down" an oral thermometer, or hand change the channels on a television set.

Most are unfamiliar with a rotary dial telephone, and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream has always been a flavor choice.

Each new generation has its perspective shaped by its own experiences.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to pray for all those young men and women attending college this year and what they will experience -- that they will remain strong in their faith while in school and that those who don't know Christ will encounter a faithful Christian witness while in college.

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Religion briefs

Pahokee

Family Fun Day

The Good Shepherd Church of God will be having a family fun day on Sept. 6 immediately following the morning service which begin at 10:30 a.m. The activity will last until 5 p.m. There will be food, water slide, face painting, games, prayer tent, and live performances from different church groups in the community. There will be something for everyone. The Zion Dancers and choir of Good Shepherd will be there. Everyone is welcome and all activities and food are free.

Moore Haven

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 and Hand Ministries of Palmdale,

if you would like to help us call 863-612-0640, if no answer leave message, God bless you.

Palmdale Church

On Thursday, Sept. 10, Palmdale Church will have food and fellowship at 6 p.m. Gospel and the word will be held at 7 p.m. Our Pastor this month will be Gena Brim of Moore Haven. Gena has brought the word to many churches in the area. She preached at the Church of God in Moore Haven and the Ministry Center in Lake Placid, and many other churches. Come and listen to this fine lady on the corner of 5th and main at the Palmdale Community Center, we welcome you.

Clewiston

Rally day at First Christian!

First Christian Church, 201 N. Francisco St., will be holding Rally/Promotion Day on Sept. 6, beginning at 10 a.m.

This is the beginning of the Sunday School Year.

There will be New Classes and the Church will welcome Artie Carnes and his wife Dora as their New Associates.

The church has set a goal to DOUBLE Sunday School and Church attendance on this day.

Joe Payne will begin his service as Sunday School Superintendent.

Jon Loftis will begin his service as Teach-

er of the Adult Sunday School Class.

Other Teachers include: Ruth Ann Hughes and Jeanie Perkins (4's and 5's); Mary Ann Payne and Lisa Castellanos (1st and 2nd); Lois Brinn and Judith French (3rd and 4th); Mike Walker and Stan Giddens (5th and 6th); Artie and Dora Carnes and Julius Castellanos (7th-12th).

The church has plans to expand its present facilities and parking lot.

Jackie Miller, Minister, extends a cordial welcome to all who wish to attend.

Food Bank at Iglesia Vida Nueva

Everyone hits hard times at some point.

To ease the crisis a small food bank is open at Iglesia Vida Nueva on Sundays from

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Restrictions apply. Iglesia Vida Nueva is located at 217 East Aztec Ave in Clewiston. For more information please call 863-983-1070.

Services Times at Iglesia Vida Nueva

Sunday services will be 11 a.m. V.I.D.A Kids 4-10; V.I.D.A Teens 12-18 celebration services will begin at 6 p.m.

Monday services begin at 7 p.m. C4 Youth Group for ages 12-18.

Wednesday prayer and bible study services will begin at 7 p.m., Friday prayer and bible study will also begin at 7 p.m.

Game farms to comply with new regulations

As of Aug. 27, game farms in Florida can be as large as 2,000 acres.

This increase, from 640 acres, and other changes to the rules regulating game-farm operation, received final approval from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in June.

They are now part of Florida law.

Rule 68A-12.011 of the Florida Administrative Code replaces the old Florida statute on game farms, while retaining substantive portions of the previous statute.

The changes also provide exemptions to licensing requirements, require readily available proof of a leasing agreement if game farm land is leased, limit killing of game to the licensee or bona fide employees and require record keeping.

If someone leases game farm property, the effective date of the lease must cover the game farm license period.

A copy of the valid and current lease agreement must be submitted with the application.

The code requires game farm operators

to make all records available for inspection by FWC staff on request.

There are exemptions to the requirement that owners of game animals be licensed.

They include bison ranchers and people who own 50 or fewer live bobwhite quail or nonnative game birds (except nonnative ducks and geese) for pets, consumption, or educational or dog-training purposes. People who buy or receive eggs for food or consumptive purposes also are exempt from game farm regulations.

Records that game farm operators must keep include papers on buying or selling deer, elk or other "Cervidae."

For details on game farm rules, the proper way to ship game using current captive wild-life standards and how to prevent game from escaping, go to www.flrules.org/Default.asp, and enter Rule Number 68A-12.011.

To obtain an application for a game farm license, go to MyFWC.com/RULESAN-DREGS/Rules_Captive_index.htm.



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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.

Carlton L. Rush, 35



- Clewiston
 - Crimes against a person - corruption by threat of a public servant of family
 - Obstruction of justice intimidation - threat, etc., against a victim, witness or informant
- Arrested August 29
Arrested by CPD Sgt. J. Spence

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of August 27, 2009.

Adrian Dilworth, age 27, is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 5

feet 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 240 pounds.

Dilworth has tattoos on both arms and his last known address is listed as Virginia La., in Clewiston.

Dilworth is wanted on felony charges violation of probation: possession of cocaine. 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-spbcc.com.



Adrian Dilworth.

Christopher S. Ingram, 18



- Clewiston
 - Possession of cocaine
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by FHP Trooper Serrano

Cornelius Hurst, 22



- Clewiston
 - Fugitive from justice
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by CPD Officer J. Herrera

Efrain Padilla, 37



- Clewiston
 - Warrant with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill
 - Cruelty to a child - abuse without great harm
- Arrested August 28
Arrested by Deputy D. Davis

Erica J. Garza, 21



- Clewiston
 - Warrant - VOP: felony or community control
- Arrested August 26
Arrested by Deputy B. Weaver

Gabriel Trevino, 20



- Clewiston
 - Warrant for felony or community control
- Arrested August 21
Arrested by Deputy J. Olvera

Scott Pagan, 30



- Clewiston
 - Warrant - VOP: felony or community control
- Arrested August 25
Arrested by Deputy N. Kirk

Gabriel Ceja, 16



- Clewiston
 - Burglary of a structure/ conveyance without a person inside
 - Larceny - petit theft first degree property between \$100 to \$300
- Arrested August 24
Arrested by CPD Officer M. Egly

Dayne Kattana, 42



- Clewiston
 - Fleeing/eluding the police
 - Failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by Deputy J. Hunt

Jayreka-Lajerki Ford, 20



- Clewiston
 - Warrant as a fugitive from justice from Hillsboro County
- Arrested August 24
Arrested by CPD Sgt. J. Spence

Clarence Lewis, 14



- Clewiston
 - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with no intent to kill
 - Battery touch/strike
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by CPD Officer Blackman

Mary C. Lauderer, 26



- Clewiston
 - Possession of marijuana over 20 grams or a controlled substance without a prescription
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by Deputy J. Taylor

Theron Hubbard, 32



- Clewiston
 - Possession of cocaine
- Arrested August 30
Arrested by FHP Trooper Serrano

New report on 911 in Florida recommends improvement

VENICE, FL – A first-of-its kind analysis of 911 in Florida identifies numerous vulnerabilities and offers specific recommendations for shoring up a fragmented emergency response system.

The independent study was commissioned by Florida's largest community foundation following the 2008 murder of Denise Amber Lee.

While 911 calls placed by Mrs. Lee from her abductor's cell phone and by a witness who suspected a crime was occurring were answered, units that could have been dispatched to help Mrs. Lee were not.

The report is available online at gulfcoastcf.org.

"Florida 911: The State of Emergency," prepared by Tartaglione & Associates of Gainesville and funded by Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, analyzed all of the components of emergency response that are activated when a person in need of

assistance tries to call 911 in Florida.

The study found that Florida's 911 system is not a "system" at all, but rather a patchwork of state and local agencies, protocols, and technologies cobbled together to respond to 911 calls.

"This is the first time that 911 in Florida has been analyzed from the placement of a call to the arrival of a first responder on the scene," said Mark Pritchett, the Foundation's vice president for community investment.

The study reveals several key findings of why the 911 system in Florida falls short as a public service, including:

- No single state agency to monitor how effectively calls for emergency assistance are handled.
- Underfunding the system on a state-wide level.
- No mandated, uniform training in the state's 258 call centers that handle 911

calls.

- Incomplete statewide coordination of equipment used for emergency response.

"The tragic abduction, rape, and murder of Denise Amber Lee last year devastated our community," said Pritchett.

"Gulf Coast Community Foundation commissioned this objective analysis to help understand how the 911 system works, how it is funded, and what can be done to improve it.

The Foundation's goal is to stimulate conversation and action among those who can improve the system, to ensure that it doesn't fail others in the future." The study presents 18 recommendations for overcoming these challenges and establishing a coordinated, seamless 911 system, including:

- Redefine 911 as a comprehensive emergency response system inclusive of all aspects of emergency service provision, from the time a call to 911 is placed to the

time when help arrives.

- Appoint a state-level position to oversee and coordinate all aspects of 911 emergency response in Florida.

- Mandate minimum standards for training, protocol, and equipment for all call centers.

- Establish state-level lists of approved equipment or standards for interconnectivity among all types of devices used to access and mobilize emergency response.

The Foundation has also worked with Nathan Lee, the widower of Denise Amber Lee, who established a charitable fund in his wife's name with memorial donations he received.

The fund supports the efforts of the Denise Amber Lee Foundation to promote public safety through uniform training, standardized protocols, defined measurable outcomes, and technological advances in the 911 system.

Manager

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Clewiston, and keep a fourth one, a two-year-old "who's learned so much, he might not even have to go to school," at home.

A few days of waking up in America's Sweetest Town, and the family agrees with the famous slogan.

"Love it. Absolutely love Clewiston," said Mr. McKown. "The people who make it up has an awful lot to do with it. They have been stopping by, sticking their head in the door, saying hello and welcoming our family."

His wife, Amy, agrees.

According to her, the friendliness of the people has lessened just how much the family misses the people they had to leave behind in Georgia. On the phone, and as she waited in the nearby Wal-Mart for a menacing storm cloud to pass -- the weather a novelty for her -- she echoed her husband's comments.

"The people here are very friendly," she said. "We love it."

As much as he enjoys meeting new people, however, Mr. McKown recognizes that he is here for an important reason: to run

the day-to-day operations of the city.

The job ahead

If there has been one constant in the life of Mr. McKown, it has been his dream of becoming a city manager. His old boss in Bainbridge, Ga., encouraged him to pursue a degree in public administration and, once he completed his education, the certified public accountant took to municipal management like a fish in water.

When he took a job in Commerce, Ga., it was with the understanding that in four years' time he would assume the job of city manager. The downturn in the economy kept his boss in Commerce -- a 19-year city manager -- from retiring, and delayed Mr. McKown's dream.

And then came Clewiston.

He walked into his boss' office just a few weeks ago and said, "the city of Clewiston is calling."

And just like that, starting last Thursday, Mr. McKown has spent much of his time familiarizing himself with the assets of the city, including all facilities and the managers of the various departments at city hall.

Already, Mr. McKown has asked his de-

partment heads to consider how much they can help each other, rather than limiting themselves to the dimensions of their individual departments.

He would like for city hall employees to set an example to city residents when it comes to keeping the neighborhoods clean, and has his eyes set on improving employee morale.

"I want to see a person, when they graduate from high school or college, I want them to come here first for a job, rather than as a last resort," said Mr. McKown. While he can't hire everyone, he hopes that people will consider city hall, "the choice place to work."

There are issues that will also require his attention, not the least of which are budget concerns, and understanding and playing an important role in the city's partnership with the Florida Municipal Power Agency for any possible changes down the line.

He hopes that residents will offer a helping hand, too.

"I want to see the citizens see us working, to catch us working on top of things," he said. "When they see the pride that this organization has, it's going to be contagious."

Bills

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now and then shows signs of life has done a number on her business, just when she needs it the most.

"I gotta borrow the money to pay the bill, since everything is so slow," said Ms. Griffin.

She says she isn't alone.

Last Friday, she joined slightly more than a handful of protesters at the park in front of the Clewiston Inn, waving posters in opposition of what they considered to be an unusually high spike in the cost of utilities in the city.

Angela Moeller was one of them.

Grabbing a number of similarly minded residents of "just friends and neighbors," Ms. Moeller convinced upwards of 300 people to sign a petition leveled at the city for the high cost of utility in Clewiston.

"The electricity bill for one of our churches was \$10,000 -- for one month!" said Ms. Moeller, while semis and trucks blared their

horns as they passed the demonstration.

In a letter to the city and mayor, Ms. Moeller said chief among her list of complaints was the "Fuel Adjustment" charge listed on light bills.

"The power adjustment doesn't appear fully explained on the actual invoice," Ms. Moeller wrote in her letter of protest. "The power adjustment is higher than the electricity consumed. That is not normal and not clear for us. We think the charges are abusive and it is alarming the citizens."

Newly named City Manager Steve McKown, in only his second day on the job, had to respond to the issues raised by the concerned group. His staff addressed the community during a meeting held earlier this week at city hall.

Electric rates have been untouched since 2001, but officials admit that the fuel adjustment has undergone wide swings in variation.

The city does not produce its own electricity, but is a member of the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA), which is a partnership with other cities in an electric system.

In documents on the city's website, the utilities department explains that an increase of \$8 per megawatt becomes necessary for its customers when natural gas prices rise by \$1 per million BTUs.

Essentially, the market fluctuations that saw gas prices reaching \$4 a gallon, and, more importantly, natural gas prices as high as \$14 per Mcf (1,000 cubic feet), led to the city locking in those high prices out of fear that further increases would continue to drive that number significantly upward.

But few knew then that the market would balance itself out.

"It's a crapshoot," Mr. McKown said. "How much further is it gonna go?"

Officials expect to revisit the controversial fuel adjustment charge in October, when the long-term fuel contracts with the utility companies are expected to end.

Historically, however, the fuel adjustment was actually reflected as a credit, and not as a charge as in recent years.

"Some great decisions have been made over the past 18 years in power," said Mr. McKown. "And the last two years, I think it's unfair for anyone to sit on the sidelines and

Leadership style

"I'm a people-person," said Mr. McKown, asked what he considers his best trait to be as a manager. "One of the things that's missing in our city administrations ... is the ability to sit down with a person, have a conversation. I'm sure that management style may be different from other city managers, but it gets the job done."

Though he is intent on learning how business operates in Clewiston, Mr. McKown realizes that he also must gain a comprehensive understanding of the operation of municipal government in Florida. He is working closely with staff and the Florida League of Cities in the endeavor.

Though he has heard all the statistics of city managers averaging two or three years at a city, "worse than a football coach," he joked, he is adamant that "I want to be here a long time."

After all, he believes in the principles of government.

"We're still a government of the people, by the people and for the people," he said. "As long as that's in the Constitution, that door will always be open."

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to critique it after the game is over and to say that some poor decisions were made."

Officials also pointed out the fact that compared to the same time last year, the city of Clewiston was a full 18 percent hotter this July.

Reviews of bills from signatures on the petition found that, on average, customers were making use of anywhere from 15 to 22 percent more energy -- a direct correlation to the spike in their bills.

"There's a lot of bad variables that come together to produce high bills," said Mr. McKown. "I'm looking forward to a little cooler weather myself, but hopefully bills will come down."

It remains to be seen whether the cooler climate will bring relief to Ms. Griffin, who, asked how long she could sustain \$3,800 electricity bills, answered simply, "Not long."

Kevin McCarthy, director of utilities for the city of Clewiston, did not return multiple calls for comment on this issue.

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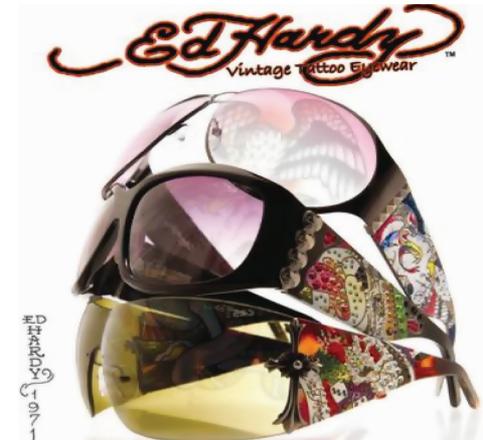
CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

Immokalee will be having a Celebration of Cultures festival on Friday Sept. 18th 6-12 pm, Saturday, Sept. 19th 12-12 am, and Sunday Sept. 20th 12-5 pm at the Immokalee Airport.

There will be a Parade down Main Street, cultural music, dance, fun and interactive children's activities, a chili cook off, art exhibits, and vendors. Admission is \$1 but free for children 3 and under.

For more information and to register to participate, visit www.immokaleecelebration.com or call 239.252.2313

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