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## News in briefs

### Final presentation on referendum

Hendry Regional Medical Center is having its third public referendum presentation today at 5:30 p.m. at the Clewiston museum. This presentation will provide you with the information regarding the hospital's special election on Tuesday, March 9. If you haven't heard this 30-minute educational session about the construction of a new Emergency Department in Clewiston and additional healthcare services in Hendry County, please stop by today.

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## Local runner wins Gasparilla Classic

Richmond handily wins Gasparilla Distance Classic in Tampa

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza  
Clewiston News

A.J. (Austin) Richmond, a Clewiston native, continues pouring his all into the sport of long-distance running, recording an impressive victory in Tampa on Sunday.

Before the race started, Austin was pegged as one of the favorites to win the race, a fact he learned only moments before the race started.

"They gave me (number) one. Why'd they do that? It was like I have a big target on me. Everybody's gonna be aiming for me," he humorously remembered this week.

That may have provided just a

little extra motivation for the runner who had finished second in the same race in 2008.

He said the race was really between him and a runner from North Carolina. Austin gained the lead early and kept the momentum, crossing a few points along the race with better times than he expected to have.

He was on pace to beat his goal of finishing the run in under 46 minutes, until the last few stretches of the race.

"I was going faster each mile, and then I caught a horrible, horrible cramp in my diaphragm, and I couldn't take a deep breath," he said.

Austin's coach, Richard Moody, who followed the runner in a bike, told him not to worry about his time and just complete the race as he could.

Austin said the feeling was like having been punched in the stomach, and days after the race he could still feel the soreness.

But as he inched closer to the finish line, he thought about his wife and his daughter waiting for him at the end.

"I thought I had a hernia. I said, 'No, my little girl is here. My wife is here. I gotta get across the line.' I'm not pulling out of this race," Austin said. "I came across the finish line and the first thing I did was pick up my daughter."

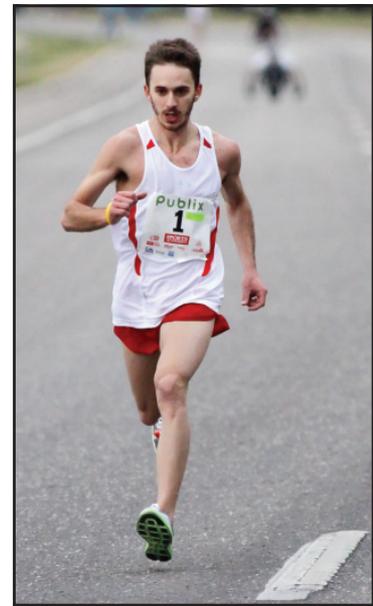
He isn't too concerned about the pain, and plans to follow up with his doctor.

"I notice the correlation when I'm really excited, really pumped up. I don't really worry about it. I'll just get in the race more relaxed."

Runners give themselves some time to unwind following a long race, but Austin and his coach have decided to push ahead with a planned entry into the USA 15k Championships in Jacksonville.

Austin rested for a day after the Tampa race -- a shocker to even

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Submitted photo

Austin Richmond snatched first place in the Gasparilla Classic Race held last Sunday in Tampa.

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## Two brothers jailed on charges of abuse, intimidation

By Ashley Smith  
Clewiston News

Two brothers were arrested last week in reference to a domestic battery call received by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. Deputy VanFleet was the officer on scene.

In a report released by the sheriff's office, the deputy said that on Feb. 24 a young female called the sheriff's office after the suspect, her step-father, came home drunk and started arguing with his girlfriend, a 34-year-old Colombian native. He reportedly called her names for reasons that are not altogether clear but the report cites may have been caused over an income tax return.

The suspected allegedly stated, "If she called the cops he would tell them that she was an immigrant and would burn the house down with them in it."

One of the victims told depu-

ties that when the first victim began to argue back with the suspect he then tackled her out through the back door and began kicking and beating her as she lay on the ground.

The suspect's step-daughter tried to call for help, but the suspect, identified as 35-year-old Alexis Mayan-Martinez, reportedly grabbed the phone from her and threw her out of the back door into a garbage can.

The young victim stated that as she was lying on the ground the suspect stepped on her stomach and began hitting her in attempts to take the phone and tax return papers away from her. As the suspected returned to enter the home again, he injured a third victim, stepping on her foot as he entered the home.

It is unclear if he purposely stepped on the child's foot but deputies were able to observe a

laceration on the top portion of the victim's foot. The deputy also noted a very large contusion with small cuts around it on the 34 year old victim's right arm; both victims were treated by emergency medical technicians on scene.

While at the victim's residence, Deputy VanFleet was advised by dispatch that the suspect was on the phone and wanted to speak with the deputy on scene. He advised that he was battered by both victims and wished to tell his side of the story. He also had a warrant for his arrest due to a previous offense.

Upon arrival to the suspect's location, the deputy reported that the suspect showed him cuts on his left hand that were not consistent with defensive wounds and stated that he did throw the victims out of the back door of the residence but only after they had hit him.

Mayan-Martinez was placed under arrest for his warrant, two counts of battery and cruelty toward a child -- abuse without great harm.

In a strange twist, his brother would join him in jail the next day.

Angel Mayan-Martinez, 39, visited the victim's home to retrieve his brother's wallet. The suspect reportedly became upset and threatened the victim because she was talking about the incident with someone on the phone.

"You better respect my brother, if something were to happen to him, you and your family will pay," the victim said the suspect said.

Angel Mayan-Martinez was placed under arrested and charged with obstructing justice -- intimidate, threaten, etc a witness/informant.

## Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

### Clewiston and surrounding areas:

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values as low as 38 early. Northwest wind between 8 and 11 mph.



**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 42. Northwest wind between 6 and 8 mph.



### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 65. North wind between 8 and 11 mph.



**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind between 6 and 8 mph.



**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. North wind between 7 and 9 mph.



**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Northeast wind between 5 and 8 mph.



## Clubs and organizations

### CHS Class Reunion

CHS Class of 2000 ten year reunion will be held on June 4 to June 6. Events to be held throughout the weekend in Clewiston. Sign up now at CHS-Classof2000.com today and get early-bird rates.

For further information, please visit our website or contact Bill Fabian by e-mail at wtfabian@gmail.com.

### Clewiston Garden Club

The Clewiston Garden Club had their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010. Our guest speaker was Robbie Castellanos. He spoke on the Special Hospital Election which has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th. All Hendry County precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. so make sure you go vote.

This allows Hendry Regional Medical Center to develop State-of-the-Art Healthcare close to home. It consists of Expanded Services in LaBelle and a new Emergency Department in Clewiston.

Instead of having our monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18, the Clewiston Garden Club will be going on a field trip to ECHO in Fort Myers. We will be meeting at the Baptist Church at 7:45 a.m. and leaving promptly at 8 a.m. The fees will be \$11 plus money for lunch.

### Drug Free Hendry Coalition meeting

The Drug Free Hendry Coalition & Tobacco-Free Partnership meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at the Carlson Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on 310 Campbell Street in LaBelle, beginning at 5pm. All residents are encouraged and invited to attend.

Please contact Jeni Dyess at 863-674-4041 ext. 143 or Jennifer\_Dyess@doh.state.fl.us for more information.

### Montura School Project, Inc.

Montura School Project, Inc. is having a fundraiser lunch and yard sale on Saturday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the picnic area of the Club House. Funds will go toward information pamphlets on Charter School for Montura. For more information please call 863-983-2834.

### Volunteer Child Advocates needed

New! The Guardian ad Litem Program has added a 3-session, Saturday training in Hendry County, scheduled for March 6 and March 13. Guardian ad Litem volunteers advocate for abused children in court, the child welfare system and the community.

Anyone interested should contact Angela Boykin, Volunteer Supervisor, at 863-674-4190.

For more information. Or see www.guardianadlitem.org.

## Public Forum

*Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!*

### Hard guys

"I was stopped by a very young officer about eight months ago or so around 9 p.m. with my son who only has a learners driver license. My son turned right on a red light without yielding first cutting the officer off, which was my fault because I wasn't paying attention. The officer looked like he didn't take any crap and I kinda thought he would be one of those hard guys, but he was nice. He asked my son and me for our license and walked back to his vehicle. After a few minutes, he walked back and asked my son if he know why he was stopped. My son told him he did. The officer then said, 'So, are you going to pay better attention next time?' My son said yes, then officer gave us our license back and told my son to drive safe. Very nice young officer. So I have to agree with Mike, if that's what they have at the police department then great. I'm not just saying that because we didn't get a ticket. Even if he would have written my son a ticket I would have been okay with it. He was just a down to earth guy who was doing his job."

*-misfit4life in response to a poster on newszap.com forums*

## General News and Information

### Tourist Development Council Gift Basket

The Hendry County Tourist Development Council (HCTDC), with help from Michelle Phillips of Florida Freshwater Frontier (FFF), manned a booth at the Swamp Cabbage Festival to disseminate information on tourism to festival-goers. An added attraction was the gift basket giveaway courtesy of the HCTDC and the Harold P. Curtis Honey Company. The lucky winner of the basket filled with honey and other local products was Nick Wegscheid. Congratulations to Nick! For further information on tourism opportunities in Hendry County please call 863-675-5264 or

863-612-4783. For regional tourism information call FFF at 800-467-4540.

### Free HIV test

Women represent a growing percentage of the new HIV cases in Florida. Hendry County Health Department located at 1140 Pratt Boulevard in LaBelle, and 1100 Olympia in Clewiston and Glades County Health Department located at 956 Hwy 27 SW in Moore Haven will offer FREE HIV testing for anyone on Wednesday, March 10, for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Get educated, and get tested.

### Empowerment Alliance's

### Open House

The Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida will hold an open house on March 13 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at 1025 Texas Avenue in Clewiston. We will be showing our newly constructed affordable single family home located at the above address. The homes have three bedrooms and two baths and are built with Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) and other energy efficient features. At the event you will learn how you can qualify to purchase a similar home. A credit counselor will be on-site to schedule appointments for credit counseling which is available at no charge. For more information, please contact Amanda Pacheco at 863-983-2432.

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# Brown wins American Fishing Series event on Lake O

## Steadham wins co-angler title

CLEWISTON – Pro Marty Brown of Dalton, Ga., caught a five-bass limit weighing 10 pounds, 14 ounces Saturday to win the FLW American Fishing Series Southeast tournament on Lake Okeechobee with a three-day total of 15 bass weighing 52 pounds, 1 ounce. For his victory, Brown earned \$24,680.

“I was lucky enough to find a transition area where the fish were moving in and out,” Brown said. “I was here during the FLW Eastern Series event a few weeks ago and I knew there was a spawn then, with the full moon coming again I knew another spawn was coming. I just basically fished the same location all week long which was the east wall area knowing that I would have to work it, work it, work it, until I caught my fish. It was loaded; the challenge was being able to come up with the kickers which were few and far between due to the cold front.

“I had my limit today by about 10 and was able to cull a few times, but I never really did find that one big kicker today. I caught all my fish flipping a Black Zoom 6” Lizard on a Castaway Flipping Stick.

Rounding out the top-5 pros were:  
 2nd: Jeff McMillan, Belle Glade, Fla., 15 bass, 46-6, \$8,391  
 3rd: Don Demott, Boca Raton, Fla., 15 bass, 46-5, \$5,923  
 4th: Jeff Fitts, Keystone Heights, Fla., 15 bass, 45-14, \$4,936  
 5th: Dwayne Horton, Knoxville, Tenn., 15 bass, 45-8, \$4,442

Jesse Steadham of Florence, Miss., won the Co-angler Division and \$9,882 cash, with a three-day total of 15-bass weighing 33 pounds, 4 ounces.

“I am still shaking all over,” said Steadham who is fishing with FLW for his second year. “I caught all my fish using skinny dipers in grass fields about 4 – 5 feet deep. The bite was not as good today and the fish were definitely smaller, I thought I was going to finish in third place.

“Fishing was definitely a lot more difficult today. I had a 4 – 5-pounder that broke my line early in the day and then I didn’t get my kicker until the last 20 minutes of the tournament; that 4 ½ pound fish was the one that definitely won it for me.”

Steadham caught five bass weighing 14-12 Thursday while fishing with pro Dale Walker of Miami, Fla., to open the tournament in sixth place. On Friday he added five more bass weighing 9 to make the top-10 cut in fifth place while fishing with pro Rick Marsh of High Point, N.C. Finally, on Saturday, he sealed the win with five bass weighing 9-8 while fishing with Aymon Wilcox of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.

Rounding out the top five co-anglers were:

2nd: Kevin Thomas, Miramar, Fla., 15 bass, 32-15, \$3,953  
 3rd: Bucky Helms, Dallas, N.C., 11 bass, 30-11, \$1,976  
 4th: Brent Houlihan, Naples, Fla., 15 bass, 30-11, \$1,729  
 5th: Robert Wood, Jupiter, Fla., 11 bass, 30-4, \$1,482

At the end of the regular season, the pro

and co-angler points champion from each division - Central, Northern, Southeast and Texas - will qualify for the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup. The top 50 pros and co-anglers from each division also qualify for the American Fishing Series Invitation on Wheeler Lake in

Decatur, Ala., Nov. 4-6 for a second chance at advancing to the Forrest Wood Cup. The pro and co-angler winners at the Invitational will receive automatic qualification into the Forrest Wood Cup.

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Boats holding anglers and co-anglers wait for their number to be called so that they can head out through the lock to Lake Okeechobee to begin the first day of fishing in the FLW tournament on Thursday morning. There were 147 boats that went out in the tournament in the cold and windy conditions.



Photo/Amy McKown

Local angler Mark King waits to be released to begin fishing with his co-angler on Friday morning. King finished 28th in the tournament with over 24 pounds of fish caught in two days.

# Board approves sale of Glades General Hospital

West Palm Beach – At its Feb. 24 meeting, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners approved accepting the highest bid for the purchase of the 14-acre Glades General Hospital facility and property in Belle Glade. The accepted bid for \$250,000 was made by Miami-based developers Castello Brothers, LLC.

“We are encouraged by the bidder’s interest in developing new housing on the property, which would serve as a community re-

source and asset,” said Dwight D. Chenette, MBA, MPH, Chief Executive Officer of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. “The plans outlined by the bidder will put the property back on the tax rolls and may create additional jobs while renovations are underway.”

Castello Brothers, which currently co-owns a 384 unit multi-family development in Belle Glade called Belle Glade Gardens, proposes a residential use for the Glades Gen-

eral Hospital property at 1201 South Main Street in Belle Glade. With the Board’s vote on Wednesday, the transaction now moves to the closing phase, which will take place within 60 days.

Glades General Hospital served the rural western Palm Beach County communities for over 65 years before being retired on October 15, 2009. The same day that the doors closed at Glades General Hospital, the Health Care District opened the doors to its

replacement, Lakeside Medical Center.

The new 70-bed facility is the county’s only public hospital, featuring all-private patient rooms, an expansive 24-hour Emergency Room and modern technology throughout.

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### LOST winner

Jamie Donaldson (left) and LOST Race Director Scott Maxwell following this year's Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail race. Many runners took part in the annual event.

### Brown wins FLW tourney

Marty Brown, Dalton, GA, holds up one of his five fish limit from Day three of the FLW American Fishing Series to win the tournament. Brown caught a little more than 52 pounds of fish and won \$24,680 for his efforts.



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# Big "O" Birding Extravaganza registration underway

Clewiston - Early registration is now underway for the Hendry/Glades County Big "O" Birding Extravaganza scheduled for March 25 to March 28. With too much to take-in just three days, this year's extravaganza has grown into a four-day festival. Early registrants can take advantage of deep registration discounts on March 4 and March 5.

"Attendance last year far exceeded our expectations, and we've received an incredible amount of regional support to help expand the festival this year," says festival committee chair Janet Papinaw. "Plus, we're all eager to hear our Keynote Speaker Saturday evening, James Currie, the host of Birding Adventures TV."

An all-inclusive four-day festival pass, if ordered by March 5, is \$125. After March 5, the same pass is \$175. While the all-inclusive pass EXCLUDES accommodations, it does afford the festival-goer four full days of birding activities, scheduled meals, and transportation to and from the guided tour sites. Here's what's scheduled:

## Thursday, March 25

- Registration/Welcome at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Hidden Gems of the Great Florida Birding Trail, presentation at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Birding and Wildlife Photography, workshop at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Witherspoon Mine Mitigation Wetlands Tour.
- Lunch Buffet at Historic Clewiston Inn
- Birding by Boat on Lake Okeechobee.
- A Taste of Florida Dinner and Wildlife Program at Gatorama.
- The Almost Famous Owl Hoot at Fisheating Creek FWC WMA.
- Sunset Photo Shoot at STA-5, includes a box dinner.

## Friday, March 26

- Sunrise Photo Shoot at STA-5.
- Day Registration/Breakfast Buffet at Historic Clewiston Inn.

- STA-5 Tour.
- The Premier Loop.
- Birding the Boardwalk at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.
- Birding by Boat on Lake Okeechobee (the Big "O").
- Friday Lunch Buffet at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Audubon Birds of Prey demonstration at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Bird and Wildlife Photography workshop at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Off the Beaten Track Tour in Glades County.
- Birding by Land throughout Hendry County with Dinner and Program at the Seminole Indian Reservation.
- Sunset Photo Shoot at STA-5.

## Saturday, March 27

- Sunrise Photo Shoot at STA-5.
- Day Registration/Breakfast buffet at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Outdoor Community Market in the Clewiston City Park.
- "Florida Time Forgot" Nature Presentation at the Clewiston Museum.
- "Giants in the Stone" Fossil Talk and Exhibit at the Clewiston Museum.
- Witherspoon Mine Mitigation Wetlands Tour.
- Birding on a Private Ranch Tour.
- Birding by Boat on Lake Okeechobee (the Big "O").
- Birding at Dinner Island Ranch FWC WMA.
- Audubon Birds of Prey demonstration at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Wine and Cheese Social Hour at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Keynote Dinner and Program by James Currie at Historic Clewiston Inn.

## Sunday, March 28

- Day Registration/Breakfast Buffet at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Birding at STA-5.
- Fort Center FWC WMA, by Swamp

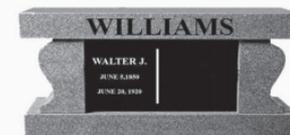
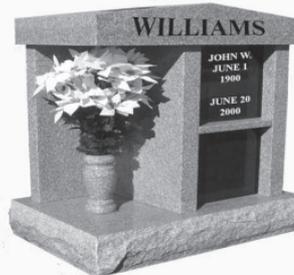
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- Birding at Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest.
- Birding by Boat on Lake Okeechobee (the Big "O").
- Bird and Bike the L.O.S.T. ( Lake O Scenic Trail).
- Photo Contest Display at Historic Clewiston Inn
- Birding on a Private Ranch.
- Nature Based Ecotourism Workshop at Historic Clewiston Inn.
- Turkey Calling and Alligator Wrestling Demonstration by Seminole Billy Walker at Historic Clewiston Inn.

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change depending on participation. For registration and detailed information, visit the web site [www.bigobirdingfestival.com](http://www.bigobirdingfestival.com) and download a registration form, or call Hendry County Tourism at 863-612-4783.

"We have a full schedule of activities planned, but people can still find time to bird on their own by foot, car, canoe, boat or bike," says Papinaw. "Single day passes and single tour passes are also for sale. We are very grateful to our planning partners and financial sponsors for helping make this event affordable. We're happy to showcase our natural reserves for the great birding hot spots that they are."

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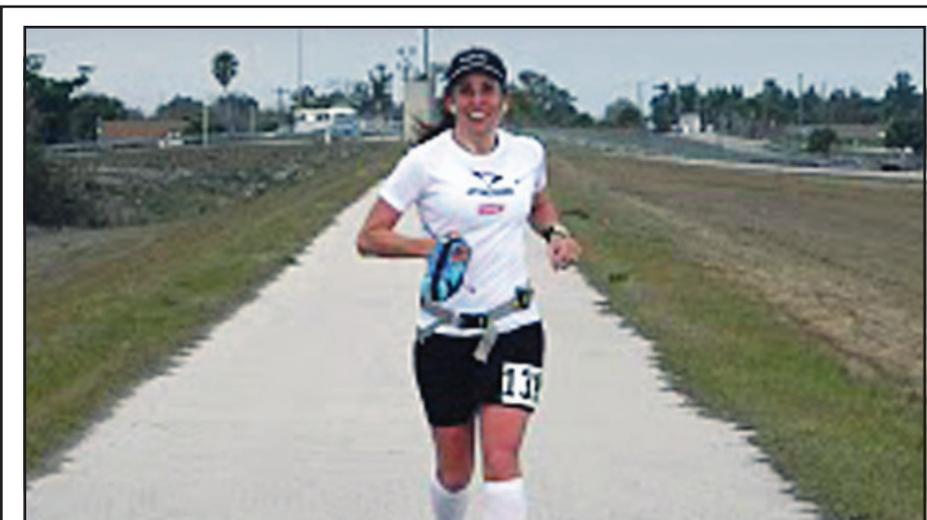
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## A run around the lake

Runners took advantage of this year's Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail race around the lake recently. Despite the unusual weather conditions, runners eagerly raced along the 110-mile stretch.



# Local children participate in coloring program



Photo/Amy McKown

**Clewiston Christian School student Beth Corley displays her winning coloring page which was framed and signed by the 300 anglers it was meant to welcome to Clewiston during the FLW American Series Fishing Tournament which was held this past weekend.**

**By Amy McKown**

Special to the Clewiston News

A new approach made for lots of discussion among fishermen this week at Lake Okeechobee and it wasn't just a bunch of fish tales.

The Hendry County Tourism Development Council and its volunteers for the FLW Tournament came up with a coloring page for local school children to welcome the fishermen to Clewiston for the three-day tournament. Over 1,800 school children colored the page from Westside Elementary School, Eastside Elementary School, Central Elementary School and Clewiston Christian School.

"It was a new idea to welcome our visitors and educate the kids about what was happening in our community," said TDC Chairman Karson Turner. "It got lots of great comments from the fishermen that we got our whole community involved in the tournament."

The coloring pages were posted throughout local businesses during the event to display the children's artwork as well as a local welcome to the fishermen.

"We had never seen anything like it," said Ron Lappin, FLW American Fishing Series tournament director. "Our anglers have been talking about it a lot. And it is a story we definitely want to pass on to our sponsors as to how we were welcomed in Clewiston."

As part of the incentive for coloring, one

entry was drawn for that student to receive a fishing package from Roland and Mary Ann Martin's Marina which included a Cabelas rod and reel combo, tackle box and a guided fishing trip with the National Guards local pro Scott Martin. The TDC volunteers also organized for the 300 anglers to autograph around the winning coloring page during the tournament registration on Wednesday which was also framed and awarded.

The winner, Beth Corley, of Clewiston Christian School was very surprised to be announced as the winner on Saturday during tournament activities.

"I was so surprised," said Corley. "I just thought we were coming to watch all the fishing stuff."

The TDC provided \$25,000 of the funding that helped to bring the FLW American Fishing Series Tournament to Clewiston. In addition to the coloring pages, the TDC gave gift bags to the top five anglers and co-anglers from materials given from local businesses. Also, the TDC had anglers to supply information on their visit through a short survey. The council will evaluate impact on the community and study areas of tourism that can be improved for future visitors.

"This event would not be possible without the continued support of the Hendry County Tourism Development Council," said Ramon Iglesias, general manager of the Roland and Mary Ann Martin Marina, where the event weigh-ins were held. "The tournament brought much needed revenue to our



Photo/Amy McKown

**Beth Corley was announced as the winner in the FLW coloring page drawing by the Hendry County Tourism Development Council on Saturday as the fishing tournament. She was presented the award by TDC Chairman and County Commission Chairman Karson Turner.**

community during these difficult economic times. From lodging, gas stations, restaurants and grocery stores, all local businesses benefit from such a big event."

The FLW American Fishing Series is considering Clewiston for another tournament later this year.

"With the welcome we received from this community we will be looking to get back here again soon," said Lappin.



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## CHS takes a trip

CHS would like to thank Mr. Karson Turner and Dr. Carroll for their generous donation that allowed 32 students to attend the Second Seminole War Educational Day at the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation this past Friday.



Submitted photo

## Great job

Clewiston Christian School student Jade Potter shows off her paper she completed in her preschool class.

- Mondays and Tuesdays - Room 103
- Wednesdays and Thursdays - Room 108

### Science

- Mondays and Tuesdays - Room 304
- Wednesdays and Thursdays - Room 307

## Central Elementary School

CES Yearbooks on sale



Submitted photo/Don Munch

## Reading Week

Central Elementary School students from Mrs. Nara's third-grade class enjoyed the recent Reading Week Event at Central Elementary. Thank you to the students and CES Reading Teachers Miss Scruggs and Mrs. Mosely for all of their efforts, as the event was a big success!

Please pre-order your 2010 CES Yearbook now! Price is only \$ 15. If you would like to place an ad for your child or a business, please contact CES at 863-983-1550 or stop by the office for more information!

### Upcoming Events

- March 9 to March 19 - FCAT Testing!
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## School Happenings

### Clewiston High School

#### Click it or Ticket

Clewiston High School acknowledges March is "Click it or Ticket" Month! Seatbelt use will be enforced on campus in both parking lots. The fine for not wearing your seatbelt is \$113!

#### Tutoring Program

Ms. Janice Lee, Principal of Clewiston High School, is proud to announce the af-

ter school tutoring program! All Clewiston High School students can attend! Anyone who needs extra help with FCAT, homework, mini-assessments may attend Monday through Thursday. Tutoring sessions will be held on the following days.

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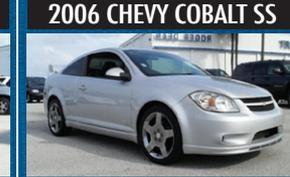
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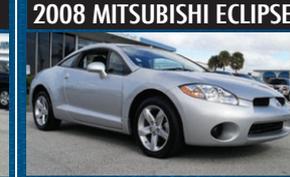
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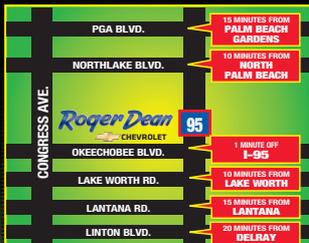
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# CROP at Clewiston High School

By Roberto Sanchez

For three years, the Clewiston High School College Reach Out Program (CROP) has been a quiet, but determined club.

The club has seen its student participation roughly triple over the span of time that it has existed. Devoted to scholarship, increasing Clewiston's presence in Florida's college community, student leadership, community service, and extending academic opportunities to its students, the program enjoys support from both Florida Gulf Coast University and the Florida State Department of Education.

Run by On-Site Coordinator, Mr. Johnathan Williams and his officers: Wotts Mercy, President; Jose Torres, Jr., Vice-President; Amatullah Seymour, Secretary; and Lisa Johnson, historian, this organization has won awards for its community service and academic strength that include: Best New Community Service Activity (2008-2009) and the FGCU SW Florida Brain Bowl Competition (1st place for 2009-2010 year).

They made it to the third round of competition at the Brain Bowl regional competition at Florida International University and have devoted nearly 200 hours of community service to local nursing homes and cleanups in Clewiston.

The group also paid a visit to the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University, and plans on taking more visits to other college campuses.

"The first part of this school year has been dynamic, and I look forward to the second half being even better. We want to finish this year strong so that we can really CROP to a whole new level next year. As more students join our group, the more students from CHS will go on to some kind of post-secondary education after they graduate" said Mr. Williams.

In the end, that is what is so important, making sure that when students leave CHS, they at least have the opportunity to go on and further their education. With CROP firmly entrenched at CHS, that opportunity will be there.



Photo/CHS

CROP Members from left to right are Krista Gutierrez, Osbaldo Garcia, Luis De La Salas, Tyler Clements, Enedina Martinez, Jazmine Thompson, Wotts Mercy, Sybille Dorelien, Mr. Williams in the background.



Submitted photo

## Reading at CCS

Vivian Mathis, a teacher at Clewiston Christian School, helps her K4 student, Romance Freeman, read his book.

# CHS prepares for FCAT

Attention students and parents! Clewiston High School students are doing whatever it takes to prepare for the upcoming FCAT assessment.

After School tutoring is available and is specially designed for students that feel they struggle in Reading, Math and Science and really need extra help preparing for the FCAT. The FCAT is in March and there is not much time left to prepare. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get extra help.

## FCAT schedule

- March 9 - Reading

- March 10 - Math
- March 11 - Science

## Testing tidbits

Students should eat a healthy breakfast and get plenty of rest to perform to the best of their ability. Attendance for testing is very important. All students learning gains for Reading, Math and Science will impact our school grade. We are encouraging all students to do their best! Please help us by encouraging and building their confidence for testing. Thank you for your constant support and for making your child's education a number one priority!



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 09-207-CA
RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK, et al. Plaintiff
vs. DONNA H. LEE, et al., Defendants
NOTICE OF CLERK'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 18, 2008, entered by the Circuit Court of St. Lucie County, Florida, in that certain case, the docket number of which is 09-207-CA, wherein RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK, et al., is Plaintiff, and DONNA H. LEE, et al., are Defendants, I, JOE FLINT, Clerk of Circuit Court, will, on the 18th day of March, 2010, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as the sale may be held, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida, the following described real estate, situate, lying, and being in Glades County, Florida:

Parcel A:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of State Lot One run South 0°28'19" East along the West boundary thereof, 1684.84 feet; thence North 62°13'02" East, 105.0 feet; thence South 0°28'19" East, 140.0 feet; thence South 78°30'14" West, 95.05 feet; thence North 0°28'19" West, 110.0 feet to the point of beginning; together with Easement as described in Parcel B below. Parcel A is a part of said State Lot One, Section 13, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, Florida.

Parcel B:
An Easement for ingress and egress over the West 5 feet of the Parcel described as: The E 1/2 of the following described property; Beginning at the intersection of the West boundary of Lot 1 and the North boundary of State Road 78 right of way; run North along said West boundary 420 feet; thence Northeast parallel to said State Road 78 right of way; run North along said West boundary 420 feet; thence Northeast parallel to said State Road 78 right of way, 210 feet; thence South to State Road 78 right of way and parallel to the West boundary of Lot 1; thence West along the North boundary of State Road 78 right of way to the point of beginning. Said Lot 1 being a part of Section 13, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, as more particularly shown on that certain plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 84 of the Public Records of Glades County, Florida, LESS the property described in Parcel A above.

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 February 16, 2010.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Bevis
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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Contents of the following units located at 500 S. San Gabriel St., Clewiston, FL will be sold on March 8, 2010.

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Unit #32 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #44 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #46 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #50 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #53 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #55 - Occupant Unknown
Unit #66 - Occupant Unknown

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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 22-2009-CA-000019
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2005-3, Plaintiff,
vs. DEAN BRAMER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Feb. 10, 2010 and entered in Case No. 22-2009-CA-000019 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2005-3, is the Plaintiff and DEAN BRAMER; GWYN BRAMER; TENANT #1 N/K/A MARY WARDELL; TENANT #2 N/K/A TERRY WARDELL; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 11th day of March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOT 19, WESTLAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 129 AND 130, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 19 PALM COURT, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
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Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-000941
Beneficial Florida Inc., Plaintiff,
vs. Terrance H. Graham and Wanda W. Graham, Husband and Wife, Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated February 11, 2010 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000941 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Beneficial Florida Inc., Plaintiff and Terrance H. Graham and Wanda W. Graham, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00, MARCH MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

LOT 13, IN BLOCK A, OF SUGARLAND ESTTES, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 76, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY 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.

Dated at LABELLE, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2010.
BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida
BY: /s/ D. Hammond
DEPUTY CLERK
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIO & FISMAN, LLP
10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 112
Tampa, Florida 33618
347414 CN 3/4,11/10

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 22-2009-CA-000283
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff
vs. SMEDLEY, BENJAMINE J., et al., Defendants
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: JAMIE H. SMEDLEY
460 CYPRESS AVENUE NW
LABELLE, FL 33935
JAMIE H. SMEDLEY
2020 ROCK RD
NAPLES, FL 34120-3807
AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Glades County, Florida:

THE NORTH 332.80 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1331.20 FEET OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1999 REDMAN MOBILE HOME, VIN # FLA 14614507A AND FLA 146145681

has been filed against you, an you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, or on or before March 19, 2010; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 10 day of February, 2010.

Joe Flint
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Jennifer Bevis
As Deputy Clerk
This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (23472,0189)
346633 GCD 2/25/3/4/10

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 10CP02
In Re: Estate of FLOYD WOOLEY, AKA FLOYD EARL WOOLEY, JR. and/or FLOYD E. WOOLEY, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ESTATE
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FLOYD WOOLEY, AKA FLOYD EARL WOOLEY, JR. and/or FLOYD E. WOOLEY, deceased, File Number 10CP02, by the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is Route 27, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33407; that the decedent's date of death was December 24, 2009; that the total value of the estate is \$39,500.00 and that the name and address of the person to whom it has been ordered to be distributed to by such order is:

Name Shirley Rae Wooley, spouse
Address 1075 Ben Street BHR Okeechobee, FL 34974
All interested persons are notified that:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 4th, 2010.
Petitioner for Estate: Regina Lynn Jones
3410 SW 23rd Street 11 Okeechobee, FL 34974
Attorney for Estate: J. Marshall Gilmore, Esq.
1150 Louisiana Ave., Suite 4 Winter Park, FL 32789
(407) 625-7321
347390 GCD 3/4,11/10

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 22-2009-CA-000005
NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff
vs. AMY E. ARNOLD, et al. Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated Feb. 17, 2010, entered in Civil Case Number 22-2009-CA-000005, in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, wherein NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and AMY E. ARNOLD, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as:

Lots 26 thru 53, Block 5 and Lots 1 thru 6, 9 thru 28 and 33 thru 48, Block 6, MAGIC CITY, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1 Page 17, in the Public Records of Glades County, Florida lying in Section 1 Township 42 South, Range 28 East, Glades County, Florida.

Together with that certain 2006 SCTB 64 foot double-mobile home bearing VIN's SBHGA1060601487A and SBHGA1060601487B

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Highway 27 and 5th Street, Moore Haven, FL 33471, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of March, 2010. 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.

Dated: February 15, 2010.
Joe Flint
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Jennifer Bevis
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471, telephone 863-946-6010, TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. 346647 CGS 2/25;3/4/10

Public Notice
PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District. The remaining Board is authorized to appoint a successor to the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Applicants are sought for the position and must be a resident of the District. Applications should be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., 3/15/2010. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest stating their background and experience. Letters may be hand delivered only (no mail receipts) to 3293 Delwood Terrace, Labelle, FL or mailed to the following address:
Board of Supervisors
Port LaBelle Community Development District
P.O. Box 1605
Labelle, FL 33975
346409 CB/CGS 2/18;25;3/4/10

Public Notice
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 18, 2010, for the following Proposals:
E1H87 - This project is reserved for bidding by "Small Businesses".
A Certification of Qualification is not required for Drainage improvements, curb and gutters, sidewalks and signing and pavement marking on State Road 17 in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$123,642.00
E1I28 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Thermoplastic and Painted Long Line Striping and Marking and Retro Reflective Pavement Markers in Desoto & Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$108,586.00
E1I29 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Road and Bridge Sweeping in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00
E1I30 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Countywide Fertilizer Application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$180,000.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/PLANHOLDERS%20LIST; or by calling (863) 519-2559.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 22-2008-CA-000114
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs. DIANE E. PRATT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Feb. 17, 2010 and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000114 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES COUNTY, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and DIANE E. PRATT; RANDALL S. PRATT, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 1st day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOT 79, LESS THE WEST 10 FEET THEREOF, IN TURKEY CREEK SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, AS PER MAPS OR PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 12170 ANCHOR LANE, ORTONA, FL 33471.

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Public Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
George C Clennon, 801 S Gloria St, Clewiston, FL
Matthew C Brummett, 1520 Ute St, Labelle, FL
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592

Public Notice
Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su inelegibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion de la inelegibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. telepone 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592

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Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LABELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

There will be a LaBelle Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Board Room, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission 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.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County  
347673 CGS/CB 03/04/10

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP, REGULAR MEETING AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and continued hearing 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 Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. The continued public hearing and meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on March 18, 2010 at the Central Florida Visitor Center Auditorium, 101 Adventure Court, Davenport, FL. The board will participate in a strategic planning workshop at the same location and date beginning at 9:00 AM. The continued public hearing is to consider adoption of a water and wastewater impact fee and water connection fee schedule within the FGUA service area serving the Lindrick Utility System of Pasco County. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates 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 hearing, 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. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding 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 hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900. 347406 CGS 3/4/10

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 22-2008-CA-000291**

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIOANL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**ROSA L. MARTINEZ, et al,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Feb. 17, 2010 and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000291 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is the Plaintiff and ROSA L. MARTINEZ, et al are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 1st day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

**A PARCEL OF LAND INTRACT 23 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, LYING IN THE WESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CRS AND THE NORTHWESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CSS, ACCORDING TO SAID PARCELS AS RECORDED BY GOVERNMENT PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL CRS AND RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OR ALONG CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.01 FEET; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE IN NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, PARALLEL TO SAID CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.02 FEET OR THEREABOUTS TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF PARCEL CRS, THENCE WEST ALONG SAID BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND IN TRACT 23, SECTION 14, SECTION 43 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, LYING IN THE WESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CRS AND THE NORTHWESTERLY PORTION OF PARCEL CSS ACCORDING TO SAID PARCELS AS RECORDED BY GOVERNMENT PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL CRS AND RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OF ALONG CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 284.01 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO SAID CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF PARCEL CRS A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**A/K/A 1380 SW RIVER ROAD, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471**

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 February 18, 2010.

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

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**\*\*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; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.  
346926 CN 02/25/03/04/10

**Public Notice**

**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 3/23/10

SUBJECT AREA: 600 Philosophy and General Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for philosophy and general statement.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1006.21(3), 1001.42, 1001.43 F.S., 6A-3.01 and 6A-3.17 S.B.R.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1006.21(3), 1001.42, 1001.43 F.S., 6A-3.01 and 6A-3.17 S.B.R.

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for philosophy and general statement.

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on March 23, 2010.

**Notice:** Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

**Notice:** If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.

**Notice:** The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.

**Notice:** Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.

**Notice:** The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

**Notice:** If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

**Notice:** If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.  
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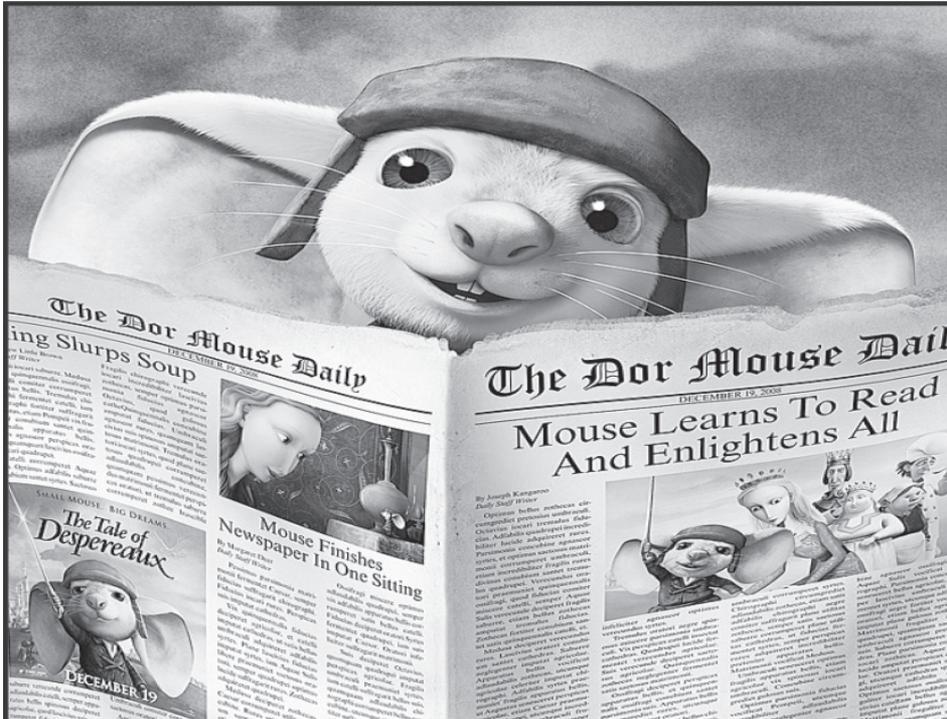
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## Religious columns

### Life in a Gold Fish Bowl

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

Once upon a time, many years ago, I proved my manhood by tossing a carnival ball in a little glass bowl and won a goldfish. I carried it home in a plastic bag, kept it in a jar until I could go out and purchase an official goldfish bowl from the store.

If you've ever had a goldfish, you know just what happens to them. You put them in their little goldfish bowl and they just keep swimming and swimming around the bowl.

The crazy thing is that when a goldfish is put in a little bowl, it starts to produce an enzyme that keeps it from growing. Put it in a larger bowl, and it grows a little bit larger. When you take it out of the bowl and put it in a big pond, it starts to grow into the size it was meant to be.

Someone once said that we need to live every day like it will be our last, for one day we will be right. There's a lot of wisdom in that. Too many people are limiting themselves and their lives to the small goldfish bowl they are living in.

Though we may believe all the right beliefs, go to all the right meetings, and do the right things, there are times when some-

thing inside of us suggests there might be something more. That is God's calling in our lives to be all that we can be. We can't, however, be all that we can be until we step by faith outside of the limited confinement of the bowl we are living in, no matter how comfortable it might be.

Have you given thought to the possibility that you might be in a spiritual goldfish bowl at the moment? Perhaps you have found yourself just swimming and swimming and going in circles. The lesson of the goldfish bowl is that if you can get out, God has so much more for you than you've ever experienced before. He wants to introduce you to the big pond you were made for.

There is a big pond out there God has prepared for all of us. He wants to do something amazing through each of us! Let us grow to our potential.

### When do some things ever "Expire?" maybe never! Good news!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

An acquaintance of Mohawk indian origin was visiting one day awhile back. He asked

if there was a branch of his bank in my town and I told him where to find it. When he returned he told me of the difficult time he had cashing a check there. He said that the teller asked him for all sorts of identification and then wanted one with a picture on it.

"I gave her my Indian Status card issued by the government" he said. "She said she couldn't accept it" he went on "because it didn't have any expiration date on it." I told her "Lady, there is no expiration date on it because there is no time I expire being an Indian!" He got his check cashed! I recently attended a retirement conference for clergy. One thing was pretty apparent; none of us had "retired" being clergy. All of us were involved in ministries in one form or another, even if only in a limited, part-time capacity.

Apparently, ordination doesn't expire either. One of my former mentors and friends sent his new address in his retirement; moving about 2,500 miles from his last ministry. He told me about picking new furniture and then having to decide how he was going to "contribute" in his new location. Both the Old Testaments and New Testaments remind us that we are "a priest forever, after the Order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:5, Hebrews 5:6, 10ff)". Those called to special ministries and identified with religious titles seem never to retire. I know of no tradition

that "revokes" an ordination, or has any major ministry "expiring" - like the Energizer Bunny, it just keeps going and going and going! And, by the way, this includes another "priesthood" - the priesthood of all believers. Peter reminds us "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God... (1 Peter 2:9)" When does that ministry begin? At baptism when you become a part of the family of God.

Whether baptized as an infant or as an adult, and by whatever means; one is a part of God's family and has a ministry or "priesthood." Does that expire or is it "revoked?" Never! Like those who are ordained; there may be times and circumstances when ministry is not practiced but it still serves to mark us. A man once asked me if I could "undo" a baptism! As we talked, I found out the problem wasn't with the baptism but in the record-keeping that went with it (which was corrected).

Strange question; if we believe that baptism involves God, how could we possibly undo His work?! We do what the Lord commands: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... (Matthew 28:19)" and when we do, the Lord surely does His part too, never to expire - we're His always, everywhere, anyway! That's really Good News!

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# HCSO kicks off Click it or Ticket enforcement

## Click it or Ticket Florida. Extended hours to focus on all unbuckled motorists – day and night

Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden and members his department are joining forces with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies across Florida in renewing a pledge to save lives by cracking down on motorists who drive without wearing seat

belts and properly restraining children. Law enforcement officers will not only be targeting major roadways but also school zones ticketing drivers and passengers, including children under 18, who are not buckled up. The statewide campaign runs March 1 through March 15, 2010.

According to 2008 data from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2,938 individuals were either drivers or passengers in safety belt equipped vehicles. Sixty percent (1,085) of these people killed were not wearing safety belt.

In addition to that, 54 of the 79 children ages 0 to 17 years old, killed in traffic crashes were either not using safety belts or restrained in child restraint device.

“With 30 percent of traffic fatalities due to Floridians failing to buckle up regularly, it’s clear that far too many people still don’t take the safety belt law seriously,” Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden said.

“The unbuckled rate is especially high – and the fatal crash rate increases significantly at night. So look for us to be out on streets both day and night in March making

sure that everyone is buckled up.”

A seat belt usage survey conducted at three major intersections in Hendry County indicated a seat belt usage of 45 percent; less than 50 percent of drivers and their passenger’s utilized safety belts.

Sheriff Whidden said, “Wearing your seat belt is easy and it costs you nothing. Not wearing it might cost you a ticket, or worse – your life.

I urge everyone in Hendry County to please be safe and buckle up day and night – Click It or Ticket It.

## Briefs cont.

### New World Tropical Birds

Hendry-Glades Audubon invites everyone to a free program on Monday, March 8 at 7 p. m. at the Cooperative Extension, Dallas Townsend Building 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. Featured speakers will be Phil Fenner, whose topic will be “New World Tropical Birds: Behavior, Courtship, Diversity” and C. Michael Knight, Ph.D. who will

present an update on “Audubon’s Invasive Species Program.” For information contact Margaret England 863-674-0695 sta5birding@earthlink.net.

### Volunteers needed for Senior Center

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with extended hours. The Se-

nior Center is currently open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to all seniors for brown bag lunch, bring your lunch and join us for fellowship. Senior center is located directly by John Boy Auditorium in the little white building. Lunch will begin at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer please stop by the Senior Center for more information.

### All Cancer survivors

If you are a cancer survivor we need you to fill out a cancer survivor form. These forms are sent to the American cancer society. All mailings will come from them. Your information is kept confidential. You should be able to get this form from your local pharmacy. Forms need to renewed every year. Filling out this form will make it possible for you to be notified of special events for you the survivor. We want to celebrate with you.



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# Runner

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the closest of the dedicated runner's friends and family -- but was back on his training regiment soon enough.

He isn't shy to say that his overall mood entering any race is one of confidence. It makes sense in this sport-on-concrete where on average dozens upon dozens, or sometimes hundreds or more, compete against one another for best time.

He'll need it, he said, since he'll be sharing the track with anywhere from 10 to 15 Olympic runners and many more Olympic hopefuls.

"It's a good opportunity for me to get in there with the big boys," he said.

His predictions for the Jacksonville are a little more tempered than in other races.

When the race begins there, his mind will be on improving on his best time, not finishing in first place.



Submitted photo  
**Austin grabbed the lead early in the race, maintaining his pace until crossing the finish line. After finishing, he embraced his daughter.**

"Winning is not the realistic goal there. That's just the way it is," he said.

That doesn't mean he doesn't have the potential of surprising more than a few other

runners.

"It's a good chance to go against the best of the country ... and beat a few of them," he said.



Submitted photo/John Hicks

## Angel Food

Clewiston Christian School students Dylan Patel, Jordan Sweet, and Alexa Mickler join others from the community to help pack bags for the monthly Clewiston Angel Food Ministry distribution.

## Citizens Academy to be held

Sheriff Steve Whidden will soon begin a second Sheriff's Citizen's Academy and is accepting applications at this time.

The response and involvement with current students has been great! This class will soon be graduating approximately 30 students in February and we are excited about the response that we have received from those involved.

The Sheriff's Academy is a 14 week program with each session lasting about two hours long. This instruction provides its participants with the latest trends and procedures in law enforcement as well as the duties and responsibilities of the various departments. The participants will spend a day at the firing range learning firearm safety and firing weapons as well.

The Citizen's Academy is great for anyone over the age of 18 and it's FREE. All

participants must have a background free of felony and violent misdemeanor convictions. If you are interested and wish to learn more about the field of law enforcement in general and about the Hendry County Sheriff's Office please let us know.

Sheriff Whidden and his staff are excited about this program and would encourage those interested in attending the next Sheriff's Citizens Academy to stop in and pick up an application, fill it out, and indicate whether you prefer a daytime or nighttime academy. Dates for the upcoming academy will be announced at a later time. We will contact each applicant with additional information. If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Sheriff's Citizens Academy call Lt. Susan Harrelle at 863-674-5604.

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