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Five Local Students Win Scholarships

The Rotary Club presented multiple scholarships to deserving applicants

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Sounds of polite chatter and silverware clinking on plates filled the room as Rotary members, Clewiston High School representatives, and scholarship applicants enjoyed lunch before the big news was announced: who won the Campbell Nall Scholarships, the Weekly Asphalt Scholarship, and the Rotary Club Scholarships.

Twenty-one anxious Clewiston High School students sat in the back of the room, each with high hopes. Of these 21 applicants, only five would win a scholarship that afternoon, May 14.

After Pastor John Hicks prayed over the feast and attendees, the Pledge of Allegiance officially started the meeting.

All the while, the students participated in the usual routine of the Rotary meeting, patiently waiting. After a couple of merry songs sung by club members, Joseph Whitehead took to the podium to get down to business.

Each applicant had their time to shine as Whitehead announced to

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Clewiston Recognizes Scholarship Recipients



PHOTO / JENNY WOODS

These five scholarship winners were recognized at the Rotary Club on Monday. From left to right: Erica Hegley, Morgan Jones, Alex Abreu, Jessica Torres, and Cassandra Paniagua.

Breakdown of FDLE Stats Shows Clewiston is a Safe Community

While county sees slight crime drop, city continues decrease in crime activity

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In last week's edition of The Clewiston News, an article covered the findings of the report as it relates to all of Hendry County.

Further analysis of the information, however, shows that the city of Clewiston, despite being in the county, remains one of the safest cities on the lake with regard to crime.

It is an interesting juxtaposition for the top two law enforcement agencies in the county -- a troubling stat plagues one while crime figures continue dropping year after year for the other.

While several law enforcement agencies cover Hendry County, the two major divisions are the Hendry County Sheriff's Office and the Clewiston Police Department.

The police department covers the city of Clewiston alone, while all areas past the city limits, including Twin Lakes, Harlem, Pioneer, Montura, and the city of LaBelle, are under the jurisdiction of the sheriff's office.

Judged as its sole division, the Clewiston Police Department is posting exemplary work.

Clewiston's crime rate has dropped

another 9.6 percent in sync with a steady downward trend across the last ten years (the crime rate dropped by 24.2 percent in 2010 and by 14.5 percent in 2009). The total index crime number of 798 in 2002 is a far cry compared to the current 264 index crime number. In addition, the solvability percentages of these cases are positive.

"The clearance percentage for Clewiston means that if you're a victim of a crime in the city, you have about a one in three chance that your case will be solved," said Chief Gutshall. "It goes to show that's why you [the citizens] pay for a police department."

Jillian Sparks' job as Clewiston

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Speaking Out for Tropicana

BY GIGI MEZZIO
Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School sixth graders prepared speeches for the annual Tropicana Speech Competition that was held on Friday, May 11. For the school wide competition, Language Arts teachers served as judges while parents anxiously looked on as their child informed, entertained, and even brought them to tears with their original stories.

First place winner, Sara Perera told a heart-warming, true story about her grandfather's near death experience while building an orphanage in Yuma, Venezuela.

"Although he suffered complete physical exhaustion, he knew that Jesus was there to help him. With the help of God, her Grandfather Tony was able to build the Home of Refuge orphanage ... and is still alive and well and still saving the lost and unloved children from the streets," Sara concluded. Sara displayed exceptional communication skills and exhibited a mature confidence that was touching to all observers. Her story was titled, "The Help." Second place winner, Sara McKown, related a humorous vignette about her younger brother, "My Little Monster." She stated that "he is small but ferocious and his disguise is being cute."

"My Annoying Brother," was 3rd place winner, Brooke Jarvis's title. She went on to explain how her older brother is annoying. "He always annoys me by poking me, scaring me, and just doing random acts of unkindness," she explained. Joby Ingram will step up to the plate in the event that one of the other winners isn't able to make the district competition, with his 4th place native heritage informational speech, "Oh, Night of First Nation," which tells about the Indian tribe he belongs to and some of their history. The county level competition will be held in the LaBelle High School auditorium on May 29 at 6:30 p.m.



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Lake O City Offers Fish Camp for Children This Summer

Clewiston Recreation Fish Camp offers a summer camp program for students age nine to fifteen who are interested in fishing.

Fish Camp provides valuable information regarding fish and their habitat, teaches various fishing techniques, and cultivates a new crop of responsible anglers.

All aspects of fishing are covered, ranging from fish identification and fish biology to boat navigation and angling techniques. Campers leave Fish Camp with an appreciation for the sport of fishing, as well as the knowledge required for ethical angling, and stewardship of their natural resources.

Fish Camp also introduces participants to the field of fisheries biology and current Fisheries projects. Fisheries biologists visit to discuss the goal of the Division of Fisheries and the methods and equipment used to perform project duties.

Campers conduct scientific procedures involving fish and fish habitat and participate in fish sampling demonstrations.

Camp hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Campers may be dropped off as early as 8 a.m. and must be picked up by 5 p.m.

Campers are provided with all gear necessary for fishing. Each child is given his/her own rod and reel and tackle box full of tackle to be used during camp week.

At the close of Fish Camp, campers take their fishing equipment home to use for future fishing and to share with others. The goal is to have each child leave camp equipped to fish safely with both the knowledge and the gear.

Campers need to come dressed for the weather. Children are outdoors each day and camps run rain or shine.

Items to bring daily:

- Sunscreen
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Snacks (fishing makes you hungry!!)
- Old shoes that can get wet and muddy
- Lunch is provided

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Fish Camp offers a great way for children interested in fishing to gain more knowledge of the sport through hands-on learning activities.



Do you have a Preschool age child?

If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).

Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.

Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.



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Click it or Ticket

The nationwide Click it or Ticket campaign begins on May 18 through June 3.

Law enforcement will be out looking for violators. More information and updates will be on their facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Clewiston-Police-Traffic-Unit/202836426434964>.

Foster Parent Class

If you are interested in taking a foster parent class, please call 863-983-5269 or contact Rene at 239-464-0112.

The class will meet once a week for 10 weeks. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church.

Garden Club Meeting

The Clewiston Garden Club is having their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 17, at the Clewiston Museum at 9:30 a.m.

It will be their last meeting before summer. After the meeting, they will be having a luncheon at the Clewiston Country Club.

Caloosa Federated Republican Women

•Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m., the Caloosa Federated Republican Women will commemorate the 62nd anniversary of 101 Republican Women from both coasts and central Florida who met in December of 1949 at the Clewiston Inn to initiate a state organization and encourage all Republicans to become politically active.

They will have a table for early registration prior to a welcome, meet and greet, cocktail party at the Clewiston Inn.

•Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m., the Sugar and Spice Room will be open for registration. A luncheon will be served at 1 p.m.

There will be ladies to assist all attendees with the silent auction items on Friday evening and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will be holding a baby-sitting course for ages 12-15 on May 19, at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All participants need to bring their own lunch. Pre-register by May 14. To register, call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

The Bible Story in 20 Minutes

First United Methodist Church of Clewiston invites the community to hear Pastor John Hicks share a special message on the Heart of the Bible Story from Genesis to Revelation this Sunday, May 20, at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Christian Fellowship Scholarship

Open to any Clewiston area graduating high school student who attends or is active in a local church, ministry, or Christian Fellowship. The student must be planning to attend a college, trade school, or institute.

Sponsored by the Clewiston Ministerial Association, two \$500 general scholarships and one \$200 scholarship for books or incidental expenses will be awarded.

Applications are available at local churches, by emailing ClewistonPastors@aol.com, or by calling 863-983-5269. The deadline is May 23.

Pioneer Homeowner's Scholarship

The Pioneer Plantation Homeowner's Association is offering a scholarship to help with college, technical, or trade school. The graduating senior must be a permanent resident of the Pioneer community.

The intent is to encourage and help the youth of the area to pursue their future goals.

For more information please contact Fred or Pat Bosley at 863-983-9544. Applications should be submitted to: Pioneer Plantation Homeown-

er's Association, Fred or Pat Bosley, 4600 Hendry Isles Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

Applications must be accompanied by proof of acceptance by school or college and must be received no later than May 31. The Pioneer Plantation Homeowner's Association Scholarship will be awarded at the June 11 Homeowner's monthly meeting.

Fundraiser for Presidential Inaugural Conference

Annette Mizell would like to thank those who participated in the fundraiser for Demari Edwards. The winners were Kim Ross, 1st place, and Vicki Hernandez, 2nd place.

She is trying to raise money for Demari Edwards' trip to the High School Presidential Inaugural Conference that will be held Jan. 19 - 23, 2013.

The total cost of the trip is \$3,195. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Annette Mizell at 863-885-2718.

Summer Camp Registrations

You can now register for the 2012 Summer Camp at the Youth Center or online at www.clewistonrecreation.com.

The registration deadlines are: 1st Session, June 3 and 2nd Session, July 1. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

Weatherization helps cut electric bills

Okeechobee Non-Profit Housing Inc. is collaborating with Indiantown Non-Profit Housing Inc. to implement a weatherization program provided by the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Low income families in Hendry County can obtain funds through the program to add insulation and make other improvements to their homes that will help cut electric bills.

The program is open to both homeowners and renters. In the case of a renter, the owner of the rental property must agree to pay 10 percent of the cost of the improvements. The program mission is to reduce heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home.

Strategies include sealing windows and doors to prevent waste of heating and cooling, attic insulation, installation of smart thermostats for central health and cooling, replacing inefficient refrigerators, and many other improvements at no cost to the applicant.

For more information, contact Okeechobee Non-Profit Housing Inc. by calling 863-467-5525, or stop by the office at 115 S.W. Fifth Avenue in Okeechobee.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be starting a group for family members of people with mental illness. For more information and registration please call 863-241-9563 or 863-946-0411.

Program helps Hardest Hit Homeowners

If you've experienced a financial hardship due to job loss or reduced hours resulting in a reduction in your income, the federal government has allocated funding to the State of Florida to help people in your situation.

It's free to apply and those who qualify may be eligible for up to six months of mortgage payments. You can get the help you need when you need it and it's absolutely free to apply.

To find out if you are eligible or for more information, visit www.FLHardestHitHelp.org or call 877-863-5244.

Flea Market

The VFW Post #4185 is having a continuous indoor-outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please call Kevin Rose at 863-269-4262.

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Clewiston Middle School

The Clewiston Middle School Jr. Beta Club is sponsoring their 1st Annual Talent Show. The event will feature many spectacular acts to en-

ertain. It will be held on Tuesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance in the Clewiston Middle School front office.

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Thursday Night:

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Sunday Night:

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Career Tips for New Graduates

Tips for steering your career in the right direction

If you're a new college or high school graduate, you may have been told by older relatives

that the best way to launch your career is to get a decent job and stick with it.

But many experts today warn that the expectation of relying on one company to employ you until you retire is no longer realistic.

"The traditional path that worked for your grandparents is not necessarily viable anymore,"

says Larry Winters, founder and president of Leadership Team Development, Inc., a company that provides business support materials for Amway business owners in North America.

As the author of the new book "Live the Dream - No More Excuses," Winters believes that with the right attitude and a solid plan, you can take control of your financial destiny.

to develop your personal growth. Expand your mind with the most positive, optimistic, ethical, inspiring material possible.

- Surround yourself with people who will help you keep a positive and motivated outlook. Don't allow friends with a "can't do" attitude to bring you down. Naysayers are a dime a dozen.

- The world teaches short-term thinking, but success doesn't jump up and attack you. True success is a designed, programmed event. Be it the field of merchandise or medicine, create a plan and follow it.

- Don't give up when you fall. Just get back up and move forward. Failures and setbacks are all part of the growing experience.

As you make your way into the "real world," consider harnessing your time, energy and talent into an independent career.

It won't be easy, but success rarely comes without effort - and there's no better time than when you are strong and full of energy to make it happen.

He offers these tips for new graduates inspired to make this commitment:

- Taking control of your financial future and career starts when you decide to dive into your opportunity headfirst. Be confident. You can't win with a mind cluttered with constant doubt.

- Excuses are easy to make and will only serve to help you avoid doing what's right. Stop making them!

- The only real security in today's economic climate of outsourcing and downsizing is the ability to perform. Gain a practical skill set and become invaluable.

- Spend time every day reading something

Hendry County 4-H Marine Team Orientation

Do you enjoy learning about marine life? If so you are invited to join the fun and exciting 4-H Marine Ecology Teams for Juniors (8-10 yr.), Intermediates (11-13 yr.) and Seniors (14-18 yr.). An orientation on how to prepare and participate in the December 1st State Marine Ecology Event will be held on Tuesday, May 29, at 3:30 p.m. at Dallas Townsend Extension Office (1085 Pratt Boulevard in LaBelle).

Study materials are provided. Adult volunteers and team leaders are needed to help with study groups and chaperone activities. The student enrollment fee is \$1. Fundraising opportunities will help provide funding for field trips.

For information enrollment forms or volunteer applications contact 4-H Agent Sonja Crawford at 863-674-4092 or Hendry Marine Team leader Margaret England at 863-674-0695.

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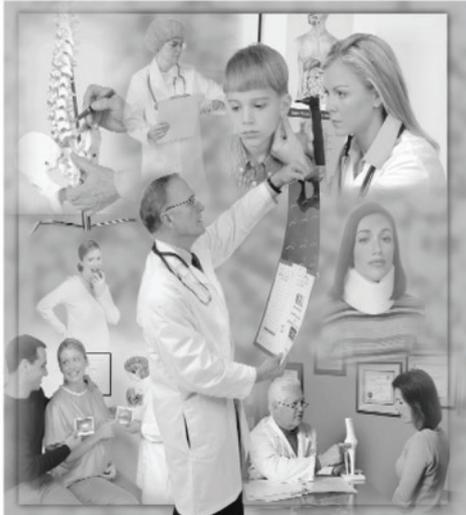
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Florida Beef Council Celebrates May as Florida Beef Month

May 2012 to be the First Ever Florida Beef Month

May is Florida Beef Month for the first time in the Sunshine State. The month-long program, sponsored by the Florida Beef Council, is aimed at building awareness of beef as a highly versatile and affordable commodity.

Florida is home to the largest beef cattle ranch in the United States and ranks eleventh in the nation in the number of beef cows. Cash receipts from the sale of cattle in Florida in 2011 reached \$502 million, making Florida's beef industry a profitable component of our state's agricultural industry.

In addition to the official proclamation by Governor Rick Scott designating May as Florida Beef Month, the Florida Beef Council will be working with Leslie Green, The Hungry Housewife, as its



Florida Beef Council

exclusive blogger and spokesperson during the campaign. Green will submit weekly recipes and photos, make media appearances and perform cooking demos utilizing Florida Beef, like Filet Mignon with Mushroom Mascarpone Sauce and Asian Beef Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette.

"We're so proud and excited to announce the first ever official Florida Beef Month," notes Jim Handley, CEO of the Florida Beef Council. "Our goal is for Florida residents to recognize how relevant beef is to the industry and what beef does

for our great state."

As part of a partnership, Tampa-based Sweetbay Supermarket will offer beef recipe tastings at select stores to drive beef sales, special summer grilling in-store signage, and underwrite billboards in Tampa and St. Petersburg. The Florida Beef Council will also sponsor an associate-specific contest to increase beef sales.

To enjoy recipes and to learn more about The Florida Beef Council or Florida Beef Month, please visit www.floridabeefcouncil.org.

Florida Partners Help Businesses

Prepare for Hurricane Season 2012

FSBDC State Office: The Florida Small Business Development Center Network (FSBDCN) is pleased to partner with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to help businesses prepare for and understand what a disaster could mean for their business.

Critical information will be provided through the partner-assisted training sessions. Hurricane Season 2012 officially begins June 1 and, although forecasters are predicting an average to below-average season, business owners are strongly urged to prepare for the worst.

"The Florida Division of Emergency Management is excited about partnering with the Florida Small Business Development Center to assist small businesses throughout the state with completing a business continuity plan," said Director

of Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bryan W. Koon.

"As the lifeblood of Florida's communities, it is imperative for small businesses to reopen as quickly as possible following a disaster and advance preparation is the best method for recovery."

"The Florida SBDC Network is committed to ensuring Florida small businesses are prepared for all aspects of business," said Jerry Cartwright, State Director of the FSBDCN. "Business continuity must be an important component for every business. In short, we want to ensure they stay open for business in the event of a disaster."

As a principal responder in the state's Emergency Support Function (ESF) 18—Business & Industry, the FSBDCN is a key economic development organization that supports disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation through its Business Continuity and Risk Management Center (BCRM) program.

Initiated in 2006 as part of a congressionally-

directed program funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the focus of the BCRM is to ensure that Florida businesses have the education, training, and assistance needed to minimize losses and increase survivability when affected by a disaster.

FSBDC certified consultants statewide are available to help business owners develop a business continuity, emergency preparedness, and recovery plan at no cost.

For more than 35 years, the Florida SBDC Network has nourished a statewide partnership between higher education and economic development organizations, dedicated to providing emerging and established business owners with management and technical assistance, enabling overall growth and increased profitability for the businesses and economic prosperity for the state.

To learn more about the Florida SBDC Network or to find a SBDC near you, visit www.FloridaSBDC.org or call 1-866-737-7232.

Asthma Sufferers: Get Informed

If you're one of the estimated 25 million Americans who suffer from asthma, you know what it's like to experience symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. To raise awareness and understanding of this serious and growing health problem, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Genentech have joined with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) to launch The Asthma Express, an educational awareness program to help bring allergic asthma to the forefront.

The program highlights the increasing number of people suffering from the disease and how it affects them. The program encourages people to get screened to help determine if their asthma is uncontrolled and to talk with an asthma specialist about their results and if they should be screened for allergic asthma.

The Asthma Express is stopping in selected cities across the U.S., educating people at com-

munity health fairs about asthma, allergic asthma and some available testing options.

In each city, the educational experience features:

- Interactive iPad stations where people can learn more about allergic asthma.
- Free testing options to see if your asthma is uncontrolled and if allergens may play a role in your asthma.
- A take home educational kit to help people talk with their healthcare provider about the disease.

Many things can trigger or worsen asthma symptoms, leading to uncontrolled asthma that may vary and recur over time. Of the different types of asthma, allergic asthma is the most common form affecting approximately 60 percent of all asthma sufferers in the U.S. Allergic asthma is caused by sensitivity to year-round allergens in the air that trigger an allergic reaction

that can lead to asthma attacks and symptoms. It is also associated with IgE, a type of antibody responsible for most allergic reactions. Typically your healthcare provider will use a skin or blood test to see if your asthma is caused by allergens in the air.

"It is important to understand what could trigger your allergic asthma to help better control your disease," says Dr. Travis Stork, ER doctor and host of the Emmy award-winning talk show "The Doctors." "Many people living with asthma and allergic asthma have triggers. Identifying your triggers can help you work with your doctor to determine the most appropriate course of action. The one thing I always tell patients: 'Empower yourself.' When it comes to asthma, find out if your asthma is allergic asthma."

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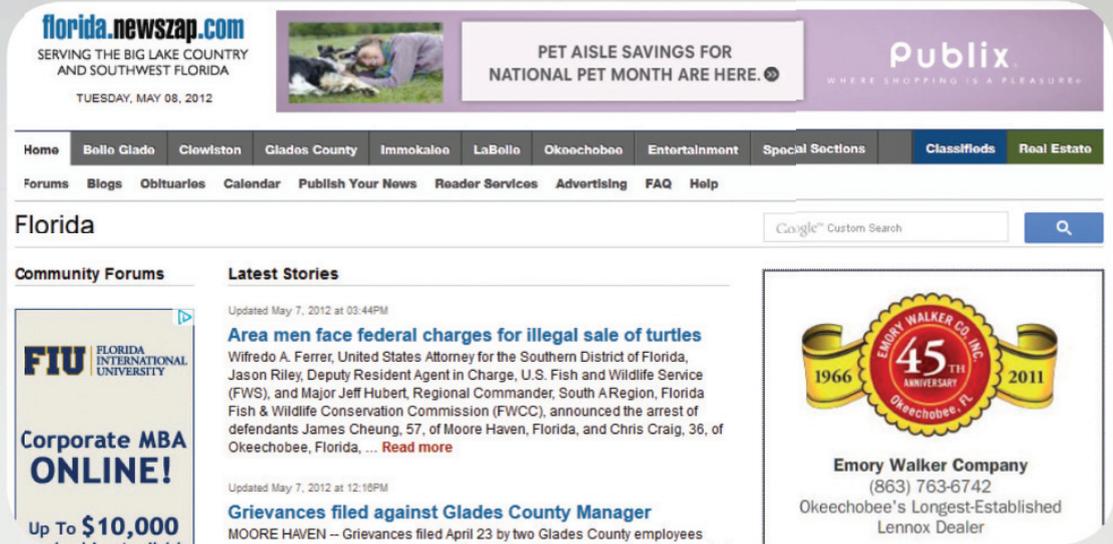
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Mother of Shooting Victim Hopes for Arrest

Gang-related crime leaves teenager in critical condition

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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On Saturday, May 12, a 16-year-old boy was airlifted from the unincorporated area of Hendry County, just east of Clewiston, with two bullet wounds in his body. Joining her son at the intensive care unit of St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, his mother said she will not stop until justice is served.

In the meantime, the Hendry County Sheriff's Office mobilized quickly to make an arrest in connection with the case, although they are still on the pursuit of the 14-year-old boy they believe may have pulled the trigger. The sheriff's office is asking anyone with information about the crime to contact them.

The incident originated at the Clewiston Youth Development Academy, where the suspect and the victim, Michael Rudd, reportedly got into an argument. Rudd's mother said, in an act of defiance, Michael blew kisses at the suspect, saying, "I still love you. I love you."

The suspect threatened him, saying, "I have a new gun for you."

That incident happened on Thursday. On Saturday, when Michael was in the Sherwood Subdivision outside of Clewiston with friends, the suspect saw him and brandished a gun.

A few minutes after an older male walked onto the scene to incite it further, the gun was still clicking from the suspect pulling the trigger long after running out of bullets. Michael was shot twice, while a relative of his, Giovanni Lopez, was hit in the leg. With Michael injured, his older brother made his way to him, picking him up and carrying him to the car while the suspect

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Tiger Athletes of the Year

Clewiston High School named two as the Tiger Athletes of the Year during its Spring Sports Awards Ceremony last Thursday evening at the CHS Auditorium. Robby McCarthy and Whitney Ire were named the male and female Athletes of the Year from all of the schools sports students. The spring sports awards events featured baseball, softball, track and tennis teams.

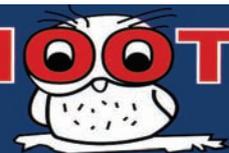


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Westside AR Rally

Top three point earners at the Westside Elementary AR rally were 3rd place Christopher Rodriguez, 2nd place Destiny Bonilla and 1st place Angelica Contreras.

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We are proud of your accomplishment,

Congratulations Rod!

Mom & Dad.



ACHIEVEMENT

RICKEYSHA GODFREY

Richard Godfrey, Sr., and Tonya D. Wilkinson would like to congratulate their daughter, Rickeysha L. Godfrey on passing the Florida Bar on her first try! Rickeysha was raised in Belle Glade, FL where she graduated from Glades Central High School, with honors, in 2004. Rickeysha went on to attend the University of South Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 2008. Soon after, she relocated to our nation's capital to attend the prestigious Howard University School of Law (HUSL). While attending HUSL, Rickeysha served as a graduate assistant in the Howard University Office of Residence Life, gained practical legal experience as a judicial intern in the Office of Administrative Hearings and served as the Head Coordinator of the annual Graduate Student Assembly Gala. Rickeysha earned her Juris Doctor from Howard University's school of law in 2011. She credits the grace of God coupled with the relentless support and unconditional love of her parents, grandparents, and siblings for her success. Congratulations Rickeysha, we love you and we are so PROUD of you!



Inland Birding Fun: Anhinga (ANHI)



PHOTO / LARRY FROGGE

Anhinga chicks.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Anhinga is sometimes called a Snakebird or Water Turkey. The name is derived from the Brazilian Tupi language which means “devil” or “snake bird.”



Margaret England

It is often mistaken for the Double-crested Cormorant. The Anhinga has a very long neck and often swims with just its neck above water. Its tail is longer than a Cormorant's and it has a long thin pointed bill while the Cormorant's bill

has a hook-tip.

The male Anhinga has a mostly black green body with a glossy black blue wings and tail. There are white feathers at the tip of the tail and elongated gray or light purple white feathers at the back of the head and neck. The female is similar to the male except it has a pale gray-buff or light brown head, neck and upper chest. Juveniles are mostly brown until after their second or third winter.

Anhinga lack oil glands to waterproof their feathers. They will often spread out their wings and feathers to dry if they become waterlogged. Their call is a raspy croaking sound.

This resident breeding bird is found throughout much of Florida in freshwater swamps, marshes and ponds in urban and rural area and less frequently in brackish or saltwater habitats. Their diet consists mainly of fish which they spear with their bill, but they will also eat insects and crustaceans.

Anhinga will place their nests in mixed-species colonies of Herons, Egrets and Cormorants. These colonies range from six to several hundred pairs of nesting birds. The male Anhinga begins nest construction and collects nearly all of the twigs, sticks and green material for the nest, which is built five to 100 feet above the ground. The female finishes building the bulky platform nest.

Egg-laying often occurs during March and April. Three to five white to plain blue eggs covered with a chalky deposit will hatch in 35 to 28 days. The young birds remain near the nest until they are fully grown and capable of flight.

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston. For reservations for

these free trips contact Margaret England at sta5-birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

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4-H'ers Compete in County and District Events

4-H members participated in County Events at the LaBelle Extension Office to win a place to compete in District 12 4-H events held in Collier County. District 12 4-H Events were held at Corkscrew Elementary School. District 12 consists of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee counties. The youth presented an illustrated presentation on an interested topic, submitted a photo/poster, modeled a constructed or selected garment in the Fashion Revue, and/or participated in the Share-the-Fun Talent Show.

Receiving Blue Ribbons at County Events in the Presentation category: Sean Chadwick, Maggie Gacula, Savanna Green, Stormie Green, Brittney Harrell, Haley Harrell, Rebekah Lopez, Andy McAvoy, Dustin Padgett, Harry Plamondon, Joseph Rourks, Harley Yates, and Iman Zekri. Receiving Blue Ribbons at District Events in the Presentation category: Sean Chadwick, Maggie Gacula, Brittney Harrell, Haley Harrell, Rebekah Lopez, Andy McAvoy, Harry Plamondon, and Iman Zekri.

Sean, Andy, and Harry will be presenting their demonstration during Florida 4-H Congress the week of July 23-27 in Gainesville.

Receiving Blue Ribbons at County Events in the Fashion Revue Category: Maggie Gacula, Savanna Green, Stormie Green, Brittney Harrell, Haley Harrell, Mia Herrera, Justin Mickelsen,



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Abby Plamondon, Renee Plamondon, Edilia Rodriguez, Ashley White, and Harley Yates.

In the junior division; first place was awarded to Haley Harrell with Maggie Gacula in second place. Edilia Rodriguez took third place.

In the intermediate division; first place was achieved by Mia Herrera with Brittney Harrell in second place and Harley Yates in third place. In the senior division; Ashley White captured first place.

Ashley will be modeling her garment at Florida 4-H Congress the week of July 23-27 in Gainesville. Receiving Blue Ribbons at District Events in the Fashion Revue Category: Maggie Gacula, Brittney Harrell, and Haley Harrell.



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Clewiston Bass Anglers

The Clewiston Elks Club, assisted by the Clewiston Bass Anglers, held their first youth tournament for bass on Lake Okeechobee on May 12. Elks members and Clewiston Bass Anglers members provided boats with adults to take the young anglers out on the lake. Each Angler was provided with a gift package from Clewiston Walgreens, which included a camera for the anglers to document their day on the water. Numerous other local businesses provided sponsorship with gifts and prizes. The weigh in was held at 11 a.m. after starting at safe light, on the stage at Roland Martin Marina. Clewiston Bass Anglers managed the weigh in with Elks members assisting. After the weigh in, the group was treated to a great cookout by the Elks Club. Watch for updates on how your youngster can be involved in this great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and our great lake. Winners were given some great prizes that were provided by the sponsors.



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Central field trip

Central Elementary 4th graders enjoyed a field trip to the Clewiston Museum recently.

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But the world has changed much the last 8 years, let alone the last 80. While the definition of local news may have remained the same, the method in which readers may receive that news has changed dramatically.

For example, our Clewiston News Facebook site, with over 3500 fans has become the hands down number one social media presence in the area. We frequently receive "real time" news tips on the Clewiston News Facebook site, and several important breaking stories in the Clewiston News have emerged from our engaged and active Facebook audience.

Several years ago we introduced an online component to our newspaper. Free classifieds and public forums were the most attractive elements to the site, but we sometimes fell short when it came to providing updated news in a convenient and timely package. All that has now changed.

Beginning this month, we're very pleased to introduce our "new and improved" digital component -- a site we invite you to check out for yourself at florida.newszap.com. The site complements our wildly popular Clewiston News Facebook page extremely well, and adds dramatically to our ability to provide local readers and advertisers with a great new resource.

Unlike our prior site, florida.newszap.com offers up-to-date news, expanded photo and video galleries, comprehensive calendars and much more helpful information to readers looking for news not just in Clewiston, but throughout the Glades, Big Lake and Southwest Florida area. We've combined the talents of our news team and contributors to create an online product that we think will be helpful and meaningful to our readers throughout the region.

Visitors to our "new and improved" florida.newszap.com will immediately notice some new features:

- Regular local news updates from our acclaimed network of community newspapers serving the Clewiston area and the entire region.

- Expanded photo galleries and videos.

- The latest in local sports and entertainment news to provide you with helpful information on where to go and what to do.

- Enhanced and comprehensive community calendars that are simple to use and easy for anyone to submit events.

- And of course, we've kept some of the most popular features such as free online classifieds, local real estate information and obituaries.

that the public discussion forums are an excellent example of a cohesive online community, and we hope to build and expand this online community by extending and nurturing it.

To nurture the online community in the forums, we want to make it easier for people to obtain local, relevant and credible news they can then weave into their civic discussion. The new florida.newszap.com makes this possible.

While our new forum platform has some improvements over the old, users may notice some differences in features and functionality. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we are committed to upgrading and adding features to the new forums as soon as possible.

But the primary purpose of florida.newszap.com remains unchanged. We seek to provide citizens with the electronic equivalent of a town

meeting hall -- a place for people to gather, socialize, conduct business, exchange local news and discuss public issues.

As in the past, our public forums will help facilitate discussion and debate (with civility). As we grow, we will add blogs for different points of view and to provide perspective.

Our new site, coupled with our active Facebook presence, along with the print Clewiston News and sister publications, reaffirms our position as the area's most trusted and relied on news and advertising source. In fact, with our multiple channels and platforms, we're proud to say our audience in Clewiston is at an all-time high.

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The site overall has a whole new feel and look. For simplicity, we consolidated a number of pages. We think it's more attractive, interactive and easier to navigate.

Most important, we think the new sites will be more useful to you as you look for current information pertaining to your local neighborhood.

New look for community forums

As part of the overall redesign, we have changed the format and location of the public discussion forums. In the past, the forums were a separate entity, and one of our goals during the redesign was to integrate them into the fabric of the overall website.

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Religion Column

God's Spirit at Work; Affirming or Denying His Call

BY REV. SAM S. THOMAS
Saint Martin's Church

It's not my altar where I serve; it's God's altar. I have to remember that when I'm being casual or when we're discussing Church matters that are more mundane. People can get to thinking possessively when talking about "their Church" or "their faith."

I have to think about just whose it all is, and as a person who is supposed to serve, how I minister with the gifts entrusted to me. My stance on many things that Churches customarily do seems somewhat open to some of my colleagues. Baptism comes upon request, going over the service of Baptism as it is understood and administered in my tradition; setting a date and time, and then baptizing the child or adult who is presented or who presents himself.

The Book of Acts speaks of Peter, while speaking, noted that the gift of God's spirit fell upon all who had heard on that occasion (Acts 10:44ff). What had struck him was that some of those who were moved were "Gentiles."

These people were obviously not part of the faithful as Peter understood it was supposed to be; but it happened! They were obviously not part of the "in-group" of the faithful as Peter expected it to be; and yet it was obvious to him that God was involved in their lives.

What to do? Peter declares "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?(v. 47)" and he notes that they have received God's Spirit "just as we have." The "Gentiles" were then baptized; end of discussion!

Something will move a person to ask to be baptized, or have a child baptized into the household of the faithful; I understand that to be the work of God's Holy Spirit moving the person. Obviously, it does not come from society, or come from a world where many traditions have fallen by the wayside, or come from demands, threats or promises.

God is involved; in some way, somehow, something moves persons to seek Him. Am I to be stingy with God's gifts? Am I called to judge? Rather, I interpret those who come have been moved by God, as were the "Gentiles" that morning with Peter.

Accordingly, we move forward in faith; isn't that what it is all about anyway?

Some years back I had a young lady come

to my house with some pamphlets and wanted to talk about (her) religion. She had told me that she had been baptized as a child in another church but it "didn't take."

I countered, "What do you mean it didn't take - here you are on my doorstep talking about religion, being moved by God in some way, concerned, and you're telling me it 'didn't take!'" She paused and reflected; of course it "took" and put her on a path, still seeking and searching, and built on a foundation laid long ago. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) is that we who follow in the footsteps of the apostles "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

How to make disciples? Baptize them, then allow God to do something because He has been involved in moving them to be baptized in the first place. His spirit will unfold in them as it is destined to do.

Why baptize? Because God does something; that's why His Son told us to do it. Baptism is not a social rite; not getting some child or adult "done," or sociological process.

It's not about being part of a group only, but being a part of that Body of Christ that is here on earth.

Nor is it a magical act of some sort; rather an understanding that this is what was commanded of us and that God will act as He sees fit to act and for the best of those who respond to His call. God does something, will do something; we are to be faithful in our taking his commission seriously and do it in His name!



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7:00 P.M. Thursday, May 24, 2012
 John B. Boy Auditorium
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PURPOSE: To receive public comment regarding considerations for FWC's ten-year Management Plan for the Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area (OSWMA).

This hearing is designed exclusively for discussion of the draft management plan. A Management Prospectus for Okaloacoochee Slough WMA is available upon request from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Conservation Planning Group, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600. Telephone: (850) 487-9982 or (850) 487-9767 or by e-mail at Rebecca.Shelton@myfwc.com. 417432 CN 5/17/2012

Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee will hold a meeting May 22, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hendry County Administrative Office, Conference Room #1, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee

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NOTICE OF ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District, "the District," adopted election procedures at their regular meeting on April 25, 2012. If you are interested in qualifying as a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, you will need to notify Carolyn Hester, Manager for the District at the Central County Water Control District Administrative Offices, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida, telephone (863) 983-5797 **no later than June 1, 2012 before 5:00 p.m.** The District will hold a landowners' election for one seat on the five (5) member board of supervisors on October 20, 2012. A copy of the election procedures may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Hester, Manager at the address or phone number listed above. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 5:00 P.M., in the Commission Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida to review the method of distribution of local option fuel tax revenues among the County, the City of LaBelle and the City of Clewiston.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the matter. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Tristan Chapman, Chairman

416946 CN/CB 5/17/2012

Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the City of Clewiston Code Enforcement Special Magistrate will hold a public hearing on **May 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida pursuant to Chapter 26 of the City of Clewiston's Code of Ordinances. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk by mail at 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by telephone at number (863) 983-1484, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

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CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
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Public Notice **Public Notice**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1694	2008	1224432-01000290030	Dora Rodriguez & Daisy Cuencio

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012.**

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1787	2008	1224432-01000660060	Lesandra & Osvaldo Rivera

Lot 6, Block 66, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **June, 2012**, which is the **14th day of June, 2012.**

Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012.**

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

416885 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1714	2008	1224432-01000380120	Coral Parkways Holdings, Inc

Lot 12, Block 38, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012.**

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

416867 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1721	2008	1224432-01000420050	Joseph L. Despagne

Lot 5, Block 42, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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416874 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1914	2008	1254432-A0000520100	Mishaan Abraham & Flor de Mishaan & Humberto Becerra

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5097, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416868 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2195	2008	1344432-A0001000000	Israel Carnion, Iris Cabrera And Merlyn Lebron

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4301, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416618 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2492	2008	1074433-03000210090	Muhammad Hassan Haniff, Trustee

Lot 9, Block 21, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Dated this 18th day of April, 2012.

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

415655 CN 4/26; 5/3,10,17/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2553	2008	1314433-A0002680000	Jacqueline I. Garcia

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5925, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this 18th day of April, 2012.

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

415651 CN 4/26; 5/3,10,17/2012

Public Notice

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2139	2008	1274432-A0001910000	Felix Gomez Carballo

The North one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the North-east one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof and subject to a canal easement over and across the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 112, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **2nd** day of **May, 2012**.

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

416865 CN 5/10,17,24,31/2012

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SALE OR LEASE OF OFFICE BUILDING

90 N. MAIN STREET, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935
RFP NUMBER: 2012-20
OPENING DATE AND TIME: JUNE 7, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the sale or lease of the office building at 90 N. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (Parcel I.D. No. 2-29-43-02-150-0004-002.0), a 2,356 sq. ft. building. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by June 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to lease or sell the property, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this RFP, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 417381 CN/CB 5/17,24/2012

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONSTRUCTION OF FENCING,
LABELLE RECREATIONAL PARK - FORREY DRIVE,
LABELLE, FL

BID No. 2012-18
Opening Date and Time: May 24, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for construction of fencing at the LaBelle Recreational Park - Forrey Drive, LaBelle, FL 33935, Parcel ID # 2-29-43-10-A00-0001.0000. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on May 24, 2012 at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Purchasing, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address), or by calling 863-675-5220 or 863-983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 417109 CN/CB 5/17/2012

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Board meeting on Wednesday, May 30th, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Florida Cafe, 444 East Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.

417416 CN 5/17/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVISION
CASE NO. 262009CA00 1316XXXXXX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR HOLDERS OF SAMI TRUST 2006-AR-7 Plaintiff,
 VS.
 SHANTA WATTIE NADDEN; et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated September 28, 2010 and an Order Resetting Sale dated 4-27-12, and entered in Case No. 262009CA001316XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANTK.N.A.A.S TRUSTEE FOR HOLDERS OF SAMI II TRUST 2006-AR7 is Plaintiff and SHANTAWATTIE NADDEN; VENCOTRAI MADDEN; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 3; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 4; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 5; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 6; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 14 AND 15, IN BLOCK 374 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, 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.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on May 11, 2012.

BARBARA BUTLER
 As Clerk, Circuit Court
 By: /S/ J. Bevis
 As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATI & DIAZ, P.A.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 PO BOX 11.438
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438
 Telephone: (954) 564-0071
 417375 CN 5/17,24/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

416872 CN/CB 5/17/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will meet at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct routine business that may require Board action.

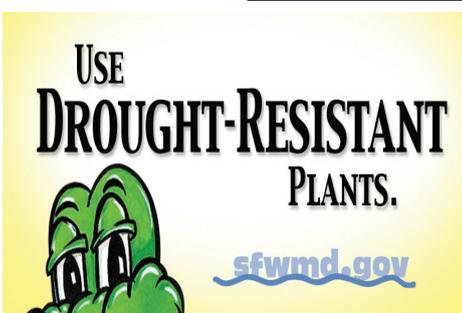
This meeting is open to the public.

Mark Colbert, Chairman
 417234 CGS/CB 5/17/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

416334 CN 5/10 & 5/17/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY AUCTION @ 340 N. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES DUE TO NON PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES. PURSUANT TO SUB SECTION 713.78 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE. CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS.

06/01/2012 @ 8:00AM
 2008 CHRY VIN# 2C3KA43R08H175993

06/02/2012 @ 8:00AM
 2012 CHEV VIN# 1G1NESJ32M651587

416947 CN 5/17/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Thursday, May 17th, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce/Museum conference room, 109 Central Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. If a quorum is not established, the alternative date is Thursday, May 24th, 2012 at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, 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.

Karson Turner, Chairman
 Hendry County
 Tourist Development Council
 417417 CN/CB 5/17/2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
South District Office, Air Resource Management
Draft/Proposed Permit No. 0510003-053-AV
United States Sugar Corporation, U.S. Sugar Clewiston Facility
Hendry County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is United States Sugar Corporation. The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Mr. Neil Smith, Senior Vice President, Sugar Manufacturing, United States Sugar Corporation, U.S. Sugar Clewiston Facility, 111 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440.

Facility Location: The applicant operates the existing U.S. Sugar Clewiston Facility, which is located in Hendry County at W.C. Owens Avenue and S.R. 832, Clewiston, Florida.

Project: Revision: The applicant applied on February 13, 2012 to the Department for a Title V air operation permit revision. This is a revision of Title V air operation permit No. 0510003-049-AV and is the second revision to the Title V air operation permit renewal No. 0510003-032-AV. This facility is a sugar mill and refinery. This Title V air operation permit revision incorporates air construction permit No. 0510003-050-AAC and 0510003-048-AC/PSD-FL-415 which authorized the construction of two hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) degasification systems. The existing facility is a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAP). This permit revision also incorporates emergency engines subject to 40 CFR 63 Part ZZZZ, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and revises Appendix D, Unregulated and Shutdown Emission Units and Appendix E, Insignificant Activities. The existing facility is a Title V major source of air pollution in accordance with Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. The existing facility is a major stationary source in accordance with Rule 62-212.400(PSD), F.A.C. Existing units are subject to the following New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) in Part 60 of Title 40, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Subpart A (General Provisions), Subpart Db (Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units), Subpart Dc (Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units) and to the following National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories (NESHAP) in Part 63 of Title 40, CFR: Subpart A (General Provisions), Subpart ZZZZ (National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines). Emissions units at this facility may emit one or more of the following criteria air pollutants: carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM); particulate matter with a mean particle diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀), particulate matter with a mean particle diameter of 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and lead (Pb). In addition to the above criteria air pollutants, emissions units at this facility may emit one or more of the following Prevention Significant Deterioration (PSD) pollutants: fluorides (F); sulfuric acid mist (SAM); hydrogen sulfide (H₂S); total reduced sulfur (TRS), including H₂S; reduced sulfur compounds, including H₂S; and mercury (Hg). Emissions units at this facility may emit one or more HAP as defined in Rule 62-210.200, F.A.C.

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, 62-213 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and a Title V air operation permit is required to operate the facility. The Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the South District Office is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida 33902. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: P.O. Box 2549, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-2549. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 239-344-5600.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft/proposed permit, the statement of basis, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the draft permit by visiting the following website: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp> and entering the permit number shown above. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue a draft/proposed Title V air operation permit revision to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that continued operation of the existing equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a subsequent final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft/proposed permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the draft/proposed Title V air operation permit for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will hold a public meeting at the location in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW). If a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the draft/proposed permit, the Permitting Authority shall issue a revised draft/proposed permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.

EPA Review: EPA has agreed to treat the draft/proposed Title V air operation permit as a proposed Title V air operation permit and to perform its 45-day review provided by the law and regulations concurrently with the public comment period, provided that the applicant also transmits an electronic copy of the required proof of publication directly to EPA at the following email address: ocquendo.ana@epamail.epa.gov. Although EPA's 45-day review period will be performed concurrently with the public comment period, the deadline for submitting a citizen petition to object to the EPA Administrator will be determined as if EPA's 45-day review period is performed after the public comment period has ended. The final Title V air operation permit will be issued after the conclusion of the 45-day EPA review period so long as no adverse comments are received that result in a different decision or significant change of terms or conditions. The status regarding EPA's 45-day review of this project and the deadline for submitting a citizen petition can be found at the following website address: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Florida.htm>.

Objections: Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the Permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day public comment period provided in the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator of the EPA at: U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Florida.htm>. 417120 CGS 5/17/2012

SCHOLARSHIP

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the audience the students' individual accomplishments, activities, and career goals.

Requirements for the scholarship were that the student must be a current resident, a graduating senior of Clewiston High School, be actively involved in various phases of high school life, enroll as a full-time student in post-secondary two year community college or a private or public four year university, have above average grades, two letters of recommendation, and an attached essay explaining how education will help in the students' career pursuits and personal life.

Whitehead explained that he even checked ACT scores and was proud to find that four of the students performed in the upper 90th percentile of the nation. He then relinquished the podium to allow the first scholarship to be given out.

Dan Weekly took the microphone to announce the winner of his company scholarship: Morgan Jones. Jones was awarded a plaque and \$2,500 to go towards her college funds.

Up next was Karl Larsen. He presented two recipients for the Larsen Family Scholarship of \$6,000: Jessica



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Joe Whitehead passes over the podium to Karl Larsen to give out his scholarship.

Torres and Erica Hegley.

Karl Larsen started the Larsen Family Scholarship five years ago to honor his parents, Otto and Ellen Larsen of Clewiston and Hendry County.

Finally, Whitehead presented the Frances and Campbell Nall Memorial Scholarship on behalf of the Rotary Club.

Chosen is one male and one female who must maintain a 2.5 GPA to continue receiving scholarship payments of a total of \$6,000 per student (\$1,500 per

year).

It was awarded to Alex Abreu and Cassandra Paniagua.

This scholarship was created by Frances Nall in honor of her late husband, Campbell Nall, a former Hendry County commissioner and Clewiston city commissioner who was interested in Rotary and its higher ideals,

A total of \$26,500 was given away to these worthy students for their pursuit of higher education.

Shooting

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continued firing shots in their direction.

On Wednesday morning, Michael was still at the ICU at the hospital, but his condition was progressing.

Michael's mother, Bianca, is especially upset because of the work her family put into changing the image of the Twin Lakes area, including starting a baseball league for residents there. As an area that has gained notoriety for shootings and other violent crimes, Bianca's family worked to bring a more positive atmosphere to the location. She feels betrayed that the shooting would

have involved the very people her family tried to reach out to.

According to her, Michael called the suspect's mother after the incident at the school, hoping to make amends with the suspect and avoid an escalation in conflict. The suspect's mother promised to call back to discuss the situation, but never did.

"My son called the mother and talked to her. He tried to tell

her, 'look, we're friends, we've known each other forever, we can sit down (and talk)," said Bianca.

The sheriff's office arrested 23-year-old Victor Carlos Najera, charging him with assault, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, shooting into a dwelling, discharging a firearm in public, and accessory after the fact, reported Lt. Susan Harrelle.

She was pleased to hear that the sheriff's office worked quickly to make an arrest, but hopes that the main suspect is found soon. That has proved difficult in an area where intimidation

is the surest form of avoiding capture for gang activity.

Bianca said there were witnesses, but many refused to give a statement, reporting that other people after the shooting had threatened to kill anyone who talked to the sheriff's office.

But after everything her family has done, Bianca is taking a stand.

"We're going to pursue charges to the fullest," she said. "We're not backing down from these people. They don't scare us. My kid is still here. We're still fighting."



Victor Najera

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Public Notice

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Hendry County is applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant under the Economic Development category in an amount up to **\$384,846** under the FFY 2011 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which is applying are:

Activities Proposed	Dollar Amounts	Percentage Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons
03J Sewer Improvements	\$ 286,200	100%
Engineering	\$ 47,139	100%
Type D Additional Engineering	\$ 23,000	100%
21A Administration	\$ 28,507	N/A
	\$ 384,846	

At the time of this notice, it is unknown if the grant application will have any leverage.

The CDBG project will undertake sewer improvements to the Airglades Industrial Park that are required so Project Clewiston, a confidential project, may create fifteen (15) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs of which eleven (11) will be claimed for points in the grant application. Out of the eleven (11) FTE's, six (6) FTE positions will be made available to low-to-moderate income (LMI) people. The job creation location is Airglades Industrial Park in unincorporated Hendry County, approximately 8 miles outside of the city limits of Clewiston, Florida.

Hendry County plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner: No permanent displacement is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the County will assist such persons in the following manner: The County will follow the guidelines outlined in their Antidiscrimination and Relocation Policy.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at the Hendry County Board of County Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Hendry County Courthouse Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. A draft copy of parts of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the County Administrator's Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. no more than five days after May 22, 2012. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before May 28, 2012. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing contact Ms. Judi Kennington-Korf, County Administrator, Hendry County Administration Office, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, or telephone 863-675-5220.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired shall contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD), please call the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Kennington-Korf at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DEO with the application. The disclosures will be made available by Hendry County and DEO for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of six years.

1. Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
2. The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
3. The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
4. For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporations or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
5. The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
6. The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262009CA000468XXXXXX

CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HES,
Plaintiff

vs. **JANICE M. LEE WILLIE D. LEE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,**
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 7, 2012, and entered in Case No. 262009CA000468XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HES is Plaintiff and JANICE M. LEE; WILLIE D. LEE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Section Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 14, BLOCK 7, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 5 TO CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 48-49, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on May 8, 2012.

BARBARA BUTLER, As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis, As Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2011-000960-CA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,

vs. NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS; NOEL VIGIL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOEL DE ARMAS A/K/A NOEL D. ARMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOEL VIGIL; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 11, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: NOEL VIGIL
520 W OBISPO AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FL 33440
OR
8880 NW 171ST LN
HIALEAH, FL 33018
OR
7415 SW 93RD AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33173
OR
16855 SW 200TH STREET,
MIAMI FL 33187
OR
2635 SW 82ND AVENUE,
MIAMI, FL 33155

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: **LOT 19 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLOCK 43B, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK III, IN THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mark A. Buckles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 3rd day of May, 2012. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 125 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and whose phone number is (941) 675-5217 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEASE OR SALE OF OFFICE BUILDING,
88 S. MAIN STREET, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935
RFP NUMBER: 2012-19
OPENING DATE AND TIME: JUNE 7, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the sale or lease of a Hendry County Office Building, 88 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935 (Parcel I.D. No. 2-29-43-02-610-0000-009.0), a 3,320 sq. ft. building. In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by June 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Bid can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to lease or sell the property, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this bid, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
417390 CB/CN 5/17,24/2012

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1.0 INVITATION TO BID
Bid No. 2012-01
Central County Water Control District
Request for Bids
Striping and Marking 37.1+/- Miles of Roadway
Bids Due: 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Bids are requested for Striping and Marking 37.1+/- miles of paved roads in Central County Water Control District, "the District," Montura Subdivision, Clewiston, Florida. Official bid specifications and questions for this project may be obtained by contacting Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E., of Rock Enterprises, Inc. at (863) 612-0011 or the District's office at (863) 983-5797. Sealed bids will be received by hand delivery or by mail. Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked:

"SEALED BID FOR STRIPING AND MARKING 37.1 MILES OF ROADWAY, Bid No. 2012-01"

and delivered to:
Central County Water Control District
Administrative Office
475 South Cabbage Palm Street
Clewiston, Florida 33440
Tel.: (863) 983-5797

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 22, 2012, and shall be publicly opened promptly thereafter at approximately 10:05 A.M. at the District's administrative office at the above address. Bids received after 10:00 AM will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Questions may be addressed in writing to the District Engineer, Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E. at 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935, Tel: (863) 612-0011, Fax: (863) 612-0014, email: rock@rockhendry.com or by contacting the District at the address listed above. Responses will be made to all interested bidders. Verbal questions will not be accepted. The Board of Supervisors for the District may reject any and all bids without cause and may likewise terminate a contract award prior to completion. 415717 CN 4/16/5/3,10,17/2012

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

Tristan Chapman (Southern Gardens Citrus, Inc) 1820 CR 833, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 120409-6 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00445-W for an industrial use. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial and Lower Tamiami Aquifers and the project is located in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 32 East.

Alico-Agro Ltd. (Alico - Knowles Thomas Citrus Groves) 10070 Daniels Interstate Court, Suite 100, Ft Myers, FL 33913, has submitted Application 120420-4 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00116-W to irrigate 504 acres of agricultural lands with livestock. The water will be withdrawn from the groundwater and the project is located in Sections 6-8, 17, 18, 31, 32, Townships 45, 46 South, Range 34 East.

Finca Vega, LLC (Immokalee Grove) 3750 W Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33134, has submitted Application 120430-3 for renewal of Water Use Permit 26-00116-W to irrigate 504 acres of agricultural lands with livestock. The water will be withdrawn from the groundwater and the project is located in Sections 12, 13, Township 47 South, Range 31 East.

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

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 417099 CN 5/17/2012

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Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

Remember, May 19 is Armed Forces Day. This is a day to thank men and women in service. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish this single holiday for citizens to come together and thank military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On Aug. 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."

Today, sixty years later, these words are no less truer. Join us on Facebook (VfwLavfw-Post 4185) to say "Thank You."

Saturday afternoons: chores, shopping, and errands are done. Are you ready for something fun and relaxing to do? Everyone is invited for a social time of playing cards, trivia, and Wii. The auxiliary welcomes you to bring in your own favorite game. The Post serves lunch on Saturdays so come early. Everyone had so much fun playing Bingo at the Sock Hop we have decided to do it again at 6 p.m., on Saturday May 19. Come on down to the VFW Post 4185 and have a great time. Snacks will be provided.

The LA continues to prepare delicious meals on Tuesday nights. Hear our menu on True Oldies or call 863-983-9748. A reminder to all members of the Ladies Auxiliary, your monthly meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. As our new fiscal year begins, every member is needed to accomplish the success of all our goals. Sisters of the LA, show your loyalty, commitment, and heart to our cause by being an active member.

We send best wishes to Ida and Wayne Cobb as they return north.

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Chamber Director is made easier with numbers like the ones the police department continues posting each year. When told about the news, Ms. Sparks was enthusiastic in her praise of both the police department and the sheriff's office for the drop in crime.

"Hats off to the local police department and the sheriff's office. Every time we had an inquiry, they were always quick to respond," said Ms. Sparks. "We've worked with them during several functions and they've always been very receptive to anything we've asked."

With the number of residents in Clewiston approximately 7,161, the police department covers a more densely populated area. The chief responds to the requirements of policing the city by keep-

ing a squad of 19 sworn officers. There are always a minimum of four to five officers patrolling the city at all times, he reported.

He also considers hiring to be one of the most important jobs he has.

"One of the reasons we've become more effective is hiring practice. I hire people smarter than I am and they make me look good," he chuckles. He also attributes their success to using expanded community policing services in a positive manner and above all, the affiliation of youth with the Criminal Justice classes and Police Explorers at Clewiston High School. He believes the youth will grow up to be better citizens if they have a stronger understanding of the role of law enforcement in Clewiston.

He points to at least two officers who continue this work for the department.

"They're heroes in my eyes, Justin Spence and Curtis Clay," said the chief. "For all of the work they're doing at that school, they are heroes to me."

Gutshall goes on proudly to say he would put "our troops" against anyone's.



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Mrs. Weekley accepts her gift from Central Elementary School's staff for being honored as the 'Teacher of the Year!'



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