A group of eight motorcycles traveling through Hendry County collided on Sunday, sending one person to the hospital with serious injuries, with another motorcyclist being pronounced dead.

The accident happened at approximately 2:50 p.m. on State Road 80.

The location was approximately one and a half miles east of Everhigh Acres Road, in the general area of Southern Gardens Citrus.

According to information released by the Florida Highway Patrol, the two vehicles that collided – a 2002 Yamaha motorcycle driven by Anthony C. Wood, 50, and a 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by Michael E. Cochran, 60, both from Bonita Springs – were traveling west on State Road 80 as part of a larger group of motorcyclists.

The two motorcycles collided, sending one person to the hospital with serious injuries, with another motorcyclist being pronounced dead.

Olivia Rushing and Bianca Gonzales shake off the pre-performance jitters as they take the stage to sing the National Anthem at the 2012 graduation ceremony at Cane Field. For more pictures, find us on Facebook.

After 3rd Grade FCAT Results,
4th through 8th Grade Scores in

FCAT 2.0 merely a stepping stone for even more rigorous testing standards

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ
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In last week's edition of The Clewiston News, the achievements of third graders in Hendry County were analyzed. The interesting aspect of those scores included the fact that low-scorers (those students receiving a score of 1 on their reading) were being recommended to be held back to address learning shortfalls.

This week, scores relating to grades four through eight were released, providing a keener insight into how local students fared on the Math and Science portions of their exams.

The FCAT 2.0 is just the beginning of a new generation of increasingly challenging academic assessments. It is a bridge -- so to speak -- preparing students for the Common Core State Standards, which all Florida schools are transitioning to. These will demand even more exacting performances of students.

This standardized test is based on performance throughout the nation. It will move the state toward a more uniform assessment test. Florida students will be tested with the same expectations and benchmarks as 45 other U.S. states and three territories.

While steadily raising the bar, school administrators, staff, and students are beginning to rise to meet the challenge, just as they have for the 2012 FCAT 2.0. Florida students grades four through eight have met and even exceeded the predictions of the Florida Department of Education on their performance, according to school state officials. Although with the new FCAT 2.0 grading system, scores were

One of Clewiston's oldest and most beloved landmarks, Woodworks Park, was sadly torn down five years ago after city leaders expressed concern over the safety of the aging structure. Being built of wood, time and weather deteriorated the playground and threatened children with splinters.

Now, a new plan for reconstruction has been re-ignited, led by the Active Citizens for Children.

The most challenging obstacle this project faces is funding. A budget meeting was held between the Active Citizens for Children and city staff to determine how much will be able to be contributed to the joint project.

However, before they can fully prepare for the budget, building plans have to be adequate to estimate an accurate total cost.

After meeting with a company from Sarasota, an estimate of the cost of materials will be ready in approximately a week.

"We hope to have some more info for June. Maybe we'll have a design for the beginning of the school year, and maybe by winter we'll get the funds," hopes Vary, putting the plans into perspective.

It will be a community built proj-
**Inland Birding Fun: Loggerhead Shrike (LOSH)**

**BY MARGARET ENGLAND**

**Hendry-Glades Audubon**

The Loggerhead Shrike is a songbird that hunts like a small hawk and is known locally as the “Butcherbird.” The Shrike doesn’t have the strong feet and talons of a raptor, but is known to scan for prey from perches. It uses its stout black hooked bill to kill prey, which it impales on a barbed wire fence or pointed snag so that it can be torn apart. These birds live and breed in Florida, but their numbers are declining at about five percent annually throughout the United States (Florida Breeding Bird Atlas). This robin-sized bird has a large muscular head, a black mask that extends across the forehead, and a medium-long black tail with white outer feathers. Adults have a gray back, white throat, and whitish chest. Wings are black with a white patch. Juveniles are a duller shade of gray than the adults, and have faint bars on the chest and back. The Shrike’s song is made up of short trills or clear notes with their call being a series of harsh “bzeek, bzeek” screeching notes. Loggerhead Shrike live in open grasslands where there are scattered trees and shrubs. Shrikes often use power lines and fence posts as hunting perches. Their diet consists of insects, amphibians, small reptiles, small mammals, and birds.

Breeding females begin laying eggs in February or March which is earlier than most songbirds. They can raise two or three broods per season. Their bulky nest of sticks and twigs is usually built in the base of dense foliage in trees or bushes. The nest is lined with grasses and animal hair where the female lays five to six grayish-buff eggs, which are incubated for 15 to 17 days. The young remain in the nest for 16 to 20 days. They are fed by their parents for four to six weeks after fledging. Information about the Loggerhead Shrike and other breeding birds in Florida is available on the FWC’s Florida Breeding Bird Atlas at http://legacy.myfwc.com/bba/species.asp. The Florida Breeding Bird Survey is a bird survey of the breeding season that is conducted to estimate the numbers of breeding birds of both species foraging in Florida. This is based on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic quadrangles (Quads) and each Quad is broken into six survey Blocks of 11 square miles.

Hendry-Glades Audubon has joined the effort to help recruit volunteers for Zone 9 in Hendry and Glades County. Observations are reported to USGS Atlas Explorer website or on a checklist that is available through Hendry-Glades Audubon. You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for free birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on June 17th or July 14 or Aug. 18. For reservations for these trips contact: Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org for the 2012-2013 STA5 schedule.

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**Loggerhead Shrike.**
Chamber of Commerce: Be Thankful

BY JILLIAN SPARKS
Chamber of Commerce

Sounds so simple, “Be Thankful.” I find that so many of us have become so busy that we can’t even do the simplest of tasks like being thankful. It’s usually a term we get squashed if we felt from your last grocery shopping expedition try something else.
Smile, wave hello, please and thank you. Kill them with kindness. We have been doing this little experiment within the confines of our own establishments and I can see the difference it makes every day.

We want to hear about your “Thankful” experiences, post them on the Chamber Facebook page or e-mail us at clewistonchamber@embarqmail.com.
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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Drug Free Hendry County
The public is invited to attend the Hendry and Glades Tobacco-Free Partnership and Drug Free Hendry County End of the Year Banquet on Thursday, June 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

It will be held at the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades in LaBelle. This will be the final meeting for the 2011/12 program year.

Choir Rehearsal
Mt. Calvary M.B. Church Choir #2 presents choir rehearsal for “Why Should We Sing In The Choir?” The Musical.

Book Signing at Library
The Clewiston Public Library is pleased to announce that local author Yolanda Flournah-Perkins will be signing her new book, “Consequences” at the Clewiston Public Library on Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m., to 12 p.m.

The book offers lessons in the spiritual life based on a true story, and is available from common online retailers like Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. For more information, please call Eric Tommerdahl at 863-983-1493.

Vacation Bible School
A Vacation Bible School will be held at First United Church of Clewiston Monday through Friday, July 11 to 15, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Light dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by programs, crafts, singing, and games! For more information or to pre-register, please call 863-983-5269.

Mini Health Fairs
Health Fairs are free and open to the public. They will be doing blood pressure, weight, pulse, and oxygen checks. For more information, please contact Tabitha Yebba at 863-233-1305. •Harlem Gardens Apartments on Monday, June 18, at 10 a.m.
•Clewiston Senior Center on Monday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m.

East Recreation Summer Camp
East Recreation Summer Camp is set to begin from June 18 to July 27, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will be held at Hooker’s Point Park and Harlem Community Park facilities. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be arts and crafts, sports, swimming (Harlem site only), and field trips. There is a fee per week, per child. For more information, or pricing, please call 863-983-1485.

Clewiston Recreation Summer Camp
You can now register for the 2012 Summer Camp at the Youth Center or online at www.clewistonrecreation.com. The registration deadlines is July 1 for the second session. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

Summer Sunday Worship Times
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**What is Norovirus?**

**BY PAT DOBBINS**  
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Norovirus is commonly called the “stomach flu.” Noroviruses are found in the stool or vomit of infected people. Norovirus is highly contagious and may cause vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramps.

Symptoms usually start within 24 to 48 hours and most people begin to feel better within one or two days and have no long-term health effects. People can become infected with the virus in several ways including:

- Touching surfaces or objects contaminated with the virus, and then placing their hands in their mouth.
- Eating food or drinking liquids that have been contaminated with the virus (usually from the food handler not washing their hands properly).
- Having direct contact with another person who is infected and showing symptoms (caring for someone who is infected, sharing food or eating utensils). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, norovirus causes 23 million illnesses per year.

As with many infections, frequent and thorough hand washing is the key to preventing the spread. This simple step can help our communities stay healthy. You can decrease your chance of coming in contact with noroviruses by following these preventive steps: Wash hands frequently, especially after going to the bathroom, changing diapers, before eating, and prior to preparing food. Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and cook foods completely before eating them. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using bleach-based household cleaners. Immediately remove and wash any vomit and/or stool in the toilet and make sure the surrounding area is kept clean. People who have symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea should not prepare food until they are completely free of symptoms and for at least three days after all symptoms are gone. Any foods that may have been contaminated by an ill person should be thrown away.

For additional information, you can visit www.cdc.gov and look up “Norovirus Infection” or talk with your health care provider.

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**Statewide Hurricane Exercise Simulates Emergency Response**

Staff members from the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments became better prepared for disasters by participating in the 2012 Statewide Hurricane Exercise.

Robert Kosiba, Community Assistance Consultant and Region 6 Planning and Special Needs Consultant developed and conducted the drill. The drill consisted of a simulated activation and set up of the Special Needs Shelter and an exercise replicating what it would be like to accept more than 20 clients into the shelter.

Partnering response agencies participated in the drill, such as Hendry and Glades Counties’ Emergency Management, Hendry County EMS, and the Glades County Sheriff’s Office.

Additionally, nursing students from Gulf Coast University also participated in the drill. This drill helped to exercise the set up and management of a special needs shelter and some of the challenges that could arise before, during, and after a storm.

“We are pleased to have such close partnerships within our communities of Hendry and Glades Counties. We realize that in rural areas such as ours, it will take teamwork for emergency response to be successful,” said Administrator, Patricia Dobbins. “It is so important that the responders, who work together, also train together.”

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The King’s Academy Welcomes New Clewiston Campus Principal

Brian Burrage was born and raised in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts and Connecticut. After high school, he enlisted in the Connecticut Army National Guard, and shipped out to basic and advanced training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Upon completion of his vocational training, Mr. Burrage decided to pursue a lifelong dream of relocating to the sunshine state to attend the University of Florida, where he pursued a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Burrage was called to active duty service numerous times, including an active duty tour in Afghanistan in 2004 and 2005 with the 25th Infantry Division. He has received multiple commendations for meritorious service while overseas.

Upon his return from active duty, he discovered his calling: serving the Lord through Christian education. He quickly found success in school leadership and in the science classroom where he focused on high-energy, hands-on learning.

Mr. Burrage is a Graduate of Educational Leadership candidate at Southeastern University in Lakeland and has served as Dean of Students and Science Department Chair at Community Christian Academy in Stuart for the past three years. Under his leadership, the areas of teacher qualifications, curriculum enrichment, and student life have thrived, and as a result, Community Christian School has tripled in size during his tenure.

His wife, Jen, also attended the University of Florida. She holds a Master’s Degree in Early Elementary Education and will be teaching at Clewiston Christian School. The couple has a three-year-old daughter who will be attending Clewiston Christian’s pre-school program.

The King’s Academy is a nationally recognized private Christian school serving approximately 1,200 students from preschool through twelfth grade and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, and the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. The King’s Academy serves students and their families across Palm Beach and Hendry Counties at its main campus at Belvedere Road and Samsbury’s Way in West Palm Beach, its Clewiston campus on Caribbean Avenue, and its satellite preschool campuses in Greenacres, Palm Beach Gardens, and Royal Palm Beach. More information about The King’s Academy is available online at www.TKA.net.

Woodworks

Woodworks was originally constructed in 1992. Members of the community voiced their hopes for another recreational outlet for the youth in the area, and a plan to build the park began. Hundreds of citizens from around the community volunteered to help construct the playground.

Varv anticipates a satisfying turnout of volunteers when it’s time to get down to business. “I know a lot of people would like to see a park back there and we’re trying to get them excited, so I think we’ll be okay as far as rallying people to volunteer,” said Varv.

Until the approval of the construction’s design, Varv will continue to put forth effort into accomplishing the goal of new playground equipment for Woodworks Park.

“We hope to have basic plans and a budget ready to present by the next city commission meeting,” said Varv. “Everybody seems to be on board.”

The only thing left is for the building materials. The final touch to the park will be a proposal for renaming the park. Ms. Varv is brainstorming about how to come up with a new title for the playground but would ultimately like to see it put into the hands of the school children.

Ladies Auxiliary Happenings

School is out and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary knows that in a couple of months children will receive a list of back to school supplies. The average cost to purchase school supplies runs around $75 per child and this can be a financial burden on many families in the area.

This is why the Ladies Auxiliary, along with other VFW members, are planning a fund raiser to purchase back to school supplies for local elementary schools. Their objective is to plan an outdoors day of family fun to be held later this summer.

Community involvement will be an important element for the success of this project. They are a non-profit organization and invite all interested parties to attend a workshop meeting on Thursday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at the VFW, Post 4185.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold the installation of Officers meeting on Saturday, June 9, at 5 p.m.

All sisters of the auxiliary are asked to attend and show gratitude and commitment to the ladies who have accepted the responsibility for the continuing good of their organization. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Don’t forget the Ladies Auxiliary serves delicious meals every Tuesday night. Each $7 donation helps them to continue to exist to serve and support our Veterans and community.

Students of the Month Celebrate

Clewiston Middle School recognized the May students of the month on Friday, June 1. As one of the school year’s last celebrations, students of the month gathered in the school cafeteria, alongside 8th grade A/B honor roll students, to mingle and devour pizza and ice cream sundaes. Those students pictured are Saray Hernandez, Juan Valle, Amanda Pereiro, Ramiro DeSantiago, and Jade Bryan. Not pictured are Emily Shamsunder, Trevor Pruitt, Rebeca Garcia, Juan Albarenqua, and Cody Miller. These middle school students have demonstrated leadership qualities, responsible behavior, and academic achievement.
Supermarket tomatoes that taste like heirloom tomatoes are closer to reaching grocery aisles as a result of a discovery from the University of Florida.

A team of researchers, including members of UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, have identified the chemicals inside heirloom tomatoes that make people enjoy their taste, and the discovery is expected to enable them to create better-tasting tomatoes for the commercial market.

Heirloom tomatoes are old varieties not bred for large-scale production and prized for their true tomato taste; something that many believe has been lost in commercial tomatoes. The research is detailed online in the May 24 issue of Current Biology.

“A big problem with the modern, commercial tomato is that growers are not paid to produce a tomato that tastes good,” said Harry Klee, an eminent scholar and professor in the UF/IFAS horticultural sciences department.

“They are paid purely on how many pounds of tomatoes they put into boxes.”

Florida is a top producer of fresh tomatoes, and the state’s crop for 2010-2011 was valued at $431 million.

To make the discovery, Klee and a team of researchers determined the chemical components of nearly 100 tomato varieties, including many heirlooms; calculated the levels present of each chemical identified; and then subjected the tomatoes to taste tests. The taste tests were comprised of 13 panels of 100 people who rated each tomato’s taste.

The researchers then statistically analyzed their data to ascertain the chemicals that were most abundant in tomatoes people liked the most and the least.

The research showed that some chemicals that scientists previously thought were important weren’t and some they thought weren’t, were.

For example, cis-3-hexenal had long been considered to be important to tomato taste, mostly because it is so abundant in many tomatoes.

However, it has zero correlation to what people like, Klee said.

On the other hand, geranial, which was considered less important, correlated strongly with the highest rated tomatoes and enhanced sweetness, the research showed.

“We really have to rethink the way that we look at what is the chemistry of flavor,” Klee said.

Klee’s research has begun focusing on ways to transfer the chemicals important to taste into commercial tomato varieties that produce higher yields and have better disease resistance than heirlooms.

Klee said during the taste panels, administered by Charles Sims, chairman of the UF/IFAS food science and human nutrition department, several heirloom varieties received high scores.

These included the cherry tomatoes Cherry Roma and Maglia Rosa; the somewhat mediumsized Ailsa Craig and the large German Queen tomato. These heirlooms are excellent candidates for transfer of good flavor into commercial varieties, Klee said.

Some of the chemicals uncovered during the research also have potential applications outside of tomato breeding, said team member Linda Bartoshuk, Bushnell Professor in the UF College of Dentistry and director of human research at UF’s Center for Smell and Taste.

“Using statistical analysis, we found volatile chemicals that are contributing to sweet independent of sugar,” Bartoshuk said.

This could be important to the food industry, she said, as foods, such as fruit juices, can be made to taste sweeter without added sugar or artificial sweeteners. UF has applied for a patent on the chemicals.

Eating tomatoes can be part of a healthy lifestyle as they are high in vitamins C and A; are a good source of potassium; contain no cholesterol or fat; have few calories and sodium; and are high in the antioxidant lycopene.

The research was funded by the National Science Foundation, IFAS and Seminis Vegetable Seeds Inc.
4-H Annual Banquet Held at the LaBelle Civic Center

The Hendry County 4-H Program held its Annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the LaBelle Civic Center. Members received award pins in the different 4-H project areas from cooking, arts and crafts, to steer, swine, and dairy goats.

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members received awards for placing in the top two in the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show Record Book competition and placing in the top three in the Hendry County Fair Record Book competition. Leaders and other adult volunteers were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the 4-H program, from one year to thirty-three years of service.

Ms. Patricia Johnson was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award after receiving letters of recommendation from her 4-H club members. This is Mrs. Johnson’s first year providing leadership to the Hendry County 4-H Horticulture Program.

Several 4-H members received special recognition for their accomplishments in 4-H: Landon Sutton received the Outstanding Junior 4-H Award plaque with Rebekah Lopez achieving the Outstanding Intermediate 4-H Award plaque. Harry Plamondon was awarded the Outstanding Senior 4-H Award plaque.

These awards were based on letters received from 4-H leaders outlining their accomplishments in the overall 4-H program. Jarad Flair and Dalton Rose received the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 each. Chelsea Barrineau, Joy-Anna Bryan, Braxton Ford, Lane Goodwin, Andy McAvoy, Bo Meador, and Gennifer Raulerson received a one-time scholarship.

The Hendry County 4-H Staff would like to express their appreciation to the parents, leaders, and volunteers who attended the Awards Banquet in support of the 4-H program. Without them, giving their time and talents, 4-H would not be able to reach the lives of many youth in Hendry County. Last but not least, the Hendry County 4-H Staff recognizes Mr. Mike Boyle, Mr. Paul Peletti and their staff for allowing the 4-H Awards Banquet to be held at the LaBelle Civic Center.

Taylor Selected as National Delegate

Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor was selected to represent Florida at the National Democratic Convention to be held September 3-6 in Charlotte, N.C.

Taylor was chosen at the Florida Democratic Party Convention held June 1-3 in Tampa where party representatives from all 67 counties gathered to select their 300-member national convention delegation.

The Florida Democratic delegation is so large that only California will have more of the 5,500 delegates at the event.

By contrast, while Florida is hosting the Republican Party convention, its delegation will be considerably smaller due to being penalized by the Republican National Party for jumping its primary too far ahead of other states.

Taylor said that the Tampa convention was very exciting and she’s honored to be representing Democrats from Hendry and Glades counties at the national level.

She said it’s been a busy time for her having just come back from a trip to Christian sites in Israel and the graduation of a granddaughter in Mississippi.

But the Tampa convention has her reinvigorated. Commissioner Taylor was selected in part because of her status as an elected county official and senior citizen. Seniors will be crucial to Democratic hopes in the November presidential and senatorial elections.

A highlight of the convention was a speech by U.S. Senator Bill Nelson who said Florida is the crucial state. In a replay of the 2000 election, whichever party wins Florida will lead the nation for the next four years.

Also attending the Florida Democratic Party Convention for Hendry County was Joe Thomas and for Glades County, John Capece.

Hendy and Glades Democrats will gather for a Unity Dinner fund raiser on June 16 at the Clewiston Country Club. Tickets are available from Ellen Geake at 863-983-2922.
The Tiger Pride Wrestling Club traveled to Immokalee High School to compete in the club’s third tournament of the season and crowning four champions in the process.

Hunter Barnes, Roland Loreto, Troy Wilcher, and Joe Hernandez all took home gold medals. Matthew Johnson placed second in his weight class and Daniela Pupo, Blake Whitlock, and Bryce Barnes all took home bronze medals.

Joe Hernandez (the high school heavy-weight) won all four of his matches by way of pin, Matthew Johnson won three out of his four matches also by way of pin.

Both wrestlers concluded spring football last week and they were competing in their first tournament with the club this year.

Hunter Barnes defeated both of his opponents by way of pin earning the gold medal in the 70 lbs division.

“Hunter wrestled great on Saturday, he moved very well and stayed aggressive offensively, he’s been working hard in the room and has improved a great deal; it’s nice to see him develop the way he is,” said Coach Renaldy.

Troy Wilcher and Roland Loreto were competing for the first time and they didn’t disappoint as Troy defeated both of his opponents by way of technical superiority and Roland won both of his matches, one by way of technical superiority and the other by way of pin as both wrestlers earned gold medals in their respective age and weight division.

“Troy has about three weeks of practice and Roland about a month, they pick up information very fast and winning their first tournament is a great accomplishment for both. I can’t wait to see where they will be technique-wise a month from now,” commented coach Renaldy.

Daniela Pupo, Blake Whitlock, and Bryce Barnes each took home the bronze medal, wrestling tough and staying competitive throughout three rounds of competition in their respective weight classes.

“All wrestlers wrestled great. We took eight kids to the tournament and we placed eight kids, even with four of those kids wrestling for the first time. I couldn’t be any happier about the results,” said coach Renaldy.

He then added, “We had a lot of support there. You could hear the cheers from parents across the gym.

So, thanks to all of them for going and supporting their kids as well as the club and also thanks to Kris Smith for helping me coach and keep up with everyone throughout the tournament.”

### Religion Column

#### Relational Life Lessons

**BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS**
First United Methodist Church

It reminds me of a story about a little bird who didn’t fly south soon enough for the winter. It wound up on the ground, slowly freezing to death. When things looked really dim, a cow happened by and dropped a big warm cow pie on the little bird. The warmth of the cow pie revived the little bird, who felt so good he stuck his head out and began to sing. A fox coming by heard the singing and snatched the little bird up and swallowed him.

The moral of the story is that everyone who dumps on you isn’t necessarily your enemy, and everyone who pulls you out of a crappy situation isn’t necessarily your friend.

Let’s face it; friends make life a lot more fun. I can’t even imagine where I would be today were it not for some close friends who have given me a heart full of joy. We were made to be in relationship, and relationships are important, but they aren’t always easy. We live in a wonderful world, but sometimes things happen. Sometimes it’s hard to tell if people are helping or hurting us when our world is turned upside down, and it’s true that everyone who pulls us out of a difficult situation isn’t always doing the best thing for us.

The reality is we can’t change our past and we can’t change that people act a certain way and we can’t change the unavoidable. What we can control and shape however, is our attitude in which we face what happens. There’s an element of truth in Charles Swindoll’s statement, “Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it.” Our perspective on what happens to us will determine how successful we are in handling them.

What we can do is observe, learn, and pass on to others what we have learned through the school of life. Five of my favorites include: 1) Make peace with your past so it won’t screw up the present. 2) Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. 3) Forgive everyone everything. 4) Time heals almost everything. Give time time. 5) God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn’t do.

“Blessed is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding, for the reward is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.” (Proverbs 3:13-14)
Abernathy Promoted to Colonel

Local family ties proud of stepson

Tony Abernathy, whose military career spans two decades, was recently promoted to colonel in the United States Air Force, reports his family. Col. Abernathy prepares for reassignment to South Korea, where he will resume flying the F-16.

The colonel is originally from Miami, but has spent many months in Clewiston with his father, Bill Abernathy. They have many friends in the Clewiston and LaBelle area.

Col. Abernathy has enjoyed a full career in the military. He graduated from Columbus High School in Miami and later attended Auburn University, where he joined the ROTC and played soccer. There, he met Tracy Holcomb. The two later married and now have three daughters.

Tony entered the air force after graduating from Auburn, working initially as a maintenance officer on the AWACs (radar surveillance aircraft) in Oklahoma City, Okla. Tony entered pilot training and upon completing it was assigned to fly the F-16 fighter. He has now flown the aircraft for 20 years and has accumulated several hundred combat hours from assignments around the world.

While stationed in Oklahoma at Tinker Air Force Base he obtained his first masters degree and is now completing his second masters at the prestigious U.S. Military’s Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

Throughout his career, Tony has held several different positions in addition to his role as a fighter pilot. He was a safety officer at an air force base in Northern Japan, and held the title of flying executive officer for commander of Luke Air Force Base. His next assignment will be as deputy group commander at an air force base in South Korea.

“Tony has had a great career, which has been a great source of pride for me and his biological parents, but we are most proud of him for the kind of Christian man, husband, and father that he is,” said Mrs. Ridgdill.
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Seminole Tribe of Florida Big Cypress Reservation

SUMMER LIFEGUARD

Monitor all activities in and around the pool area. Administer CPR and First Aid as necessary. Knowledge of the operation and maintenance of pool equipment and systems. Current certification required.

Apply Today:
kabienaime@semtribe.com or fax: 954-967-3477

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Buddy’s Home Furnishings is seeking individuals interested in the rent to own industry in the Clewiston /Okeechobee area. We are a furniture, appliance and electronic rental and retail business. This position involves sales, marketing and collections in a fast paced environment. This position also requires lifting and delivering household furnishings. A clean driving record is a must. Bi-Lingual is a plus. Must be computer literate and possess good people skills.

Contact Dan @ 863-902-0277 or stop in at 884 W. Sugarland Hwy.

Everglades Federal Credit Union Customer Service, Collections, & Member Services Positions Available

Must have excellent customer service, communication, organization & typing skills and be proficient in MS Word & Excel.

Must be able to multi-task and be able to handle stress. Bilingual a +.

May apply in person or email resume to dporter@evergladesfcu.com

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Buddy’s Home Furnishings

Raws Real Estate

Clewiston Homes / Mobile Homes

- 4/2 Mobile Home, 2.5 ac, 145 Palmeto $50K
- 3/2 Additions 400 W, Crescent $66K
- 2/2 Bass and Sun Condo furnished $96K
- 3/2 Mobile Home, 631 Merit St. $40K
- 2.5 Town Home Sweet Lake Villas $175K
- 2/2 Bella Villa $108K
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- 3/2 1110 W Ventura w/Large Pool $100K
- 2/2 Condo 939 Del Monte $89K
- 3/1 928 303 E. Avenue whitewashing $75K
- Moore Haven / Lakeport / Ortona
- 3/2 M. H. 1080 Donna Dr. 2 Large Sheds, Furnished $39K
- 2/2 Mobile, garage 400 Ave. R, $15K
- 2/2 Riverfront vипоп and dock $250K
- Waterfront Lake Acosta 22 wBoat House Lowry Ln. $110K
- Waterfront Lake Acosta 22 Lowry Ln CB $125K
- 3/2 Lg. Home, 764 Ave. N, reduced $170K
- 3/1 1190 Donna Dr., 51 ac $40K
- 713/1314 Jeridy Dr. w/40’x60’ Boat Lift $40K each lot
- 1/1 1339 Old Lakeport Rd $228K
- ACREAGE, LAND & LOTS
- Highlands Co. 10, 28, & 80 ACRE. Parcels, Owner Finance Available
- Sky Valley Lots, deeply discounted ‘Ready to Build!’

- 1.25 Acre Lots Montura Ranch Estates $450K
- 20 Acres, Ladera, Wooded reduced $135K
- 4. Del Monte/21 Franciso, Res. Lot 57.5K
- 185 ac former Shrimp/Fish Farm So. Labelle $4K per acre
- 915 ac former Shrimp Farm So. Clewiston $6K per acre
- N. Francisco Res. Lot 25K Owner Financing
- 2 Residential bns homesite acres reduced $350/00/500
- 2.5 ac Lots, Pioneer. w/boat ramp starting at $24.0K
- COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT
- Moore Haven Medical Office w/Equipment for sale or lease
- Gas/Convenience Store, CR 833 $300K
- Industrial/Flat Business Park, CR 835 Sale or Lease
- Hwy 27, 14, 27 sq. ft. Commercial Building $349K
- Hwy 27, Frontage Former Sonny’s Lot (1.9 ac) $450K
- 25 E. Elm Office, w/ excellent condition $115K
- Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
- 35 ac. Corin Lot. - East of Bell’s Jewelry $65K
- (2) 21 Duplex Vargant St. $50K

- 528 E. Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston FL

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Account Manager/Manager Trainee

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Office Hours: Laura Smith Inter. Associate @ 863-599-1209

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued therein. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

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SHIWEI WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the bounds of the SHIWEI WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, that pursuant to applicable laws and ordinances, the SHIWEI WATER CONTROL DISTRICT is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Rainbow Sugar Milk Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Manager.
2. To receive a report of the activities of the District during the year 2011.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Board.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for the year 2012.

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

DATED this Tuesday, 22nd day of May, 2012.

By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.

Treasurer

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HIGHLAND GLADES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
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Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) gives notice of its intent to propose a permit transfer from the lessee A. Duda Sons to the owner Florida R. L. Hand. There are no modifications in the previously authorized permits. All land use, water rights and all environmental limits are maintained.

Permit # 50-043625 (application 13122-38) for "Main Farm" to AFS and USG authorizing the transfer operation of a water management system serving 7,460 acres of agricultural lands by canals, ditches, pumps and culverts discharging into L-17, L-21, L-16 and L-9. Pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsections 373.427(1) and (5), Fla. Stat.

The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time period shall be allowed to the extent that the petitioner has been served with written notice of the decision or action by the SFWMD. If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice or intended agency action, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Section 373.427.

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.53, F.S., and Rules 28-106.11 and 28-106.11-600, F.A.C. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.53, F.S., at this time.

Right To Seek Judicial Review

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Mother faces Manslaughter Charge in 2-Year-Old’s Death

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
jzaragoza@newszap.com

Woman charged with driving under the influence; blood alcohol level twice the legal limit

Ramirez was released from the hospital last week after being treated for serious injuries sustained in the crash.

Her child, Alex Perez-Ramirez, was pronounced dead at the scene that morning.

According to Lt. Greg Bueno, FHP representative, Ramirez’s blood alcohol level was .174, more than twice the legal limit of .08.

Ramirez was arrested on charges of DUI Manslaughter, DUI, and driving without a valid driver’s license involving the death of a human being.

If convicted on the manslaughter charge, Ramirez faces up to 15 years in prison. Her bond for all charges combined is $105,000.

In Hendry County, the performance is as follows:

(Lowest level: Students at this level demonstrate an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.)

(Level 3: Students at this level demonstrate a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.)

Fourth Grade
Reading: 16 percent of students achieved a level one; 54 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Math: 22 percent of students achieved a level one; 54 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Fifth Grade
Reading: 18 percent of students achieved a level one; 53 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Math: 19 percent of students achieved a level one; 53 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Science: 24 percent of students achieved a level one; 38 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Sixth Grade
Reading: 26 percent of students achieved a level one; 45 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Math: 32 percent of students achieved a level one; 43 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Seventh Grade
Reading: 26 percent of students achieved a level one; 38 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Math: 28 percent of students achieved a level one; 43 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Eighth Grade
Reading: 26 percent of students achieved a level one; 40 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Math: 30 percent of students achieved a level one; 48 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.
Science: 37 percent of students achieved a level one; 25 percent of students scored achievement levels three and above.

Audiologist coming to Hendry Regional

Are you missing out on the wonderful sounds of life, such as the voices of loved ones, your favorite music, the sounds of nature, or the ring of your telephone? If so, you might have a hearing problem.

To recapture the sounds you’ve been missing, you can look to Dr. Andrea Livingston, the new audiologist, who’s soon coming to Hendry Regional Medical Center. She will offer state-of-the-art audiology services and today’s most innovative hearing technology.

Dr. Livingston has the expertise and advanced technology to ensure that you get a thorough hearing evaluation with the right kind of listening device (hearing aid) - one that fits your unique lifestyle and, most importantly, one which you feel is more comfortable.

You can trust Dr. Livingston to provide you with the informative, compassionate and highly personalized care you deserve.

To make an appointment call: 863-902-3049

524 West Sagamore
Clewiston, Florida 33440
(Located at the old entrance of the hospital - first office on the left)