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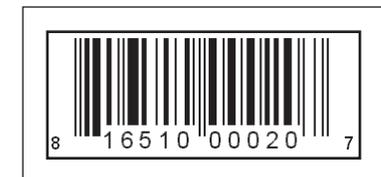
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Clewiston asks state to help on Ventura

By Chris Felker
The Clewiston News

Clewiston city commissioners approved a resolution authorizing a Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation at their meeting Monday, March 19, that will finance the design for resurfacing of Ventura Avenue.

Public Works Director Sean Sheffler pointed out that the city's request to the state is only for the design phase of the Ventura project, which is planned to be a complete rebuilding of the road. He added that the SCOP agreement does not cover changes to any utilities beneath the road, although the city could ask FDOT to also include the utility design.

Commissioner Kristine Petersen moved, with Vice Mayor Michael Atkinson seconding, that they approve the resolution but also request that FDOT allow design of the utilities to be included. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

The condition of Ventura and other streets in town has been a recurring topic of commis-

sioners' discussion since late last year, when they OK'd low bidder Lynch Paving to do the city's list of resurfacing projects for fiscal 2018 at a cost of about \$215,000; that work is under way. In one meeting, Commissioner Phillip Roland had complained that the city was not putting enough money toward the road work needed in Clewiston, and he and other commissioners grumbled about all the potholes in city streets. By consensus then, the commission asked Mr. Sheffler to report on "hot spots" needing expedited attention, and agreed to look at financing during fiscal 2019 budget discussions that will begin soon.

For their Feb. 19 meeting, he produced a list of 17 locations showing "asphalt failure of critical need," the square footage and estimated cost of each by figuring it at \$1.90 per square foot, which is what the city's contract with Lynch Paving worked out to.

The total was just under \$64,000, an amount that Clewiston did not have in its public works budget but which would have been available if commissioners consented to dipping into

contingency funds. They did not agree to do so in February because roughly \$25,000 worth of the work needed on those bad spots was in various places on Ventura, including the 600 and 700 blocks of West Ventura plus the intersections with Olympia, San Jose and San Luiz streets.

Mr. Sheffler did not recommend patching those portions of Ventura since the resurfacing project is being planned and money is being sought for major drainage work on that street as well. Mayor Mali Gardner agreed that patching would be wasted work. Mr. Sheffler said he'd try to find money that could be used for the balance of the streets needing repairs, but also added that during a subsequent drive through the city, he discovered other locations of asphalt failure he hadn't listed that were in worse shape.

Commissioners agreed to discuss road work more in depth at upcoming budget workshops.

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Collegiate Academy's 1st semester a success

Special to The Clewiston News

It was a remarkable first semester for Clewiston High School's 47 Collegiate Academy (CA) students. Together they earned almost 700 college credits, saving their parents a total of more than \$100,000 in college tuition and textbook costs. Professors who came from all over Southwest Florida to teach at CHS reported being impressed with students' work ethic, class participation and intellect.

Professors' observations were only confirmed by students' final results: Seventy percent received final grades of A; 20 percent, B; and just 10 percent, C, with zero Ds or Fs. This is a tremendous accomplishment, especially considering that students' first semester of college is historically their most difficult. The semester was especially successful when you consider that, in addition to all of this, many of them were able to take part in CHS' world-class agriculture and criminal justice programs.

Students attributed their success to many things. Student-athletes reported that the 10-12 hours a week that they had in out of class study time during school hours was instrumental in alleviating the stress brought about from their additional athletic commitments. In math, students reported benefiting tremendously from

their weekly visits from Florida Southwest College's math tutor, who spent countless hours

assisting students one-on-one with their questions. Numerous students referred to the qual-



Special to The Clewiston News/Courtesy photo
A group of CHS Collegiate Academy students kick back and enjoy a Florida Southwestern College basketball game.

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Provider's Recognition Day

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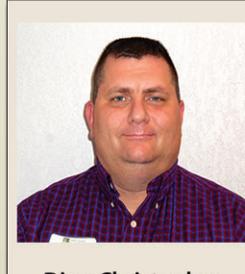
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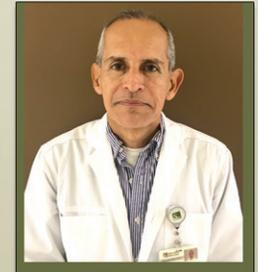
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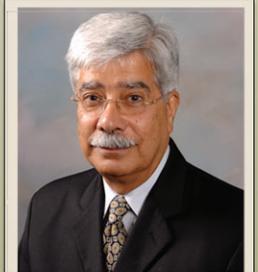
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LOBA launched the sugarcane burning awareness campaign

Special to The Clewiston News

The Lake Okeechobee Business Alliance (LOBA) announced on March 21 an initiative to support farmers in the Glades communities and push back attempts by outside anti-farmer activists that seek to put local jobs at risk.

The initiative, known as the Sustainable Agriculture Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Communities program, will educate local residents on why pre-harvest agricultural burns are carefully regulated by the Florida Forest Service, are not linked through any medical research to negative health conditions and are necessary in South Florida's damp climate.

"The Glades communities enjoy some of Florida's cleanest air, and we plan to keep it that way," said Miller Couse, chairman of the board of First Bank and a member of S.A.F.E. Communities.

"Through LOBA's S.A.F.E. Communities initiative, we will make sure our friends and neighbors here in the Glades know that pre-harvest burns are a safe, regulated and necessary tool that has been utilized by Glades farmers for decades."

S.A.F.E. was formed partly in response to a rise in local activity by a Fort Lauderdale-based chapter of Sierra Club and other organizations who have dispatched paid operatives into Glades communities to try to shut down the practice of pre-harvest burning and ultimately put local farmers out of business.

The Sierra Club was involved in litigation that contributed to the end of sugarcane farming in Hawaii, which shut down in 2017.

"Our communities and our very way of life are under constant attack by special interests determined to put folks in this region out of business," said Rev. Gary McNealy, a local minister and a member of the S.A.F.E. Communities alliance.

"The people of the Glades need to know these attacks on the regulated, safe and necessary pre-harvest burn program conducted by our farmers are meant to divide our communities and are filled with misinformation."

Contrary to claims made by the Sierra Club, the Glades communities enjoy some of the best air quality in the state of Florida,

with Palm Beach and Hendry counties ranking among the top of all of Florida's 67 counties, according to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, 2018.

Additionally, the Palm Beach and Hendry County health departments have only averaged one verified complaint linked to a pre-harvest burn from a sugarcane field annually for the past 10 years, according to publicly available data from both health departments.

In 2015, the Palm Beach County Health Department confirmed that "air-monitoring equipment near the sugarcane fields and in nearby communities show that the burning doesn't violate federal air-quality standards." (Palm Beach Post, June 19, 2015).

For more information on S.A.F.E. CommunityThe Lake Okeechobee Business Alliance is an association of business and community leaders dedicated to protecting and preserving the communities and farmland that make up the Lake Okeechobee Region.

Community News

Army career fair set

The U.S. Army Recruiting Team will be at the Florida B. Thomas Library in Clewiston on March 29 from noon to 5 p.m. to give information on opportunities with the army, including benefits and careers. Applicants must be: 17-34 years old; with no major medical issues; on track to graduate or have high school diploma or GED; and no or minimal criminal charges. For more information, see the recruiter.

Scholarship deadline

The Pearl Mae Foundation Scholarship deadline is March 31 for students to apply for the 2018-2019 academic year. Award winners will be announced mid-April. For an application or more information visit <http://www.pearlmaefoundation.org/programs>,

Easter Sunday Service

Everyone is invited to the Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Clewiston at 331 W Osceola Avenue in Clewiston on Sunday, April 1, as the choir presents the cantata; Redeemed By The Blood of The Lamb. Families will worship together in the sanctuary and celebrate the fact that Jesus Has Risen!

Free HIV testing April 10

April 10 is tagged as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD). People 13-24 years old account for about 22 percent of the new HIV infections in the USA and 51

percent of those don't know that they are infected and are least likely to be in care if infected. The Florida Department of Health in Hendry County, 1100 Olympia St. in Clewiston, will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Tuesday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Stop HIV. Know your status. Get tested.

Holocaust program

A Holocaust survivors program will be held at the Clewiston Library, 120 W. Osceola Ave., on Thursday, **April 12**, at 6 p.m. Bring the family to hear firsthand accounts from a Holocaust survivor. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is needed. Provided by the Holocaust Museum of SouthWest Florida.

Coloring for adults

Coffee & Coloring for Adults will be available at the Clewiston library, 120 W. Osceola Ave., on Tuesday, April 10, and Tuesday, **April 24**, from 10 to 11 a.m. Supplies will be provided. Come relax as we color our stress away while listening to calming music and enjoying coffee and donuts!

Board meeting scheduled

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 29 at 1 p.m. in the main room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. Meetings are open to the public.

Scholarship deadline April 1

Brenda Hoots, Hendry County supervisor of elections, invites eligible students to apply for a \$1,200 scholarship through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE).

FSASE will award scholarships in 2018, for detailed information and forms please visit our website www.hendryelections.org.

Your completed paperwork must be submitted to our office by March 29, 2018. For additional information, please contact our office at (863) 675-5230 or (863) 983-1592.

Oportunidad de BECA FSASE

Brenda Hoots, Hendry County supervisor de elecciones, envita a los estudiantes elegibles para aplicar para una BECA de \$1,200, a traves de la Asociacion del Estado de la Florida del Supervisor de Elecciones (FSASE).

FSASE otorgara becas en 2018, para mas detalle de informacion y formas, por favor visite nuestro sitio web www.hendryelections.org.

Su documentacion completa debe ser presentada a nuestra oficina por Marzo 29, 2018. Para mas informacion, por favor contacte nuestra oficina a (863) 675-5230 o (863) 983-1592.

Traffic accident leaves Clewiston woman in critical condition

Special to The Clewiston News

CLEWISTON — A 62 year-old Clewiston woman is in critical condition due to injuries sustained after her car went into a canal on Wednesday, March 27.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) news release stated that at 10:05 p.m., a 2010 Toyota Corolla driven by Elizabeth Cruz was traveling south on County Road 833. Her vehicle traveled off the roadway onto the west grass shoulder. The Toyota traveled in a south-westerly direction on the shoulder.

The vehicle entered a water-filled canal and became totally submerged. The driver

was extricated from the Toyota by a Hendry County sheriff's deputy and the Montura Flaghole Fire Department.

Ms. Cruz was transported by Hendry County EMS to LaBelle and was transported by LeeFlight to Lee Memorial Hospital.

Charges are pending due to ongoing investigation.

Ms. Cruz was wearing her seat belt.

FHP Trooper B. Pingry was the crash investigator.

Swing into Spring benefit

The public is invited to the Swing Into Spring event to benefit the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties on Saturday, April 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the RiverBend Motorcoach Resort, 5800 State Road 80 W.

in LaBelle. This event features a prime rib dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions.

For reservations or information call Lisa at 239-433-7559.

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In other actions at the March 19 meeting, the commissioners:

- Tabled action until their next meeting, April 2, on a resolution authorizing an agreement with Sky Family YMCA Inc. to operate the city's summer camp programs for children ages 5-12, after Commissioner Petersen raised some questions about it.

- Approved an incorporation memorial

plaque to be given to the newly formed Indiantown Village Council, congratulating its members on the village's establishment, which was accomplished through action of the Florida Legislature and a 2017 referendum.

Mayor Gardner said that Clewiston commissioners had been invited to attend the council's first meeting on Wednesday, March 21, and that she was planning to go with Commissioner Petersen and present the plaque in person.

ACADEMY

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ity of their professors as the most important factor in their success.

The semester included workshops from various members of Florida Southwestern's Academic Support Center staff, including information on college level writing, and they continued with multiple presentations by the director of FSW's library system about available library resources and by Amanda Lehrian, director of FSW's LaBelle campus, about how to be a successful college student.

CHS graduates Kevonte Bailey (FIU 2017), working for JP Morgan on Wall Street, and Mary Gamble (FAU 2016), working on her doctorate in nursing, came back to share the most important factors to their success. During the semester, students visited FSW's LaBelle campus including their newly built and state-of-the-art library and computer labs. FSW also generously provided students

with a field trip to an FSW basketball game in its newly built Suncoast Arena, where students got to meet members of the Buc basketball team.

The Collegiate Academy's first semester proved to be a resounding success. The academy staff was happy to also admit five additional students into the second semester, putting their numbers at 52 full-time students enjoying the tremendous privileges of membership.

The CA will be hosting an informational night this Thursday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the CHS media center, just before the beginning of CHS' Spring Open House EXPO, at which time they'll release and begin accepting the 2018-19 school year Collegiate Academy applications.

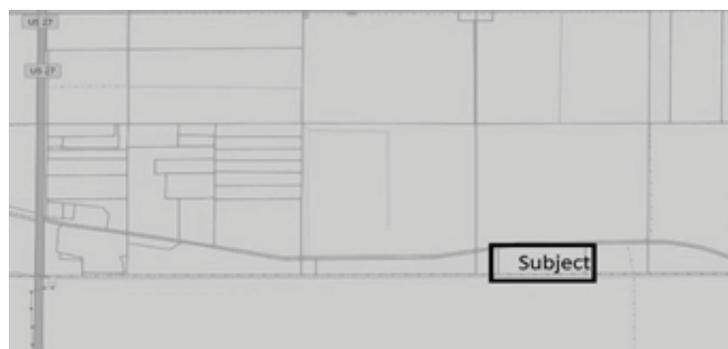
With more than 30 new students already qualified to join the coming year's Collegiate Academy class, the competition for the final roster spots will be fierce.

Anyone unable to make the meeting may call or email Jose Roquett (863-983-1520 or roquettj@hendry-schools.net) with any questions.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TRANSMITTAL OF A LARGE SCALE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in Glades County, Florida, public hearings will be held before the Glades County Planning and Zoning Board on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 5:05 PM and the Glades County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM, or as soon as the matters may be heard. These hearings will be held at the County Commissioners Chambers, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, and Florida 33471.

The purpose of the public hearings for the following item is to consider the transmittal of the amendment to the State agencies for review and comment. This item will be heard at the January 10 and the February 14 hearings. The Parcel ID Number for the subject site is A33-42-33-A00-0020-0000



ORDINANCE 2018 - ____

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES, ADOPTING A LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE GLADES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM AGRICULTURE/ OPEN TO INDUSTRIAL FOR 60.51± ACRES OF LAND; LOCATED AT 6120 W. US HWY 27 APPLICANT AND PROPERTY OWNER IS LONG HAMMOCK GROVES; CASE NUMBER COMP18-02LS; PROVIDING FOR REVISION TO AND INCLUSION OF THE REVISED FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A COPY OF SAID PETITIONS AND STAFF REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE GLADES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (198 6TH STREET, MOORE HAVEN).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO SPEAK. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AT ANY TIME IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING(S). PLEASE CALL 863-946-6018 AND MENTION THE PETITION NUMBER OF THE MATTER YOU WISH TO DISCUSS.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, OR COUNTY COMMISSION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND 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 HEARD.

Glades County Democrat
March 29, 2018

Reflections from the Pulpit

Easter: Life - and life abundantly

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Someone I knew had to undergo surgery but had a bleeding problem. Doctors were able to control it and everything went well. Following surgery, she proclaimed "I'm alive, I'm alive!" and I shared her joy for those few moments while she awoke from the anesthesia and reveled in a miracle. I anticipate that story has been repeated millions of times among those who have gone

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Robert Cooling (Duke) Haman II

(March 28, 1956 - March 20, 2018)

MOORE HAVEN — Robert Cooling (Duke) Haman II, was called home to Heaven March 20, 2018.

Mr. Haman was born in Wilmington, Del. to father Robert Haman and mother Vivian Brown Haman on March 28, 1956. He was a proud American and served his country in the U.S. Army as an infantryman. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, as well as the National Defense Service Medal and Expert in Rifle Medal. He served in the Vietnam War Era and was a member of the Delaware and Florida National Guard.

Mr. Haman's 32-year law enforcement career began in Delaware with the Department of Corrections. He served with the Glades County Sheriff's Department as Correction Officer, Deputy, Bailiff and Jail Administrator. His later years were spent with GEO Corporation until he retired due to illness in 2013.

Robert married his beloved wife Frances Gail Haman, June 13, 1981 in New Castle, Del. He enjoyed reading, singing and music, fishing, hunting, bible study and teaching the bible.

Mr. Haman is survived by his devoted wife, Frances Gail Haman; and precious daughter, Jennifer Elaine Haman; and four siblings, Michael Haman, Patricia Haman, Dawn Woolen and Candace Romani. He was preceded in death by both parents. He loved his family and his church dearly.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Bethel Holiness Church, 1153 Cornelia Drive, LaBelle, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 also at the church beginning at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jeremy Howell officiating Burial will follow at Ortona Cemetery, 8898 West State Road 78, Moore Haven - with full military honors. Brister Funeral Home is honored to have serviced this family.

Come celebrate the life, love and legacy of Robert Cooling (Duke) Haman, II.

before us from this life to the life to come.

It is a story about Easter and the promise that the Lord has given us; and the message from Him that is for all who believe. Those who believe live out what the Epistle to the Hebrews (chapter 11, verse 1ff) has given us; "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

The answer came to one patient who believed that all would work out and life would continue. Her faith was that assurance, that conviction and she was rewarded for her belief. That faith was known to Jesus' followers who also knew fear but believed that His promises to us would be fulfilled. Those who saw the Lord have given us testimony of His presence after being crucified; and millions after have come to know Him.

One clergyman put it very succinctly; "Either this is the most preposterous story in history, or it is true!" For all who have experienced the risen Lord, the latter is the obvious answer and they will share in those moments of going from life to the greater life to come. Our sciences have given us answers and knowing "how" but is in our other ways of knowing that we come to understand "why." My work includes helping people to come to know God's presence and purposes in life, how we are called to relate to each other and live together, how we proclaim on Easter "He has risen, the Lord has risen indeed!"

The Easter story is given to us in each of the gospel accounts, the epistles and the lives of the faithful ever afterward.

Today, many live in great fear that their lives will be taken from them by acts of violence. The fear is for their children and for themselves and they have decided to act. The cries of people today are that "there must be a better way!" and they have rallied together to seek it. Beneath it all is the recognition that "life is sacred" and that life is a gift to be cherished and hallowed.

Easter is God's affirmation to us of that recognition within us. Jesus has told us of His reasons for coming among us. Speaking to the crowds one day He told those who were present "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10b)." He tells them that He will lay down His life for them because He has come to care for them (vss. 12-19), and, as they say, "the rest is history." It is that history that is celebrated at Easter; accounts of Jesus' appearance after His laying down His life and the encounters with disciples and many others when He arose. His appearances let them know that their faith and hope was not in vain and the witness and conviction of people ever since is celebrated around the world on this day.

The sacredness of life, our motivations to protect and see that it can be lived to it's fullest is what is being told to us in the Easter proclamation that life is to be lived and then go on. Our efforts to improve life, prolong life, to regard life as worth saving all point toward the greatest gift possible; that it will go on and on and on, even forever. That gift to us is from God; it is celebrated at our altars, in our homes and in our hearts. Because He lived and lives, we live and will live and have life abundantly one day with Him. May this be a blessed and happy Easter and time of giving thanks to God for the greatest gift we might possibly receive. Amen.

SFWMD continues efforts to preserve land near the Everglades headwaters

Special to INI Florida

WEST PALM BEACH — On Feb. 8, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board approved another land purchase to help preserve the Shingle Creek Management Area in Orange and Osceola counties, which serves as the headwaters for Florida's Everglades.

"This board remains steadfast in ensuring the health of the Everglades, and Shingle Creek is critical to achieving this goal," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman and Orange County resident Dan O'Keefe.

"Every parcel of property we can secure helps preserve Shingle Creek, which is an important step for the Everglades and a worthy investment in the future of our environment," Chairman O'Keefe added.

The Governing Board approved purchasing 3.61 acres from two willing sellers in Shingle Creek for \$101,000. The SFWMD has been purchasing land around Shingle

Creek for conservation since 1991 – originally, through the Save Our Rivers program and, subsequently, with mitigation funds – because of the creek's unique hydrologic function and environmental value for the Everglades.

The SFWMD now owns nearly 2,500 acres for conservation within Shingle Creek. Another 1,100 acres is privately owned.

The Governing Board also approved an amendment to this year's budget, adding another \$375,000 to acquire land from willing sellers within the Shingle Creek Management Area. Recognized as the headwaters of Florida's Everglades, the Shingle Creek Management Area is the largest natural area in the greater Orlando area. It is comprised primarily of hardwood swamps with some upland habitat and is home to 154 different wildlife species. The swamp plays a critical role in providing regional flood protection and ensuring water quality.

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CHS Pittman signs to play for Broward College

By Richard Marion
Clewiston News

On March 21 Clewiston High School senior Megan Pittman signed a letter of intent to continue her soccer career at Broward College.

"I really wanted to play college soccer, and Broward gave me that opportunity," said Miss Pittman. "I want to thank Coach Kari and Coach Ricky for always pushing me, as well as my parents and my sister Casey."

The Broward College Seahawks girls soccer team went 6-4-1 during their 2017 season and is coached by Micheal Goodrich in his third year. The Seahawks are comprised of a diverse group of talented athletes, with some players hailing from as far away as Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Megan played defense during her time at Clewiston and was an integral part in the Tigers record breaking 2017 season that saw the girls make it all the way to the regional finals.

That 2017 season marked the first time

any Clewiston girls soccer team advanced to the regional finals in school history. Another highlight during Megan's tenure with Clewiston would be when the Lady Tigers knocked perennial playoff contender Bishop Verot out of contention in dramatic fashion during a shootout at the end of the game.

Two games after knocking out Bishop Verot the Lady Tigers faced another district rival, Oasis, in the regional semifinal. Oasis had beaten Clewiston during every match of the 2017 season, and most likely were expecting to cruise to another victory over the Lady Tigers. But Megan and her Clewiston teammates had different plans, and the Lady Tigers shocked Oasis 2-1 in double overtime.

"That was a great experience," said Miss Pittman with a laugh.

Megan played soccer year round, which she says helped improve her skills on the field.

"Playing during the summer with Coach Ricky definitely helped me," explained Miss Pittman. "It pushed me and helped me learn my strengths. I started playing soccer as a

forward, but eventually I moved all the way back to the defensive line. I had to do a lot of learning."

As she moves on to college, Megan says she sees potential in the Clewiston girls she's

leaving behind.

"As long as they stay committed and put in the extra work they can definitely improve next year," Miss Pittman concluded.



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From left to right: Megan's parents Mike Pittman and Dena Pittman. Coach Keri Alford, Megan Pittman, Coach Ricky Martinez and Clewiston athletic director Steven Barnes.

Berrylicious is the latest form of Clewiston sweetness

By Chris Felker
The Clewiston News

As of almost a month ago, Clewiston has its very own frozen-yogurt shop so lovers of that sweet year-round treat no longer need to drive a long ways to get their smooth, heat-quenching desserts.

In fact, it's right down the street, appropriately located on Sugarland Highway (U.S. 27). J.J. Rodriguez's new business Berrylicious is at 307 E. Sugarland, next door to his father's eatery, Julio's Cafe Tropical. (The elder Rodriguez is a Clewiston city commissioner.)

J.J., who's 24, says he'd always wanted to go into business for himself, and so while he was attending North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, N.C., studying toward a bachelor's degree in business administration a few years back, in between knocking baseballs around their diamonds, he conceived of this idea.

Berrylicious marries J.J.'s love of going to frozen-confectionery places along the coast with his business background and even with the curriculum he taught for a time at Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School. (Surely, blending flavors of yogurt with tangy or crunchy toppings or sweet berries qualifies as science, right?)

He started teaching there out of college, science classes for sixth- and eighth-graders, while taking on the role of head varsity baseball coach for the Terriers, a cap he continues to wear. The younger Mr. Rodriguez, you see, saw some success at Wesleyan. "Earned my degree in business administration, and I also played four years of college baseball there. I played first and third. I got all-conference, a couple of player-of-the-weeks, I got U.S.A. Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, just to name a couple of different accolades."

But this story's about berries, and yo-

gurt, so think sweets. "I always had this vision, you know, to do something like this. I've always liked going to these places on the coast, and that's what's driven me to want to do this on my own. Clewiston doesn't have anything like this. It's been open about three weeks now," he said during a visit around lunchtime on a recent Friday that was quite nippy for South Florida.

Even so, business has been, on recent cool or cold days, and is "just pretty much steady." There were two groups with kids in the room at 12:30. From 3 p.m. on, he says, every hour is quite busy until closing at 9 on weekdays (except Friday). "It's always going. There were probably 20 or 30 people in here just a little bit ago," J.J. said.

He points out that "I haven't had a hot day yet," hinting he believes traffic at Berrylicious will rise with the temperatures. Daily hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 to 10 on Friday and Saturday.

Berrylicious' menu consists of frozen yogurt only (no ice cream), and it's self-serve with the nozzles lining a stretch of wall preceded by a panel holding the different size cups. "We have eight flavors and about 20 different toppings that you can put inside the cups as well."

The yogurts are all low-fat, one with no sugar added and one is nondairy. The flavors are white vanilla, dulce de leche, milk chocolate, mango surprise, coconut, cake batter, cheesecake and strawberry. Among the toppings are chocolate chips, M&Ms, rainbow Gummi worms, popping strawberry and mango pearls, blueberries, coconut, maraschino cherries and pineapple, cheesecake and Heath bar bites, and then there are the toppers, including healthy granolas, flakes, nuts and cookie crumbles and sprinkles ... but we don't want to give away the store here.

How's business? "Good. We get a lot

of kids in, and lots of adults. They love the process. It's friendly to the adults, friendly to the kids, and the kids love the color scheme thing here. It drives them crazy. We have child-size tables that they like."

Mr. Rodriguez is grateful for the good patronage he's had from the people of Clewiston and thinking about how to help students' fundraisers for the various causes and activities they take part in, and he declared he'll be coming out with some promotional ideas soon.

"I want to thank everyone who came out and supported me. I look forward to

working with the schools and different programs. While I was in college, I always thought of what I could bring to Clewiston. And I hope everyone can enjoy their hometown local frozen yogurt shop as a place where friends, families and kids can gather and enjoy a delicious treat in a family-friendly environment.

"And you don't have to drive to the coast anymore for frozen yogurt. Enjoy and God bless."



This outline if you use Berrylicious 1 inside photo

The Clewiston News/Chris Felker

J.J. Rodriguez stands proudly behind the checkout counter at his newly opened business Berrylicious on Sugarland Highway in Clewiston.

Green Thumb Garden Club



Special to The Clewiston News/GTGC Green Thumb Garden Club members who enjoyed the club's Valentine's Day Tea Party included (standing from left to right) Ninette Aker, Becky Rawls, Barbara Oefner, Ann Bowling, Kay Jones, Kitty Gray, Meryl Adams, LuAnne Williams, Mary Ann Jones, Tena Harris, Mae McDonald, Judith French, Karen Cochran and Diane Denault. Sitting: Margo Fatzinger, Mary Lenz, Janet Summerlin, Sandy Stiit, Dorothy (Dot) Stacy, Sue Phelps, Helen Endicott and Janet Way.



Special to The Clewiston News/GTGC The Clewiston High School Public Safety Academy served refreshments at the Valentine Tea Party.



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Mark Colbert, Chairman
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the landowners of East Shore Water Control District is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 9:00 A.M., at the office of said District located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, for the purpose of:
1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine, and;
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST SHORE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
BY: /th/ Kenneth McDuffie, President
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 26-2017-CA-000092
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
GLORIA VIGIL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GLORIA VIGIL; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 08, 2018, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:
ALL OF LOT 23 AND LOTS 24 AND 25, EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOT 25 LYING SOUTHEASTERLY FROM A RADIAL LINE WHICH INTERSECTS THE CIRCLE DRIVE FRONTAGE OF LOT 25 AT A POINT 20 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 25, ALL IN BLOCK 171, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71 THROUGH 78, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA a/k/a 242 E CIRCLE DR, CLEWISTON, FL 33440-2506
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 25 E Hickpochee 2nd Floor LaBelle, FL 33935, on May 9, 2018 beginning at 11:00 AM.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.
Dated this 13th day of March, 2018.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: J. Bevis
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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) NO. 6000000890 Storm Water Treatment Area (STA) Flat Mowing Services, Hendry and Palm Beach Counties, FL

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to the 2:30 P.M. opening time on May 1st, 2018, for STA Flat Mowing Services within the Clewiston Field Station service area.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (CONFERENCE) & SITE VISIT will be held on April 19, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. at the Clewiston Field Station Main Conference Room, located at 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston, Florida. All Respondents who wish to respond to this Solicitation must be present and on time at the Conference and Site Visit. Respondents that attended the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit for RFB 6000000890 are not required to attend. Bids will not be accepted from Respondents who either did not attend the Conference and Site Visit or who are more than fifteen (15) minutes late.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT ADMIT ANY RESPONDENTS AFTER 9:15 A.M.

Work site visits will immediately follow the Conference and may include travel through rough terrain and remote and heavy vegetative areas. Transportation to the Conference and Site Visit shall be the responsibility of the Respondent.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested Respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling the BID HOTLINE 800-472-5290, option 1. The public is invited to attend the bid opening.

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School Board considers armed 'guardian' option

Special to The Clewiston News

On Tuesday, March 27, the Hendry County School Board had its first discussion about whether to pass the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act, which authorizes the awarding of grants through the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund for student crime watch programs; establishes the Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education; provides that each sheriff may establish a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program and appoint certain volunteer school employees as school guardians; prohibits a person who has been adjudicated as mentally defective or been committed to a mental institution from owning or possessing a firearm until certain relief is obtained; prohibits a person younger than a certain age from purchasing

a firearm; prohibits specified acts relating to the sale and possession of bump-fire stocks; and creates the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement, etc., among other effects.

"One thing I do not want to have to do is sit here and explain to someone why someone, who we put a gun in their hand, had mistakenly shot their child," said School Board Vice Chairman Dwayne Brown.

Superintendent Paul Puletti supports approving the idea but told the public Tuesday night that it will take "some time to iron out the details and provide exact language of how it would work and how the school system would pay for it."

"The longer we wait," said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden, "the better

chance we have of something happening, and I don't want to be the sheriff that stands up here on national TV talking about what a sad day it is. You know, I want to be the sheriff that, you know, doesn't have to worry about an active shooter."

A county resident, Ramon Rodriguez, spoke and said: "I'm not comfortable with it at all. There's so many accidents that happen just from good intentions. Why is this the first and only consideration? Why is this so high a priority?"

Hendry County School District Deputy Superintendent Lucinda Kelley presented details of the new proposed guardian program to board members. These are the requirements any volunteer wanting to carry a concealed firearm on a campus would have to meet before the person would be eligible

for the proposed program:

1. Hold a valid license to carry or conceal a firearm.
2. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent random drug tests.
3. Pass a psychological evaluation.
4. Meet all other requirements of the law.
5. Belong to an eligible group to participate.
6. Complete 80 hours of firearms instruction.
7. Complete 16 hours of instruction in precision pistol use.
8. Complete eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction using simulator exercises.
9. Complete eight hours of instruction in active shooter or assailant scenarios.
10. Take 12 hours of instruction in legal issues.
11. Receive eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.
12. Complete at least 12 hours of a certified nationally recognized diversity training program.
13. Complete ongoing training, weapon inspection and firearm qualification on at least an annual basis.
14. Be appointed by the sheriff upon successful completion of all requirements and receive a School Guardian Certificate.

The school board said it plans to have more open community forums next month to hear from the public about what people want. The earliest the Hendry County School Board would see this issue for discussion again would be in late April.

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Digital program helps those at risk of diabetes

Special to the Clewiston News

One in three Floridians has prediabetes, and are likely to develop Type two diabetes within 10 years. But most won't do anything to stop it – because 90 percent don't even know they're at risk.

This month, personalized nutrition service PlateJoy launched a new program in Florida. Some insurance providers are covering 100 percent of the cost.

Founded by Christina Bognet, a 29-year-old MIT neuroscience grad who lost 50 pounds herself, PlateJoy's all-digital program helps participants create healthy habits, lose weight and reduce their diabetes risk.

It includes:

- Personalized meal plans and shopping lists, tailored to each participant's goals and schedule.
- Easy activity and weight tracking. Research shows that keeping track of your progress increases the likelihood that you'll meet your goals.
- Weekly video interviews with top experts in nutrition, fitness and health, including Dr. Robert Lustig (Fat Chance), Gretchen Rubin (The Happiness Project), Kelley Starrett (MobilityWOD), and others.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001247

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2016-1; MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2016-1,
Plaintiff

v.
ISABEL BLANCO et al.,
Defendants.

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, the Clerk of Hendry County will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property
THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30 FEET THEREOF SUBJECT TO EXISTING OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, ZONING ORDINANCES, ENFORCEABLE EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUBJECT TO TAXES AND ASSESSMENT-OF-CENTRAL COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1093 IN MONTURA RANCH ESTATES. The address of which is 472 Avenida Del Sur, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

at a public sale to the highest bidder, on 4-18-18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Second Floor, LaBelle, Florida 33935, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: 4/15/2018.
CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

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 the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1723, within two working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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Beatriz Perez 3302 Everhigh Acres Rd. Clewiston, FL 33440
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Brenda K. Hoots
Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 174
LaBelle, FL 33975
Hendry County, Florida
F.S. 98.075

485100 CN 3/29/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2015-CA-548 JUDGE: THOMAS REESE

H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSY BOGDARDU, et al.
Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 2, 2017, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-000548 in the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein H.E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC. is the Plaintiff, and SUSY BOGDARDU and the SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, are the Defendants, that:

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 a.m., on the 11th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 404, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7TH 1937, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 506 East Obispo Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

DATED This 6th day of March, 2018.

BY: J. Bevis,
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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 *It offers an ocean view
- 5 *Hardware insertion point
- 10 *Sci-fi shortcut
- 14 Chevy subcompact
- 15 Salad bar morsel
- 16 Domingo forte
- 17 Spectator sport since the Edo period
- 18 Alpine air
- 19 Checker, e.g.
- 20 "What an exhausting day!"
- 22 Pounding tools
- 24 Veto
- 25 Clay, nowadays
- 26 Handy assortment
- 30 "Terribly strange" age in Simon & Garfunkel's "Old Friends"
- 34 ICU connections
- 35 Medical unit
- 37 "___ you finished?"
- 38 *Means of evasion
- 40 *Stephen Hawking subject
- 41 *Orca feature
- 42 Terrible
- 44 F1 neighbor
- 45 Makers of wood pulp nests
- 46 Quick round ... and, collectively, what the answers to starred clues lack
- 49 Gets in one's sights, with "to"
- 52 Backslides
- 56 Cancels the launch
- 57 Fasten
- 58 "Whip It" rockers
- 59 Order outfit
- 63 ___ on the back
- 64 Monthly pmt.
- 65 Midway alternative
- 66 Choice array
- 67 *Geologic danger
- 68 *Serengeti gathering place
- 69 *Home security device

DOWN

- 1 "¿Qué ___?"
- 2 Reproductive cell
- 3 Takes back to
- 4 Goldilocks complaint
- 5 Protein-rich bean
- 6 Blood ___
- 7 Unburden
- 8 Anticipatory times
- 9 More than adequately
- 10 Swaying walk
- 11 Art museum works, usually
- 12 Increase
- 13 Pro and mini
- 21 Business VIP
- 23 Architectural projection
- 26 Colorado tributary
- 27 State as accurate
- 28 Bar ___
- 29 Petulance
- 30 Help
- 31 Yosemite grazer
- 32 Stadium in St. Pete, with "The"
- 33 Landscaping shrubs

- 36 Obi, e.g.
- 39 "Pure, stripped down" genre, per Tommy Ramone
- 41 Climber's refuge
- 43 Choice array
- 45 "___ Got Tonight": 1983 hit duet
- 47 Absentee
- 48 Sci-fi author/editor del Rey
- 49 Fills with cargo
- 50 Division symbols
- 51 Neopagan gathering
- 53 Nepal currency
- 54 Big name in air conditioning
- 55 Everything but the liquor
- 60 Word associated with a light bulb
- 61 Echolocation user
- 62 Steaming state

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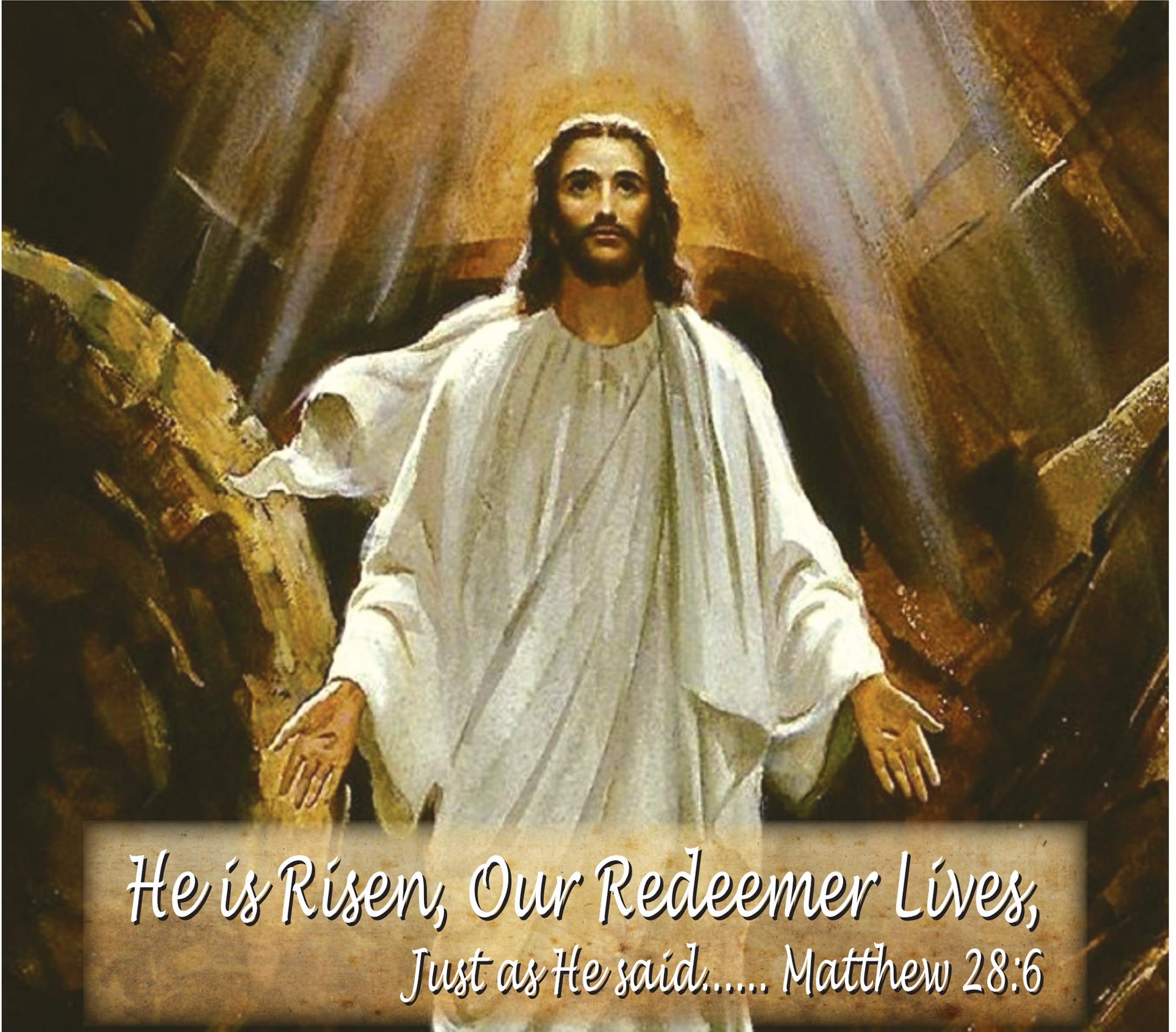
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