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## Board proclaims Hendry a 'Purple Heart County'

By Tara Ionescu

Special to The Clewiston News

The Hendry County Commission meeting of Tuesday, March 27, started off with the proclamation of the county as a "Purple Heart Coun-

ty." Hendry County has a highly decorated veteran population including many Purple Heart recipients. The Hendry County Board encouraged citizens to show their appreciation of the

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The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 696 executive team and the Hendry County commissioners pose with a Purple Heart.

## Time pressure off, Clewiston seeks new P.D. building bids

By Chris Felker

The Clewiston News

The Clewiston City Commission has rejected all bids received on remodeling the bank branch building it bought on Berner Road for a new city police headquarters, opting instead to re-bid the project yet again.

Commissioners learned at their meeting Monday night, April 2, that the state money the Legislature had approved to finance it now is being considered a state capital outlay, making the previous hard-and-fast June 30, 2018, grant deadline moot.

The city had advertised for bids in March and they were opened on Thursday, March 29. Two were received, from MJ Simpson Corp. in the amount of \$679,395 (total base bid) and

from DEC Contracting Group for \$1,060,099.

City Manager Al Perry reported: "DEC has bid every time we've gone out so far. They were the high bidder, at almost \$1.1 million. The MJ Simpson Corp., their bid was \$679,000. Both these bids currently come in over our budget, what we have, which is unfortunate. One of the contractors was in the room for the opening of the bid, one of the gentlemen from DEC. That was the only person here, and he said the reason for your low turnout, he felt, was because of the time restraints; they had 90 days to complete the work.

"But since then, the chief (Police Chief Aaron Angell) has found out that the state has lifted our restrictions on time, so ... we can set

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## Sky Valley YMCA will run summer camp programs

By Chris Felker

The Clewiston News

City commissioners in Clewiston have approved Sky Family YMCA's taking over operation of the city Recreation Department's summer camp programs for children ages 5-12. The item had been postponed from the City Commission's meeting March 19 when Commissioner Kristine Petersen asked for a comparison of fees and whether the YMCA camp program was at the same level previously provided by the city.

After more discussion at their meeting Monday night, April 2, the commissioners approved the move unanimously. Mayor Mali Gardner had stated at the previous meeting that she thought the Venice-based Sky Valley Y's program would be more affordable and said they provide similar programs in Moore Haven, LaBelle and for Hendry County's East Rec and West Rec centers.

In response to other questions on March 19, Public Works Director Sean Sheffler had said the YMCA would provide training and background checks for workers, also handling payroll, while the programs would take place at the Clewiston Youth Center and use of the city's pool would be available, with city-employed lifeguards. At Monday's meeting, City Manager Al Perry said, "Instead of running two three-week programs, they (the Sky Family Y) will run eight one-week programs, so you can go to all eight, or you can go to the first one and the fifth one ... so you can plan it a little better around your vacation." He said the city would continue all operations of the pool, as normal, and already had hired lifeguards for the summer to put them at full staff.

Commissioner Petersen, while noting that Good Wheels provides transportation, wondered aloud whether there was any limit on distances it would travel. Mr. Perry said he knew that Good Wheels goes everywhere in Hendry County but wasn't sure and would check.

Mayor Gardner said: "I know they also travel to Moore Haven, and their field trips, I know for sure that from Moore Haven

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# EAA reservoir plan sent to Corps of Engineers

By Katrina Elsen  
INI Florida

Plans for the proposed Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir continue to move forward.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has submitted its plan to build the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir for federal approval. If approved, the EAA reservoir will be built as part of the congressionally approved Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP). This change to the CEPP plans was submitted to the assistant secretary of the Army for civil works on March 26, in accordance with state law.

Before it is submitted to Congress for authorization, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must approve the plan and determine that it complies with federal law. Congressional authorization is necessary to make the project eligible for federal funding.

The proposed EAA Storage Reservoir will meet the goals set forth by the Florida Legislature when it passed Senate Bill 10 in 2017, according to SFWMD officials: It will reduce damaging discharges to the northern estuaries, deliver clean water for Everglades resto-

ration and achieve water quality standards.

"After many months of hard work by district staff, this is a momentous day for the future of the Everglades and for all who call South Florida home," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Dan O'Keefe. "This agency has done its job and created a plan that combines sound science with public feedback to achieve the goals and objectives of state law. It's now up to our federal partners to carry the momentum on southern storage."

Together with authorized projects, the reservoir plan will send an annual average of approximately 370,000 additional acre-feet of clean water south to the Everglades. The water quality will be required to meet to the nutrient levels set by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The plan will also reduce the number of damaging discharge events from Lake Okeechobee to the northern estuaries by 63 percent when used in conjunction with authorized projects, according to SFWMD reports.

The additional flows south to the Everglades will be treated in a new 6,500-acre Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) in com-

## Limits called for on aquatic spraying

By Katrina Elsen  
INI Florida

At the March 16 meeting of the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, Clewiston City Commissioner Phillip Roland asked the board to step back in time with him as he shared memories of Lake Okeechobee's past.

"I am 24 years old and I get out of the service, and that's 1964," he began.

"I'm fishing off the end of the reef out in front of Moonshine and I see this green glare on the water, and I don't know what the hell it is.

"I keep looking at it. So I ride out in my boat and to look at this green stuff, never seen it on the lake. It was the first time I saw a green algae bloom.

"Now this is before spraying, but my dad had informed me in 1960 when I went in the service and the Kissimmee was cut in that year, and the Indian Prairie and the Harney Pond, the triple canal system as they call it, that they had just ruined his lake – his lake, because he fished it seven times a week.

"To think back, this is before any spraying was done on the lake. No spraying. When I was 30 years old, there was no spraying done on the lake. And then it starts with a four-boat operation run by the Corps of Engineers.

"Then, go forward 10 years, and South Florida Water Management has taken over, and it's six boats. Six boats, spraying on the lake.

"Today we have 20 boats, 20 boats spraying almost every day that they can get out that the wind doesn't stop them.

"A sustained wind of 12 mph, they don't spray.

"They spray most every day on that lake.

"This is 20 boats spraying poison on that lake. If you cut a diagonal line across the lake, one part is sand, the other part is ba-

sically muck. The sand that I can fish – and I guided the first time when I was 13 years old – but all up the shoal was sand.

"Today you fish the sand, you don't see sand. There is a black silt on that sand. You don't see sand. You get back up in shallows, back in the Monkey Box, back off Harney Pond; in there, you can see bottom, but it's not sand. There is something else on that sand.

"Today, we have lost our fishery around Clewiston, there's no fishery," he said.

"I went with a biologist the other day because I had raised the devil with the girl who is in charge of the spraying on the lake," he continued.

"Her boss came down. We went out on the lake," he said. "We went to an area called Coot Bay. I almost cried. It was solid mud bottom, floating tussocks of mud.

"I did get them to agree to cut the old trails that will help flush the bottom of the lake, but I am telling you the spraying that is going on the lake," he said.

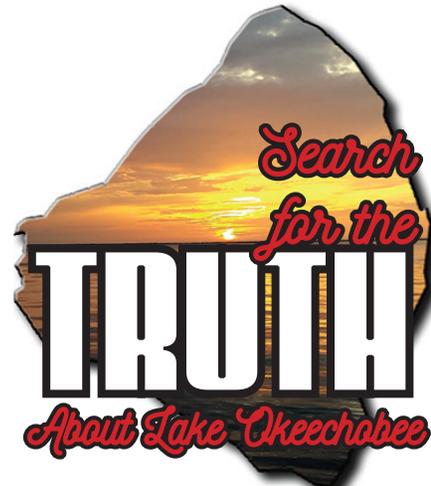
The spraying is destroying the habitat for the fisheries, he said.

Commissioner Roland asked the coalition to support the resolution to limit spraying of non-native aquatic.

"That resolution we adopted is asking them to spray three months out of the year, and not spray nine months out of the year," said Mr. Roland.

"Nine months out of the year, you have bedding fish, whether it's bass, specks, brim or shellcracker."

Mr. Roland asked the members of the coalition to take the resolution back to their counties and for discussion. He also asked the 16-county coalition to consider adoption of the resolution at a future meeting.



### A continuing series

Combination with existing STAs and Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs), such as the A-1 FEB, to achieve state water quality standards. The reservoir will store 240,000 acre-feet of water on the 10,100-acre site comprised of the district-owned A-2 parcel and lands to the west as identified in Senate Bill 10.

The net increase in cost over the currently authorized CEPP is \$1.1 billion. The total cost of the authorized CEPP, with the addition of the EAA reservoir is \$3.17 billion.

The reservoir plan was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board on March 8 and submitted to the Assistant Secretary of the Army along with an independent peer review that found the plan to be technically sound.

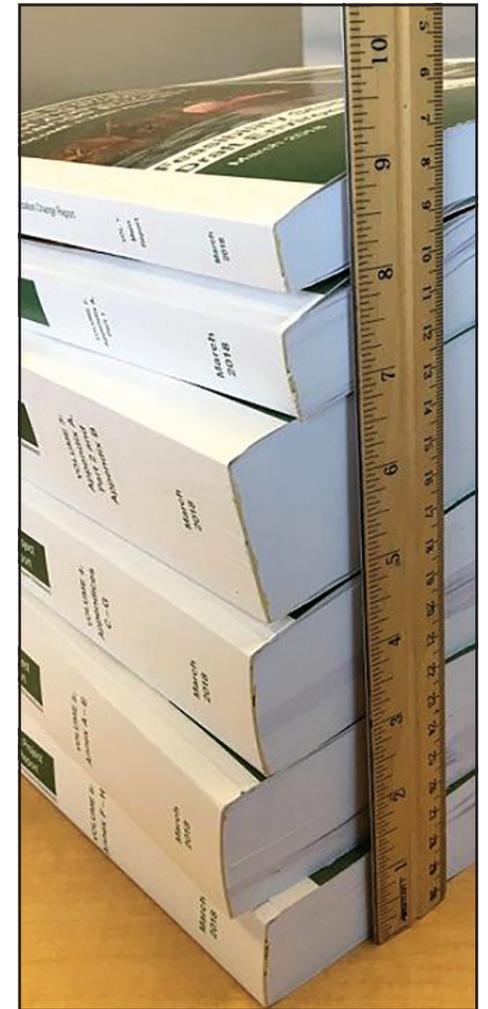
After the project is funded by Congress, it will take about 8 years to complete – with three years estimated for engineering and five years estimated for construction.

Some environmental groups initially opposed the EAA reservoir alternative chosen by SFWMD, but following approval by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, groups including the Everglades Foundation, Audubon Florida, the Snook and Gamefish Foundation, the Everglades Trust, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation and the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society wrote a letter in support of the reservoir plan.

"The EAA Reservoir is one step closer to becoming a reality," said Julie Wraithmell, Audubon Florida's interim executive direc-

tor. "With a tentatively selected plan in hand that sends needed clean water south, we urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make reviewing this project a top priority."

To read the full report or for modeling data and more information on the previously held public meetings, including agendas and presentations, [visitsfwmd.gov/eaareservoir](http://visitsfwmd.gov/eaareservoir).



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**Letter to the Editor**

**Let's talk: Prescribed cane burning and our health**

The outside-generated conflict surrounding prescribed cane burnings in Florida continues. Does it and will it affect my health or the health of my loved ones? What can I do? These are questions we should be asking regarding many substances and/or activities within our homes and communities.

Because of the continued agitation and allegations from the Sierra Club; I decided to do some research. I talked with a Florida pulmonologist (lung specialists), a Florida air quality expert, The American Lung Association, and other physicians. I want to share what I discovered.

Up front, I want you to know that I have asthma. So, for transparency sake, I wanted to share that I do have a very personal interest. I also want to share that I worked in Hendry and Glades counties for 25-plus years at the Department of Health and was the health officer for many years, without a personal health episode. I traveled all over these counties in all weather conditions, including during cane harvest season and prescribed natural area/forestry burns.

Having both private and public experience helped me better understand that as far as Florida's air quality, to be a "health threat," one must experience the following three factors:

- Exposure — coming in direct contact with the VOC (volatile organic compounds)
- Duration — the health threat increases with duration of exposure
- Concentration — higher concentration, higher threat

If any/all of these are reduced; the threat is reduced. The most important of these is exposure. Without exposure, there is no health threat. So, when prescribed burning is done on days that maximize smoke rising well into the air (off the ground), exposure is minimized."

Some studies have stated that "The VOC level in Belle Glade were 15 times higher during harvest season than during the growth season. It sounds devastating and it scares folks, however, the concentration level is insignificant. There is no health threat.

There is a dilution factor often overlooked

when smoke leaves its source and rises into the air. Smoke (and VOC) concentration in 1 square mile of air 20 feet off the ground would be diluted by 558 million cubic feet of air. Smoke rising to 4,000 feet off the ground would be diluted even further."

This is important for all of us to know and at least basically understand. I did NOT go as deep as the expert did; but general knowledge for us is of great value. It means when we see smoke rising into the air from a prescribed pre-harvest cane field burn, it is no threat to us because we are not being exposed to it.

Another measure of air quality is particulates or small particles in the air. The independent and credible Robert Wood Johnson and University of Wisconsin's Annual Report on County Health Rankings states "Hendry and Glades Air particulate matter is lower than the State of Florida average. This is great for our rural areas. We do have challenges with lung issues and smoking, however.

Now, let's continue talking about our health. No burning causes disease without the three factors above. The No. 1 risk to those with any type of respiratory or cardiac illnesses, children and elderly is cigarette smoking. When done in the home, there is exposure, duration and concentration. Second hand smoke is a risk for children to develop respiratory illnesses. It will also cause respiratory symptoms to someone living in the home with illness. It may also cause the person to use or potentially over use "prescribed puffers" to control symptoms. The State of Florida received large dollars from the tobacco settlement to offer and assist smokers and chewing tobacco persons cessation programs. We've all seen the anti-smoking ads that demonstrate the scope and consequences of the tobacco problem.

We contacted Hendry and Glades county healthcare providers and HRMC (Hendry Regional Medical Center) Emergency Room and Urgent Care Center to see if there were an increase in respiratory or cardiac visits during the prescribed burning season—RESULTS: There was not an increase in visits of cardiac or respiratory problems during the harvest season.

The literature also speaks loudly to forest fires or wood burning dangers The Florida Forest Service also does prescribed burning.

When one has been diagnosed with a respiratory illness, cardiac condition, has children, has allergies, asthma, etc., the healthcare provider is prudent if he or she comes up with an action plan during these times.

From a Google search of recommendations: If there is a forest fire, or if YOU ever have concerns or symptoms for ANY reason (always document what was happening so it can be shared with your health provider, but if symptoms are severe, call 911):

Stay indoors.

Windows shut with air conditioning on; make sure filter is clean and it is using recycled indoor air.

Make sure air filters in the home are clean and changed (monthly).

Do not smoke or let anyone smoke in the home.

Do not use candles, fireplaces, gas logs, gas stoves.

Don't vacuum, it stirs up particles already in the home that may come inside on feet or open windows.

If no air conditioning, go to someone's home that does have it.

If you have symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

Dust masks are not enough.

A well fitted N-95 or P-100 respirator (mask) will help if used properly.

Scarves and bandannas (wet or dry) will not help.

If driving, make sure air is recirculating inside, NOT bringing in outside air.

Some people can not have windows open at all, because of substances, ie pollen, etc. that can enter the home. This is a discussion with your healthcare provider.

We all want to be healthy and want our families to be healthy. There are safety measures that can be taken to maintain a healthy environment in our home so we don't display symptoms from any cause. It is also helpful to look to credible experts in the field to help us understand what presents a "health threat" and what does not. Prescribed burning is a responsible way Forestry and area farmers maintain a healthy environment for the environment, their workers, and our communities. Get good health information and use it.

**Patricia K. Dobbins**  
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**Community News**

**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 U.S.A.; 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. to 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 at library**

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

**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.

**Audubon presents speaker**

On Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m., Nancy Laframboise, a licensed bird bander, will present "Bird Banding 101 and Painted Bunting Research" at the Dallas Townsend Agricultural Extension, 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. For information about Hendry-Glades Audubon or STA 5/6 Bird Trips contact Butch Wilson at 863-983-2870 or Margaret England at 863-517-0202 or visit [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org) or Facebook at Hendry-Glades Audubon.

# Hendry zeroing in on future land uses near airport

By Chris Felker  
The Clewiston News

Hendry County commissioners got a brief overview last week on public informational meetings that county staff conducted March 19-22 at three locations regarding the land use study that's in progress for areas around the future Airglades International Airport.

What brought up the topic was the county board's consideration last Tuesday, March 27, of an amendment to its noise ordinance that would exempt activities at the Airglades and LaBelle airports. The commissioners voted to table action until April 24 because they thought it unwise to enact a blanket exemption.

During that discussion, County Administrator Charles Chapman was explaining that under the proposal, "an airport activity would never violate the noise ordinance."

Hendry County Commissioner Michael Swindle asked Margaret Emblidge, the director of planning and community development who was explaining the measure, "And you have the contours of where those areas are around the airports ... that show where that noise level would be? You may want to follow up on the discussion that coincides with the hearings you've been having, how that all ties together."

Those public meetings had been conducted the evenings of March 19, 20 and 22 at three Clewiston venues, giving an overview of the planned expansion of Airglades and providing residents an opportunity to give input. The county's land use study is being coordinated with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) under a Competitive Florida Partnership Technical Assistance Grant.

Ms. Emblidge said: "We ... were conducting a land-use study for the properties that are around the Airglades Airport, getting ahead of the curve to determine what uses would be appropriate in what locations, looking at the compatibility – primarily looking at the fact that residential, for example, wouldn't be compatible right next to the airport. But those noise contours that you're referring to do define the areas where we would be looking at limiting various uses. Those contours specifically are from (the Federal Aviation Administration), and FAA has specific restrictions."

She explained that the county staff was to send its first report to DEO last Friday, with an assessment of the nearby properties and summaries of the three community outreach meetings, one with the property owners and the others geared toward nearby residents.

Commissioner Karson Turner asked,

"Those hearings spoke specifically to noise control, that there's buffering that's in place, and now we're going to reverse that?"

"Not at all, sir," said Ms. Emblidge.

Mr. Chapman jumped in to clarify: "We've got the noise ordinance and we've got the airport zoning ordinance. Those are two separate and distinct things." He went on to explain that their agenda item that night was only the noise ordinance.

"The two, somewhat, interrelate to each other," said Commissioner Swindle. "A good example is that one of the businesses wants to do jet engine testing, and they want to be able to do it and not worry about the folks around there complaining."

"Chairman Mitchell Wills said, 'We've got to be careful with this noise ordinance stuff. We need to make sure that we're staying consistent.'" The noise ordinance change was then delayed, but Ms. Emblidge described for the board the next steps in the planning process for properties near the Airglades site, which is along U.S. 27/State Road 80 a few miles west of Clewiston:

"We will be bringing to the board two land-use alternatives for the area around the airport. And then staff will be looking for direction on which way we want to go, as in ... types of future land-use map amendments we might want to look at, or creating an

overlay for the area so we aren't necessarily changing the land use or the zonings on the properties that are in that area but we are affording them an overlay."

She explained that the latter measure would be "somewhat like the west Hendry planning overlay that's in the northwest area of the county, and somewhat like the sector plans that we have, with the Duda sector plan and the southwest Hendry County sector plan, where you have basically an overlay of uses that (developers) can pursue but they'd still have to come in to us for a zoning process for us to be able to review and ensure that they're appropriate land uses and there's appropriate infrastructure for those land uses."

The Hendry County Board last month approved the eventual sale of the county airport property to Airglades International Airport LLC, a partnership of Florida Cargo Fresh and SugarHill. The group spearheaded by aviation industry leader Fred Ford is very close to receiving final FAA approval to turn Airglades into a major new international shipping hub. It would be the first airport in the United States, he says, where the FAA approved a conversion from public to private ownership.

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sacrifices that Purple Heart recipients have made, and recognized and honored the combat-wounded veterans residing here.

Commander Jack Wagner and the executive team of The Military Order of the Purple Heart of Chapter 696 were in attendance to receive this dedication. Chapter 696 encompasses all of Lee, Hendry and Collier counties.

Also during the meeting, former Hendry County Commissioner Donald Allen Davis was remembered and honored. He passed away March 22, 2018, in Lehigh Acres. The Hendry County Board proclaimed that, annually, May 25 will be known as Commissioner Don Davis Day as a celebration of his life.

First thing on the agenda was the problem of code enforcement cases and existing

liens, and commissioners reviewed a PowerPoint report submitted by Margaret Emblidge, director of planning and community development. From 2011 through 2018, she said, there have been a total of 297 liens on 124 properties, with the amounts varying from \$280 to \$6,660, totaling \$114,930. The main problem with these liens is enforcing them, she says.

At the moment there are three code enforcement officers for about 40,000 people. The county does not have the manpower to enforce these rules, which leads to neglect of properties, which in turn affects the aesthetic value of whole neighborhoods, the report showed. Commissioners discussed how to enforce community pride and to move communities in an upward and progressive fashion. County Administrator Charles Chapman asked the board to review the report and get back to him on how members wished to proceed.

"By the way, we are proactive and reactive" on these cases, Ms. Emblidge said.

rector Shari Howell said. "I don't really see any huge cost savings ... but it looks like it's going to be the same kind of program and, basically, we will just not have to deal with the day-to-day (stuff) ... or payroll."

Commissioner Julio Rodriguez then said, "Mayor, I think we should try it." She asked, "Is that a motion?" and he said yes. It passed after a few more questions were raised and then answered by Mr. Perry, and with no further comments by commissioners or any opposition.

In other actions, the commission declared April as "Water Conservation Month" and also "Donate Life Month" to encourage residents both to try to conserve water during this usually particularly dry month and to sign up on the organ and tissue donor

She also presented an amendment to the Hendry County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1-14.5, on noise control, for consideration, specifically to provide exceptions to the noise restrictions for the Airglades and LaBelle airports, local railroads and sugarcane farming activities.

"What we're proposing today is revisions that would basically exempt the activities that are within both the Airglades Airport and the LaBelle Airport, as well as stating that the railroad operations and such would be exempt. Some of this is given, but it's better to have it on paper for the sheriff to be able to enforce this. The other item was specifically for exempting sugarcane activities because that's such a mainstay with our economy," Ms. Emblidge said.

She noted that it was a public hearing, but no one asked to speak.

After Commissioner Michael Swindle made a motion seconded by Commissioner Emma Byrd to approve the changes, Commissioner Karson Turner asked, "So the rec-

ommendation is to completely exempt airport activities from having any noise control whatsoever?" Ms. Emblidge replied, "Yes. It's the industrial and aeronautical activities that are located within the properties of the airports."

There followed a long discussion during which the commissioners expressed concern about land uses that might come after the airport expansion and potential noise from those that might be greater than that of jets taking off or landing.

Ms. Emblidge and Administrator Chapman said that from what they were hearing, the noise control exemptions needed to be changed or limited, and he suggested that the board continue the public hearing.

The conclusion was that most commissioners did not feel the county should act to allow a full exemption of the noise control on both airports at present, so Mr. Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Swindle, to continue the public hearing on this ordinance to April 24.

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they've gone over to Fort Myers. I think one of the good things about the YMCA program is that they are affiliated with the United Way ... that public-private resource that we do not have access to. To me, it is a structured program from what I can see. Hopefully with it being one-week sessions, they can increase enrollment, which has been declining over the past several years." She asked the city finance chief to speak about whether the new arrangement would save the city money.

"It does take up our staff time when we are reconciling registrations," Finance Di-



registry when renewing their Florida driver's license or through the website [DonateLifeFlorida.org](http://DonateLifeFlorida.org).

Later in the meeting, commissioners also heard from Libby Pigman, the South Florida Water Management District's regional representative who works in the Okeechobee County office.

"I've been doing Leadership Hendry this year so I'm getting to know the community a whole lot better, but I'm here tonight because April is Water Conservation Month and I saw on your consent agenda that you passed a proclamation ... and I appreciate that.

"I wanted to just bring to everybody's attention that we do have year-round watering rules in place throughout the district. The

rules for Hendry County are if you live at an address that ends in an odd number, your watering days are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; if it's an even number, it's Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. And there is no watering during the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m."

Mayor Gardner welcomed her and said, "I'm glad you're part of Hendry/Glades Leadership; it's a great program." Ms. Pigman answered, "I've enjoyed it. Last week I went on a spring regulatory tour with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and we went to Duda, to U.S. Sugar, to Southern Gardens, so I've really got to see a lot of Hendry County."

## Reflections from the Pulpit

### Easter: Not over - never over, after all!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Is the glass half-empty or half-full? Depends on how you look at it. Either answer is a possibility but is one choice better than the other?

Yes! The Easter story is the reason for hope and affirmation of our reasons to believe.

I share with persons whom I encounter those reasons for hope and the reasons for optimism. One of my favorite stories is about a swimmer who attempted to swim the English Channel, a distance of 17 miles. After swimming 15 miles, the swimmer decided it was just too far and turned around to swim back. Half-empty when it so easily could have been half-full!

During my academic experiences, many who were working on doctoral degrees had all of the requirements finished except for their dissertations. They were known as the "ABD's" and many never finished.

Unlike undergraduate programs, credits expire after a given number of years in graduate degree programs. I've met people who would tell me they're working on finishing but began to have credits expire; never finishing because the requirements kept rising and rising when they did not meet deadlines.

The Easter story is about people who were at first disappointed, over-whelmed, persecuted, and then something happened.

The disciples and followers found out that it was all true. They had seen Jesus. On the Easter sabbath, Matthew tells us (chapter 28:1ff) that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. It was guarded but an earthquake moved the stone and the guards were afraid (v. 4). There was an angel who told the women "Do not be afraid

(v. 5) I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen."

The cup is half-full after all. The reason for hope and the affirmation of what they were led to believe has taken place. A call for action followed. "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; there you will see Him. Lo, I have told you (v. 7)."

When something good happens, we are called to share, to act, to respond. The fear that overwhelmed them was now accompanied with "great joy (v. 8)" and their call to action was to share their good news, meeting with His disciples. Jesus meets them and tells them Himself "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee and there they will see me (v. 10)." Now, doubts and pessimism, negativity and despair have been overcome. Some of Jesus' enemies made efforts to explain away what had happened; their response was to "Tell people 'His disciples came and stole Him away while we were asleep' (v. 13)."

Those who believed, though saw a risen Lord and not a dead body! Jesus spoke,

gave His "great commission" to those who followed: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

When something good happens we are called to respond; share our good news, help others find what we have found, live a different and better life, act on the blessings we receive. Jesus called His followers to act, but with a promise too; "I am with you always, to the close of the age(v.20)."

We can now have Jesus with us, He's only a prayer away, He's still with us when we ask WWJD?, He's with us when we look to Him in difficult moments, He's with us whenever we need Him.

The glass is no longer half-empty or half-full; it's overflowing with the living waters in baptism and life. He has risen, the Lord has risen indeed!

### Freda Margaret Teaster Herrmann

March 9, 1938 – April 3, 2018

CLEWISTON — Freda peacefully separated from this life on an early Spring morning and is now asleep in Christ. A smoky mountain girl at heart, she was always ready to share with pride where she was from and passed those memories and ancestry on to her family through the tradition of story-tellin'. Many of those stories included her experiences working at the Parkway Market in Gatlinburg, and of the life in Elkmont where she lived and worked as a caretaker for Mrs. Townsend, as well as her earlier memories as a child spent in the mountains, and long as she could she went back home to East Tennessee to visit kin and share in homecomings and Decoration Day.

Even though her heart was big for Tennessee she spent the majority of her years here in Florida making it her permanent residence. She was previously employed by the Handy store in Moore Haven and went on to work for Hendry General (Regional) Hospital in Clewiston in the business office including holding the position of business manager for a duration.

Freda was predeceased by her mother, Josie Ownby Teaster; her father, Clifford C. Teaster; her brother, Clifford C. Teaster; her brother, Clyde V. Teaster; and sister, Verl Morrison.

She is survived by her son, Gary L. Moore (Linda) of Clewiston; granddaughter, Wendy Walker (Robert, Jr.) of Deland; grandson, Gary Leon Moore (Kendall); and two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Dylan of Clarksville, Tenn. Freda is also survived by her brothers, Von Teaster (Etheleen), and Rex Teaster (Jean) of Seiverville, Tenn.

She will be laid to rest at Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston, after a funeral at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Troy Ezell officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service held at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

## Researchers find American flamingos are native to Florida

Special to INI Florida

MIAMI — Since flamingos were hunted to extinction by 1900, American flamingos (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) seen in Florida since that time were a conundrum. Should they be considered native species returning to their historic range from breeding populations elsewhere? Are they escapees from captive populations?

A group of researchers that includes top scientists from Audubon Florida's Everglades Science Center put that question to rest in a paper published in February by the American Ornithological Society. Modern searches and analysis by researchers strongly indicate that flamingos seen today in Florida should be considered a naturally occurring, native species to Florida. Long heralded as an icon of the Sunshine State, American flamingos seen in recent decades once were thought by many researchers to be simply escaped captive birds. The new study argues that they are pioneers recolonizing their historic range and should be considered part of Florida's native fauna.

The research group analyzed historical evidence of American flamingos in Florida from narrative accounts and museum records and contrasted that information to sightings of the pink bird. They concluded that American flamingos once occurred naturally in large flocks in Florida prior to being extirpated by hunting in 1900. Observations since 1950 add up to 500 observations of flamingos in Florida with an increase in frequency and flock size over time.

"The overwhelming record of evidence support our conclusions that flamingos are part of our native fauna," said Dr. Jerry Lorenz, state director of research for Audubon Florida. "The good news is that many habitats we believe critical to the success of the species are already protected. Everglades National Park along with southern Florida's complex of national wildlife refuges are the primary areas that supported flamingos in the past. Continuing restoration efforts in America's Everglades to get the water right for all of Florida's iconic wading birds will also translate into a bright future for the



Special to INI Florida/Audubon Society  
**Flamingos seen are pioneers recolonizing their historic range and should be considered part of Florida's native fauna, according to Florida Audubon researchers.**

American flamingo in Florida."

The special partnership between state and federal agencies to restore America's Everglades is the key to the future of the hundreds of wading birds that depend on this ecosystem. Now it is also the key for the recovery of Florida's long-lost icon, the American flamingo. Dr. Lorenz, encouraged by the new findings, said: "State and federal agencies have worked in tandem for years to protect vital coastal wetlands and restore America's Everglades. The findings of this study should help convince policymakers to advance restoration efforts to rehydrate Everglades National Park and Florida Bay

and properly fund the management of our national wildlife refuges. Wouldn't it be a great economic boon to have flamingos be a common sight in the Florida Keys and Everglades National Park like they were prior to 1900?!"

The study was conducted by Stephen Whitman and Frank Ridgley from Zoo Miami, Dr. Jerry Lorenz and Pete Frezza from Audubon Florida's Everglades Science Center, Anne Maduro from Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Judd Patterson from the National Park Service and Antonio Pernas from Big Cypress National Preserve.



# Motorcycle crash kills Moore Haven man

Special to The Clewiston News

A Moore Haven man died from injuries sustained in an April 1 crash.

A Florida Highway Patrol news release stated that at approximately 10 p.m., a 2008

Honda GoldWing motorcycle operated by Walter Lewis, 71, of Moore Haven was traveling westbound on U.S. 27 just east of State Road 80 in Hendry County. As the motorcycle entered the right curve, it went off the

road into the south grass median, and then overturned, projecting Mr. Lewis from the motorcycle. The motorcycle came to a final rest in the grass median.

It was reported that Mr. Lewis died from

injuries sustained in the crash. He had not been wearing a helmet.

The accident was investigated by Corporal Rhian Sutherland, crash investigator and homicide investigator.

## BIDS

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it for six months, whatever we feel is comfortable, so our recommendation tonight is going to be to reject all bids and go back and see if we can get a better turnout."

Mr. Perry said that redoing the building's roof was included in the base bid this time but that staff wants to make it the first alternate "and see what we can get in" as new bids are sought. Mr. Perry said the "conflicting roof prices" in the bids were over \$100,000 apart between the two: one was \$200,000-plus and one was about \$58,000.

Commissioner Kristine Petersen asked whether Chief Angell had anything in writing from the state guaranteeing the extra time for completion. The chief said he'd talked with state bureaucrats and that "they've assured me ... that's because it's now in the category of a fixed capital outlay, there is the possibility to go back ... and let the governor know we need that extension." He said he was told "there would be no reason why it would not be granted" and that the action

was specifically taken to ensure that the city had enough time to get the project complete.

"To me the bottom line is that we have a set amount ... for this project, and these bids are over budget and we don't have the funds to award (the contract)," said Mayor Mali Gardner. She added that the details would have to be worked out because "I see that we have a tenant in the room right now" who she was sure would have questions. Seacoast Bank, which formerly owned the building, now is leasing some space from the city and had been scheduled to vacate the building quite soon, under the old timeline.

The city manager confirmed the mayor was correct. Chief Angell said he would need to apply to the governor's office for the extension around late April or early May, which should be right about the time that new bids are opened "so we can give them an estimated completion date." In the meantime, the project may be tweaked a bit more.

City Commissioner Julio Rodriguez expressed concerns. "I know that the roof seems to be a big ticket, but I don't want to get away from it, I want to make sure that it'll be an alternate in there to see if we can get more of a fair price. We thought it was

going to be in the \$100,000 range and it came in over \$200,000."

Commissioner Phillip Roland said, "Well, \$58,000 is probably a pretty good price." Mr. Parker responded, "Talking to Commissioner Atkinson (Michael Atkinson, who's a roofer), he thought \$60,000 to \$70,000 or in there was a good range (for this job)." Mr. Atkinson said, "We're doing roofs or \$400 and \$500 a square (foot). That one's about 65 square (65,000 square feet) ... so the numbers don't ... it's crazy. There's just no way."

Mr. Rodriguez summed up: "Now that we've got a picture of how much it's going to be to remodel, Al, I'd ask for you and the chief and the architect to get together and see if maybe there's some things in there that we can tweak, because we know that

the budget, the numbers are going to be tight. There may be some things that we can do without right now so we can go ahead and start operating in that building."

In other actions, the commission:

- Appointed Janet E. Way, a retired teacher, to a vacancy on the seven-member Clewiston Library Advisory Board. She will serve a seven-year term to fill the seat left by the resignation of Beverly Dierks.

- OK'd an event application from David King of Fort Pierce for the Chow Down Food Trucks event April 26 at Sugar Fest Field. The gathering will run from 5 to 9 p.m. on that Thursday night, where there will be eight to 12 food trucks and possibly live music and a bounce house as well.

### 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.

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# CHS senior Menta Jones signs to play at CU



Special to the Clewiston News  
**Clewiston High School senior Menta Jones stands shortly after signing his letter of intent to attend and play football at Concord University.**

**By Richard Marion**  
 Clewiston News

Clewiston High School senior Menta Jones has signed a letter of intent to play football for the Concord University Wildcats in West Virginia.

Jones joined the Tigers football team as a freshman during their 2014 season. Clewiston coach Brad Garret saw promise in the young player almost immediately.

“When he showed up he was young and a little undersized,” said Garret. “But after that first day of fall camp we all knew he was going to be playing varsity football. That 2014 team was just loaded all across the board, so we used him wherever we could find a spot. He played a little at running back, as a pass rusher, and he played safety for us.”

Clewiston went undefeated during their regular season in 2014, losing in the second round of the playoffs to Cocoa Beach. During his sophomore year in 2015 Jones became the starter at running back, rushing for close to 1000 yards that season.

“He is just one of those guys that you can put him anywhere and he’ll pick up on it quick,” explained Garret. “He played safety and corner for us and no matter who we were playing we’d put him on their best athlete. He’s a player that you have to find ways to get the football. Anytime it was fourth down and we needed it, I would just give him the ball. Without a doubt he’s a clutch player.”

Jones proved his ability to come through in the clutch during his last game with Clewiston, a homecoming game against long-time rival Okeechobee.

Down with only a minute remaining in the game. Jones was in the slot position at wide receiver. As quarterback and fellow senior Alquonne Brown took the snap from the center, Jones used his speed to split the Okeechobee safeties down the middle of the field. Brown was then able to hit Jones in stride for the late touchdown.

“Late in that Okeechobee game I talked

to Menta on the sidelines,” Garret said, “and I told him that we needed a play. Almost immediately he told me that he’d go out there and split those safeties. I didn’t really think he could because those guys were playing so far back. But sure enough he split them right up the middle and brought us back into that game.”

Jones joins a division II school in Concord who are in desperate need of a clutch player, as the Wildcats went 2-9 during their

2017 season.

“I’ve been around Menta for four years,” said Garret, “and he’s one of those ones that just grow on you. Seeing him walk during senior night was definitely a reality check. I know I’m going to miss him as a football player, but more importantly I’m going to miss the type of kid he was. I think he’s left more of an impact on us as coaches and people than we could have ever left on him.”

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## Theatre holds auditions for youths

Special to The Clewiston News

LABELLE -- Firehouse Theatre, Inc. (FCT) announces their Summer Youth Program! Young actors in the community will have an opportunity to showcase their acting skills this summer! Kristen Geene, will be the director for ages 10 to 16. The play title will be announced at a later date.

Video auditions are due by April 20. Interested youth actors must have a memorized monologue and a 30 second vocal clip. Email auditions to kptippytoes@yahoo.com

Non-mandatory readings will be held in May, but the times and additional information will be announced in April.

Rehearsals will be held June 4 through June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a lunch break from noon - 1 p.m. (pack your own lunch).

There will be a new youth program, co directed by Kylie Bancroft and Valarie Shough, for ages 5 to 10. Details and information for this production will be announced at a later date.

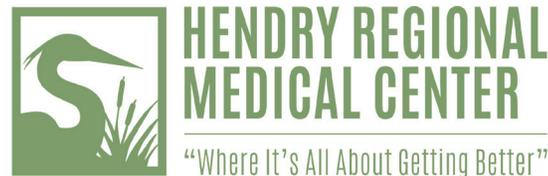
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AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de HENDRY, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

- Senador de los Estados Unidos
- Representante ante el Congreso: distritos 25
- Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador
- Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegobernador
- Gabinete de la Florida - Procurador General
- Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas
- Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura
- Procurador del Estado: 20.º Circuito Judicial
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- Senador estatal: distrito 28
- Representante Estatal: distrito 80
- Juez del Circuito, 20.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 y 31
- Distrito de Mejora de Servicios Municipales de Lehigh Acres: escaños 2 y 4
- Distrito de Desarrollo Comunitario de Port LaBelle: escaños 1, 3 y 5
- Junta Escolar: distritos 3, 4 y 5
- Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4
- Autoridad del Hospital del Condado de Hendry: distritos 2 y 4
- Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Hendry: grupos 1, 2, 3 y 5

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in HENDRY County, State of Florida, on the SIXTH Day of NOVEMBER, 2018, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress: District 25
- Florida Cabinet - Governor
- Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
- Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
- Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
- Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Attorney: Judicial Circuit 20
- Public Defender: Judicial Circuit 20 State Senator: District 28
- State Representative: District 80
- Circuit Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31
- Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District: Seats 2 and 4
- Port LaBelle Community Development District: Seats 1, 3 and 5
- Property Appraiser
- School Board: Districts 3, 4 and 5
- County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4
- Hendry County Hospital Authority: Districts 2 and 4
- Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 1, 2, 3 and 5

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID  
HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING  
REHABILITATION PROGRAM,  
Rehabilitation of Seven (7) Homes BID No. 2018-11

Hendry County invites interested contractors to submit bids to furnish all labor and materials to rehabilitate seven single family homes for its State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehabilitation Program. Home locations below:

- 1125 Carolina Ave. Clewiston, FL (Johnson)
- 718 Florida Ave. Clewiston, FL (Coleman)
- 1134 Florida Ave. Clewiston, FL (Warren)
- 1176 Georgia Ave. Clewiston, FL (Williams)
- 515 W Obispo Ave. Clewiston, FL (Summers)
- 1113 Kentucky Ave. Clewiston, FL (Watson-Small)-Rebid
- 4020 W Palomar Cir. LaBelle, FL (J. Scott)-Rebid

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Hendry County Housing Rehabilitation Program, Rehabilitation of Seven (7) Homes, BID No. 2018-11. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners, c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by **April 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained online at www.hendryfla.net under the Public Information tab, or from the Hendry County Housing Department, located at 133 North Bridge St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), or by calling (863) 675-5297.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **April 12, 2018 at 11:00am** at the Hendry County Housing Office Parking Lot located at 133 N Bridge St. LaBelle, FL 33935. This meeting will be followed by a **Mandatory Walk-Through of each location.**

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation for any or no reason, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interests of the County to do so. The County May re-procure at the discretion of the Board.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Hendry County Housing Manager: Sabrina Gadsen at: (863) 675-5297. All requests shall be made at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Hendry County shall seek out and encourage its approved contractors to employ W/MBE and Section 3 businesses and individuals.

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Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.  
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Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de GLADES, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

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- Distrito de Control de Mosquitos de Moore Haven: escaños 1 y 2

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.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Clewiston, Florida will meet in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the issue may be heard to consider the following:

A request from the Florida Community Health Centers, Inc. that certain property at 710 S W C Owen to be reviewed for change of the Official Use District (Zoning) designation. The request is for change of the zoning from Residential Mobile Home Use District (RM-1) to Residential Multiple Family (R3). The parcels are shown on the map enclosed herein and are more particularly described as follows:

710 S W C OWEN AVE, CLEWISTON, FL 33440 Block 425 Lots 11 – 22, GPOC

The City Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, on Monday, October 15, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board. All citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings and interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed request. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings, such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any inquiries regarding the hearing or any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments, should contact the Building Official's Office at least three (3) calendar days Prior to the hearing.

Travis Reese  
Community Development Director

SUBJECT PROPERTIES  
Lots 11-22, Block 425, GPOC



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clewiston Planning and Zoning Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday April 9, 2018 in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 115 W Ventura Avenue. Included in the agenda will be the following request:

- 1) A request from AutoZone for a vacation of easement located at 700 W Sugarland Hwy Clewiston, FL 33440 BEG 50 FT S OF NE COR OF NW 1/4-5 250 FT-W 125 FT-N 250 FT-E 125 FT TO POB lot for vacation of alleyway, the property is zoned Commercial.

The City Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and take final action on this request on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the P&Z Board meeting and the City Commission public hearing. City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance. The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Clewiston is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice at the front and rear entrances of City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

CITY OF CLEWISTON

Travis Reese  
Community Development Director

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# Clewiston native lands awards at state competition

Special to The Clewiston News

LAKE WORTH — Two Palm Beach State College students will compete on the national level after winning top awards at the Phi Beta Lambda state competition.

Patreace Scharschmidt of Wellington won first place in the Entrepreneurship Concepts, Management Concepts and Retail Management categories. Joshua Deese of Clewiston won second place in the Entrepreneurship Concepts category during the event in Orlando March 22-25.

Hundreds of students from colleges and universities, including eight from PBSC, participated in competitive activities in numerous categories. The top two winners in each category are now eligible to compete at the national competition that will take place

in Baltimore June 23-26. Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America.

Mr. Deese, who is pursuing an associate's degree with plans to transfer to a university to complete his bachelor's degree in public policy, has been active in FBLA since he was in middle school. He said it is an honor to be able to put his knowledge to the test and now advance to the national level.

A budding entrepreneur, he launched Beatster, an up-and-coming music stream platform app, in January 2015. "I feel fortunate that I was able to go into this competition and, rather than rely on things I've learned in school, I was able to take what I've learned through practices and experience as an entrepreneur and use that in the competition. I feel great about it."

Serving 49,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, Palm Beach State offers more than 130 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens, Belle Glade and Loxahatchee Groves.

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**Patreace Scharschmidt of Wellington won first place and Joshua Deese of Clewiston won second place in the Entrepreneurship Concepts category during the event in Orlando March 22-25.**



# Dunkin' Donuts to award \$15,000 in college scholarships

Special to The Clewiston News

Dunkin' Donuts is proud to announce the launch of its 2018 Dunkin' Donuts South/Southwest Florida Scholarship Program, which will award \$15,000 in scholarships to high school seniors across Palm Beach Treasure Coast, Greater Miami-Fort Lauderdale and Greater Fort Myers-Naples areas.

In partnership with Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of education support programs, Dunkin' Donuts will award \$1,000 scholarships to 15 current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire 2018-2019

academic year. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their positive academic record, demonstrated leadership skills and active participation in both school and community activities.

Applications for the 2018 Dunkin' Donuts South/Southwest Florida Scholarship Program will be accepted through May 1. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties in South/Southwest Florida to be eligible: Glades, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade, Monroe, Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Desoto.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.scholarsapply.org/ddonuts-fl>.

About Dunkin' Donuts

Founded in 1950, Dunkin' Donuts is America's favorite all-day, everyday stop for coffee and baked goods. Dunkin' Donuts is a market leader in the hot regular/decaf/flavored coffee, iced coffee, donut, bagel and muffin categories. Dunkin' Donuts has earned a No. 1 ranking for customer loyalty in the coffee category by Brand Keys for 11 years running. The company has more than 12,400 restaurants in 46 countries worldwide. Based in Canton, Mass., Dunkin' Donuts is part of the Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: DNKN) family of companies. For more information, visit [www.DunkinDonuts.com](http://www.DunkinDonuts.com).

# SHINE Medicare counseling program seeks volunteers

SHINE provides free, unbiased, confidential insurance counseling services to Medicare beneficiaries

## Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

FORT MYERS — SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is announcing an exciting and rewarding opportunity to make a difference in the lives of elders and people with disabilities in Southwest Florida. The SHINE Program is seeking volunteers to assist Medicare beneficiaries and their families.

SHINE is an award-winning information and counseling program that is administered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and operated locally by the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL). SHINE volunteer counselors provide free, unbiased, confidential Medicare counseling and other health insurance counseling and information to help Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers understand their healthcare options.

SHINE volunteers have the opportunity to perform a variety of functions, including providing counseling on Medicare, Medicaid, health insurance, prescription drug plans and long-term care planning. SHINE volunteers may also deliver educational presentations in the community and participate

in health fairs and outreach events.

In 2017, 60 local SHINE volunteers helped more than 9,400 clients in Southwest Florida. In total, the AAASWFL SHINE volunteers provided more than 5,750 hours of counseling last year.

Requirements to become a SHINE volunteer include an interest in assisting seniors and people with disabilities, along with basic computer knowledge and internet navigation skills. A background in health care or insurance is not required. Specialized training and informational materials are provided to all SHINE volunteers. The ability to speak Spanish or other languages is helpful, but not necessary.

Potential SHINE volunteers may contact Camilita Aldridge, SHINE liaison, at 239-652-6900 for more information about volunteer opportunities or to apply. Volunteer applications can also be found at the State of Florida's SHINE website at [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization serving Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. The organization is committed to helping adults ages 60 or older and people with disabilities to live with independence and dignity in their own homes and communities.

More information is available at [www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org) or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

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# Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hot tub feature
  - 5 Air carrier
  - 9 Bargain
  - 14 Clamors
  - 16 Eponymous WWII flying ace Edward
  - 17 High muck-a-muck
  - 18 One of Johnny's two final "Tonight Show" guests
  - 19 Reel kin
  - 20 Garden grower
  - 22 In the thick of
  - 23 Spoiler of a perfect GPA
  - 25 Military group with an insect in its logo
  - 27 Swing voter: Abbr.
  - 29 Pacific landing handout
  - 32 Mag wheels?
  - 33 Best Picture of 1965
  - 40 Mario Lanza classic
  - 41 Winner
  - 42 Familia member
  - 43 Disdainful click
  - 44 Golf club part
  - 45 "Yup, sorry to say"
  - 49 Some Ivy Leaguers
  - 52 "... where was Urania / When Adonais died?": Shelley
  - 53 Additions, perhaps
  - 56 \_\_\_ directed
  - 59 As much as you like, '60s-style
  - 61 Augustine St. Clare's daughter, in an 1852 classic
  - 63 Prince Ramiro in Rossini's "La Cenerentola," e.g.
  - 64 Volunteer's declaration
  - 65 "Goosebumps" series author
  - 66 Irving Bacheller's "\_\_\_ Holden"
  - 67 Latin 101 verb

- DOWN**
- 1 Subsides
  - 2 \_\_\_-dry
  - 3 Many social reformers
  - 4 3,185-kilometer river
  - 5 Code word
  - 6 "No way!"
  - 7 Raspberry stem
  - 8 Medieval Bulgarian rulers
  - 9 Blubber
  - 10 Theater for Beckett?
  - 11 Invitation Alice accepted
  - 12 Wheelchair-bound "Glee" character
  - 13 West Yorkshire city
  - 15 Sound
  - 21 Some pinups
  - 24 Prude
  - 26 Running group, informally
  - 27 Underlining alternative: Abbr.
  - 28 Funny Car org.
  - 30 "The Neverending Story" author
  - 31 Words usually abbreviated
  - 34 Withholding
  - 35 Roundish

- 36 Remnants
- 37 "By all appearances"
- 38 Mae West's "\_\_\_ Angel"
- 39 Imprison
- 45 Broken glass dangers
- 46 Wordsmith's reference
- 47 "The San Francisco Treat" suffix
- 48 One-toothed dragon of '50s TV
- 50 Beaut
- 51 Grenoble's river
- 54 Danger metaphor
- 55 Bump on a lid
- 57 Audio/visual production awards
- 58 Levelheaded
- 60 Celestite, e.g.
- 62 Workload hyperbole

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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