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The boys - **and girls!** - of summer



Photos/Ashley Smith

In a hard-fought "battle" teams representing Roland Martin's Marina and Pam's Plumbing duked it out in Clewiston's T-Ball League, organized by the Clewiston Parks and Recreation Department. Everyone got in the baseball spirit. For more photos of local baseball games, see Page 7. To find out how to supply photos of your local team, visit our Clewiston Sports Network page, 10.

Spring cleaning on Sat.

City: Volunteer support vital for a successful effort

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
The Clewiston News

When he was 10, little Sean Scheffler decided, after he got finished with drinking a Coca Cola, that he would roll down the car window and toss the bottle out.

That he successfully threw it out without getting the car dirty in the process wasn't the problem; that his parents caught him littering was.

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Man walking Fla. stops by

Benny Collins hopes to raise money for his church

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
The Clewiston News

When Benny Collins started his journey of walking across the state of Florida, somebody stopped him to ask, "Don't you have anything better to do with your time?"

The dedicated member of Bushnell Assembly of God in Bushnell, Fla. didn't get upset. He prayed and kept walking.

Approximately 60 days later, he walked right into Clewiston. After attending a program at Evangel Assembly of God, Mr. Collins kept right on walking.

The truth is Mr. Collins is walking to raise funds for the construction of new facilities at his church, and the trip has

found him meeting with countless individuals, urging people to help his cause, and just seeing everything that Florida has to offer.

When he walked through Clewiston last week, assisted by Dale Clayton, another member of the church, Mr. Collins approached the 600-mile mark.

"He started with dogs and now he's going to deal with alligators," joked Mr. Clayton. According to him, Mr. Collins isn't entirely alone when he walks. Usually, another member of the church volunteers to drive alongside Mr. Collins in case he needs anything.

After each day's walk, they escort him back to suitable lodging quarters and then start the next day exactly where he left off. The reprieves from the elements are brief but welcome, especially

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"He started with dogs and now he's going to deal with alligators."

'Shots fired' call explored

No suspects or victims identified

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
The Clewiston News

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office is investigating a case involving shots fired in the Clewiston area.

Still under investigation, the sheriff's office has released few

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Lice in schools

There are a few of us parents who are very concerned about the children in the schools in Hendry County. There has been a major problem with Lice in the schools. We feel that the schools are not doing their part to prevent such an epidemic. The schools (Eastside and Central) say the teachers are supposed to check their classes heads, but where do you see that the teachers have time? The teachers are there to educate the kids. They don't have the time to check heads and educate at the same time. With only "one floating nurse" how do they expect to control this problem. The schools need a nurse per school with aids or volunteer parents. We would be glad to volunteer our time to help because at \$25 a treatment most parents can't afford this every other week because the problem just won't go away. Remind you that when one person in your house gets it, you have to treat everyone in your house plus the whole house. It gets expensive after awhile. Central Elementary currently does not have a PTA meeting but one will be arranged soon with a notice posted in the Clewiston newspaper for a date. Please for all parents who have children and this is a concern for you please stay tuned and attend the upcoming PTA meetings. This problem is not going to go away unless parents band together at the PTA and away from PTA meetings to solve this problem. Please this is not the teachers responsibility. The school itself needs to be responsible. If you have any questions or concerns please send your inquires to P.O. Box 1477 Clewiston, Fla. 33440 in care of "Concerned Parents."



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Letter to the editor

Project Graduation

The Clewiston High School senior class will graduate approximately 226 young men and women on June 4, 2010. As these students turn their tassels to mark the end of their high school experience, the parents and teachers recognize the need for a safe and chemical free environment. Therefore, we are planning Project Graduation. As we plan for Project Graduation, an all-night party to celebrate this joyous occasion filled

with music, activities, prizes, and refreshments we realize that once again we need your financial support in order to make this event a reality.

Last year this project graduation received tremendous support from our community and we are confident that this year we will receive the same type of support. We are seeking donations of cash, gift certificates or prizes to make this 2010 Project Graduation event a huge success. These donations may be delivered or mailed to Clewiston

High School, c/o Project Graduation at 1501 S. Francisco St. Or you can drop them off at the Clewiston Sub Office at 475 E. Osceola Ave. in Clewiston Fla., 33440 and just ask for "Cindy" when you come.

The senior class parents want to thank you in advance for your cooperation and we know that with your help we can make this Project Graduation a memorable one!

Sincerely,

Senior Parent

Project Graduation 2010

Clubs and organizations

Brown Sugar Festival

The Harlem Academy Alumni Association proudly announces its preparation for the upcoming 2010 Brown Sugar Festival. More details of activities to be announced in the near future. Parade participants forms are available at the Clewiston Public will be Saturday, May 1. Starting promptly at 11 p.m. The main attraction and talent for the parade will be the Junkanoo Sensation Band.

Clewiston Garden Club

Instead of our regular meeting on March 18, the Clewiston Garden Club went on a field trip to the ECHO Global Farm in Fort Myers. We had tour guides which informed us on how plants are grown where there is very little rain, too much rain or not enough land. College students go there as interns to learn these techniques and then they go to other countries or areas and teach the techniques that they have learned. All members and visitors found the tour to be very interesting and informative. After our tour, we went to have a buffet lunch which was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, April 15th at the Clewiston Museum at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us at our next meetings.

5K on day of Sugar Festival

Come join the fun at the 2010 Sugar Festival in Clewiston, Florida. This years 5k run is being sponsored by Cross Training Ministries, a local drug and alcohol regeneration program, by I.C.S. Inc and by Al Perry. We are all very excited about this year's race, we anticipate a great turn-out and would love to have you participate. The race is on Saturday, April 24 at 8 a.m. - sign-ups will be in front of the Youth Center on Osceola

Ave. - get there early to register. You can pre-register through the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce as follows: age 18 and under is \$12, adults is \$15. On day of race it will be \$20 per adult. Checks payable to CTM-5k Run. Minors must have adult signature. Chambers website is www.clewiston.org, go to Festivals and Events, 5k Run Registration Forms. If you can't run it, walkers are welcome. We will have a great time, look forward to seeing you there!

Loyalty Day Program and Awards Ceremony

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW in cooperation with Post 4185 will have a Loyalty Day Program and Awards Ceremony on May 1 beginning at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post 4185 located at 501 S. Francisco St. in Clewiston. All citizens of the community are invited to attend to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States of America. Loyalty Day is a special day to recognize the unique freedoms citizens enjoy today and it is a special day to reaffirm our loyalty to America. Please join us for this special Loyalty Day Program to show your love for our country and Flag and congratulate some people teachers and students who participated in the Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Contest. For more information call Linda at 863-677-1482.

Tobacco-Free meeting

You are invited to attend the monthly Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at the Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church located at 310 Campbell Street, LaBelle from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be Tobacco Program Initiatives for 2010. Your voice and input is greatly appreciated and

needed. Come help make a change for the youth and adults in Hendry County. For more information please contact Valarie James at 863-674-4041 ext 128.

Lifeguards and Summer Camp

The City of Clewiston Recreation Department, will be accepting application for Lifeguards and Summer Camp Counselors at City Hall beginning April 19. Applicants must be 16 years old.

Hendry County Community Partnership Forum

A Hendry County Community Partnership Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the LaBelle Civic Center. All agencies, interested citizens, and community partners are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. The purpose is to discuss youth issues, share ideas, and work together for solutions. For refreshments, RSVP required. Contact LaSheba Travis at 863-674-4056 ext. 138. Vendor Space Available. Showcase your business or service. Contact LaSheba Travis at the number listed above to reserve. Presented by Youth Task Force.

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will be holding a babysitter course for ages 12-15 on May 8, 2010 at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All participants need to bring their own lunch. Space is limited, so please pre-register by May 4, 2010. For more information or

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Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee in Belle Glade to culminate with fireworks



Courtesy photo/Brenda Bunting
Six-year-old Dean Congleton wasn't catching any fish when this picture was taken at Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee Fishing Contest. Shown with Dean is Lauryn Fliehs, 11; Olivia Sanford, 4; and Aidan Lakatos, 3. Over 150 children came out for a fun day of fishing, eating and relaxing. The fishing tournament was sponsored by the Belle Glade Rotary Club.

Lake communities invited to attend the annual festival

By Brenda Bunting
 Special to The Sun

Starting with a little pop and ending with a lot of big bangs, the 32nd Annual Black Gold Jubilee will be this Saturday, April 17 at the Belle Glade Marina. The end-of-harvest celebration will kick off with the sound of the starting gun for the 5K Walk/Run on top of the dike at 7:30 a.m. and end with many big bangs of spectacular fireworks at dark.

"We're excited," said Cheryl Stein, Jubilee chair. "The Jubilee is always so much fun. We hope everyone comes out to the marina and enjoys this great event. We also want everyone to know that we've added four new events this year."

New activities include an airboat show, an antique car show, a "Dress Up Like Your Favorite Vegetable" contest for the children and a bake off contest for those with a sweet tooth. Both the bake off, which is in addition to the corn cook-off, and the children's costume contest involve money prizes for lucky winners.

On a down note, word has circulated quickly over the past two weeks that there will be no parade this year. This is correct, Mrs. Stein said. The committee struggled with the decision not to have a parade but, she said, it boiled down to lack of participation. The good news is that someone has offered to chair the parade next year and work to bring it back to its former glory by encouraging floats, bands and clubs to enter.

One thing that won't be missing this year is the great variety of food at the Jubilee. Vendor booth committee chair Melanie Grimes says there is an impressive mixture of food, including chicken, ribs, steak, Mexican food,

hamburgers and hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream and other desserts, to name a few.

In addition to great food, there will again be free rides and games for the children and a photography tent showcasing pictures taken around the lake. The Glades Art Group will be displaying artwork of local artists

who study under Ann Tyler and the Torry Island Game area will be for adults who want to compete in board games or enter the horseshoe contest. There will also be an action-packed volleyball tournament to watch and many arts and crafts booths where you can purchase one-of-a-kind items.

Non-stop entertainment will be offered under the local stage from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. with local performers, including the Celebration Singers, Donnie Martin, Gabby Gold, Kendall Jackson, Kerry Beatty, the Gator Twirlers and many more. At 6 p.m. entertainment moves to the Lakeside Amphitheater Stage. Ryan Walker will open with a selection of songs, then new group this year, Wild Blue, will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. This trio is made up of Trey Grauer of vocals and guitar, Randy Wood on bass, keyboards and vocals and Bobby Mitchell on vocals and drums. The band performs a solid mix of rick, country and R&B. The have opened for Vince Gill, Restless Heart, Sugarland, Miranda Lambert and many others.

Finishing out the evening and singing throughout the fireworks display are country music performers The Chase band. They have been performing together for eight years and many of the band members are from the Clewiston area. They have won the Kiss County Talent Search award, Florida County Music's Entertainer of the Year award and Male Vocalist of the Year. This will be their fourth year playing for the crowds at the Jubilee.



Courtesy photo/Brenda Bunting
Nine-year-old Kadie Helvey concentrates on catching fish at Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee Fishing Contest. The Black Gold Jubilee theme this year is "A Harvest Celebration." The event is jointly sponsored each year by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, the city of Belle Glade and the Black Gold Jubilee Committee.

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The event is a "Celebration of the Oldies" which includes entertainment, music, dancing, catered dinner, silent auction and raffle. Monies raised at this event benefits pro-

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You can buy tickets in advance at the United Way House in LaBelle at 117 Ft. Thompson Avenue, or you can buy your ticket at the door.

For more information, you can call the United Way by dialing 211 (yes it's that easy!)

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U.S. Sugar purchase is a 'public purpose'

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CLEWISTON – April 7, 2010 – Oral arguments heard today by the Florida Supreme Court provided yet another opportunity for the State to demonstrate the important public purpose of this land acquisition — Everglades ecosystem restoration — as affirmed by the State District Court ruling.

“We were pleased to note that Florida Supreme Court Justices stated several times during the hearing that Everglades restoration has been universally acknowledged as a valid public purpose and that land acquisition was the first step,” said Judy Sanchez, director of corporate communications.

Proponents of the bond validation summarized the environmental benefits and

proclaimed the land acquisition the best and most cost-efficient way to move restoration forward and provide the footprint for critically needed water storage and treatment south of Lake Okeechobee.

“It is ironic that Florida Crystals’ counsel would bring up ancient Chinese foot-binding while they are doing everything they can to cripple Everglades restoration,” Sanchez said.

“We are confident that the Florida Supreme Court carefully will adhere to the letter of the law in their review of this case and confirm its important public purpose and approve bond validation, finally clearing the way for meaningful restoration,” Sanchez said.

The Dugong, an exhibit

On Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m., the Clewiston Museum will unveil its latest exhibit, the Dugong.

Mr. Mark Renz, who made the dugong discovery, will give a short presentation in the museum theater. Winners of the dugong coloring contest will also be presented

with their prizes.

Refreshments, including the famous “Dugong Hunter “ will be served.

I didn't add a Dugong picture because I don't want the public to know what a dugong is, until Mark Renz does the unveiling.

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People love this helpful, pretty, little beetle

By Jessica Basham
Backyard Safari

People love to see ladybugs. They are pretty and shiny with tiny, black dots on their little, red bodies. Ladybugs are also orange, yellow and pink. A ladybug, however, is not a true bug but a member of the beetle family.

Many cultures think ladybugs bring good luck. Long ago, tiny aphids (plant-eating bugs) attacked farmers' crops. The farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary for help. Ladybugs, they said, arrived and ate up the aphids, saving the crops. So farmers called them "Our Lady's Beetles," and they became known as "lady beetles." Now we call them ladybugs, even though some of them are boys. There are more than 400 species of ladybugs in the United States and nearly 5,000 worldwide.

A ladybug's color helps protect it from predators. Red, yellow, orange and black are all colors that warn enemies they are about to eat something that will make them sick or tastes yucky.

A ladybug also protects itself by playing dead. If grabbed or touched, the ladybug will squirt out a small amount of blood from its leg joints. This blood smells really bad. Because the beetle looks and smells dead, a hungry bird will skip this snack. When the danger has passed, the ladybug may fly away.

Its little body is really a hard shell that covers its wings. When it wants to fly, it lifts up the two sides of its shell and beats its wings. It can beat its wings up to 85 times per second.

Ladybugs and their larvae (young ladybugs) love to munch on aphids. Ladybug larvae look like tiny alligators and are black and orange or black and pink.

Ladybugs can eat up to 50 aphids a day. Eating so many not only fills them up but protects farm crops and gardens from aphids and other bugs. Aphids suck the juice out of leaves and cause them to curl up and die.

When you go searching for a ladybug, look in places where aphids might hang out, such as milkweed plants, rose bushes, farm fields and orchards. Go outside and look on the top and bottom of leaves. Are some leaves curled up and dead-looking, or covered with a blackish mold? Look closely; you may see aphids, which means a ladybug might be nearby.

Be part of the healthy Get Outdoors Florida! movement by getting outdoors and helping scientists find ladybugs. All you need is a camera. In an effort to study and track ladybugs, Cornell University's Lost Ladybug Project wants to know where ladybugs live. If you see a ladybug, take its picture, showing its top. If you can, get it to crawl on a piece of white paper, so its spots and colors show up better in the photo. Then write down where and when you saw the ladybug. Next, you or your parents can visit www.lostladybug.org to fill out more information and e-mail the picture to the Lost Ladybug Project.

Edward Eugene Musgrave, 75
CLEWISTON — Edward Eugene Musgrave, age 75, of Clewiston, passed away April 9, 2010, in Clewiston, Fla.

He was born Jan. 15, 1935, in Clewiston, the son of the late Trebly and Marion Elizabeth (Bealer) Musgrave. Mr. Musgrave married Helen McGowen. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for many years. He was member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Clewiston.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (McGowen) Musgrave; two sons, Christopher Musgrave, and Gregory Musgrave; one daughter, Nikki; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Musgrave.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Evangel Assembly Of God, 350 South Berner Road, Clewiston, with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. Interment was Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in Felda Cemetery, Felda. Visitation was Monday in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Imelda C. Velazquez, 59

CLEWISTON — Imelda C. Velazquez, age 59, of Clewiston, passed away April 5, 2010, in Cape Coral.

She was born May 23, 1950, in Mercedes, Texas, the daughter of the late Manuel Rivera and the late Viola (January) Cavazos. She was a Bus Driver.

Memorial Mass will be 11 a.m., in Saint Margaret's Catholic Church in Clewiston on April 15, 2010.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Robert Valdez Narito, 75

CLEWISTON — Robert Valdez Narito, age 75, of Clewiston, passed away April 11, 2010, in Clewiston.

He was born Feb. 10, 1935, in Binalonan, Pangasinan, Philippines, the son of Alejandro and the late Teofila (Valdez) Narito. Mr. Narito married Epifania Andrada. He was a member of Saint Margaret's Catholic Church. He was a Laborer and property manager in the agriculture industry for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Epifania (Andrada) Narito; son, Gilbert Narito of Clewiston; daughters, Virginia Felix (Derrick), Evelyn Narito, all of Hawaii; one grandchild and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 17, 2010, 10 a.m. in Saint Margaret's Catholic Church with Father Marcial Garcia presiding. Interment will follow in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

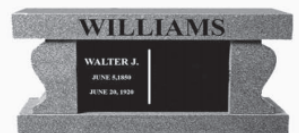
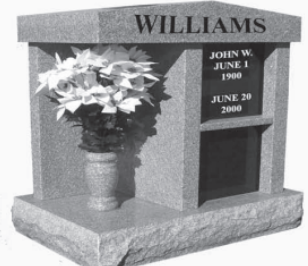
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Opening Day!

The City of Clewiston had its opening day ceremonies for the baseball/softball season on Saturday. This year 43 teams from Clewiston and three teams from neighboring communities will be playing games in Clewiston for children ages three to 15. There are 485 youth participating this year. Also this year, the city created a new league for younger children through its Wee Ball group for kids beginning at age three.



Photo/Amy McKown

Coach Whitehead in command

As part of the opening day celebration, the city held a softball clinic for girls ages 9-15 with over 30 girls participating. The clinic was given by the Clewiston High School girls softball team. Shown is Coach Joe Whitehead demonstrating hitting techniques to those in attendance. Clinic participants were given instruction on hitting, running, fielding and team building.



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The first pitch

City of Clewiston Commissioner Julio Rodriguez threw the ceremonial first pitch for this year's opening day event. He was followed by pitches from commissioners Rick Miller, Joey Miller and Jimmy Pittman.

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A day out fishing

Mr. Abrams prepares to pull a nice-sized fish out of the water on Lake Okeechobee, near South Bay.



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Casting a net

The temperature of the water on the lake was pleasant Tuesday morning, so locals took advantage of the fishing opportunities.



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Watching the waves roll by

Two men accompanied one another as they fished near the waters of South Bay.



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CES dresses up

As part of FCAT Rally Week celebration, students from all grades dressed up in different themes throughout the week. Thank you, Central Elementary students, for your excellent efforts on this year's FCAT!



Submitted photo

Raffle winner

CMS FBLA held a raffle (fundraiser) to assist with their State Leadership Conference in Orlando, where many of the members will be competing on the state level. The raffle prize was a Dell Flat Screen Computer. The winner was Mr. John Billie Jr., seen here in the school's office beside his prize. The PC was donated by our own local Everglades Federal Credit Union. CMS FBLA would like to thank those participants in the Bake Sale Fundraiser held at the Hendry County Fair and the Clewiston City Market. Special thanks goes to David and Marta Smith.

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Mother's Day Dinner and Cake Auction

Pioneer Homeowners Association will have a Mother's Day Pulled Pork Dinner and Cake Auction on Saturday, May 8 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Bring mom out for a delicious pulled pork dinner and buy her a homemade cake for Mother's Day. Cake auction starts at 6 p.m.

Dinner includes pulled pork, potato, vegetable, garlic bread, salad, and beverage. The cost is only \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12. Children under 5 eat free. You may eat in or take it to go. All proceeds from the dinner and cake auction will go towards parties and activities at the park. Pioneer Community Park is located at 910 Panama Ave. If you would like to donate a cake for the auction, help in any way, or need directions, please call Pat Bosley at 983-9544.

Sweet Taste of Sugar Contest

Recipes are now being accepted for the 2010 Sweet Taste of Sugar contest! Located in the Sugar and Spice Room of the Clewiston Inn on Sugar Festival Day, (Saturday, April 24), the Sweet Taste of Sugar contest is a yearly competition where cooks from around the lake compete using recipes that contain the focus of our harvest celebration - sugar! This year, contestants will be competing for over \$1500 in cash and prizes in five different categories: cakes, cookies/brownies, pies, sweet creations (any recipe with sugar), and youth. There is no limit to the number of entries each contestant can enter. All entries will be available for public sampling starting at 10 a.m. on the day of the festival. More information and entry forms can be picked up at the Clewiston Library, the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, by downloading from the Events & Festivals listing on www.Clewiston.org, or by emailing SweetTaste@embarqmail.com.

Vendors and crafters wanted for Mother's Day event

Looking for vendors and crafters interested in setting up a booth at Barron Park in Labelle for a Mother's Day Breakfast Event to benefit the Hendry Glades Homeless Coalition on Saturday May 8, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Vendors are required to donate an item or items from their inventory with a value of \$15 or more for a \$1 raffle with proceeds going to the homeless coalition. A \$15 donation can be substituted as a fee. The raffle hopes to ensure ample visitation to your booth to view your raffle items and wares. We are looking for vendors with items that reflect Mother's Day gifts such as flowers, jewelry, hats, scarves, photos, purses, sweets etcetera. Also, any business or person wanting to donate a new or slightly used item for the raffle can do so in support of the homeless coalition. If interested please call Anna at 863-675-5356 daytime or 863-674-0098 nights. Looking for a great event!

Walk

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Photo/Dale Clayton

Benny Collins arrived in Hendry County recently, the latest leg of his trip across the state of Florida.

during the first few days of the walk, when temperatures in Northern Florida reached freezing and Mr. Collins marched only a couple of miles or less at a time.

He's seen and withstood nearly every weather condition since.

Mr. Collins is ahead of schedule, and expects to arrive in Key West, his final destination, by May 8.

There have been challenges along the way, and as he entered into Hendry County in early April, Marie Collins, who stays abreast of Mr. Collins journey, said he confessed to her that he was tired.

"He was rested and had energy, but he said when he was thinking about walking, he must confess he didn't want to," she said.

When it's all said and done, Benny will have walked 817 miles in all.

While he walks, he prays. He meets people on the road, in restaurants, or sometimes in the places he stays to sleep, and he offers each of them a prayer, whether they're injured, or just hurting, or need a comforting word.

"Let's pray for all of our leaders from the governor to the one who sits on that small town council seat, for our churches of all denominations," he urges. "For our teachers, our young people and let's pray for our family."

His walk through the Glades will likely leave a lasting impact on him.

"Benny walked out of South Bay," Ms. Collins wrote on April 14, Day 64 of the trip. "He didn't think he was going to have much of a shoulder to walk on. He had a good breeze off the canal that runs parallel with Hwy. 27. There were sugar cane fields or sod farms on both sides of the highway as far as you could see."

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Photo of the week

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Submitted photo

Unsung Hero

Jackie Tucker has just returned from the Lake Worth Twirling Festival where she was honored by the twirling coaches of South Florida. She was selected to receive the Jerry Robinson Memorial "Unsung Hero" award. It is presented each year to an individual who sets a good example within the sport of twirling, provides a good support and service to the youth, and provides a good atmosphere for the youth in the sport. This is Jackie's 20th year as the director of the Clewiston Sugar Dolls. Presenting Jackie with this award is Pat Robinson of Lantana, Fla., and director of the Pat's Brats Twirling Corps. Also pictured with them is Jackie's son, Troy Hughes.

Sports Organization of the Week

Clewiston High School Softball



The Clewiston High School varsity girls softball team will compete in a regional tournament game for the first time ever -- during the week of April 19 -- if it advances to the district championship game. The Lady Tigers, who have won 11 of their first 15 games, compete in Class 3A in District 13.

Clewiston High School Softball Team Eyeing First Tournament Bid

CLEWISTON, Fla. – Clewiston High School varsity softball coach Melissa Whitehead can't help but notice that the talent level of her players rises each season.

"We didn't have city leagues when I went to Clewiston High School and played softball," Whitehead said. "In fact, I never picked up a softball until the ninth grade. Now when kids get to the high school level, many of them have already played in city leagues."

"That means that now I am getting more and more girls who can start as freshmen. This year I have one of the most talented teams I've ever had. We're both good and young, and our success has come because of the softball they've played in the fall and in travel leagues."

The Lady Tigers won 11 of their first 15 games – the four losses were by a total of only seven runs – competing in Class 3A in District 13. Whitehead says the team is solid defensively, is hitting well and has good but not overpowering pitching.

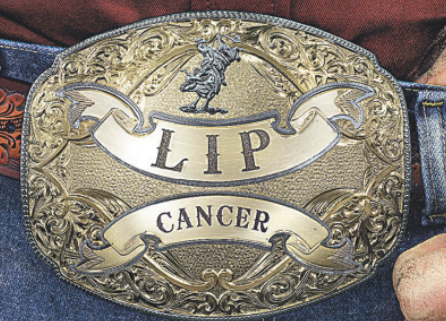
If Clewiston advances to the district championship game – win or lose – it will compete in a regional game for the first time ever, during the week of April 19.

The varsity roster includes utility players Kristina Autrey and Brittney Bacallao, left fielder Sydney Duckstein, shortstop Sarah Howell, catcher Whitney Irey, right fielder Shelby Mitchell, third baseman Samantha Ortiz, first baseman/pitcher Mandi Perry, second baseman Laura Romero, centerfielder Deandra Trottie, pitcher/first baseman Katie Whidden and utility player Jessica Schultz.

The junior varsity roster consists of Courtney Bain, Chelsea Barrineau, Brittany Basquin, Michonae Brown, Stephanie Camacho, Brooke Flynn, Amber France, Morgan

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Clewiston High School pushes healthier food choices

By Taylor Howell

As our country continues to face the challenges of childhood obesity, Clewiston High School has begun to tackle this issue by implementing changes into the food choices offered to its students.

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. A recent study shows that the United States spends approximately \$150 billion every year treating obesity-related illnesses, many of which are preventable. This epidemic also impacts the nation's security, as obesity is now one of the most common disqualifiers for military service.

The school environment is one of the several settings that can influence a child's eating habits. By ensuring that only nutritional food options are available, schools can promote healthy eating behavior and help improve their nutritious intake.

Over the past year, Clewiston High School has promoted healthier food choices throughout its campus. The high school has worked with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation to establish suitable changes, such as cutting out certain foods and replacing them with healthier substitutes, said Anthony Busin, assistant principal of Clewiston High School.

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation joined forces with the Clinton Foundation in 2005 and have worked hard to create a healthier generation. They hope to reduce

the nationwide prevalence of childhood obesity by 2015, and to empower kids to make healthy lifestyle choices.

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All soda machines were removed from campus, while baked chips and other low-calorie snacks now stock the vending machines, Busin said.

"Juices and smaller canned refreshments with lower calories are now offered for students to purchase in place of soda."

Healthier food is being prepared by the cafeteria staff and smaller portions are given to the students who choose to eat the school lunch provided. Busin said French fries are the biggest hit in the cafeteria. To avoid the high amount of calories in deep-fried French fries, the cafeteria staff now bakes the French fries.

"You're saving a couple hundred calories while still achieving the same great taste," Busin said.

Darrell Harris, food service director for Hendry County School District, oversees all food purchases and choices offered at all 12 schools of Hendry County. He is responsible for working with state officials and making sure all foods provided meet federal and state guidelines. It is the policy of Hendry County School District to keep the price of lunch as low as possible, while still offering a nutritional lunch for the students.

"Trying to stay away from fat, greasy food has been the biggest challenge in the school system," Harris said. "It's hard to create nutritional substitutes for things such as a pizza, when you're working with a limited

budget."

Although the fattening foods are still available, more fruit and vegetables are also offered to students during the lunch hours.

"We now offer two daily choices of fruit to our students," Harris said.

The Food Service Department of Hendry County has been working closely with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Together, they have created many future projects towards achieving a healthier environment in the school system. They plan to stay away from grease as much as possible, and instead of deep-frying certain food items, they will bake them. They will also be changing the cooking oil that is currently being used to a lower-calorie substitute.

Stella Roy, a nutritionist at Hendry Regional Medical Center, agrees that childhood obesity has become a very serious problem in Hendry County. Roy sees only a minimal amount of pediatric patients each year at Hendry Regional Medical Center. However, a very large percentage of her adult patients are obese, with medical problems associated with obesity, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hypertension.

March is National Nutrition Month, and Roy is busy promoting easy tips on improving health and nutrition to her patients from the American Dietetic Association "National Nutrition Month" campaign.

"We are focusing nationally on getting the word out about the importance of healthy eating for people of all ages."

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Fourth-grade

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Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Petition Number: RZ09-0009
Applicant: Alico Land Development, Inc., represented by Richard L. Woodruff, DPA, AICP WilsonMiller, Inc.
Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW A SAND MINE AND ACCESSORY USES ON 866.1 ACRES +/-; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Location: Keri Road, approximately 11 miles east of SR 29.
Property size: 866.1 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting a rezone to PUD, to allow the creation of a sand mine and accessory uses.
Legal description of subject property:

A parcel of land lying within Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 Township 45 South, Range 30 East, and Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 30 East, Hendry County Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at a concrete monument lying at the intersection of the East line of the aforementioned Section 1 and the Northerly right-of-way of Keri Road (100' right-of-way) according to Florida Department of Transportation right-of-way Map Section No. 0752-151 for former State Road 832 dated April 2, 1963; thence, along said Northerly right-of-way of Keri Road for the following three (3) courses:

1. S. 48°56'29"W., 8,173.53;
2. along the arc of a tangent circular curve concave to the North having for its elements a radius of 1,859.86 feet, a central angle of 67°59'20", a chord distance of 2,079.74 feet, a chord bearing of S. 82°56'09"W., an arc distance of 2,206.97 feet;
3. N. 63°04'11"W., 1,899.83 feet;

thence, leaving said Northerly right-of-way of Keri Road, N. 44°30'14"E., 5,512.93 feet; thence N. 45°29'46"W., 875.00 feet; thence N. 44°30'14"E., 1,500.00 feet; thence S. 45°29'46"E., 875.00 feet; thence N. 44°30'14"E., 3,553.54 feet; thence S. 85°17'28"E., 2,479.88 feet; thence S. 00°57'14"E., 2,568.86 feet to a concrete monument lying at the intersection of the East line of the aforementioned Section 1 and the Northerly right-of-way of Keri Road (100' right-of-way) and the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Said parcel contains 866.064 acres, more or less.

Petition Number: SE08-0009
Applicant: James D. Hull, represented by AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW EARTH MINING ON 2 ACRES +/- IN THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT.
Location: Along the east side of CR 833, approximately 6 miles south of CR 832.
Property size: 1284 acres +/-; mine site is approximately 2 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow the operation of an earth mine operation and to sell the excess material.

Legal description of subject property:
 A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE S89°55'48"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 3 FOR 977.49 FEET; THENCE S00°04'12"E LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE FOR 1739.58 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING** OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE S03°11'52"W FOR 219.87 FEET; THENCE N86°48'08"W FOR 250.00 FEET; THENCE N03°11'52"E FOR 302.85 FEET; THENCE S68°26'24"E FOR 263.41 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**. CONTAINING 1.50 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

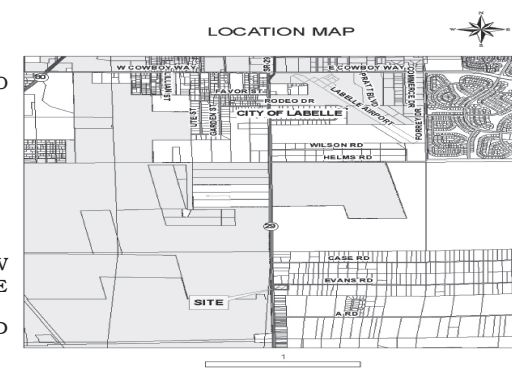
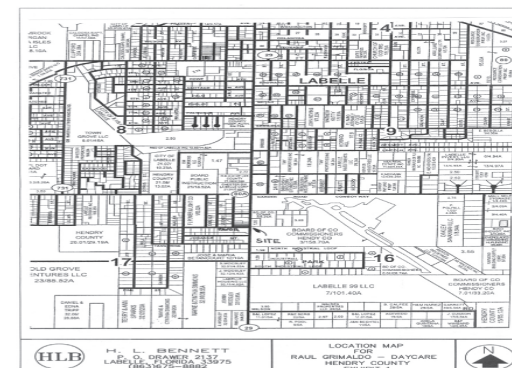
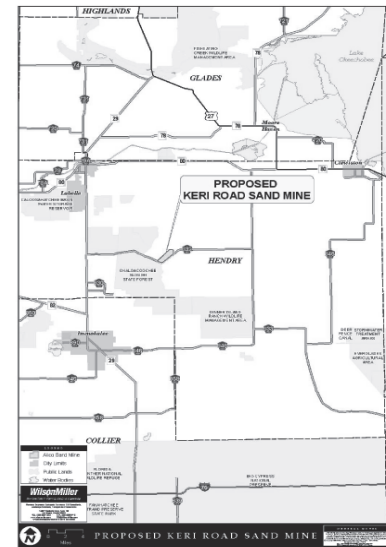
BEARINGS ARE BASED UPON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST HAVING A BEARING OF S89°55'48"W.

Petition Number: SE10-0002
Applicant: Mr. Raul Grimaldo
Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A DAYCARE USE 0.31 ACRES +/- IN THE CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONING DISTRICT.
Location: 1222 S. SR 29, LaBelle, FL.
Property size: 0.31 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow a daycare use.

Legal description of subject property:
 LOTS 10, 11, 21, AND 22, BLOCK 4, LUCKEYS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Petition Number: SE10-0001
Applicant: LaBelle Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church, represented by Rock Enterprises, Inc.
Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW CHURCH SERVICES AND DAYCARE USES ON 3 ACRES +/- IN THE CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONING DISTRICT.
Location: 3379 South SR 29, LaBelle, FL
Property size: 3 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow church services and daycare uses.

Legal description of subject property:
 DESCRIPTION: (FROM OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 625, AT PAGE 44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.) The N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, LESS the North 25 feet for road right-of-way in Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tracts 13 and 14, LABELLE ACRES, unrecorded.
 NOTE: THIS DESCRIPTION DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR LANDS LYING WEST OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR STATE ROAD 29. INITIAL RESEARCH INDICATES SAID LANDS LYING WEST OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR STATE ROAD 29 ARE OWNED BY "BOB PAUL, INC."



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NOTICE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Bids are requested for the following equipment, which has been declared surplus by Central County Water Control District:
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Religious columns

A butterfly named Thomas

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

The good news is that Christ is alive. The bad news is how little impact that event is having in the world today. Let us change that!

For years, I have raised butterflies from caterpillars for kids to release on Easter Sunday morning.

This year, every caterpillar but one went into chrysalis and came out a butterfly.

Sometimes caterpillars die for no apparent reason and don't reach the promise of their created destiny. So do we and our loved ones.

Ever the optimist, I left the one alone. The other caterpillars grew, spun their cocoons, and eventually emerged as butterflies to celebrate the day of resurrection.

The one showed only a little sign of growing. I decided to name him Thomas in honor of the Apostle Thomas, Patron Saint of Different Timing.

Thomas the butterfly had the same birthing conditions as his brothers and sisters. He had the same food and same growing environment.

Yet his timing was off.

Others grew and matured into the butterflies they were meant to be. Thomas' timing was different from the norm. The others experienced the joy of the resurrection on Easter.

Thomas finally went into chrysalis and will probably be experiencing his resurrection about the time this article goes into print.

This gives me hope in my life. Like Thomas the butterfly, my timing doesn't always correspond with everybody else's. But also like Thomas the butterfly, the promise of the resurrection experience is still there for me even in the midst of this!

Different timing resulted in the Apostle Thomas missing a resurrection appearance by Jesus, and his being forever labeled "Doubting Thomas," a name synonymous with skepticism.

I think Thomas got a bad rap. All of us doubt at one time or another. Some of us doubt every week.

There are very few people whose lives are not improved when they move from a life of doubt to a life of faith.

It has been pointed out that an event, no matter how earth-shaking, doesn't have the power to change people's lives.

In order for an event to affect a person, it must become an experience. Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an event, but it wasn't real to the disciples until they personally experienced the resurrected Christ in their lives.

Thomas knew of the event of Jesus' resurrection, but it wasn't until he experienced the risen Christ that his life changed. In a like manner, some of us know of the event of Christ's resurrection, but we lack a recent life-changing experience or encounter with Jesus.

The story of Easter morning will always be at the heart of the Christian faith because it proclaims that God has conquered death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Note, however, that the mission of the apostles begins not with knowledge of an empty tomb, but with a personal encounter with the risen Christ. The same is true for us.

After Easter: What's important is about living

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

A member of a Church I served told me one day "I want a faith to die by." I recalled the words of another man who had devoted himself to ministry and teaching the faith he loved.

He told his students "I want a faith to live by, dying will take care of itself." I thought about his words and the words of the Lord, when a follower sought to be a disciple but wanted to bury his father first (Matthew 8:21ff).

The message was simple; "Let the dead bury the dead!" It's not about dying, it's about living. One of the tragedies I saw was during an internship.

A patient in a state hospital spent the majority of her adult life there. Her illness was no fault of her own; she just wasn't able to function with others.

The family had ignored her; there were no records of visits or signs of contacts. She was left to make the best of it in a strained and strange world. One day, she died. Sud-

denly family came "out of the woodwork" and no expense was too great.

A bronze casket, a very expensive dress, limousines, and whatever else could be added.

I would have preferred them to have sent the limousines once and awhile to have given her a ride around town, and a few newer less, expensive dresses to have something special now and again amidst the drab clothing that the hospital provided.

Maybe she could have had someone bring in food for a birthday party or for holiday celebrations; the bronze casket could have provided many parties when she could have celebrated with her new-found friends in a difficult environment.

My teacher was right: it's about living and what we do here, dying will take care of itself. Easter is about living, Good Friday is about dying, but it's not the end of the story.

The real story is about overcoming death; even death will not be the end. It will be about life, like the Energizer Bunny, that keeps going and going and going. It is curious in a way that many of the great people mentioned in the Bible finish their lives in anonymity.

We don't know what happened to them; the apostles or Paul or so many of the Lord's followers. They are only known through legends and apocryphal tales about the ends of their lives after their ministries or their encounters to do what they were called to do.

In many ways, it's almost anticlimactic but that's the way it is. The message I take from it all is that it is important to do what we're called to do while we're here; and the rest will take care of itself.

I figure that I'm here because my work is not yet finished; and that's why you are here too. We've got something to do in God's scheme of things; and the rest will take care of itself.

Amen!

Real Christian Commitment!

By Jackie Miller, Evangellist

First Christian Church

(The following was tacked on the wall of a young African Preacher in Zimbabwe)

"I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power.

The dye has been cast. I have stepped

over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His.

I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still! My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure.

I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded.

I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear.

I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a Disciple of Jesus. I must go until He comes, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He stops me -- and when He comes for his own, He will have no problem recognizing me - my banner will be clear!

Church briefs

Clewiston

A Yard of Yard Sales

The New Millenium Youth Ministry of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church presents A Yard of Yard Sales on Saturday, April 17 from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 700 Georgia Avenue in Clewiston.

Desserts will also be sold. To purchase a table or for more information contact Pamela Jackson at 863-257-3261 or Tamara Thomas at 561-289-5478.

New church in town

Real Life Church Clewiston is a brand new church in Clewiston and has begun

having services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The services are being held at the Clewiston Christian School, nursery and Childrens Church is provided.

Be sure to bring your bible because Real Life Church offers real answers for real people found in the word of God.

For more information please call 863-288-8110.

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Clean

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The future public works director, whose entire livelihood would rely decades later on the simple goal of keeping his city clean, was made to pick up not only his bottle, but those of other people down that small stretch of street. His parents had stopped the car and taught him that littering is a crime and drove the point home by having him publicly, and quite embarrassingly, clean up after himself.

The adult Sean Scheffler is no worse for the wear, and in fact, swears by the punishment.

He will have the opportunity to instill his own brand of instruction this Saturday, when he and a host of volunteers take to the streets of Clewiston during the annual spring cleaning event.

"The first couple of times we were very successful. We had 250 people the last one and are hoping for 250 to 300 people again," said Mr. Scheffler, who is happy that the event is being held again after being cancelled last year due to economical reasons.

Volunteers will report to the spot, under the Banyan tree behind the Clewiston Library, at 8 a.m. and will enjoy a continen-

tal breakfast and then head out to clean the city's main thoroughfare, Sugarland Hwy.

Much of the focus of the clean up event is centered on the city's main corridor, especially one week before the Sugar Festival is expected to draw thousands to the streets of Clewiston. If there are enough volunteers and time, however, Mr. Scheffler would like to target other areas of the city, including some of the more blighted sections.

"We need to clean up Clewiston and showcase her at her finest before the out-of-town visitors come," he said.

Mr. Scheffler compares it to preparing for a job interview. You need a haircut, and to enter the room with a nice set of clothes, your best try at respectable enunciation and a willingness to prove that you are the right person for the job.

Cleaning the streets of this city is hardly different. If Clewiston is to attract new businesses, or people moving in to make this their home, then residents must help it put its best foot forward.

He has another analogy:

"You make a decision to either go into a business establishment or not based on your first impression. If you go up to a restaurant and the roof is caving in, the door hanging off its hinges, it stinks and is dirty, it doesn't matter if 14 of your closest friends say the

food is awesome, you will say, 'they must be crazy.' If I eat that, I'll die."

When they're done, volunteers will be treated to a lunch between 11 and 12 and prizes donated by local businesses will be raffled off in appreciation of the work of the volunteers.

While the event is done only once a year, Mr. Scheffler hopes that residents will carry over their drive to clean the entire year. Residents should live up to their city's slogan, he believes.

"How can you be sweet and not clean?" he said.

Mayor Mali Chamness, who will be participating on Saturday, agrees.

"I think that we should all do more to keep Clewiston clean," the mayor said. "It's only three or four hours. It really doesn't take that long when you get people to help out."

If anything, he hopes that parents will talk to their kids about keeping their city, their streets and their homes clean.

"Education starts at home. If little Johnny sees daddy drinking Coca Cola and slip it out the window and it just falls on the street, then little Johnny's gonna do that."

But little Sean won't.

For more information, or to participate, contact the city's public works department at 863-983-1471.

Shots

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details about the incident.

What is known is that, on Sunday, April 4, deputies conducting patrol in the Twin Lakes area heard "several gunshots being fired in the area," according to Lt. Susan Harrelle, Hendry County Sheriff's Office spokesperson.

Deputies quickly scanned the area in search of the possible shooter. As it was, the gunshots lead nowhere, with deputies unable to locate suspect, victim or witness.

The immediate wait after the gunshots was fruitless, as well.

"We didn't get any reports of anyone being shot or harmed by it at all," said Lt. Harrelle.

The sheriff's office is continuing to investigate the case.

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