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At a Glance

Legion serving Christmas meals

American Legion Post 130 will once again serve Christmas dinner for those alone or in need. If you would like to help or know someone who needs a Christmas dinner, please call 675-8300. Remember to provide the person's name, address and directions for delivery.

Come to comedy

American Legion Post 130 will ACROSS by Jerry Mayer (Samuel French). Directed by Linda Reecer with seasoned actors Janice Groves and Bob Butts. This is a light comedy about two people who board a subway late at night and find they are the only two passengers. Each is working the New York Daily Times crossword puzzle. Banter ensues as each work their puzzle using totally different approaches and in the end a romance has occurred. Performances: Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14 and Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21. Show times 7 p.m., Thurs., Fri. and Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Cultural Center, 863-675-3066, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. \$12 with reservation; \$14 at door.

Guardians ad Litem needed

Are you flexible, open-minded and interested in advocating for a child? Only 65 percent of Hendry County children taken from their homes due to allegations of abuse or neglect have a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) to protect their interests. A GAL volunteer has the opportunity to be a champion for an abused, neglected or abandoned child in court and within the community—strongly supported by program staff. Guardian ad Litem volunteer training begins soon in LaBelle. For information, to apply or to ask how your business or organization can help, call 863-234-9506.

Let it snow!

Kick off your holidays with the big **Christmas Parade** Dec. 5. Line up at U-Save at 4:30 p.m. The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. and heads to Barron Park for Christmas in the Park. Call Sara at the chamber, 675-0125, to make your donation - large or small. The fun includes Santa himself and, of course, snow! The chamber will sell barbecue sandwiches and the Rotary Club will have hot dogs for sale. If your group would like to have a game booth, please call Sara at the chamber. **Light Up LaBelle Contest.** Register your home or business for the judging. Call 675-0125.

Christmas Boat Parade coming

Decorate your boat and join in the family fun on the Caloosa-hatchee on December 13! The parade will begin at "dark:30." Boaters: line up at 6:30 p.m. a half mile east of the bridge for a 7 p.m. departure. If you want to watch from shore, your best bet is at Barron Park. Lots of family fun at the Barron Park! Call the shelter at 675-0997 or Tim at 673-1838 for more information.

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Nature's bounty: Fulfilling a mission



Naturalist Pat Johnson gives workshop members a tour of her herb greenhouse.



Pat Johnson is a mental storehouse of information on all sorts of natural foods and supplements.

Spice up life with natural foods

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Nature is brimming with all types of plants with practical applications. Most of us, however, look right past these bonuses.

One local woman, however, has made using nature to its fullest a life's work.

Pat Johnson is a Michigan native and had a wonderful career as a math teacher in Lee County schools. However, she seems to have found her passion in the practical appreciation of nature's bounty.

Pat has crammed her five-acre property in North LaBelle with common and not-so-common trees and plants with nutritional and medicinal uses.

She retired from teaching to care for her husband as he struggled against cancer. She worked to make food more palatable as he underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments. To help find herbs that would help her, she began taking classes at ECHO (Educational Concern for Hunger Organization) from a woman named Kaye Cude. Before long, the two became fast friends.

After her husband's death, Pat bought her place outside LaBelle and began to use what she learned from Kaye to develop her own gardens. When Kaye's health began to fail, Pat brought her friend to live with her and the pair began to give herb seminars, teaching others

what they had learned.

Kaye died last May but Pat continues the work. She offers seminars in a variety of herbal gardening skills.

Seminars include creating your own herb garden, creating all vegetarian soap, making holiday gifts and crafts, creating all purpose creams with a discussion on using herbal medicines and enjoying your herb-spice garden (harvesting, preserving, cooking and crafting with your herbs and spices).

Pat Johnson has found her calling in the study and use of herbs. It's a calling she is thankfully willing and happy to share with others.

For more information, call 675-8335.

FTL: Finding the path to joy

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

The world is full of people trying to find their way; searching for self worth.

As one who willingly admits he's "been there," Kenny Glisson Jr. believes he can help others find the path that leads to fulfillment. That path, he firmly believes, is the Lord.

For The Lord, FTL, is a new program he has put together under the umbrella of Freedom Fellowship Ministries, for that purpose. FTL is a small group of young men and women, ages 17-30, designed to help the lost deal with the issues that get in the way of their relation-

ship with God and others.

For many people those issues include drugs and alcohol, but any personal issue is the target for this group.

Kenny freely talks about the issues that kept him from what he calls the joy of life that God intended. From a good family, he was an honor student and was into sports. However, at a young age he said "Trouble called my name" and he answered.

By the time he was in high school he was gravitating toward the older "cool" kids - "the ones I should have stayed away from," he recalls. He was into marijuana, cocaine and

alcohol, managing to keep up his grades and even on track for scholarships.

While working at a pharmacy he discovered that he could get high on prescription pills.

Several misdemeanor arrests did not deter him, but then things got more serious with the law. It took the second arrest on a trafficking charge, and the threat of 75 years in prison, for the seriousness of his situation to sink in.

He tried several different programs to get straight but nothing worked till finally, just over a year ago he pled out to

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Guest worker facility opens

Consolidated Citrus welcomes seasonal workers to new housing

Fort Myers, Fla. (Nov. 20, 2008) – Consolidated Citrus, Florida's largest citrus producer, has completed construction of housing units for 128 guest workers at Gator Slough Grove in Hendry County – just in time for the fall harvest. The buildings, which were constructed in compliance with H2A federal guest worker standards, include four 30-bed units for guest workers and a fifth building for on-site residential managers. Each unit is furnished with shared kitchens and baths, satellite TVs and air conditioning, according to Mitch Hutchcraft, vice president of real estate for Consolidated Citrus.

"This project demonstrates our commitment to provide reliable, quality housing for our workers and our long-term commitment to agriculture in Hendry County," he said.

Hutchcraft said the first workers will move in Nov. 23.

Consolidated Citrus received a special exception in April from the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners to build the housing on approximately three acres of agricultural-zoned property. The company also worked closely with the South Florida Water

Management District and the Hendry County Health Department, Hutchcraft said. "Their willingness to partner with us to resolve some of the upfront planning challenges associated with these new facilities was critical to our ability to get the units built in time to meet our housing requirements."

The 4,200-acre Gator Slough Grove is located in southwestern Hendry County and is operated by Turner Groves Citrus, a limited partnership of Consolidated Citrus.

Hutchcraft said the buildings, which can accommodate up to 130 agricultural support workers and managers, surpass both federal H2-A standards and state hurricane codes. Each of the four buildings for guest workers is divided into duplexes with two bedrooms, a kitchen and bath per side. Bedrooms have single beds and bunk beds and kitchens are equipped with satellite TVs. The fifth building provides flex space for six additional workers.

"We designed the buildings so our workers could cook for themselves rather

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Humane society sees to animal well being

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Nearing the end of another year, the Caloosa Humane Society members are reflecting on the year just past.

Executive Director Suzanne Bonnell noted that the society has been the recipient of \$10,000 from the Florida Animal Friends license plates, a very welcome addition to its lean budget.

The facility, located at 1200 Pratt Blvd.,

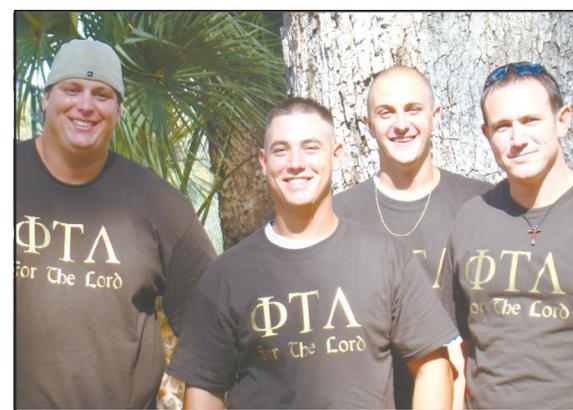
past the Hendry-Glades Health Dept., provides pet adoptions. The Caloosa Humane Society does not charge for pets, but does ask for a do-

nation. They do accept credit cards, as well. Suzanne said the facility averages about 30 animals adopted per month.

Unfortunately, their animal intake has increased by about 60 percent this past year, Suzanne said. At any given time, the facility may hold from 50-100 animals. Even with high numbers of animals coming in, Suzanne said the facility has a low euthanasia rate because the Naples shelter takes many of their small dogs. Naples is a no kill shelter.

According to Suzanne, some 70 percent of the calls they get

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Submitted photo For The Lord volunteers from Freedom Fellowship Ministries are ready to help you overcome the issues that have been holding you back. Pictured from left: Brandon Edgar, Steven Glisson, Zachary Bussell and Kenny Glisson Jr.

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The LaBelle Quarterback Club will be offering their famous Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. PLUS Sign in to win a Garmin GPS

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Cost-cutting effort jumpstarted by residents

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- In times of tough economic conditions, very few businesses and agencies around the country are spared from their turn at the butcher's table.

Cutting out the fat and the excess is a more common practice as the uncertainty enveloping the world's financial markets continues. There is a measured decrease in federal and state dollars, which trickle into small governments such as endry county.

Reviews of insurance policies by municipalities and governments is a standard issue discussion -- which group provides the best coverage and at what price?

Some cities and counties review this on a regular basis, but, often, the insurance policies are completely overlooked.

"I've been doing some checking into Hendry County's insur-

ance," Trish Arnold told commissioners. "I have a couple of clients that are commercial carriers and they're saying the insurance market is extremely soft, that insurance companies are wanting business and rates have gone way down."

Presently, the county is a member of Public Risk Management (PRM) of Ft. Myers, which carries both the property/casualty and health insurance for Hendry County.

PRM operates as an insurance pool that focuses mainly on offering its coverage to cities and governments, especially smaller ones such as Hendry County.

Hendry has been with PRM since 1987, but some residents say it is time for a change. Being a part of an insurance pool does not necessarily translate into the best deal for a county, they say, especially when the number of participants in that pool dwindles.

With a large chunk of the

county's operating budget paid out to insurance firms each year -- an approximate \$4.5 million -- any savings realized here would help the county.

"About \$3 million of that would be in health insurance. If it's \$3 million and we can knock 60 percent off that, that's a ton of money," said Ernie Redish, who runs an insurance company in Clewiston. "Let's get this thing together and get some bid prices."

Under the current agreement, the county must notify PRM of its plans to cancel a full year before terminating. The county has until March to send that notice to opt out of the next year's coverage.

During the Nov. 12 county meeting, Ms. Kennington-Korf suggested that PRM join a workshop with county officials, so that any questions about Hendry's policy could be answered.

Residents argued that such a meeting would be necessary, but without the insurance group at

the table.

According to Ms. Arnold, the county can seek help from the Florida League of Cities, which can provide its guidance and actually bring back bids from competing companies at no charge to the county.

The League of Cities can, according to resident Ramon Iglesias, take the policy documents and "compare apples to apples."

The commission agreed and ordered the county to establish a committee to request the policy from PRM and study the rates and what other options are available to the county. "This market's changing so much," said Mr. Redish. "If we're going to do this, we need to do it now."

The next regular county commission meeting will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Courthouse.

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Pat Johnson demonstrates how to make homemade soap to members of her last workshop.

Mobile home zoning approved

The LaBelle City commissioners approved designated zoning for future mobile home parks.

At this time, only two mobile home parks exist in the city: Aqua Isles and LaBelle Woods. Commissioner Bob Miller's motion, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bone, passed unanimously.

A resolution putting the financial burden for land development applications on the developer passed unanimously.

The board voted to place speed

bumps (traffic calming strips) at several locations on both Broward Ave. and Bryan Ave.

Residents on Broward Ave. had complained about the "raceway" they were living on and asked for four-way stop signs.

However, the mayor felt the calming strips would work better and also that they would be needed on Bryan Ave. as well, to keep speeders from simply moving to the next street.

Chief Malcolm Johnson told

the board that last summer state firefighter minimum standards increased from 160 hours to 230 hours.

He has several new volunteers who need to go through the training before the new standards take effect. The additional hours will increase the cost of training to \$1,800 per person.

The next regular meeting of the LaBelle City Commission will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the commission chambers.

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are from pet owners who need spay/neuter assistance.

Spaying or neutering your pet will avoid unwanted kittens or puppies and provide a better pet.

Don't forget the humane society-sponsored Christmas Lighted Boat Parade Saturday, Dec. 13. The event starts about "dark-thirty" and promises great fun for everyone. Come to Barron Park for some great food and loads of fun as you watch the parade from the bank. Booth space is available.

The humane society runs on volunteers and donations. Volunteer secretary Ellen Ferguson has been with the group for one year and is bubbling with enthusiasm for the group. The board of directors includes: Tim Haley, president; Doug Morgan, vice-president; Swea Nightingale, treasurer; Ellen Ferguson, secretary; Addison Austin, Donna Meister, Norm Dillman, Bonnie Denning and Jimmy Luckey.

The Keis Huier Award went to Swea Nightingale for her philanthropic efforts for animals. Volunteer of the Year is young Jiesha Stephens, a cheerful LaBelle High School student who does a marvelous job cleaning, taking care of paperwork and even does adoption counseling.

Housing

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than deal with a commissary or one centralized kitchen. In talking to them we found that this is what they wanted," he said. "We also provide all linens and cookware."

The housing complex also offers outdoor patios with built-in barbecue grills, laundry facilities and a soccer field.

Consolidated Citrus employs 350 permanent workers on a year-round basis. During the harvesting season, which runs from mid-November to June, CCLP has in the past two years utilized the H-2A Program for its harvesting workforce. Hutchcraft expects the company to use about 128 guest workers this season. "This housing is a signifi-

cant investment but it helps us achieve our goal of building reliable workforce that will want to return to Consolidated Citrus, LP each season," he said. "A reliable workforce is critical to our operations."

The H2A federal visa program, often referred to as the guest worker program, provides work visas for temporary, documented workers to live and work in the U.S. Before recruiting foreign workers, employers must first advertise the available jobs to domestic workers.

If the Department of Labor determines there are insufficient domestic workers to perform the work, then the employer may utilize the guest worker program. Under the program, the grower must provide free housing and transportation for the workers it recruits. It also dictates square footage and bathroom amenities

per worker and protects American jobs by setting minimum wage requirements, said Hutchcraft.

"You can't bring in a foreign worker and pay them below what you would pay a domestic worker," he said.

Consolidated Citrus also provides transportation to the groves and by consolidating worker housing to just one location, it reduces the traffic impact on local roadways. "It places our workers close to the groves and improves our efficiency," said Hutchcraft. "We don't have to pick them up at scattered locations."

Hendry County is Florida's largest citrus producer. Fort Myers-based Consolidated Citrus manages approximately 37,000 acres of citrus, including 24,000 acres of agricultural land at four groves in Hendry, Collier and DeSoto counties.

Joy

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his charges, getting five years probation. Part of his sentence was to take part in a long term drug rehab program.

He hooked up with Crossties Ministries, where he spent ten months learning to deal with life and his problems.

"I didn't have hopes and dreams any more," he said, adding that Crossties Ministries has given the insight to help himself and others.

"Addiction separates people from their family and others. It keeps you from yourself," Kenny said. "It's the path of destruction," making the comparison that drugs destroy everything in their path.; the Lord is FEMA.

"I found that what I ran from my whole life was what I needed. . . I finally quit running." He had finally found the way to build a relationship with the Lord.

In January, Kenny, now 24, is headed back to school. He wants the college education he threw away before. He also plans to take a counseling course and become certified through the ministry.

The founder and director of FTL, Kenny conducted FTL's first meeting Nov. 17 and is working under Freedom Fellowship Ministries. The word is already getting out about FTL. Several people have come directly from leaving jail to the meeting.

The goal at FTL meetings is for people to open up about the issues that hold them back from being happy and whole.

FTL is meant to be a close, comfortable, easy place to be where people can feel free to "vent" their fears and frustrations. No bragging about the "old days" allowed. It's strictly a time to face your personal issues, pray and give your problems to the Lord.

It's human nature to want to be accepted - fear of not being accepted is one of the root causes of addiction, he feels.

People are good at hiding their issues - suppressing their pain and anger; and at pointing

fingers at others rather than accepting responsibility for their actions.

Freedom Fellowship Pastor Marsha Edgar said Kenny puts the responsibility for their actions squarely on the individual. It's human nature to point fingers at others, but FTL helps people focus on the real issue. Looking at yourself is key to finding the freedom you seek, she said.

FTL helps people recognize their own issues, teaches acceptance and self worth, ending the fear of rejection. FTL meetings do not deal in guilt, blame or judgment. They are about coming to terms with yourself. Pastor Edgar sees them as an opportunity to

learn about love and freedom.

Kenny's - and FTL's - vision is to build leaders who will establish additional groups of five to ten people. FTL members hope to contribute to the community, to use their newfound joy in life and the Lord to serve.

Meetings are held every Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. at Freedom Counseling Services, 60 Calhoun (corner of SR 80). No need to register or call in advance. Just show up. FTL is a place to get it all out.

Kenny is working to make FTL a place to divest yourself of the issues keeping you from being happy and to discover the path to joy and the Lord.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Florida Department of Transportation

Tentative Five Year Work Program

The Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise announce public hearings to which all interested persons are invited. Specific notice is provided to the Lee County, Sarasota/Manatee, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda and Collier Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Polk Transportation Planning Organization, Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance, West Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations Chairs Coordinating Committee, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority and the county commission chairpersons of Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota Counties.

<p>Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 Time: 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter Place: Central Florida Regional Planning Council Meeting Bob Crawford Agricultural Center 605 E. Main Street Bartow, Florida</p>	<p>Date: Friday, December 19, 2008 Time: 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter Place: Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Office 1926 Victoria Avenue Fort Myers, Florida</p>
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PURPOSE: The public hearings will consist of presentations by the department on the FDOT Tentative Five Year Work Program for fiscal years 2009/10 – 2013/14, followed by a public testimony period. The public is invited to review the work program. Department staff will be available for informal discussion and assistance. A court reporter will be available to accept comments for entry into the public record.

The hearings will be conducted pursuant to Section 339.135(4)(c), Florida Statutes, as amended, and are being developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status may file a written complaint to the FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator or the FDOT Equal Opportunity Office as shown below:

<p>DISTRICT ONE Gina Gilbreath District Title VI Coordinator Florida Department of Transportation P.O. Box 1249 Bartow, FL 33831</p>	<p>CENTRAL OFFICE Charlotte Thomas State Title VI Coordinator Florida Department of Transportation 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450</p>
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Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the public hearings in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cindy Clemmons-Adente, Florida Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831, (863) 519-2362, or by e-mail to cindy.clemmons-adente@dot.state.fl.us. A copy of the hearing agenda may be obtained from Ms. Clemmons-Adente.

Written comments will be accepted by the department at the public hearings or if received by January 20, 2009. Comments should be mailed to:

Stanley M. Cann, P.E.
District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
P.O. Office Box 1249
Bartow, FL 33831

For information about additional public meetings in your area, please contact:

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Double fatality on SR 29

Two lives were lost on SR 29 Saturday, Nov. 29. Fifty-six-year-old Ronald L. Wright and 51-year-old Robyn Marie Wright, both of LaBelle died in the crash. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, a 2000 Chevrolet SUV, driven by Maximino Gomez Cortez, 25, was southbound on SR 29 in the northbound lane approaching G Road in the direct path of the Wrights'

2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The motorcycle was headed northward in the northbound lane. The front of the SUV struck of the motorcycle head-on. The motorcycle was pushed southbound in the north bound lane. Both the driver and passenger were ejected. Mr. Gomez Cortez sustained minor injuries. The crash occurred about 3:35 p.m.

ComputerCOP is here



Submitted photo
Hendry County Sheriff's Office is making copies of "Computer COP" available to parents of school age children. It is a simple to use tool that enables parents and guardians to quickly see what their children have been doing online.

Sheriff Ronnie Lee is proud to announce that the Hendry County Sheriff's Office is making copies of "Computer COP" available to parents of school age children in Hendry County.

"ComputerCOP" is a simple to use, yet powerful tool that enables parents and guardians to quickly see what their children have been doing online; what websites they have been accessing and if they have been communicating personal information while online.

According to the sheriff's office, research has shown that while parents want to protect their children from the dangers of the Internet, more than 70 percent do not use the parental control software that is either provided free by their service provider or that they have purchased.

Even when they have been installed, these blocking and filtering software program often fail to protect susceptible children from pedophiles who seduce children online.

One in five children on the Internet said they had received an unwanted sexual advance, according to a study conducted by the Crimes Against Children Research Center.

ComputerCOP Standard, a Cd-Rom based Internet Monitoring tool, is distributed to parents on a CD. It first searches for and then displays images on the computer (including website images and images from cell phones and P.D.A.s).

Next, the program searches the text on the computer for keywords and phrases of, most notably, a sexual or violent nature.

The program then displays that text within the context of the document for the parent or guardian to review.

These CD's are available now at the following locations locally: Hendry County Sheriff's Offices in LaBelle and Clewiston, Property Appraiser's Offices in LaBelle and Clewiston, Clerk of the Court Offices in LaBelle and Clewiston, Tax Collector's Offices in LaBelle and Clewiston and the City of Clewiston Police Department.

Sheriff Lee stated that this project is being paid for totally from money confiscated by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division during raids on illegal drug operations and that no public funds are involved.

Witches Brew

By Pudge Lehman

Just returned from a vacation with my sisters in north Georgia. We had a wonderful time and the leaves were still pretty for the first few days.

To have an emergency measure when you are without a ruler just remember a penny is 3/4 inches wide, a quarter is 1 inch wide and a dollar bill is 6 1/8 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide.

Of course, you won't remember this when you need to so write it down and keep it in your wallet.

It's hard to get a grip on a big mattress to move it. Make a sling from a bed sheet and grip the sheet ends.

If your toddler likes to go into a room and lock the door just keep a thick, short towel over the top of the door and it won't close all the way.

This is a short term hint when your darling grandchildren come for a visit. To fill small holes with



putty, use a drinking straw as a dispenser. Stick it into the putty to fill the end of the straw then pinch the end to squeeze it into the nail hole.

Sayin': Brain cells come and brain cells go but fat cells live forever.

When you hear someone say, "Well, I caught myself lookin'!" you know you are in the presence of a true southerner.

Bless your heart and ya'll have a nice day.

PSC sets 2009 fuel charges for power company

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved the 2009 fuel adjustment rates for Florida Power & Light Company (FPL). A decision on FPL's fuel adjustment had been deferred from a previous hearing so that the utility could file an adjusted 2009 fuel charge projection with the Commission.

Based on the adjusted fuel charges, the total monthly electric bill for residential customers using 1,000 kwh will decrease from the current charge of \$111.12 to \$109.55 due to reduced fuel costs. The charges will go into effect with the January 2009 billing cycle. FPL had originally asked the PSC for an increase of about \$8 a month for 2009 customer bills.

The fuel adjustment charges were determined after the Commission considered the utility's 2009 projected costs for fuel and

purchased power as well as "trued up" costs for 2007 and 2008 fuel purchases.

Investor-owned utilities are allowed to recover only the prudently incurred costs of procuring fuel and purchased power necessary to meet customer demand and are not allowed to make a profit on fuel purchases. The fuel charge appears on customer bills as a separate line item charge.

The PSC is committed to making sure that Florida's consumers receive their electric, natural gas, telephone, water and wastewater services in a safe, affordable and reliable manner. The PSC exercises regulatory authority over utilities in the areas of rate base/economic regulation; competitive market oversight; and monitoring of safety, reliability, and service.

For information, visit www.floridapsc.com

Arrest reports

LaBelle

Hein Ho, 35, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with introducing contraband into a correctional facility at HCI. Officer Lee Michaels was arresting officer.

Alice Elaine Cox, 40, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with possession of synthetic narcotics with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver Schedule II, trafficking in amphetamines or methamphetamine 14 grams or over, possess/use narcotics equipment and possession or use of narcotic equipment to transport drugs. Deputy Rick Perian was arresting officer.

Victoria Page-Martin, 18, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with neglecting a child causing great harm. Inv. F. Herrera was arresting officer.

Danny Ray Jones, 42, was arrested Nov. 24 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession/use of narcotics equipment. Inv. Daley was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Willie Nelson Hunter, 34, was arrested Nov. 30 and charged with aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and disorderly conduct - affray. Deputy L. Brooks was arresting officer.

Troy R. Simpson, 19, was arrested Nov. 29 and charged on a warrant with battery resulting in bodily harm or disability. Deputy J. Garrett was arresting officer.

Wilson Aguilar, 51, was arrested Nov. 28 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. SPD Sgt. Michaels was arresting officer.

Tommy Edward Smith, 23, was arrested Nov. 29 and charged with open container, possession of cocaine and possession/use of narcotics equipment. CPD J. Spence was arresting officer.

David Michael Jense Castro, 25, was arrested Nov. 28 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, weapons offense improper exhibition of a firearm or dangerous weapon, discharging a firearm in public and using a firearm under the influence of alcohol. CPD Sgt. Spence was arresting officer.

Sylvanis Brice, 17, was arrested Nov. 25 on a warrant and charged with robbery with a firearm. Andy Lewis was arresting officer.

FHREDI meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Directors for Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative, Inc. and Florida's Freshwater Frontier, Inc. will be held on Monday, Dec. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bert J. Harris Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd. Sebring, Florida, Conference Room 2.

For information, please contact Jim Otterman at 863-385-4900.

Johnny David Ford, 44, was arrested Nov. 25 and charged with battery on an officer, firefighter, EMT etc., petit larceny first degree property \$100-\$300, petit larceny second offense and obstruction of justice or attempting to influence/intimidate a law enforcement officer in his duties. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Leslie Miller, 25, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Preece was arresting officer.

Harold Tony Hall, 54, was arrested Nov. 26 on a warrant and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance, larceny theft is between \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. Deputy L. Preece was arresting officer.

Roderick Jacobs, 13, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with

property damage - criminal mischief between \$200-\$1,000 subsequent offense, vehicle theft third degree and dealing in stolen property. Deputy K. Thomas was arresting officer.

Broderick McKenzie, 14, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside and petit larceny first degree \$100-\$300. Deputy N. Thomas was arresting officer.

Amos Leon Bradford, 19, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with aggravated battery first degree felony, weapons offense and robbery with a firearm. CPD Officer Clifton Green was arresting officer.

Ira Lee Haliburton, 25, was arrested Nov. 24 and charged with larceny \$300-45,000, presenting false information to a law

enforcement officer and giving a false statement. Deputy Greg Henderson was arresting officer.

Terrence Wright, 17, was arrested Nov. 26 and charged with a committing a felony with a weapon, aggravated battery with a weapon and robbery with a firearm. CPD Officer Green was arresting officer.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO LABELLE? It used to be that LaBelle was a good town to rear a family. Now, we can't drink the water. Our sheriff loses and election and can't get rid of enough department equipment fast enough - from one out-of-state newspaper article, because he doesn't want the incoming sheriff to get it. What's that all about?

And what about that lawsuit the property appraiser, who is contesting her loss in the election - who pays for all that?

Things just aren't like they used to be when people stood straight and talked straight and just did the right thing. Now it's all about "me."

THANKSGIVING: You should check out the great piece on Newszap about Americans and Thanksgiving. There may be hope for us yet. Go to the Newszap Web site www.newszap.com, click on LaBelle and you'll see it.

HARD TO BELIEVE: I'm hearing a lot about how the outgoing sheriff is getting rid of a lot of stuff - inventory - before the new one comes in. I heard - and saw on the news - about a vehicle he sold to a dealer in Georgia just so the new sheriff wouldn't get it.

I have a hard time understanding why someone would do that. I suppose, as long as he's sheriff, he has the right to dispose of inventory as long as it's done legally and properly, but what's this about not wanting the next man in line to use these things? I don't know what to call it but childish.

Health watch: What is Secondhand Smoke?

By Mary Ruth Prouty

Secondhand smoke is what smokers breathe out. It is also the smoke that comes from a burning cigarette, cigar or pipe. Did you know that smokers only inhale about 15% of the smoke from a cigarette and the rest goes into the air?

If you are nearby you inhale that smoke and that is passive or involuntary smoking. You are taking in the poisons and chemicals such as formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, arsenic and ammonia just like the person who is smoking! Many of the substances stay in the air up to 3 hours after the cigarette, cigar, or pipe is gone.

We all know the smoke is irritating to our eyes and noses but it is especially bad for children. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to get colds, allergies, ear infections and develop asthma. Babies of parents who smoke are twice as likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Some other effects of smoking on children are increased fluid in the middle ear, altering hearing that can lead to speech problems; reduced lung functions (lungs that don't work as well as they could); coughing and wheezing more

than other children and be 3-5 months behind other children in reading and math skills.

Each year 3,000 nonsmokers die from lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke. A nonsmoker married to a smoker has a 30% higher risk of lung cancer than someone married to a nonsmoker.

Did you know that being exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke all day is the same as smoking 2 to 3 cigarettes per day? What can you do? Don't be in a home or car where a person is smoking. Ask smokers to go outside while they smoke. If you are a smoker: take it outside. Don't smoke around your children in your home or car. Opening windows is not enough: it can take 3 hours for the smoke and chemicals to clear out.

Most smokers want to quit, but they need help. It is Hard to Quit Smoking. As Mark Twain said, "Quitting smoking is easy. I've done it a thousand times." Most smokers want to quit, but they need help. If you are tobacco user and want to quit smoking cigarettes, pipes, cigars or using smokeless tobacco products call the health department for help! It's never too late.

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service

LaBelle and surrounding area

Today: Sunny, with a high near 79 and Northeast winds around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. East wind between 3 and 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 79 and winds from the northeast between 3 and 5 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53 and winds from the north around 6 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77 and light winds from the north.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. **Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Letters to the Editor

Time to step up for your country

It is time to put your party affiliations and prejudices in the closet with the other outdated stuff. Our country is in dire need of all the help we can give it. Rich or poor we can all help.

The blessed need to remember the people of our country got them where they are today. It's time for them to invest in America.

I seem to remember a great man said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

Where do the industrial giants think the people of America are going to get money to buy their products?

We need jobs in America for Americans to make money to buy their products. Wake up, invest in America. If it were not your country you would not be where you are today.

Most of us live from paycheck to paycheck. It mainly goes to pay for our homes, cars, health, insurance, care, food, toiletries, etc. There isn't much left over at month's end.

We need good paying jobs for Americans in America.

Refinance the house so the people can make their payments. No one wants to lose their home. Gas is lower now than anyone ever dreamed. I think the oil companies finally figured out that oil isn't worth anything if you can't sell it.

Or maybe the alternative fuel interests have them scared. I don't remember hearing about any new oil fields.

There are many other issues too numerous to list. We must get behind our new President and his Congress and support their plans to improve life in America. We need to get America healthy before we worry about other countries.

I was always told family needs are to be met before anything else. If America is to be #1, then we must do all we can to help get us there.

I believe the Declaration of Independence says, "We the people of the United States . . ." that means you and me.

To me that means it don't matter if you are a New York aristocrat or a Florida red neck, the government is supposed to work at mak-

ing "we the People's" life better.

But then, I'm just an old country boy, so what do I know?

**Ed Kuntz,
LaBelle**

Bailout or change out

For anyone not overwhelmed with the "audacity" of the ever-changing Barnum & Bailey three ring circus "Bailout" now playing in the center ring, please let me know what you're either smoking or drinking.

Ever since our President Elect prognosticated his "audacious" litany of "change & hope" into the center ring as the omniscient cure-all remedy for all the evils in the world, the world has suddenly exceeded everyone's expectations of evil.

It would seem that "When all those chickens came home to roost" they didn't come back as chickens, but came back as Vultures.

There is nothing like the "smell" of money to attract the vultures and with our current leaders treating our tax dollars like "chicken feed", I'm reminded of the story of the Marine Captain.

He was on an inspection tour

of the barracks and, upon completion of his tour, told the Gunny Sergeant that the men smelled bad, and he suggested that the men needed to change their underwear. The Gunny accepted this as a command and immediately set about getting the men changing their underwear. Upon receiving his command, the men started changing their underwear. Franks changed with Dodd, as Reid changed with Pelosi, and so it went until the entire Company had changed their underwear.

Now, this is not to say that the President Elect said that "Change and Hope" meant that we all needed to "change" our underwear in the "hope", and expectation that it could possibly clean up the "smell" in Washington. So, even though the promise of "change" in Washington still lingers, to be "brief", I'm not convinced that things are going to smell any better in the foreseeable future, unless we "Change-out" Fruit of the Loom Franks, Frisco Boxer, Haines Harry, Designer Dodd, and Petite Pelosi!

**T. W. Bill Neville
LaBelle**

Faith in the Marketplace

Prepare for Christmas in the spirit of the holiday

Christmas is coming! I knew that several weeks ago when I started to hear Christmas music in the stores and malls.

Now don't get me wrong, I love Christmas and the music that goes with it. But I've become quite cynical about Christmas music in stores.



Fr. Alan Kelmereit

I couldn't help but notice that most of the music was the secular stuff; you know, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Jingle Bell Rock, and so on. Some of the religious music still makes onto the playlist, though.

What is it that makes me cynical? I'm convinced that the

purpose behind all this Christmas music has little to do with a celebration of Christmas, but is mostly an attempt to pry our wallets open as wide as possible.

It can be difficult to genuinely prepare for Christmas when it has become more of a commercial holiday than a religious one. For a lot of people, preparation consists of getting presents for others, sometimes to please them, sometimes just to satisfy an obligation.

For many, the success of Christmas is measured in the number of presents received, and the value of the gifts is measured by their cost.

It's a pretty sad picture. And it's difficult for even the most faithful to stay out of this kind of Christmas trap.

How then do we go about preparing for Christmas, have all

the fun of the season, and still be faithful to the real reason Christmas exists?

Many churches observe the season of Advent, the four Sundays preceding Christmas day. The word 'advent' means 'coming,' and the Advent season is about just that, the coming of Jesus. It helps us to focus on not only his coming as an infant two millennia ago, but on the fact that he will return.

The services and the music of Advent all direct us to a serious consideration of the theme of the coming Jesus. It gives us an opportunity to take a break from the shopping that so often becomes more of a hassle than a joy, and recall that there is a joyful side to Christmas that has nothing to do with receiving presents.

We have already received the

greatest present of all time - Jesus, and through him, life.

I highly recommend that you make a special effort this year to prepare for Christmas spiritually as well as for the exchange of Christmas presents.

It's helped me to recover the genuine joy of Christmas day, and to understand that the real value of the gifts I receive is the love that went into the selection and the giving.

Most of all, its helped me to have a time of renewal in my spiritual life which I couldn't have in any other way. Happy preparation!

Fr. Alan is pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, one block south of Rt 80 on Collingswood Pkwy in Port LaBelle. 863-675-0385. Faithmarketplace@embarqmail.com.

Be Healthy, Be Happy!

Healthy or not: Flu shots can make the difference

By Brenda Barnes

It's not too late! You can still get your flu shot. December 8-14 is recognized as National Influenza Vaccination Week.



Brenda Barnes

If you get the flu, it can cause you misery for over a week! It can make you miss work, school, and activities you enjoy. Get vaccinated for a healthier winter.

Many providers in the area of

fer the flu shot at a reasonable rate. The money you spend getting the flu shot will outweigh the costs of lost time from work should you get the flu.

The top three reasons you should get your flu shot:

1. Protects Other People - Getting a flu shot not only protects you from getting the flu, but you are also protecting your family and friends or anyone that you may come in contact with.

2. Prevent Severe Illness - Over 200,000 people are hospitalized every year from flu related complications. Kids under 2 years of age and adults over 65 years of age are more likely to be hospital-

ized from the effects of the flu.

3. Prevent Flu-Related Deaths - Each year, over 36,000 people in the US die because of the flu. Most of these deaths are people aged 65 and older. More people die from the flu than from any other vaccine-preventable disease.

Remember to wash your hands often. Try not to touch your eyes, nose & mouth until you've washed your hands thoroughly. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Discard the tissue in the trash and wash your hands immediately afterwards. If you do get the

flu, stay home, get plenty of rest, drink plenty of liquids and avoid alcohol and tobacco use.

Talk to your doctor about recommendations for getting a flu shot. Remember that it takes up to 2 weeks to provide protection after you get the shot. Protect Yourself.

Protect your family and friends. Get Vaccinated!

Remember, be healthy and be happy!

(Brenda Barnes is the Public Information Officer and Planning Consultant for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4047, extension 126)

Community Briefs

Relay for Life meeting to be held

Relay For Life of LaBelle Committee and Team Captain Meeting will be held on Dec. 9, at the Community Christian School, 1092 E. Cowboy Way, at 6 p.m.

Holiday Hay rides

The LaBelle Moose Lodge - Women of the Moose will be having their Annual Hayride and Caroling on Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

It is a fun-filled ride around our town caroling and spreading the holiday spirit. Open to the public. The LaBelle Moose Lodge is located at the end of Jaycee Lions Drive.

Post office, Toys for Tots

Postal carriers at the Post Office in LaBelle are once again picking up Toys for Tots donated by their postal customers. They will be picked up on Dec. 6. All these toys will be distributed to LaBelle children.

Museum open house

The LaBelle Heritage Museum is having its second Christmas Open House TONIGHT Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5-7 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is a box/package of cookies and even this is a busy time of year, they'd like for all to stop by and visit a few minutes before pursuing other events. This will replace the regular December meeting.

Christmas for the troops

SupportOurTroops.Org is making this call on behalf of the 60+ troop-related groups across America who send care packages to the troops. Just go to SupportOurTroops.Org, click on the Christmas 2008 Care Package Icon.

1. Over 60 groups are listed there. Just pick the one you want to send your care box goods to.

2. The things the troops principally request are posted there.

3. The care box rules are posted there.

Get your flu shot now

Hendry Regional Medical Center is offering flu shots for \$20. For additional information call Convenient Care Center at 675-2356.

Kids shop for gifts

Kiwanis Thrift Store's 4th Annual Children Only Christmas Shopping Saturday, December 6, 8-10 a.m.

Children ages 4-12 are welcome to come to the thrift store and shop for Christmas gifts for their friends and family. Volunteers will be on hand to help the younger children, if needed.

Coffee, juice and snacks will be provided for parents while you wait. Free gift wrapping by LHS Key Club.

Food for homeless

The Hendry-Glades Homeless Coalition is collecting food. Please drop off food items any time this month at United Way House, 117

Fort Thompson Ave., Hendry County SHIP Office, 164 S. Lee St. LaBelle or 100 E. El Paso Ave. Clewiston, or the Glades County SHIP Office, 196 6th St. Moore Haven.

Please bring canned items with pop tops or foil peeled tops, energy bars, Pop tarts, bottled water, peanut butter, crackers in sealed packages, plastic forks, spoons and knives.

For more information call Erica Villafuerte at 863-946-6004 or e-mail hendrygladeshomelesscoalition@yahoo.com

Visit Santa

Come visit Santa at Seacoast National Bank, 17 N. Lee Street, from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 18 and get a free family picture.

Work day at park

The Hendry/LaBelle Recreation Board and Coalition for Eco-Recreation would like to invite community organizations, youth groups and individuals to a LaBelle Nature Park Trail Clean Up on Sat. Dec. 6, 2008 and Feb. 1, 2009 from 8 until 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to rake and pull weeds around the gentle old oak and rake trails leading to the old oak. Gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes and insect repellent are recommended.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves, rakes, clippers, and wheelbarrows.

Water will be provided Call Margaret England at 863-674-0695 for information.

The LaBelle Nature Park is located at Hardee Street and Fraser

on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle. Website: <http://www.labellenaturepark.net>

Volunteer for Hope Hospice

Hope Hospice will conduct a volunteer training class at its office located at 80 Sugarland Park Drive, Clewiston, FL 33440.

Saturday, January 10: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Light Breakfast and lunch provided.

Volunteers are needed for many tasks including patient care, transportation, and office. Spanish language skills a plus.

No experience necessary. Attendance the entire day is required. A volunteer application, TB test, and criminal background check are to be completed prior to the class. To enroll, call Joe Pardi at 863-983-7771 extension 15180.

Pancake breakfast

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 7-9 a.m. at the Ortona Community Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

The delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast includes sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$4.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at Flora & Ella's Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Instead of a gift exchange, there will be a free will collection for charity. All widows are welcome.



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United Way kicks off 2008-09 Annual Campaign



LABELLE, FL (November 24, 2008) – The United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties' has kicked-off its 2008-2009 Annual Campaign. The goal for the campaign is \$194,000.

Michael Talaga, Senior Vice-President, Human Resources and Information Technology for Alico, Inc., and Tommy Perry of Johnson-Prewitt and Associates are serving as volunteer co-chairs for this year's Campaign for the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties. "There's such a need in the community and as leaders here locally, we want to give back to help make the community a better place for everyone. Now, more than ever, it is important that we reach 100% of our goal so that the United Way's Partner Agencies can receive their full share of the funds," said Mr. Talaga.

"Many of our friends, neighbors and co-workers are experiencing the pain brought on by our sagging economy. We each need to reach out a hand to those in need and "LIVE UNITED," said Tommy Perry, co-chair of the campaign. "LIVE UNITED" is the theme for this year's campaign. "You never know when you are going to be in need of a helping hand, and the United Way Partner Agencies are there to help anyone through those tough times in life," Perry concluded.

A local network of thirty-four agencies and programs will receive funds from the 2008-2009 United Way of Hendry & Glades fundraising campaign. These agencies include: The Salvation Army, the Children's Advocacy Center, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Healthy Families and many others. This network serves a diverse range of needs: nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly



Submitted photo
Tommy Perry of Johnson-Prewitt and Associates is serving as volunteer co-chair for this year's campaign.

and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods. The network of United Way agencies helped over 21,000 people in Hendry and Glades Counties last year.

Extensive volunteer involvement allows the United Way to keep fundraising costs extremely low, and community volunteers evaluate agency performance and thoroughly study agency budgets and programs to make sure United Way dollars are spent efficiently and with impact. All money raised through the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties campaign remains in the Hendry and Glades area, aiding members of the community who really need the help.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations

in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

For more information please call United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties at (239) 433-2000 or (863) 675-8383, or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

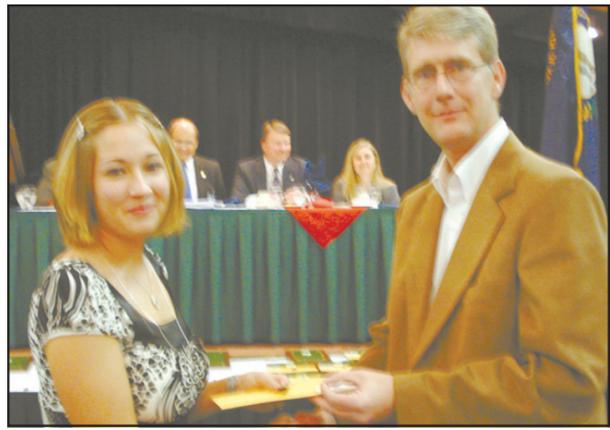
Plamondon excels in competition

By Sonja Crawford
Mavis Plamondon, Hendry County 4-H member, achieves second place winning a \$400 savings bond in the Nation in the Chicken Barbecue Competition during the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, November 19-20.

Mavis started her grill promptly at 8:45 a.m. in the cold, windy, 30 F weather grilling four chicken halves in the time allotment of 2 1/2 hours. Mavis prepared her chicken with a rub of Everglades Seasoning then the last 20 minutes of cooking Mavis sauced her chicken with her very own special sauce made of Gator Hammock Sauce, Kraft Thick and Spicy as well as honey. The honey was from her family's honeybee business. Approximately 10:15 a.m., Mavis placed her best two barbecued chicken halves in an enclosed container displaying contestant number 7 and her sauce recipe to the contest coordinator to be presented to a panel of judges to be scored for cooking skills as well as sensory evaluation. The cooking skills score sheet consisted of equipment and utensils, appearance and cleanliness, starting the fire, controlling the fire, preparing chicken for grilling, and barbecuing skill with a total possible points of 70. The sensory evaluation score sheet, 80 points possible, consisted of degree of doneness, appearance, texture, taste, as well as after taste.

The final step in the contest was an oral presentation. Mavis' oral presentation titled "The Broiler Industry Circle" consisted of the broiler industry, inspection of poultry, food safety, nutrition and barbecue safety. Presentations were presented in front of a panel of two judges with a maximum of ten minutes to present.

Not only did Mavis enjoy competing in this event, she enjoyed meeting new friends from across the nation. The 4-H and Extension Staff is



Submitted photo
Hendry County 4-H'er Mavis Plamondon earned second place in the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference's Chicken Barbecue Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, Nov. 19-20.

very proud of Mavis' accomplishment. Hendry County 4-H would like to thank the Hendry County Fair Association and the Florida 4-H Foundation for sponsoring Mavis to attend the National competition.

For more information about the 4-H Chicken and Turkey Barbecue Program, please contact the UF/IFAS/Hendry County Extension Service at 674-4092 or 983-1598.

NOTICE

**The Glades County School Board
Held A Reorganizational Meeting
On November 18, 2008
And Established The Following
Meeting Schedule**

**A Regular Meeting Will Be Held
On December 11, 2008 at 9:00a.m.
Beginning In January, Regular Meetings
Will Be Held On The
Second Thursday At 6:00p.m. And
The Fourth Thursday At 9:00am.
In The Glades County School Board
Meeting Room**

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Ranchettes resident honored for community service

At the recent Port LaBelle Ranchettes Property Owners Association Meeting Roger Saunders, a Ranchettes resident, was presented with a Community Appreciation Award for his outstanding dedication and service to the Ranchettes and surrounding communities. Mr. Saunders is pictured on the left with his award presented on behalf of the community by Don Munch, president of the Ranchettes Property Owners Association. Mr. Saunders is the Citizen Captain of the Glades County Port LaBelle Citizens on Patrol Program, with over 20 active members, as well as several new members pending. The Glades County Sheriff's Office has been very supportive of the Citizens on Patrol program. Please contact Mr. Saunders at 675-6288 or sandybar@embarqmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this important community program.

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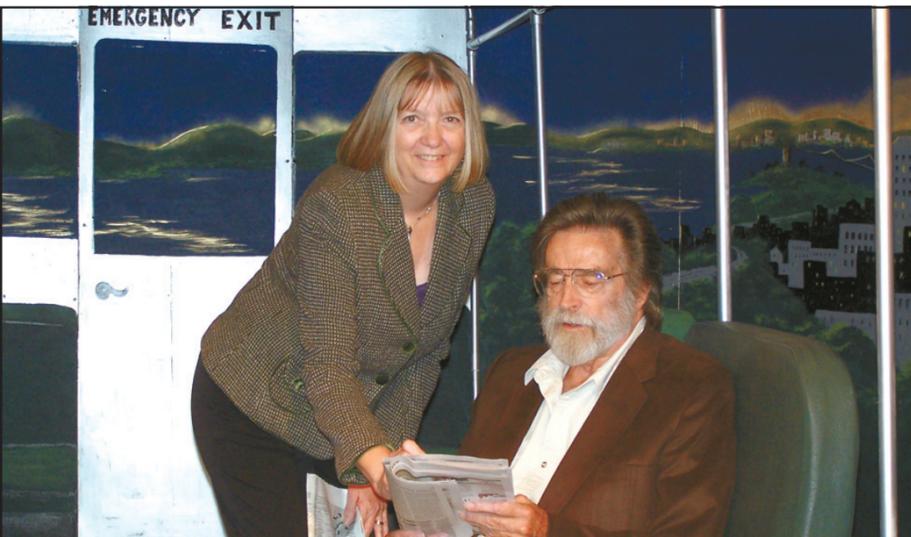
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Watch Jan Groves and Bob Butts on stage at the Firehouse Cultural Center as they show how public transportation and the New York Daily Times crossword puzzle can bring two people together. 2 ACROSS by Jerry Mayer (Samuel French). a light comedy, begins Dec. 11 and continues Dec. 12, 13, 14 and Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21. Show times 7 p.m., Thurs., Fri. and Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. Linda Reece directs this one. The Firehouse Cultural Center, is located at 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. \$12 with reservation; \$14 at door. Call 863-675-3066,

Church Briefs

Blankets for the homeless

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and First Bank are joining forces to collect blankets for the Homeless Coalition. During these cold months, those who are blessed to have shelter and warmth should give to those who do not. You can bring CLEAN used blankets or purchased ones. They can be dropped off at First Bank, 301 W Hwy 80, or Carlson Memorial UMC at 310 Campbell Street. The blanket drive will begin Nov. 29 and end Dec 29.

Teen Challenge program planned

Saturday, Dec. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church in LaBelle the Teen Challenge Stay Sharp Program will host Live Worship Music by Freedom Fellowship Praise & Worship Band. Stay Sharp is a DVD-based drug prevention presentation for middle and high school youth. It's

a hard hitting, high energy prevention message regarding abuse and its consequences. This is a visually dramatic presentation that features students telling their personal journeys toward destruction that includes a precise description of the "Facts, Lies and Costs" of illicit drug use.

Christmas in the 'Hands of God'

Freedom Fellowship would like to invite the community of LaBelle to the "Hands of God" outreach on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the U-Save parking lot. While supplies last, Christmas presents for needy kids between the ages of 4-6 will be handed out during the event. Music, puppets and dance will accompany the event.

Cowboy Church hosts food and fellowship

Come and gather with us on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. food

and fellowship at 7 p.m. gospel music and the word brought this month by Pastor Paul Harris from the church of the New Beginning at Port LaBelle. Come and listen to a man who knows the word of God. You are also welcome to our Christmas dinner that evening. All are welcome. We are located on the corner of Fifth and Main, at the community building, Palmdale.

'For the Lord'

Freedom Fellowship Ministries is beginning a new program called For the Lord, geared toward young people ages 17-30. It's a small group setting for support and continuous lifestyle improvement for young people struggling with things like addiction and personal problems.

Meetings are Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, please call Freedom Fellowship at 612-9899,

Community Briefs

Donate socks and toiletries

Hendry and Glades area Girl Scouts are collecting new socks and toiletries for senior citizens. Donated items can be dropped off at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church at 310 Campbell Street in LaBelle from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Thursday and on Sunday mornings before December 11. Items will be distributed by Senior Connections.

Glades GOP plan meeting

Glades Republicans will hold their next monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at the Moore Haven Library at 7 p.m. Election of new county committee officers for 2009-2010 will be held, including precinct representatives. Please try to attend to help make the best choices. Other agenda items include planning participation at Christmas on the Caloosahatchee and 2009 area festivals. This meeting is open to the public.

Come to breakfast

American Legion Post 130 and its auxiliary host a breakfast special every Sunday from 7:30-11 a.m. at the post home, 699 Hwy. 80W. \$6 per plate. All welcome.

Car Club Christmas

Car Club Plans Christmas Party and your invited! The South Central Florida Car Club (SCFCC) will hold its first ever Christmas party for members and guest on Dec. 13 at the VFW on SR 29S (by the Rodeo Grounds) in LaBelle. The VFW Auxiliary will serve a roast pork dinner with all the trimmings from 6-7 p.m. with music, door prizes drawings and fun for all continuing until ??? A DJ will provide music throughout the evening and there will be a pay-as-you-go cash bar. Please bring along a fun gag gift to be exchanged. Come on out and have some fun with the SCFCC. The ticket price is \$15 per person. For tickets or more information call Tom Corbett 863-234-8343, Ellen Beers 863-674-0128 or Linda Clark 863-612-0868.

Biologist to speak at Audubon

Everglades Agricultural Area Biologist, Elise Pearlstone, will present an informative program on "How do Birds Respond to a Dynamic Agricultural Land-

scape?" at the Hendry-Glades Audubon meeting to be held at the Clewiston Museum at 7 p.m. on Monday Dec. 8. The museum is located at 109 Central Ave in Clewiston south of the Clewiston Inn. The public is invited to attend this presentation sponsored by Hendry-Glades Audubon.

Hendry-Glades Audubon 501c3 (2006) has over 100 members residing in Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Counties. For information about Hendry-Glades Audubon or chapter sponsored birding events including STA5 tours or the Jan. 3, Christmas Bird Count contact: Steve Buczynski, Chapter President 863-902-0856 or Margaret England 863-674-0695 sta5birding@embarqmail.com

Pre-file now for ag classification

The Hon. Kristina A. Kulpa, Hendry County Property Appraiser, announces that her office is now taking pre-files for 2009 for the Agriculture Classification.

Do You Have a Commercial Ag Business? Have you recently made ANY changes to this business/land? If you answered yes then here are a few things you MUST remember.

- Agricultural Classifications are not transferable.
- New owners of agricultural lands must apply in order to receive an agricultural classification
- If the status of the land

changes in any way, it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to notify our office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Agricultural Classification please feel free to contact Karen Robinson, our Agriculture Specialist, at 863-675-5270 or visit our web site at www.hendryprop.org.

File for 2009 tax savings early

Honorable Kristina Kulpa would like all Hendry County property owners to know that the deadline for filing any 2009 Homestead Exemption, limited income Senior Exemption or Agricultural Classification is March 2, 2009. Ms. Kulpa wants everyone to be sure that they apply for these benefits before the deadline so her office is now accepting applications for early filing of your 2009 homestead and portability benefits.

Avoid the rush in January and February when Senior Exemption (limited income) and the Agricultural classification applications will begin to be accepted.

You can go to our website www.hendryprop.org and download your application form. By doing this you will be sure that you have all necessary documents with you when you come to the office to apply. Our offices in Clewiston and LaBelle are open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you need additional information you can call 863-983-



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Beryl Laurent

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COE Students of the Month for November

Submitted photos/Country Oaks

Country Oaks Elementary School is pleased to announce the name of students selected as students of the month for November. Students included are: In the first row, Rubyen Mckay, Kyleigh Stiit, Yahaira Reyes, Naomi Cervantes, Miguel Ramirez, Lizbeth Mendoza, Noarsy Perle, Jaden Bridges. In the second row are: Aliza Rodriguez, Andrew Perez, Jose Trejo, Karem Juarez, Jacqueline Leon, Kamia Jackson, Vanessa Montalvo. Students in the third row are: Agustin Perez, Nain Jaimes, Rebekah Garcia, Mario Rivera, Clayton Griffin, Zachary Reyna, Kevin Mancilla, Veronica Gomez. Not pictured: Raylin Perez.

In the first row, Eduardo Gomez, Leandro Madrid, Luis Acevedo, Markquis Skervin, Juan Zamora, Caleb Stiit, Ivan Espinoza. In the second row are: Jonathan Morales, Mireya Vasquez, Angelica Jimenez, Jesse Huff, Hannah Andrews, Jeffery Harris. Students selected in the third row are: Margarita Madrid, Ana Areola, Erick Pena, Sujivelis Rueda, Mathew Reyna, David Sanchez.

Lunch Menu

Hendry County District Schools lunch menu for the week of: Dec. 4-11

LaBelle area schools

Primary grades

Thursday, Dec. 4: Cheeseburger, with lettuce, tomato, and pickles, French fries, orange juice choice of milk

Friday, Dec. 5: Turkey sandwich, vegetable beef soup, oatmeal raisin cookie, cherry slush, choice of milk

Monday, Dec. 8: Mac and cheese, popcorn chicken, or sausage patty, green beans, diced peaches, choice of milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Hot dog, baked potato tots, cole slaw with dressing, strawberry cake, or cookie, choice of milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Italian dunkers, corn, pineapple, ice cream cup, choice of milk.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Barbeque chicken sandwich, sunchips, baked beans, orange pineapple juice, choice of milk

Secondary grades

Thursday, Dec. 4: Chili with beans, baked cheese sandwich, diced pears, choice of milk.

Friday, Dec. 5: Chili dog, baked potato tots, mixed fruit,

oatmeal raisin cookie, choice of milk.

Monday, Dec. 8: Barbeque chicken sandwich, French fries, oranges, chocolate chip cookie, choice of milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Nachos, tossed salad, corn, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Hoagie sandwich with lettuce and tomato, baked potato chips, vegetable cup, shape up, choice of milk.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, choice of milk.

Educational Briefs

Poinsettias at CCS

CCS has over 200 poinsettia plants available. The price is \$12 per plant. Delivery is Dec. 3 at the school. Call 675-3277 for more info or stop by the school to pick up your holiday plant.

Come to rummage, bake sale

Community Christian School, 1092 E. Cowboy Way, will have a rummage and bake sale Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7 a.m. till noon. Proceeds will benefit the school. Donated items are welcome. If you

are interested in helping please call 675-3277.

5-7 p.m. Adults \$5, children \$3.

LES advisors to meet

LaBelle Elementary School Advisory Committee (SAC) will meet on Monday, Dec. 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the school conference room.

Alva school choice open house

Alva Middle School will have a School Choice Open House Dec. 11, with tours for fifth graders. Meet sixth grade teachers and enjoy spaghetti in the cafeteria from

COES Toy Drive

Country Oaks Elementary will be collecting toys again this year for the Salvation Army. All toys will be distributed in LaBelle. If you would like to drop off any unwrapped toys, you may bring them to our office. We will collect toys until December 18th. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Salvation Army and make a note that it is for LaBelle Christmas toys. For more info, call Annie at 674-4140.

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Barron runs at State meet

On Friday November 14, the LHS Boys Cross Country season came to an end, finishing ninth out of twelve teams at the Regional Championships in Estero. The top six teams and top 15 individuals would advance to the State Championship in Dade City at Little Everglades Ranch on Saturday, November 22.

In the regional race, the Cowboys were led by the 7th place finish of Gabriel Barron (17; 10). By doing so, Barron became the first boys runner to qualify for State Championship since 2000. The rest of his teammates ran well but with the Cowboys now in a new, tougher District/Region (since 2005) their best was not good enough.

Junior Chris Timms finished second for LaBelle with a time of 18:47 (38th over-all). The next in were Sophomore Caleb Baker 19:13 (49), Sophomore David Miller 19:30 (57) and Junior Cesar Mateo 19:39 (61). Their total team score of 200 points was well off the score of the sixth place (Naples) that qualified for State with 146 points.

Freshman Carlos Santillan 20:52 (73) and Senior Timmy Fromm 21:11 (80) were the sixth and seventh runners in for the Cowboys. The team has a lot of their top runners back next year



The LaBelle High School Cross Country team.

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and hope to take the next big step forward and qualify for State.

Sophomore Gabriel Barron was the lone representative from LaBelle High School (and Hsndry County) to compete in this year's State Cross Country Championship.

On a chilly Saturday morning in Dade City Gabriel, only a sophomore, would save his best race for last. The undersized runner from LaBelle (5'6") not only had to compete against many older and experienced runners but the weather as well. At the time of the race the temperature, when figuring in the wind chill factor was somewhere in the upper 30s. Despite these odds. Gabriel was determined to do his best. Maybe

it was the adrenalin, maybe was it was the fear maybe it was a combination of everything that moved him to run so well.

His first two miles went unbelievably fast, at just over five minutes each. At the time, he was in approximately twenty-fifth place and anything in the top fifty would have been a great accomplishment. But Gabriel continued his furious pace and actually moved up six over the last 1.1 miles to finish nineteenth over-all. His time of 16:14 was a School record and was the finishing Sophomore out of the one hundred-eighty runners in the Class 2A race. Hopefully, we will be hearing a lot more about Gabriel Barron in the future.

Sport Shorts

Archery:

The Lee County Archers are registering new participants. The following events take place at the Nalle Grade County Park Range in North Ft. Myers:

THURSDAY: December 18, 7 p.m. Monthly Membership Meeting and 20 Yard Target League.

SUNDAY: December 21, 3D Archery Shoot at the Nalle Grade County Park in North Fort Myers. The shoot is hosted by the Lee County Archers. A roving field range consisting of 20 3D target stations, and a 14 station N.F.A.A. field course. Sign up 8:30 a.m.;

shotgun start at 9 a.m. A \$10 shooting fee applies. Info: Ben Brown (239) 369-6212.

SUNDAY: January 4, 9 a.m., 900 Round event.

Kayak clinic offered Wednesday, December 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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Varsity cagers lose; FWC opens wildlife areas

The LaBelle Cowboys dropped their first two games at home on Monday and Wednesday. Monday, Centennial High School Eagles came from behind to beat the Cowboys 49-53.

The Cowboys led the whole game with 56 seconds the Eagles hit a 3 pointer to go ahead for good.

The Cowboys fought hard and played a great first quarter scoring twenty seven points but were plagued with foul trouble the rest of the game. Dorian Deas led all Cowboy cagers with thirteen points. Robert Ford turned in a double -double with ten points and eleven rebounds. Sophomore Marcus Simmons added eleven points.

Wednesday night Immoaklee High came to town and the Cowboys reversed their great play by playing a great second half. The Cowboys were hampered by poor free throw shooting missing eighteen from the line.

The final score was I.H.S. 63 and LaBelle 59. Dorean Deas

led all scorers with twenty points juniors Adrian Pena and Dale Thompson combined for twenty seven of the Cowboys points, most which were scored in the second half. Dadrion Williams handed out six assists and had six steals while scoring six points.

Cowboys J.V wins

The J.V. Cowboys basketball team opened up the season with a 46-40 victory over the Immokalee Indians. Braxton Ford led all players in scoring with 15 points and 2 assists. Noel Gutierrez added nine points and 5 rebounds in the winning effort. Jessie Thomas dropped in 8 points and 7 rebounds for the junior Cowboys.

FWC opens wildlife areas

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has reopened Everglades and Francis S. Taylor wildlife management areas to public access. Beginning Thursday, Nov. 27, legal hunting, fishing, frogging and recreational use are once again permitted.

The areas were closed by executive order in August, after high water levels jeopardized wildlife, particularly deer. The water levels have since receded. Taking game remains prohibited, except for ducks, coots, and snipe.

The general gun-walk season in Conservation Area 3A North, scheduled to open Nov. 29 and close Dec. 28, is cancelled.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Standing behind our kids

The LaBelle Kiwanis Club presented a check for \$500 to the Junior Pro Basketball League on Dec. 1. The donation will help the league with sponsorships and also with its annual scholarship. Pictured from left: Maria Sandoval of the LaBelle Kiwanis Club Youth Service Committee member, Junior Pro Program Director Darrell Harris and Kiwanian/Junior Pro Coach Matt Soud.

Be a savvy shopper this holiday season

TALLAHASSEE -- With the holiday shopping season kicking off last weekend, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson is encouraging consumers to shop wisely, know their rights and keep track of purchases. Whether shopping by telephone, catalog, in retail stores or online, it pays to be a savvy consumer.

"Being smart about shopping and exercising a little care can be the difference between having a happy holiday season and a disastrous one," Bronson said.

Among tips to help you shop wisely:

-- Get the best deal. Comparison shop and research merchants' pricing policies, as some will match, or even beat, a competitor's price. Where applicable, check shipping and handling fees and don't forget to factor those into the cost of the item.

-- Can you get your money back? Check out a merchant's refund and return policies before you buy.

-- Check delivery dates. When shopping by phone, in a catalog or online, find out how long it takes for the item to be delivered, and be sure to order merchandise early enough to make sure that it arrives on time.

-- Protect your privacy and know whom you're dealing with. Provide personal information, such as a credit card number, home address or telephone number, only when necessary and make sure that you know the merchant with whom you are dealing. If you've never heard of the seller, check them out with your local Better Business Bureau or with Bronson's Division of Consumer Services at 1-800-HELPFLA (1-800-435-7352) before you decide to make a purchase.

-- Track your purchases. When shopping online, keep printouts of the web pages with details about the transaction, including any warranties, or return and refund policies. When shopping by phone or from a catalog, keep records of your order, including the company's name, address, phone number, date of your order and item number or description of the merchandise you ordered.

-- Keep receipts. You may need them to return an item or reconcile a credit card statement. When purchasing a gift, ask for a separate gift receipt.

For additional consumer information or to file a complaint against a business, Floridians can visit the department's Division of Consumer Services website at <http://www.800helpfla.com> or call 1-800-HELPFLA (1-800-435-7352).

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Family Camp experience.

Troop members and families gathered at Riverside Retreat for the Enchanted Forest Family Camp on Friday evening, November 21. After setting up tents, everyone helped to make our own troop version of royal stone soup while reading Stone Soup by Marcia Brown. Then it was time for a campfire with s'mores and songs, of course. Pictured from left: Emily Higginbotham (Junior Girl Scout), Natalie Martinez and Lilly Dunivent.



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Knot a problem

The chilly weather on Saturday morning did not prevent the girls from enjoying a visit to Knot-a-lot for bookmark making and knot tying followed by an ABC nature hike through the enchanted forest to the Caloosahatchee River. Girls concluded the event with the friendship circle mid-morning on Saturday. This camp was part of a progression series as the girls prepare to attend a Hendry Glades Neighborhood Camp experience in January 2009. Pictured from left: Emily Higginbotham, Elly Long and Amanda Higginbotham.



Submitted photo/Marc Ellis

Dobby, a tiny gibbon just three months old is doing very well. He is sitting up and starting to sing like his elders. Dobby is being well cared for at The Talkin' Monkey Project in Pioneer Plantation, a primate rescue facility. If you would like to help the monkeys by volunteering or with a donation, please check out the Web site at <http://www.talkinmonkeysproject.org/>

Get your own primate original

At just over three months of age Dobby, the infant gibbon born at The Talkin' Monkeys Project in Pioneer Plantation, is right on target developmentally. The Talkin' Monkeys Project, the life work of Debbie Misotti, is a sanctuary for abused and unwanted monkeys.

Debbie said Dobby is sitting up and has even started to sing like his elders.

Also at The Talkin' Monkeys, romance may be blooming for gibbons Tang and Chi. They have been interacting with and observing each other and have finally been placed together in a unit. According to Debbie, they hugged and smiled, wrestled gently, chased each other and then lay down and groomed each other.

Construction continues at the project with another tower for gibbons Monkey Boy and Stitches.

The facility is also home to capuchins and spider monkeys.

The Talkin' Monkeys Project is a 501 3c non-profit and actively seeks donations for their special work.

Look for Debbie at the Swamp Cabbage Festival this coming February selling T-shirts, hats, bags

and their newest item, monkey art! They have begun helping the monkeys and apes to create their own paintings.

Paintings will also have a photo of the primate artist and a short

story about them on the back of each one.

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Wildlife needs good landowners

Most Floridians are aware of the state's purchase of the Babcock Ranch Preserve. A golden web of interconnected public and private lands, consisting of somewhere in the neighborhood of 200,000 acres, stretches through the center of the state from Sarasota County east to Lake Okeechobee. Here, wildlife has a real opportunity to flourish, even in the face of significant human intervention.

On the western end of this belt, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and its partner agencies, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Sarasota County, have forged numerous conservation partnerships with private landowners. The partnerships have created a web of wildlife habitat stretching well to the west of the Babcock Ranch Preserve - into the heart of the Myakka River Basin.

This belt is the cornerstone for conservation of wildlife species that live north and west of Florida's River of Grass. Importantly, areas of this size are essential to the survival of wildlife populations, because wildlife requires large amounts of contiguous, quality habitat if native species are to remain viable and healthy. Areas like this one also provide resting spots and sustenance to large numbers of migratory birds funneling through peninsular Florida as they travel down the Atlantic flyway. Passerines in particular must maintain high numbers, because the long, arduous migration takes a significant toll on their populations. Only large habitats can support the number of birds needed for species survival.

At the forefront of the FWC's private-partnership efforts is the agency's Landowner Assistance Program (LAP). LAP biologists throughout the state enroll, fund and work with private landowners and other agencies and conservation groups to ensure wildlife gets the things it needs - land that is managed properly for the benefit of wildlife and people.

One such private cooperator is Buster Longino, whose ranch is in eastern Sarasota County. Of his 8,000 acres, fully half are enrolled in conservation programs.

At the direction of Longino, ranch manager Cliff Coddington employs best management prac-

tices for wildlife that complement the 4,000-acre cattle operation. Programs include wetlands mitigation and restoration programs and a quail restoration program that uses prescribed fire to encourage restoration of native plant species.

The ranch is also an approved recipient site for relocated gopher tortoises. The forestry management program, is based on the natural regeneration of native pine trees. In addition, the ranch

manager employs best practices for rangeland management, and drip irrigation is used to conserve water in the modest orange grove.

Because of careful planning, with conservation in mind, the ranch remains a viable economic entity as well as a safe haven for wildlife populations of both game and nongame species. Turkeys, quail, deer, gopher tortoises and pine lilies, a rare plant species, abound.

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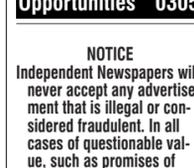
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