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At a Glance

LHS to host first Library Club

The first meeting of the Friends of the LaBelle High School Library, will be held at the LaBelle High School Library on Saturday, Jan. 31. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be available for a nominal donation. If you like books and reading, plan to meet with other members of our community including students, teachers, and parents. Our goal is to improve the resources of the LHS Library and develop a book exchange program among our members. Bring those books you no longer want and exchange them with other interested readers. You may also add to your personal library searching books that are being removed from the LHS Library. We also plan to identify books that will be sold through eBay and other auction houses. As part of our activities we will learn to develop listings on eBay and to post them. Contact Mel Greenleaf at LaBelle High School at 863-674-4120 with any questions. We hope to see you at our first meeting. The Friends of the LaBelle High School is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to improve student reading and community involvement at LaBelle High School.

Commodities to be distributed

The Hendry County Food Bank will be distributing USDA Commodities at the Dallas Townsend Center on Thursday, January 29, 2009 from noon till approximately 3 p.m. Individuals are eligible if they receive Food Stamps, TANF, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid or Residence in Public Housing funded by Municipal, County, State or Federal Government. Individuals can also be eligible based on our income guideline chart.

Old Timers' Dinner

Make plans to attend and mark your calendars for the kickoff event of SCF, the Old-Timers' Dinner, Thursday, Feb. 19, at LaBelle Civic Center. It's in HONOR of our Old-Timers, not just for Old-Timers. Catering is by Buddy Taylor/Gator Hammock, and tickets sold in advance at \$15 each with tables for 10 at \$150 available. Doors open at 4:30 and dine at 6 p.m. Call the chamber at 675-0125; 675-0374 or 675-1338 for tickets.

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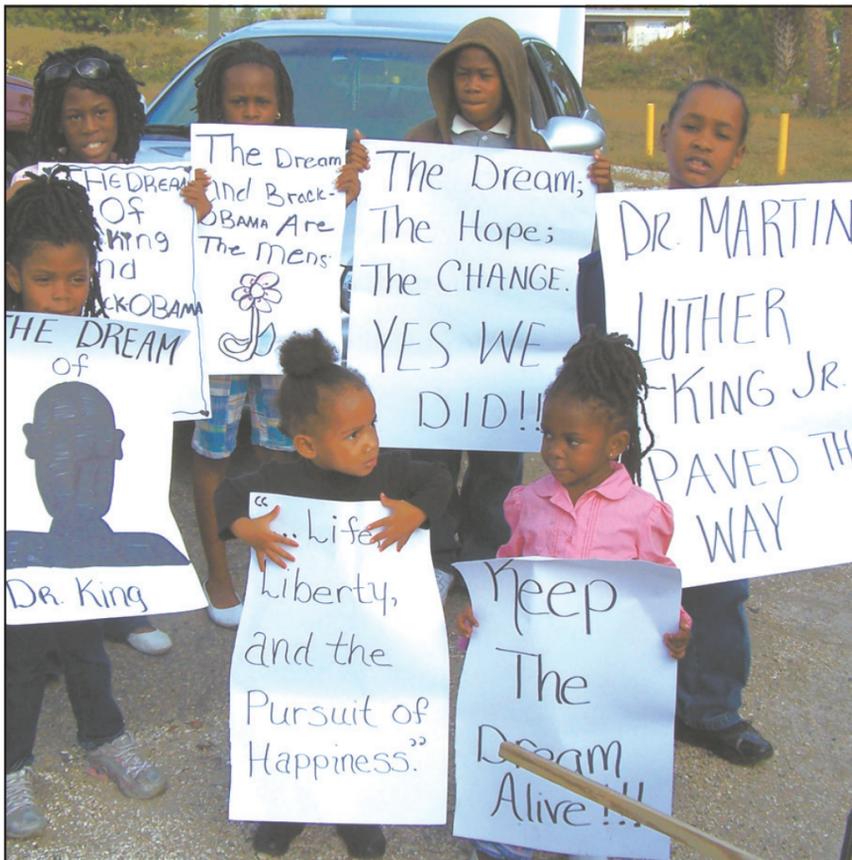
LAFF REVUE by Lansing Corbett (Baker's Plays). Directors Martha Pierce and Jack Neitzke. Laff Revue is a scripted version of past talent and variety shows with the main characters being the emcee and comedian -- all wrapped around a rather corny comedy that takes place in the 1940s. Performances: Jan. 22, 23, 24, 25 and Jan. 29, 30, 31 and Feb. 1. Show times 7 p.m. Thurs., Fri and Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. Call 863-675-3066 for reservations. Tickets are \$12 with reservations; \$14 at door.

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Coming together: Martin Luther King March



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Signs of the times

These little ones are learning early the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in our nation's history, present and future. They all walked in the MLK parade from MLK and Cowboy Way to Kid Jones Park. They are, Keke Broughton, Ciara Williams, Chanel Broughton, Kobie Adams, Aaliyah Smith, Keshauante Smith and Oscar Ross. On a day set aside to honor one of America's past great African American leaders and the eve of inaugurating the first African American President, local residents felt special meaning in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.



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Togetherhness

Jenna McClain with her friend, Jerretha Gunsby, brother Reece McClain and parents Maurice McClain and Jennifer McClain. The walkers made their way to Kid Jones Park, where they prayed together, sang together and - of course - ate great food.

Murphy at early juncture

Analyses, much work ahead

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

LABELLE -- In many ways, Rick Murphy, Hendry County's new superintendent, is still getting his feet wet.

Despite having taken the initiative to scrutinize the full duties of his new position just days after being elected, there is much to be learned from this: his first year as the school district's top administrator.

There are many problems, not the least of which includes a shrinking budget and falling enrollment figures. Every day

offers something new in the way of challenges and solutions, Mr. Murphy said.

"I really need to evaluate where we're at," said Mr. Murphy. "We need to see what programs we can improve or continue. There's always a need for change and improvement."

Following years of steady growth, the mantra at the school board level seemed to revolve around "growth, growth, and more growth," Mr. Murphy explained.

Now, in the wake of an economic depression, and uncer-

tain news affecting agriculture at home, the school district must poise itself and plan for stagnation, or, in more likely terms, a reduction in operating dollars.

To prepare, Mr. Murphy has been recruiting the help of his own mentors.

"I've talked to school board members, business people, faith-based groups," said the new administrator. They've all helped to provide a clear understanding of the obstacles ahead.

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School board cuts employees

On January 13, 2009, at its regularly scheduled Board meeting, the School Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to implement a Reduction-In-Force of 58 to a maximum of 80 employee positions. These personnel cuts will be effective February 13, 2009. The employees involved were notified Tuesday, January 20, and transition assistance is being offered. It is the intent of the Board to offer all of the employees affected an 18-month Recall as existing positions are vacated or new positions become available.

Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy's recommendation to the board asked for the reduction in these job categories:

- A minimum of 50 positions, not to exceed a maximum of 71 positions from paraprofessional, instructional assistant and self care assistant categories;
- one clerical position; two occupational specialists;

- one resource counselor;
- one supervisor of finance;
- a minimum of three nurses, not to exceed a maximum of four nurses.

According to new Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy, the reason for the reduction is that there is significantly less revenue flowing from both the State and County to operate our schools.

The State's expected two percent holdback came through this month, making a \$1 million dent in the local school budget.

Mr. Murphy said discussions on how to deal with the coming shortfalls have been ongoing for some time, beginning with former Superintendent Tom Conner.

Making the pill harder to take, school enrollment for this year is down. Enrollment figures are one basis for the level of state funding to schools.

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Homeless count January 25-31

The annual Hendry-Glades Homeless Coalition's Point in Time survey count of homeless will be January 25-31. You can help make the coalition's task easier. If you know of a location where homeless people may be living, please e-mail the coalition at that address. Detailed information is not necessary, just a general location.

People can also volunteer to participate in the coalition's area canvassing on Jan. 31. There are also several volunteer opportunities throughout the year not just at this time.

Of course, monetary donations are always accepted as well as food, blankets, toiletry items etc. The items are distributed to those that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Anyone who would like to have more information or participate in the county can e-mail the Hendry/Glades Homeless Coalition at hendrygladeshomelesscoalition@yahoo.com

Last year 475 persons in Hendry-Glades were identified in the annual Point in Time survey as homeless.

According to the National Coalition for Homeless, there are several factors that help define homelessness.

Some are classified as homeless because they lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence or have a primary nighttime residence that is supervised publicly or privately operated shelter for temporary

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant Marching together Debra Gayle, Retha Gunsby, Sabrina Collins, Patricia Cross, and Sadie Johnson all got into the spirit of the day as they marched in Ford/Sunset Park's annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Monday. With Barack Obama's inauguration coming up Tuesday, the annual event had special significance this year. A contingent from F/S Park were in Washington, D.C., representing their friends, neighbors and families at the historic inauguration of the first African-American President.

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Administrator contract approved

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
 Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- Following an extended discussion regarding it, Hendry County commissioners voted to approve a \$125,000 contract with Judi Kennington-Korf.

The county administrator was briefly put on the hot seat as the commissioners and at least one resident wondered aloud whether the amount was justified.

At least one commissioner, Darrell Harris, thought the sum was too high for Hendry County -- which finds itself in the position of finding ways to trim the budget under challenging economic constraints.

"We're in the hole and it scares me to death," warned Commissioner Harris. "What's gonna happen next year" if the trend continues, he said.

Commissioner Kevin McCarthy disagreed, suggesting that getting the right person means offering the right amount.

"If you can't afford it, you can't have a county administrator," Commissioner McCarthy said.

A comparison of salaries in similarly sized counties averaged \$129,000.

Commissioners voted to approve the contract, amending

the retroactive compensation to when she was officially made county administrator.

In preparation for the upcoming legislative delegation meeting, Hendry County officials reviewed their list of top priorities.

Among other items, the county is hoping to secure appropriations for improvements to the main courthouse complex, stormwater improvements, and grants for the widening of S.R. 29 and S.R. 82.

Commissioners agreed to place the inland port project and site high on the list, along with the widening of S.R. 80, east of LaBelle to U.S. 27.

The items will be presented to visiting legislators during the Jan. 27 meeting in LaBelle.

Commissioners also debated whether to formalize a fact-finding group of citizens whose goal is to help the county realize a savings in its various insurance policies.

The group was established by volunteers late last year. The citizens in the volunteer group said the county stood to realize savings in the hundreds of thousands of dollars if they compared what's available in the insurance market.

On Tuesday, the members

of the informal board said they preferred to operate without the burden of having to adhere to the Sunshine Law -- which requires their meetings to be advertised, and restricts members from discussing their work outside of a public setting.

The question was whether the board would ultimately make a recommendation regarding which insurance policies, and insurance companies, are the best fit for the county.

The group could not hold meetings informally and then, leading up to a recommendation, hold one or two meetings as an advisory board.

"I don't want a scenario where they are making a recommendation at the end of a private process," Mark Lapp, the county attorney, said.

Any desire to provide a recommendation to the board underscored the importance of establishing a formal advisory board, the attorney said.

The members of that board explained that no formal bids had been requested of the insurance companies, and that commissioners are entitled to make their own decisions on the matter -- without the influence of the fact-finding

group.

"I think it's wrong where we can't pick up the phone," and talk to one another, said Wayne Switzer, a member of the board. Mr. Switzer said he had done everything in his power to ensure, "I don't break the law."

Nevertheless, commissioners decided that they would like the board to make a formal recommendation at the completion of their data-gathering work.

For the sake of continuing and completing their work, the group agreed.

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Cut

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The District's 2008-2009 budget is based upon local and State revenue that has steadily decreased over the last six months, and a budget for the remaining year and next year that may continue to experience significant State cutbacks. The District's reserves are at an all time low, and there is very little money to cover any unforeseen problems through the second half of the year. Over eighty percent of the District's budget obligates salaries and benefits for close to one thousand employees. The other 20 percent of the budget is non-salary expenses or operational costs. The District has already made cuts in the areas of equipment, supplies, travel,

utilities and general operating costs. These cuts to operational expenses will save the District \$643,000 this year and \$959,000 in next year's budget.

These cuts are substantial, but they do not provide adequate funding for the remainder of this year or for next year's budget. So, Mr. Murphy warns that additional cuts will be necessary. The school board is already looking a probable additional loss of \$2.5 million from next year's budget. However, there is still hope that in March the Legislature will hold the line on more cuts.

This is the third Reduction-In-Force over the last 20 years, and it's the deepest and most painful on record. Reverend Dwayne Brown, a Board Member from Clewiston offered a prayer prior to the Board's vote, and Chairman Pat Langford offered to hear comments from the large group

in the audience.

After the Superintendent's recommendation, there was stark silence before the Board voted. Emotions were obvious to any observer as the Board Members struggled with their decision. These decisions were very difficult for the Superintendent, our School Board and the District Leadership Team. The process was very complicated and emotional for everyone. The team truly considered the students, employees and overall impact to our community.

The School District would ask that residents contact their legislators to remind them of their previous commitment to hold education harmless during budget cuts. Following the vote the meeting was adjourned a little after 10:15 p.m., and the room quickly emptied with very little conversation.

Murphy

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Referring to news of U.S. Sugar selling its land to the state of Florida, and wondering how exactly that will affect the residents of Hendry County, Mr. Murphy draws parallels to the enrollment decline and major announcements by the company in the past 10 years.

"You can see when U.S. Sugar started to make cuts, you can see the numbers go down," said Mr. Murphy.

"When people don't have jobs, they don't have kids in school," explained the superintendent.

The district lost 33 teachers last year, and positions have sometimes been left vacant by the stresses of a hurting budget. The challenge is in continuing a high level of academics, while confronting those shortfalls head-on.

Despite the drop, Mr. Murphy remains in charge of 7,000 students -- a fact he is quite cognizant of.

"There's 14,000 parents behind these 7,000 students, and another 28,000 grandparents behind them," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy applauds the work of his predecessors, especially with regard to improving the overall district grade to a "B" last year. From here on out, he said, the district will be focused on maintaining, and then improving those gains.

As a former student of the Hendry County school system, Mr. Murphy remembers more vocational programs being offered then compared to now. He said he would like to implement the programs again, notwithstanding whether or not those types of

jobs will be here.

A regular day for the superintendent begins at 5:30 a.m., and normally doesn't end until "very late." If he's not at the main office in LaBelle, Mr. Murphy is usually on the road, visiting schools in Clewiston and LaBelle. The schedule has been a hectic one, he said, but it is necessary if he is to enact the change that spurred him to run for office.

He gives credit to his senior staff, and said he looks forward to his continued relationship with the members of the school board. Previously a board mem-

ber, now the superintendent, Mr. Murphy said his familiarity with the board is an added benefit.

"I feel I have a good working relationship with the board," he said.

The superintendent also maintains an open-door policy with all of his employees.

"I'm very candid with them and I tell them to be candid with me," he said.

As long as he has that, all the other pieces of the financial puzzle should fall into place.

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Homeless

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living; live in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation. The national coalition also includes those sharing housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason as homeless.

In 2003, children under the age of 18 accounted for 39 percent of the homeless population; 42 percent of these were under the age of five (National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 2004). This same study found that unaccompanied minors comprised 5 percent of the urban homeless population. However, in other cities and especially in rural areas, the numbers of children experiencing homelessness are much higher.

According to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, in 2004, 25 percent of homeless were ages 25-34; the same study found percentages of homeless persons aged 55-64 at 6 percent.

Most studies show that single homeless adults are more likely to be male than female.

The number of homeless families with children has increased significantly over the past decade. These proportions are likely to be higher in rural areas.

Research also indicates that 40 percent of homeless men have served in the armed forces.

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Arrests

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Marshall Edwin Seitz, 36, was arrested Jan. 18 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside, larceny \$300-\$5,000 and loitering a prowling. Sgt. Horne was the arresting officer.

Francisco Martinez, 30, was arrested Jan. 17 and charged as a fugitive from justice from Collier County FTA: open container. Deputy Larry Preece was the arresting officer.

Maria Antonia Rivera, 27, was arrested Jan. 17 and charged with non-moving traffic violation - driving with an expired license four months or over, grand theft vehicle third degree and resisting an officer without violence. Deputy Terri Hessler was the arresting officer.

Wesley M. Gutierrez, 28, was arrested Jan. 16 and charged as an out-of-state fugitive from justice and resisting an officer high speed pursuit and flee/elude. He was arrested after a chase from Lee County. Deputy J. Poole was the arresting officer.

Jesse Lee Monroe, 32, was arrested Jan. 15, and charged with dealing in stolen property. Sgt. Olvera was the arresting officer.

Nathan Dewayne Francis, 21, was arrested Jan. 14 and charged with nonmoving traffic violation

- operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver license, battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver etc. Schedule II, possession of cocaine and possession/use of narcotic equipment. Sgt. Olvera was the arresting officer.

Pedro Murillo Martinez, 16, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with possession of drugs with intent to sell, etc, new legend drug without a prescription, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver schedule I, and possession of marijuana over 20 grams or controlled substance without a prescription. Deputy N. Kirk was the arresting officer.

Steven Ray Orenge, 39, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Preece was the arresting officer.

Joseph O'Neal Wilson Jr., 38, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy J. Poole was the arresting officer.

Edwin Nathan Smith, 26, was arrested Jan. 12 and charged with sexual offense against a child - fondle victim under 12 years of age, offender is over 18. Deputy L. Morales was the arresting officer.

Clewiston
Virgilio Arriesgad Lanchinebre, 53, was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Sgt. D. Davis was the arresting officer.

Rafael Angel Gonzalez, 63, was arrested Jan. 15 and charged with sexual assault by a person over 18 years of age, victim under 12. Allen Davies was the arresting officer.

Rodney Jawan King, 29, was arrested Jan. 14 and charged with property damage - criminal mischief \$200-\$1,000, burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny \$300-\$5,000. Inv. Tiffany Arnold was the arresting officer.

William Patrick Larry, 38, was arrested Jan. 14 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation-driving with a license suspended third or subsequent. Deputy J. Soto was the arresting officer.

Raymond Lee Allen, 38, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Deputy Terri Hessler was the arresting officer.

Marco Antonio Rosales, 22, was arrested Jan. 12 and charged with FTA: arterial offense. Bonnie Weaver was the arresting officer.

LaBelle architect shifts practice

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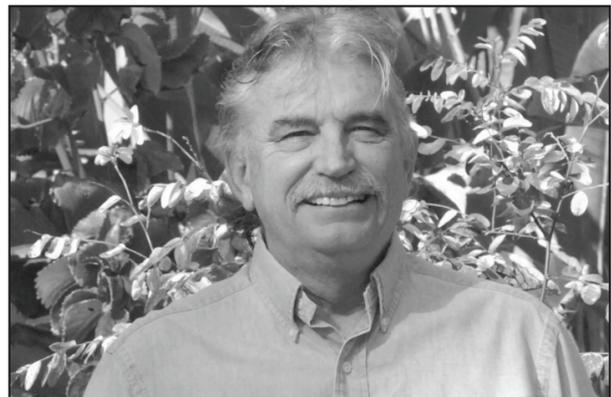
Ted Hoffman, an award-winning architect who has lived in LaBelle for 14 years, is expanding his practice this year to include the design of unique, custom homes and offices.

Throughout his career, Hoffman has specialized in large projects for not-for-profit and public-sector organizations but said he always enjoyed the occasional custom home or office that has come his way. In the New Year, he's shifting his focus to take on more such projects.

"Working one-on-one with the right client is a very rewarding process," Hoffman said. "I want to make a work of art that people can live and work in that is a true expression of their personalities. It's a collaborative, intense process. But when it works, it can make an amazing place."



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RCMA's Krome Child Development Center on Cowboy Way, designed by LaBelle architect Ted Hoffman.



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The United Way Volunteer Center is currently recruiting

volunteers to serve as greeters, screeners or tax preparers. Free training will be provided. Volunteers will complete a certification online and software training will be provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

VITA will be offered in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties through a partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades, Consumer Credit Counseling Services and the Internal Revenue Service. There will be several sites in Lee County, including Cape Coral, Lehigh, Fort Myers and East Fort Myers. Two additional sites will be available in Hendry County. If

you have an interest in volunteering for the VITA program, please call Kim Berghs at the United Way Volunteer Center by dialing 211 or 239-433-3900 Ext. 260.

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NCCER Construction Craft Skills Level I

The Education Center of Southwest Florida is receiving applications to enroll in the first

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Speak Out

Have a comment, opinion or question about a public issue? Post it anytime at the LaBelle public forum at newszap.com. It is a hometown site, so visit the page as often as you would like and share your comments (but no personal attacks or profanities, please). You can also make a comment by sending an e-mail to cnews@newszap.com. Comments will be published in the newspaper as space permits.

Printing the news

JOURNALISTIC COURAGE: I fell in love with our LaBelle the first time I drove through town. It is my paradise. I love The Caloosa Belle, it keeps me up the local news.

I was so sad and angry to know there was a demon living here. How can any human be so evil to a helpless dog. I disagree with the reader, who said this should not be printed. We need to know. I hope the sheriff gives this evil one the most the law allows.

Roses to you for your courage to print this.

School Layoffs

SIGN OF THE TIMES: By now you have heard about the layoffs at the schools in LaBelle and Clewiston. Due to the state cutting the budget by about 2 million, many people will be losing their jobs. If the previous superintendent and the school board members had been watching the budget better, not making up jobs for their friends or just spending money on things that were not necessary, just maybe this people would not have had to lose their jobs. With tax being lost from the sale of Sugar and people not being able to pay property taxes, we can look for more jobs to be cut. The school board members are paid every well for working just 2 nights a month. They also have other income and do quite well. Maybe they should think about just donating their time and put that money back into the school system. Their pay for 24 nights a year is more than the salaries of those that are being laid-off. Years ago school board members were not paid, they were concerned citizens of the community that really cared about the education of the children of the community. Maybe we need to get back to that time in history when things worked better.

Sheriff's department new beginning

HAPPY WITH CHOICES: Sheriff Whidden was my first choice for sheriff and he will do a great job. It might be noted that not only has he added Kevin Nelson to his staff but also his former opponent, Fred Dyess, another great choice and shows much strength in the new sheriff. Also great appointments in his chief, major and two lieutenants. Still out on the other high up appointment.....

LEFT IN A MESS: What the citizens of Hendry County need to know is that the former sheriff left the employees and citizens of Hendry County in a lurch. There was no transition with the new administration and therefore they have spend the last week plus trying to gain access to the systems of the SO and into the offices that had been locked and then removed all semblance of what the keys belonged to and threw them in a bowl. Nothing was in any order and most things were missing or thrown away to hinder the new administration. All that does is hurt the staff.

It's time to move forward with a new Sheriff. Let's give him time to get the mess straightened out and the agency in good running order.

Thank You

Added safety

We want to thank the City of LaBelle for providing the "traffic calming zone" and speed bumps

in front of our nursing home making it a safer place for our residents, associates, and visitors! The staff and residents of Oakbrook of LaBelle

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service

LaBelle and surrounding area

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 67. Patchy frost can be expected before 9 a.m. Winds will be from the north between 3 and 5 mph.
Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low around 37. Winds will be from the north between 3 and 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Sunny with a high near 73. Winds will be from the northeast at 5 mph becoming south.
Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 45 and light winds from the northwest.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 76. Winds will be from the northeast at 6 mph becoming southwest.
Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 49.
Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 76.
Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 51.
Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 77.

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Letters to the Editor

Reconquest of America?

Is the present predicament America finds itself in by design of the British monarchy, or a world monarchy? Is there a conspiracy afoot to return America to English control by destroying the wealth America created? Yes, England is suffering too, many foreign countries & People suffer; the common man & business part of England I am sure suffers. Yet does the English monarchy suffer? Do world power brokers suffer this economic misery? I am not aware of it.

Why was a US Naval vessel commissioned the USS Winston Churchill?

Since when are foreign men, former heads of state at that, honored when naming a US Naval vessel? Since when do British Naval officers hold positions on US flagged Naval vessels? Does the British flag fly on that ship too? Does the British Naval officer on board hold any power or command authority over that US Naval vessel?

Why did US Senator Charles Shumer ask for a vote of "No Confidence" in the US Senate? The US gov't is not a gov't with a parliament like England. Why would he do such? What would a vote of "No Confidence" mean in the US Senate? Who really is Charles Shumer?

Why did the US support & supply England with instruments of war during their war with Argentina a few decades back? The US held a treaty with Argentina, & the Monroe Doctrine is supposed to be in effect. Yet the US gov't defended the colonial efforts of England against Argentina? Did the US gov't violate the treaty with Argentina as it violated its own Monroe Doctrine?

"If this mischievous financial policy (the United States Govern-

ment issuing interest free and debt free money) which had its origins in the North American Republic during the war (1861-65) should become indurated down to a fixture, then that Government will furnish its money without cost. It will pay off its debts and be without a debt. It will become prosperous beyond precedent in the history of civilized governments of the world. The brains and the wealth of all countries will go to North America. That government must be destroyed or it will destroy every Monarchy on the globe!" London Times, 1865.

Who really controls the U.S. gov't? What really is the status of America, the US gov't, & the planned future? Is treason afoot?

Forget rogue conspiracy theories. There is enough factual evidence around to provide probable cause!

M. Ross ARR
Clewiston

Presidential

As I write this article, we are deeply involved in preparation for inaugurating a new president. So, in doing some research on all things presidential, I was surprised to learn that I really had a lot to learn about the presidency. In this, the year of everything "PRESIDENTIAL", I was pleasantly surprised to get by all the rhetoric and come into possession of a "real" examination and explanation of the "PRESIDENTENCY." If I were to ask you who was our first President, I'll bet, like me, you would say George Washington. That of course, assumes that most people even know or care, since I have been told that an astonishing number of our younger generations don't know. Well to answer the question. It was not George Washington because, although the United

states declared it's independence in 1776, Washington did not take office until April 30, 1789. During the ensuing 13 years, 5 of which had no President until the Articles of Confederation were approved in 1781. The next 8 years saw a progression of 8 different Presidents who according to the Articles could only serve a one year term during any three year period. So, the first President was a man named John Hanson, who was chosen unanimously by the Congress in March of 1781. He was followed by Elias Boudinot (17782-83), Thomas Miffin (1783-84), Richard Henry Lee (1784-85), John Hancock (1786-86), Nathan Gorman (1786-87), Arthur St. Clair (1787-88), and Cyrus Griffin (1788-89), followed by Washington on April 30, 1789. There is not much attributed to any of the first 8 except Hanson, who had a momentous task, since there was no precedent and not much of a job description. His taking office coincided with the return of all the troops looking to get paid with no funds available. They threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington in as Monarch. History has it that Hanson somehow calmed the troops, held the fragile new government together and forced removal of all foreign flags and troops, thereby declaring solidarity and keeping The United States united. He established the Great Seal of the United States which all presidents are bound by law to use on all official documents. He established the first treasury department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. He also declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be observed as Thanksgiving Day. One of the few national holidays that has not been date changed. Now, when we hear how complicated and difficult

the Presidency is supposed to be, you have to wonder how Hanson accomplished what he did in one short year. Maybe that's why there is not much available about what the other 7 presidents did before Washington was elected. Now, I wondered why I had never heard of these first 8 presidents? It turns out that the "Articles of the Confederation didn't work well. It deemed too much power to the individual states with nothing being able to be agreed upon and implemented. Not to be cynical, but that seems to have a familiar ring to it lately. But, in the meantime the Congress of them finally agreed that a new doctrine had to be written, leading to the writing of The Constitution we all live under today. So, as Paul Harvey would say, the "rest of the story" is that George Washington was not the first President of the United States. He was the first Constitutional President of the United States and the other 8 are forgotten in history. On a current note, we might learn from our own history that it took us 8 years to establish a successful government, so maybe we need to show patience in expecting someone like Iraq to overcome it's adversities and resistance to overcoming century old customs and practices on the way to Democracy. For the current President elect, when he feels called upon to demonstrate what the "media" constantly references as "looking and acting Presidential", maybe he needs to trot out the powdered wigs and patent leather slippers, and abide, not deride, the Constitution.

T. W. Bill Neville
LaBelle

Faith in the Marketplace

Church relevancy: Show us how to reconcile with God

"The Church isn't relevant any more," say a great many people in this country, even here in LaBelle. Some say it with words, but the majority say it with their feet. They have made Sunday morning a time for sleeping late, sipping coffee or watching TV. After a while, the thought of going to church no longer even occurs. For the first time in the history of this country, we have a generation of people with virtually no experience of church. So, what do we do about it?



Fr. Alan Kelmereit

That, of course, is the million dollar question. (Yes, I know it was the sixty-four dollar question, but inflation happens.) Denominations and individual churches

have tried a lot of different things. Some have developed programs that entertain. The production values are as good as any you'll see on television, and everything is planned to grab people's attention and hold it for an hour. Others have taken to teaching and preaching in ways that make people feel good about themselves when they leave the building. They come to understand that God loves them and forgives them no matter what, and that it really doesn't make much difference how they live in between Sundays. They're taught that if they will just have enough faith all will go well in their lives. Still others have come to the conclusion that they need to make Scripture relevant to contemporary people so that it will not be an obstacle in getting them into church. People are told that their relationship with God is secure no matter what

they do or how they behave. The problem will all these approaches to getting people back is that they are false.

We're not called to church to be entertained. I believe that what we do in worship should be done well, but to honor the Lord, not to keep ourselves entertained. I like to feel good coming out of church as much as anyone, but the fact of the matter is that because of who I am, what I am like, and the things I do, there are times when I need someone to look me in the eyes and tell me that I'm out of line. That's far more important to me than simply making me feel good for a day. As far as updating Scripture, I've hear all sorts of great sounding and fancy explanations of why it's necessary, but the bottom line is that changing Scripture is a means of re-creating God into our own image - never a good thing.

The church has one purpose - to show people how to have their relationship with God reconciled. People all around struggle with addictions, relationship problems, anxiety, fear, money troubles. The Lord has not promised us trouble free lives, but he has promised the ability to deal with our troubles. Where do we find this and where do we get support from other people just like us? In a church that faithfully proclaims God's word, that "tells it like it is," and that points the way to Jesus. And please, don't try to tell me that's a bunch of nonsense if you've never tried it in a church like that.

Fr. Alan is pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, located one block south of Rt 80 on Collingswood Pkwy in Port LaBelle. 863-675-0355. Send comments or questions to FaithMarketplace@embarqmail.com.

Be Healthy, Be Happy

It's easy to protect yourself from Salmonella bacteria

By Brenda Barnes

There are so many strange terms to describe bacteria that can make us sick. Salmonella is one of those bacteria. Salmonella bacteria are microscopic living creatures that live in the intestinal tract of humans and other animals. Salmonella is usually passed to people when they have eaten foods which have been contaminated by animal feces. These foods are usually uncooked beef, chicken, milk or



Brenda Barnes

eggs, but vegetables can also get contaminated. Remember when you were little and had that pet turtle, snake or other reptile? Most likely, if you handled those types of critters, you were exposed to Salmonella.

Salmonella can also be spread by an infected person that does not wash their hands after using the bathroom. Even if a person has recovered from their symptoms of Salmonella, they can still have the Salmonella bacteria in their feces, and could still pass it on to others.

Please remember to always WASH YOUR HANDS. You can stop the spread of so many things just by washing your hands the proper way. (Wet hands, lather

up with soap, rub your hands, fingers, fingernails, wrists and fore arms for a minimum of 20 seconds, then rinse and dry on a clean paper towel. Be sure to turn off the water with the paper towel, otherwise you are just re-contaminating yourself).

The time it takes to hum the normal rhythm of your ABC's or the Happy Birthday Song should be long enough for the scrubbing process.

Most people that become infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. These symptoms usually start to occur between 12 hours and three days after infection. Most people just feel a little discomfort for about 4 to 7 days, but

for some people the diarrhea gets so bad that hospitalization is required. Older people, small children and people with impaired immune systems could have severe results from Salmonella infection.

Sometimes the infection can spread from the intestines into the bloodstream, and then on to other body sites, which can cause death unless the person starts a treatment plan from their doctor.

Remember to wash your hands, 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)

FGCU plans lecture series

Florida Gulf Coast University invites the public to the "Software Technologies Distinguished Lecture Series" presented by community leaders from companies in Southwest Florida that specialize in software development and services, 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14-March 18 in Holmes Hall through Hole Montes Lecture Hall. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lectures will be provided by a variety of experts from software related companies. "Diversity and Integration of Computing Technologies in a Modern Airport," Feb. 18. "Challenges in Software Development for Shipping Systems," Feb. 25. "Your Data is Your Life: Information Security by McAfee," March 4. "SOA Enabling Software

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Witches Brew

By Pudge Lehman

I've had part of a bottle of wine in my fridge for at least two years. Thought it would turn to vinegar but when I tasted it the other night it was still good. So, I poured it into an ice cube tray and froze it to use in cooking. My freezer is small so I only make ice cubes every once in awhile and as soon as they are frozen I pop them out and put them in new brown lunch bags. Well, while pouring a Mountain Dew, guess what? No ice cubes so I plopped in three of my wine cubes. Excellent! My friend Joe Thomas sent me an email saying an effective hint for getting rid of fire ant mounds is to pour club soda in the center of the mound. After you boil your eggs, wait till the water cools and pour over your plants. It's a protein rich boost. Your used coffee grounds are good to put around your



plants both inside and out. If your bird feeder has a pole holding it up just grease it with Vaseline. It is so funny to see critters try to get up there. **Quaint sayin's:** Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons. For you are crunchy and good with ketchup. OR; I'm heavily medicated for your safety; and my personal favorite..... No one ever suspects the short ones.

Attention classic car owners and SCF visitors

Bring your car and camera to The South Central Florida Car Club's 3rd Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise Saturday, February 21, 2009 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cars will be displayed along Ft. Thompson Ave. from Bridge Street to Main Street and along Bronco Dr. We will have a D.J. playing music from the '50s and '60s, dash plaques for participants, door prizes, 50/50 drawing and first, second and third place trophies for the Participants Choices and the Peoples Choices as well as trophies for the visiting club with the most participating cars and the visiting club that came the greatest distance with three or more cars. R)

The registration fee to enter a car for this event is \$20 to pre-register and \$25 for day-of-the-event registration. Day of event registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Forms for pre-registration are available at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce or can be downloaded from www.swampcabbagefestival.org. You may also pre-register via e-mail by providing your name, car year, make and model, your phone number and club affiliation (if applicable) to scfcarclub@yahoo.com. Car Clubs welcomed may register as a group or individually

As a supporter of local community projects, the group's goal during this year's Super Cruise is to help the Hendry/Glades Crisis Center raise funds to establish a shelter for victims of abuse. Whether you own one cool car or a hanger full, or perhaps don't own any but share our passion for them, they would like for you to join them for this grand event.

For more information contact Tom Corbitt at 863-234-8343 or Ellen Beers at 863-674-0128

Local man works security for Obama inauguration

"This is so exciting - not only because it's historic, inaugurating the first Black President, but just in general. I'm very proud. It's a great honor."

That's Sgt. Freddy Herrera talking about being chosen to work security at the Jan. 20 inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States.

Sgt. Herrera, employed by A. Duda & Sons, was born and raised in LaBelle. He graduated from LaBelle High School in 1998. He served in the Army active duty for four years, 2000-2004, stationed at Fort Levinworth as a corrections sergeant.

He worked full time and earned his degree in Human Resources Development from Southwestern College in Kansas.

In July 2007 he went to work for Duda and just three months ago he went into the National Guard, part of the 806 MP Company at Fort Pierce.

In Washington, D.C., he will

assist local agencies with crowd control and general police duties. He left Friday, Jan. 16, to return Thursday, Jan. 22.

"This is so exciting. I'm very proud to be representing my home town," he said. He added that he has only been to Washington, D.C. in passing although he has an aunt and uncle there. His uncle has a shop right in the thick of things, but all businesses in the immediate area are being shut down for three days during the inauguration for security purposes.

The sergeant said he is sure this will be his most memorable experience, with college graduation as Number 2.

Births Jasper Robert Obney

Julie Paul Obney and Jeff Ross Obney of North Fort Myers are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jasper Robert Obney. He was born on May 15, 2008, at Cape Coral Hospital in Cape Coral. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. Jasper was welcomed home by Sid the toy poodle.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Judy Paul of LaBelle. Paternal grandmother is Maryellen Gray of Marbury, Md. Great-grandmother is Phyllis Obney of North Fort Myers.



Submitted photo Jasper Robert Obney.

COE students adopt Hudson the bear

The members of Colts Conserve at Country Oaks Elementary are proud to announce that they have adopted a polar bear named Hudson. Hudson will continue to reside at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, Illinois, with his mother, Arki. The zoo has a program called Share the Care, which allows citizens to donate money to aid in caring for specific animals from the zoo. The students were sent a photograph of Hudson, an informational sheet describing him personally, and facts and information on polar bears in general. The student members of Colts Conserve have learned a great deal about polar bears, endangered species, and what children can do to help conserve our wildlife.



Submitted photo Hudson the polar bear was adopted by members of the Colts Conserve at Country Oaks Elementary.

Colts Conserve is a new club that was started this year for the third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Country Oaks Elementary. It was developed to educate and involve students in conserva-

tion issues that make a difference to our planet. Colts Conserve has initiated classroom recycling projects, have helped to design educational bulletin boards on environmental issues, and have read

stories relating to global issues to kindergarten and first grade students. Colts Conserve will be working on many other projects in the upcoming months at Country Oaks Elementary.

Las Noticias en Espanol

Economia

Todo el mundo está hablando de la economía que de alguna manera a todos nos ha afectado. El Consejo Administrativo no ha sido la excepción. Los fondos que se usan para la educación vienen indirectamente o indirectamente de los impuestos de las ventas de las propiedades. Pregunte a cualquier dueño de negocio y ellos le dirán como las ventas se han bajado, si no hay ventas de propiedades entonces casi no se recolectan impuestos. La fuente de ingresos se disminuido en el Estado y el Condado para administrar las escuelas monetariamente. El dinero solo alcanzará para las necesidades básicas de los estudiantes. El Distrito Escolar está experimentando el número mas bajo de estudiantes que ingresan a la escuela desde hace 11 años y hay indicadores de que el Distrito continuará perdiendo estudiantes durante estos tiempos duros de economía.

Fussell, Joey Lopez, Bruce Green y Sean Abbot. Entre las fechas del 3 de septiembre al 14 de diciembre del 2008, una serie de robos comerciales fueron cometidos por un grupo de sospechosos que merodeaban el área de las tiendas en Hendry.

Las autoridades dijeron que los ladrones quebraban la ventana de vidrio, luego entraban encadenando la máquina a vehículos robados, sacaban la caja

de seguridad con el dinero y la llevaban a un lugar desolado para vaciarla. Las pérdidas por estos robos son de aproximadamente \$50,000. Durante la investigación y las entrevistas, se llegó a la conclusión de que las máquinas habían sido tiradas al río Caloosahatchee por el Puente Ft. De naud pero no encontraron nada allí. Recuperaron tres máquinas en otras partes. La investigación continúa.

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Robo

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John E. Layton, 86

LABELLE — John E. Layton, passed away peacefully and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. He was 86.



He was born April 8, 1922 on a farm in Potomac, Ill., to John Elmer Layton and Dorothy (Howe) Layton, to be the first born of five children.

Being the oldest, he carried the work of a man while he was only a boy. He and his wife Alma, eloped when they were 17. He eventually got his own land and farmed it while he held down two other jobs, all during the depression years, while his wife cared for their two children and ran the farm while he was working his other jobs. Alma could run a tractor as well as he could.

They also ran his father's farm when his mother fell ill with cancer. He and Alma cared for her and his father's farm in addition to their own farm and jobs. This went on for two long and hard years. He undertook all this in his early twenties. This was the beginning of his "Strong Work Ethics" as we all knew him to have.

In his late twenties, he sold his farm, packed their brand new Buick convertible car with the family and pulled an old farm wagon with all their possessions and moved to Florida. He wanted to start a new life and he stuck a pin on the map and it landed on Tampa, Florida, that is where he landed and started his new journey. It was hard in a new town but he found a one bedroom apartment and a job at Cone Brothers, concrete plant.

He went on to a new job a year later as a Superintendent for W.L. Cobb-Pinellas Industries in St. Pete, where he remained for 15 years. He was admired by a man, Pat Stevens, who offered him partnership in his pipe line business, Stevens & Layton, which he became a partner in the late 1960's. They together worked pipeline jobs for cities and communities in St. Petersburg, Naples, Ft. Myers, and other areas in Florida.

This business prospered for many years and he sold his interest after many years, but he continued on with development. He and his partner developed Oak Park Mobile Home Park in Alva. In the 1960's, he then developed a beautiful home community on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle, named Riverbend Estates in the late 1970's. He resided there at Riverbend Estates until 2001, where he sold his interest and started a new development, Maple Corner Modular Home Park in 2001. He and Alma moved to Maple Corner in 2001 and that was the last and final stop on their journey.

He loved to work and did so right up to the end by mowing grass and checking on his men daily to see that the park was okay and the residents were happy. He was well known in the LaBelle community and respected for all his accomplishments. He was a God fearing, strong man to be admired and may he rest (at last) in peace in Heaven with God.

He was preceded in death by his loving, devoted wife Alma of 67 wonderful years in 2006; two brothers, Bill Layton and Jack Layton; and a sister, Theora Waniack-Walker.

He is survived by his son, John Eugene Layton (Norma); his daughter, Margie E. Kelly Elkins (Steve); four grandchildren, Kim Huey (Paul), Sharon Hobson (Coy), Terri Lynne Wilenius Cristaldi (Steve), and Robert Wilenius Jr. (Heather); 12 great-grandchildren; his youngest brother, Bob Layton; and his sister-in-law, Evelyn Layton, of Tampa.

Funeral services in his honor will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 560 E. Hickpochee Ave. (Hwy. 80), LaBelle. The family will receive friends for

visitation one hour prior to the service. Cremation arrangements will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Health Park Hope Hospice at Lee County. (239)482-4673.

Juanell Pearce Peeples

MOORE HAVEN — Juanell Pearce Peeples, of Moore Haven, passed away Jan. 17, in Moore Haven. She was 82.

She was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Okeechobee to the late Austin Pearce and the late Rosa Lee (Parker) Pearce. She married her husband, William Hosea "Billy" Peeples in 1945 and has been a resident of Moore Haven ever since.

She worked with Billy as a partner at their ranch, "Billy Peeples Ranch," and she continued running the ranch after his death in 1992. She was a member of Florida Cattleman's Assoc., National Cattleman's Assoc. and Glades County Youth Livestock.

Survivors include daughters, Jeanette Peeples of Moore Haven, and Janet P. (Byron) Storey of Moore Haven; brothers, J. F. Pearce and D. L. Pearce, both of Okeechobee; special nephew, John Austin (Kim) Collier of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Anita (Langley) Bryant, Sissy (Ronnie) Wherrell, Leslie (Weston) Pryor, Erin (Brad) Schonauer, Whitney Storey, and Billy Carlton; great-grandchildren, Emily Wherrell, D. L. Bryant, Sara Wherrell, and Harley Rae Pryor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hosea "Billy" Peeples; and twin sister, Juanita Pearce. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. at Ortona Cemetery Pavilion in Moore Haven with Frank Dana officiating. Interment followed at Ortona Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Moore Haven Scholarship Foundation, Hope Hospice, Susan G. Komen For the Cure or your favorite church or charity in her memory.

Max Edward Lamkin, 91

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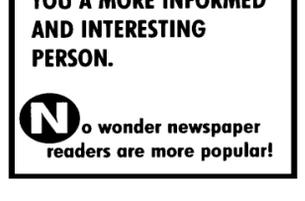
He was born March 1, 1917 in Greensboro, N.C. He served during World War II in the Army and served under General George S. Patton. He was a former resident of Glade Hill, Va., and moved to LaBelle after he retired in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva L. (Nester) Lamkin; parents, James Norman Lamkin and Annie Elizabeth (Jones) Lamkin; brothers, Robert Anderson Lamkin and James Lamkin; and sisters, Louise L. Brown and Thelma Toler.

Survivors include sons, James Harvey Lamkin and wife Nancy, Dudley Lamkin, of Rocky Mount, Va., and Tillman Edward Lamkin and wife Sandy K. Lamkin, of LaBelle; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and close friend, John Thomas.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle, with Rev. James Caves officiating. Burial will follow in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Friends and family may call at the home of Tim Lamkin.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.



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Public Notice 5005

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO AMERIMIX INDUSTRIES, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance to revoke the ad valorem tax exemption granted to Amerimix Industries, Inc. entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REVOKING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO AMERIMIX INDUSTRIES, INC., PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2007-14 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All persons wishing to be heard on this issue may appear at said meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Clerk, 2nd Floor, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chair
308160 CN/CB 1/22/09

Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Hendry County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that its activities in the floodplain and wetland will have on the environment for the County's two (2) CDBG grants (08DB-A08 and 08DB-H03) projects.

Hendry County intends to undertake two (2) projects to be funded by a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (08DB-A08 and 08DB-H03). The County intends to secure the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, to undertake the two projects. The release of funds will be obtained from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, CDBG Division. The proposed projects involve the rehabilitation and/or demolition and replacement construction of housing units that already exist in the floodplain. All work will be in unincorporated Hendry County.

It has determined that it has no practicable alternative other than to proceed with the work. The rehab/demol/replacement activities will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The homes to be served are already located in the floodplain, therefore, all work will be undertaken on existing properties already owned by private homeowners.

Although the projects are located in the 100 year floodplain, the improvements cannot be undertaken in any other location due to the scope of the project. There is, therefore, no practicable alternative.

The proposed improvements conform to applicable floodplain protection standards. The proposed activity will not affect natural or beneficial floodplain values, and residents of the community will benefit from the project. All improvements will be made to owner-occupied housing units already located in the floodplain. Failure to provide these improvements could result in continued substandard housing in Hendry County.

Additional agencies involved in this project include the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Hendry County Building and Zoning Department.

Written comments must be received by Hendry County, Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975-2340 ATTN: Ron Zimmerly on or before Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Mr. Zimmerly's may also be contacted by telephone at 863-675-5264 or at the Hendry County Administration Building, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida. A more detailed description of the project and the FIA flood maps are available for citizen review at Mr. Zimmerly's office located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

DATE ISSUED - January 22, 2009
JANET B. TAYLOR
Environmental Certifying Official
Hendry County Board of Commissioners Chair
308008 CB/CN 1/22/09

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Port LaBelle Community Development District will accept sealed bid proposals up to 4:00 PM, February 2, 2009, for the sale of a 1997 Ford F-150 4 x 4 truck in "as is" condition.

Anyone interested may submit a proposal to the District office at 3293 Delwood City Hall, LaBelle, or mail to P.O. Box 1605, LaBelle, Florida 33955. For additional information call 863-675-5770 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday - Friday.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause and to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.
General Manager
Port LaBelle Community Development District
307747 CB/CSS 1/22/09

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Banyan Village area, Port LaBelle Plat Units 10-13, within the unincorporated area of the County, for capital costs associated with construction of water lines for Banyan Village and service assessments for maintenance of such water lines commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2008, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2009, in the County Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
305123 CB/CN 1/18,15,22/09

Automobiles 4005

CADILLAC SEVILLE 1998 - Black, leather int. Call Jesus spanish. \$2500. (239)822-7335

FORD ASPIRE '96 - 40 mpg, 5 spd, AC, 85K, \$1200 or best offer (239)590-85721

FORD F100 1979 - Runs good, 302 V8, 4 speed. Some rust, daily driver \$2500. (239)634-2699

FORD MUSTANG '96 - auto, AC, good on gas, \$2500 or best offer (863)763-0380 or (863)697-9521

GRAND MARQUIS - 1996, Leather, V8, auto, alloy whls, cold a/c, antilock brks, power \$2500 (863)763-8027

Honda Accord 97 \$500! Police Impounds for Sale! Many Makes and Models Priced to Sell! For listings call (800)366-9813 ext 9480

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OTHER Select - Fiberglass tool box for full size pickup, like new \$100. (863)675-1690

TOYOTA COROLLA '92 - Auto, AC, asking \$1250 "as is" Neg. (863)697-9005 or (863)532-0189 Anytime

Golf Carts 4037

GOLF CART - Club Car, 48 volt, elec, sun roof, used very little, \$1850 (863)467-2824

GOLF CART YAMAHA GAS Select - New Engine - \$895. (863)675-1472

Parts/Repairs 4045

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RIMS - Chev Silverado, Brand New, slotted Grey steel, 16" 8 lug center caps, lug nuts, \$100. (561)573-3499

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Pickup Trucks 4050

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F250 SUPERDUTY '00 - 4x4, diesel, runs good, \$11,500 or best offer, (863)675-3242

FORD F150 1996 - Extended cab cold ac \$2500/or best offer. (863)532-9846

FORD F250 XL 1993 - 4x4, 351 auto, longbed, runs good needs TLC \$2500/or best offer. (863)763-6297

GMC - 1988, C70 Dump Bed 366 Engine \$1500 Firm (863)763-1370

JEEP COMANCHE 1990 - 2WD, 5 speed, runs good, 30" backshot tires \$900/or best offer. (863)612-6350

TOYOTA PICKUP '94 - 2 whl. dr., runs good, \$20 to fill, doesn't burn oil, cold a/c, \$3100 neg. (863)674-1181

Other 4035

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Golf Carts 4037

CLUB CAR TWO SEATER 2002 - Excellent condition, Hurry Call today won't last. \$1795. (863)843-0062

EZ GO - Used, Good condition, charger, \$900 or best offer. (863)697-1350

Public Notices 5000

Public Notice - State Public - Legal Notice 5005

Public Notice 5005

Notice is hereby given that on 1/24/2009 at 11:00 AM at FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, 1025 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, 863-675-1025, the undersigned, FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

Misc. items
307735 CB 1/22/09

THE LABELLE POST OFFICE is now taking bids for a contract cleaner. Cleaning must be completed prior to 6 am Mon - Fri. Contractor and employees must be able to pass a background check. Anyone interested should contact JoAnne Massey, Postmaster at 863-675-8806. Bids will close Saturday January 31, 2009.
305875 CB 1/8,15,22,29/2009

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Community Briefs

Relay for Life to meet

A Relay For Life of LaBelle Committee Meeting will be held on Jan. 27, at the Community Christian School, 1092 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, at 6 p.m. For more information, please call 863-675-0885.

Caregiver Trainings

The Alzheimer's Association, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter has announced three upcoming trainings for Family Caregivers.

Jan 30- Safe Return/Medic Alert Wanderers ID Program: How it Works? Safety in the Home/Wandering Prevention
Feb 9- Challenging Behaviors, Do's and Don'ts: The Gems of Caregiving.
All Trainings are from 10-11:30 a.m. at Barron Public Library, 461 North Main Street.

For more information and to register, please call Lisa Rodriguez, Program Specialist at 1(863) 385-3444 (Seating is limited). No cost.

Drive thru barbecue

The Country Rhythm Cloggers are having a barbecue on Saturday, January 31, from 11-2 at the LaBelle Civic Center. Drive thru dinners or come in and join the dance workshop. Tickets are \$8 and include pulled pork, Log Cabin coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and iced tea. You may contact 673-4811 or purchase tickets during the barbecue.

Review conservation programs

The USDA/NRCS will hold a public meeting for all agricultural landowners and producers in Hendry-Glades to review and discuss the new 2009 conservation treatment activities for two major conservation programs, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). This meeting will take place on January 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agri-

Historians to meet

The regular meeting of the LaBelle Heritage Museum will be Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at city hall. The speaker/program is scheduled to feature a LaBelle "Old timer" Ray Harn, whose old time lore and knowledge is always interesting. Please plan to attend. 2009 dues may be paid any time. Information on the Old Timers dinner on Feb. 19 will be available.

Cargivers to meet

LaBelle's Caregiver Support Group is held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is Jan. 28 at First Christian Church of LaBelle 2-4 p.m.
Take a break, relax and join us for some group conversation centered around you - the Caregiver!
This group is open to all caregivers. Snacks and Coffee will be provided! R.S.V.P. & information call # 1-866-231-0921.

Walkathon provides free mammograms

Be part of the Second Annual Lucy's Angels Bosom Buddies Walkathon Jan. 31, to help provide free mammograms for people in Hendry and Glades. Come to Barron Park for lineup at 9:45 a.m. You can sign up at Florida Community Bank, the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce of Fort Knox Storage. Also at the park: food, fun, music, activities for kids and performances by the Universe All Stars at noon. Craft and retail vendors welcome. Call 863-675-3236.

Democrats to meet

Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at Flora and Ella's Restaurant, Highway 80 West in LaBelle, on Monday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. Hendry County's Democrats are planning a Jefferson-Jackson Day event for some time during the first two weeks of June.

Salvation Army volunteers

(LABELLE, FL) - The Salvation Army will host its Annual Evening of Appreciation on Monday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., at the Carlson Memorial Methodist Church.
The Salvation Army of Lee & Hendry Counties would like to see all its volunteers out on February 2. For reservations, please call the Salvation Army office at 863-674-1441.

It's Pageant Time!

The pageant date has changed to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Come to the down home country pageant celebrating our heritage and have a good time!
The Hendry County Farm-City Tour Council will hold its 28th annual farm tour of the Hendry County agricultural industry, Saturday, February 7, 2008.
Tickets for the tour cost \$60 per person and the participants will be able to catch a modern air conditioned tour bus at the U-Save Supermarket Center on Palm Beach Blvd. in Fort Myers or at the Rodeo Grounds in LaBelle.
Deadline for ticket

City Farm tour tickets available

The Hendry County Farm-City Tour Council will hold its 28th annual farm tour of the Hendry County agricultural industry, Saturday, February 7, 2008.
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Deadline for ticket

FCB partners with Lucy's Angels

Florida Community Bank is going pink again this month to raise money with Lucy's Angels for free mammograms.
You can buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a homemade pink ribbon blanket donated by Mary Bartoshuk. Tickets available at FCB.
Sign up for the Bosom Buddies Walkathon scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31, at Barron Park. Entry fees start at \$12 per person. Stop by FCB to register.
All proceeds from this event go to Lucy's Angels for breast cancer care.

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Fisheating Creek takes visitors back in time

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission celebrated the opening of a new interpretive trail at the historical Ft. Center at Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the colorful and fascinating people and animals that have lived along picturesque Fisheating Creek through the centuries.

Biologists and archeologists

took visitors on an interpretive hayride to discover the history of the area. Participants had the opportunity to learn about edible plants and the mysteries of the swallowtail kite. Identifying animal tracks and practicing archery skills. Interesting hands-on exhibits and intriguing presentations provided a fun and educational experience for the whole family.

Fisheating Creek park is located, north of Moore Haven, just off County Road 78.



Submitted photo
On Saturday, Jan. 10, the FWC opened a new interpretive trail at Fort Center at Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. Visitors to the center learned new skills about the wildlife that live there and other skills such as archery from FWC officers. About 300 people attended the event.



Submitted photo
Visiting young people at the New Interpretive Trail got lessons in identifying animal tracks, bones and skulls.



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FWC biologists interacted with the public, telling stories providing details about wildlife and history of the area.

Country Oaks holds Spelling Bee

The 2009 Country Oaks Elementary School Spelling Bee was a great success. The students were all excellent spellers. The bee had an exciting finish, with a spell off between the third and fourth place spellers.

It was held on Jan. 15, in the school cafeteria. Students were chosen by their teachers after class bees to participate in the school bee.

All participants and alternates did a fantastic job!

The first place winner is Julian Arteaga, second place is Kayla Calhoun, and the alternate is Ricardo Rodriguez. The winners will go to the county competition on Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Country Oaks Elementary School.

Participants: Alberto Cabana, Alyssa Torres, Amelia Alegria, Angelica Jimenez, B'Elanna Plummer, Brendon Herrera, Destiny Cornelius, Eduardo Cruz, Emily Schwarz, Emma Bridwell, Eric Geronimo, Estefanie Rodriguez, Gehobany Avila, Jaylene Gomez, Jeffery Harris, Jocelin Nunez, Joey Leon, Jose Aguilar, Joshua Garcia, Joshua Miller, Juan Zamora, Julian Arteaga, Karol Martinez, Kassidy Redish, Kayla Calhoun, Matthew Reyna, Michael Mears, Michael Rothenhofer, Natalie Simmons, Nellianne Malave, Nellanie Cantu, Phillip O'Bannon, Ricardo Rodriguez, Robert Borgess, Sujelvis Rueda and Thelma Santiago.



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Community Briefs

Sportsman's Group holding public meeting

The Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance is sponsoring a public meeting in LaBelle. The meeting will be held in the LaBelle Civic Center Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.

The civic center is located behind LaBelle City Hall on Hwy. 80 in the center of LaBelle.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the public as to what the Alliance sees as the mismanagement of the Big Cypress National Preserve by the National Park Service since the preserve creation in 1974.

Members of the Alliance feel our traditional cultural ORV and other rights given by an act of Congress in 1974 are being systematically taken away. Alliance President Lyle McCandless said the Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance has the facts and the where-withal to stop this continuing abuse of your cultural rights in your three-quarter million acre Big Cypress National Preserve.

Your support is very much needed. The Alliance invites you to the meeting to see first hand how things are changing for the better.

For further information call Lyle McCandless, President of Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance, 239-370-8532 or e-mail lylemcandless@aol.com; fax 863-612-0108.

File for 2009 early

Phillip Pelletier Hendry County Property Appraiser 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. Mr. Pelletier wants everyone to be sure that they apply for these benefits before the deadline so his office is now accepting applications for early filing of your 2009 homestead and portability benefits.

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 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday. If you need additional information you can call 863-983-1591 in Clewiston and 863-675-5270 in LaBelle.

Church Briefs

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.

Welcome to movie night

Freedom Fellowship Ministries, Hwy. 29N, invites everyone to movie night Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. to see Nacho Libre with Jack Black, rated PG.

Third Sunday sing

Plan to join your friends at First Christian Church, on the corner of Lee and Ford Streets, for dinner and singing at the Third Sunday Sing. It happens Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. There is no charge for dinner and no offering will be collected. For more information call 675-1366.

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Have a nice, clean vehicle

For The Lord (FTL) is planning a car wash Saturday, Jan. 24, at the U-Save from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Suggested donations \$5 per car; \$10 per truck.

Attention youth

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