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FHREDI meeting planned

A public meeting of the Board of Directors for Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative, Inc. and Florida's Freshwater Frontier, Inc.

The meeting is set for Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Boulevard, Sebring, Florida, Conference Room 2.

Relay for Life plans community luncheon

Come and help us kick-off 2009 Relay Celebration at our Survivor/Caregiver luncheon set for Sunday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the LaBelle Women's Community Center. It's a pot luck luncheon so bring your favorite dish!

What better way to celebrate life and honor both survivors and caregivers.

Please join us for an afternoon of food, fun and discussion with guest speaker, Maureen Godin and don't forget to bring other friends or family members who might be interested. Let's kick-off this Relay year with a big bang!

RSVP if you wish to Gisela Ellsworth, Survivor/Caregiver Chair to 863-674-0950 or by email to: lovingpaws@earthlink.net. If you don't RSVP - Please come anyway!

Ortona Community Association dinner

The Ortona Community Association will hold a spaghetti buffet dinner on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ortona Community Center, Ortona Locks Road (Highway 78A). The popular all-you-can-eat meal features pasta and delicious meat sauce prepared by Glades County Commissioner Donna Long Storter. Also included are salad, garlic toast, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea, all for \$7.

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The theme of this years SCF was seen all over even at the Rotary's Armadillo Races where young Amy Higginbotham jumped right in and helped. The proceeds from the annual races went to several different causes like scholarships, the Nature Park, the new Veteran's Park and Polo Projects, just to name a few.



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The theme of this years festival was reflected on most of the floats in the parade. Like Josh Mast, Carson Bratche and Kaden Rimes, a trio of future musicians on Christ Centrals float

Glisson, Lucky are 2009 royalty

By JeriLynn Merritt
Special to the Caloosa Belle

If you missed this year's Swamp Cabbage Queen and Princess Pageant, you can start kicking yourself now! The ten young ladies who competed this year kept those in attendance thoroughly entertained, enthralled and captivated. From their speeches and costumes about their family's heritages, talent presentation, evening gown and new onstage interviews the entertainment produced by the contestants wowed everyone in the audience. The opening dance number to Alan Jackson's "Good Time" was a most spectacular

way to start the 2009 Swamp Cabbage Pageant and Queen Ashley even got Phil Pelletier into the act when she drug him up to dance with the contestants. Phil was a great sport and danced along and had everyone entertained.

This year's Swamp Cabbage Queen Daphne Glisson is the daughter of Kenny and Lori Glisson and a 2008 Graduate of LaBelle High School. She attends Southeastern University where she is a Junior working on her bachelors degrees in Religion and Psychology. Daphne also stole the show as she took the most talented trophy with her awesome tumbling and dance

routine to a medley including "The Way You Make Me Feel". Kaylynn "KK" Cash was chosen as first runner up and also earned the top interview and photogenic awards. She sang "That's Who I Am" for her talent honoring her grandmother Donna Chapman with her own version of the song. The second-runner up was Callie Bury who was so graceful as she performed American Sign Language to Mandy Moore's "Only Hope" from the motion picture "A Walk to Remember".

Ashley Molina was chosen as Miss Congeniality. She is

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Three die in shooting

Deputies: Man may have shot 2 women and then himself

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

LABELLE -- A Friday shooting in LaBelle left three people dead in what investigators are calling a double shooting and suicide.

The incident left all three involved dead: 44-year-old Gilberto Fernandez. 32-year-old Madai Rodriguez and 26-year-old Maria Perez.

Investigators want to know why a normally reserved, quiet LaBelle man would -- based on what they know so far -- shoot two women and then himself.

In a press release prepared by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Susan Harrelle reported officers responding to a possible shots fired call at 963 Citrus Ave., shortly after 8 p.m. on Feb. 20.

Deputies found three persons inside the mobile home with gunshot wounds. Emergency Response workers determined two of them were dead, while a third was in serious condition.

Maria Perez, was still alive when she was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries. Accord-

ing to the sheriff's office, a few days later, Maria died.

Both women were reportedly from Lehigh Acres.

Law enforcement officials have released very little information regarding the case.

"There's nothing else I can say, except that at this time we are waiting for autopsy results," said Lt. Harrelle.

A routine check of the suspect's criminal record with sheriff's office revealed only a single arrest in 2000 for driving under the influence of alcohol, Lt. Harrelle reported.

Meanwhile, Gilberto Fernandez's neighbors expressed shock.

On Monday, the man was vacant, with little sign of the man's wife or his son, neighbors said. The door to the porch was locked, and an A&E repair van, a car and a small pickup truck were parked in the driveway.

"All I know is that they were very quiet," said a next-door neighbor in Spanish. "It was all a surprise." The ten-year resident of the neighborhood said the family moved in shortly after she did, but were always a tranquil family. They kept to themselves, she said.

Fernandez would occasionally talk to a neighbor across

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County debates lease renewal

Reduction forces tough decisions

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- A discussion on the subject of a lease renewal assumed much larger dimensions when the conversation shifted to the state of the county, and the financial challenges it faces in the next year.

Along with dealing with the issue of where to locate several important offices, the county is also tackling the possibility that there may be a reduction in some services, and even of staff should the financial climate continue the way it has in recent months.

At the onset, commissioners

considered renewing the leases of several offices at the Clewiston Towne Center (formerly the K-Mart Plaza) in Clewiston. The plaza has housed the sheriff's office, clerk, tax collector, property appraiser and the supervisor of elections, but is up for renewal.

The clerk and the property appraiser have given commitments to the county attorney to move out of their offices at the plaza and into a satellite office on El Paso. It is expected that the supervisor of elections will do the same.

With three out of the five leaving, the county attorney said the landlord decided to increase rent for the sheriff's office, and has asked the tax

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The 2009 Swamp Cabbage Princess Olivia Luckey and right, the 2009 Swamp Cabbage Queen Daphne Glisson.



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The 17 year old daughter of Alberto and Sandy Molina. Queen contestants Amalya Mitchell and Mariel Dunham also did equally well and their talents were spectacular. Mariel not only sang but danced and twirled baton to "Alexander's Rag Time Band" and Amalya performed an original flag and ribbon routine to Chris Brown's "Fallen Angel".

The newly crowned Swamp Cabbage Princess Olivia Luckey won not only the title but also the talent trophy and also the top interview award. Her rendition of "The Girl in 14G" captivated the audience from beginning to end.



Submitted Photo/JeriLynn Merritt
The 2009 Swamp Cabbage Court from left to right: Amalya Mitchell, Mariel Dunham, Ashley Molina, 1st Runner-up Kaylynn Cash, Queen Daphne Glisson and 2nd Runner-up Callie Burley.

spiritual. The choice of costumes to go along with their speeches showed off their personality. Their speech this year was about their own heritage. Each unique evening gown selected seemed to be made especially with this in mind.

Although there can only be one winner, hopefully each young lady will take away a sense of accomplishment and the respect of their family and peers for all the hours of hard work that was put in to create such an exciting evening. Well done!

The 2008 Swamp Cabbage Queen Ashley Pittman impressed everyone as she sang and danced to musical theater selection "Pop-

selected her as the 4th honorary queen. She has spent many countless hours devoted to the pageant over the years.

The Pioneer Family, the Oscar Langford family and Grand Marshall, David Childs were honored and presented to the audience as special guests.

Once again Kimberly Kemp and Ken Pickles were the masterful Master and Mistress of Ceremonies and managed to keep the pageant running smoothly. After the opening number they announced the winners of the Little Mister and Miss Swamp Cabbage Penny a Vote Contest. Babys winners were Jayla Lissett Williams and Ramone Escobedo. Toddlers



Submitted Photo/Jeri Lynn Merritt
The 2009 Swamp Cabbage Princess Olivia Luckey, 1st Runner Up Toni Marie Tolar, 2nd Runners up Brett Brant-Orlinski and Alexis Caputo.



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The float entered by the VFW 10100 was chosen the overall winning float in this years parade.

2009 Float winners

In the midst of folks eating swamp cabbage, gator tail, hamburgers and hot dogs and other enticing foods, Ellen Woosley announced the winners of the parade float competition. The categories and winners were as follows:

Civic-1st place-VFW Post 10100; 2nd place-Queen and Princess float Government-1st place-State Attorney's Office

Youth-1st place-Cub Scouts; 2nd place-Universal All Stars Business-1st place-Pistol Pete's; 2nd place-John and Sue Yawn

Religious-1st place-LaBelle Church of God; 2nd place-Christ Central Church

Good Neighbor-1st place-C. W. Pritchard; 2nd place-Moore Haven Seniors

Overall winner-VFW 10100.

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collector's office to pay for providing a public restroom -- which would be an additional charge for the county.

Commissioners did not appreciate the terms.

"With all of the rental spaces that are available in Clewiston, you would certainly expect that we would be able to get some leases that are favorable," argued Commissioner Tris Chapman. "I think we draw a line in the sand here."

The discussion brought back the issue of rehabilitating the Clewiston sub-office and moving a number of the constitutional officers to that location.

"Does anybody not notice the irony here?" asked Commissioner Karson Turner. "We're renting and spending \$169,000 a year and we have an 8,750 square foot structure, ready to be refurbished, and we're not gonna do anything with it?"

Commissioner Turner said the county's money is better spent on addressing the code issues at the sub-office. He expressed frustration with how that project has sat stagnant.

Perhaps finding a way out of

all the leases could alleviate some financial burden the county is under, the commissioner said.

"We're broke," said Commissioner Turner, who pledged to "Educating the public on the east side that this is the reality of the times that we're in. We're going to have to even lose some more services. We know we haven't had court on the east side of the county for three years now. We may not ever get court back on the east side of the county."

"It's gonna get way worse before it gets better," Commissioner Turner said.

Commissioner Chapman agreed.

"We've got some difficult decisions to make in our budgeting process and we're right around the corner," said Commissioner Chapman. "Some of those tough decisions could require some personnel adjustments. I'm reluctant to sign up for a one-year lease at a facility where we're not at all sure what our headcount is going to be. We have some tough times coming up here."

Commissioners have instructed the attorney to negotiate better terms, including the option to terminate after 90 days.

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Murder

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the road, she said, but rarely to anyone else.

Jorge Cruz, another of the suspect's neighbors, agreed.

"Mostly, he was very reserved," said Mr. Cruz. "He hardly talked to anyone. He was very distanced from everyone else. He was quiet and didn't like to talk to anyone."

The neighbor said he didn't

see or hear anything when the shooting was reported. He was asleep and woke to see patrol cars and ambulances arriving. He saw emergency workers remove one of the victims on a stretcher.

He said he didn't know the women, but said the crime had become the talk of the neighborhood.

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Kim Harris-White the 2009 Honorary Swamp Cabbage Queen.

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By Sonja Crawford

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show was held. The show consisted of 4-H and FFA members exhibiting their market swine ranging from 236 pounds to 345 pounds.

The official judge of the evening was Mr. Alan Newsome of Riverview. The hogs were judged on muscling, trimness, length of body, spring to the rib, design, productive type, correctness of finish, and expected carcass desirability.

Receiving blue ribbons for their entry: Linda Atkinson, Chelsea Barrineau, Kenneth Bowers, Savannah Bowers, JoyAnna Bryan, Colin Buff, Zoie Cotton, Channy Curry, Kale Gibson, Dustin Gurganious, Zachary Hunter, Colten Irely, Michelle Langston, Kyle Mann, Landon McDuffie, Caitlin McGee, Carley Morell, Rachel Morrell, Ryan Nesbitt, Ashton O'Neal, Tyler Peacock, Kaci Pittman, Grant Polhill, Myles Polhill, Crystal Postell, Dalton Rayburn, Weston Rayburn, Frank Self, Alan Smith, Sara Smith, Lacie Varnum, Sara Walker, Aaron Watson, Amber Watson, Tyler Westberry, Katharine Whidden, and Gavin Williams.

Receiving red ribbons for their entry: Kagni Adkins, Victoria Ballard, Brittany Basquin, Robyn Basquin, Taylor Beatty, Yvette Clinard, Caleb Curry, Kacie Durranee, Chelsea Gosa, Robert Hansen, Quade Lamb, Stephen Lee, Kayman Mills, Alea Perry, Mandi Perry, Jeri Lynn Ramer, Rachelle Spry, Lauryn Varnum, Seth Walker, Clay Williams, and Davis Witt.

The Grand Champion Swine was shown by Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club member Sara Smith.

Sara's hog weighed 281 pounds and was purchased by Cypress and Family. Crystal Postell of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club exhibited the Reserve Champion Hog weighing in at 274 pounds. Crystal's hog was purchased by Quality Electric.

After the placing of the swine came the Showmanship category. The official showmanship judge of the evening was Rachelle Miller of Plant City. Showmanship is judged on the ability to exhibit an animal to its best advantage, as well as the overall care and training of the animal. The exhibitors are judged on control, presentation to the judge, awareness of the species, planning, practicing, and neat appearance will assist the exhibitor in being successful.

In the Junior Swine Showmanship division, Kaci Pittman achieved the first place award with Myles Polhill in second and Tyler Westberry in third place. Kaci, Myles, and Tyler are members of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club.

In the Senior Swine Showmanship category, Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club member Kenny Bowers captured the first place award. Crystal Postell took second place with Landon McDuffie in third place. Crystal and Landon are members of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club.

Congratulations to all exhibitors; thank you club leaders and parents. The Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club is led by Michelle Rayburn and the Hog Wild 4-H Club is under the leadership of Kim Fielder. The Clewiston FFA Chapter is led by Mike Swindle.



Ashley Pittman, Corie Robertson and Crystal Postell exhibiting the Reserve Champion Swine.



In the Junior Swine Showmanship division, Kaci Pittman achieved the first place award with Myles Polhill in second and Tyler Westberry in third place. Kaci, Myles, and Tyler are members of the Raisin Pork Pride 4-H Club. Left to right are Ashley Pittman, Kaci Pittman, Corie Robertson, Tyler Westberry, and Myles Polhill.



Ashley Pittman, Miss Hendry County Corie Robertson and Sara Smith exhibiting the Grand Champion Swine.



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Miguel Ugalde, 15, was arrested Feb. 18 in LaBelle on a charge of fleeing/eluding police. Leigh Cora was the arresting officer.

Christopher Lee Delnegro, 14, was arrested Feb. 18 in LaBelle on charges of property damage of \$1,000 or more, burglary of structure and larceny theft. Marian Bryant was the arresting officer.

Carole Jean Straight, 45, was arrested Feb. 19 in LaBelle on a charge of felony failure to appear. Donald Davis was the arresting officer.

Kevin James Parks, 26, was arrested Feb. 19 in LaBelle on a charge of felony probation violation.

ed Feb. 19 in LaBelle on charges of producing marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and marijuana trafficking in excess of 25 pounds, 300 plants or more. Robert Archer Jr. was the arresting officer.

Nathan R. Lax, 15, was arrested Feb. 19 in LaBelle on a charge of battery on elected official or education employee. Ty Marshall was the arresting officer.

Laura Ann Warren, 38, was arrested Feb. 20 in LaBelle on a charge of felony probation violation. Jesse Poole was the arresting officer.

John Quintin Anderson, 20, was arrested Feb. 20 in LaBelle on a charge of fugitive from justice in state. Jesse Poole was the arresting officer.

Steven Lance Erwin, 21, was arrested Feb. 20 in LaBelle on a charge of failure to appear for felony offense. Jackie Garrett was the arresting officer.

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OLD TIMERS DINNER: On Thursday, Feb. 20, my husband and myself were "first timers" at the "Old Timers Dinner" sponsored by the Heritage Museum held at the Civic Center. What a wonderful evening it was! Since everyone stays so busy these days it was a great way to reconnect with friends, classmates and neighbors. The food was great and plentiful, yummy desserts too! Be sure to put this event on your calendar next year! This includes members of the SCF committee and elected officials that was not in attendance. Museum members, thanks for your hard work and an enjoyable evening!

Thank you

Relay for Life Yard Sale

Thank you to all the Curves members who donated goods for the Relay for Life Yard Sale held at Curves of LaBelle on Saturday, Feb. 7, it was a resounding success. Thank you also to those folks who bought items.

The Curves Exercise Divas Team could not have done this without the support of our community and our members. We raised over \$800 for the American Cancer Society to use in their efforts to find a cure and provide

patient services to people touched by cancer in our community. But we are not done yet, the Relay Event is not until March 21, 2009 and we will continue to work towards raising money to fund the programs and services the American Cancer Society provides to people with cancer. None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm, commitment and talent of generous Relay participants and patrons. Go Relay!

**Linda Whidden
Team Captain
Curves Exercise Divas**

Letters to the Editor

This is a letter of commendation with much gratitude on my part, personally toward your staff at the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center in LaBelle. I am extremely grateful and satisfied with the kindness, courtesy, and mannerism of your nurses. Anna Rico is to be commended for her assistance, gentleness, and kind manner that she has displayed.

I want to thank you for providing LaBelle with a remarkable gen-

eral surgeon, Dr. Darayes Mobed, who can meet the healthcare needs of the people. He recently addressed a tremendous concern of mine and is now caring for my surgical needs. I want to recommend your staff to all people that I come in contact with who are in need of healthcare services. Thank you very much!

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Carla Arroyave
LaBelle Resident**

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service

LaBelle and surrounding area

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 80 and winds from the east between 5 and 8 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 51 and winds from the east around 6 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 82 and winds from the east between 3 and 5 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 54 and calm winds.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 82. Winds will be calm becoming south around 6 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 57.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high near 82 and a 20 percent chance of showers.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57 and a 20 percent chance of showers.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a high near 81 and a 20 percent chance of showers.



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The Clowns came from all over to be in this years parade.

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It's time for a little resolution review

By The Rev Alan Kelmerit

Church of the Good Shepherd

Here it is, almost the beginning of March. Two months have passed, nearly, and perhaps this is a good time for a little review. Do you remember, at the beginning of January, I wrote about the possibility of making New Year's resolutions along the lines of character improvement? Integrity, honesty, that sort of stuff. What's that you're saying? You don't want to be reminded of resolutions already forgotten and abandoned. I understand, but here we go anyway.

First, you're not the only person who has ever broken a resolution. In fact, New Year's resolutions are better known for being broken than kept. Think how many jokes you've heard about



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be patched up and started over. So, you blew a month or two. That's really not such a big deal. The months that count are the months coming, the ones that are available for you to work on keeping your resolutions.

While you're at it, fixing up all those lost resolutions, why not make a few new ones? I wrote in January of resolutions regarding how you treat other people. This would be a great time to think up

breaking resolutions. This may not be the very best company to be in, but there is certainly lots of it.

One of the very nice things about broken resolutions is that they can be patched up and started over. So, you blew a month or two. That's really not such a big deal. The months that count are the months coming, the ones that are available for you to work on keeping your resolutions.

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some resolutions about how you treat yourself. There's a great list of possibilities in regard to living a healthier lifestyle. But, I'm thinking more of your treatment of your inner self. When you look at yourself in the mirror, are you really content with who you are, inside?

Why not resolve to take the next 40 days, Lent (remember that?), to do some serious self examination? Are you the kind of person you want to be? When others offend you, do you have a forgiving spirit, or are you more inclined to work on getting even? Revenge isn't as satisfying as it seems, and the people I've known who always wanted to get even for something were not happy people. What about the way you treat other people? I've known many people who treat their friends and other people who are

like themselves very nicely, but who treat those who are different with disdain, or even hostility. Is there need for a resolution in that part of your life?

The Golden Rule, treat others as you would like to be treated, is golden for a reason. It can drastically improve your life. It's not as easy as it may sound, but it is definitely worth the effort. People will respond to you much more positively. And there's another great benefit: you will feel better about who you are and what you are doing in this world.

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Redeeming the day... Even when it is rotten

By Les Morgan, pastor

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When was the last time you had a tough day? Last month? Last week? Yesterday? Maybe today?

Well here is some good news ... we all have them. Rich. Poor. Well-groomed. Not-so well groomed. Chief. Baker. Candle stick maker. No exceptions.

The bad news is thi ... we all have them!

Here's how you can tell when it's going to be a rotten day:

You wake up face down on the pavement. You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold. You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office. Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles. You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city. Your twin sister forgot your birthday. Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway. Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat. The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard. You wake up and your braces are locked together. You call your answering service and they tell



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you it's none of your business. Your income tax check bounces. You put both contact lenses in the same eye. Your wife says, "Good morning, Bill", and your name is George.

So what do we do? Since we all have tough days, even rotten days, what is the formula for getting through the malaise?

First, it is essential to watch out for selfishness. On the rotten days, we tend to operate from a, "No one is looking out-for me so I'd better do it" mentality.

You may have heard the story of two friends who met for dinner in a restaurant. Each requested file of sole, and after a few minutes the waiter came back with their order. Two pieces of fish, a large and a small, were on the same platter. One of the men proceeded to serve his friend. Placing the small piece on a plate, he handed it across the table. "Well, you certainly do have nerve!" exclaimed his friend.

"What's troubling you?" asked the other. "Look what you've

done," he answered. "You've given me the little piece and kept the big one for yourself."

"How would you have done it?" the man asked. His friend replied, "If I were serving, I would have given you the big piece."

"Well," replied the man, "I've got it, haven't I?"

Second, when the brutal days seem to be coming more than the relief times, be aware that self-defeat can slip in. The result is always destructive.

Back in the early 1930s, C.D. "Bigboy" Blalock of Louisiana State University—a six-foot-six-inch giant of a boxer—was taking on a stocky fellow from Mississippi State. In the second round, Bigboy let lose a roundhouse. The Mississippi man stepped in, and his head caught Bigboy's arm inside the elbow. With the opponent's head acting as a lever, Bigboy's arm whipped around in almost full circle, connecting with haymaker force on Bigboy's own chin. He staggered, grabbed the rope, walked almost all the way around the ring, and then fell flat for the count—the only prizefighter who ever knocked himself out with a right to his own jaw.

Third, walk in proper self-esteem. If we believe we are

destroyed, and defeated, that is exactly how we will operate our lives. However, the opposite is also true. If we stand firm in the fact that God has made us, and we are of value to Him, the difference will be astonishing.

At the Pan American Games, Greg Louganis was asked how he coped with the stress of international diving competition. He replied that he climbs to the board, takes a deep breath, and thinks, "Even if I blow this dive, my mother will still love me." Then he goes for excellence. At the beginning of each day, how good it would be for each of us to take a deep breath, say, "Even if I blow this dive, my mother will still love me", and then, assured of grace, go into the day seeking a perfect 10!

What is true of a mother's love is even more pronounced in the Father's love—your Father in heaven. He is greater, stronger, and is able to redeem us through any day—including the rotten days. Look to Him!

* Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle, located 200 yards behind Flora & Ella's on Highway 80.

Guest Commentary

Walking: The long and short of better health

By Patricia Dobbins, RN.,/H.S.A.

Administrator, Hendry/Glades County Health Dept.

Some people may wonder if it's better to walk a long distance at a slow pace or a short distance at a fast pace. Well, studies have shown that no matter the distance or the pace, "hoofing it" adds so many health benefits. So, it's better to walk some, than nothing at all! To burn the most calories however, (from every minute that you



Patricia Dobbins

are squeezing out of you busy schedule) you should walk very briskly. Speedy walking can help your heart and lungs to become stronger. A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that brisk walking on a regular basis can also lengthen the lives of people

who have diabetes. Some people may also wonder if walking in the morning is better than walking at night. Well, a calorie burned, is a calorie burned, whether it's morning or night. The important thing is to choose a time that fits best with your schedule so that you are more likely to stick with it. No matter how young or how old you are, walking is one of the easiest things we can do for our bodies. Grab a friend, your children or your pet and "hit the pavement." Turn it into an adventure,

and you'll have some fun while becoming healthier. Walking can help build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints, and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. It can also help reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression and help to control the swelling and pain from arthritis. Walking can also help to control weight, build lean muscle and reduce fat. So, get out there and get moving!

Guest Commentary

Chubby babies are cute, but are they healthy?

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Obesity (being overweight) has become a major public health concern for all ages. Believe it or not, the problems actually start while you are a baby. People may say, "Oh what a cute chubby little baby," but did you know that overweight babies usually grow up to be overweight adults? Obesity has been linked to diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.



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It may be surprising, but even six month old babies can show evidence of diabetes and high cholesterol. It's so easy to stick a bottle in a crying baby's mouth, but sometimes it may not be hunger that's causing the crying and you are just training your baby to eat something when they are upset. Babies usually eat every three hours or

so, and they can even recognize when they are full, so don't try to force your little one to, "finish the bottle" if they don't seem to want to continue eating.

Babies can develop a "sweet tooth" at an early age. Once your baby is big enough to eat baby foods, start them on some healthy vegetable types, because once the sweet stuff touches their lips, you'll be forever trying to get them to eat their peas and green beans! Once you start giving them 100 percent fruit juice, give them no more than 6 ounces a day. Fruit

juices have lots of extra sugar and extra sugar means extra calories.

So, if someone tells you that you have a "cute chubby baby," you may want to talk to your healthcare provider to make sure that you are not over feeding your baby. Healthy babies can grow into healthy adults.

Remember to wash your hands, be healthy and be happy!

* If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4047, extension 126).

Consumers urged to take proper tax deductions

TALLAHASSEE—With the April 15, income tax filing deadline just around the corner, people are likely gathering their tax documents and scheduling an appointment with their tax professional to have their tax return completed. As consumers prepare for this process, the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers (FAMB) encourages everyone to make sure they take all mortgage-related deductions they are entitled to for their principal residence, such as interest paid on a current mortgage.

"This is a good opportunity for consumers to maximize the amount of money they receive back from the state and federal government as well as minimize the amount they have to pay," said Valerie Saunders, President of the FAMB. "The FAMB encourages consumers to talk with their tax

professional about how to take advantage of these deductions as tax laws can be confusing."

Additionally, the FAMB recommends that consumers consider the following tax tips:

- If you have refinanced or sold your home within calendar year 2008, bring your settlement statement to your tax professional to make sure you are taking all of the deductions possible. You can also deduct points on closing costs for the year the home was purchased.
- Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) is tax deductible for consumers whose personal adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less per year. Speak with your tax professional to see if you qualify for this deduction.
- Real estate taxes that you paid and property taxes are deductible.

- A first-time homebuyer's tax credit is available until Dec. 1, 2009 for new home owners who qualify.
- "Green" additions to your home, such as energy-efficient appliances, are tax deductible according to the new economic stimulus package signed by President Obama.
- If you have recently refinanced, make sure to take appropriate credit for interest paid to your previous lender.
- If you are using part of your home for a business office, bring the total square footage of your home and the square footage you are using for the office, as well as your expenses including insurance so that you can discuss with your tax professional the best treatment for taxes.
- If you have made home improvements, keep your receipts. Even though they might not be

tax deductible they can be used to reduce your taxable gain when you eventually sell your home.

- If you have to make permanent improvements to your home because of a medical condition (prescribed in writing by your doctor), such as installing air-conditioning or handicap ramps, these expenses may be partially deductible.
- If you have moved more than 50 miles away, you can deduct the cost of moving yourself, household goods and vehicles to your new home.
- Use the 1098 interest form for the mortgage interest paid on an annual basis.

For more information or to find a mortgage broker in your area, visit the consumer information page on the FAMB web site at www.famb.org.

LaBelle Middle School students, faculty and staff enjoyed a week of celebration in early February to celebrate "LMS Spirit Week" sponsored by the LMS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). The theme for the week was "Old Mr. White had a Farm" and students and teachers were challenged to a door-decorating contest. All 5th period teachers and students were put to the challenge. There were some very unusual "farm" scenes on the doors. Winners of the door decorating contest were: 6th grade, Ms. Parker's class; 7th grade, Ms. Wiggins' class; and 8th grade, Ms. Bonnoyer's class. Way to go everyone!!!

Other activities for the week included Pajama Day, Mismatch Day, Jersey/Sports Day, Farm and Hat Day and Friday was "Spirit Day." Students participated honorably during each day and had lots of fun. The 8th grade class won the "most spirited" class, a rare "three-peat," having won the award since 6th grade!!

On Friday, students were treated to a "Pep Rally" at the end of the day. LMS band members serenaded the students as they entered the gym. The following teams were recognized during the pep rally: LMS Football, LMS Volleyball, LMS Girls and Boys Basketball, LMS Cross Country and the LMS Cheerleaders. The 2009 Spirit Court made their first appearance to thunderous applause: Sixth grade representatives were Mr. Daniel Keller and Miss Jasmine Deleon; Seventh grade representatives were Mr. Jorge Betancourt and Miss Pau-



Courtesy photos

Spirit Week king and queen candidates are: Front Row Seated: Cory Taylor, King Derek Bass, Queen Andrea Lutkenhaus Standing L-R: Daniel Keller, Austin Garcia, Jasmine Deleon, Kayla Keller, Alton Burton, Paulina Magana, Jorge Betancourt, Ronnie Burton, Dagoberto Gonzalez, Brooklin Walls, and Tabitha Parker.

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The 8th grade finalists for King and Queen were Andrea Lutkenhaus, Kayla Keller, Tabitha Parker, Cory Taylor, Brooklin Walls, Dagoberto Gonzalez, Derek Bass, Alton Burton, Ronnie Burton and Austin Garcia.

Our main event was the "teacher-student dance-off." Teachers and administrators volunteered to participate and students voted during lunch for their favorite teacher/administrator to be in the dance-off. Votes were 25 cents each and the top five winners were: Mr. White, Mr. Lutkenhaus, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tucker and Ms. Parker. Proceeds from the votes will go to the March of Dimes.

The top five winners choose a student to compete against and the dancing began. Partici-

pants grooved to "The Chicken Dance," the "Hokee Pokee, and "the" YMCA." Mr. Jenkins and Patrick Graham won the preliminary round and faced off against each other in the final dance-off. Students cheered on our winner, Mr. Jenkins. He can really "break it down!"

Friday night was the "Spirit Dance" and the crowning of the King and Queen. Students danced and enjoyed good food and glow necklaces. Finally the time came for the coronation. The envelopes please... King: Mr. Derek Bass and Queen: Miss Andrea Lutkenhaus.

FBLA members would like to say thank you to all who participated in the week's activities and we look forward to an even bigger and better Spirit Week next year!

LHS scholarships

Mark your calendar for March 7, at 7 a.m. Belle Center parking lot, 419 W. State Road 80, LaBelle.

Treasures Galore plus delicious bake goods! All proceeds go to LHS Scholarship fund and Project

Guided Nature Walk planned April 22

On Wednesday, April 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., join park staff on a stroll through native habitat this earth day. See first hand the plants and animals that make southwest Florida so unique. Participants should be able to walk approximately one and a half miles. Please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. We will meet at the main entrance of the park at 18500 North River Rd. There is no cost to participate in this program and registration is not required. Limit 25 participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Kelly at 239-693-2690.

offers help

Don't let finances keep you from attending this community-wide seminar entitled "Forgive to Live - How Forgiveness Can Change Your Life" presented by Dr. Dick Tibbits of Florida Hospital in Orlando. An anonymous citizen of our great community has offered to pay half the cost for anyone who wants to come but feels he or she cannot afford it in these uncertain times. That's how important this generous person feels it is to help make other people's lives healthier and happier. You will learn valuable lessons in how to take control of your own life and feelings and how to overcome many of life's difficulties. The seminar is being held at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church on March 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, \$30 per couple and includes lunch. Register today by calling Marty Cowen 863-675-4710, Joyce Salzmann 863-675-6314 or Mary McHenry 863-675-8753. You may also email macowen@embarqmail.com. Don't miss this opportunity!

Did you ever have dreams of playing in the NFL? If not, do you still enjoy playing the game of football? If so listen up! The Seminole Tribe Recreation Department is sponsoring a flag football game in honor of cancer victim Heather Marie Fry, who was a football cheerleader. The gridiron action will take place on Saturday, February 28 from noon until 6 p.m. at the LHS football field. All proceeds are to benefit LaBelle's 2009 Relay for Life. Sponsors are still needed so call Debbie (673-0894) or Tony Tolar (673-5739).

FREE Eliminate Identity Theft Seminar

SBDC will present a FREE training seminar on "How to Eliminate Identity Theft" at Florida Community Bank, 155 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, on Tuesday, March 23, from 9-11 a.m.

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Feeling the speed of mowing?
This young gentlemen were really getting into the speed as they circled the track at this years Nasgrass Lawn Racing. The track is located off Cowboy Way on Pratt Blvd. Proceeds from this years event went to Healthy Start.

Church Briefs

Feel better about your life

Have you ever felt overcome by life's difficulties? Have you ever wished you could stop giving control of your life to people from your past? Would you like to get your life, and maybe even your health, back? If so, then register today for the "Forgive to Live" seminar being held at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 7 from 9 to 4. This community-wide event is presented by Dr. Dick Tibbits of Florida Hospital in Orlando and is based on his best-selling book "Forgive to Live - How Forgiveness Can Save Your Life." The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a copy of the book, lunch, snacks and beverages. A financial "helping hand" is available if needed. Register before by March 1. Call Marty Cowen (863-675-4710), Joyce Salzmann (863-675-6314), Mary McHenry (863-675-8753), or email macowen@embarqmail.com.

Church thrift store open Saturdays

The Church of God of Prophecy in Moore Haven's thrift shop is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays only. All things are given for donation. Proceeds help with expenses of the church. All things are nice and clean, they are transported by Cowboy Church Hand & Hand Ministries of Palmdale. If you would like to help in some way call 863-612-0640.

Rev. Co's 10th anniversary

Come celebrate with International Christian Fellowship on

Sunday, March 8. ICF will be celebrating Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Co's ten years of pastoral service in LaBelle. The church is located at 233 Clark Street. The founding pastor, Rev. Jerry Dean, will be ministering during both services. It will be a great time of food, fun and fellowship. Special anniversary service begins at 10:30 a.m., and the afternoon service at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served after the morning service. There will be a "fish fry" after the afternoon service. All kinds of games for everyone will be played. For more information, please call 675-1112.

Forgiveness seminar planned

Dr. Dick Tibbits, renowned speaker and best selling author

from Florida Hospital in Orlando will speak in LaBelle on March 7. His seminar is based on his book "Forgive to Live - How Forgiveness Can Save Your Life" and is sponsored by Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend this community wide event being held at the church from 9-4 on Saturday, March 7. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 per couple and includes a copy of the book, lunch, beverages and snacks. If there are concerns about the cost, a financial "helping hand" is available. For more information or to make a reservation please call Marty Cowen at 863-675-4710, Joyce Salzmann at 863-675-6314, Mary McHenry at 863-675-8753 or email macowen@embarqmail.com.

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In fact, we've been in business for over 80 years. We did not participate in payment-option ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages), sub-prime loans or other 'exotic' mortgage loans you read about today and which so many other mortgage lenders are struggling with. Instead, we sat out the irrational lending frenzy and built our internal resources to better serve our customers and home buyers today and in the future.

ARM(ed) But Not Dangerous

The events of the last few years have created the perception that all ARMs (Adjustable Rate Mortgages) are dangerous - they're not. There are times when an ARM is the right loan for the situation. For instance, a couple purchasing a home that plans to sell and upgrade in a few years would most likely benefit from a shorter term ARM loan. It's a matter of applying common sense lending practices and selecting the right loan to fit the needs of the borrower.

New Lock & Shop Service

We recently introduced our "Lock and Shop" service at Seacoast that allows prospective home buyers to be pre-approved for a mortgage and lock in the rate on an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) at the time of application for up to 90 days. You can then shop for a home with the peace of mind that the rate will not increase while you shop. If rates go down before you close on the loan, so does your rate. You can also choose to change the loan to a fixed rate option at closing.

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This little pirate was really enjoying the crowd.



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Little Dezmynd Martinez didn't let all the Swamp Cabbage festivities, music or anything else keep her from a well-deserved nap.

Obituaries

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Duke Bryan Bailey, 86

LABELLE — Duke Bryan Bailey, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 in LaBelle. He was 86.

He was born Sept. 15, 1922 in Opp, Ala. to Charlie Bailey and Minnie (Bryan) Bailey.

Duke served in the Army during World War II and was stationed in Germany. He was a longtime resident of LaBelle and was active in several business interests. He was owner of LaBelle Motel for 37 years. Duke was also active in different agriculture interests including citrus, watermelons and cattle ranching.

Survivors include one son, Bryan Bailey (Kelly), of Winter Haven; daughter, Karen S. Daniels (Randy), of LaBelle; brother, C.T. Bailey (Grace), of Lithia; grandchildren, Nolen Bailey, Dillon Bailey, Harmony Tordonato (Chris); and great-grandson, Dillon White.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009 graveside at Fort Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle, with Pastor W. T. Maddox Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Fort Denaud Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church of LaBelle Building Fund.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

Mary Elizabeth 'Bette' Leicht, 82

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Mary Elizabeth "Bette" Leicht, 82, of Indianapolis, formally from Florida, passed away quietly at home Feb. 10, 2009.

Surviving are daughters, Roxanne Wolf (Steve), Mary Gayle Labanowitz (Bob), Janet Shields (Eric); son, George Leicht (Julie); five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She will be reunited with her husband, Jacob "Jake" Leicht at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Cremation was handled at Aaron, Ruben & Nelson Mortuary, Indianapolis.

Mary M. Dunlap

LABELLE — Mary M. Dunlap, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009.

She was born in Delaware and moved to Miami in 1921, with her mother and father, Anne R. and John C. Miller, two sisters and three brothers.

A graduate of Miami High School, she worked for the First National Bank of Miami, which evolved into Southeast Bank, and for Southern Bell Telephone Company. During World War II, she was a civilian employee of the U.S. Signal Corps.

It was during her tenure at the First National Bank that she met Tully F. Dunlap. They were married in the

Coral Gables Methodist Church on July 30, 1939.

They met during the Great Depression when salaries were low and times were tough. "I joined the bank in 1935 and was earning \$50.00 a month," Dunlap recalled. "Mary came to work in 1937 at \$60.00 a month. We got engaged in 1938 and were married in 1939".

In his first banking job, Tully was a "runner", a "messenger, odd jobs man" and Mary was a stenographer. Some of their experiences would raise eyebrows of today's bank employees. "Before we could marry," Dunlap said, "we had to get permission from the bank president, Edward C. Romfh. A bank employee could not borrow money without first getting the approval of Mr. Romfh."

Over time, Tully Dunlap's banking career flourished. He headed three small banks in the Miami area, merged them into the state-wide Sun Banks, and became chairman of that banks holding company before moving into other top posts with banking institutions on the Florida west coast.

In retirement, Mary and Tully settled in LaBelle, where Mary was active in the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion Auxiliary. They also owned a condominium in Coral Gables and maintained close ties with friends and business interests in the Miami area.

Throughout her life, Mary was active in a wide variety of community and church organizations. She was a Girl Scout leader, a volunteer worker at hospitals in Coral Gables and Winter Park, and a member of the Riviera Country Club and the Century Club in Coral Gables.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Robert F. Dunlap, a Miami attorney; a daughter, Mary D. Peacock, a school teacher in Winter Haven; son-in-law, Lawrence Peacock, a school teacher in Winter Haven; and four grandchildren, Robert Tully Dunlap, Lauren Mary Dunlap, Jake Franklin Peacock, and Jennifer Elizabeth Peacock.

Her husband said, "When I returned from service in World War II, I asked Mary to quit her job, to stay home and be a full-time wife and later a full-time mother. She did that and did it well. Mary was a kind, considerate, generous and gracious lady, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a proud grandmother. She has been my motivation and inspiration."

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at the Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street, LaBelle.

Private burial service will be at Woodlawn Mausoleum (North).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.



Caloosa Belle/Jerri Lynn Merritt

The Swamp Cabbage Queen Daphne Glisson presents Oscar Langford with the Pioneer Family's plaque.



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The 2009 Swamp Cabbage Princess Olivia Luckey presents the plaque to the Grand Marshal, David Childs.



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3/2 CUSTOM HOME - Almost New! **REDUCED \$48,900.**
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HOMES
3BR/2BA MOBILE in the city. **\$79,900.**
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3BR/2BA HOME! Large Oaks and nicely landscaped. **\$128,900**
4BR/2BA HOME! Seller will contribute towards Buyers Closing Costs! **\$135,500**
3BR/1BA MOBILE w/great views of the river. **\$149,500.**
3BR/2BA HOME has charming setting under shaded oak canopy. B-2 zoning allows for residential use now and future business/investment opportunities. **\$149,900**
3BR/2BA CUSTOM HOME- Seller will consider all offers. **\$169,000**
3BR/2BA WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE HOME on 3 lots. **\$180,000**
CUSTOM VICTORIAN CHARM!
3Br/2Ba located in stable Caloosa Hammock subdivision, an area of beautiful homes. **\$269,000**
MULTI FAMILY ZONED PROPERTY w/remodeled 2/2 "Cracker-Style" House on .60 +/- acre. **\$289,000**
3BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME. Gulf Access, 1/2 Acre lot. East of LaBelle. Price

to sell at **\$314,900**
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HOMES ON ACREAGE
3BR/2 BA MOBILE on 2.5 acres. **\$145,000.**
4BR/2BA MOBILE HOME! 5+/- Acres, cleared w/fence and pond. **\$179,000.**
3BR/2BA CBS on 5 Acres in the country. **\$200,000**
12+/- ACRES W/3BR/2BA CBS HOME fronting on Hwy 78 West of LaBelle! **\$300,000**
3BR/2BA HOME on 1.37+/- Acre! Commercial Zoned, Hwy Frontage. **\$399,500**
8.8 +/- ACRES FRONTING ON HWY 720! 3Br/1Ba CBS Home. **\$490,000.**
5BR/4BA HOME built in 2004 on 20+/- Acres. **\$795,000**
3/2 POOL HOME on 66.5 +/- acres in Felda. **\$799,900**
ACREAGE
ACREAGE ON HWY 29 IN FELDA... 13.3 +/- acres zoned A-2, can be divided. Perfect for Agri-Business!
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Caloosa Belle/Jo Coombs

Motorcycle enthusiasts from everywhere brought their spiffed-up, Harleys, Hondas, Yamas and others bikes and joined in the Festival fun. There were 34 bikes in the parade representing the American Legion Riders, but approximately 800 (give or take a few) showed up each day for the bike show and games which was sponsored by American Legion Post #130 in LaBelle's Legion Riders.



Caloosa Belle/Jo Coombs

The Buckshot Band kept nearly everyone patting hands or feet along with their songs while playing at the pavilion in Barron Park.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Members of Oscar Langford's family, the 2009 Swamp Cabbage Festival Pioneer Family wave to the crowd as they pass.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Parade Grand Marshall David Childs and his wife, Ester enjoyed waving to the crowd.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A 2006 HOME \$67,900. Unit 9 of Port LaBelle. Home offers spacious living room, dining area and inside laundry room. Home needs a little TLC. MLS#200864540

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DON'T MISS THIS 3/3 HOME \$157,000. Manf. Home includes gated security fence, Den Fireplace, shed, skylights all on 1/2 acres. This is a must see! MLS# 200825284

PRICED TO SELL \$110,500. This 2Bd 1Ba home on 2 1/2 lots-corner-oaks and fruit trees. Seller says bring all offers. MLS#200833336

PRICED TO SELL \$110,500. This 2Bd 1Ba home on 2 1/2 lots-corner-oaks and fruit trees. Seller says bring all offers. MLS#200843733

CITY OF LABELLE \$274,900. Among the oaks is this Brick Home with 3Brd-2ba split plan walkin closet on 1 Acre Pool - Work shed. MLS#200864250

MANUFACTURED 3/2 ON 2.5 ACRES \$118,000. Fenced cleared land with gate to enter property. Has Tile floors and stainless steel appliances. MLS#200833244

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• Coporate owned! 3/2 in Port LaBelle. Needs a little TLC but priced to sell! **\$54,900.**

UNDER CONTRACT

• Beautiful custom built home on river w/high ceilings, split floor plan, stainless steel appliances, caged pool and large patio area. Also includes a 10,000 pound boat lift. **\$495,000**

• Horse lovers welcome! 4/2.5 on 3.24 +/- in Port LaBelle Ranchettes subdivision, 2,500 sq. ft. of living area, 2 car garage, wrap around porch and lots more. **\$335,000.**

• Corporate owned! 4/3, caged pool, steel building, an in-ground pool, on a corner lot of LaBelle. **\$151,000**

• Corporate owned and priced to sell! In Clewiston with a view of the river on a corner lot at intersecting canals. **\$114,900**

• Nice 3/1 CBS in Port LaBelle. Seller says make offer! **\$105,000.**

• Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely redone from top to bottom. Need to see to believe. **\$90,000.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2.5 pool home. Located close to the river. **\$114,900**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in Lehigh Acres! 3/2 CBS home with a carport, great floor plan. **\$79,900.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home w/2 car garage, large kitchen area, oversized den. Needs minor cosmetic work. **\$74,900.**

• Bank approved Short Sale! Nice 2006 3/2 with vaulted ceilings, spacious rooms, plenty of kitchen cabinets! Near schools and outside city limits. **\$73,500**

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UNDER CONTRACT

• Corporate owned! 3/2 in Lehigh Acres off of Gunner. Spacious 3/2 with a large master suite, spacious floor plan and close to shopping and schools. **\$62,000.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2, 2 car garage, separate living room! Family room. **\$62,400.**

• Duplex - 3/2 each side with single car garage. Needs a little TLC but priced to sell. **\$60,000.**

• Fisherman's weekend retreat: 3/2 stilt home, w/covered carport, fenced yard and in move in condition. **\$60,000.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 located in Sun-N-Lakes Subdivision near Lake Placid. Needs a TLC. **\$55,500.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 in Port LaBelle. Needs a little TLC but priced to sell! **\$54,900.**

• 2/2 on oversized corner lot in LaBelle. Ceramic tile, single car garage. Screened porch and lots more. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 located only a couple miles away from Lake Placid. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned! Immaculate 3/2 CBS home in Lehigh near Lee Blvd on .25 acre. **\$46,900.**

• Lehigh - Cozy 3/2 home on .30 of an acre. **\$46,900.**

• Corporate owned! Handy man special. 3/2 CBS in Central Lehigh. **\$38,000.**

• Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$25,000**

MOBILE HOMES

- Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10 +/- acres has it all, from it spacious family room w/stone fireplace, master suite w/ office, covered porch, and fencing for horses. This one is a steal @ only **\$250,000**
- Size will surprise you! 2BR/2B home on 10 +/- acres is very well kept and former module home. Features a warm comfortable living room w/gas fireplace, spacious kitchen, front & rear covered porches. **\$250,000**
- Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious living room, family room w/fireplace, large master suite, lots, lots of more. **\$249,900.**
- Plenty of room for gardening on these 2.29 +/- acres with a 3/2 manufactured home. Motivated seller. **\$150,000.**
- Relax the rural way! Situated on 1.25 acs in growing Montura, beautiful new 2006 3/2 manufactured home with over 1100 sq ft of living area. SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE! **\$129,900**
- Want country living without the long drive to the city? Get the best of both worlds with this 3BR/2BA home on 2.29 +/- acres on Case Road. Enjoy the quiet & privacy plus a wood burning fireplace, vaulted ceilings, and Texas sized rooms! **\$124,900.**
- Let's make a deal! 3 bedroom 2 bath home features built in cabinets, large master bath, spacious kitchen, and plenty of elbow room thru the rest of the house. Outside you will find a fenced yard and storage shed. **\$110,000**
- Two for the price of one! All on one acre. 3/2 well maintained manufactured home plus a 2/2 manufactured home. Plenty of fruit trees and oak trees. All offers welcome! **\$100,000**

• Needing Privacy? Beautiful 4.58 a/c +/- with older mobile home on 10 +/- (rental income) outside city limits. Priced to sell! **\$93,000**

• Starter home or investment! 2/1 on 1.86 acres with Florida room and covered porch. Priced to sell. **\$64,900.**

• Affordable starter or rental home. 3/1.5 on corner lot in Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 just a few miles south of LaBelle. Needs a little TLC. **\$48,900**

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- .29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**
- **Call about our Port LaBelle lots!**
***** COMMERCIAL *****
- **REDUCED!** Great investment property! Located just feet from SR80 in LaBelle. The building has over 1800 square feet of office space and has plenty of room for parking. The floorplan has the advantage of being able to be split into 2 separate rental offices, while still providing a common lobby area. **\$369,900**
- Log Cabin BBQ - Centrally located in LaBelle with 167 +/- feet of frontage on SR80. **\$279,000!**
- Prime 20 +/- acre potential commercial parcel located near West Glads Elementary in Muse and just minutes away from downtown LaBelle. **\$3.50 per square foot.**
- Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. **\$155,000.**
- Location! Location! Property located at entrance of LaBelle. **\$70,000.**

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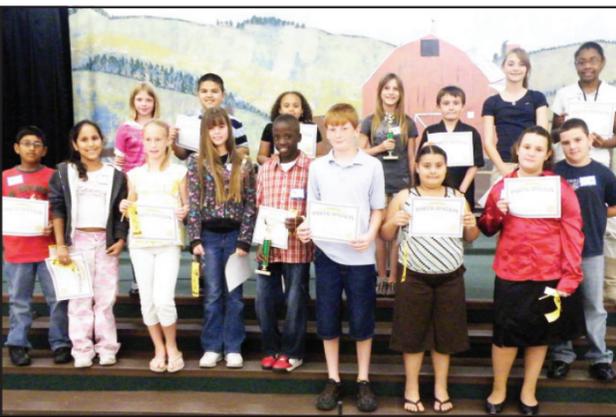
Spelling Bee

The 2009 Hendry County Schools Spelling Bee was a great success. Excellent spellers from all over Hendry County took the stage to take on tough spelling challenges.

It was held on Feb. 17, in the Country Oaks Elementary (COES) school cafeteria. There were representatives from Country Oaks Elementary, LaBelle Elementary, Uptegrove Elementary, Eastside Elementary, Central Elementary, Westside Elementary, Clewiston,

Middle, LaBelle Middle, and the Clewiston Christian School. All of the participants and alternates did a fantastic job!

The first place winner is Julian Arteaga from Country Oaks Elementary (COES), Second place winner is Davonte Moore from Eastside Elementary (EES) and the third place speller was Kylie Casten from LaBelle Elementary (LES). We are very proud of all our spellers.



Submitted photo/COES

Participants in the Hendry County Schools Spelling Bee included students from all over the county. Spellers winning the competition were Julian Arteaga, Davonte Moore and Kylie Casten. Students participating in the event are in the photo in the following order: Akin Patel, Alkashia Keys, Alyssa Avant, Alyssa Colson, Davonte Moore, Jarred Miller, Jessenia Escobedo, Jessica Trnka, John Leon, Jordan Miller, Jose Romero, Julian Arteaga, Kayla Calhoun, Kenny Meijaruz, Kylie Casten, Nathan Howard, Peyton Walls and Telissa McCall.



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Winners of the Hendry County Schools Spelling Bee got the spotlight after taking the top three spots in the competition. Students from all over Hendry County participating in the event with Julian Arteaga from Country Oaks Elementary in first place, Davonte Moore from Eastside Elementary winning second place and Kylie Casten from LaBelle Elementary in third place.

Deadline for property exemptions nears

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, says in today's economy every penny counts for all of us.

Why not take advantage of your savings between now and March 2, by coming to the Property Appraiser's Office in the Courthouse, third floor in LaBelle during office hours (8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.) Monday thru Friday OR our Clewiston sub-office at 939 W. Sugarland Hwy. (in the old K-Mart building) same hours/days apply. You may qualify for one or more of the following exemptions:

1. Homestead Exemption - \$25,000/\$0/\$25,000. Applies to first \$25,000 of assessed value - all taxing authorities. Applies to \$50,000 - \$75,000 assessed value - Not school district
2. Disabled Veteran's Exemption based on % of disability - \$5,000.00
3. Widow's or Widower's Exemption - \$500.00
4. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption - \$500.00 (or more)
5. Additional \$50,000 Exemption for 65 years of Age or Older with an annual income of \$25,873 or less per household (documentation required).
6. Tangible Personal Property Exemption - \$25,000.00
7. Agriculture Classification (Green Belt)
8. Homestead Portability

If you have recently purchased your property the previous owners exemptions are NOT transferable. New applications MUST be filed in the event of any changes or deed transfers. This would include changes in Agricultural Classifications also.

You should have received your automatic renewal receipts for Homestead Exemption (white) and Agricultural Classifications (green), if you still qualify keep your receipt do NOT return it to our office.

To file for homestead exemption you will have to furnish the following:

- * Florida Drivers License
- * Florida Vehicle Registration
- * Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile
- * Social Security Number
- * Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen)
- * Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker, if filling on a mobile home.

For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the Courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for you to file an application for Homestead Exemption or any other exemption.

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Kimberly Kemp and Ken Pickles did a great job as emcee's for the Swamp Cabbage Queen & Princess Pageant.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

A large number of bikers showed their patriotic spirit.

Farm Bureau conservation program meetings set

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation is urging agricultural producers to attend meetings scheduled around the state in March by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA (NRCS). Rule-making is in process for the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, commonly known as the 2008 farm bill. NRCS in Florida is preparing to deliver the conservation programs authorized by the bill, many of which provide cost-share and other financial assistance.

The meetings are being held to ensure the natural resources conservation priorities within the state are addressed and to inform partners and Florida's agricultural

producers about the programs.

The public information sessions are designed to provide NRCS customers and natural resource partners the opportunity to hear what programs will be available. Information on how to make public comments will be available and each meeting will conclude with a question and answer session. Topics will range from invasive species to water conservation.

A meeting will be held in LaBelle at the USDA Service Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd. on March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Jeff Schmidt at 561-683-0883.



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Princess Olivia Luckey presents the plaque to the Grand Marshal David Childs.



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Queen Daphne Glisson presents the Pioneer Family plaque to Oscar Landgard.

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Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency (LPA) of Hendry County will hold a public hearing on **March 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida, to discuss proposed changes to the Hendry County Land Development Code. The LPA will determine if the changes are consistent with the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan* and will review the changes for consistency with the *Hendry County Land Development Code*.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **March 24, 2009 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

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

Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be subject to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, which states if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Local Planning Agency or Board of County Commissioners 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.

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-53-5.5, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING MINING, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency
311469 CB/CN 2/26/09

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



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Public Notice 5005

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Lucky Kisses?

Or was Queen Daphne looking for a prince charming?

Senator Aronberg that isn't a baby!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan* and will review the application for consistency with the *Hendry County Land Development Code*.

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

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.

Petition Number: RZ08-0008

Applicant: Yvette Fiori

Ordinance title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL/RURAL ESTATES (RR) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONING DISTRICT ON 2.5 +/- ACRES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Location: 4400 Hendry Isles Blvd, Clewiston, FL

Property size: 2.5 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is requesting a zoning to allow commercial uses to serve persons within a small community.

Legal description of subject property:

DESCRIPTION:
THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 8, BLOCK "O" PIONEER PLANTATION.



Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Ronald McDonald had some help waving to the crowd.



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The Ortona Girl Scouts took time out from selling cookies to make it to the parade.



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The City Commission of LaBelle was riding high, in their swamp buggy.

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Notice of Sale
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Auction will be held at 5775 State Road 80, LaBelle, FL 33935, 863-674-1876 at 12:00pm Saturday March 14, 2009 for the contents of storage unit 6, Clifton Mathis -personal property, CASH ONLY sale. 311475 CB 2/26/3/5/12/09

Notice of Sale
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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NOTICE OF MEETING

LaBelle, FL - A meeting of the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group has been scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Hendry County EMS Station #219 at 1050 Forestry Division Road, LaBelle, FL 33935.

The LMS strives to lessen the human, environmental, and economic costs of disasters through hazard mitigation. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
311629 CB/CN 2/26/09

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Community Action Advisory Board has scheduled their Finance Committee meeting Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6 PM and will immediately be followed by the Board Meeting at 7 PM at the Hendry County Satellite Office at 100 East El Paso Ave., Clewiston, Florida.

(This was the old Health Department Building). The meeting is open to the public and the site is accessible by the disabled.

Community Action Advisory Board
Joyce Adams, Chairperson
311589 CB/CN 2/26/09

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ADVERTISE and Get Results



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

The Disabled American Veterans made a nice showing.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Fishermen were getting in some last minute casts before it was time to weigh in Sunday. Look for the results in next week's Caloosa Belle.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Members of the Hendry County Commission waved to the crowd.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Ms. Sugar was able to make the parade.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Louis Ramond of Michigan put some last minute shine on his completely restored 1965 Pontiac GTO at the South Central Florida Car Show. Mr. Ramonds car was built from three different cars.

The Firehouse Cultural Center is having a VERY LARGE garage sale on Saturday, February 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the theater, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. Something for everyone!

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Look porcelain lovers

Saturday, Feb. 28, Edison Porcelain Artists Club will have its annual show and sale of club members' hand-painted porcelain at Browning Hall, St. Hilary's Church, located at the corner of McGregor and Colonial Blvd., in Fort Myers.

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free. Drawings for hand-painted door prizes and raffle pieces. Call Donna at 239-694-1985 for more information.

Property Appraiser extends hours

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, is reminding everyone that today (Feb. 26) is the final day for extended hours for homeowners to file for 2009 Exemptions.

The hours and locations are as follows: The offices in LaBelle and in Clewiston will be open tonight (Thursday) until 6 p.m. We will have representatives in Felda from 4-6 p.m. at the Felda Community Center.

For additional information please go to our website at www.hendryprop.org or you can call the LaBelle office at 863-675-5270 and in Clewiston at 863-983-3178.

March 2nd is the deadline for filing 2009 Exemptions..

Little Miss LaBelle

ABWA Sign ups for Little Miss LaBelle Pageant. Kindergarten thru 8th grade. Cost \$25 non-refundable. Thurs, Feb 26 at First Baptist Church office 5-6 p.m., 330 N. Main St. Must live in LaBelle area and attend LaBelle or West Glades school. Practices begin March 3 at LaBelle High School 5-6:30 p.m.

Legion bingo

The American Legion, 699 Hickpochee Avenue West, holds bingo every Monday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of bingo!

Honor a veteran

The first bricks have been ordered for the new Veterans Memorial. Honor a special veteran with a brick at the new Veterans Memorial, across from the Courthouse. Call American Legion Post 130 for more information.

Commemorate person, occasion

The LaBelle Heritage Museum is selling commemorative bricks for the gazebo at the museum. For more information call the museum at 674-0034.

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.

LaBelle Heritage Museum meeting

The regular meeting of the LaBelle Heritage Museum will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at LaBelle City Hall. The program will be Mary Todd Lincoln in video and persona. All are invited! Refreshments will be served.

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 All Ladies Receive \$5.00 Off and a coupon for a \$2.00 Margarita (#3, #4, #5 or #6 Wash Package)

WEDNESDAY - College Day
 Show your college ID & get \$5.00 Off (#3, #4, #5 or #6 Wash Package)

THURSDAY - MANLY DAY
 All men receive \$5.00 Off and a coupon for a Free Draft Beer (#3, #4, #5 or #6 Wash Package)

LEHIGH ACRES ONLY

#1 FULL SERVICE	\$11.95
#2 FULL SERVICE PLUS	\$13.95
#3 FULL SERVICE ULTRA	\$17.95
#4 FULL SERVICE ULTIMATE	\$29.95
#5 HAND WAX EXPRESS	\$36.95
#6 THE WORKS	\$47.95

Oil Changes starting at \$33.99 includes FREE #1 Car Wash

\$300 OFF Any Wash Package!
 Limit one coupon per person per visit. Cannot combine coupon offers. C8109

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 *Estero location closed on Sunday

RIVERFRONT - Development potential w/1,561 ft of riverfront in Ortona. 3+ acres commercial and 36 acres residential, 2 homes on site. Owner will finance. **\$2,600,000**

COMMERCIAL LOT (C-1), 1+/- AC. SR 29 S. Close to an area of proposed development **\$189,000.** Seller Financing. Broker/owner

ALL OR PART, 900+ acres south of LaBelle. Cleared land or working grove. Farming, cattle and groves in area. Lots of wildlife. **\$8,995 per acre**

51.28 ACRES east of LaBelle on Al Don Farming Rd. Secluded and heavily wooded. **\$6,975 per acre.** Seller Financing.

ALVA, 2 acre lot on busy SR80 near intersection. Front half zoned commercial. **\$395,000**

CONVENIENCE STORE (former Circle K), Beer and Wine License, Busy Cowboy Way Corner. **\$450,000**

6 ACRES, LOTS OF OAKS. Sunset Trail, Muse. Seller financing. **SELLER FINANCING \$109,000.**

5+/- ACRES, heavily wooded with fixer upper mobile. Kirby Thompson Rd. **SELLER FINANCING, \$165,000.**

INCOME PRODUCING: 3 older mobiles, SR29S on 1.38 Ac. Broker/owner 14 ACRES, I-75 AND BAYSHORE, N. FT. MYERS, busy intersection, near river. **\$2,900,000.**

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, corner of SR29 S and S. Industrial Lp. 1.1 Ac., 3000 sq. ft. bldg. (used as drive-thru store). **\$695,000**

.86 ACRE, tree covered lot. Thigpen Rd. Seller financing. **\$59,900.**

INCOME PROPERTY 18 mobile homes and store/laundry off Cowboy Way **SELLER FINANCING \$997,500.**

9 ACRES south of **SALE \$59,000.**

38.01 ACRES south of **SALE \$1,000,000.**

WANTED: HUNTING LAND TO PURCHASE 75 ACRE MINIMUM

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