

At a Glance

Relay for Life - Ready, Set, Go!

United We Stand Against Cancer is the theme for this year's LaBelle Relay for Life.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 21, starting at 3 p.m. at LaBelle High School Football Field. Come and join us for plenty of food and fun!

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Single copy issues of the Caloosa Belle are now available here at the office for 50 cents (plus tax) as well as by rack for 50 cents.

This price is necessitated by increases in cost and to insure continued supply of newspapers for the community.

The paper will continue to be distributed in the same quantities and on a complimentary basis at select locations and households in LaBelle.

Sign up for Little Miss LaBelle

Sign up for Little Miss LaBelle pageant at LaBelle High School tonight, Thursday, March 12, at 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 and grades K-8 are invited to participate.

Early dismissal

(Hendry County Schools will be dismissed early on Tuesday, March 24.

There will be no lunch served that day and school bus drivers will be following their regular schedules based upon the school early release times.)

Barron Library meeting scheduled

The Barron Library Board of Directors will hold their Annual Meeting, Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Hear first hand what is going on at your local library, and learn how you can become a Friend of the Library. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Football and cheer coaches wanted

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Friendship: A lifelong blessing



Lifelong friends are pictured from left: Ida Lofton Kirby, Dorothy Risher, Mildred Lewis, Mary Dyess and Esther Beavers.

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Grover Hill was photographed seated in "SCRAMBOLA," his ingenious and forward-looking car on Thanksgiving Day 1931. Hugh Hull is pictured standing on the far right. The other two gentlemen are unidentified.

Submitted photo/Nancy Mott

LaBelle gals friendship strong

By Nancy R. Mott

Mildred Hill Lewis celebrated her 90th birthday recently, surrounded by some of LaBelle's leading ladies - sisters Dorothy Risher and Esther Beavers, and friends, Ida Lofton-Kirby and Mary Dyess. Smoke from a bon fire, the fragrance of barbecue and Joe Lewis' fiddle music accompanied the chatter and laughter of the gathering at Margaret Whatley's Farm.

Sharing life is not new to these women. The five grew up in downtown LaBelle when cows slept in the streets. The Hill girls lived upstairs, over their father and grandfather's business, Aiken & Hill Feed and Livery. Ida and Mary, along with their now-deceased sisters, Flora and Ella, lived across the street next to their father's store, Captain Forrey's Trading Post.

These women are living witnesses of nearly a century of changes to the small town of their birth. Before the Great Depression, LaBelle was

a thriving settlement, complete with a doctor's office, bank, drugstore, dry goods store, rooming houses and a riverside hotel serving the needs of river travelers. Illustrious visitors included Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and Thomas Edison. On Saturday afternoons, Capt. Forrey traded household goods and tools with the Seminole Indians for live animals and pelts. The Forrey girls were the envy of their neighborhood, at times, with live gators, black shiny otters, raccoons and a bear named Alice in cages behind their home.

Even while most Bridge Street businesses still had a hitching post out front for horses, the Forrey-Hill girls witnessed the influx of sporty new automobiles on their small town's streets. The Hill girls' father, Grover, built a race car and named it Zambola. From time to time, Dorothy, Mildred and Esther were driven to school in his bright yellow creation. Dorothy recalls they didn't know

whether to feel proud or embarrassed.

LaBelle also boasted an arcade and theatre, located across Bridge Street from today's Davidson Dry Cleaners. The theater hosted community events such as boxing matches and silent-movies. The owner, Mr. Annanacio, played piano to accompany the movie — slow tunes for sad scenes, peppy music for horse races. In the early days of electricity, LaBelle had three street lights. These consisted of a single bulb hanging from a wire. At 10 p.m., Mr. Goodno shut down the town generator and the street lights would extinguish, along with power to all LaBelle's inhabitants. Reminders of the nightly shutdown were three dims for warning, and lights were off.

The economic devastation of the 1930s did not initially affect life for the Forrey-Hill girls. They went along as usual, wearing

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Motorcyclists ride for the King

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Red, hot motorcycles and Christian values. Don't seem to go together?

Think again.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) might just change your mind. These bikers have a different twist - "changing the world one heart at a time."

These guys and gals see no reason why the word of God and the thunder of motorcycles shouldn't go together. As with other activities, they take that word with them on their Harleys and Hondas, their vehicles of choice to spread the faith.

The CMA is already in 26

countries and all 50 states. The closest chapter is in Fort Myers at this time, but local CMA members hope to establish their own chapter in LaBelle.

Currently there are six LaBelle residents in the group: Dave and Gayle Randant, Larry and Ellen Woosley and Rob and Joy Armstrong are all on the CMA music team. Several part time residents, CMA members from other states, also attend meetings here.

In addition to the music team, there are other CMA teams so all members can use their unique talents for the ultimate goal, bringing the Christian word to lost souls.

Since 1975, this nondenomi-

national, evangelistic group has hit the roads to share their faith at rallies, tours and races ministering to anyone they can by providing worship services and help to any in need.

Members participate in missionary ventures, open door ministries, the Jesus Project (which translates the film "Jesus" into different languages in order to share its message around the world) and home missions.

Membership is open to single and couple Christians who have completed a short ministry.

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Crash kills local motorist

A 22-year-old LaBelle man died in a head-on crash March 7. The crash took place on CR 78 at Brittany Lane at 9:25 p.m., according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

FHP reports that a 1995 Ford SUV, driven by 27-year-old Fortino Martinez-Ramirez of LaBelle, was westbound on CR 78 west of LaBelle.

At the same time, a 1995 Chevrolet van, driven by Arturo Loesa Lagunas, 31, was eastbound.

The two vehicles crashed head-on in the eastbound lane, west of Brittany Lane. Mr. La-

gunas' passenger, 22-year-old Juan Carlos Martinez-Rafael died as a result of the crash and Mr. Lagunas suffered serious injuries. He was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital.

All three of the men are from LaBelle.

FHP continues to investigate the mishap, but the crash is listed as alcohol-related.

None of those involved were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

Trooper Richard Verbiest was the crash investigator and Cpl. George Kantor the homicide investigator.

County breathes new life in EDC

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- Following a presentation by an expert in the economic development field, county commissioners reconsidered their earlier decision to withdraw their funding of Hendry's Economic Development Council.

Commissioners recognized the efforts of the EDC board and the staff, which continued operating despite the crippling decision last year.

The commissioners factored the state of the economy and decreases in operating dollars in removing the funding, but determined on Tuesday that it is now more important than ever to have a fully functioning EDC.

Without a director on board, the group made its case for the hire of a supervisor.

"Things were starting to turn for us and we lost our funding," Debra Van Sickle reminded commissioners. "We're kind of just throwing it all out there for you guys."

Wendell Johnson, Clewiston's city manager, agreed.

"Hendry County is nowhere near being competitive," the

manager said. "Their [EDC] heart's are in it, don't let them slip away from you. Somebody's got to go to bat for you."

Business representatives also stood up to press for funding, including representatives from Alico and Gulf Citrus.

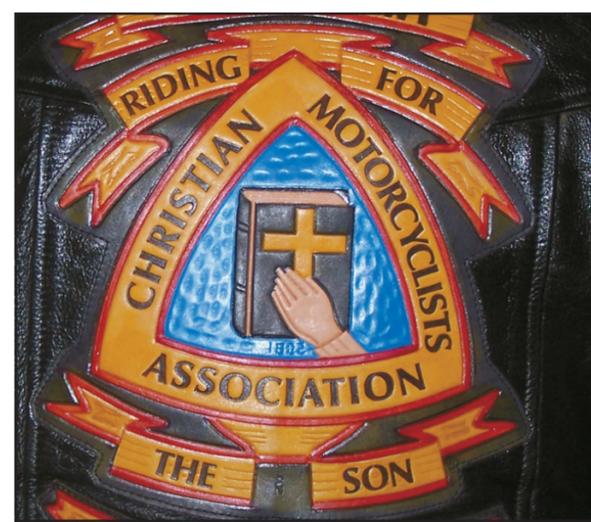
But it was information from a private consultant specializing in economic and real estate development that seemed to tip the discussion in favor of the re-funding.

Janet Watermeier applauded the efforts of the local EDC, and spoke directly to commissioners in explaining why the county needed to fund the group.

Current times are difficult, and the consequences of the sale of U.S. Sugar's land to the state are still unknown. The losses of jobs could be considerable, or could lead to the much-needed diversification of industry in an area so heavily dependent on agriculture, she said.

The county should poise itself to capture as many dollars, and as much help as it can from the state and federal gov-

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
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their pretty dresses handmade from feed sack material, attending school, playing jump-rope and jacks, and doing chores. Every family raised gardens, chickens, a hog or two, and kept a milk-cow. Nothing was wasted.

But as the land boom in South Florida dried up and jobs were scarce, life grew increasingly harder for some. People struggled to earn cash.

Some made moonshine, and more than one man rustled a few cattle from local ranches and was found shot to death. For the most part though, neighbors helped each other endure the hard times together.

Many families moved away searching for jobs, businesses closed, and for the next two decades, LaBelle settled into a quiet existence. A string of deserted buildings with their grand facades loomed over an empty, dusty Bridge Street.

The landscape of LaBelle changed in summer when tropical storms dumped rain into Lake Okeechobee, which in turn overflowed down the Caloosahatchee River, flooding small towns in its path.

Everybody in town turned out to row up and down Bridge Street in wooden boats discussing high water marks from previous years and generally enjoying the excitement of the event. If a flood happened during school months, children were especially glad, as the river was considered too dangerous to cross for students living on the north side, and so schools were closed.

Eventually, the straightening and taming of the Caloosahatchee by the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

boatmen, captains and engineers through LaBelle. Mary and Ida Forrey were discovered by two of these handsome young river men and marriages followed.

For a time, newlywed Mary Forrey Dyess moved with her husband onto one of the boats and became official cook for the crew.

Dorothy went off to a school of design in Washington, DC, where she met and married an FBI man. Esther graduated from Florida State University, when it was still an all-girls school, and embarked on her career as a buyer for Burdines, later marrying a traveling salesman from Texas. Mildred, whose 90th birthday her friends gathered to celebrate, married her high school sweetheart.

Tow-headed babies followed and grew up to be adults. The Forrey-Hill sisters became mothers, hotel managers, restaurant owners, tax collectors, clerks-typists, buyers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and great-great-grandmothers. Their unions produced - and are still producing - some of Southwest Florida's finest citizens.

Most surprisingly, perhaps, is that all the surviving women still reside near the hometown of their birth. They speak with a distinct local accent, laugh easily and have a twinkle in the eye that says they have experienced much and seen it all.

Mildred stated in her birthday speech that even though she is ninety years old, her eyesight is dim and her joints ache, in her dreams she is still a young girl traipsing up and down Bridge Street in LaBelle. The other ladies nodded agreement.

the guest speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, which will be held Monday, March 16, at the LaBelle Civic Center.

"I met Dr. Warmington and heard her speak on two mission trips to Jamaica, and I knew I wanted her to come speak to the people of LaBelle," Paul Puletti, mayor, said.

She is a physician, and felt the call to ministry several years ago. Dr. Warmington, and her assistant Marian Stewart, formed Faith and Deeds Ministries, and they are the first missionaries to be sent from Jamaica to serve in other lands.

The two women are in the United States for a missions conference that is being held at Luther Rice University in Atlanta.

prayer event is held the first week of May, but this opportunity presented itself and I decided to try a prayer luncheon this year," Mr. Puletti said.

There is no cost for the luncheon, which will start at 11:30 a.m. The program is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:10 p.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m. The menu includes hopping john, cornbread, dessert, and iced tea.

Those are interested in attending should call the LaBelle City Hall, 675-2872, with the number of people who will be in their party. A love offering will be taken to support the Faith and Deeds Ministry.



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Cost: \$7 a Person

Karaoke in the Lounge
by Steve
from Down Under

EDC

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ernments through all the uncertainty, Ms. Watermeier told commissioners.

"You will have more leverage than you have had at any time," she said.

The EDC could play a vital part in advocating the widening of S.R. 80, for example, or tapping into the five million people on either coast. The EDC could adopt the inland

port -- a plan to route commercial activity through U.S. 27 -- and support increased economic activity at Airglades Airpark.

Ms. Watermeier points to the county's high unemployment rate, 10.5 percent, but reminded commissioners that is an addressable problem.

"Why are companies not coming here?" she encouraged leaders to consider.

The county should be ready to stake its investment in the EDC, she said.

Providing a ballpark figure of \$140,000 for staff (\$75,000 for an EDC director), and additional funding needed for overhead, professional fees and market and research, Ms. Watermeier said that roughly \$275,000 is needed to operate the group.

Of the amount, it is possible that \$150,000 can be secured from the South Florida Water Management District, she said, \$75,000 from the county, \$15,000 from Clewiston and LaBelle each, as well as \$20,000 from EDC members and new members.

Funding can be viewed either as a cost or an investment, the speaker contended.

After the workshop, during its regular meeting, the Hendry County board of commissioners voted to move forward and re-fund the council.

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Man faces prison in child porn case

A LaBelle man faces a maximum of 90 years in prison. Bobby Holt, 40, was found guilty March 3 of producing and possessing child pornography and tampering with a witness during a federal trial. He is to be sentenced in U.S. District Court in June.

Holt was found guilty of making child pornography on his camera and phone of his then-stepdaughter as she engaged in

sexual activity with a woman.

Holt was also convicted of trying to get a friend to influence a witness to not testify against him and of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The case is part of a combined FBI and local law enforcement project called "Innocent Images," which tries to convict child producers and pornographers.

Cycles

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Currently the six members in LaBelle go to the Fort Myers chapter but hope to grow and initiate their own chapter.

The CMA is now meeting in LaBelle on the first Thursday of the month at Popeyes with Krui-son' with Katie. Regular meetings of the Fort Myers chapter are the last Monday at Golden Corral behind the Wal-Mart on Colonial Blvd. Members eat at 6 p.m. if they choose to and meet at 7 p.m.

Once a year - the first Saturday in May - the CMA puts on the Run for the Son, starting under

the Moore Haven bridge. Members are also to be found at bike weeks from Daytona to Myrtle Beach and beyond.

There are no dues, Dave said, the non-profit CMA supports its work through the sale of official gear like pins, patches and accessories at the goodies store.

If you're interested, please contact Dave Randant at 863-673-5803 for applications and information.

Dave acknowledges that some members were hard core bikers at one time and still look a little rough. But don't let their outward appearance fool you - they're all good people, he said, and all there for the same thing - to use their love of motorcycles as a vehicle to share their faith.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Tomas Quintanilla, 20, was arrested March 8 and charged with battery - felony result from bodily injury, harm/disability; kidnap - false imprisonment; property damage - criminal mischief over \$1,000; and possession of cocaine. Deputy C. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Jaime Cruz Ruiz, 21, was arrested March 6 and charged with cruelty to a child without great harm. Deputy J. Garrett was arresting officer.

Jack L. Christmas, 56, was arrested March 6 and charged with FTA: felony. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Francisco A. Gaure Jr., 23, was arrested March 6 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Ronald Rodriguez, 38, was arrested March 5 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy D. Davis was arresting officer.

Lawrence Wayne Schneider, 61, was arrested March 4 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Chevalier was arresting officer.

Linda Lajoyme Hodge, 43, was arrested March 4 and charged on a warrant with FTA: felony offense. Andy Lewis was arresting officer.

Lee Howard Neuenschwander, 43, was arrested March 4 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Chevalier was arresting officer.

Nekisha Lashonda Vasser, 31, was arrested March 2 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy C. Buchhofer was arresting officer.

Benjamin Crosswell Carpenter, 21, was arrested March 2 and charged with property damage - criminal mischief \$200-\$1,000; burglary of a structure, conveyance unarmed and without a person inside; and larceny theft is \$300-\$5,000. Deputy J. Woods was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Sharoad Unshae Brown, 22, was arrested March 8 and charged with selling marijuana within 1,000 ft. of a place of worship - business, schedule II. Deputy L. Brooks was arresting officer.

Cornelius Lewis Ward, 29, was

arrested March 5 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy Terri Hessler was arresting officer.

Lee Earnest Snow, 30, was arrested March 4 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Chevalier was arresting officer.

Charles Allen Cobb, 50, was arrested March 3 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Miledy Rosario Cruz, 52, was arrested March 2 and charged with larceny - \$2,000-\$100,000. R. Archer was arresting officer.

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GOT STUFF TO SELL: Does anyone know how to get a space at the LaBelle flea market on Saturdays? What time do you have to be there? How much is a space? Who do you contact? I have alot of things to get rid of and it seems that the yard sale crowd is dwindling.

PAYING FOR THE CB: I see our hometown newspaper has finally started charging 50 center per copy at the office. Sounds okay to me - been wondering why the Caloosa Belle never charged after all this time. I guess everybody has to find ways to get along in these hard times.

RAW DEAL?: I was glad to see that somebody is asking questions about the Sugar land deal with Charlie Crist. It's such a huge deal - we need to know all the ins and outs before we jump. And it looks like there are a few folks who don't want everything known.

DISABLED APARTMENTS: That disabled apartment building in the paper last week - what a great idea! I'm anxious to see how it comes out - and to get into that new Goodwill store they're supposed to build there.

FESTIVAL: People in other places might think something called a "Swamp Cabbage Festival" sounds odd. But it's like a well kept secret. Every year I look forward to the parade and festival. I enjoy the tradition and we really need to keep our local traditions alive.

Faith in the Marketplace: You really tick me off!

Remember a few weeks ago I recommended the "Forgive to Live" workshop at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church? Remember that? I was there yesterday, and the thought occurred to me that I might begin this column with "I told you so!" But, of course, I would never do such a thing, so I won't. I'll simply say that Dr. Dick Tibbits gave us all



Fr. Alan Kelmereit

sorts of really good reasons not to hold onto our anger, starting with high blood pressure, heart attacks and other serious ailments stemming from the increased tension that always exists in people who are harboring anger. Now that's an attention getter!

It seems to me that over the past 30 or so years anger has been a growing issue in this country. Remember the spate of shootings on the California freeways years back? "Road rage" it was called, and all sorts of classes were started to treat people who lost control of their tempers while driving. I'm absolutely certain that you've been angry at someone else while driving. I'm certain because I've run across that very same person, or someone very like him, and he really got under my skin. I also happen to know that you've been angry at someone else for something she said, either to you or about you. I'm sure of that because she said something about me, too.

All of us get mad at other people for all sorts of things they do or say. Sometimes our anger is justified sometimes not, but we all do it. The real issue isn't whether we get angry or not, we do, ev-

ery last one of us. That's human nature, that's the way we are. The real issue is what we do about our anger. Do we pull out a gun and shoot the driver who cut us off, or do we take a baseball bat to the car that squeezed us out of the parking spot we were almost in? No, we don't! At least, I don't, and I don't think you do either or I would have heard about it. We may pound the steering wheel, berate the so and so without rolling our window down, or other more or less harmless anger releases.

After all, the jerk who cut us off is probably oblivious to what he's done, or is so used to doing things like that that it doesn't really register as stupid any more. If we hang onto that anger, we're the ones who pay the price, not that miserable offender. We make ourselves miserable, unhappy, generally no more fun to be around. Worth it? Of course not! We need to learn how to get rid of our anger for our own sake.

REALLY IMPORTANT NOTE: Starting this Saturday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m., we're going to begin a discussion forum at Church of the Good Shepherd based on the topic in each week's column. It will be an integral part of our Saturday evening service, and give you a chance to speak up rather than just sit and listen. Yes, you guessed right, this Saturday it will be about anger! Give it a try, you might like it!

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

I believe everyone should serve on a jury at least once. It is our civic duty. I hope someone will benefit from my recent first time experience.

It is not an easy thing to sit in judgement of someone. You have to consider the evidence and the testimony and remain impartial. You will only have as much information as the court allows. So you probably won't have it all. You will not have access to the laws involved in the case unless they have been submitted as evidence during the trial. What the judge and attorneys say is not testimony or evidence. Don't assume that you can see the law just because it's the most important part of the trial. All you will have is a summary the judge gives you in his instructions before sending you to deliberate. If you ask for this information (the law) while you're deliberating it will be denied; which is what happened in the case where I was a juror. Upon reading the law on my return home, I would have voted differently.

Above all remember the ac-

guity because he/she was faculty and staff. It has been a heartwarming experience to witness the way the employees pull together like a family through the good and the bad times. There have been many times over the years where events have inspired our family ties to be evident. Recent events have again created the opportunity for just such a display.

This past week, we, the staff, have participated in the statewide symbolic gestures to let our legislators know that we are concerned about the budget cuts in education. After all, we have already lost valuable employees and we see, first hand, how it affects our students, and the morale at school. These symbolic gestures were held this week, and it was heartwarming again to see the staff pull together and participate in this activity.

Natalie Coakwell

Faculty pulling together

Dear Editor:
Since I obtained a position as a language arts teacher at LaBelle Middle School, I have been very

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

In recent years, I have made it somewhat of a hobby to research the lives of people whose impact on society and culture has far surpassed their time on earth. The biographies I've read have included those of key people within the church, as well as those whose relationship to any church was virtually void. I have learned about men and women who are well-known American heroes and those who never came across the borders of the United States.



Dr. Les Morgan

Recently I re-read the story of William Borden. His short life made a powerful impact not only in his day, but in our day as well.

In 1904 William Borden graduated from a Chicago high school. As heir to the Borden family fortune, he was already a millionaire. For his high school graduation present, his parents gave 16-year-old Borden a trip around the world. As the young man traveled through Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, he felt a growing burden for the world's hurting people. Finally, Bill Borden wrote home about his "desire to be a missionary."

One friend expressed surprise that he was "throwing himself away as a missionary."

In response, Bill wrote two words in the back of his Bible: "No reserves."

Even though young Borden was wealthy, he arrived on the campus of Yale University in 1905 trying to look like just one more freshman. Very quickly, however, Borden's classmates noticed something unusual about him and it wasn't his money. One of them wrote: "He came to college

far ahead, spiritually, of any of us. He had already given his heart in full surrender to Christ and had really done it. We who were his classmates learned to lean on him and find in him a strength that was solid as a rock, just because of this settled purpose and consecration."

During his college years, Bill Borden made one entry in his personal journal that defined what his classmates were seeing in him. That entry said simply: "Say 'no' to self and 'yes' to Jesus every time."

Borden's first disappointment at Yale came when the university president spoke on the students' need of "having a fixed purpose." After hearing that speech, Borden wrote: "He neglected to say what our purpose should be, and where we should get the ability to persevere and the strength to resist temptations." Surveying the Yale faculty and much of the student body, Borden lamented what he saw as the end result of this empty philosophy: moral weakness and sin-ridden lives.

During his first semester at Yale, Borden started something that would transform campus life. One of his friends described how it happened: "It was well on in the first term when Bill and I began to pray together in the morning before breakfast. I cannot say positively whose suggestion it was, but I feel sure it must have originated with Bill. We had been meeting only a short time when a third student joined us and soon after a fourth. The time was spent in prayer after a brief reading of Scripture. Bill's handling of Scripture was helpful. He would read to us from the Bible, show us something that God had promised and then proceed to claim the promise with assurance."

Borden's small morning prayer group gave birth to a movement that spread across the campus. By the end of his first year, 150 freshmen were meeting for weekly Bible study and prayer. By the

time Bill Borden was a senior, one thousand of Yale's 1,300 students were meeting in such groups.

Borden made it his habit to seek out the most "incorrigible" students and try to bring them to salvation. "In his sophomore year we organized Bible study groups and divided up the class of 300 or more, each man interested taking a certain number, so that all might, if possible, be reached. The names were gone over one by one, and the question asked, 'Who will take this person?' When it came to someone thought to be a hard proposition, there would be an ominous pause. Nobody wanted the responsibility. Then Bill's voice would be heard, 'Put him down to me.'"

Borden's outreach ministry was not confined to the Yale campus. He cared about widows and orphans and cripples. He rescued drunks from the streets of New Haven. To rehabilitate them, he founded the Yale Hope Mission. One of his friends wrote that he "might often be found in the lower parts of the city at night, on the street, in a cheap lodging house or some restaurant to which he had taken a poor hungry fellow to feed him, seeking to lead men to Christ."

Borden's missionary call narrowed to the Muslim Kansu people in China. Once that goal was in sight, Borden never wavered. He also inspired his classmates to consider missionary service. One of them said: "He certainly was one of the strongest characters I have ever known, and he put backbone into the rest of us at college. There was real iron in him, and I always felt he was of the stuff martyrs were made of, and heroic missionaries of more modern times."

Although he was a millionaire, Bill seemed to "realize always that he must be about his Father's business, and not wasting time in the pursuit of amusement."9 Although Borden refused to join a fraternity, "he did more with his

Wearing black is the most important of all to me. Because it symbolizes mourning, I wore it for my sister who lost her job at our school. After devoting the past eleven years assisting students in their learning, her position was terminated. The saddest day leading up to her departure was when she had to tell the circle of students that she helped on a one-on-one basis that she would be leaving them soon. They responded with a resounding, "NO!" My sister actually had a gray coloring to her sweet complexion. So, I wore black for you, Nancy Wilson. I am not the only employee here at LMS who misses you, dearly. Every day someone else comes up to me to express the sadness of losing you.

We sincerely hope that our legislators hear our cries of pain and that our missing employees can soon return to where they belong. We need them. Our kids need them. A statement has never been as poignant as "CUTS HURT KIDS."

**Thanks for listening,
Pam Narehood**

'No reserves,' 'No retreats,' and 'No regrets'

classmates in his senior year than ever before." He presided over the huge student missionary conference held at Yale and served as president of the honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

Upon graduation from Yale, Borden turned down some high paying job offers. In his Bible, he wrote two more words: "No retreats."

William Borden went on to graduate work at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. When he finished his studies at Princeton, he sailed for China. Because he was hoping to work with Muslims, he stopped first in Egypt to study Arabic. While there, he contracted spinal meningitis. Within a month, 25-year-old William Borden was dead.

When news William Whiting Borden's death was cabled back to the U.S., the story was carried by nearly every American newspaper. "A wave of sorrow went round the world... Borden not only gave (away) his wealth, but himself, in a way so joyous and natural that it (seemed) a privilege rather than a sacrifice" wrote Mary Taylor in her introduction to his biography.

Was Borden's untimely death a waste? Not in God's plan. Prior to his death, Borden had written two more words in his Bible. Underneath the words "No reserves" and "No retreats," he had written: "No regrets."

What a challenge! May God give us the knowledge to perceive what really matters in this life, as well as the next, and what foolishness needs to be heaved into the nearest dumpster.

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

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Ortona pancake breakfast March 14

The Ortona Community Association will hold its last Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, March 14, from 7 a.m.-9 a.m. at the Ortona Community Association, Ortona Locks Road (Highway 78A). The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$4.

Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at Don's Steak House on March 19 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

Opportunity for business

With today's economic challenges facing business, the busi-

ness owner may want to consider expanding by doing business with the government. Learn how by attending one of two, no-charge workshops on March 17. The first one is scheduled for 9 a.m. in LaBelle at Florida Community Bank, on Bridge Street, and the second is at 2 p.m. in Immokalee at the new iTECH Center on Ninth Street. This comprehensive workshop will provide the steps and information to become certified in doing business with the government. Register on line at www.FGCU.SBDC.edu and click on workshops and seminars, or call Janice at 863-840-2279.

LHS, Langford partner

On Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., LaBelle High School will partner with Langford Ford for a Drive 4 Your School Campaign. We had great success with this program last year and hope to do even better this year. Ford Motor Company will pay L.H.S. \$20 per test drive! Drivers must be over the age of 18. Langford Ford is allowed to offer this program due to the level of service they provide to their customers. The test drive is not high pressure and our school's Athletic Program benefits greatly from our participation. In these tough economic times we could really use your support in making this campaign a huge success. If you have any questions please contact Coach Kelley or Tracy Nobles at LHS 674-4120. ext 284.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

American Legion Post 130 will celebrate on March 17 with a corned beef and cabbage dinner, \$7 per plate from 5-7 p.m. Karaoke in the lounge by Steve from Down Under.

VFW plans activities

Enjoy 2 Sharps karaoke Saturday, March 14, at 5 p.m. a VFW 10100, SR 29S.

Plan to be at the St. Patrick's Dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and dessert Monday, March 16, beginning at 5 p.m.

Come to the He/She Fashion Show Saturday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Men dress up as ladies and vie for first, second and third place honors.

Call 675-8008 for more information on any of these activities.

Help for the animals

A yard sale for Animal Rescue will be held Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. at Eurotex Cabinet Shop, just north of the bridge.

Smoking cessation classes to start

Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Cessation Class starts Thursday, March 12 - last class on Thursday, April 9.

Free classes held in the conference room at Hendry Convenient

Care Center, LaBelle.

Contact Eliseo Rangel at 239-462-9068 to register.

Car Club March Events

The South Central Florida Car Club will host two events this month. The monthly cruise-in will be Wednesday Mar. 18, 6-8 p.m. at Popeyes in LaBelle on SR 80 with oldies music, a 50/50 drawing and a SCFCC member's 'Car of the month'. On March 21 come to their first area Swap Meet at the VFW Post 10100 in LaBelle on Hwy. 29 South next to the rodeo grounds. Bring your new/used car parts and bits and pieces and anything else you have for sale or trade and join the fun. Spaces will be \$10 each. To make a reservation call Jimmy at 863-674-0467. If you have one car, lots of cars or just like cars, come on out for a fun time. Bikers welcome.

Muse plans poker ride

Muse Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit horseback poker ride on Saturday, March 21. The winning hand will win half the pot - the rest to raise funds for equipment for the firefighters. After the ride, enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and homemade ice cream. Don't ride a horse? Please buy a ticket for the 50/50 cash raffle. A raffle table will have many nice horse-related items. For more information, please call Ellen at 863-612-0996.

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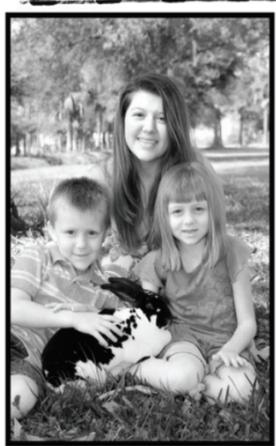


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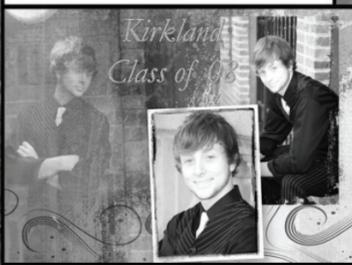
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Team chairs

Mike Dunn, vice president of Lodge Construction recently donated Athletic Team Chairs to the West Glades School Athletic Department. Lodge completed construction of the new WG gym facility this past August. From left to right are: Mike Dunn, Jack Dunn, Brendan Banda, AC Likens, Jesten Clark, Rachel Felicie, Santa Maldonado and Debra Davis, principal.

New directors appointed to Barron Library Board

Dr. L. Lamar Youmans and Sue Williams have been appointed to the Board of Directors for Barron Library, and will be installed at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Youmans graduated from the University of Florida in 1986. He went on to graduate from the University of Houston, College of Optometry in 1990 with a Doctor of Optometry degree.

He is certified by the Florida Board of Optometry and has been in private practice with Family Eye Care in LaBelle since 1990, where he specializes in primary eye care and contact lenses.

Dr. Youmans is affiliated with Southwest Florida Optometric Association, Florida Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association.

He has been a LaBelle Chamber Board Member since 1994, serving as President from 2000-2002. Dr. Youmans has also been a LaBelle Rotary Club member from 1995 to 1999, serving as its 1997-1998 President.

In addition to serving the community, Dr. Youmans enjoys spending time with his family, which includes his wife Rachelle and his son Logan.

Sue Williams began working part-time at Hendry County Bank in 1973 while attending LaBelle High School. She has worked in

all departments of the bank, serving as Administrative Assistant to three of the bank's presidents. Sue is currently the Assistant Vice President and Branch Administrator for Florida Community Bank with duties that include overseeing all of the operational and personnel issues at the LaBelle office.

Sue joined Kiwanis Club of LaBelle in 1999 and has served on the clubs board for nine years. The LaBelle club supports many organizations and clubs throughout the area, with a strong focus on the education and development of young children and college bound students.

Sue is a resident of LaBelle and enjoys her off time with husband Ricky, and three children, Angela, Doug and Garrett.

Barron Library is excited to have Dr. Youmans and Sue Williams serving on the Board of Directors.

LABELLE — Earl Lee Prather, of LaBelle, passed away March 6, 2009, in Lehigh Acres. He was 67.

He was born Feb. 11, 1942, in Somerset, Ky., to Charles Luther Prather and Zora (Eaton) Prather.

He has lived in LaBelle since 1979 and worked for Berry's, Citrus Belle and various groves. He was a former resident of Shelbyville, Ind.

Survivors include four daughters, Debra Sue Casteel of Ft. Myers, Melissa Gaskin of Indiana, Crystal Hill of Fort Myers, and Judy Prather of Ft. Myers; brother, Henry Robert Prather of Shelbyville, Ind.; two sisters, Betty Parrish of LaBelle and Edith Mae "Sue" Prather of Kentucky; grandchildren, Travis and Morgan Klare, Matthew, Jerrica and Tiffany Prather, Autumn and Angelo Gaskin; and great-grandchildren, Joey and Kellie.

A Gathering of Family and Friends was held Monday, March 9, 2009, at Barron Park in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

Sherman Cleveland

Luckey, Sgt. Major

USMC (Ret.), 91

BEAUFORT, S.C. — Sherman Cleveland Luckey, Sgt. Major USMC (Ret.), died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in Beaufort Memorial Hospital. He was 91.

He was born in Ft. Myers, Fla., a son of the late Samuel and Anna Christian Luckey.

states Marine Corps and retired after 26 years of service and earned the rank of Sgt. Major.

Among his achievements were 14 campaign ribbons during World War II and Korea with one personal combat ribbon. He was a life member of the Drill Instructors Association, a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Carteret Street United Methodist Church, United Methodist Men, the McLeod Bible Class, director of the Cancer Support Group, and former board member of Friends of Caroline Hospice.

He is predeceased by his parents; two wives, Thelma Williard Luckey and Caroline Brunson Luckey; two brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include one son, Heyward C. Luckey of Hilton Head; three daughters, Ann L. King and her husband Robert of Edisto Island, Druscilla B. Bridges of West Columbia, and Martha Luckey of Nyack, N.Y.; one sister, Evelyn Hancock of Florida; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many more loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 6, 2009, at Carteret Street United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Beaufort National Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to the Carteret Street United Methodist Church, 408 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC 29902, Friends of Caroline Hospice, 1110 13th St., Port Royal, SC 29935, or The American Cancer So-

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School Briefs

LHS loves reading

The members of "Friends of the LaBelle High School Library" held their first meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14. Books were sorted, refreshments enjoyed and we discussed the joys of reading. It was decided that we would hold our first book sale on Saturday, March 21. Books will be sold on the grassy area just south of the U-Save parking lot in LaBelle. Mr. Childs has graciously permitted us to use his property for the sale. The sale will be held from 8-11 a.m. Come and support our efforts to improve the Library collection at LaBelle High School. If you have books you would like to donate, please contact Mel Greenleaf at LaBelle high school or donate them on the day of the sale.

Volunteer Pre-k enrollment day set

Enroll your 4 year old in the Volunteer Pre-k Program! The Early Learning Coalition invites you to VPK Enrollment Day on Friday, March 14, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come meet local child care providers and learn about their Voluntary Pre-k programs. Your child is eligible for the Sum-

mer VPK program if they were born between Sept. 2, 2003 and Sept. 1, 2004 and eligible for Fall session 2009 and Summer 2010 if your child was born between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2005. If your child's birthday falls between these dates, bring proof of child's age (birth certificate or passport) and residency (parent driver's license, utility bill, pay stub, rent or lease agreement) to the 4-C offices along with immunization records. The offices are located at either 2675 Winkler Ave. Ste 300, Ft. Myers, 239-935-6100 or the 4-C office in Naples at 201 Eighth Street South, Ste 200, Naples, 239-213-1137. The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida contracts with Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc. (4C) to provide services for families enrolling children in early learning.

It's Bunny bingo!

Everyone is welcome to West Glades School PTO's Bunny bingo Friday, March 20. Doors open at 6 p.m.; games start at 6:30 on campus in the school cafeteria. Ten games of bingo \$5, raffle tickets 50 cents - prizes, food and fun to purchase supplies for school programs.

Project Graduation meeting times set

Attention all parents of LHS Junior and Senior students, the next Project Graduation meeting March 31, at 6 p.m. located at the LHS Cafeteria. Please check the LHS Web site for info. concerning Project Graduation:

<http://www.hendry-schools.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=3>

Need help getting your child ready for Pre-k?

Parents, would you like to help your child get ready for Kindergarten? Hendry County Schools is offering a free voluntary pre-k program for students that will be 5 years old before Sept. 1. This program will begin on June 8, ending July 30, at Country Oaks Elementary. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with breakfast and lunch served at no cost. Parents will need to provide transportation. This 300 hour educational program is taught by certified teachers using an exciting curriculum. For more information call Beth Lutkenhaus at Country Oaks Elementary School, 863-674-4140.

"The Gathering of Christian Men of LaBelle" meets Monday evening March 16 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church on Ford Ave. A dinner is provided for all that attend. Officers will be elected. A free will offering is received. Every man is welcome to this trans-denominational gathering. Contact Dave Alexander 1-239-340-1575 for information.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Coril Warmington, founder of the Faith and Deeds Ministry of Jamaica which was started to motivate, equip and empower Caribbean Christians into missions. She is one the first missionaries sent out from Jamaica.

HIV/AIDS could be close to home

By Pat Dobbins, R.N., M.S./H.S.A. Administrator

Scary, but true, "HIV/AIDS-it could be closer to home than you think"

HIV/AIDS is a scary topic, but one that needs to be discussed. In Florida, women account for 34 percent of AIDS cases and 29 percent of HIV cases that were reported in 2007. It may be surprising, but most cases of HIV/AIDS are from the results of sexual relations between men and women. Even though there has been progress in fighting HIV in Florida, there is still an unacceptable rate of women being infected.

Some people may think that only homosexuals, drug users, those with lower financial status or lower education levels are the people who end up getting infected. This is simply not true. Anyone that chooses to have unprotected sexual activity puts themselves at risk of infection.

Also the sharing of injection needles (which can include tattooing and piercing, not just drug use) are also factors that could increase your risk of infection. Spring Break is upon us once again, and I urge all of the college students to please think about the



Patricia Dobbins

choices you make. The Florida Department of Health recognized March 10 as National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and in support of that, the Hendry & Glades County Health Departments offered free testing. Women of all ages need to empower each other and encourage each other to get tested. The AIDS epidemic is now 27 years old, but we still have to remind folks that "it only takes one time" to get

infected. If you would like more information on HIV/AIDS awareness, please contact the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4041 (LaBelle), 863-983-1408 (Clewiston) or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

(Patricia Dobbins is the Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4041, extension 120)

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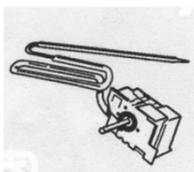
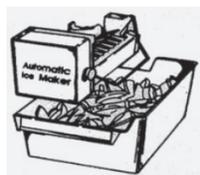
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Tolar makes dean's list

Ashley Elizabeth Tolar has been placed on the Dean's List at Florida Gulf Coast University for the Fall semester 2008. To qualify for this wonderful distinction, she has taken 12 credit hours and attained a 3.5 GPA or better. Ashley was a graduate of LaBelle High School in 2005. She plans to graduate from FGCU in August 2009 with a BS degree in Resort Hospitality focusing mainly in the hotel area. Her parents, Eugene and Jane Tolar, are very proud of her accomplishments.

FORT MYERS (March 6) - Last Friday, the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades was scheduled to conclude the 2008-2009 Campaign; however, the campaign was over \$90,000 short. On Monday the United Way extended the campaign one extra week. Through a very generous last push effort by volunteers, the goal was met by late Thursday afternoon.

Mark Morris, President of Commerce Bank of Southwest Florida and 2008-2009 United Way Campaign Chair, announced that local residents and companies contributed \$8,019,741. This represents a 6 percent increase over last year's amount raised and is the 16th consecutive year that goal has been obtained or exceeded. United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades had the largest percentage increase of any United Way in entire state of Florida for the 2008-2009 Campaign.

"It was a challenging campaign, but we met our goal. Thank you to all of the individuals, companies, communities and agencies for their generous contributions. Generosity is not defined by the size of the contributions individuals made, but by the fact that they gave as much as they were able. Those who could, increased their contributions substantially, knowing that this is a year when their contribu-

tions were sorely needed. Many who are struggling themselves, also gave knowing that there are people in our community who are in desperate need of help," said Mark Morris at the goal announcement.

Morris went on to say, "My roots are in Southwest Florida, and I am proud to be from a community that is so caring and has always demonstrated extraordinary generosity."

In addition to all of the very generous individuals and agencies that contributed to the 2008-2009 United Way Campaign, 16 local companies, organizations and communities contributed more than \$100,000 each. They include: Publix Super Markets - \$1,158,000, Bonita Bay Community - \$866,000, Bonita Bay Group - \$446,000, Sanibel/Captiva Community - \$260,000, Lee County School District - \$231,000, Chico's - \$226,000, The Brooks Community - \$198,000, Oswald Trippe & Company - \$181,000, Mediterra Community - \$180,000, Fiddlesticks Community - \$171,000, The News-Press - \$123,000, United State Postal Service - \$119,000, Lee Memorial Health System - \$116,000, LCEC - \$110,000, FineMark National Bank and Trust - \$105,000, Lee County Government - \$102,000.

The tremendous support of the community will allow the 70

United Way Partner Agencies and over 160 programs and initiatives to receive their full United Way funding. This means that essential human services will be able to continue in our community at time when there are record needs. Sarah Owen, Director of CCMI said, "United Way funding is crucial to our program. The fact that United Way has achieved their fundraising goal during this very difficult economic time gives all of us in human service the confidence that we will be able to provide the critical services that our community needs. We are delighted with the news."

"We are overwhelmed and humbled by the tremendous generosity of our community. Making this campaign goal shows how much people in our community care about one another. That is why our community is such a special place," said Cliff Smith, President of United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades.

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, over \$88 million dollars have been raised in our community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, LARC and

United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to im-

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