

At a Glance

Save that water!

LaBelle residents should be aware that the city is under water restrictions - including water from utilities, wells, canals, lakes or ponds.

Lots under five acres: odd number addresses may water on Monday; even number or no address on Thursdays. Choose only one four-hour window from 4-8 a.m. or 4-8 p.m.; lots over five acres: odd number addresses may water on Monday; even number or no address Thursday. Choose either midnight-8 a.m. or 4-11:59 p.m.

Multi-use family units or complexes: Less than five acres: entities that irrigate both odd and even or no address: Thursday either 4-8 a.m. or 4-8 p.m.; Five acres or more: entities that irrigate both odd and even or no addresses: Thursday from midnight-8 a.m. and 4-11:59 p.m. (to cycle through all irrigations zones, no area may be irrigated more than one time per week).

Unite against cancer

LaBelle Relay for Life will take place on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 3 p.m. at LaBelle High School Football Field. Be ready to walk with us for a cure with plenty of food and fun!

Commodities to be distributed

USDA commodities will be distributed Thursday, March 19, at the Dallas B. Townsend Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd. from noon till 3 p.m.

Help victim services

The State Attorney's Office will host its second annual yard sale for the Victim Services Coalition, a non-profit organization, Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. till noon in the parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce in LaBelle. All proceeds go toward the Victim's Rights Week in Hendry and Glades counties during the week of April 27.

If you have any items to donate please contact Yolanda Santiago at 863-612-4937 Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Project Graduation

Attention all parents of LHS Junior and Senior students. The next Project Graduation meetings are March 31 at p.m. located at the LHS Cafeteria.

Please check the LHS Website for info. concerning Project Graduation:

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

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.)

See Page 2 for information about how to contact the newspaper.

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Survivors!

"Surviving" ticket holders split the \$10,000 cash prize Saturday night at the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Annual Giveaway. Pictured from left: Rowland Walker, Lisa Ledesma and Chris Soud standing in for Anne Higginbotham. Winner Dave Kelley is not pictured).



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Costume winners

Phill Pelletier, pictured with his wife Gayle, won the men's costume contest and Brenda Barnes (at right) won it for the ladies - getting into full survivor mode for her unique ensemble.



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Treasures

The chamber's silent auction is one of the most popular events at its annual give-away. This embroidered wall hanging by Tina Noel brought more than a few longing glances.

Ready, set, relay for life

LaBelle's Relay for Life is just around the corner and it came to my attention that there are still people who think that Relay is just for the Teams and their walkers.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event. Teams of people from all walks of life have fun while raising much-needed funds to fight cancer.

No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay. Volunteers, Cancer Survivors, Teams Members, but most importantly, you the community are invited to join us. The fun begins at 3 p.m. and goes all night long.

There will be Delicious Foods; Local Entertainment; Lip Sync Contest; Volleyball Tournament; Dance Competition; a Hilarious Game Show with local "celebrity" Judges; and much, much more! There truly is something for everyone. Younger children will enjoy our bounce houses and face painting. The teenagers will love the music and indoor laser-tag! What better way to have fun than by spending the evening with friends, supporting the teams, and knowing that every dollar you spend goes 100 per-

cent to help fight cancer.

We encourage everyone to take at least one lap around the track. Read our "Sunshine Signs" which are purchased by businesses and community members as a way of showing their support for Relay. Along the way, check out each Team's "state" campsite and see what they have to offer! How often do people from LaBelle get the chance to visit places like Alaska and Hawaii?

One of the highlights of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony. Anyone may participate by purchasing a "Luminaria Bag" which is decorated with the name of someone who has lost their fight with Cancer. ALL of us have been affected by this disease and this candlelight ceremony brings us together in a magical and emotional tribute to the ones we have loved and lost.

It's fitting that our theme this year is United We Stand for a Cure. In a time when everything around us is unsettling, let's take this one day to Unite as a Community and celebrate our Survivors, remember those lost and help fight back against cancer!

Rates increase

Water quality surprises board

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Taken aback by actual samples of water from an Aqua Isles home filter, city commissioners nevertheless remained on path, voting to increase utility rates at their regular meeting March 12. For customers in the city, the base water rate will increase from \$54.49 to \$57.92 for a minimum of 6,000 gallons; outside the city limits that base rate will increase from \$30.73 to \$32.67.

Their reasoning is that the increase is needed to pay debt service on funding for a new water plant and to cover increased water plant costs. However, the city commissioners promised to tackle the issues presented by Aqua Isles residents the following morning. Obviously disgusted and surprised by the foul nature of the samples presented, the commission learned

that Aqua Isles is not the only area in town with similar water quality. Residents from Bennett and E. Lincoln confirmed that their water is equally bad. Discussion revealed that most of those area seem to be at the ends of the line where water does not circulate as freely as in other areas.

Mayor Paul Puletti told the residents "I can't explain the water and I can't excuse it."

The City of LaBelle is hoping it can capture a chunk of the federal stimulus money to finally solve its water woes. Its \$20 million reverse osmosis plant is scheduled to come on line in 2010, but regular funding sources have dried up since plans were put in place. Under a consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection to build a new plant, funding is essential. Mayor Puletti said that, without grants and/or stimulus money to build a new water plant, water rates

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County considers curfew

Early terms apply to youth aged 16 or under

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- The Hendry County Board of Commissioners are considering a proposal to enact a juvenile curfew ordinance to curb, among other issues, gang activity in the area.

Recent events throughout the county, and especially in the Clewiston area, have leaders worrying whether shootings could spill out into other areas, or worsen.

Commissioners discussed the measure during their regular Feb. 24 meeting. It makes perfect sense to keep youth off the streets during the late-night hours, they argued, and the local law enforcement agencies should have the full support of the county.

Commissioners directed staff to begin meetings with the cities of Clewiston and LaBelle in regards to the issue, although the specific terms of the curfew were not discussed.

On March 10, Mark Lapp, county attorney, presented commissioners with terms that the commissioners could consider.

Among them:

-- The curfew applies to persons under the age of 16.

-- Prohibits minors from being out between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. on weeknights.

-- Prohibits minors from being out between 12:01 a.m. and 6 a.m. on weekends.

-- First violation results in a written warning; subsequent violations result in a \$50 fine.

-- Minors not complying will be taken into custody and parents will be required to pick them up. If they aren't located within two hours, officers may take steps under the child abuse

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Submitted photo

She's a natural

Margaret England received the first ever South Florida Water Management District "Ambassador Award" for her work on Stormwater Treatment Area 5. Pictured from left: Charles J. Dauray, Member, SFWMD Board, Carol Ann Wehle, Executive Director of SFWMD, Eric Buermann, Chair SFWMD Board, Margaret England, Shannon A. Estenoz, Member SFWMD Board. Story on Page 3.



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Supporters of Relay for Life light a candle in memory of those lost to cancer.

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Rates

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would have to go up 141 percent the first year of operation. "That will not happen," he vowed and added with regard to the samples provided, "You will get a response real quick."

Although residents have complained about the seriousness of their water problems, this was the first time any city representatives actually saw the quality. Residents were instructed to make sure they call city hall when similar problems arise. Residents may contact any of the commissioners or Superintendent of Pub-

lic Works Michael Boyle through city hall.

Applied Technologies Management's Grant Mysterly told the audience that applications are being submitted for a piece of the federal stimulus money. Both houses of Congress are receiving requests from LaBelle. He also said DEP has \$88 million for projects that LaBelle would qualify for. However, he warned that there is a lot of competition for this money, but said he remains very hopeful.

Initial plans have been scaled down from the 2.5 million gallon per day to a 1.5 million gpd plant which may accept additional components as they become practical.

Curfew

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statute, or transport them to their residences.

The county has the option of adopting an ordinance that is stricter, or more lax than the state law.

Exceptions to the hours of the curfew are made for special circumstances, including being accompanied by a parent or another adult authorized by the parents; emergencies; returning from a school-sponsored function, religious function or civic organization function, among other things. Exercising one's First Amendment rights is also considered an exception.

During the course of the discussion, Sheriff Steve Whidden

also asked the commission to think about loitering laws that could empower deputies to keep individuals off street corners in high crime areas.

Interestingly, the county attorney explained that loitering laws currently exist, but are limited in their power. Deputies must have proof that there is an immediate concern for the safety of others, he said.

"The mere suspicion of future conduct is insufficient," Mark Lapp said. "Standing late at night in a high-crime area does not, without more, amount to the crime of loitering."

The item was held back while staff and the attorney review the definite terms of the possible ordinance. Commissioners are expected to vote on the measure during a future meeting.

News Editor Jose Zaragoza can be reached at jaragoza@newszap.com.

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, wants to remind you that your deadline for filing your Personal Property Returns (DR405) is Wednesday, April 1 at 5 p.m.

The return was mailed to all businesses in Hendry County back in January. If you did not receive a DR405 return and are currently in business you can come to one of our offices to pick one up, you can request one at your accountant's office or you may download one from our Web site, www.hendryprop.org

According to Florida Statutes, "Tangible Personal Property" means all goods, chattels, and other articles of value capable of manual possession and whose chief value is intrinsic to the article itself.

Last year Florida voters elected to approve Amendment 1, part of which was an exemption

for Tangible property. Under this new exemption it is important that you file an initial DR404 with our office. YOU MUST FILE TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPTION. UNLESS you received a GREY or BLUE card in the mail in January then you are already exempt from having to file again.

This exemption will exempt the first \$25,000 in value of the furniture, fixtures and equipment used by the business and eliminates all tax bills for assessments under \$25,000.

If you have previously filed and your business has changed in status it is important that our offices be notified (even if you are exempt) before the filing deadline.

This would include changes in your mailing address, business name or your physical location.

We need to keep our records updated

Your return MUST BE FILED WITH OUR OFFICE BY APRIL 1. If you are unable to file your return before April 1, you may file a request for a 30-day extension. This request MUST be filed in a reasonable amount of time BEFORE THE APRIL 1st DEADLINE to avoid your account being penalized up to 25 percent for not filing.

For additional questions please stop by our office in LaBelle located on the third floor of the courthouse or call (863) 675-5270.

In Clewiston we are located at 939 W. Sugarland Highway or call (863) 983-1591. You can also download a copy of the DR-405 at our website along with additional information. www.hendryprop.org

earns award

LaBelle's Margaret England has been recognized for her tireless work to help people connect with their natural environment, to the betterment of both. She is the recipient of the first ever South Florida Water Management District Ambassador Award.

As an Audubon Society member, Margaret shares her knowledge and experience in birding by leading birding tours at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) in eastern Hendry County. The tours enlighten residents and visitors about both the wonders and the problems facing the natural world.

Horses confiscated from Muse ranch

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Two Muse residents were arrested Friday, March 13, and charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty involving 13 horses.

According to Glades County Sheriff's report, the horses owners, Jerry James Fussell, 63, and Patricia Ann Sims, 57, invited officers to look at the horses, located on Moe's Ranch, 1935 Sunset Trail, in Muse.

A friend who also lives on the property was at a loss to understand why the animals were being taken away. She said they were fed twice a day, although they had sometimes had trouble getting hay for the horses. There was no grass due to the extreme dry conditions over the past several months.

One of the older horses had cancer and another was colicky, she said, and most of them had been rescued from other places. One had been sick earlier due to heavy rains last year. Several had been under a veterinarian's care, she said.

GCSO Investigator Herb Collier said the humane society had received an anonymous tip on the animals and said it was one

of the worst cases of neglect he'd seen. He added that animal neglect complaints have increased recently. This is the fourth such complaint the office has received since about November, he said.

Caloosa Humane Society Director Suzanne Bunnell was on

the scene as the animals were loaded into trailers and hauled away.

Ms. Bonnell said the horses are in the custody of Glades County Sheriff's Office and will be held in quarantine until a judge decides what to do with them. She said it

costs \$30 per day to keep them in feed and hay. At this time, GCSO is footing the bill. However, that cost could be passed on to the humane society if a judge decides to award custody to them. She is asking for donations to help care for them should that happen.



Thirteen horses were confiscated from a ranch in Muse on Friday, March 13, by members of the Glades County Sheriff's Office and Caloosa Humane Society.

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Thank You

Valentine special

Kingshouse Retirement Center wishes to extend a special thank you to the following people for their kindness in giving something special to our residents for Valentine's Day:

Country Oaks Elementary School for valentine cards and United Cancer Society for carnations.

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Poppy sale support

The American Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank Save A Lot, U-Save and Winn Dixie for allowing our volunteers to distribute poppies in front of their stores on February 13 and 14. Poppies are made by disabled veterans and offered to the public for a donation. They are meant to serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our service men and women. All money received from these donations goes directly to support veterans and their families. Thank you LaBelle for your support. A thank you also goes to all the American Legion and Auxiliary volunteers that helped in our 2009 Poppy Days effort.

**Phyllis Moody,
American Legion Auxiliary
2009 Poppy Chairman**

To the community of LaBelle:

We want to thank those who came to the "Forgive to Live" seminar given by Dr. Dick Tibbitts on March 7. We are sure you would all agree it was an overwhelming success and many were touched by his message. We also want to thank those in our generous community who donated or gave their time to help with the logistics of the day. They include: Publix Markets, Save-A-Lot, U-Save, Winn Dixie, Wade Timpner and Jackson Citrus, Tris Chapman and Southern Gardens

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Protect your kidneys

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

Administrator Hendry/Glades Dept. of Health

Protect your kidneys, and we're not talking beans

Kidneys play a very important role in a person's overall health. Your kidneys help keep the right amount of water in the body and help to filter out harmful wastes.

Common causes of kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure. Chronic kidney disease is when a person loses kidney functions, which

can happen from physical injuries or diseases that damage the kidneys (diabetes or high blood pressure). When the kidneys are damaged, it reduces their ability to remove wastes and extra water from the blood as well as they should. Chronic kidney disease is a silent condition and in the early stages, you may not notice any symptoms. Chronic kidney disease often develops so slowly that many people don't realize they're sick until the disease is advanced. According to the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated 26 million adults in the United States have chronic kidney disease, but most do not know it and it's the ninth leading cause of death in the United States. The final stage of chronic kidney disease requires the person to be on kidney dialysis (filtering of blood through a machine) or transplantation. The risk for kidney disease can be reduced by learning how to prevent diabetes and high blood pressure. Bladder infections can also damage your kidneys. Some symptoms of bladder infection include cloudy or bloody urine, pain or burning when you urinate, or an urgent need to urinate often. The symptoms of a kidney infection may include back pain, chills, and fever. Please talk to your healthcare provider if you think you may have a bladder or kidney infection. Also, please be sure to get your blood pressure and blood sugar levels checked regularly!

* 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.



Pat Dobbins

In response to Pam Narehood's letter on March fifth criticizing our legislators for doing the job they were elected to do, that is balance the budget and show fiscal restraint.

Wearing black arm bands, band aids and red to signify cuts for teachers is not only silly but it tends to brain wash the students.

It now costs eighteen thousand dollars per student per nine months and a lot of vacation time for there learning, and (dey aint gettin more smart).

Cal Roemer

Milk of Amnesia

One of the best kept secrets of the Obama administration is their immediate acceptance of the Jim Jones recommended "Milk of Amnesia" as the official White House beverage of "Hope, Change and Choice." Better known in White House jargon as "Hosssssss-sich."

In the ethereal, effervescent glow of victory, emanating from

Community stands by LaBelle Kiwanis Club

Sidewalk sales commence today

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

The LaBelle Kiwanis Club supports that motto wholeheartedly. Our club exists for the sole purpose of serving those in our local community.

We serve our community in many ways: by having our annual Kid's Day in Barron Park; by supporting our schools, their staff, students and clubs; by assisting United Way, Salvation Army, Healthy Families and many other local groups. All of these are accomplished using the funds we raise at our club's Thrift Store.

On February 8 some person(s) committed an unimaginable crime; arson, at the Kiwanis Thrift Store. The damages to the inside of the

store caused by the fire, heat and smoke were extremely severe, but they can be repaired.

known as the Oval Office, on any given day, from 10 to 11 a.m., you can hear the dulcet tones of the latest phonics, remedial, briefing session.

The "Milk of Amnesia", while lacking in both good taste, substance and character, has proven to be the perfect antidote for all those oratorical promises made during the heat of the election campaign.

After melodiously preaching "We can, We will", and using the "economy" as a politicized, "straw man" issue, the administration is well on it's way to subjugating the masses into total Government dependency.

With that gloom and doom prediction stuck in my craw, would you believe I found my solace in a story about, of all things, WAL-MART.

It seems this young man, tired of being broke and in an unhappy marriage, with the economy in "crisis" tirade blaring at him, 24/7, resorted to a sordid plot.

He took out a large life insur-

What can't be fixed is the heartache of our volunteers, club members (past and present), our staff and loyal customers and our community.

Many people put innumerable hours of sweat and tears to make that store what it was. It was a store people came to knowing that they could find bargains. It was a clean and friendly store.

A store where people dropped off donations knowing those items would eventually benefit other residents of our small community.

A store that was able to give to those who couldn't afford to provide for their own families.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have assisted us in our time of need.

To all our loyal volunteers for sticking with us and cleaning off the soot, helping with the Saturday Fire sales and just for standing by us.

Givers are God-like; let your gifts go

**By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle**

In his book Run with the Horses, Eugene Peterson tells how he saw some birds teaching their young to fly.

Three young swallows were perched on a dead branch that stretched out over a lake.

One adult swallow got alongside the chicks and started shoving them out toward the end of the branch—pushing, pushing, pushing. The end one fell off.

Somewhere between the branch and the water below, the wings started working and the fledgling was off on his own. Then the second one.

The third one, however, was not to be bullied. At the last possible moment his grip on the branch loosened just enough so that he swung downward, then tightened again, bulldog tenacious.

The parent pecked at the desperately clinging talons until it was more painful for the chick to hang on than risk the insecurities of flying. The grip was released and the wings began pumping.

The mature swallow knew what the chick did not—that it

would fly—that there was no danger in making it do what it was designed to do."

Peterson writes, "Birds have feet and can walk. Birds have talons and can grasp a branch securely. They can walk; they can cling.

But flying is their characteristic action and not until they fly are they living at their best, gracefully and beautifully.

Giving is what we do best. It is the air into which we were born. It is the action that was designed into us before our birth.

Some people try desperately to hold on to themselves, to live for self. They look so bedraggled and pathetic doing it, hanging on to the dead branch of selfishness and self-centeredness, afraid to risk themselves on the untried wings of giving.

Yet many people don't think they can live generously because they have never tried." We were created to live generously by giving generously of our time, talents and finances. We were meant to soar.

Howard Hughes certainly illustrates this biblical truth. In his youthful days, he was a typical playboy, with a passion for pleasure seeking and "an aversion for giving.

As he grew older and turned an inheritance into a vast fortune, he became more and more closed-fisted. He was stingy, selfish and

self-centered. He let his wealth create an ever-increasing barrier between himself and other people."

Needless to say, he died a hopeless, miserable recluse.

Without question, we were created to soar on the wings of giving. In sharp contrast to Hughes was George Mueller who, like Hughes, inherited wealth, but established a lifelong pattern of generous sharing.

His life was characterized by serving the needs of others. He was not stingy, selfish or self-centered.

He poured out his life and wealth caring for thousands of orphans in London during the war. His life was marked by joy, fulfillment, meaning, purpose and contentment. Giving leads to life itself.

Need some ideas of how to be a giver? Here are some gifts that anyone can give and none of them cost a cent.

The gift of listening. But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just simply listening.

The gift of affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of laughter. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with

you."

The gift of a written note. It can be a simple, "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The gift of a compliment. A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal," can make someone's day.

The gift of a favor. Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The gift of solitude. There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone.

Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

The gift of a cheerful disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

So, go ahead. Take the challenge... Be a giver. Give of yourself. Give heartily, faithfully, generously.

Isn't that what God did when He came to earth as a human being? And what a difference He made!

He set people free from sin, broke their bondages of ungodliness and released folks to fly as individuals who were created in His image.

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

By Fr. Alan Kelmereit

I was a number of years past retirement from the Air Force, and on vacation with my wife. We were in the vicinity of an air base, and decided to visit.

As evening approached and I started to think about food, I got the bright idea of having dinner at the club on base. I had been retired long enough to forget some of the fundamentals of military life, and we were dressed for vacation.

When we walked through the front door, we were greeted by a very polite assistant manager who advised me that ties were required for entrance after 6 p.m. Just then the manager came along, saw what was happening, and asked us to wait there for a moment.

Shortly, he returned from his office with a tie.

I don't remember now if that tie came even close to matching anything I was wearing, but I do recall that I didn't care in the slightest.

We were in and dinner would be along shortly. On the way out I returned the tie to the manager and thanked him for his kindness.

There are two ways to view this incident.

First, one might say that the club is way too exclusive: "I should be able to have dinner there dressed in whatever way I want; after all, I'm entitled."

The other view is that the club can rightfully establish rules and regulations for the good of its members, and that everyone who complies is welcome.

That incident reminds me of what goes on in the Bible. There's law, and there's grace. The law said, "No tie, no entrance."

Grace said, "Here's a tie, come on in."

On reflection, it occurred to me that you and I don't do any better at keeping God's law than I did at keeping the dress code. That's where grace comes in. God has said, "Jesus has fulfilled the law for you, come on in."

Still, I hear all sorts of people complain that Christianity is "exclusive," that it seeks to keep certain groups of people out, and only admit a select few. That idea is a bunch of nonsense.

God has issued his invitation to every living person. Those who accept it come in, those who reject it, for whatever reason, go elsewhere.

The only reason I seem able to come up with for those who proclaim that Christianity is exclusive, is that they prefer to demand that God operate on their terms, and do things exclusively their way. That attitude, as human as it is, is also nonsense!

before he could escape the store.

During intense grilling by the local police, Artie broke down and revealed the whole sordid story, including the unusual \$1 down payment with the hapless husband who was quickly apprehended and arrested.

In the local newspaper the next day, in bold, front page headlines, right alongside the latest "Economy in CRISIS" blaring headlines was the announcement that "ARTIE CHOKES TWO for \$1 at WAL-MART!"

So, if you believe as I do, that the "Economy Crisis" is politically driven and supported for strictly political gain, it's somewhat comforting to know, "Milk of Amnesia" excluded, that you can always depend on Wal-Mart to "PRODUCE for you.

**T. W. Bill Neville
LaBelle**

We've been working very hard in order to reopen for business. The building has been gutted out and is now being cleaned and painted. From there we will be busy restoring the electric, A/C and fixtures and hope to reopen in another month or so.

We are running out of storage space for all the donations we continue to receive. I

n order to keep accepting these donations we are going to start having daily sidewalk sales starting today, March 19, and continue until we can open.

The sales will be right out front under our covered sidewalk, weekdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Merchandise will be limited mostly to clothing at our regular low prices.

We also have Easter merchandise that was saved from storage.

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almost like the local favorite, just take away the melons & grapes, add shredded coconut **7.99**

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romaine lettuce & croutons tossed in caesar dressing topped with a grilled chicken **8.50**

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mixed greens, julienne turkey, ham, white american, cheddar, boiled egg, tomato, fresh sliced mushroom, red onion and shredded cheddar-jack cheese **7.99**

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Hand breaded chicken breast, fried golden and topped with tomato sauce & mozzarella cheese, baked **7.99**

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Roast turkey breast, crisp bacon and cheddar cheese baked in a sub roll **7.99**

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Virginia ham and American cheese grilled on texas toast served with a side of fries **6.99**

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Sliced turkey breast on wheat berry bread with lettuce & tomato, served with a cup of soup **7.50**

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Homemade chicken salad on wheat berry bread with lettuce & tomato, served with a cup of soup **7.50**

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On wheat berry bread with lettuce & tomato, served with a cup of soup **7.50**

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Made fresh daily so may be limited and it is served on wheat berry bread plated with a cup of soup **6.99**

This is a limited menu and prices are subject to change.

Danger increasing

TALLAHASSEE -- Florida is experiencing twice the wildfire activity of a year ago and the danger is increasing every day, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said recently.

Bronson is urging residents to do their part to prevent wildfires by avoiding any unnecessary outdoor burning.

They should also check with their local Division of Forestry office or county government to determine if there is a local burn ban in effect.

"Prevention is the key," Bronson said. "We're asking residents and visitors alike to exercise extreme caution when you use anything that involves fire or high heat."

Before conducting any outdoor burning, check with officials to see if it is a dangerous burning day and if there is a local burn ban in effect.

A lack of substantial rainfall, especially in Central and South Florida, coupled with recent freezes throughout the state, has left Florida's vegetation ripe for wildfires. Wildfires can start easily, intensify quickly and move rapidly because of the current conditions.

Statewide, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) currently stands at 520, well above normal for this time of the year.

Moreover, the index shows that nearly half of Florida is well above the statewide average and is experiencing "severe" dry conditions. The KBDI measures available soil moisture and runs from 0 (saturated) to 800 (desert-like).

Since January 1, Florida has had 1,024 wildfires that have burned 24,730 acres, compared with 508 fires impacting 11,292 acres at the same time last year. Because the lightning season has yet to begin, virtually all of the fires that have occurred to date were caused by humans and were therefore avoidable.

Additional tips for residents to help prevent wildfires include:

-- Never leave a campfire unattended.

-- Don't throw cigarettes or other lighted material out of car windows.

-- Clear gutters of leaves and other debris, and remove vegetation from around homes, creating a 30-foot defensible space.

-- Do not park motor vehicles or equipment in areas where the hot catalytic converter could ignite grass, leaves or debris.

Church Briefs

Church fundraisers

Community Harvest Worship Center is planning the following fundraisers:

Women's Ministry: Yard Sale, Youth Department: Car Wash, Kings Men: Barbecue Pork Dinner \$7 on Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the parking lot at 55 Orange Street.

Church plans special events

Community Harvest Worship Center Women's Ministry is having a yard sale, the Youth Department a car wash and the Kings Men a barbecue pork dinner (\$7) all on Saturday, March 28, from 8

a.m. until 7 p.m. in the parking lot at 55 Orange Street.

Eastside Mission Trip

Eastside Baptist Church is having a dinner to raise monies for mission work in Arizona. The meal consists of grilled pork steak or 1/2 chicken, green beans/potatoes, cole slaw, roll, tea & dessert and will be served from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at the Church Social Hall.

A drive-thru service will also be provided. Delivery is available when 5 or more meals go to one location in town. Tickets are \$8. Call Raymond Crawford at 675-1845 or Marilyn Barrios at 675-8097.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Caloosa Belle by e-mailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Adrian Santiago, 42

LABELLE — Adrian Santiago, of LaBelle, passed away March 10, 2009, in Lehigh Acres, Fla. She was 42.

He was born Aug. 13, 1966, the son of the late Pablo and Margarita (Ortiz) Santiago. Mr. Santiago married Thiammy Cruz. He was a Mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Thiammy (Cruz) Santiago; two sons, Adrian Santiago, and Angel Santiago, all of LaBelle; mother, Margarita Santiago of Puerto Rico; three brothers, Julio Santiago, Joe Santiago, and Rafael Santiago; five sisters, Mary Santiago, Janet Santiago, Evelyn Santiago, Sandra Santiago, and Onelia Santiago, all of Puerto Rico; and grandson, Adrian Santiago Jr. of LaBelle.

Visitation was held Thursday, March 12, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

Barbara Jane Denning

LABELLE — Barbara Jane Denning, of LaBelle, passed away March 15, 2009, in LaBelle. She was 85.

She was born April 1, 1923, in Jonesville, Mich., to Raymond M. Pierce and Esther (McKercher) Pierce. She was a resident of LaBelle since 1963. Barbara attended Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle.

Survivors include sons, Roger D. Denning, LaBelle, John R. Denning,

Deming, N.M.; daughter, Linda Denning Kay, LaBelle; brothers, Robert Pierce, Bonita Springs, George Pierce, Mason, Mich.; sister, Carolyn Petrie, Jonesville, Mich.; grandchildren, Rob Kay, Kristen Kay, Douglas Denning, Bonnie Denning, John E. Denning; and great-grandchildren, Justine Decker, Jordan Decker, Douglas Denning, Jessenia Denning, Parker Grace Pressly.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Denning; and husband, Robert L. Denning.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 20, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Rev. Les Morgan officiating. A memorial will also be held at a later date in Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Thomas Albert Keaton, 40, was arrested March 11 and charged as an out-of-state fugitive from New Jersey: receiving stolen property and possession of cocaine. Deputy C. Buchhofer was arresting officer.

Julian Charke Tarin, 26, was arrested March 19 and charged with resisting arrest with violence after a scuffle with a probation officer. Deputy J. Smith was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Roderrick L. Jacobs, 14, was arrested March 12 and charged with property damage - criminal mischief between \$200-\$1,000

FWC arrests three in gator poaching case

Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) arrested three people in an alligator poaching case last week. The incident took place in Glades County.

While on routine patrol, Officer Scott Van Buren and Lt. Pam Steelman observed a pickup truck pulled halfway off County Road 731, which is south of Rainey Slough.

There, they observed a man in a canal along the road; he was retrieving an alligator.

A woman was in the bed of the truck, and a 17-year-old male stood next to the truck.

Upon inspecting the truck, of-

icers found three loaded rifles, four pieces of fresh alligator meat and two live hatchling alligators. The officers found three butchered alligator carcasses near the canal.

Three people -- Joshua J. Todd, 18 of Alva; Natalee M. Grant, 18 of Lehigh Acres; and a juvenile were charged with seven misdemeanor counts of taking and possessing American alligators.

All three were booked into the Glades County jail.

"We hope this case sends a strong message to would-be wildlife poachers," Lt. Steelman said. "We will find you and hold you accountable for criminal acts."

Name incorrect

Due to a clerical error, a name was listed incorrectly in

School Briefs

LHS loves reading

The "Friends of the LaBelle High School Library" will hold its 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 from 8-11 a.m. 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.

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.

Ford Fusion drawing

Thanks to all members of the LaBelle community who have supported our fund-raising efforts for student activities. LaBelle High School regrets to inform you that we are unable to finalize the drawing for the Ford Fusion automobile. If you would like to donate your \$25 to the school, please submit your ticket to LHS before March 31, and you will receive a letter for tax purposes. If you would like a refund, please submit your ticket to the main office at LaBelle High School before

March 31.

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.

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Heather Renee Jones, Marcus Wade Timpner.

LES Students of the Month



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Good citizens

LaBelle Elementary Citizens of the Month from grades 3 through 5 in the front row to back row are: row 1--Diego Roblero, Jesus Tamez, Christina Soto. In row 2 are: Vanessa Barrios, Samuel Maciel, Manuel Minguela, Arnoldo Gonzalez, Brandon Rodriguez. Row 3 includes: Briseida Aguilar, Maria Moreno, Dustin Cooper, Marco Silverio, Jose Ramos. In the fourth row are: Kaylee Dobbins, Natali Escobedo, Andrea De-ras, Rene Gomez.



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Younger citizens

LaBelle Elementary Citizens of the Month from kindergarten to second grade are: (front row to back row) row 1--Patience Phelps, Angel Sorcia, Arvey Martinez, David Velasquez. In row 2 are: Brianna Escobedo, Yesenia Medina, Dean De La Cruz, Jaden Alderman, Julian Gomez, Silvino Guijosa and in row 3 are: Enrique Briones, Andrea Raya, Aubrie Jones, Tyler Vahle, Adam Navarro, Oscar Mondragon, absent is Rodrigo Ramos.



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Safety of the Week

LaBelle Elementary Safety Patrol of the Month for February is Natali Escobedo.



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Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) holds its monthly meetings at Flora & Ella's and it was a busy night on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

The Caloosahatchee Charter Chapter of the ABWA announced Brenda Barnes as their newest member of the Chapter, and then Debbie Klemmerer was graciously surprised when her name was announced her as the "2009-Woman of the Year."

Debbie has been an active member of the ABWA-Caloosa-

organization.

She is a "get the job done, ask questions later" kind of person, according to one member.

Debbie was nominated as the "2009-Woman of the Year" by the Caloosahatchee Chapter members and was presented with the award by the Caloosahatchee Charter Chapter's President, Joyce McLeod. As part of the award, Debbie will be recognized at the ABWA's national convention in Kansas City.



Submitted photos

Debbie Klemmerer - "2009 Woman of the Year"- and Joyce McLeod, President-Caloosahatchee Charter Chapter-ABWA.

Charter Chapter would also like to announce that the month of April is its "Spring Enrollment" and if you have an interest in joining ABWA, please visit the next scheduled meeting which will be on April 9 at 6 p.m. at Flora & Ella's Restaurant.

The ABWA will vote in May for local scholarship awards. Scholarship applications are available at Badcock in LaBelle, so please be sure to get the scholarship application filled out before the end of April.

ABWA's annual Little Miss LaBelle Pageant.

The pageant will be held on Saturday, April 4, at the LaBelle High School. Tickets can be purchased from contestants or at the door on the night of the event.

Tickets are \$5 each for everyone (age 3 and up). There will be no charge for infants under 2 years of age. (Please remember that this is a fundraising event and the ticket prices help fund the many scholarships and programs that ABWA offers.)



Submitted photo/Brenda Barnes

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Project H.O.P.E. is a FEMA funded program managed by the State of Florida. Project H.O.P.E. outreach workers are in your community. If you would like to talk with one of the team members, please contact Diego at 239-200-7454. They are here to help and would love to hear how you are doing!

Understand Hip Hop

What is Hip Hop? Do you understand the music? Would you like to know what they're saying? There's a message in most of the music and we uncover it in this training.

If you are a Parent, grandparent, teacher, individual who works with young people and those interested in understanding what's being said in the music that's influencing the youth all across America. Then this informative, fun, interactive and educational training is for you. This course will introduce you to the world of Hip Hop and explore the lyrical content of music played over the radio today. We explore current trends by examining the messages that are openly displayed and sometimes hidden in rap music. This training is ideal for creative intervention strategies to facilitate groups, trainings, interventions, etc. by actively involving youth in the process of deciphering and dissecting the "Message in the Music."

Come with an eagerness to learn more about Hip Hop (Rap) and how it's influencing society today. Be prepared for discovery through exploration as this workshop incorporates music from the 1970's through today and its

dance, sing, or listen. Some may be disgusted and surprised... it may be your favorite song. All will definitely be enlightened.

March 31, 2009—LaBelle Civic Center, LaBelle; April 1, 2009—Harlem Civic Center, Clewiston, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information please contact Angeline Peña at 863-946-0707 X220.

Gardeners to meet

Greater LaBelle Garden Club will meet, Monday, March 23, at the Dallas Townsend Building, Pratt Boulevard, 7 p.m. Ron Baines will give a presentation on container gardening - followed by a question and answer session. Please bring refreshments and plants to share! Questions? Call Terri 863-675-2392. Come learn and grow with us.

MCA to meet

Muse Community Association's monthly meeting is tonight, March 19, at 7 p.m. The association meets the third Thursday monthly. Community input is appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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 Athlet-

ic 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.

VFW plans activities.

Come to the He/She Fashion Show Saturday, March 21, at VFW 10100 on SR 29S 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.

Smoking cessation classes to start

Quit Now LaBelle! Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Cessation Class are ongoing until Thursday, April 9.

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

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.

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Medicare toll free line 1-800-633-4227 - callers can talk to a customer service representative in English or Spanish 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Information is also available at www.medicare.gov.

Car Club March Event

On March 21 the South Central Florida Car Club will host its first local 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 or lots of cars or just like cars, come on out and join us for a fun time. Bikers welcome. Hope to see you there!

Muse FD 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 much needed equipment for the firefighters. After the ride, we will have hot dogs, hamburgers and home-made ice cream. Don't ride a horse? Please buy a ticket for the 50/50 cash raffle. We will also have a raffle table with many nice horse-related items. For more information, please call Ellen at 863-612-0996.

Property found

The Hendry County Sheriff's

office found a Ramona Big Bear, a Honda ATV TRX200. Must bring documentation for ownership verification.

Also, three head of cattle were found and have been placed at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Impound Yard. Please call 674-4060 or 983-1440 if you have any questions.

Caregivers to meet

LaBelle's Caregiver Support Group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is March 25 at First Christian Church of LaBelle from 2-4 p.m.

for some group conversation centered around you - the Caregiver. This group is open to all caregivers. Snacks and coffee will be provided! R.S.V.P. & information call # 1-866-231-0921.

Breast cancer awareness

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Glades County Garden Club one of a kind

By Barbara Ohelbeck

Any way you look at it, the Glades County Garden Club, is exceptional, not because it's the only one in the entire county, but rather because of its longevity and accomplishments. It was in 1976 that the organization was founded by Mrs. Tina Elliot and it's been growing ever since. Mrs. Elliot spoke briefly at the March meeting elaborating on the club's beginning with high praise for the loyalty of the members and their accomplishments for nearly a quarter century.

Naturally the group has gone through some difficult times but the backbone of the club has remained strong and steadfast in its mission as is demonstrated by many projects in various locations in and near Moore Haven. Some of these include planting memorial trees throughout the county, planting around the Moore Haven welcome sign and the yearly project of giving all 5th graders in West Glades and Moore Haven Elementary schools individual plants for them to nurture over a period of time. At a later date club members judge the care and growth of the plants making appropriate recognition for those with the "biggest and best." Also, the students keep their plants and each one receives a certificate of participation.

On March 11 perhaps the most outstanding annual meeting took place at the home of Larry and Neva Luckey on Marshall Field Road at which time new officers and committee chairmen were announced. A brief swearing in ceremony took place with the honorable Judge Kirby Sullivan officiating.

The meeting was far more than a "finger food and tea" event. It was typically a true Glades County

barbecue with all the trimmings in the Luckey's patio garden under towering oaks.

After serving as the club's president for four terms which is eight years, Diana Winiack turned the gavel over to the new president Harry Raboldt. Other officers include Richard Thatcher, Treasurer, Dot Barry, Secretary, Diana Winiack, Corresponding Secretary, Jean Atakian Recording Secretary.

Members at large are Larry Luckey and Ester Kackley.

This is one of the few garden clubs of its kind that promotes the membership of both women and men. The club also takes regular field trips and a monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on the organization's activities.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from October through May, and, as of this year, two summer meetings will be held in July and Sept.

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Richard and Evelyn Thatcher received this planter in recognition of their support to the club.

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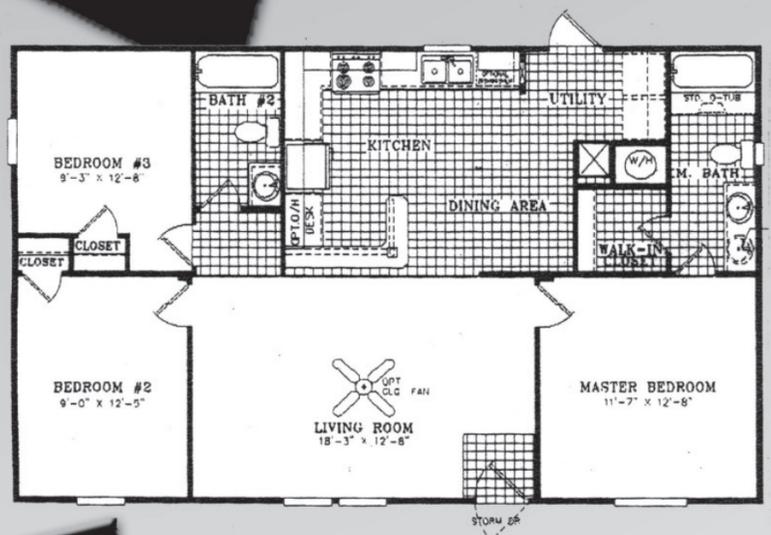
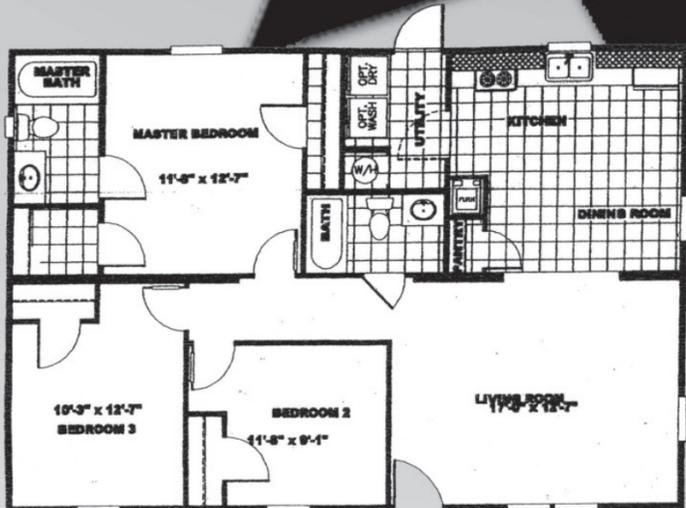
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health nursing director

LaBelle – The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments would like to announce the appointment of Jennifer Hood as the Assistant Community Health Nursing Director, effective February 20, 2009.

“Jennifer brings a broad base of clinical expertise to this position. Her combination of knowledge and leadership will be a benefit to the department.” stated Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments.

Jennifer Hood holds a Bachelor's and a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from the Uni-

versity of Florida. She is also a Family Nurse Practitioner. Ms. Hood has worked in hospital settings as well as public health. She has spent the last 8 years with the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments as a clinician providing a variety of services which include primary care and family planning. She is also a member of the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses. Ms. Hood is a native Floridian. She has lived in Hendry County for almost ten years and her family consists of husband, Justin and daughters, Kayla age 8 and Ashlyn age 5.



Submitted photo
Jennifer Hood

Beware: Wildfire danger increasing

TALLAHASSEE – Florida is experiencing twice the wildfire activity of a year ago and the danger is increasing every day, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said recently.

Bronson is urging residents to do their part to prevent wildfires by avoiding any unnecessary outdoor burning.

They should also check with their local Division of Forestry office or county government to determine if there is a local burn ban in effect.

“Prevention is the key,” Bronson said. “We’re asking residents and visitors alike to exercise extreme caution when you use anything that involves fire or high heat.”

Before conducting any outdoor burning, check with officials to see if it is a dangerous burning day and if there is a local burn ban in effect.”

A lack of substantial rainfall,

“Prevention is the key we’re asking everyone to exercise extreme caution when you use anything that involves fire or high heat.”

especially in Central and South Florida, coupled with recent freezes throughout the state, has left Florida’s vegetation ripe for wildfires. Wildfires can start easily, intensify quickly and move rapidly because of the current conditions.

Statewide, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) currently stands at 520, well above normal for this time of the year.

Moreover, the index shows that nearly half of Florida is well above the statewide average and is experiencing “severe” dry conditions. The KBDI measures available soil moisture and runs from

0 (saturated) to 800 (desert-like).

Since January 1, Florida has had 1,024 wildfires that have burned 24,730 acres, compared with 508 fires impacting 11,292 acres at the same time last year. Because the lightning season has yet to begin, virtually all of the fires that have occurred to date were caused by humans and were therefore avoidable.

Additional tips for residents to help prevent wildfires include:

– Never leave a campfire unattended.

– Don’t throw cigarettes or other litged material out of car windows.

– Clear gutters of leaves and other debris, and remove vegetation from around homes, creating a 30-foot defensible space.

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March 15-21 is poison prevention week

This year marks the first time that there are two themes for the national weeklong celebration:

“Children Act Fast ... So Do Poisons!” and “Poisonings Span a Lifetime”.

“Nearly 50 percent of the calls received at the poison center in 2008 involved children under six years old. Of this number, specialists in the poison center were able

to manage at least 83 percent of the patients over the phone which alleviated a visit to a healthcare facility,” noted Paige Pruitt, R.N., education coordinator. “The free emergency services provided by the poison center save unnecessary trips to the hospital, eliminating possible expenses from an emergency room visit, save time, and ultimately save lives.”

When the problem is poison, the answer is poison control. Call the poison center at 1-800-222-1222 if you suspect a poisoning, need information related to poisons, or would like free poison prevention education materials, including magnets or stickers. The poison center’s Education Department may also be contacted at 904-244-2699.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and Hendry Regional Medical Center is educating the community about colorectal cancer through free ‘lunch and learn’ seminars.

• Dr. Carroll will speak during lunch at the hospital conference room in Clewiston on Wednesday, March 25, from 12:15 to 1:15. (a light lunch will be provided)

• Dr. Darayes Mobed will speak during lunch at the Convenient Care Center conference room in LaBelle on Thursday, March 26, from 12:15 TO 1:15. (a light lunch will be provided)

It takes guts to face the facts about colorectal cancer and do something about it. Hendry Regional Medical Center wants you to know the facts:

1. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States — only lung cancer is more deadly, affecting about 174,000 people each year and taking 160,000 lives. This year alone, about 149,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and about 55,000 will die from it. .

2. Even though colon cancer and rectal cancer are often referred to together (as colorectal cancer), they describe cancers of two different areas. Rectal cancer occurs when a tumor grows in the bottom 6 inches of the bowel. If a tumor grows in any area of the bowel that’s above the rectum, it is called colon cancer.

3. Colorectal cancer affects men and women in equal numbers. It is not a “man’s disease” — which is how some people think.

4. Colorectal cancer doesn’t discriminate — a person of any race can get this disease. However, African-American men and women are more likely to develop colorectal cancer than any other racial group, and they are also more likely to die from it.

5. Although it is true that nine out of ten cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed in people older than 50, the average age for diagnosis is only 62. This is why doctors recommend that everyone older than 50 should have routine screening exams for colorectal cancer.

6. Genes can play a part in who develops colorectal cancer. As with many other diseases, your risk goes up if a close family member has had it. However, the majority of people who get colorectal cancer have no family history at all.

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QUALIFICATIONS: You must have experience in operation of heavy duty tractors, batwing mowers and some rubber tire back hoe loaders. The starting pay is \$9.25 per hour. Do not apply without these qualifications. Application forms may be obtained from the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace off S. Birchwood Parkway in Port La Belle or call 675-0346 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDING THAT A FIRE EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON UNREGULATED FIRES WITHIN THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the recent freezes and drought affecting Hendry County has created an extremely high danger of grass, brush and forest fires throughout all of Hendry County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority under Ordinance No. 2001-03 to impose a moratorium on all unregulated fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. A fire emergency exists within Hendry County, Florida, under the definitions and provisions of Hendry County Ordinance No. 2001-03, as amended.
2. The Board hereby imposes a moratorium on all unregulated fires within Hendry County, Florida, as provided in said Ordinance No. 2001-03, Section 2, as amended. An unregulated fire means any outdoor fire other than a cookfire which is not permitted by a governmental agency.
3. The moratorium imposed hereby shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further action by this Board.

Duly considered and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chair

ATTEST:
Anita Bischel, Deputy Clerk
Barbara S. Butler, Clerk

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the original.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk Circuit Court
Hendry County Florida

By: A. Bischel
Deputy Clerk
Date: 2-25-09

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Public Notice 5005 | **Public Notice 5005**

PUBLIC NOTICE

AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY MEETING

There will be a Airglades Airport Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport boardroom in Clewiston. All interested are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863)-983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commissioner with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/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.

Janet Taylor, Chair

Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
312558 CGS 3/12,19/09

Public Notice 5005 | **Public Notice 5005**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 2:00 P.M., at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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Port LaBelle Advisory Committee
George Davis

313387 CB/CN 3/19/09

Public Notice 5005 | **Public Notice 5005**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

Please Note: The time of all CLB meetings is now 6:00 p.m.

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Hendry County Construction Licensing Board, Richard Yoraschek, Chair
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Port LaBelle Community Development District will hold a Board of Supervisors' Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 6:00 P.M., at the office of the District located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct routine business which may require action by the Board.

This meeting is open to the public.

Scott Wegscheid
Chairman

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Try your tennis skills

Tennis enthusiasts are invited to a tennis tournament Saturday, April 4, beginning at 8 a.m. at LaBelle Sports Park on Pratt Blvd. All ages are welcome with divisions for men, women, singles and mixed doubles from beginners to advanced players. The \$30 entry includes a T-shirt. Sign up at LaBelle High School. LHS Girls Tennis Coach Bobby Spratt and Boys Tennis Coach Brent Ringler gathered their players for a photo.



Submitted photo/Hugo Vargas

Soccer

The LaBelle Youth Soccer U-8 2009 Stallions took their bumps and bruises throughout the season with a hardly spectacular 3-4-1 record, but the team really peaked at the end of the season. They won the league's first ever double loss elimination tournament for the U-8 division on Sunday, March 8, 2009 with a 3-0 record. What a feeling of satisfaction! Very proud of these kids and very grateful to their sponsors, Higginbotham & Soud, CPAs. Pictured front Row: Dylan Villa - Goalie; 2nd Row from Left: Silvino Guijosa, Alejandra Moreno, Bryce Herrera, Gisselle Perez, Coach Hugo Vargas, Alex Vargas, Alan Gutierrez, Luis Orduna. Back Row: John Quinn, Jose Jimenez, Justin Curtis, Coach Natasha Vargas and Emily Baird.

Sports Shorts

Hunter safety course planned

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course March 28 in Hendry County. Students must take the online part of the course before attending on Saturday.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and wildlife identification before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The free safety course will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range, between Clewiston and LaBelle, 0.7 miles down Witt Road off of SR 80, 9 miles west of U.S. 27. Take the first road east of the Pioneer Shell Gas Station.

Space is limited and reservations are required. To make reservations, go online to the Hunter Safety area of MyFWC.com or call 561-625-5122. A statewide schedule of

hunter safety classes is available there also.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass this course or another approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes. To participate in the live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Archery, anyone?

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

Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m. Monthly Membership Meeting and 20 Yard Target League.

Sunday, March 15, 3D Archery Shoot at the Nalle Grade County Park in North Fort Myers. The shoot is hosted by the Lee County Archers. A roving field range consisting of 20

3D target stations, and a 14 station N.F.A.A. field course. Sign up 8-8:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 9 a.m. A \$10 shooting fee applies. Info: Ben Brown (239) 369-6212.

Sunday: April 5, 9 a.m., 900 Round event.

Guided Nature Walk planned

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.



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Sprucing up

The Colts Conserve is a Country Oaks Elementary club that was formed this year with third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The faculty sponsors are Mrs. Kristen Walker, Miss Kristina Andrews, and Mrs. Kimberly Stitt. Mrs. Walker, Oscar Ortiz, and Kathy Henry are mulching around tiny palm trees. Country Oaks Elementary students, Raymond Aguilar, Gehobany Avila, Jeff Harris, Ricky Gonzalez and Noah Pequeno, all members of the "Colts Conserve Club," prepare to work on top soil and mulch for their part in helping to make things, "a little greener."

FGCU Alumni award

FORT MYERS, FL - The Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association is sending out a call for nominations for an outstanding FGCU graduate who has significantly contributed to the community.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors annually honors a distinguished graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University. This is the most prestigious award the association bestows upon an FGCU graduate in recognition of the recipient's contributions to society.

The criteria for this award include a distinguished professional career (both regionally and nationally), distinguished in community and recognized for

service to others and dedicated to providing ongoing service to the University.

Past award recipients include Nola Theiss, 2008; Guenther Gossch, 2007; Robert Mulhere, 2006; Dr. Allen Weiss, 2005; and Dr. John Little, 2004.

Nomination deadline is April 1, 2009.

For more information about the Alumni of Distinction Society, visit <http://www.fgcu.edu/Alumni/distinction.html>.

For more information about the FGCU Alumni Association, contact director of Alumni Relations Lindsey Touchette at (239) 590-1016 or alumnirelations@fgcu.edu

Apply now for new FGCU collegiate high school

FORT MYERS, FL - The Florida Gulf Coast University Collegiate High School is now accepting applications for its fall 2009 class. The Collegiate High School is a unique early admissions program limited to approximately 35 students from Southwest Florida.

High School students who are entering junior or senior years in the fall are eligible to apply. Acceptance is based on a completed CHS applications packet, GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores, and an interview. If accepted, students complete the 11th and 12th grades on the FGCU campus in

University classes.

Tuition and books are free and students may earn up to two years of college credit while completing high school graduation requirements.

A public information meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19 in Academic Building V, Room 112.

For more information visit on-line: <http://www.fgcu.edu/chs/>

For additional information, contact CarolAnn Popovich at (239) 590-7869 or Pat Riley at (239) 225-2500.

Register for summer classes at Edison College

Summer Registration at Edison State College begins Monday March 16, 2009.

We recommend enrolling as soon as possible to secure the classes and times you want.

Enrollment has been so high for the past several semesters classes fill up very quickly.

Choose the session that's right for you.

Full Session: May 6 - Aug 11

Short Session 1: May 6 - June 23

Short Session 2: June 24 - Aug 11

To check out all Summer Courses head to: www.edison.edu/academics/schedule/index.php

Edison State College serves more than 20,500 students in 5 counties including campuses in Lee, Collier, Charlotte counties, a center serves Hendry/Glades and many classes are available on-line.

For more information, please contact District Director of Communications and Marketing Catherine Bergerson at 239-489-9460



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UES Students of the Month
Row 1: Ivan Ordenez, Lisbeth Garcia, Randi Pack, Madison Johnson; Row 2: Emily Baird, Amelia Martinez, Marlusous Mitchell, Logan Livingston; Row 3: Stephanie Mendoza, Vanessa Vera, Griselda Trejo, Dylan Villa; Row 4: Fernando Molina, Luis Custodio, Adrian Raya, Hazeal Villaneuva-Pedriz; Row 5: Ebelinda Martinez, Mia Herrera, Adiana Rodriguez, Miranda Garza. Not pictured: Caitlyn Mayo, Isaiah Devisme.

Channel markers replaced in Glades

On October 24, 2005 Central Florida received the brunt of Hurricane Wilma with Glades County directly in its path.

During the course of the storm channel markers in Lake Okeechobee were destroyed and lost.

Sheriff Stuart Whiddon recognized that with the channel markers missing from Lake Okeechobee within the borders of Glades County it would cause a great safety hazard for the citizens of Glades County and guests to our area.

Sheriff Whiddon, with the assistance of Glades County Emergency Management, and the Glades County Board of Commissioners contacted and requested financial support from FEMA to replace all channel markers with stronger poles. He also worked to have signs attached to the poles, identifying the locations along with solar lighting so that the

poles can be seen at night and during inclement weather.

The project was approved by all parties involved in 2005. However, due to the lake water levels, the project was unable to proceed.

In 2009 after Tropical Storm Fay came through, the project was revisited.

This was made possible due to the lake levels increasing enough to accommodate a lake barge and crane to set the poles and complete the project.

Sheriff Whiddon is pleased to announce that on February 25, 2009, the project has been completed.

All channels located within the boundaries of Glades County are well lit and identifiable with minimal cost to the county.

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