

# Caloosa Belle

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## At a Glance

### Check school board budget

According to Hendry County Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy, everyone can now check out updates on the district's financial status on line. The school board has opened a new web-page and hopes residents will take advantage of this resource. The school board wants to hear your comments and concerns.

You can reach the "Budget Update" page directly from: [http://hendry-schools.org/education/sctemp/2d1ada2585b1f91a61f04b0bff8f9731/1238677578/Budget\\_Update\\_4.1.09.pdf](http://hendry-schools.org/education/sctemp/2d1ada2585b1f91a61f04b0bff8f9731/1238677578/Budget_Update_4.1.09.pdf) or go to the District Web-Site [www.hendry-schools.org](http://www.hendry-schools.org) and click the "Budget Update" icon on the HOME page.

### Food bank scheduled

The Hendry County Food Bank will be open Thursday, April 16, from noon till 3 p.m. at the Dallas B. Townsend Ag Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd.

### Ft. Denaud Bridge closing

The Ft. Denaud Bridge is closed to vehicles until April 28. Residents and visitors will have to use the SR 29 Bridge in LaBelle or the Bridge in Alva. Updates are also available on the County Web site at [www.hendryfla.net](http://www.hendryfla.net). For additional information please call 863-675-5264.

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## After 27 Years of waiting...



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Jim Keiser waits patiently on his boat as Allen Bills of Allen Bills Marine Inc. removes the dam separating the River Oaks canal from the Caloosahatchee River.



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April Beavers, President of the River Oaks Association, stands on top of the dam before excavation began.

## River Oaks Canals open after long well fought battle

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Residents of River Oaks Subdivision in Ortona are smiling from ear to ear. After 27 years, they have finally managed to regain access to the river.

They gathered Friday at the site as a track hoe ate away the plug that had kept the subdivision locked for almost three decades.

In the '70s, Kenneth Bracken, a cattleman turned developer, dredged a single shallow creek meandering by River Oaks into the Caloosahatchee, creating

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## Sunrise service

The LaBelle Ministerial Association invites you to join them at the annual Easter Sunrise Service at Barron Park on April 12 at 6:30 a.m. At 6:25 a.m. there will be music selected and edited by Pastor Avery of LaBelle Assembly of God (better than coffee!). After a Welcome and Prayer for our Nation by Frank Deerey Jr. pastor of First Baptist Church, followed by the Mayor of LaBelle Paul Puletti with the Pledge of Allegiance, enjoy a solo of the National Anthem.

The service is by the Worship Team of LaBelle Church of God-congregational singing. Fr. Alan Kelmereit, pastor of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, will be reading from the New Testament Gospel. A solo sung by Carolyn Ford, and an Old Testament Reading, read by William Maddox, pastor of First Christian Church, will continue the special event. There will be another solo during offering, with L.W. Howard, pastor of Community Harvest Pentecostal Church of God, saying prayer of the offering.

Offering ushers will be from the Men's Christian Gathering of LaBelle; make checks payable to: "LaBelle Evangelical Ministers Association" for the needy of LaBelle. Pastor of LaBelle Church of God will be reading from the letters. A soloist from Caloosa Baptist will be singing, with Dr. Les Morgan pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church providing some inspirational words. The Benediction, by Jorge Rodriguez, pastor of Life Ministries will conclude the service. The sound system is being provided by First Baptist Church.



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# Canal

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boat access to the river.

However, since the digging was done without a permit, the Corps of Engineers soon cut off the access with dirt. Mr. Bracken then dynamited it out, but the Corps stopped it up again, this time covering it with cement. However, Mr. Bracken would not back down and pulled it out again. It took a federal court order to put the quarrel to an end in 1978.

And that's where things stood till four years ago last January when April and Dean Beavers moved here. April took up the mantle and lent her talents as a former union employee and negotiator for the United Auto Workers education center.

The couple sailed to Florida from Northern Michigan in 2005 via the Intracoastal Waterway and ended up at Turkey Creek. They loved to walk through the area and soon bought a place in River Oaks Subdivision.

As boaters, the Beavers became interested in reopening the canal. With her background, April was not intimidated by the government agencies involved and also understood the necessity for the patient and deliberate filing of paperwork.

That patience paid off Friday as the track hoe removed the cement and dirt plug from the bank and water flowed again.

Through continuing efforts, the River Oaks residents managed to navigate the extensive DEP and Corps of Engineers permitting processes and reopen their gateway to the Caloosahatchee and the world of water

beyond.

John Iglehart is the Director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection South District Office, covering Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Collier, Charlotte and Monroe counties. Fifteen years ago he was a field officer helping River Oaks deal with environmental issues. Now, as director, he finally sees the satisfaction of a plan come to fruition. It has been a long time in coming, he concedes, but points out that it was a complicated problem.

River Oaks is a community of 85 households - mostly retirees. There were a lot of steps in the process and turnover in the community, Mr. Iglehart said, till April took over and "ran with it."

Peeling back the many layers of the problem, he explained that in 1969 the Clean Water Act forced the government to look at point source pollution but it also pointed out that dredge and fill projects impact water quality. In 1973 the federal government banned new canal projects opening to waterways - and the River Oaks' project was caught midway.

Still, the River Oaks Subdivision has some things to its credit - including a wastewater treatment facility and stormwater collection system. Residents' efforts to keep the canals cleaned out also worked in their favor, leaving only a low oxygen issue in the canal (a common problem with canals) to be solved.

According to Mr. Iglehart, the government will allow a project that improves water quality in another part of the same system to serve as a mitigator. Mr. Iglehart and the River Oaks residents worked hard with Florida Wildlife Commission to find such a project and in February, River Oaks residents planted trees on a new island in Lake Okeechobee. That project left the way clear to finally open the old canal from River Oaks to the river.

April said it was a "long and extensive process to get it done," complicated by the state and federal jurisdictions and capped by a federal order.

Other developments have worked in their favor. A few years ago, Ken Bracken Jr. sold the property to Duke Enterprises. Fortunately, Terry Duke allowed access through his property so the plug could be removed.

It's been a long time coming, 27 years of stops and starts, encouraging news and disappointments.

April smiles when she thinks of all the

"Doubting Thomases" who didn't believe last Friday would ever come. "Now," she said, "you can leave River Oaks for the river, head to the Atlantic and the Intercoastal or the Gulf." From there, it's your choice.

April expects some great fishing when Mother Nature readjusts the canal. She said residents have always enjoyed watching wildlife like sea otters raise their young there every year. She said there is also a nesting eagle right there.

The victory means that River Oak residents will finally be able to enjoy their private docks. However, April is somewhat disappointed that the canal is only open to small boats, a maximum of 24 feet.

April points out that many people have helped get this project where it is now: Doug and Bonnie Ballard, Larry Tellup, Bill Critchfield (deceased), Bob Kline (deceased), Corrine Woodrum, Ronnie DeArmand (deceased), Ted Miller, S. Schaewitz, Joe and Claudette Sirmay, Von Dressler, Kenneth and Bea Bracken, Dale Conyers, Dean Johnson and Clyde and Kay Sanborn.

Kay Sanborn has served as the River Oaks Association's secretary and treasurer for 15 years. She and Doug Ballard, as president, took it as far as they could - kept the fire burning until April came along with the skills to finish the job.

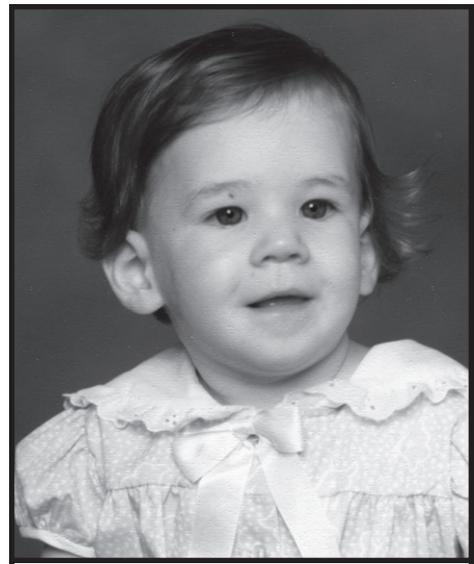
The Sanborns are retired now. Kay said they kept going over the years, meeting the challenges, because they knew some day it would happen.

"We just hoped it would be in 'our time,'" she said with a big smile you could even hear in her voice.



Dorothy Sellers and Allen DeArmond were all smiles as the dam was being torn down.

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## Happy Birthday Maranda Love, Daddy, Granny and Aunt Sissy & Sandy



Pastor and Mrs. Sammy Co and the true worshippers of International Christian Fellowship invite you and your family to come celebrate the RESURRECTION of our LORD JESUS CHRIST on Easter Sunday at 10:30 A.M. on April 12, 2009. The church is located at 233 Clark Street in LaBelle. Pastor Sammy Co will be delivering an anointed message of true hope and resurrection power! It will be a great time of food, fun and fellowship. All kinds of games for everyone will be played including ping pong, fuzzi ball, basketball, PS3, bounce house, air hockey, and so much more. For more information, please call 863-675-1112. DON'T MISS THIS EASTER CELEBRATION!!! John 4:23-24 and Acts 2:37-42

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# Jury finds Clewiston man guilty of manslaughter

By **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

A jury found 33-year-old Lennox Joseph guilty of manslaughter on April 2. Circuit Judge Christine Greider presided over the four-day trial.

Joseph was accused of entering the home of John Tull, 570 Fleetwood St., in Clewiston, about 10 p.m. May 13, 2007.

Witnesses said Joseph and another man were admitted through the front door and went immediately to the bedroom where Mr. Tull was. An exchange of gunfire left Mr. Tull dead.

The Florida Department of Law Enforce-

ment processed the crime scene, including blood left by one of the intruders who had apparently been shot.

Reports indicated that Joseph called 911 from behind a restaurant in Belle Glade after the shooting incident, claiming he had been shot by an unknown assailant. He was taken to Glades General Hospital and from there, Delray Community Hospital.

He had suffered wounds to his right jaw, right shoulder and right arm. DNA evidence from the crime scene matched that of Joseph and he was later arrested on a warrant.

Judge Greider ordered a presentencing investigation.



Submitted photo

## Special music

Trust Quartet, singing Gaither style four-part harmony, is scheduled to perform in Concert on Easter Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at LaBelle Assembly of God, on Fraser Avenue (across from the Edward A. Upthegrove Elementary School. The exciting Trust Quartet, a Florida based, Nashville recorded mixed group, will perform their enthusiastic approach to some of gospel's finest songs. Trust not only has great harmony but also a unique ministering ability with song. You will not want to miss this opportunity to enjoy a great concert. Following the service the church is having an old fashion carry-in-dinner with a candy egg hunt for the children. If you would like to take part in the dinner or for more information call 675-0900 and ask for Kathy.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will hold a workshop to discuss recreation and related issues for the East side of Hendry County at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2009, at the Harlem Civic Center, 2000 7th Street, Clewiston, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the workshop. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

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

## School crossing guard training

A course for School Crossing Guard Trainers will be held Thursday through Friday, May 7 and 8, at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 1, 801 N Broadway Ave. Bartow, FL 33830. For times please refer to the web site.

This is a two-day class to become a crossing guard trainer. Some trainers may take it to renew their trainer certification; however, one day refresher courses will be scheduled in the future to renew trainer certification.

The registration, training schedule and training material are on the website below. There is an application fro an account on the opening page, as well as access to the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Guidelines.

Here is the website [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/ped\\_bike/training/ped\\_bike\\_training.shtm](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/ped_bike/training/ped_bike_training.shtm)

Once you get your account then click on "training" for schedule, registration, and training material. Also you should be entering your guards, printing certificates and updating record's on their agency account.

## LaBelle man critical after fatal crash

A LaBelle man was involved in a fatal crash in DeSoto County on April 3. The crash took place at about 11:50 p.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Cody B. McClain, 26, of LaBelle was driving a 1993 Cadillac northbound on Kings Highway approximately a half mile south of CR 760. Witnesses said he was driving erratically, not staying within his lane, for several miles.

A 2006 Mitsubishi, driven by Carla Dale Herman of Port Charlotte, was southbound. FHP states that the McClain vehicle crossed into the path of Ms. Herman's vehicle and struck it head-on. Two occupants of the Herman vehicle were pronounced dead by paramedics at the scene. Ann Elizabeth Bissell, 50, of Englewood and Cecilia J. Fawcett, 67, of Rotunda West, were both deceased. Both had been wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Ms. Herman, age 57, and Theresa Lynn Flowers, 48, of Englewood, were both in serious condition. Ms. Herman was taken to DeSoto Memorial Hospital; Ms. Flowers to Tampa General. Both had been wearing seatbelts.

Mr. McClain was taken to Tampa General Hospital in critical condition. The FHP report states that alcohol was a factor in the crash.

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**FIRE WATCH:** Man! We finally got a bad fire and it was a doozy! Great job for the firefighters, But it's everybody's job to not let

# Faith in the Marketplace: Lesson in fickleness

How fickle we are. Now, I don't mean to offend you by suggesting that you are fickle. Perhaps you are not fickle at all, but most of us are. I can't count the number of times in my life that I have become very excited and enthusiastic about some new experience or interest.

Scuba diving lasted a long time, photography seems to come and go, fountain pen collecting and repair lasted for a few years. But, fickleness reigns, and there are always new things to become excited and enthusiastic about.

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. There is much that we can draw from the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, but one of the things that is very apparent is fickleness. Picture the scene.

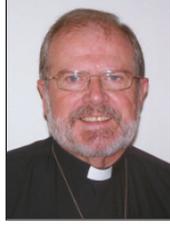
The population of Jerusalem was swelled to several times its normal size. People had come for a religious festival, but along with that there was all the excitement of being in the big city, many for the first time.

There was a lot of excitement, and when a few people saw Jesus riding into the city on a young donkey, the news spread quickly and people joined in the festivities.

It was the traditional coronation procession for a newly crowned king, and many of the people probably weren't really certain of what was happening, but they were happy

these things get started. I don't know how that one on Evans Road got started but I do know we all have to be really careful now. No rain, no rain, no rain! Next time it just might be your property - house - family - animals! Scary.

**CELEBRATE:** It's Eastertime! Even if you're not a Christian, or not a very good one, it's still a time we should all be trying to get closer together. Time to try harder to get along. How else can the world ever work like it should?



**Fr. Alan Kelmereit**

to join in the excitement.

A few days later, however, it became apparent that the religious leadership were not at all pleased with these events.

In fact, they were intent on accusing Jesus of blasphemy, the Jewish religious crime, and insurrection, the Roman political crime.

To most of the people in the city at the time, it appeared that they were successful in their charges.

And as the people came to understand that Jesus was out of favor with the leadership they quietly moved away from any association with him.

Some, at least, aligned themselves with the work of the leaders in their attempt to eliminate Jesus as a threat to the status quo.

Where would you have lined up if you were there. Would you be among the brave few, mostly women, who remained faithful to Jesus, or would you have been among the fickle who changed their cry from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him?"

We're still in the season of Lent, the season of self examination. This might be a very good time to reflect on being fickle.

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

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Community of Hendry:

On Thursday, I came home to billowing black smoke and the sound of crackling underbrush being consumed at a breakneck speed within feet of our barn.

My thoughts were only of all the animals we had to get away to safety.

Within in minutes people I did not know and friends were stopping to offer help.

People were calling, and offering places to put my horses...

The fire was amazing in speed and size and so many thoughts were going through my mind. I asked someone to check on our neighbors to the north as they were in most danger...

The volunteer firefighters from town came with all their equipment along with other volunteer firefighters from the area to contain this before houses were lost. They worked into the night to make sure everything was out and they did save the three homes that were I thought were gone for sure, since the blaze was so hot and the wind so fierce.

Joel and I wanted to express our heartfelt thanks to God for protecting the homes. The people who were strangers who offered help in putting out the fires around our house,

Thanks Bobby, Tommy and John for helping and also your friends, and to friends for their support and love who stopped. And to the firemen who worked all day and night to contain it and keep it from being worse than what it turned out to be. We appreciate your dedication and hard work to your craft.

PLEASE also remember how dry it is and be careful with fire. It was just seconds and this fire turned into a raging monster. I don't think any one hurt, but people's lives, animals and dwellings were put into danger and some items were destroyed. Please double think, it can happen to you. We found out how blessed we really were that day and wanted to make sure to those who helped with the fire how grateful we are.

**God bless,  
Joel and Jovita Williamson**

### Explain this to me, please?

Our President is calling on us to trust in the Congress and do all we can to help our country get out of trouble. I will sacrifice some things but I cannot argue with the push on banning the sale of ammunition. This to me is an infringement on our right to bear

arms. How can you protect your loved ones if you cannot buy ammunition? That to me is saying it's ok to put a toilet in your house, but you cannot buy toilet paper. I have been told that seven states have passed such laws. What happened to the Fifth Amendment? Any time you make something illegal it just gives those who deal in selling illegal stuff one more item to sell.

I believe Hitler first restricted all guns then confiscated them. We don't want to go that road. If all citizens cannot own firearms, the only ones with them will be the bad guys. They don't care what the laws say. If you were going to attack a country, which would you attack? One that may have a gun in every house or that has no guns to defend themselves. Another thing I need help with: if our schools need more funds- take 20 percent off the top of all lotto winnings and give it to the school systems. If I win millions on a \$2 ticket that wouldn't bother me a bit. Maybe that is too simple.

Finally, why do we need new fancy jails? Tents are good enough for our troops at war. Build a compound in the desert states - secure it - provide a degree food and medical attention. Give the prisoners a ten hour work pay building, something our government has to contract private contractors to build. Jail isn't supposed to be fun. Put the tents up for the prisoners to sleep in. At least they won't have to worry about being shot or attacked in their sleep.

Enough complaining or questioning, if we all stand behind our President in achieving his goals we should be ok. Let's work on removing the big corporate lobbyists from Congressional influencing. Weed out the crooked politicians and contractors who abuse our system. Keep an eye on our elected officials and prosecute those who break the law.

Once we get people in office who truly want fair laws and taxes for everyone things should get better. If you see wrong doings going on report it, stand up for your rights. That is the only way we will survive. Improving our country starts in the home, your home and mine. Be a good example for all to see. Live the Golden Rule.

That's enough for now. God Bless Our Country, God Bless You. That is what this old country boy thinks anyway,

**Ed Kuntz**

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- To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.

# Obituaries

## John Wesley Strickland, 66

**LABELLE** — John Wesley Strickland, of LaBelle, passed away April 5, 2009, in LaBelle. He was 66.

He was born Aug. 18, 1942, in Tampa, to the late Colen Wesley Strickland and Bernice (Parker) Strickland.

Survivors include his daughters, Jackie Strickland, Shawn Johnson (Skeeter), Brenda Leitner (Lacey); siblings, James Strickland, Becky Strickland, Mildred Strickland, Bud Strickland, Julian Strickland, Tom Strickland, Helen Strickland; mother, Bernice Strickland; grandchildren, Cody Johnson, Justin Landrum, Miranda Landrum; great-grandchildren, Cole and Anden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia R. Strickland; granddaughter, Kayla Johnson; siblings, Gary Strickland, Red Strickland, and Pauline Strickland.

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in Fort Denaud Cemetery where Pastor L.W. Howard officiated. Interment followed in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

## Martha Magdalene Holland, 96

**FORT MEADE** — Mrs. Martha Magdalene Holland, 96, passed away March 26, 2009, at her residence.

She was the daughter of Jephtha and Susan Starnaland, both pioneers of Hillsborough County. Mrs. Holland was born Oct. 18, 1912, in south Hillsborough County and moved to Fort Meade from LaBelle in 1984.

She was a homemaker and member of Fel-

lowship Primitive Baptist Church, Fort Lonesome. She was devoted to her family, friends, and church and had a passion for canning and quilting, of which she made approximately 40 quilts and gave to children in need.

Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by her husband, Wilton L. Holland; and son, Charles Vernon Holland.

She is survived by sons, Clyde Holland of Englewood, Jerry Holland and Claude Holland, both of LaBelle; daughters, Audrey Armstrong and Marlene Clenney, both of Fort Meade; sister, Daphne Curlee of Englewood; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Services and visitation was held Monday, March 30, at the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Fort Lonesome. Interment will be in Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade in charge of arrangements.

## Leo Frank Maness, 76

**LABELLE** — Leo Frank Maness, of LaBelle, passed away April 3, 2009, in Fort Myers. He was 76.

He was born Aug. 27, 1932, in Greensboro, N.C., he was an Electronics Engineer, retiring from the N.C. Highway Patrol in 1985. He was a member of Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1854 at Greensboro.



Survivors include son, Gary Wayne Maness (Nancy); sisters, Barbara Ann Robertson (Leon)

of Greensboro, N.C., Virginia Eileen Lafreniere (Gene Travis) of Stella, N.C.; grandsons, Michael D. Maness Jr., Cape Coral, Joshua Jarvis Sterling Maness of Greensboro, N.C.

He was preceded in death by parents, Jarvis Teddy Maness and Ruby Lee Myers Maness; his wife, Rebecca Ann Greene Maness; and eldest son, Michael David Maness.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle where Rev. Frank Deerey Jr. officiated.

The family would like to thank Frank's many friends especially his neighbors, Patty Johnson and her brother, Tom Sagamang for being more than true neighbors and friends, but also for doing any and everything for Frank without expecting anything more than his friendship in return.

We would like to also thank the O'Ferrell families for their friendship and his many neighbors for their kindness and for keeping an eye on his residence in Frank's absence. We would like also to thank the doctors, nurses and staffs for treating and comforting Frank and his family during his long illnesses.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to The American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association or The American Lung Association in Frank's name.

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# Church Briefs

## Christ the King special services

Christ the King Lutheran Church will have special services on Good Friday at 6 p.m., April 10 at 350 CR78, .4 mile west of Hwy. 29.

Easter Services will be at 9:15 a.m., April 12 with Pastor Fred Koehler.

Sunday Services are at 9:15 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday of each month. Bible study classes are at 10:30 p.m. each Sunday.

## Grace Baptist plans Son rise service

Grace Baptist Church will have a "SON-RISE" Service and Breakfast beginning at 8 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 12, at the church.4200 Eucalyptus Blvd. N.E. The public is invited to both the rousing morning worship and celebration of our risen Savior, and a delicious breakfast served with love by the members of Grace Baptist. Don't miss

this great opportunity.

## Free movie night at Carlson

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church presents a free movie night to see Fireproof, with Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea, on Saturday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. For free childcare please call 675-0656.

## Fellowship at Eastside

Eastside Baptist Church invites the community to an Easter egg hunt. Come and join them April 11 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for food fun and fellowship.

## Sunrise Service planned

Palmdale Baptist Church will be having their Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Savior's Resurrection. 510 Seminole Ave. N.W., Palmdale.

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Pioneer **\$75,000**  
2006 3BD/2BA on 1.49  
acres on Case Rd. Adjoining  
parcel available **\$75,000.**  
3BD/2BA doublewide on  
3.26 on Case Rd. Needs TLC  
- Adjoining parcel avail-  
able. **\$65,000.**

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**3/2 CUSTOM HOME** - Almost New!  
**REDUCED \$48,900. PENDING**  
**3BR/2BA MANUFACTURED**  
**HOME** in town. **\$69,900**  
**3BR/2BA HOME ON OVERSIZED**  
**LOT** large family room and tile  
floors. **\$96,000**  
**FORECLOSURE!** 3BR/2Ba CBS  
home 1,700+ sq. ft. living area.  
**\$96,900**  
**2 +/- ACRES IN FELDA** fronting on  
Hwy 29 possible commercial zoning.  
**\$175,000**

**HOMES**  
**3BR/2BA MOBILE** in the city.  
**\$71,000.**  
**3/4 ACRE (6 LOTS)** on corner of  
Hwy 78 and Commanchee 125' x 250'  
**\$99,900**  
**3BR/2BA HOME!** Large Oaks and  
nicely landscaped. **\$128,900**  
**4BR/2BA HOME!** Seller will con-  
tribute towards Buyers Closing  
Costs! **\$135,500**  
**3BR/2BA MOBILE** in Ortona  
w/great views of the river. **\$149,500.**  
**3BR/2BA HOME** has charming set-  
ting under shaded oak canopy. B-2  
zoning allows for residential use now  
and future business/investment  
opportunities. **\$149,900**  
**3BR/2BA CUSTOM HOME** - Seller  
will consider all offers. **\$164,000**  
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building, and huge gazebo all on 3 acres right  
outside of LaBelle. **\$129,600**

### HOMES

• Beautiful custom built home on river  
w/high ceilings, split floor plan, stainless  
steel appliances, caged pool and large patio  
area. **\$420,000**  
• Horse lovers welcome! 4/2.5 on 3.24+/- in  
Port LaBelle Ranchettes. 2,500 sq. ft. of living  
area, 2 car garage, wrap around porch and  
more. **\$335,000.**  
• Corporate owned! 4/3, caged pool, steel  
building, and huge gazebo all on 3 acres right  
outside of LaBelle. **\$179,000.**  
• 3/2 on oversized corner lot in Port LaBelle.  
**\$99,900.**  
• Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely  
redone form top to bottom. Have to see!  
**\$90,000.**  
• Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home  
w/den located close to SR 82 on .41+/- of an  
acre. **\$84,900.**  
• Nice 3/1 CBS in Port LaBelle. Seller says  
make offer! **\$80,000.**  
• Corporate owned in Lehigh! 3/2 CBS  
home with a den. Ceramic tile, solid surface  
counter, great floor plan. **\$79,900.**  
• 3/2 CBS home w/2 car garage, 1,900 sq. ft.  
of living area on oversized corner lot in  
Lehigh Acres. **\$74,900.**  
• Corporate owned 3/2 CBS home w/2 car  
garage, large kitchen, wrap around porch.  
Needs some TLC. **\$74,900.**  
• Bank approved Short Sale! Nice 2006 3/2  
with vaulted ceilings, spacious rooms, plenty  
of kitchen cabinets! Near schools and outside  
city limits. **\$73,500**  
• Duplex - 3 bdrms with single car  
garage. Needs a little TLC but priced to sell.

**\$60,000.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 in LaBelle city limits  
on .45+/- acre, with over 1,970 sq. ft. of living  
area, a little TLC this could be a beauty!  
**\$59,900.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 2005 CBS home  
w/wood floors, granite countertops & 2 car  
garage. **\$57,900**

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

• Corporate owned! 3/1 in Lehigh Acres.  
1,144 sq. ft. of living area with 1 car garage.  
**\$55,000.**

• Corporate owned! Investors, a little TLC  
and this duplex will be worth your invest-  
ment. 2006 CBS 3/2 duplex. **\$54,900.**

• 2/2 on corner lot in Lehigh Acres. 1 car  
garage, screened porch & more. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned! 2/1 CBS home centrally  
located in Lehigh Acres. **\$46,900.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 2007 CBS home  
near town in Lehigh Acres. 1 car garage and  
1,486 sq. ft. of living area. **\$45,900.**

• Corporate owned! 2/1 CBS home centrally  
located in Lehigh Acres. **\$39,000.**

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

### MOBILE HOMES

• Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of  
luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10+/-  
acs has it all, spacious family room, master  
suite w/ office, covered porch, and fencing  
for horses. This one is a steal @ only  
**\$250,000**

• Size will surprise you! 2BR/2B home on  
10+/- acres is very well kept. Features a  
warm comfortable living room w/gas fire-  
place, spacious kitchen, front & rear covered  
porches. **\$250,000**

• Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious liv-  
ing room, family room w/fireplace, large mas-  
ter suite, lots, lots of more. **\$249,900.**

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• Two for the price of one on 1 ac. 3/2 well  
maintained manufactured home + a 2/2  
manufactured home. **\$100,000**

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

• Affordable starter. 3/1.5 on corner lot in  
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• Corporate owned! 3/2 south of LaBelle.  
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# Plan now for Summer Camp

The Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board and the LaBelle Kiwanis Club are teaming up again this year to host the summer camp program. Changes you will see this year are location, shade, playground equipment, games and movies. This year the camp will be held at the Upthegrove Elementary School. Lunch and snacks are provided through the Hendry County Schools Food Service Program.

Camp will begin June 15 and run until July 24 (closed July 4). Camp will be for children ages 5 through 12 and will be \$45 a week. We are still looking for group leaders. We know the economy is bad and times are hard and we have many families who need assistance and if any business or individual would like to sponsor a child, please call the office.

Registration for campers will be Monday and Wednesday, April 13 and 15, at 4 p.m. through 6 p.m. at the Recreation Board Office, 310 Cowboy Way, LaBelle. For further information, call the Recreation Office at 863-675-5347

# Conference on Autism coming

By Kelly Powell  
Autism Speaks

A conference on autism, "Promising Pathways: The Road to Best Practice in Autism," will be presented for physicians, parents and educators on Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Student Union Ballroom at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida. National experts in the research and study of autism and autism spectrum disorders will address a variety of topics such as diagnosis and treatment, current research, communication alternatives, parents of individuals with autism and the community system, addressing behavioral concerns, and more. This is the second annual "Promising Pathways" Conference.

Sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University, College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences, The Road to Best Practice in Autism conference is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by registering at [www.fgcu.edu/events/promising-pathways](http://www.fgcu.edu/events/promising-pathways) by April 17, 2009, or by calling 239-992-4680. Information about the event's speakers and topics is also available on the web site.

Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that is sometimes referred to as an "equal opportunity disorder" as it strikes families of all races, education levels and family incomes. It affects a child's social growth and behavior, sensory, communication and learning. At this time, autism is not curable but it is treatable. 1 in 150 children in the United States is affected by autism (Source: Centers for Disease Control).



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## Kiwanis preparing to reopen

Kiwanis is planning on opening its doors, Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m. They are only able to open portions of the store at this time, but are planning on a full recovery within a few months. Kiwanis is eager to open the doors and welcome back all its loyal customers. Thank you so much for supporting our sidewalk sales and with your continuing donations.

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## SPRING FLING A HIT!

LaBelle Elementary School students enjoyed carnival activities Tuesday, March 24, as a reward for doing their best on FCAT and to encourage students to perform well on SAT 10 testing. Teachers prepared various games including limbo, pillowcase races, a cup cake walk, obstacle course, bingo, water balloon toss, singing, and dancing. However, the students' surveyed said their favorite activity was one prepared by the principal: The Sponge Throw. Students lined up to throw wet sponges at the principal and his assistant. Everyone had a wonderful time! Once again the community members helped us out with donations. A big thank you to the following for their help: Winn Dixie, U-Save, Mr. Pat Langford and Auto Zone.

## Births

### Mason Blake McCranie

Jeff and Jessica McCranie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason Blake McCranie, on Feb. 23, 2009. The young man weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and 20 inches long.



His grandparents are Jerry Skinner the late Mitzy Skinner; and Sharon and Donald Barrineau of Okeechobee, Florida.

### Aldrich Aalijah Meyer

PaPito Meyer and Megan Marroquin of LaBelle, are proud to announce the birth of their son Aldrich Aalijah Meyer. He was born on March 31, 2009, at 7:37 a.m. in Ft. Myers, Florida. Aldrich weighed 8 pounds 2.4 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.



Maternal grandparents are Raymond Marroquin Sr. and Teri Marroquin of LaBelle, Florida. Paternal grandparents are Aldrich and Carlin Meyer of LaBelle, Florida.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dale and Jeannette Small and Antonio Marroquin Sr. Paternal great-grandmother is Marie Meyer.

### Alyssa Grace White

Karl Zachary White Jr. would like to announce the birth of his new baby sister, Alyssa Grace White. Alyssa was born on March 18, 2009, at Gulf Coast Hospital weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Karl and Tiffany White of LaBelle.



Maternal grandparents are Billy and Grace Ryals of LaBelle and paternal grandparents are Pauline McGugin and the late Joel White of Georgia.

Karl Jr. and Alyssa would also like to introduce their newest cousin Makayla Brooke Bex also born on March 18 (6 hours and 5 minutes later). Makayla weighed 6lbs 12oz and was 19 1/2 inches long and was welcomed home by her big brother Colton Luther Bex.

## School Briefs

### ABWA Scholarships

The ABWA scholarship applications are now available and can be picked up at Babcock Furniture Store on Main Street.

### Register for kindergarten at West Glades

Registration for 2009-2010 Kindergarten students will begin at West Glades School on Monday, April 13 and run through Friday, May 8. Registration packets can be picked up during office hours from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Further orientation and school tours will be scheduled at a later date.

### UES needs digital cameras

If you have a digital camera that no longer use, please consider donating it to the K-5 students at UES. Mrs. Mehaffey, the school's Technology Specialist, needs 15-25 digital cameras for student use. Student photographers of all ages will learn to use the cameras, and will use their photos in language arts, science and social studies projects. You can drop off your donated camera at the school's office at 280 N. Main Street any school day, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please call the school at 612-0750 if you have any questions. All donations are tax deductible.

### Advisory meeting at UES

Upthegrove Elementary School will have its School Advisory Committee meeting Thursday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents/guardians are invited as well as anyone from the community. At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a PTO meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents/guardians are invited. Call 612-0750 with questions.

### Donate exercise equipment to UES

Time for spring cleaning! Upthegrove Elementary school would love to reuse your exercise equipment in our after-hours faculty and staff fitness center! Exercise bikes, treadmills, stair-steppers, weight systems, etc. are needed.

Donations will be accepted at the school between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days.

Please call the office (612-0750) the day before you'd like to drop off your equipment and we'll give you directions to our storage facility.

By getting in shape themselves, the adults at UES hope to set an example of lifelong physical fitness for our students. Healthy bodies mean healthy minds!

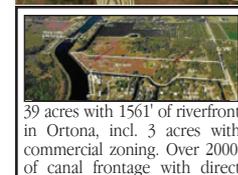
### Attention Parents:

Registration Night for Voluntary Pre-K summer program at Country Oaks Elementary School. Thursday, April 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. The pre-k program begins on 6-8-09 and ends 7-30-09. This program, taught by certified teachers, is a wonderful way to get your child ready for kindergarten. Parents must provide transportation, the program is free and breakfast and lunch are provided. If your child is the required age for kindergarten next fall they are eligible. Please bring a birth certificate and proof of residency when you come to register. Call Beth Lutkenhaus at COES if you have questions, 674-4140.

### Mastriculacion para VPK

Matriculacion para VPK el 16 de abril de 5:30 p.m. al 6:30 p.m. en la escuela Country Oaks Elementary. Si su nino/nina tiene 5 anos antes de 1 de Septiembre es elegible para participar. Almuerzo y lonche gratis. Por favor traiga la acta de nacimiento y prueba de residencia. No hay transportacion. Preparelos para el Kinder.

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For more information please call Kelly at 239-693-2690.

### Football and cheer coaches wanted

Always wanted to be a part of a great youth organization? Now's your chance! The LaBelle Longhorn Pop Warner football and cheer program is now accepting applications for football and cheer coaches for the 2009 season. Please call Jason at: 239-229-2179 or Lori at 863-673-4811 for applications and further information. No experience necessary, training provided.

## Witches Brew

By Pudge Lehman

I usually realize the milk is nearly sour and the jug is almost half full. I can't seem to use it fast enough. Now, I pour it into an ice cube tray before it reaches that state. Freeze, and pop out, and put into a new, brown paper lunch bag. Fold over and pop back into the freezer. Especially good in the blender to make smoothies.



My neighbor Vivian Martin gave me a good hint. She saves her cereal bags and as soon as she opens a pound of bacon she slides it in the bag and slides the whole thing upright along the side wall of the fridge. As soon as you open a package of bacon from then on the package is greasy. Problem solved. If you use coupons use the envelopes that junk mail comes in to carry them to the store and write your grocery list on the back.

Rinse and dry your empty bleach bottles and cut a hole in one side. Stuff your plastic shopping bags in, one at a time. Take them out the same way.

These jewels from Joe Thomas on growing older: Cremation: Think out side the box. Make all the noise you want...

The neighbors are deaf too. & There are three signs of old age. The first is loss of memory. I can't remember the last two.



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## LMS student gets a ticket to see President Obama

Waiting in line overnight in hopes of getting a prized ticket to get to see president Barack Obama paid off big time for eighth grader Brian DiBernardino. Brian and his companions, Nancy and Brian DiBernardino, and Maureen McCormick waited for approximately 12 hours at the Harborside Event Center for this opportunity. Not only did they get the tickets to hear the President speak later that day; Brian had the unique chance to shake the President's hand! Brian's reaction to this is bit of history: "I could not believe it! I shook hands with the President of the United States, the most powerful man in the country. It was maybe my once in a lifetime chance to see the President and all I have to say is that it was all worth it."



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## Fantastic tennis!

The first LHS Tennis Tourney was a complete success thanks to the more than 30 participants and some very generous sponsors. There was some wonderful tennis played at the four little courts just south of the Extension Office. The final championship for mixed doubles did not end until 10:30 p.m. The individuals winning their division was:  
 Beginner boys - Steven Smith, LaBelle  
 Intermediate girls - Sarah Espinoza, Clewiston,  
 Intermediate boys - Bo Meador, LaBelle  
 Advanced girls - Annisa Leyda, Clewiston  
 Advanced boys - Darrell Cayth, LaBelle  
 Mixed Doubles - Rachael Boy and Cory Mundy, both LaBelle  
 A special thank you to the Recreation Department for having the facility in such great shape. The Tennis teams would like to extend our deepest appreciate to the following sponsors: Tris Chapman, Ray Pittman - Pittman Air-conditioning, Lion's Den Gaming Rooms, Lyons' Printing and Mike and Lori Cox - MCVentures, and the Chamber of Commerce.



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## Public Notice

COUNTY OF HENDRY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 18  
RECORDED IN RESOLUTION BOOK XXII, PAGE 46

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

316627 CB/CN 4/9,16,23,30/09

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., at the Hendry County Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor, 165 S. Lee Street, Room A-118, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made 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.

Board of County Commissioners  
Hendry County, Florida

316666 CB/CN 4/9/09

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## HENDRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Solid Waste Advisory Board will hold a meeting April 16, 2009 at 6:00 pm, at the Special Districts Office - 3300 Utility Drive, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

Hendry County Solid Waste Advisory Board

316786 CB/CN 4/9/09

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## COMMUNITY ACTION TASK FORCE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCK GRANT (CDBG)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Community Action Task Force will hold a meeting Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:30pm at the Hendry County Administration conference room located at Courthouse Square, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle. The meeting is open to the public. The site is handicapped accessible.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, 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.

HENDRY COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION TASK FORCE

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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

## FELDA MSBU STORMWATER MASTER PLAN

## RFQ NUMBER: 2009-19

## OPENING DATE AND TIME: APRIL 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the development of a Stormwater Master Plan for the Felda MSBU. Proposers must have expertise in designing Stormwater Master Plans and should have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to form a complete submission. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by April 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Department, located at 99 E. Cowboyy Way, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 1670, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS

## PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FOR

## HENDRY COUNTY JAIL INMATES

## BID NUMBER: 2009-17

## OPENING DATE AND TIME: APRIL 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Pharmaceutical Services for Hendry County Jail Inmates". In order to be considered, Bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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## Community Briefs

### Come to Easter Eggstravaganza!

Christ Central Church understands is planning a big Easter Eggstravaganza and inviting the whole community - 10,000 Easter eggs packed with prizes and candy, plus a bounce house, live music Easter presentation - all free. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. The fun starts at noon at Barron Park, Easter Sunday, April 12.

### Legion Fish Fry Friday

Serving Pecan Crusted Tilapia and also deep fried chicken, fish, crab cakes, shrimp or combos. From 5-7 pm at 699 SR 80 W. Musical entertainment included.

### Attention karaoke lovers

Enjoy karaoke with Two Sharps at VFW Post 10100, SR 29S. 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Bring a covered dish.

### Legion plans ceremony

American Legion Post 130 will hold a Four Chaplains Ceremony April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Open to the public.

The Legion also has fish fries Fridays from 5-7 p.m.

### Amnesty week at Barron Library

Barron Library Amnesty Week ends April 11. Overdue library books may be returned with no fees or fines charged. Please help the library and other citizens of LaBelle, by returning any overdue items that are in your possession.

### Enjoy Earth Day celebration

Come enjoy the annual Earth Day Festival Saturday, April 25 (NOT the 22nd as previously published), at Barron Park from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Live music all day by the Caloosahatchee Folk Society plus beautiful art and environmental presentations. Food available all day: LMS solar hot dogs, Girl Scouts nachos and tea, LaBelle Longhorns chips and sodas. Kiwanis Art contest will be judged and displayed at the park. Admission is free. For information contact LaBelle Recreation at 675-5347.

### Season finale planned

When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet (With Apologies To The Bard) By CHARLES GEORGE -- Comedy For the Fair Sex in One Act. The Scene in the Garden of Juliet's home in Verona. Actors: Juliet, from "Romeo and Juliet" -- Olivia Luckey; Portia from "The Merchant of Venice" -- Nancy McGlasson; Katharine from "The Taming of the Shrew" - Chandler Bridwell; Desdemona from "Othello" - Carolyn White; Cleopatra from "Antony and Cleopatra" - Alexa Pena; and Ophelia from "Hamlet" - Tina Kirby

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### Easter Egg Hunt in Ortona

The Ortona Community Association is sponsoring its annual children's egg hunt at Larry Luckey Indian Mound Park on Hwy. 78, Saturday, April 11 beginning at noon. There will be prizes for winners in different age categories. Kids and their parents will be treated to refreshments. All are welcome.

### Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at the Rodeo Bar and Grill on April 16, at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

### MCA serving pot luck

The Muse Community Association is having a pot luck dinner and karaoke night. Saturday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family, a friend and meet your neighbors. The food is delicious and the entertainment

is great! It will be a fun night to remember. For more information call 863-674-0467

### 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 are may be irrigated more than one time per week).

### Plat Directory available

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the availability of the new 2009 Hendry/Glades Plat Directory. The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District is located at 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle or you may call Barbara at (863)674-4160/4161.

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# Salvation Army showcases volunteers and community partners

(FORT MYERS - The Salvation Army presented awards to outstanding supporters of the agency on March 26, 2009 at Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre. Army staff and friends gathered to honor and showcase volunteers and community partners who give of their time, talent and resources to help others.

In 2008, over 7,000 volunteers reinforced the ranks of The Army's small staff to give back to those in need in the community.

"We could not do what we do without the dedicated volunteers who give of their time and service to help the many people in need. Their commitment to The Army is a

blessing and we will be forever grateful to them," said Major Art Penhale, Corps Officer for the Lee and Hendry Counties Salvation Army.

Top Awards were given to outstanding groups and individuals for their outstanding service in 2008:

The Volunteer of the Year for Hendry County is Marcia Carter and Helping Hands Ministry. She received the award because she single handedly provides hundreds of children's toys during Christmas.

In 2008, she served 523 children and 168 families. Marcia started her own min-

istry from this great mission called Helping Hands and has used her hands and her heart to serve hundreds of children and families through the years.

Volunteer Salvation Army Bell Ringer for Hendry County Sweet Love volunteers to focus on others and ignore personal struggles. She was one of the first to sign up this season and rang bells at Ace Hardware for 150 hours.

The Salvation Army also recognized the tireless volunteers who donate their time and talents throughout the year making it possible to carry out the mission of The Army.

The awards ceremony for The Salvation Army takes place annually. Volunteers can participate in a variety of activities at The Salvation Army such as working with the

Meals with Compassion program, stocking and sorting cans at the food pantry, assisting with mailings, helping with disaster work and ringing bells at Christmas.

If you are interested in volunteering to help others through The Salvation Army, please call (239) 278-1551.



Submitted photo

Sweet Love was recognized as Hendry County's Outstanding Bellringer at the Salvation Army's annual advisory board appreciation breakfast. From left: Salvation Army General Manager Meg Geltner, Daniel Rondon (the honoree's husband), Sweet Love and SA Major Ann Penhale.



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LaBelle's Marcia Carter, left, was recognized as the Salvation Army's Volunteer of the Year for Hendry County. She is pictured with Salvation Army LaBelle Office Manager Lisa Sands.

## Community Briefs

### Nature Park litter cleanup

The Hendry/LaBelle Recreation Board and Coalition for Eco-Recreation would like to invite community organizations, youth groups, and individuals to 2 hour LaBelle Nature Park Litter Cleanup on Saturday April 11, from 8-10 a.m. Hats, gloves, long pants, sturdy shoes and insect repellent are recommended. Water will be provided.

Call Margaret England at 863-674-0695 for information. The park is located at Hard-ee Street and Frasier on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle. For directions and information: <http://www.labelnaturepark.net/>

### OCA seeks members

The Spring Ortona Community Association Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A brief business meeting will include an update on Ortona's new children's playground, followed by a timely visual presentation on Florida's new "Firewise" Program.

Division of Forestry Ranger Danny Callahan will describe fire's role in Florida's history, clarify current laws about burning, as well as "firewise" construction and landscaping. Ranger Callahan will also give tips on protecting your home when wildfire threatens.

At the end of the program all will be treated to a special "dessert extravaganza

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