

# Caloosa Belle

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## At a Glance

### Check school board budget on line

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 closed for repairs

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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## Budget ok one more year

By Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

Residents should be on notice that this may be the last year LaBelle's city government can continue without a rate increase.

At the city commission's regular meeting April 9, Mayor Paul Puletti said he believes the city tax role should remain fairly consistent this year, but warned that next year he expects a 20-25 percent decrease. He said he believes the city can continue to operate one more year without any cutbacks, job cuts or millage hike.

He said the biggest expense from ad valorem taxes is in the Road and Bridge Dept. However, gas tax monies can be used for that purpose.

### Special exception

The board approved a special exception from Akin-Davis Funeral Home to add a crematory to its existing location on SR 80 in LaBelle. Owner Cecil Akin said they are probably going to use an above ground tank because underground tanks are always more prone to rusting.

The request met all zoning

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## Easter Fun: A day for the kids



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## Getting to know you

The Easter Bunny greets a tentative Haylee Kats at the Hendry-Glades Homeless Coalition's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 11. Little Haylee is kind of unsure about this huge, fuzzy creature right now, but you can bet it won't be long till she jumps right up on the big bunny's lap. This is the second year for the homeless coalition's annual fundraiser.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Lucky egg hunter

Six-year-old Laurio Lopez triumphantly shows off the golden egg he found at the Kiwanis Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt April 11.

## Fatal crashes mount

By Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

Just three months into 2009, Hendry County already has three times the number of traffic fatalities as in 2008.

Last year's traffic fatality figures show that, as of March 29, 2008, two people had lost their lives on Hendry's roads. However, as of March 29, 2009, there had been six deaths on Hendry County roads - three times as many as 2008.

On Jan. 27, Florida Highway Patrol worked the case in which Hendry County Deputy Mike Horne pulled into his residence on Evans Road and died.

On Feb. 6, a pedestrian was struck and killed on Cowboy Way west of Lillian Street. Miriam Lopez, 47, died in the incident. The driver of a 2002-2008 Ford with a special deep red paint scheme is still being sought for questioning in this case. The vehicle in question may be an Eddie Bauer Special Edition Explorer, Eddie Bauer Special Edition Expedition, a King Ranch F-250 or King Ranch F-150. The vehicle may be either an SUV or F-150 or F-250 with a topper on it.

At US27 east of CR 835 Roerig Morreo 32, died after two vehicles sideswiped each other. Several passengers were transported to area hospitals. The crash occurred on Feb. 9.

A head-on collision on March 7 at CR 78 near Brittany Lane took

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## From the community

Freedom Fellowship, Freedom Counseling and Services Center would like to thank Curves for their food drive that was put on in March. They donated huge amounts of food from the community and their members at Curves. We would just like to thank them and the community for their support. They have stocked up our cabinets to be able to feed the need.

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code regulations. Seeing no negative impacts to the community, the only conditions staff recommended were buffering around the propane tank that will fuel the crematory and compliance with waste incinerator regulations.

The request was unanimously approved by the city commissioners.

## Passive recreation park

The city has approval of South Florida Water Management District to proceed with phase 1 of the planned 176-acre passive recreation park on the north side of the river. The city is looking forward to a meeting with Glades County officials to discuss park plans. The park is actually in Glades County.

## Reports

Fire Chief Malcolm Johnson reported a busy month to the board, with some 80 calls including a very nasty 10-acre brush fire that seriously threatened homes and animals on Case and Evans Road. The chief commended the sheriff's office on its job during the fire and cooperation with the fire department.

HCSO Lt. Kevin Nelson reported that law enforcement is having a stronger presence in traffic control but warned that burglaries, thefts and property crimes are on the rise due to the tough economic times.

Lt. Nelson also said he is working on a grant for four new deputies to deal with community oriented issues and crime intelligence. He also said the SO is working more with other government agencies to deal with code violations, with Department

of Children & Families and to cooperate with other emergency services.

A long awaited project to widen Martin Luther King Blvd. to three lanes began this week with engineering designs. Plans call for a sidewalk on the west side and drainage to the east.

## Water

Applied Technology Management's Grant Mysterly reported that his company is working on applying for water savings grants for the city that will provide 350 auto meter readers and replace toilets in government buildings on the city line with low flow devices. In order to meet the minimum number of toilets required, county and school board buildings on city lines may be included.

The application for the deep injection well for the city's planned new reverse osmosis water plant has been submitted.

Flushers are going in at the Aqua Isles site to improve water quality where water lines dead end. Those lines are also being manually flushed.

## Recycle plans

The city will soon be distributing recycle bins to customers. They are waiting for WSI to provide a regular pick up day. The project is being funded by a state appropriation. More information for customers on how the program will work is coming soon.

## Alternate funding?

Commissioners heard a presentation by Lonnie Howard and a Kraft Construction representative on the benefits of public/private partnerships to develop water delivery systems - using private funding to finance construction, well sites and building projects - rather than government sources.

Interested, the commissioners voted to look into the concept.

# Mildred Sherrod turns 90

Mildred Sherrod (best known as "Mil") has achieved another milestone in life, as she turned 90 years old on April 15, 2009. She is a mother of three, a grandmother of seven and a great grandmother of five. Her great-grandchildren call her "Greatmother" and to all who know her she is a great lady.

Mil served as secretary of the Florida Cattlemen and was an honorary director. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and honoraria from her community, civic and professional organizations. She resides on the same land she was born on and has an ancestry dating back to Colonial America.

Robert Roberts, her Papa, owned the Red Cattle Company of Immokalee, Florida, making the cattle industry a life-long passion for her. She kept books for the company and drove her Jeep about the ranch enjoying God's creation. Her favorite ride was to accompany the cowboys driving steers from the Gator Slough pasture down to the Rock

Lake pasture, a distance of some 30 miles. She would follow the cowboys in her Jeep providing snacks, drinks and meals on the two-day drive. She never rode a horse since Papa never had horses for girls to ride.

The Red Cattle Company was divided in 1980 and Mil has had her own herd ever since. You can still find her today climbing into her Jeep and driving about the pasture.



Submitted photo

Mildred Sherrod

## Fatalities

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the life of Juan Carlos Martinez Rafael, 22.

David A. Benson, 23, of Miami died in a crash on March 8 at Pasofino and Appaloosa Circle,

FHP continues to seek a driver involved in a crash March 24 at CR 845 and CR 833 near Ocean Boy Farms involving a green 1998 Nissan van. One of the six people in the vehicle was pronounced deceased on scene; three others were flown to area hospitals. Rodolfo Nunez-Velasco, age 19, is considered a person of interest in this case and is being sought by FHP. If you have any information on any of these outstanding traffic cases, please contact the Florida Highway Patrol at 239-938-1800 or \*FHP.

For the entire calendar year of 2008, there were a total of 17 deaths on Hendry County roads, according to figures from the Florida Department of Transportation.

For Glades County, those figures are: three fatalities to date this year, with one fatality for the same time period last year. Glades had a total of 13 traffic fatalities in 2008.

## Traffic safety news

At the April 2 Community Traffic Team meeting, the health department reported that it has plenty of helmets to disburse to the public, but no more car seats at this time.

Share the Road signs, reminding motorists of the presence of bicyclists, have been placed at four locations on CR 78 and one on Kirby Thompson Road.

Currently there are no crossing guards for Country Oaks Elementary School.

The Community Traffic Safety Team is highly concerned about another situation at COES. Vehicles back up along NW Eucalyptus Blvd. between the school and E. Cowboy Way as parents come to pick up their children from school. Traffic headed to Country Village often attempts to pass the long line of cars going to the school as children are attempting to cross the road. If those motorists will remember to approach from the other direction (from Eucalyptus Blvd. rather than Cowboy Way) the problem could be avoided.

The CTST meets the first Thursday monthly at 1 p.m. Meetings are currently being held in the conference room at the EMS station off Cowboy Way.

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## Public Forum

*Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com), click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!*

**HUMANE SOCIETY:** (With regard to accusations of possible wrongdoing at the humane society) I have had nothing but good experiences there.

They typically go out of their way to help, and they are doing a very difficult job. One that is often forsaken.

It's up to them to take on the task of caring of the unwanted, neglected, abused pets

that are left behind. Yet, they keep showing up every day, to do the thankless job of it.

Personally I find the allegation that they are doing wrong distasteful.

**SIGN OF JONAH:** Have the churches forgotten about the Sign of Jonah? I haven't heard the churches around here teaching about the Sign of Jonah. Why is that? All my life I heard parents teaching their children and churches teaching their congregation that Jesus died on "Good Friday" and rose on Easter Sunday." I first learned this in church. Is this true? What did Jesus teach us?

According to Luke 14:1-3, Jesus had already up and left very early Sunday morning, the first day of the week. So, we can't count Sunday and Sunday night as part of the three days and three nights.

## Thank You

The Hendry-Glades Homeless Coalition hosted its second annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Barron Park on Saturday, April 11. The event was a great success and the HGHC owes this success to the many generous sponsors and volunteers.

We would like to thank the following sponsors: Florida Community Bank, U-Save Supermarket, Marilyn Sears of Riverside Real Estate, Robin McLean of United Machine Works, Curt Sinclair of Exotic Hibiscus, Erubiel Gonzalez & Estela Aguilar, Tom & Julie Boardman, Bob Roper, and Patricia Pillsbury. We would also like to thank the following people for their special acts of kindness: Mary Bartoshuk, Mary Harn, Estela Aguilar,

Bonnie Sparks and Linda Vaughan. We also owe the following LaBelle Rotary members a big thank you for cooking the pancakes and sausage: Randy Daniels, Victor Adame, Mel Karau and Barb Maves.

Thank you to all who attended and made the event such a success for the homeless coalition. Each and every person and organization that donated their time or money can be proud that they contributed to the mission of the HGHC to prevent and minimize homelessness within our community.

Sincerely,

**Aida Barnhart and Susan Vaughan**  
Event Coordinators

## Weather

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high near 83. Winds will be from the north between 5 and 9 mph.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear with a low around 57. Winds will be from the northeast between 7 and 11 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high near 83. Winds will be from the east between 8 and 13 mph.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 59. Winds will be from the east between 6 and 13 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high near 86. Winds will be from the east between 7 and 13 mph.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 61.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny with a high near 85.

**Sunday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 61.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy with a high near 87 and a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

## Letters to the Editor

### Looking for support

I am in a situation where I need people to come forward and report their bad experiences or employment with the Caloosa Humane Society.

We can have the board members decide fact from fiction of the ongoing events. If you have had situations arise past or present and would like to speak with me, we can approach this together.

Please contact me by E-Mail or Phone and in return would like to speak to you. I am addressing some serious issues and wish others to come forward.

Let's work together, not apart!

LabelleTruth@gmail.com

863-675-0154 Please leave message

**Michael Iglesias**

### River Oaks thanks

Ortona and River Oaks Subdivision Residents:

Dean and I want to "Thank You" all for your support over the years, our canals are now open but it would not have happen without our friends and neighbors.

The article last week told the story but the "rest of the story" is without the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association, and residents who financially, physically and emotionally supported us and the project, it would not have happened.

Our officers and directors, Alicia Hucker, Joyce Steger, Jim Harrington, Clyde & Kay Sanborn,

Nancy Genschal . Supporters and workers of fund raisers (I wonder if we will miss our Garage Sales) Jim & Ayako Harrington, Clyde & Kay Sanborn, Bob & Alicia Meuret, Doug & Bonnie Ballard, Lyle & Sandra Garretson, Doug & Joyce Steger, Charlie & Margret Meadows, Barbara & Jerry Howell, Ted & Joan Miller, Sigfried & Otti Schaewitz,

Bob & Diane Potocar, Kitt Maynard, Larry Dalconzo, Bob McDonald, Jim Keiser, and Bill Soule.

Special "Thanks" to the laborers, diggers, rakers and sod layers, Dick Crandall, Jim Harrington, Bob Meuret, Dean Johnson, Alan DeArmond, and Calvin Billings. The sod has been watered by Jim Keiser on a regular schedule and is turning green.

Dean Beavers, Larry Dalconzo, Clyde Sanborn and Sigfried S. for laying the turbidity curtains and posting signs before construction and cleaning up the canal after.

For 27 years there has been many people who have done so much to keep the canals clean and tried to get the permits in place to get the canals open, only to be disappointed. Any time things got tough I thought of all the people that have worked for 27 years to get it open.

Our gratitude goes to the Charlie Miller family for their contribution. Charlie and Judy Miller had been active for many years on the canal projects, Judy served us meals, hot coffee and beverages in her home and made us feel like family. We lost Judy last February and are going to dedicate the opening of the canal to her honor.

Our memories have been documented with picture by Sandra Garretson and Dale Conyers.

Many other families have moved or passed away. Special thoughts to the Buechler, Bressler, DeArmond and Storter families. We hope no one was forgotten in our "Thanks" but our gratitude to all our friends, family and neighbors will not be forgotten.

Last but not least to my husband Dean for all he done just because he was married to me. He is truly the best.

To all of River Oaks "Enjoy your new waterways."

**April and Dean Beavers**  
River Oaks Association, Ortona

## Edison College plans graduation

Edison State College will honor the fall 2008 and spring and summer 2009 graduates of its Hendry Glades Center at a reception Friday, April 24.

Among the 57 members of the graduating class are three students who have simultaneously earned their high school diploma and a two year college degree, Cristina Maldonado, Cinthya Gaxiola and Benjamin Hernandez.

Also this year, Brenda Barnes will graduate alongside her daughter, Melinda Ward.

Anyone planning to attend the reception in the Center at the LaBelle High School, 4050 Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL should call (863) 674-0408 by April 17 to RSVP.

The 90-minute reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

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The Summer Youth Work Experience enables young adults with multiple barriers to achieve specific goals, overcome barriers to employment, enhance basic skills in a workplace setting, and be trained in job readiness through a hands-on approach in a work related setting to develop occupational skills accepted in the private sector.

The program begins in May and runs through June. Meeting times will range from Saturday sessions, to evenings, to daily sessions during the summer.

Participants must be 14-16 years old, registered and in good standing with a local public, alternative or charter school, with the intention to return to school at the end of the summer. Workforce Investment Act eligibility required (income and barrier guidelines apply).

Their signature program is the Build to Learn Computer Program. In this program, students actually build a brand new, state-of-the-art desktop computer, learning basic electricity and electronics skills, how to read for and locate information in technical documents and on drawings and how to install the windows operating system and other application software. Academic remediation,

Pre-Employment Work Maturity, Life/Social skills and Citizenship are integrated in the program design. Youth that complete the entire summer program will receive a new laptop computer, as well as stipend payments for achieving pre-set benchmarks during the program.

Contact the Youth Connections Office closest to you to schedule and enrollment interview. you will need the following information to complete enrollment:

Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, ID or Driver's License, Parent or Guardian must be present for enrollment, Proof of Income (household), Proof of Family Size (household), Proof of Residency (Utility Bill or Driver's License), and Proof of School attendance (recent transcripts or report card).

In Clewiston, call the Hendry County Workforce and Adult Education Building located 475 Osceola Ave. at (863) 983-1300.

You may also call the Immokalee, Career and Service Center located 750 South Fifth Street their number at (239) 685-3300.

# What secrets are hidden in your room?

By Les Morgan, pastor  
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

When Brian Moore, 17, had only a short time to write something for a class, no one would have imagined the impact his composition would have. Not only were his classmates stunned, but through the internet, his words have had a powerful impact on people globally.

Brian Moore died May 27, 1997. He was driving home when his car went off the road and struck a utility pole. He survived the wreck unharmed but stepped on a downed power line and was electrocuted.

Here is Brian's essay entitled "The Room."

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features except for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endless in either direction, had very different headings.

As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "Girls I have liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one. And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was. This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match. A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching.

A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed." The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I have read," "Lies I have told," "Comfort I have given," "Jokes I have Laughed at."

Some were almost hilarious in their exactness: "Things I've yelled at my brothers." Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I have done in my anger," "Things I have muttered under my breath at my parents." I never ceased to be surprised by the contents. Often, there were many more cards than expected. Sometimes fewer than I had hoped. I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the life I had lived.

Could it be possible that I had the time in my years to fill each of these thousands

or even millions of cards? But each card confirmed this truth. Each was written in my own handwriting. Each signed with my signature.

When I pulled out the file marked "TV Shows I have watched," I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of shows but more by the vast time I knew that file represented.

When I came to a file marked, "Lustful thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded. An almost animal rage broke on me.

One thought dominated my mind: No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them! In insane frenzy I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards.

But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it. Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pitying sigh.

And then I saw it. The title bore "People I have shared the Gospel with." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle and a small box not more than three inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on one hand.

And then the tears came. I began to weep. Sobs so deep that they hurt. They started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one must ever, ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key. But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him.

No, please not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch His response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw a sorrow deeper than my own. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes.

Why did He have to read every one? Finally He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.



Dr. Les Morgan

Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was, written in red so rich so dark, and so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His blood. He gently took the card back He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished."

I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on its door. There were still cards to be written.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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

## Community Briefs

### Help breast cancer patients

The Reach to Recovery Program provides emotional support, information and guidance for breast cancer patients.

If you are willing to give some of your valuable time, have been a breast cancer survivor for more than one year and have the gift to be a good listener, the American Cancer Society invites you to become a Reach to Recovery volunteer. You will make a difference in someone's life and will earn the gratitude from all those whom you serve. For details, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-ACS-2345.

### Plat Directory available

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the availability of the new 2009 Hendry/Glades Plat Directory.

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The Glades County Gun Club, in cooperation with Glades County Sheriff Dept., will conduct an NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation Course. This course is designed as an introduction to firearm safety, handling and shooting skills. The course will be given on Saturday, April 25, at the Glades County Sheriff Gun Range on SR 78 at Gun Club Road, 4.2 mi NE of US 27 and .3 mi NE of Glades County Road Dept. This course is free and open to the public and is limited to 10 people.

The range will open at 8:30 a.m., class will start at 9 a.m. This a 3-4 hour course with 1 hour range shooting time. Eye and Ear protection is mandatory and will be available at the range for those who need them.

Bring your own pistol and ammo, but leave in your vehicle until shooting time. 18 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is necessary and you may register and get more info by calling 863-946-2566.

### 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.

### Longhorn board to meet

The next monthly meeting of the LaBelle Longhorn Booster Club, Inc. will be held on April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Longhorn field at Davis-Pratt Park in the boys' locker room.

### Sign up for football, cheer

Always wanted to play football or cheer? Now's your chance! No tryouts. Ages 5-15. The LaBelle Longhorn Pop Warner Football and Cheer program is now signing up players and cheerleaders at the Little League Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m.

### 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.

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### MANUFACTURED HOMES

- 3/2 in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft. **\$89,000**
- 4/2 Newer MH on 1/2 Ac, Seller Motivated **\$117,000**
- 3/2 on 2 1/2 Ac Recent Updates 1436 Sq Ft. **\$149,500**
- 3/2 on 6 Ac, Marshall Field Rd. Seller Financing **\$189,000**
- 3/2 on 30 Ac in Muse, Oaks, Creek, & Great Pasture, **\$375,000**

### HOMES

- 3/1 CBS in town, Asking **\$72,000**
- 2/2 Great Starter in Port LaBelle **\$79,000**
- 3/2 Modular, Make Offer, Asking **\$129,000**
- 3/2 in Belmont, Short Sale, **\$130,000**
- 3/2 in Laurel Oaks, needs TLC, Seller Financing **\$157,000**
- 3/2 +Den on small lake, Seller relocating **\$189,000**
- 4/2 in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac **\$196,900**
- 3/2 Newer Construction, Upgrades **\$210,000**
- 3/2 on 2 Ac in Montura Ranches **\$248,000**
- 3/2 on 2.8 Ac in Pt LaBelle Ranchettes, adjoins greenbelt **\$269,900**
- 3/2 in Gated Riverbend Estates, Seller says Make Offer **\$269,000**
- 4/3 in Caloosa Estates on Cul-de-Sac, Reduced to **\$299,000**
- 4/2+Den CBS Custom on 3 Ac w/80 Ft Barn, and 2/2 mobile **\$299,000**
- 3/2 Upgrades adorn CBS Country Home w/outbuildings, riding arena, 13 Ac **\$459,000**

### COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL

- CBS home one lot in from SR 80, rezoned to B-1 **\$129,000**
- State Road 80 Corner 1/2 Ac, B-1 w/billboard income **\$269,000**
- 2 Steel Bldgs. on 1 Ac, Heavy Industrial, **\$325,000**
- 4800 Sq. Ft. Steel Bldg. on fenced 1 Ac Industrial, Short Sale, **\$395,000**
- 2 Steel Bldgs, over 8000 Sq. Ft. Zoned PUD on 2+ Ac **\$550,000**
- 4.5Ac, 2400 Steel Bldg Industrial, Possible Lease Option **\$599,000**
- 5 Ac +/- Industrial on Cowboy Way Corner, Cleared & Filled, Seller Financing **\$675,000**

### WATERFRONT

- 2/2 in River Oaks/Ortona, now waterfront! **\$55,000**
- Old Ft. Denaud 1 Ac **\$192,500**
- Hidden Hammock 1 Ac w/dock **\$199,000**
- High Elevation with long views, 5 Ac **\$395,000**
- Eagle Point 1Ac Deep Water & Protected Harbor w/ Lg Dock. **\$499,000**
- Spectacular 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 Ft on the River, Current Appraisal **\$975,000**
- 3/2 Super CBS River Home w/pool on Oxbow w/dock on double lot **\$419,000**
- 4/3 Two Story on 2 1/2 Ac adjoins greenbelt along the River **\$425,000**
- 5/8 Estate Home on 5+ Ac, 800 Ft on the River, Double Dock, Really Private **\$1,390,000**



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### THE BEST DEALS OF THE WEEK!



**\$425,000** - 4 bed, 2 bath, 5 acres  
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**\$149,000** - 3 bed, 2 bath, Glades Co. Port LaBelle  
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**\$265,000** - 4 Bed, 2 bath, large in-town lot  
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#### LABELLE-RESIDENTIAL

- 4018 Oak Haven Dr., LaBelle Beautiful 3/2 Pool home on 2.5 acres **\$574,900** Call Cathy Lee 863-673-3709
- 4 short sale homes in Port LaBelle. They are all the same exact model and all listed for **\$140,000**. Call Lisa 863-673-0066
- 570 Vero Ave Pioneer - 2/1 Modular on 2.5 acres **\$75,000** Call Cathy Lee at 863-673-3709
- 520 Vero Ave Pioneer 3/2 on 2.5 acres **\$125,000**. Call Cathy Lee 863-673-3709
- 5323 6th St Clewiston 3/2 Modular Home on 2.5 acres. **\$100,000**. Call Cathy 863-673-3709

#### LAND

- Lots starting at **\$5,000**.
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**\$370,000 THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME** on 4.3 ACRES was designed for the extended family. Super spacious 4 bedroom 3 bath manufactured home. MLS#200811329



**\$89,900 WOOD SIDING** with Shutters Boards 1/2 acre lot, Oak and palms, great neighborhood to raise children or for retirement. MLS#200906160



**\$99,000 HAS HARD WOOD FLOORS,** Ceramic tile and a very cosy fireplace with French door leading to the deck. Needs TLC. MLS#200902909



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



**HOME AWAY FROM HOME! \$115,000.** Manufactured home located in Moore Haven Yacht Club a 55+ Community. Easy access to lake for boating or fishing! MLS#200851138



**WOW MORE FOR YOUR MONEY! \$135,000.** This 3/2 Home has a metal roof screened lanai and many appliances included. You can't beat this deal. MLS#200848733



**WOW READY TO MOVE INTO! \$114,000.** 3/2 DBWD Completely fenced with Florida room located on man made lake. Home is both private and Serene. MLS#200853475

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**HOMES**

3/2 CBS home on 20 +/- ac. Features include cathedral ceilings, hickory cabinets, Florida room and lots of extras. Fenced & cross-fenced, 40x60 metal workshop, 36x36 horse barn w/tack room! Bring offers! **\$699,000**

3/2 CBS home. Oversized garage, indoor utility, large spacious bedrooms, large master suite, great room, breakfast room, tile/wood flooring, & lanai. **\$399,900**

3BR/2BA 2 story home on 3.5 +/- ac. w/large open room on 2nd floor, dual A/C system, 20'x62 pole barn w/workshop. Bring the horses. **\$384,000**

3BR/2.5BA home in Old Fort Denaud. Split floor plan, formal dining room, large open kitchen, 10' ceilings, in-ground pool, screened lanai. Detached garage. **\$350,000**

Beautiful 3571 sq ft. 3BD/2BA custom split floor plan home in Caloosa Estates. This quality built homes offers many delightful features. Call for details. **\$295,000**

Immaculate 3BD/2BA CBS home on 8th Ave. Built in 2006 and loaded with upgrades. Make your appointment to see this home. **\$269,900**

4BR/2.5BA CBS 3 story home within city limits. Features include 2 fireplaces, 3rd floor game room. Great for a growing family. **\$199,900**

Energy-Conscious Design - This 3BD/2.5BA home w/ ICF construction features tray ceilings, tile floors and granite countertops. **\$259,900**

Spacious 3/2.5 two story home on 1.8 +/- fenced ac. Features spacious front porch, large deck & screen porch on porch. Hurricane shutters, new roof, separate garage/workshop. **\$250,000**

3/2 brick home w/caged pool on oak filled lot. Custom cabinets, solid surface countertops, brick fireplace. **\$229,900**

3/2 CBS home located in Belmont area. Features a formal living room, family room, new roof in '07 & freshly painted. Private back yard overlooking a canal. **\$219,000**

Palmdale - 3BR/2BA home on 6 acres with a small palm and oak tree nursery - **\$199,900.**

Bring the horses and the family to this immaculate 3BR/2BA CBS home with new galvalume roof on fenced 2+ acres. **\$189,900.**

Laurel Oaks S/D CBS homes. 6 to chose from - 3 and 4 bedroom models - priced from **\$150,000 to \$245,000.** Owners says sell - bring offers.

3BR/2BA modular home in the Belmont area. Property can be split for another home site. Sold "as is" bank foreclosure. **\$124,900**

Affordable 3BR/2BA home with fenced back yard. **\$95,000**

Unparalleled 3BD/2BA home features solid surface countertops. **\$93,900**

Wonderful 3BD/1BA CBS home. Recently updated, newer metal roof, tile & laminate flooring, & fenced backyard. "Must See" **\$89,900**

3/2 wood frame home w/ SR 29 frontage. Includes mobile home. Both sold "as is." **\$80,000**

2BR/1BA home with New kitchen cabinets, appliances, and vinyl siding. large screened porch. **\$79,900**

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**3/2 CUSTOM HOME** - Almost New!  
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**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.**

**¾ 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 contribute towards Buyers Closing Costs! **\$135,500**

**2BR/1BA MOBILE** in Ortona w/great views of the river. **\$149,500.**

**3BR/2BA HOME** has charming setting under shaded oak canopy. B-2 zoning allows for residential use now and future business/investment opportunities. **\$149,900**

**3BR/2BA CUSTOM HOME** - Seller will consider all offers. **\$164,000**

**3BR/2BA WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE HOME** on 3 lots. **\$180,000**

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3BR/2Ba located in stable Caloosa Hammock subdivision, an area of beautiful homes. **\$269,000**

**MULTI FAMILY ZONED PROPERTY** w/remodeled 2/2 "Cracker-Style" House on .60 +/- acre. **\$289,000**

**3BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME.** Gulf Access, ½ Acre lot. East of LaBelle. Price to sell at **\$314,900**

**HOMES ON ACREAGE**

**3BR/2 BA MOBILE** on 2.5 acres. **\$145,900.**

**4BR/2BA MOBILE HOME!** 5+/- Acres, cleared w/fence and pond. **\$179,000.**

**12+/- ACRES W/3BR/2BA CBS HOME** fronting on Hwy 78 West of LaBelle! **\$300,000**

**3BR/2BA HOME** on 1.37+/- Acre! Commercial Zoned, Hwy Frontage. **\$399,500**

**8.8 +/- ACRES FRONTING ON HWY 720!** 3Br/1Ba CBS Home. **\$490,000.**

**3/2 POOL HOME ON** 66.5 +/- acres in Felda. **\$799,900**

**ACREAGE**

**ACREAGE ON HWY 29 IN FELDA...** 13.3 +/- acres zoned A-2, can be divided. Perfect for Agri-Business!

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living area, a little TLC this could be a beauty! **\$59,900.**

Corporate owned! 2005 CBS home w/wood floors, granite tops & 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 investment. 2006 CBS 3/2 duplex. **\$54,900.**

2/2 on corner lot! Ceramic tile, 1 car garage, screened porch & more. **\$49,900.**

Corporate owned! Immaculate 3/2 CBS home in Lehigh Acres. Priced on .25 acre. **\$46,900.**

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

Corporate owned! 2/1 in Country Village. A little TLC will bring this charming home alive. **\$26,900.**

Corporate owned! 3/1 with over 1,056 +/- of living area - needs some work but what a deal! **\$25,000.**

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 fireplace, spacious kitchen, front & rear covered porches. **\$250,000**

Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious living room, family room w/fireplace, large master suite, lots, lots of more. **\$249,900.**

Plenty of room for gardening on these 2.29+/- acres with a 3/2 manufactured home. Motivated seller. **\$150,000.**

Relax the rural way! Situated on 1.25 acs in growing Montura, beautiful new 2006 3/2 manufactured home. SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE! **\$129,900**

Want country living without the long drive to the city? Get the best of both worlds with this 3BR/2BA home on 2.29+/- acres on Case Road. **\$124,900.**

Let's make a deal! 3/2 home features built in cabinets, large master bath, spacious kitchen, and plenty of elbow room. Outside you will find a fenced yard and storage shed. **\$110,000**

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 Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**

Corporate owned! 3/2 south of LaBelle. Needs a little TLC. **\$38,700**

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**LOTS**

29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**

Corporate owned! Duplex lot located in Lehigh Acres. **\$4,000.**

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**OUR COMMERCIAL**

**REDUCED!** Great investment property! Located just feet from SR80 in LaBelle. The building has over 1800 square feet of office space and plenty of parking. The floorplan has the advantage of being able to be split into 2 separate rental offices. **\$369,900**

Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse and just minutes away from LaBelle. **\$3.50 per sq ft.**

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**HOMES HOMES HOMES:**

**CUSTOM RIVERFRONT 4/5 HOME OF RARE BEAUTY AND INTEGRITY!** One of LaBelle's most striking riverfront estate homes, designed to integrate the breathtakingly beautiful 4 +/- acre riverfront tract with almost 400 feet of seawalled perfection. **\$995,000**

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**LOVE YOUR AWESOME VIEWS OF THE INTRACOASTAL!** And love this spacious 3/3 home located in Riverbend gated subdivision. Amenities include water, sewer, irrigation, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts & more! **\$495,000**

**BUY YOUR DREAM HOUSE AT A WAKE UP! PRICE!** Enjoy this riverfront 3/2 home with a proven and well-designed floorplan that takes full advantage of gorgeous river views! **\$399,900**

**SUPERIOR 3/2 SPLIT DESIGN**, open floorplan with cathedral ceilings and a gourmet lovers kitchen! Master suite boasts exceptional bathroom with large shower, jacuzzi tub, and dual sinks. Rear lanai overlooks scenic spacious backyard; front yard has river view. **\$280,000**

**LABELLE'S PREMIER RIVERFRONT** neighborhood's presents a quality CBS 3/2 home! This newly remodeled and updated home sparkles with a bright and open floor plan. Set among glorious oaks, the views in all directions from this one (1) acre +/- lot are pleasing and tranquil. **\$265,000**

**THIS HOME HAS TWO FLOORS**, first floor has a complete mother-in-law suite with sliding glass doors overlooking the canal and dock & the 2nd floor has 3/1.5 bathrooms with living room & den! **\$239,000**

**CLASSIC OLD FLORIDA STYLE HOME** constructed out of concrete block and a Spanish tile roof (new in 2004). Lot of living space! HUGE living room AND family room, dining room, and eat-in kitchen on navigable canal. **\$189,000**

**BANK OWNED!** This well up-kept manufacture 4 bedroom 3 bath home is commuting close to both coast and on this 5 acre site is the home to a host of friendly forest creatures! **\$105,000**

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## Much needed funding

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades are receiving funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area. Lee County agencies are receiving \$507,103, Hendry County agencies \$43,445 and Glades agencies \$13,341. In Hendry County First United Methodist Church, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Hope Health Care/Hope Connection, The Salvation Army of Clewiston, The Salvation Army of LaBelle. In Glades County: Harry Chapin Food Bank and Hope Health Care/Hope Connection are receiving funding. Terri Kinsey, Grants Coordinator for the Lee County School District, is pictured with allocations committee member Jo Anna Bradshaw.

## Put your best foot forward

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

Be kind to your feet. Years of wear and tear can be hard on your feet, but disease, bad circulation, poorly trimmed toenails and wearing shoes that don't fit can also affect your feet. Your feet might be the last item on your list of health concerns, but sometimes problems with feet are the first signs of more serious medical conditions such as arthritis, diabetes and nerve or circulatory disorders.



Patricia Dobbins

Practice good foot care. Keep your feet clean and dry. Try putting your feet up when you are sitting down to help keep the blood moving to your feet. Make sure your shoes fit properly and treat yourself to a foot massage once in a while!

Some common foot problems include fungal infections, corns, calluses, bunions and ingrown toenails.

Athlete's foot is a type of fungal infection. Shoes are warm, dark and moist, which makes them the perfect place for fungus to grow. A fungus can cause dry skin, redness, blisters, itching and peeling. Over-the-counter anti-fungal powders or creams may help, but sometimes it can be hard to cure and you may need to see a doctor.

Corns and calluses are caused by pressure when the bony parts of your feet rub

against your shoes. Wearing shoes that fit better or using special pads may help.

Bunions develop when the joints in your big toe no longer fit together. Bunions usually run in the family. Sometimes surgery is needed to relieve the pressure and repair the toe joint.

Ingrown toenails can be painful. They are caused when your toenail breaks into the skin. Usually this happens when you don't cut your toenails straight across so the corner of the nail can be seen above the skin.

Pay close attention to swollen feet. Swollen feet could be a sign of more serious health problems. If you continuously have swollen feet and ankles, please see your healthcare provider. If you have diabetes, good foot care is very important. Diabetes can cause poor blood flow to the feet. Good foot care should be an important part of your health care. Don't get off on the wrong foot!

(Patricia Dobbins is the Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments.

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## Community Briefs

### Yummy pot pie dinners

Come to Ray's chicken or beef pot pie dinner Friday, April 17, at 5 p.m. \$6 at VFW Post 10100 on SR 29S.

### Time running out for bingo

Monday night bingo at American Legion Post 130 will end April 27 for the summer, to begin again Oct. 5.

Thanks to faithful bingo players for their generous contributions to the Legion's children's charities.

### Democrats to meet

The Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at LaBelle City Hall on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The major items of business will be formalizing the local delegate selection plan for the 2009 Florida Democratic Conference to be held in October and planning the Hendry County Democrats' Annual Jefferson-Jackson Event scheduled for June 13 at the Clewiston Inn in Clewiston.

All Democrats registered to vote in Hendry County are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

### 4-H book giveaway

The Four Feet Fur and Feathers 4-H Club will hold a Book Giveaway at Barron Library, Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m.-noon. There will be a book for everyone who attends, no matter what their age.

To donate books, bring them to the event, or drop them off at Barron Library.

The 4-H Club will also be collecting school supplies for Upthegrove Elementary School at the event.

### 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 will be 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 con-

tact LaBelle Recreation at 675-5347.

### 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

### Giving Rocks

A celebration of the oldies to benefit the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties. Let's rock to the oldies with entertainment, dinner, antique car show, silent auction and raffle.

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# Obituaries

## Birma Sue Storter Bowers, 66

ORTONA — Birma Sue Storter Bowers, of Ortona, passed away April 11, 2009, at Hope Hospice House in Cape Coral from pancreatic cancer. She was 66. She was born August 31, 1942 in Arcadia.

Ms. Bowers attended high school in LaBelle and received a degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of West Florida in Pensacola at the age of 57. She was a talented pianist and an avid gardener.

In recent years, she enjoyed managing her livestock herd. She attended Living Waters Fellowship Church in Moore Haven.

She is survived by her daughters, Jenny Heflin Allen (Doug), and Sara Nelson Madrid; son, David Heflin, and daughter-in-law Tina Heflin; grandchildren, Katie Allen, Scotty Heflin (Brittany), Douglas Allen, Kaitlyn Heflin, Jacob Heflin, Patrick Heflin and Alex Walker; sister, Donna Storter Long (JC); nephews, Lonnie Howard (Vanita) and Thomas Howard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vance and Montine Storter; and brother, Stanford Lee Storter.

A Memorial service celebrating Birma's life will be 6 p.m. Thursday April 16, at Ortona Church in Ortona.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations to Living Waters Fellowship (prison ministry), P.O. Box 803 Moore Haven, FL 33471; or Hope Hospice 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

## Justin Wyatt Briggs

LABELLE — Justin Wyatt Briggs, of LaBelle, passed away April 10, 2009. He was 16 days old.

He was born March 25, 2009, in Fort Myers in Health Park Hospital. He is son of Amber Hawkins and Justin Briggs.

Survivors include his sister, Kelscy Kay Briggs; maternal grandparents, Shawn Hawkins and Suzanne Roberts; paternal grandparents, Angelina Koff and Joseph Koff; both sets of great-grandparents; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held Wednesday April 15, 2009, in Fort Denaud Cemetery, 1170 Cemetery Road, LaBelle with Pastor Danny Harvey officiating. Interment was in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

## Mary Leona Peet, 64

FELDA — Mary Leona Peet, of Felda, passed away April 12, 2009, in Felda. She was 64.

She was born Sep. 16, 1944, in Starks, La. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Peet; daughters, Bridget Peet, Khristleigh Peet, Allison Peet, and Kaitlin Peet; son, Jeremiah Peet, all of Felda; grandson, Aaron Peet and fiancé Michelle Redmond; great-granddaughter, Ryan Peet, all of LaBelle; niece, Teresa Stewart and husband Larry; great-niece, Brittany Stewart; great-nephew, Bobby Stewart, all of Felda; nephew, Spence Hull and wife Nikki and family, all of LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

## Newell 'Norman' Card, 82

LABELLE — Newell "Norman" Card, of LaBelle, and Mt. Morris Township, Mich., died Saturday, April 4, 2009, in Gulf Coast Hospital. He was 82.

The funeral service took place Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Morris, Mich. Pastor Alonzo Vincent officiated. Burial followed with Military Honors in Flint Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Morris or Charity of Choice.

Newell was born Dec. 14, 1926, in Flint, Mich., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newell and Verla (Goss) Card. He and Ardis Babcock were united in marriage Feb. 22, 1947, in Mt. Morris, Mich.

He worked for GM Truck and Bus for 32 years, retiring in 1978. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Morris, Mich., and Carlson United Methodist Church of LaBelle. He served on the Westwood Heights School Board from 1964 to 1978, and was in the Flint Traffic Club. Newell sang in the Flint Male Chorus, church choirs, and was active with the Tall Pine Council.

Newell "Norman" leaves to cherish his memory five children, Newell II and wife Rachel, Paula DeMott and husband Merle, Keith and wife Mary, Jeff and wife Sharon, and Jennifer Bacus; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Wysocki; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews; and special friends, Carless, Craig, Mary, and Judy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Ardis; grandson, Joshua; brother-in-law, Eddie Wysocki; and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Arrangements by Miles Martin Funeral Home, Mt. Morris, Mich.

Friends may share a memory with the family online at [www.martinfuneralhome.com](http://www.martinfuneralhome.com).



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## On the town

On March 25, Kristel Williamson and the LaBelle High School's Drama class were able, by Target Field Trip Grant, to see the play "The Art of Murder," which was held at the Florida Repertory Theatre in Downtown Ft. Myers. It was a wonderful play, all the students enjoyed it.

# New books at Barron Library

Barron Library would like to thank the following individuals, groups, and/or businesses for making memorial donations to the library.

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# April: Autism Awareness; understanding the condition

By Kelly Powell

Autism Speaks

Autism is a lifelong neurological disability that affects a person's ability to communicate, understand language, play, and socially interact with others. The first signs of autism usually appear as developmental delays before age three.

Autism is classified as a developmental disability because it interferes with the typical rate and patterns of childhood development.

There are diagnoses closely related to autism such as PPD-NOS (pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified), Asperger's Disorder, and Rett's Disorder that are included in the category of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

## Characteristics

Every person with autism is different. However, there are some common characteristics of individuals with autism that may occur.

Remember that although these are some common characteristics no two persons with autism experience the world or behave in the same way.

- Difficulty in using and understanding language
- Challenges with navigating social situations and unusual play with toys
- Over or under sensitivity to sound, sight, taste, touch, or smell
- Repetitive behaviors such as spinning objects or rocking
- Difficulty with changes to surroundings or routines
- Certain behaviors exhibited to stimulate the senses such as switching a light on and off repeatedly, or humming loudly
- Uneven skill development; some skills are normal or superior for their age while others show significant delay
- Challenging behaviors such as aggression, self injury or severe withdrawal

## Causes

Nobody knows what causes autism. Some scientists believe there is a biological cause that affects the working of the brain, but this has not been proven. It is possible there are many factors that could interact with one another which could cause different characteristics in each individual with autism. Researchers are working hard to find the cause(s) for autism.

Parents do not cause autism. No factors in a child's experiences or in parenting styles are responsible for autism.

## Facts

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Autism Spectrum Disorder occurs in about 1 of every 150 births, and is four times more often in boys than girls. Families of all racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds anywhere in the world are affected.

Autism occurs by itself, with intellectual disability, mental health issues, or with other health problems, such as epilepsy, viral infections, or changes in a person's growth rate metabolism.

## Treatment

Treatment and educational needs for people with autism and related disabilities should include:

(1) Early and accurate diagnosis. This increases the child's opportunity for positive development and success.

(2) Professional services. These may include speech, occupational and behavioral therapy and require a cooperative effort between professionals and families.

(3) Individualized supports in typical settings. Generally, persons with autism seem to make the best progress when they are in as many typical settings as possible and provided with individualized support and therapy to meet their needs.

By implementing best practices in all areas of life, progress in persons with autism can be optimized.

## Summary

Autism can be a complex disorder, but is not without hope. With the help of good intervention and services, individuals with autism can make excellent progress and achieve a higher quality of life.

*This article is submitted by the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD) at the University of South Florida. CARD provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. For information in Florida call 1-800-333-4530. A satellite office is located at Florida Gulf Coast University; call 239-590-7771. Visit the website, <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu> for additional information.*

## Church Briefs

### Come to sing

Plan to join your friends at First Christian Church for dinner and singing at the "Third Sunday Singing." Be blessed with the musical talents of our church as we as other outstanding local talent on April 19 at 5 p.m.

First Christian Church is located on Lee and Ford Street. There will be no charge for the evening and no offering will be collected. Come join us and be blessed. For more information call 675-1366.

### Counseling services available

Freedom Counseling and Services Center would like to remind you of the classes we are offering. Through the power of Christ we truly believe that all of our lives can be changed. Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. we offer small group class for dealing with life's struggles: "For the Lord"

Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. offers a marriage class: "The Love Dare" and on Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. teaches about all types of behaviors that can hinder us from living a full and productive life: "Overcoming Addictive Behaviors." All of these classes are held at Freedom Counseling and Services Center which is located at the corner of 60 Calhoun Street and Hwy. 80. We'd love to have you attend!

## Child Care of SWFL lacks funding

Fort Myers, April 2 -- Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.'s mission to improve the lives of children in our surrounding communities is being threatened due to a lack of much needed funding. CCSWFL operates quality child care centers in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Partnering with families and businesses along with the assistance of city and county funding they provide affordable quality child care to children and families in need. The budget crunch has created a crushing blow to their sustainability causing 32 children to be at risk of losing their enrollment with this nonprofit organization.

The City of Fort Myers, along with the Foundation for Quality Child Care and United Way, has contributed enough money to keep these children in childcare only until May 1 of 2009. Now they need local support and partnership to continue this program and keep these families from being unemployed.

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To donate to this cause and learn more about Child Care of Southwest Florida, visit

### 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.

### Local church to host National Day of Prayer

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street, LaBelle, invites you to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7. The sanctuary will be opened from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. in order that you can come and pray at your convenience. You may come in and pray alone or with one of our volunteers.

We are excited to have this opportunity to welcome the community to participate in this community-wide affair. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please call the church office at: 863-675-0656.

"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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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

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Hendry County Administrative Office Conference Room located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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  
Tourist Development Council  
Karson Turner, Chairman  
317675 CB/CGS 04/16/09

**Public Notice**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 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 offer 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. Cowboy 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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HENDRY COUNTY  
Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
315404 CB/CN 4/2,9,16/09

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held at the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) meeting held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** in the BOCC Chambers of the Hendry County Court House, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to invite public comment regarding a reduction in accomplishments completed under the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Initiative 07DB-Z10 grant. The County intends to reduce the number of vacant housing units demolished under this grant from 6 homes to 2 homes.

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Ron Zimmerly, Hendry County Grants and Special Projects Manager, at 863-675-5264 or his office at 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired shall contact Mr. Zimmerly at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Mr. Zimmerly at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD), please call 1-800-955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Mr. Zimmerly at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. 317671 CB/CGS 04/16/09

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PATHWAY PLAN FOR HENDRY COUNTY FDOT Project #423354-1-18-01**

Hendry County has scheduled public information workshops regarding a Comprehensive Pathway Plan. A study is currently being conducted by Hendry County to determine locations of proposed new pathways in Hendry County.

The public information meetings will be held as follows:

**Harlem Community Meeting**, April 9th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Harlem Civic Center located at 2000 7th Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

**Pioneer Community Meeting**, April 13th 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Pioneer Community Center located at 910 Panama Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440

**Port LaBelle Community Meeting**, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, located at 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd., LaBelle, FL 33935

**Felda Area Community Meeting**, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Felda Community Center, located at 100 CR 830, Felda, FL 33930

**Montura & Flaghole Community Meeting**, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. located at Central County Water Control District, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

**Clewiston and Hooker's Point Community Meeting**, April 29th @ 6:00 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium, Bearsley Room located at 1200 S W C Owens Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

**LaBelle Area Community Meeting**, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the LaBelle Civic Center, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935

**School Officials**, May 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Hendry County School Board Room, located at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935

The workshop will provide interested citizens with the opportunity to ask questions and express their views concerning the location and potential environmental impacts associated with the plan. The workshop will be on the agendas of the various community meetings or boards. Aerial photographs and other project-related information will be on display. County staff will be available to answer questions and discuss the project. Please note that this is not a public hearing. A formal public hearing will be held later in the study process, in keeping with state and federal requirements.

Project documents are available for public review until May 18, 2009 at the Barron Library, 461 N. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and at the City of Clewiston Public Library located at 120 West Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. Project documents are also available for review Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hendry County Engineer's Office located at 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

If you have any questions regarding the Comprehensive Pathway Plan project, you may contact Mr. Shane Parker, P.E., County Engineer at (864) 675-5222 or by email at sparker@hendryfla.net. Persons with disabilities who may need special accommodations at the workshop, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, should contact Bonnie Hanshaw at (863) 675-5222. 316002 CB/CN 4/2,9,16,23/09



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**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, April 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., at the Hendry County 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 this month's CLB meeting is 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting time of 6:00 pm will resume next month.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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.

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**ABWA Scholarships**

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**Register for kindergarten**

Registration for 2009-2010 Kindergarten students will begin at West Glades School runs 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 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.

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# Felda resident selling gourmet products

FELDA (Grassroots Newswire) March 31, 2009 - Angela Taylor of Felda has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet products.  
 As a consultant, Taylor offers the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.  
 "The Tastefully Simple opportunity is designed to be life friendly," says Jill Blashack

Strahan, Tastefully Simple Inc. founder and CEO.  
 "Consultants find a great deal of satisfaction through its fun nature, flexibility, unlimited earning potential and top-notch products."  
 Tastefully Simple is an ideal opportunity for those seeking new or additional business options, supplementary income, more time with children, or simply control and freedom, Blashack Strahan says.  
 For more information about Tastefully Simple products, taste-testing parties or the

business opportunity, contact Angela Taylor at tayl0rmade02@aol.com.  
**About Tastefully Simple**  
 Tastefully Simple is the original national home taste-testing company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet foods. The company's unique, high-quality products are offered through independent consultants across the United States.  
 For more information about Tastefully Simple, visit [www.tastefullysimple.com](http://www.tastefullysimple.com)

## Call T. Disney & R Crews Septic for your septic problems

On April 1, Robert and Carol Crews became the new owners of T. Disney & R. Crews Septic Tank Company in LaBelle. Robert and Carol are both state certified septic tank contractors with over 70 years of combined experience in the septic tank business.  
 Robert said that they are one of few companies that can handle your complete job, whether it is a simple pump out or a major commercial installation. "We do the job from start to finish. We don't do part of the job, then have someone else do the other part."  
 They are members of the Florida On-Site

Wastewater Association (FOWA) and both are certified in Advanced Treatment Units.  
 Robert has been in the septic business all his life, growing up around it. His grandfather and father started back in 1921.  
 Crews has a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week service with minimal charge for after hours service. Robert said they also have financing available - a real help for people in these tough economic times.  
 If you have any septic problems, call them at 863-675-3500 LaBelle or 239-693-5326 in Fort Myers for prompt, courteous service and remember, as Robert and Carol say, "if you don't call us, we both lose money!"



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
**Robert and Carol Crews.**

## Drive One 4 UR School raises over \$1,000 for LHS

LABELLE – The recent Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser sponsored by Ford Motor Company and Langford Ford on March 28, 2009 raised \$1,600 for LaBelle High School. Ford Motor Company donated \$20 for each person who drove one of the vehicles in its current lineup. In total, 80 members of the community participated in the unique event.

"We were thrilled with the turnout from the community and glad we could give the donation," Paul Langford and Pat Langford said. "We know that the funds will be put to good use, and we are excited over the buzz at the event surrounding our vehicles."  
 "Drive One 4 UR School is an excellent program, and I am so glad that Langford Ford

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## Feel special at Makeovers

**By Sierra Brown**  
 Caloosa Belle  
 Haley Jenkins is a graduate of LaBelle High School and High Tech Central, where she majored in cosmetology. Haley has been working at Makeovers Beauty Salon with the owner, Lori Brinker for about two years.  
 Makeovers Beauty Salon does hair coloring, men's and women's hair cuts, perms, waxing and shampoo sets, Walk ins are welcomed.  
 In the month of May it will be \$1 off both men's and women's hair cuts.  
 Their hours starting April 20 will be Mondays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In Thursday the shop will stay open late with appointments until 7 p.m.  
 For Prom, Makeovers Beauty Salon will be open on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m.



Caloosa Belle/Sierra Brown  
**Haley Jenkins and Lori Brinker.**

to 3 p.m. Makeovers Beauty Salon is located on SR 29 in the Maple Corner Plaza. To make an appointment call them at 863-675-6806.

was able to help our community and school system," Dave Kelley, dean of students at LaBelle High School said. "We thank Ford Motor Company tremendously for giving schools across the country such a great opportunity."  
 Since launching in December of 2007, more than 280 Drive One 4 UR School (formerly Cruise 4 UR School) events have taken place nationwide, raising over \$750,000 to support extracurricular and sporting activities. Ford contributes up to \$6,000 - the equivalent of 300 test-drives - to each participating school.  
**About Ford Motor Company**  
 Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures or distributes automobiles across six continents. With about 224,000 employees and about 90 plants worldwide, the company's wholly-owned automotive brands include Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Volvo. The company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company. For more information regarding Ford's products, please visit [www.ford.com](http://www.ford.com).



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## Little Miss LaBelle

The 2009 Little Miss LaBelle Pageant was held Saturday, April 4, at the LaBelle High School Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Caloosahatchee Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. At left are the Princesses from left: Jenna McClain, second runner up; Victoria Pagan, Princess and Novie Kohutck, first runner up. Center, Junior Miss from left: Jasmine Craft, first runner up; Brooke White, Junior Miss and Ariel Woodard second runner up. Right, Little Miss LaBelle Queen from left: Cassidy Wills, first runner up; Ashton Beer, Queen and Alexs Caputo, second runner up.

Submitted photos



## Season finale

The Firehouse Cultural Center is closing out its season with performances of Shakespeare's Ladies and Disillusioned Wallflowers. Performances are April 16, 17, 18, 19 and 23, 24, 25, 26. Showtimes 7 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat. and 2 p.m. Sundays. 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. Regular admission is \$14 at the door, \$12 with advance reservations and a new Thursday Special with ID and advance reservation. Call 863-675-3066 for reservations.

Top - 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. Shakespeare's Ladies top row from left: Portia, Nancy McGlasson; Ophelia, Tina Kirby; Desdemona, Carolyn White; and Katharine, Chandler Bridwell. Bottom row from left: Juliet, Olivia Luckey and Cleopatra, Alexa Pena.

Bottom - Enjoy Disillusioned Wallflowers By Anne Palmer; A one-act comedy offering a light and frothy exchange between two old friends attempting to add a touch of spice in their otherwise dull lives. Sherry King as Gertrude, left, and Carolyn White as Flora.



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