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## Summertime Youth Ranch Rodeo

On Saturday, August 1, the Hendry County Rodeo Association & Youth Livestock, Inc will hold a youth ranch rodeo. The rodeo will start at 7 p.m. at the Hendry-Glades Arena at the Glades Resort on SR 80 between LaBelle and Clewiston. There will be several open events including Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Relay Race, Buddy Pickup, Goat Tying, Flag Race, Team Penning, Chute Doggin', Team Roping & Branding, Steer Undecorating, Breakaway Roping, and Bull Riding. The entry fee for each of the events will be \$20.00 per event, and \$30 for bull riding. A 60 percent pay back in each event and an All-Around Male/Female Belt Buckle will be the prizes worth entering for. Call ins for the event will be held July 27 and 28 from 6-9 p.m. 863-983-5306. For Rodeo fans who would like to come out and support the youth, the gate admission will be \$10 per person (6 and under free).

For more information on the rodeo please visit [www.hendryrodeo.com](http://www.hendryrodeo.com) or call 863-983-5306.

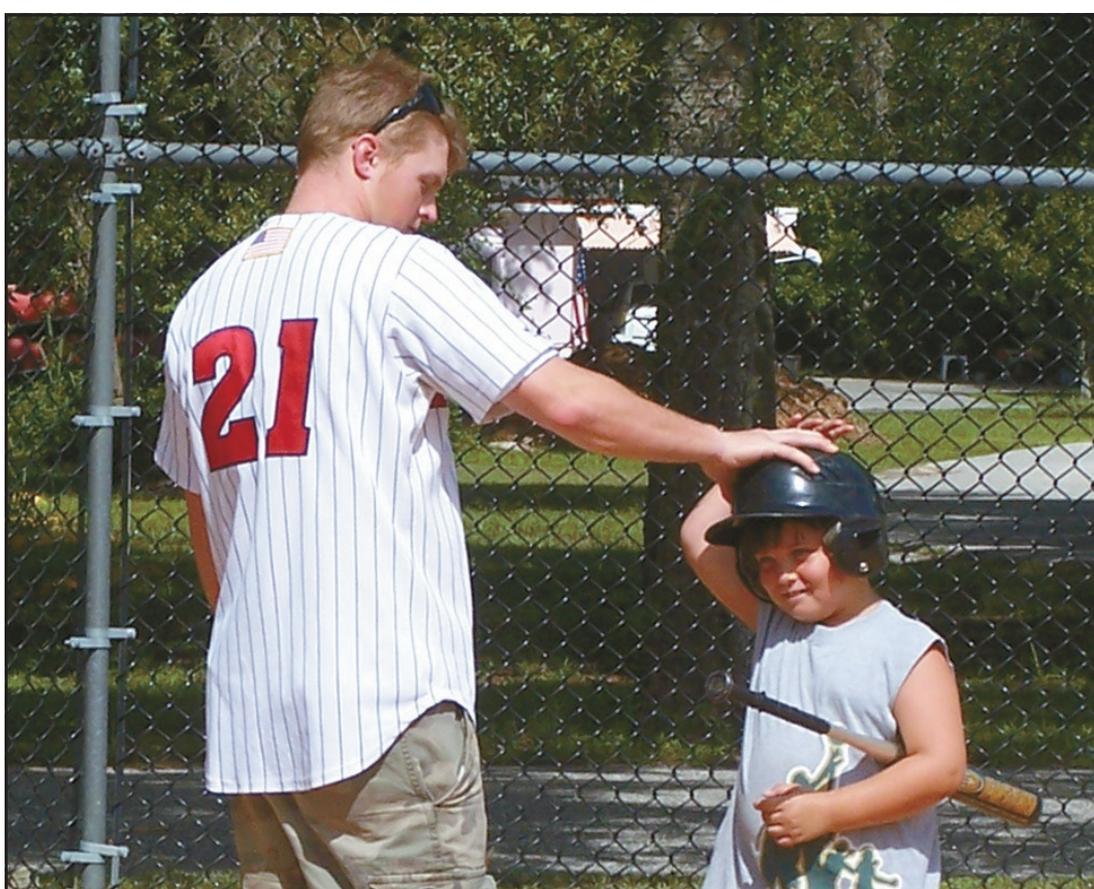
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## Summer fun: Sunny days and ball players



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Miracle outfielder Evan Bigley helped seven-year-old Austin Revels on with his batting helmet. Austin played ball last year for the Rookies. Another camper, Kayla Wilkes, 11, took her first turn ever at bat and decided she wants to play for the Dixie League. After two strikes, she blasted the ball into the outfield, amazing even herself. She walked away saying, "I didn't know I could do that!" And that was what the event was all about - introducing the kids to the "Great American Pastime" and planting the seeds of a lifelong love of the game. This is both Evan's and fellow Miracle player Josh Baumier's first year with the Miracles. They told the kids how much work it takes to make it to "the Bigs" and gave them a few pointers on the game they both love. It was all part of the on-going LaBelle Recreation Summer Camp fun.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
Miracles outfielder Evan Bigley, seated, and pitcher Josh Baumier, signed autographs for a bunch of wide-eyed fans at the LaBelle Summer Camp July 13. The camp is held at the UES campus.

## Pure water in future?

By Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

LaBelle water customers may finally be able to look forward to better quality, thanks to a second round of President Obama's federal stimulus money.

The city is hopeful that it will qualify for part of that funding this time around.

Anticipating some \$2.55 million in federal stimulus money to be used to upgrade its existing water treatment plant, the LaBelle City Commissioners adopted an Existing Water Treatment Plant Up-

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## Of freedom and its cost

By Ray Leventhal

For those who are not aware, LaBelle is dedicating the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park on 25 July 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The park will serve as a memorial to all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their nation.

The ceremony on 25 July 2009 holds specific significance for this city and will include the ceremonial laying of the first three bricks on which will be engraved the names of three of this area's fallen

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# Water

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grades Facilities Plan at its July 9 meeting. The money would open the door for the stimulus money, which is being channeled through the Department of Environmental Protection.

"For the first time I feel we can produce something people will be willing to drink and use . . . we must rebuild credibility," the mayor said.

Applied Technology Management's Grant Misterly reported that the city's proposed new water treatment plant, to be built in the pending South LaBelle Community off SR 29S, is too big to be considered for this stimulus package.

However, a 0.250 million gallon per day (mgd) nanofiltration membrane system to upgrade the current waterplant would be acceptable.

The new system would filter organics out of the water, reduce calcium and hardness and eliminate color - all elements that plague the city's water system and customers.

This plan could be "shovel ready" in just a few days - one of the requirements for stimulus funding. After a hearing in August, Mr. Misterly said he expects to have a signed contract by December, and construction completed six months later. The \$3 million project could be eligible for \$2.55 million in funding, with the rest coming from the city's gas tax money.

Mayor Paul Puletti added that the city has made some personnel changes and repairs at the water plant to facilitate its proactivity and provide quicker reaction to problems.

One of those problems seems to be a 35-year build up of lime in the water distribution lines that causes sporadic but serious water quality issues in various parts of the city.

The city has initiated a plan of flushing various lines during the early hours of the morning. If anyone experiences problems with their city water, they are urged to call

city hall.

Although the new filtration system is a "stop-gap" project to improve water quality till the city can get a new water plant on line, it will remain active as a backup/holding system for that new plant.

With the upgrade, the plant will treat 250,000 gallons of water, which will be blended with the rest of the plant's output for a total of one million gallons per day capacity.

The city is planning a special meeting for July 20 at 9 a.m. to allow the public to learn about plans for the current water plant and offer comments.

## New plant

Mr. Misterly also did a power point presentation of a June workshop on the city's proposed new water treatment plant, citing issues with the current plant:

\* It's over 30 years old - passed its design life

\* Lime disposal is still a problem

\* Water quality will improve because the source will be deeper - the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer and the city will no longer be dependent on the stressed surficial aquifer;

\* No expansion is possible while using that surficial aquifer. Trihalomethanes, cancer-causing agents, will not be an issue with water from the Lower Hawthorne, where water is not contaminated by ground runoff.

Goals:

The use of modern technology will be more beneficial and cost effective. It will allow expansion capacity and eliminate the use of lime as a softener.

The new process will use a Reverse Osmosis membrane and a deeper water source with no organics or color issues. However, that source will be saltier, requiring a deep injection well to dispose of the salt.

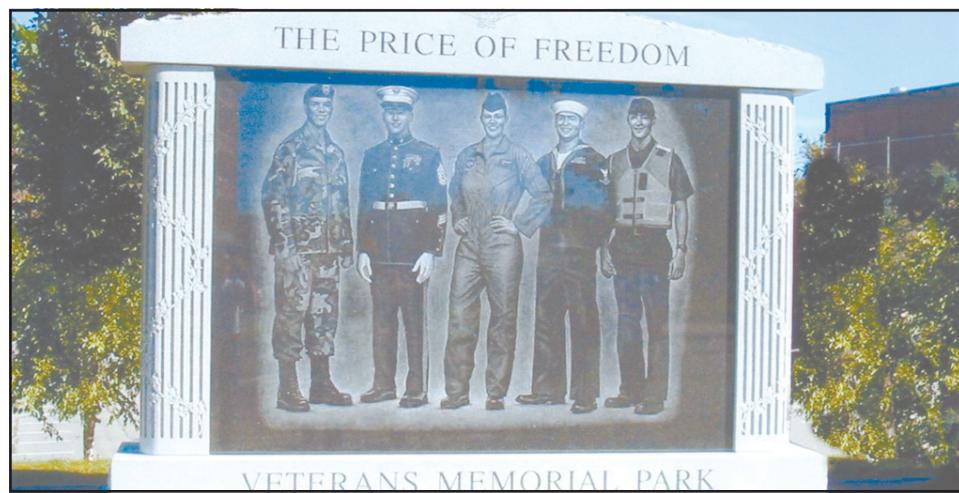
The city began planning for the new water plant in 2005 and spent two years trying to hone down its service area.

It has also gone from a proposed 4 mpg plant to a 2.5 mgd plant, and now a 1.5 mgd plant. It will, however, retain the ability to be expanded for a 2.5 mgd plant.

Funding is sought as both grants and loans. Funds for the \$19 million project are expected to be available this fiscal year.

The design for the new plant is approximately 30 percent complete with the expectation that it will be done in October.

The city still needs to test a pilot well from the new water source and obtain construction funding.



Submitted photo

This is the proposed main memorial for the new Veterans Park to be officially opened July 25.

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heroes.

Last year, as many recall, LaBelle lost two brave young men, one in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Robert Strickland and CWO John Hammett, both graduates of LaBelle High School, were taken from us within a seven day period. It was in their honor that the Fallen Hero's benefit was held last year. Engraved bricks honoring SSgt Strickland and CWO Hammett will be among the first three placed in this park.

SPC 4th Class Nicholas J. Cutinha, whose Medal of Honor is on proud display at American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle, was remembered last November 22 when a ceremony in his honor was held at the Ft. Denaud Cemetery and the American Legion Post. SPC Cutinha's heroism during one of the bloodiest ambushes of the Viet Nam era is detailed on his Medal of Honor citation; this proud young Manchu was from Alva. His name is engraved on the third and final brick to be laid at this ceremony.

The veteran's memorial park has been a project close to the hearts of many in this small, tightly knit community. Located at the corner of Main Street and Hickpochee Ave (SR 80), it sits in plain sight of the Hendry County Courthouse; a plain reminder that the freedoms and rights we enjoy as Americans have a price which our veterans have had to pay, many with their lives.

The City of LaBelle's generous donation

of the land for the park helped greatly to solidify the project, which is finally coming to life this month.

At 11 a.m., following the dedication ceremony, there will be a benefit luncheon at VFW Post 10100 on SR 29; the luncheon will feature a pork dinner, with all the fixings for a \$6.00/person donation. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the benefit luncheon will go to benefit the Veteran's Memorial Park project.

Three local organizations have collaborated to bring this benefit to the people of LaBelle and Hendry County: the American Legion Post 130, the VFW Post 10100 and the Moose Lodge 2398, all in LaBelle. The park project is hoping to generate enough funds for the memorial monument. An additional \$47,000 is needed for the park project to be completed.

Anyone wishing to purchase event tickets for the benefit may contact the sponsoring organizations:

- American Legion Post 130 - 863-675-8300
- LaBelle Moose Lodge 2398 - 863-675-6255
- VFW Post 10100 - 863-675-8008

Donations to the park project may be written to 'Fallen Heroes Benefit' and will be gladly accepted by any of the three sponsoring organizations.

While the laying of bricks at the dedication ceremony will be limited to the three young men mentioned, orders for additional memorial bricks are being taken by the park project, for the donation of \$100/brick. Memorial brick order forms are available at the American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle.

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# Arrest reports

## LaBelle

Juan Carlos Rico, 24, was arrested July 12 and charged with FTA: felony offense. Sgt. P. Short was arresting officer.

Gabriel Ramon Webber, 30, was arrested July 8 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Jose Jesus Alejo, 38, was arrested July 7 and charged with a sexual offense against a child: fondling or exhibition by a person over 18 years of age, victim is under 16 years of age. According to reports, Alejo was masturbating in view of several mothers and their small children at the LaBelle Soccer Park off Jaycee-Lions Drive. Deputy L. Chavelier was arresting officer.

Wayne G. Souza, 27, was arrested at HCI and charged with possession of contraband (cell phone).

Jacary D'Montre Carter, 15, was arrested July 9 and charged with firing a weapon or missile into a dwelling, school, building or aircraft. The victim flagged a deputy after hearing a loud noise and realizing something had hit her vehicle after passing several juveniles walking on SR 80 near Lashley St. Carter reportedly admitted throwing a piece of metal from a sign but said he wasn't trying to hit a vehicle. Deputy N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Hammond Coleman, 28, was arrested July 9 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy J. Woods was arresting officer.

Dan Lyman Gerner Jr., 53, was arrested July 9 and charged with traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs fourth of subsequent of-

fense and refusal to take a breathalyzer test, Deputy N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Linden Edward Smith, 36, was arrested July 6 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with no intent to kill. Deputy C. Buchhofer was arresting officer. The victim said he was being chased by a man with a handgun. A gun was found loaded with five rounds but none in the chamber.

Larry Jenkins Jr., 32, was arrested July 6 and charged with robbery - carjacking without a firearm or weapon. Deputy C. Buchhofer was arresting officer.

Gabriel Ramiro, 25, was arrested July 6 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy L. Chevalier was arresting officer.

Dale Lee Balmer, 67, was arrested July 4 and charged with traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs fourth or subsequent offense and non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense. Deputy Elver was arresting officer.

Johnnie Lee Thomas, 35, was arrested July 3 and charged with a non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense. Deputy J. Smith was arresting officer.

Kimberly Faith Casten, 32, was arrested July 3 and charged with burglary of a structure/conveyance unarmed and with no person inside; trespassing entry on property unlawfully; and possession/use of narcotic equipment. Deputy Elver was arresting officer.

Victor Roa, 31, was arrested July 3 and charged with burglary of a structure/convey-

ance unarmed and with no person inside; trespassing entry on property unlawfully; and possession/use of narcotic equipment. Deputy Elver was arresting officer.

Randell Avila-Carbajal, 25, was arrested July 2 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy J. Woods was arresting officer.

Richard Moriell Heins, 22, and William Kenneth Cody, 29, were arrested July 2 and charged on a warrant with illegally killing, possession or capture of an alligator, crocodile or eggs. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Antonio Mario Arenivor, 17, was arrested June 30 and charged with hallucinogen purchase Schedule II. Deputy J. Poole was arresting officer.

Tarina Marcella Williams, 33, was arrested July 2 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Deputy Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Roberto Zavala, 14, was arrested June 29 and charged with burglary of a dwelling unarmed with no assault or battery and larceny petit theft first offense. Deputy Elver was arresting officer.

## Clewiston

Donald Lloyd Lester, 55, was arrested July 7 and charged with battery: felony resulting from bodily harm/disability. CPD Officer Herrera was arresting officer.

Timothy Lazell Leach, 24, was arrested July 8 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Sgt. P. Short was arresting officer.

Josue Modesto Alvarez, 18, was arrested July 7 and charged with damage property: criminal mischief between \$200-\$1,000, burglary of a structure or conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny \$300-\$5,000. He was also charged with larceny petit - first offense \$100-\$300, contributing to the delinquency/dependence of a minor and loitering/prowling. Deputy J. Perez was arresting officer.

Cody William, Clark, 17, was arrested July 7 and charged with damage property: criminal mischief between \$200-\$1,000, burglary of a structure or conveyance unarmed with no person inside and larceny \$300-\$5,000. He was also charged with larceny petit - first offense \$100-\$300 and loitering/prowling. J. Perez was arresting officer.



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## Rough way to start the day

Emergency personnel assisted the victims in a two-vehicle crash Monday morning, July 13, that occurred at Bridge Street and SR 80. Motorists headed north on Bridge Street had to find alternate routes while two occupants were tended to by EMS, firefighters mopped up gasoline spills and deputies secured the scene. According to Fire Chief Malcolm Johnson, none of the injuries appeared to be serious but precautions were being taken.

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### Apology

I wish to apologize to those folks at the four-way stop at Cowboy Way and Main St. just before lunch time this morning. I don't know what I was thinking. Wasn't on the phone, just preoccupied with my thoughts I

guess. When the car in front of me crossed I just followed. Thank you all for not running over me.

### Health care issues

Does anyone feel like our healthcare system works? Doesn't it seem like insurance companies are more interested in collecting premiums than in paying out any claims? It seems we need big changes. How many millions of hard-working Americans are uninsured? Even worse, how many are under-insured? We've all heard the stories of hard-working middle class Americans having to file for bankruptcy and losing everything because of a medical bill. What about you?

God forbid something were to happen and cause you to stop working for a month, two months, three months, how long would you be able to last? My opinion is that that does not describe a system that works?

I don't know how it could be changed without having to pay more. The healthcare tax that is currently being discussed was actually proposed by John McCain during the campaign.

About Obama, if he were to support this bill, which is actually being moved forward by Senators of both parties, he will be going against what he said on the campaign. Each of us will have to judge that as we will. Sometimes we all say things that we have to go back on. That's not to excuse everything

a politician might go back on. It is important we get this healthcare thing right, though.

Those that are against this cap-and-trade thing have labeled by those that are against it as an increased tax. I don't know enough about it to say one way or the other but beware, just because someone says something does not make it true.

We certainly have to watch what Obama is doing carefully and keep him on the straight and narrow, just as we would with any other politician, of any party. He does make me hopeful though. It seems our system has a tendency to beat people down, though, regardless of their intentions.

## Letters to the Editor

*This is for the Caloosa Belle "Public Forum", in response to an unsigned letter "Theatre questions" published 7/09/09:*

It is truly hard to imagine that anyone in this day and age, and with the major issues that most of the world is facing...would have so little to think about that they would write two different letters and send them to be published in a newspaper about the use of two innocuous words in a song in a children's play! I know it may sound "offensive", but I can only think "Get a life"!

I would speculate that this person would have no idea how to approach a major problem or injustice in life, so they choose to make an issue for concern and controversy over "nothing".

I would think that every member of the community would be so grateful to have a person (in this case, a volunteer children's program director, Emily Ankeney) give of her time and energies (in addition to her full time professional occupation) to further positive learning experiences for our youth, that they wouldn't even consider questioning and criticizing the substitution of 2 words in a song!

I guess if that is the most important thing in this person's life, she might want to consider volunteer community or charity work.

Let's learn to express less petty criticism and show more gratitude for sincere giving and caring when we see it!

**Linda Bosley,**  
LaBelle resident and property owner.

### Children and the theater

Wow! The children's production of Wipeout! at the Firehouse Cultural Center was amazing last night!

The kids were nervous for opening night, but they did it, as they always do, to the delight of the audience, their families, and themselves. I drove home praising my daughter, then I got a bit somber.

It occurred to me that not only was this night a celebration, it also had a cloud of sadness over my friend, Emily Ankeney, the director/producer.

See, Miss Emily does not have any kids in the play. No nieces, nephews, in-laws... she is there doing this for OUR CHILDREN, and absolutely no benefit to herself (including a pay check) but the satisfaction of knowing that she has brought the love of the theater into the lives of 30+ children. That's it.

I am moved to tears when I read the letters from the past two weeks Speak Out. My children have participated in the past 3 of the 4 productions Emily has directed for the kids summer program (Wipeout, Robin Hood and Wizard of Oz).

Up until this week's letter, I had no idea that Em was teaching them about "witches, wizard and dance hall girls."

I was under the impression, as I left my beautiful 8 year old girl in her hands every day, that she was teaching them theater, every sense of it.

My daughter has learned technical theatrical production from a woman who has

"the bachelor of fine arts in dance/theater." Not to be easily impressed, but I am.

I also know that dance, acting, singing, production and teaching is Emily's talents, and she has been generous enough to share those with children who live and go to school in a community who never thought these things were important for our children. (I do know some of the elementary schools put on plays and musicals... not trying to take away from that.)

You hurt her, whoever you are, by attacking her choice to make CHILDREN feel comfortable about the words they say. It is NOT up to you or me to decide a child's comfort level. The same would have been done for yours, mine, anyone's.

The entire point of this summer program is to bring 30 kids of age variance, educational, religious and economical background to work together and become a part of a team/cast. Emily DID respond to you in the first letter.

It is NOT about leaving out those words.. it is about teaching the other children around her that it is a good thing to try and make adjustments when someone you are working with needs them.

I believe it teaches tolerance, creativity and love for a person regardless if they do not fit into society's expectations of immo-desty.

If a child was uncomfortable with a costume because it showed her belly, would you complain that Emily covered her?

I can personally tell you I couldn't pick

the lines or scenes that were changed, and frankly, did not miss the words "hunky" or "bikini" at all, though they would not have offended me.

I do know that ALL kids involved left that theater last night, so full of pride and energy.

You are right, this is NOT vacation bible school. It is an amazing summer program for the lucky kids in our town, run by my friend, Emily Ankeney, who has so much love in her heart for arts and children that she commits her life to doing this, EVEN when she gets kicked.

One last thing... no one is ever going to be 100 percent happy with everything they are involved in.

I hear football moms complaining about coaches, dance daughters whose moms don't like the costumes... the fact is, when you get involved in any kind of activity, you need to have a tolerance for some things, because I guarantee you cannot be happy with every thing.

Oh, and I do believe that tolerance is taught in the bible.

With much love and gratitude for the entire Dalmation Youth Troop's crew. You do an incredible job and we will be back next year!

**Shirley Willis,**  
Christian, wife, mother of 3, and  
lifelong resident of LaBelle

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"These numbers illustrate why the National Farmworker Jobs Program is one of the Department of Labor's most successful programs," said David Strauss, Executive

Director of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs. "In times of record shortages in the healthcare profession, farmworkers are receiving training and providing critical services for our country,"

Florida leads the nation in training farmworkers and their dependents for health services occupations. Of the 241 farmworkers trained and placed in one year in the State of Florida, 44 were trained and placed from the Collier farmworker program (nearly 20 percent).

It is timely considering that iTECH has openings in the Licensed Practical Nursing

Program that starts 24 August. Interested potential students need to apply today so they have time to complete prerequisites and seek financial assistance. The Farmworker Jobs and Education Program (FJEP) works with community agencies to help farmworker families find the financial assistance they need to train in this high wage, high skill occupation.

Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) staff and LaBelle office staff are available Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist potential students with a variety of training choices. Call 239-658-7080.

The National Farmworker Jobs Program

(NFJP), authorized by Section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), provides life-changing workforce development services to America's migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

The Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs is the national federation of non-profit and public agencies that provide job training and assistance to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. For more information about a specific state or for interview or comment, please contact Matthew Sheaff at (202) 828-6006 x140 or by email at Sheaff@afop.org <mailto:Sheaff@afop.org>

## More flu in Glades County

Glades County, FL—The Glades and Hendry County Health Departments received H1N1 confirmed results this morning for the two remaining samples taken from detainees at a detention center within Glades County. These detainees first became ill with influenza-like-illness (ILI) on June 27, 2009, but immediate action was taken to help prevent further spreading of illnesses.

The Glades and Hendry County Health Departments will continue to closely monitor the situation. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. Florida currently has listed 1,781 confirmed cases of H1N1 Swine Flu.

Please remember to take the following precautions to help prevent the spread of any respiratory illnesses.

- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or seem to be ill.
- If you get sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home and limit contact with others.
- Wash hands frequently (for at least 20-30 seconds) with soap & warm water to lessen the spread of any respiratory illnesses. Wash in between your fingers, your finger nails, your wrists and forearms.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and

mouth.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Routinely wipe down "shared" items (phones, door knobs, hand rails etc.) with a household sanitizer.

The symptoms of H1N1-Flu are very similar to the symptoms of the regular seasonal flu and may include: -Fever (over 100°F) – Cough and/or Sore Throat - Body Aches – Headache - Chills - Fatigue.

If you have further questions regarding H1N1, please contact your healthcare provider or please go to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at: <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>

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## Witch's Brew

By Pudge Lehman

The other day at the Kiwanis meeting my friend Jackie Foster said she tried putting a sealed envelope in the freezer to reopen it and it didn't work, so scratch that one! Go back to the old fashioned way and steam it open over a boiling tea kettle.

I opened a pack of spearmint gum this morning and it said right under the cover "No spears were harmed in the making of this gum." That is the truth....

Read a hint about armpits. Use a cotton ball saturated with vinegar and rub on your pits. It does work, however, be sure there are no cuts on your fingers. I did what looked like an Indian dance and hollered a lot.

Joe Thomas is always sending stuff to make us feel better about growing older. 1. There is nothing left to learn the hard way. 2. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room. 3. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.



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# Peregrine falcon removed from state's endangered species list by FWC

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved removal of the peregrine falcon from the state's list of endangered species on Wednesday.

"Today is a time to celebrate peregrine falcons," said Rodney Barreto, FWC chairman. "This is a tremendous success story."

Through the efforts of wildlife managers and individuals, the peregrine falcon has become one of the best examples of how wise conservation practices can assist a species to come back from the brink of extinction. DDT usage in the United States nearly wiped out entire populations of birds decades ago, including the peregrine falcon. Fortunately, before the peregrine falcon became extinct, the use of DDT was eliminated.

As a result of pesticide regulations and captive breeding-and-release efforts, the peregrine falcon made a dramatic comeback from precipitously low numbers in the 1970s. Peregrine populations dropped from about 20,000 birds prior to the 1940s to 650 birds in 1965. Of the two populations of peregrine falcon that pass through Florida, there are now at least 3,100 breeding pairs. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the species in 1999.

Whenever the FWC delists a species, a management plan must be in place, with guidelines to ensure the continued conservation of the species. The Commission also approved the final Peregrine Falcon Management Plan on Wednesday. The peregrine will still be protected by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

"The peregrine falcon is a success story showing what well-coordinated conservation can accomplish for a species," said

Robin Boughton, the FWC's peregrine falcon management plan leader.

The approved plan acknowledges that pesticide contamination is an ongoing threat throughout much of the wintering range of the species because many South and Central American countries lack the pesticide regulations that have been enacted in the United States. While peregrines do not breed in Florida, they are commonly seen in the state. Many peregrines migrate through in the fall and some may stay here during the

winter. The plan's objectives stress the need to ensure coastal habitats, particularly those in the middle Keys, are preserved.

The Commission will consider allowing peregrines to be used for falconry when it meets again in September in Howey-in-the-Hills.

The peregrine falcon is known as the world's fastest bird, averaging 25-34 mph during normal flight and reaching speeds in excess of 150 mph during dives for prey, which include doves and ducks.

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• Nice 3/1 CBS in Port LaBelle. Seller says make offer! **\$80,000.**

### HOMES

• Riverfront - Immaculate 3/2 waterfront estate on 1.14+/- acres outside of LaBelle. Home is 2,425 sq. ft. of living area with over-spacious kitchen, pantry, screened pool and a 1,944 sq. ft. workshop with office, bath and a generator compressor room. **\$795,000.**

• Horse lovers welcome! 4/25 on 3.24+/- in Port LaBelle Ranchettes. 2,500 sq. ft. of living area, 2 car garage, wrap around porch and more. **\$335,000.**

• 4/2 CBS home on 1.14+/- acres outside of LaBelle. Needs TLC. **\$75,000.**

• 3/2 on oversized corner lot in Port LaBelle. **\$99,900.**

• Corporate owned! Immaculate 4/3 2, 980 sq. ft. of living area. **\$193,990.**

• Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely redone form top to bottom. Have to see! **\$90,000.**

• Corporate Owned! 2/2 on 5+/- acres in Ortona. If you are looking for a little privacy, you found it here. **\$82,700.**

• Nice 3/1 CBS in Port LaBelle. Seller says make offer! **\$80,000.**

• 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**

• 3/2 Corporate owned 2004 CBS home with pool on .50+/- acre. Private den, central vacuum and much more. **\$75,500**

• Corporate owned in Lehigh! 3/2 CBS home with a den, granite, tile, solid surface counter, great floor plan! **\$61,500.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 in LaBelle city limits on .45+/- acre. 2,100 sq. ft. of living area, a little TLC this could be a beauty!

**\$59,900.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home w/den located close to SR 82 on .41+/- of an acre. **\$59,900.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in nice subdivision in **SOLD!!!** corner lot and plenty of living area. **\$54,900.**

• Corporate owned! Investors, a little TLC and this duplex will be worth your investment. 2006 CBS home. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned! 3/1 in Lehigh Acres. 1,144 sq. ft. of living area with 1 car garage. **\$52,000.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 2005 CBS home w/1,651 sq. ft. of living area, ceramic tile, 2 car garage. **\$51,900.**

• 3/2 home in Lehigh. A little TLC will bring it a lot. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned 1 3/2 CBS home with over 1,500 sq. ft. of living area and 2 car garage. In Lehigh Acres. **\$49,900.**

• Corporate owned! Located in Sun-N-Lakes Subdivision. Lake Placid. **\$48,900.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 2005 CBS home w/wood floors, granite countertops & 2 car garage. **\$44,000**

• Corporate owned! 2/2 CBS home with private den, large master bath and much, much more. **\$44,900.**

• Lehigh Acres - 3/2 CBS home near Lee Blvd. A little TLC and this could be the perfect home. **\$42,000.**

• 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.**

• Corporate owned! 2/1.5 on .50+/- acre in Lehigh Acres. A little TLC will bring it a long way. **\$24,900.**

### MOBILE HOMES

• Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10+/- acres 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**

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

• Corporate owned! 3/2 south of LaBelle. Needs TLC. **\$59,100**

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### LOTS

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

• Buy now, build later. Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. **\$35,000**

• Call about our Port LaBelle lots!

### COMMERCIAL

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

• Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. **\$155,000.**

• 2 ac. located in City limits. Zoned Industrial. **\$100,000.**

## Obituaries

### Mary F. Dyess, 89

LABELLE — Mary F. Dyess, age 89, of LaBelle, passed away July 13, 2009, in Fort Myers.

She was born July 28, 1919, in Fort Myers, to the late Melville Emory Forrey and the late Corine (Poole) Forrey. Mary was a lifelong resident of the area. She was a member of the Eastern Star and attended First Baptist Church.

Survivors include son, George Emory Dyess, Griffin, Ga.; daughter, Glenda Harris (Darrell), LaBelle; grandchildren, Jeffrey Glenn Burton, Michael Francis Burton, Cindy Dyess, Rodney Dyess, Jeffery Harris, Jerrod Harris; great-grandchildren, Rhonda Ray Burton, Alton Burton, Ronald Burton, Glenn Burton, Tyler Burton, Jeffery Harris, Maggie Harris; great-great grandson, Weston Dyess Burton; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at First Baptist Church of LaBelle, LaBelle, with Reverend Frank Deerey Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Fort Denaud Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 330 N. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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• Needs remodeling but the three bedroom, two bath split floorplan offers a formal entry, living & dining area; an open kitchen overlooking a spacious family room; a huge game room or den, a separate laundry room and an attached two car garage on the Caloosahatchee River! **\$275,000**



• 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. **\$248,251**



• HOME IS SPACIOUS WITH A CAPITAL S. Flexible floor plan allows for either a 4BR/3BA home or a 3BR/2Ba home plus mother-in-law suite or 3BR/2BA home with home office including full bath and eat-in kitchenette! **\$238,500.**

• This 4 bedroom home, was built to enjoy! Hardwood floors, granite countertops, custom cabinets, dual sinks in both bathrooms, stainless steel appliances, a large open front porch, large clear pond and much more! All of this and more located on 2.5 +/- beautiful country acres!

• TURKEY CREEK HIDEAWAY! Handyman special is the name of this game. This 1 bedroom 2 bath home needs some TLC, but is workable and has tons of storage space below. This stilted home is on a double lot with about 95' worth of dock along the Southern boarder. **\$199,900**

• This foreclosure is move in ready" for you and the boat! Upstairs is very spacious with a great room over looking the canal and a very large master bedroom that could be converted back to a 2 bedroom home. Downstairs has an efficiency ready for rental income **\$175,000**

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## FEATURES OF THE WEEK!

**3BR/2BA 2005 MANUFACTURED HOME** on 5.9+/- acres, screen patio, covered front porch, fenced, workshop and detached garage. \$229,000

**2BR/2BA MANUFACTURED HOME** on 2.5 +/- acres. \$95,000

**FORECLOSURE!** 3Br/2Ba (INSOLD!!!) 1,100 sq. ft. living area. \$91,900  
**BANK OWNED** two story character w/ detached garage and 3,500 sq. ft. living area. \$75,500.

**3BR/2BA HOME** w/Florida Bay view and workshop. \$49,000

**WATERFRONT LOT!** 1/2 +/- acre lot on protected navigable oxbow w/ direct access to river. \$139,500

**3BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME** w/125' Caloosahatchee River frontage. \$284,900

**TWO BUILDABLE LOTS** desirable in town neighborhood. 200+/- ft. on water w/ 60' dock & protected boat harbor. No corps setback, build at river's edge! Sold together as package! NOW \$499,900 OWNER FINANCING POSSIBLE

**SELLER MOTIVATED!** Wooded 1 ac. riverfront Hwy 78 west. \$245,000

**3BR/2BA MANUFACTURED HOME** in town. \$69,900

**3/4 ACRE (6 LOTS)** on corner of Hwy 78 & Commanchee 125' x 250' \$69,900

**3BR/2BA MOBILE** in the city. \$71,000.

**3BR/2BA HOME ON OVERSIZED LOT**, large family room and tile floors. \$96,000

**3BR/2BA HOME!** Large Oaks and nicely landscaped. \$119,900

**4BR/2BA HOME!** Seller will contribute towards closing costs! \$119,900

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

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

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

**MULTI FAMILY ZONED PROPERTY** w/remodeled 2/2 "Cracker-Style" House on .60 +/- acre. \$209,000

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**. 20 m/1 acres, multi-family Residential lots facing proposed Helms Road Extension, just east of the EDISON STATE COLLEGE, CURTIS CAMPUS site. \$100,000

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

**DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION!** 3Br/2Ba + den CBS home on 5+/- ac. in the country. \$169,900 POSSIBLE SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE

**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

**3/2 POOL HOME ON** 66.5 +/- acres in Felda. \$739,900

**ACREAGE**

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

**2 +/- ACRES IN FELDA** fronting on Hwy 29 possible commercial zoning. \$175,000

**PRICE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!** Partially cleared 3.36 m/1 Acre Tract of pristine acreage in Pioneer and Clewiston. \$36,000 (Adjoining parcel also available)

**ATTENTION INVESTORS OR HOME BUILDERS...** 2.09 m/1 Acres with large, beautiful oaks in Desirable, well Established Neighborhood w/ Paved Road Frontage. \$58,520

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## WATERFRONT HOMES

Classic 3BR/4BA riverfront home w/den, full bar, dock & ramp. 4 bay garage w/bathroom & office. \$999,000! Boaters dream location and hurricane hole are the words to describe this wonderfully unique .60 ac. property on the point with deep water dockage for 4 boats. Docks have water and electric. Immaculate 3BR/2BA + large Florida room with tile throughout and a 3 car garage with apartment. This is the ideal location for boaters, especially during a hurricane. \$499,900

Furnished Intracoastal 3BR/2 BA riverfront home includes a covered boat house w/12,000 # boat lift. Lot across the street is included in this price. \$350,000.

## WATERFRONT HOMESITES

240 ft of navigable creek front. River access and dock permit. Deed restricted community, .72 +/- ac. \$399,900. .45 +/- ac cul-de-sac lot w/approx. 175 ft of water frontage & tons of privacy. \$149,900.

**ACREAGE**  
80+/- ac income producing citrus grove w/microjet irrigation. Can be split for endless possibilities. \$6,500/ac. Oak hammock, cypress and palmettos grace this 48.07 +/- ac w/flowing creek. \$960,000. 43.32 +/- ac of oaks, pines, cypress trees, & pasture. Well & power on site. \$949,000. 40 +/- ac of serenity in a park-like setting located in Muse. \$460,000. 20 +/- ac. Backs up to Lykes Brothers, fenced on three sides. \$400,000. 20 beautifully maintained acres with a one bedroom cabin in great condition. Wonderful for a weekend get-away. Seller financing available. \$399,900 Firm

20 acres of high and dry improved pasture in Muse. Seller financing available. \$199,000 Firm

Beautiful wooded 5+/- acres in Muse \$125,000. 2.5 to 5+/- in Pioneer \$19,900 to \$65,000. 5 acres in Ladeca. \$54,900. Montura acreage tracts. \$25,000 and up. Lehigh Properties priced from \$15,000 & up.

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**\$195,000 - BRICK HOME** with 3/2 wood like & carpet floors. New kitchen cabinets, with open area to living, dining room. Home sits on 2 lots facing Belmont. additional lot available facing 4th Ave. Tenant occupied. 24 hour notice. #200811329

**\$129,000 GREAT 3/2/2 HOME** with granite countertops, tray ceiling in master bedroom, tile flooring, storage shed & roof over screened patio. Located in a quite neighborhood. #200922219

**\$69,500 - THIS HOME IS SITUATED IN THE NORTH LABELLE** area and offers 2b/1ba on a fenced in .43 acre corner lot with beautiful oak trees. #200866041

**\$370,000 PRICE REDUCED!!! LOOKING FOR COUNTRY LIVING!** This BEAUTIFUL home on 4.3 ACRES was designed for the extended family. Super spacious 4B/3BA manufactured home in practically new condition. 3,180 sq. ft. #200921613

**\$115,000- MANUFACTURED HOME** located in Moore Haven Yacht Club, a 55 and over community. Easy access to Lake Okeechobee for boating and fishing. Owner has recently replaced manufactured roof with new metal roof. #200851138

**\$59,900** You have found the country with the lot this home sits on. Oak tree covered front yard is just the beginning of this nicely located home. Great metal roof plus a one car carport. 200926856

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## MANUFACTURED HOMES

**\$89,000 - 3/2** in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft.

**\$117,000 - 4/2** Newer MH on 1/2 Ac, Seller Motivated.

**\$149,500 - 3/2** on 2 1/2 Ac Recent Updates 1436 Sq Ft.

**\$165,000 - 3/2** on 6 Ac, Marshall Field Rd. Seller Financing.

**\$375,000 - 3/2** on 30 Ac in Muse, Oaks, Creek, & Great Pasture.

## HOMES

**\$72,000 - 3/1** CBS in town.

**\$74,000 - 2/2** in Port LaBelle, large porch.

**\$79,000 - 2/2** Great Starter in Port LaBelle.

**\$89,000 - 3/2** in town, corner lot.

**\$110,000 - 3/2** w/pool in Belmont, Short Sale.

**\$129,000 - 3/2** Modular, Make Offer.

**\$157,500 - 3/2** in Laurel Oaks, needs TLC, Seller Financing.

**\$169,000 - 3/2** Den on small lake, Seller relocating.

**\$196,900 4/2** in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac.

**\$211,000 - 3/2** on 2 Ac in Montura Ranches.

**\$225,000 - 3/2** in Gated Riverbend Estates, Seller says Make Offer.

**\$269,900 - 3/2** on 2.8 Ac in Pt LaBelle Ranchettes, adjoins greenbelt.

**\$299,000 - 4/2+Den** CBS Custom on 3 Ac w/80 Ft Barn, and 2/2 mobile.

**\$459,000 - 3/2** Upgrades adorn CBS Country Pool Home w/outbuildings, riding arena, 13 Ac.

**COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL**

**\$119,000 - 1/2 Acre** Commercial Lot on Davis St.

**\$200,000 - 2 Steel Bldg** w/Heavy Industrial.

**\$249,000 - 4640 sq. ft.** hanger. Air port access. I-2.

**\$269,000 - State Road** 80 Corner 1/2 Ac, B-1 w/billboard income.

**\$395,000 - 4800 Sq. Ft.** Steel Bldg. on fenced 1

Ac Industrial, Short Sale.

**\$399,000 - 4.5Ac,** 2400 Steel Bldg Industrial, Possible Lease Option.

**\$475,000 - Short Sale!** 2 Steel Bldgs, over 8000 Sq. Ft. Zoned PUD on 2+ Ac.

**\$589,000 - 3 Ac+/-** with Bldg on Sr 29, C-2 zoning.

**\$675,000 - 5 Ac +/-** Industrial. Will split, Cleared & Filled, Seller Financing.

## WATERFRONT

**\$55,000 - 2/2** MH in River Oaks/Ortona, now waterfront!

**\$192,500 - Old Ft.** Denaud 1 Ac.

**\$199,000 - Hidden** Hammock 1 Ac w/dock.

**\$395,000 - High** Elevation with long views, 5 Ac.

**\$499,000 - Eagle Point** 1Ac Deep Water & Protected Harbor w/Lg Dock.

**\$975,000 - Spectacular** 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 Ft on the River, Current Appraisal.

**\$419,000 - 3/2** Super CBS River Home w/pool on Oxbow w/dock on double lot.

**\$425,000 - 4/3** Two Story on 2 1/2 Ac adjoins greenbelt along the River.

**\$475,000 - 3/4** in Ft. Denaud on 2.6+/- ac with 228 ft. riverfront.

**\$1,390,000 - 5/8** Estate Home on 5+ Ac, 800 Ft on the River, Double Dock, Really Private.

## LOTS & LAND

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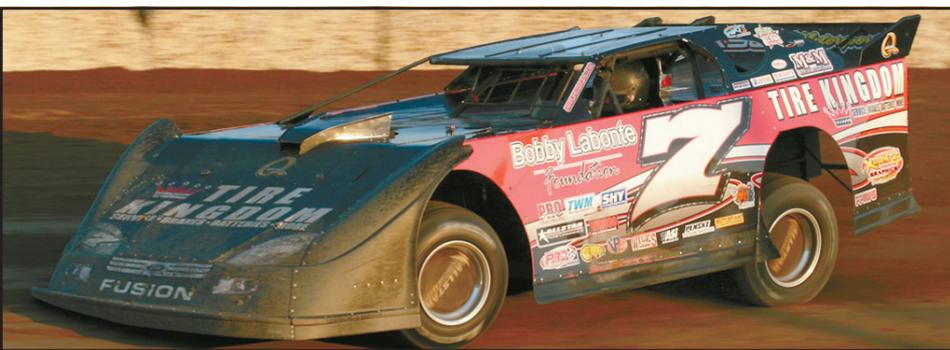
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## Reving up their engines

On Saturday, July 18, the Hendry County Motorsports Park will crown the first ever Fastest Redneck Around the Lake. Competition is open to all two-wheel drive, street legal pickup trucks. Cash and prizes will be awarded. The featured event of the night will be the super fast Late Models doing battle on the newly-renovated 3/8 mile high banked clay in the Budweiser 30. The night will also include racing in the street stocks, sportsman, pure stocks, V-8 bombers and mini-stock divisions. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or at a discount in advance at the UPS store of LaBelle, Central Mobile Homes of LaBelle and Okeechobee and Hungry Howie's in Clewiston. Gates open at 4 p.m. for fans and 3 p.m. for participants. Racing action begins at 7 p.m. There will be plenty of food and other refreshments available so bring the whole family out for a complete evening of fun.

# Birding tours support Florida jobs

June marked the beginning of another season of partnership between the South Florida Water Management District (SF-WMD) and the Hendry-Glades Audubon, whose experts lead public birding tours at the District-managed Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) in Hendry County. Most tours are guided by Audubon's Margaret England, who recently received the District's first Ambassador Award to recognize her community service and commitment to assist the District and provide increased access to public lands.

"The diversity of species at STA-5 is truly breathtaking, and the partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon is a significant public service," said SFWMD Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle. "These treatment wetlands are effective at cleaning water flowing into the River of Grass and, as an added benefit, have also become wildlife havens that showcase the environmental and economic significance of Everglades restoration."

Birding, a national pastime, is big business, with 48 million people observing birds both around the home and through vacation

travel. A 2001 report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that nationwide birding generated \$32 billion in retail sales and created 863,406 jobs.

Non-consumptive bird use (non-hunting activities) supported more than 19,000 jobs in Florida in 2006, and wildlife viewing activities generated more than \$3 billion statewide that year, according to a state report. Second in the nation only to California, birding generates an estimated \$477 million in retail sales in Florida every year.

During the past 15 years, Stormwater Treatment Areas have proven to be the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, utilizing plants to remove phosphorus from water flowing into the Everglades. Since 1994, six STAs — with a combined area of more than 52,000 acres — have retained more than 1,000 metric tons of total phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the Everglades. Overall, Florida has invested more than \$1.8 billion to improve Everglades water quality.

At each Stormwater Treatment Area, water levels are managed at an optimal depth

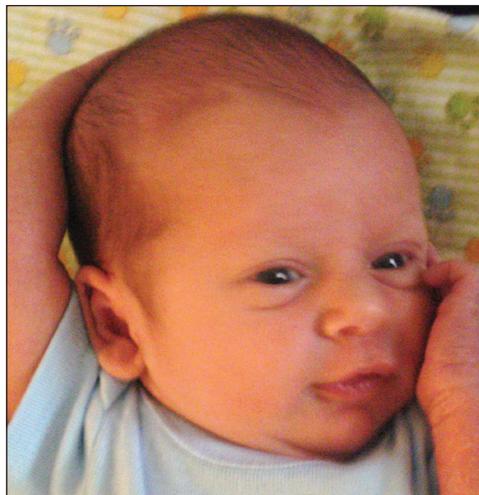
### BIRTHS

#### BRODY JAMES ORLINSKI

Lynn Puente and Jimmy Orlinski would like to announce the birth of their son Brody James Orlinski. Brody was born Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 9:32 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Lloyd Puente Sr. of Labelle and Lisa Carroll of Alabama. Paternal grandparents are Jim Orlinski Sr. of Tennessee and Judy Beck of Port Charlotte.

Brody was welcomed home by big sister Brett Orlinski.



## Sports Shorts

### Sign up for football, cheer

Always wanted to play football or cheer? Now's your chance! No tryouts. Ages 5 to 15. The LaBelle Longhorn Pop Warner Football and Cheer program is now signing up players and cheerleaders at Winn Dixie and U Save on Saturdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### First "Big Lake" softball tournament

The first ever "Big Lake" softball tournament will be held on July 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. until ? at the City Complex in Moore Haven. The tournament will only take the first 10 teams, so RSVP by July 22. Also featured will be the "Long Ball" Home Run Derby. Call J. Brown at 863-254-7088 or 863-946-1600 for more information.

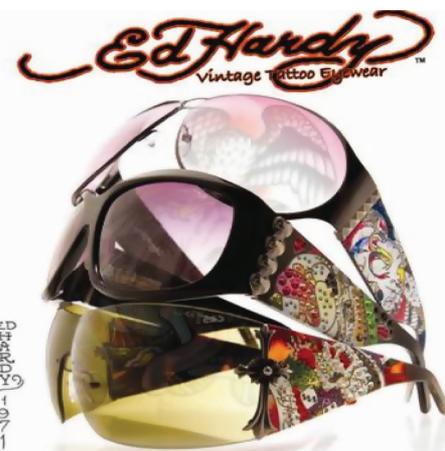
### Attention Shotgun Shooters

Caloosa Sports Shooters are reorganizing the club. Anyone interested in shooting trap or skeet should call Dave Alexander at 675-

0500. If there is anyone interested in shooting on skeet and trap leagues on Thursday night call Dave. We will be open Wednesday 8 to noon and Saturday 8 to noon. If anyone has any used skeet or trap machines they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

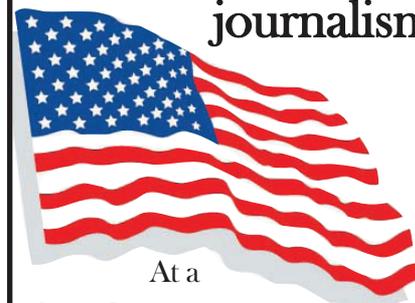
### Trap and skeet shooters

Caloosa Sports Shooters are offering free lessons on trap and skeet shooting. Plans are also being made for evening trap and skeet leagues. A N.R.A. youth club is in the organizational stage. Any adults or youth interested in these programs should contact Dave Alexander at 863-675-0500.



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## Take Refuge in giving

The Refuge drama team from Living Waters Fellowship, 2201 Joel Blvd. in Alva, will be ministering in worship and dramas to raise funds for a mission trip. Please come out and be part of this team of youth that has committed their lives to spreading the gospel. Food will be available for purchase. It all happens at Barron Park Saturday, July 18, beginning at 6 p.m.

## Parrish named to dean's list

(Labelle, Fla.) Joshua Parrish of LaBelle was named to the Dean's List at Logan College of Chiropractic at the end of the college's spring trimester.

George T. White, Ed.D., academic dean at Logan, announced the names of students to the college's most recent Dean's List. To qualify, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 GPA for the trimester.

At Logan College of Chiropractic, Parrish is expected to complete a curriculum encompassing basic and clinical (diagnostic) sciences, chiropractic science, research and patient care. To receive the doctor of chiropractic degree, a student must complete 10 trimesters (the equivalent of five two-semester academic years) of study. Most Logan students are enrolled almost year-round, completing three trimesters per calendar year.

About Logan College of Chiropractic: Established in 1935 and located on a 112-acre campus in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, Logan College has about 1,000 students representing most states and several foreign countries.

## Community Brief

### Steak, steak and big money

A donation of \$100 entitles you to a steak dinner for two and a chance to win a \$5,000 cash prize. Tickets are now being sold by the LaBelle Youth Livestock & Agricultural Exhibitions, Inc. for a dinner to be held at the LaBelle Civic Center on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Youth Livestock Show & Sale in LaBelle. So come on out to support our youth and get a chance to win the cash prize.

## School Briefs

### School supply giveaway

HESPA's third annual school supply giveaway will take place at LaBelle High School August 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or till supplies run out. It is open to all LaBelle and Clewiston students. There will be also free back to school haircuts offered.

Like last year there will be a raffle for a back pack filled with school supplies, one for a girl and one for a boy. To enter all you have to do is purchase tickets or a hotdog and drink.

# Get the 'jump' on fleas

By Pat Dobbins

Hendry/Glades Health Dept.

Fleas love the Florida weather and they can make life miserable for dogs, cats and even humans.

Did you know that fleas can jump 100 times their body length?

Flea pupa can attach themselves to carpet and other fibers. Their cocoons make them resistant to most chemicals which make them difficult to control.

The pupa stage usually lasts from seven to 10 days, but if there is no host around, the adult flea can survive dormant in the cocoon for up to six months!

Fleas survive by sucking the blood of their hosts. The hosts can be dogs, cats, rabbits, squirrels, rats, mice, chickens, and even humans will do in a pinch!

Fleas often breed in large numbers where pets and other animals live. Fleas can transmit disease and tapeworm. Some people suffer more than others from flea bites. Flea bites can cause intense itching which can lead to infection.

Flea bites usually have a small red spot and around the spot there is a red halo with very little swelling.

Many people do not react to flea bites at all, but other people are sensitive and can

suffer severe allergic reactions.

Suggestions to treat flea bites on humans include:

\*Resist the urge to scratch and wash the bites with antiseptic soap to help reduce the risk of infection.

\*Use calamine lotion, or other "itch" creams to help relieve the itching.

\*See your healthcare provider or ask a pharmacist for advice on appropriate medications to reduce any swelling. Please see your healthcare provider if the symptoms worsen or if a secondary infection develops (indicated by discharge of pus from wounds).

Flea control is difficult for pet owners to implement because two things must be done:

(1) treat the pet and

(2) treat the premises. Pet treatment alone is not sufficient because the animal quickly becomes re-infested from fleas that will remain the untreated areas. There are many products available to prevent fleas on your pets as well as products to treat them if they do get fleas.

Please call your vet for information on what's safe for your pet.

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

*If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4041, extension 117)*



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# New Livestock Indemnity Program announced

WASHINGTON, July 7, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity Program in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Vilsack.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

| Date of Livestock Death        | Final Date to File a Notice of Loss | Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Calendar Year 2008             | Sept. 13, 2009                      | Sept. 13, 2009                                  |
| Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009  | Sept. 13, 2009                      | Jan. 30, 2010                                   |
| July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009 | 30 days after death is apparent     | Jan. 30, 2010                                   |

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Act - the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - will be implemented through separate rulemakings and announced at a later date.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## It's summertime at the pool-watch your children

Water safety is an important topic this time of year. One of the many aspects of water safety is supervision. When children are swimming or playing anywhere near the water it is vital to have an adult assigned to watching them. Whether it is an inground pool, a lake, an aboveground pool, the beach or a small, blowup kiddie pool, a responsible adult must be in charge. It only takes a second for something to go wrong.

The adult assigned as the pool watcher should not become distracted by other activities, the phone ringing or involved conversations. Their eyes should be on the children nonstop. If they need to go inside for any period of time, they should assign another adult to watch them or get everyone out of the water.

Even when everyone is inside, watching your children can make all the difference. Children can quickly figure out how to get outside and water can pique their interest. For this reason, it is also important to set up layers of protection. Locks, alarms, barriers and safety covers are some of the items that can help.

Children can be curious, creative and innovative. Adult supervision is necessary for safety in and out of the water.

- Have a designated pool watcher to keep an eye on swimmers at all times
- Learn CPR
- Keep your safety barriers and layers of protection in place at all times
- Never swim alone, this means adults too
- Do not use a pool/ spa while under the

influence of alcohol or drugs

- Do not use glass containers around the pool
- Keep the pool area well lit if swimming after dark
- Go in at the first sign of thunderstorms

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- No running or rough play
- No diving in shallow water and always steer your dive up
- Never stand or play on a pool cover
- Read and follow the labels and instructions when using and storing pool chemicals
- Keep emergency phone numbers posted in the pool area
- Do not leave toys near a pool, they can attract children
- Do not leave objects near the fence that a child could climb over
- Learn to swim

Consumers can find information and search for members in their area by visiting: [www.FloridaPoolPro.com](http://www.FloridaPoolPro.com). The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 600 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code

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**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 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 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  
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Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

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Hendry County Construction Licensing Board, Richard Yoraschek, Chair  
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**RFP - 2009-31 HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM**

Hendry County hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the demolition and construction of one (1) replacement housing unit and the rehabilitation of up to nine (9) single family housing units located in Hendry County as a part of the Hendry County Housing Program which consists of Community Development Block Grants (A08 and H03), and S.H.I.P. Program.

Proposals are due no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, August 6, 2009 and delivered or mailed to: Ms. Barbara Butler, Hendry County Clerk of the Court, Post Office Box 1760, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33975-1760 (the County will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Proposals should be submitted in separate sealed envelopes marked "HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM - DEMO/REPLACEMENT - RFP#2009-31" and "HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM - REHABILITATION - RFP #2009-31" in accordance with the instructions distributed at the mandatory walk-thru meeting. All bids must be accompanied by copy of license and proof of insurance if not already provided to County. No contractor will be awarded more than three (3) homes unless they are able to demonstrate that they have the financial capacity, staffing, and ability to finish projects within the specified completion time.

For specific project information, contact Mr. Clint Hines at 863-990-3070. Bids will be opened as soon after the 10:00 a.m. submission time on Thursday, August 6, 2009 in the Hendry County's Clerk's Office, Second Floor, at the Hendry County Court House in LaBelle.

A mandatory meeting and contractor walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Hendry County S.H.I.P. Office, located at 165 S. Lee Street, Court House Square in LaBelle. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid. All potential bidders must be in the S.H.I.P. lobby no later than 11:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP.

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered 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.

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klers, water guns, bible lessons, snacks,  
prizes and more!

### Gathering of Christian Men

July 20, at 7 p.m., LaBelle Assembly of  
God, 123 Frazier Ave. The guest speaker will  
be Joseph Stubblefield. An evening meal  
will be served along with great fellowship.  
Men of all denominations are welcome.  
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nity of Moore Haven. If anyone in that com-  
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### Freedom Counseling Service Center's new programs

Freedom Counseling and Services Center  
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## Community Briefs

### Plans leading to opening of Veteran's Memorial

Final meeting for the volunteers and organizers for the Fallen Heroes Benefit will be held at the VFW Hall Saturday, July 18, at 9 a.m.

The Pork Dinner benefit will follow an Honor Guard Ceremony and the placing of the first bricks at the new LaBelle Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Main Street and Hwy. 80, on July 25, starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to purchase tickets for the benefit please stop by the The American Legion Post 130, LaBelle Moose Lodge 2398 and the VFW Post 10100.

Full details to follow in next weeks paper. Anyone wishing to help and/or volunteer are welcome to attend.

### Etch your name in LaBelle history!

The LaBelle Veterans Memorial is well on its way to becoming an important focal point for our community and its visitors.

Located at the corner of SR 80 and Main Street, the park will pay tribute to the families of the men and women who were lost in the various battles fought throughout United States history.

An artist's rendering of the park can be viewed at the American Legion Post 130 or VFW Post 10100.

The pathways around the park will be paved with brick and you can help "pave the way" around the park by purchasing a brick (or bricks) for those walkways.

This is a donation to the park that will last a lifetime. Bricks can be inscribed with 3 lines of copy on each brick with 18 spaces per line.

Mail your order with payment to: American Legion Post 130, 699 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. Visa and Mastercharge are accepted.

Checks are to be made payable to LaBelle Veterans Memorial.

### Fallen Heroes Benefit

Come to the color guard ceremony along with the placing of the first stones at the LaBelle Veterans Memorial on the corner of Hwy. 80 and Main Street at 9:30 a.m. on July 25.

### Benefit the Salvation Army

Come to the LaBelle Civic Center Thursday July 30, from 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. for a barbecue pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, cookie and tea (sweet/unsweetened), all for just \$7. Proceeds will go to help the LaBelle Salvation Army chapter.

### Pork dinner

VFW 10100 will have a pork dinner with all the fixings, music and more at the VFW home next to the fairgrounds on July 25. Dinners will be served from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until supplies run out. There will be a \$6 donation with all proceeds to benefit LaBelle's Veterans Memorial.

### Widows to meet

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

### Claim horses

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office recovered several horses from running loose off the roadways in the Montura area of Hendry County. If you or someone you know is missing their horses, please have them contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Investigator at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

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Call now to sign up for anyone of the above classes!

### Adopt a wild horse

There will be a wild horse and burro adoption held on July 24 and 25 at the Americraft Expo Center, South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach. Preview will be Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with adoption from 1-5 p.m. Saturday adoption will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This adoption will be first come, first served. Adoption fee is \$25 each. Call 1-888-274-2133 or www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov. Come out and give a horse a home!

### Summertime Youth Ranch to hold rodeo event

On Saturday, Aug. 1, the Hendry County Rodeo Association & Youth Livestock, Inc will be holding a youth ranch rodeo. The rodeo will start at 7 p.m. at the Hendry-Glades Arena at the Glades Resort on RT80 between LaBelle and Clewiston. There will be several open events including Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Relay Race, Buddy Pickup, Goat Tying, Flag Race, Team Penning, Chute Doggin', Team Roping & Branding, Steer Undecorating, Breakaway Roping, and Bull Riding. The entry fee for each of the events will be \$20 per event, and \$30 for bull riding. A 60 percent pay back in each event and an All-Around Male/Female Belt Buckle will be the prizes worth entering for. Call ins for the event will be held July 27 and 28, from 6-9 p.m. 863-983-5306. For Rodeo fans that would like to come out and sup-

port the youth, the gate admission will be \$10 per person (6 and under free).

For more information on the rodeo please visit www.hendryrodeo.com or call 863-983-5306.

### For the animals

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### Diaper bank needs donations

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Destiny Diaper Bank has opened a location in Lehigh Acres to service the residence in LaBelle as well as Lehigh in need of diapers for babies, handicapped children/adults and the elderly. They are in desperate need of all sizes of diapers to help the less fortunate. Please help them help families by dropping off diapers at Patriot Title Services.

If you are in need of diapers, please call Rebecca Hines (239) 910-8198 for the store hours and requirements.

Destiny Diaper Bank is a 501c3. www.DestinyDiaperBank.com

### Local AA meetings

Sunday: 7 p.m. Port LaBelle Group ODH, Good Shepherd Church, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy.

Tuesday: 8 p.m. Tuesday Night Step Group CStH, First Christian Church, Route 29/Ford Avenue

Wednesday: 12 p.m. Port LaBelle Group CBBH, Good Shepherd Church, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy.

Thursday: 8 p.m. LaBelle Group ODA, First Christian Church, Route 29 S/Ford Avenue

Friday: 7 p.m. Open Discussion Meeting ODH, Good Shepherd Church, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy.

Saturday: 9 a.m. "As Bill Sees It" Group ODH, Good Shepherd Church, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy. This past Saturday had many in attendance and is a welcome addition to our recovery effort. All are welcome to come as this is an open meeting.

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# Preparedness training is key to survival!

By Pat Dobbins

Hendry & Glades Counties - Every year staff members at the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments get together for their annual "Preparedness Day Training."

This year the staff enjoyed a special guest speaker: Jim Syoen, Sky Warn 4 Weather Forecaster with WFTX-TV/FOX 4. The training event took place at the Hendry County Health Department-Clewiston site on Friday, June 19. This year's theme was "We Are Survivors!" All staff members were encouraged to dress in their "survivor-tropical gear" and Jim Syoen decided to join in on the fun by wearing his Hawaiian shirt, shorts and deck shoes! The staff members thoroughly enjoyed the wisdom and wit of Jim Syoen, and really appreciated that he drove over 70 miles to join the event! He was definitely the "positive thunder" of the day! He talked to the staff about the hurricane season outlook, how different weather patterns and hurricanes form and some basic "survival skills".

He opened the floor so that questions could be asked, which prompted discussions on tornadoes, lightning and thunderstorms. He also talked about past storms

to remind everyone how quickly the path of a storm can change. The staff members tried to convince him to play his tuba, but he shared some comical stories as to why his tuba was being "cleaned."

Other guests at the event included Arlene Bettencourt with United Way and 211, the Hendry County Emergency Management Director Lupe Taylor and her Executive Assistant Kelly Dyess. Additionally, Brett Slocum, the Regional Emergency Response Advisor for the Department of Health, provided the staff with some valuable information.

The training events included preparedness challenges that encouraged staff to "think outside of the box" when it comes to disaster preparedness. Staff members were divided into teams and were given disaster scenarios in which they had to come up with response solutions.

Hendry County Emergency Management donated a weather radio and other preparedness goodies as prizes. It was a challenging but fun learning experience! Hopefully it will be a quiet hurricane season but if not, the staff members at the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments are prepared!



Submitted photo

Brenda Barnes with Jim Syoen, FOX-4 Sky Warn 4 Weather Forecaster.

## Smokey Bear celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> birthday

The FL Division of Forestry has announced that they will be co-hosting Smokey Bear Birthday Bashes in Glades County to celebrate Smokey Bear's 65th birthday and provide critical information on wildfire prevention.

Since his "birth" on August 9, 1944, Smokey Bear has been a recognized symbol of conservation and protection of America's forests. His message about wildfire prevention has helped to reduce the number of acres burned annually by wildfires from about 22 million (1944) to an average of 7 million today. However, wildfire prevention remains one of the most critical environmental issues affecting our country. Many Americans believe that lightning starts most wildfires. In fact, on average, 9 out of 10 wildfires nationwide are caused by people. The principle causes are campfires left unattended, trash burning on windy days, arson, careless discarding of smoking materials or barbecue coals and operating equipment without spark arrestors.

Join them in Glades County August 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Perry Park in Moore Haven.

Smokey Bear is the center of the longest-running public service advertising (PSA) campaign in U.S. history. Since 1944, he has been communicating his well-known message, "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires." In 2001, the term 'Wildfires' was introduced to include all unwanted, unplanned fires in natural areas such as grass fires or brush fires. The Smokey Bear campaign is a critical tool specially designed to ask for every citizen's conscientious commitment to be responsible with fire.

Every few years, new PSAs are created to reach a specific target audience. The current campaign specifically targets young adults who live in the wildland/urban interface - people who are likely to be casual campers, hikers or mountain bikers and feel they would never be responsible for a wildfire -- to remind them that Smokey is counting

on them to prevent human-caused wildfires. New television and radio PSAs were launched in June to celebrate Smokey's birthday and continue to decrease the number of human-caused wildfires. The ads encourage young adults to "Get Your Smokey On" - that is, to become like Smokey and speak up when others are acting carelessly. The ads also direct audiences to visit [www.smokeybear.com](http://www.smokeybear.com) for more information about wildfire prevention.

"Smokey Bear is the nation's symbol for wildfire prevention and his important message has been communicated to generations of Americans during the past sixty five years," said Helene Cleveland, Fire Prevention Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service. "Smokey's enduring message is as critical today as it was when he was introduced in 1944 and I am confident that the national campaign and FL Division of Forestry's efforts on the ground will continue to raise awareness about wildfire prevention issues."

Smokey Bear has been rated one of the most recognizable figures in America, ranking alongside Mickey Mouse and Santa Claus. Smokey is recognized by 97 percent of adults and 3 out of 4 adults are able to recall Smokey's message of "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" without prompting, according to an Ad Council tracking survey. The Forest Fire prevention campaign was ranked 26th on Advertising Age's Top 100 Advertising Campaigns (March 1999), along such commercial advertising giants as Campbell's Soup and Burger King.

The Wildfire Prevention campaign was developed in partnership with the Ad Council, a private, non-profit organization that marshals talent from the advertising and communications industries, the facilities of the media and the resources of the business and non-profit communities to produce, distribute and promote public service campaigns on behalf of non-profit organizations and government agencies.



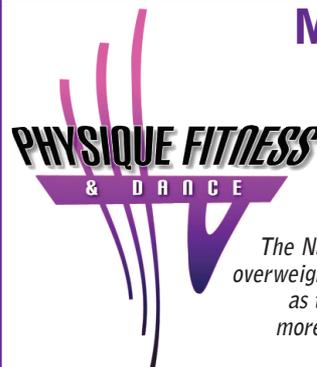
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