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At a Glance

Free HIV testing set

Today, Hendry County Health Department (1140 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, and 1100 Olympia, Clewiston) and Glades County Health Department (956 Hwy. 27 SW, Moore Haven) are offering free HIV testing for anyone on Thursday Oct. 15, for National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Stop HIV and prevent AIDS.

Library, Lucy's Angels vs. breast cancer

Through the month of October, Barron Library is promoting Lucy's Angels and their great work against Breast Cancer in this area. On the 27th of October the library will host a Dessert Auction to raise funds. The event will be at 6 p.m. at the library. The library will also be selling Breast Cancer Awareness Keepsakes during October.

Lucy's Angels is a local not-for-profit group dedicated to raising awareness and providing free mammograms to qualified women in Hendry and Glades County. All funds donated to Lucy's Angels is used locally. For more information about the organization, call 239-225-8645.

Call Barron Library at 863-675-0833 if you wish to donate a dessert. All desserts should be delivered to the library by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

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Learning curve: Homeless for a weekend



Girl Scouts from Troop 566 used donations to buy food for the homeless.

Submitted photo

Weather doesn't deter Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 566 had an awesome time being homeless last weekend. From Friday, October 9, until Sunday, October 11, they camped in cardboard boxes in Veterans Memorial Park by the U-Save parking lot and collected supplies for the homeless.

The Girl Scouts gathered a trailer full of canned food, blankets, clothing and hygiene products, which they donated to local agencies that assist the homeless.

Troop 566 had fun last weekend, but they also realized how tough it is to be homeless. They slept on the hard ground and survived off of cold canned food. Their cardboard houses fell apart from the rain and the second night they had to sleep out under the stars. Their sacrifice was all for a good cause.

The troop would like to thank Mr. David Childs, the manager of U-Save for promoting our supply

drive on the store marquis and allowing us to ask customers for donations for the homeless. The U-Save customers and employees were very generous. Special thanks go to the night shift road

patrol at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office for checking on us, and to Mr. Steve Worley and Mr. Kirk Jameson for allowing us the use of their restroom. And a final note

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Submitted photo

Girl Scout Troop 566 camped out to understand the homeless

City seeking lobbyist

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

The last order of business for the city commissioners at their Oct. 8 meeting could be one of their most important for some time. The board voted to look for a lobbyist to represent LaBelle in Tallahassee. The lobbyist would pave the way for the city any time it seeks funding for specific projects like the new water plant. Commissioner Dave Lyons agreed that this point person would set up appointments, and generally get LaBelle projects "in the door" for the board.

The position is only for one year, but Mayor Paul Puletti noted that it could continue for two or three years. The board built a \$45,000 salary into the new budget

The commissioners voted to seek Requests For Proposals to fill a lobbyist position. Mayor Puletti said he believes hiring a lobbyist could be "money well spent."

Commissioner Lyons moved to approve a lobbyist position. It was seconded by Commissioner Bob Miller and passed, 5-0.

Veterans Park

Joseph A. Beavers, Jr. of U-Save appeared before the city commissioners Oct. 8 to help straighten out what he called "miscommunications" with regard to the city's new Veterans Park. He said these miscommunications and unclear border lines got U-Save and the City of LaBelle off to a bad start

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Chamber board members

LaBelle Chamber of Commerce installed board members at its annual banquet Monday, Oct. 5. Pictured from left: veteran directors Kevin Nelson, Randy Daniels, Bobbie Spratt, Andy Higginbotham, Peggy Hampton, Nancy Hendrickson and the newly elected member Paul Puletti. Tuesday Tritt was the outgoing director.

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when the city requested permission to use a small strip of land on the north side of the park owned by U-Save. The issue had escalated to a cease and desist order from U-Save and a threat of seeking eminent domain proceedings by the city. Mr. Beavers said the strip would cost the city about \$99,000 - a sum he said U-Save would rather the city not have to spend. He said U-Save has always tried to be a good neighbor and offered the city a perpetual easement for the property.

Mayor Puletti agreed that U-Save has indeed always been a good corporate neighbor and felt the easement would be a perfect solution.

Over the next 90 days, staff will iron out details of the plan.

Special magistrate

Neale Montgomery, attorney with Paves law firm, was approved by the board as its first special magistrate. She will be dealing with code enforcement issues in a quasi-judicial role.

Passive recreation park

Margaret England appeared seeking information on the 176-acre park on the north side of the river. She wanted to know how the city's plans for security have progressed; is it possible for volunteers to begin work on the property like exotic plant removal; and does the city consider the Department of Forestry a partner in park development.

Mayor Puletti told her that the city has agreed to maintain the gate as part of its security plans and will keep it where it is. Hendry County and Glades County sheriff's offices are to collaborate on patrolling. The park will close at 6 p.m.

He also said that only South Florida Wa-

ter Management may do any work on the property at this time, others may work on the easement only. He added that the city plans to use Forestry and SFWMD resources to develop the park.

Affordable housing

Engineer Larry Bennett received the city's approval to reroute an easement behind the old Fussell building that used to service the Vermont Owens Stadium. The rerouting will accommodate Pollywog Creek Commons, an affordable family housing complex. Representative said they expect to break ground on the project about Dec. 1 with a 10-12 month construction period. The first two phases will provide two buildings with a total of 62 apartments. A third phase may be dedicated to housing for senior citizens.

The city will be responsible for fixing Jaycee-Lions Drive. The mayor said he will seek assistance from the school board,

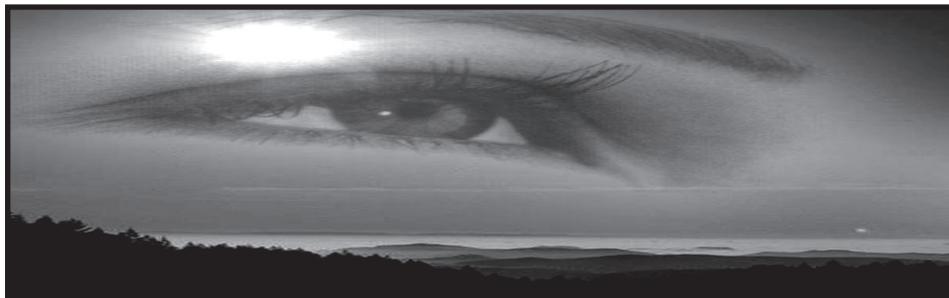
which uses that road for school traffic.

Water plant

Applied Technology and Management Grant Mistryerly told the board that stimulus money is being used to upgrade the existing water plant. Currently they are modifying the drawings now. The city will be accepting bids on a nanofilter system. A contract for the job should be ready for a vote at the November meeting, with construction beginning at the end of the year.

They are continuing to seek federal funding for the new water treatment plant. The pilot site has been running for one month. Water quality data comes in to the manufacturer so the specific design for the final plant can be developed.

Mr. Mistryerly showed a sample of the raw water from the pilot site and said it is slightly yellow with a sulphur smell, but is very clear.



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Scouts

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of thanks to Mr. Mike Boyle and the City of LaBelle for allowing us to camp in the park. It was the perfect location for this project.

All these individuals and everyone who donated the many cans of food, blankets, clothing and toiletry items made this service project a huge success. Thank you all for helping the girl scouts help the homeless.

Girl Scouting builds girls of Courage, Confidence and Character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA and nearly 11,000 girls in ten counties: Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier. For more information about the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida visit www.gsgcf.org.

Community Briefs

No commodities

There will be no food bank commodity distribution in LaBelle this week, Oct. 15.

Please recycle

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Woman killed on CR 835

A Clewiston woman was killed Oct. 4 on CR 835 about two miles north of Doolley Road, after being struck by a 2005 Mack semi. The incident occurred about 4:47 a.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the semi tractor was towing and empty flatbed trailer northbound on CR 835. The driver, Miguel Cruz, 58 of Naples, was approaching what he believed to be a dead animal lying on the inside portion of the northbound lane.

At the last moment, he realized that it was a person, lying shirtless and motionless on the roadway and attempted to steer away. However, the vehicle's rear tires and trailer struck the victim.

Mr. Cruz stopped the vehicle north of the area of collision.

Thirty-seven-year-old Katina M. Avila was pronounced dead by Hendry County EMS at 4:55 a.m. FHP is continuing the investigation.

Community Calendar

Tobacco, drug-free meetings

Tobacco-Free Partnership, Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 4:30 p.m. Drug Free Hendry Coalition meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5 p.m. at Carlson Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street. For information contact: Valarie James 674-4041 ext 128 or Jeni Dyess 674-4041 ext 143.

OCA plans potluck

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first membership meeting of the season with a potluck dinner Oct. 28. 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish or a dessert to share. A meat entrée and beverages will be furnished. A short program will follow. Meetings are held at the Ortona Firehouse/Library on Coffee Mill Hammock Rd. (Highway 78A).

VFW plans activities

VFW 10100 will have a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 a.m. Proceeds go to Lucy's Angels for breast cancer care. Also that day, look for the auxiliary's yard sale at 7:30 a.m.

MCA to meet

Muse Community Association's monthly meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 15. The association meets the third Thursday of every month. All residents are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Refreshments served. The meeting begin at 7 p.m.

Help Lucy's Angels

Saturday, Oct. 17, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 10100, SR 29S by the rodeo grounds, will host a bake sale from 7:30 a.m. till sold out. Proceeds will go to Lucy's Angels for breast care and remain in Hendry and Glades counties to help with mammograms.

MCA to hold pot luck

The Muse Community Association's next regular meeting will be Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

Humane society gala

The Third Annual Caloosa Humane Society Gala will be Saturday, Oct. 17, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Captain Hendry House. Silent auction 6-8 p.m. Casual/formal attire. Menu: rotisserie chicken, roast pork, green beans, roast small red potatoes, dessert, tea or coffee all for \$25 per ticket. Purchase your ticket at the Caloosa Humane Society, 1200 Pratt Blvd. Call 675-0997.

Class of 1989 20th Reunion

Friday, Oct. 23 - Homecoming Football Game; Saturday, Oct. 24 - Family BBQ at Franklin Locks; Multi Class Reunion Party with Dinner and DJ (80s music and Karaoke) at Olivia's, Port LaBelle Inn. Sunday, Oct. 25 Brunch at Olivia's. For more information: Email LHS1989cowboys@yahoo.com or contact Jeni Davidson Dyess at 863-673-4910.

Give a memory for Christmas

Derek's Detailing is hoping to give back to the community this Christmas. Please bring an unwrapped gift or \$10 to the shop at 283 S. Bridge St., any Sunday from 10 am.-3 p.m. Toys collected will be delivered to local kids in need on Christmas.

Car Club plans Cruise In

The South Central Florida Car Club will hold its monthly Cruise -In on Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Popeye's on SR 80. All car owners and enthusiasts are welcome. Come on out and see current projects under construction, visit and chat with fellow car buffs. See what plans we have for the up coming Cruise-In season.

Moose to host Halloween Party

The Women of the Moose will host their Annual Children's Halloween Party from 2-4 p.m. on Oct. 31. Costumes welcome, bobbing for apples, roasting hot dogs and treats. The lodge is located on Jaycee Lyons Drive. The public is welcome.



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Arrest reports

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Kevin Bradley Ward, 34, was arrested Oct. 11 and charged with larceny theft is between \$300-\$5,000. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Raul Garcia Torres, 41, was arrested Oct. 6 and charged with non-moving traffic violation failure to register a motor vehicle, non-moving traffic violation attaching a registration or license plate not assigned; non-moving traffic violation operating a motor vehicle without a valid license; and aggravated stalking after a court order. L. Brooks was arresting officer.

Mark A. Swietert, 18, was arrested Oct. 5 and charged with possession of a weapon - short barrel gun, rifle, machine gun and dealing in stolen property. J. Smith was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Haslett Corntius Ayala, 19, was arrested Oct. 11 and charged with vehicle theft grand third degree, fleeing/eluding a law enforcement officer using lights and siren and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. J. Hunt was arresting officer.

John Dwayne Swindle Jr., 34, was arrested Oct. 11 and charged with traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs third violation in ten years. J. Smith was arresting officer.

Sixto Hernandez, 56, was arrested Oct. 9 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. CPD T. Gonzalez was arresting officer.

Eric Austin Erickson, 37, was arrested Oct. 11 and charged with battery felony resulting from bodily harm or disability. CPD T. Gonzalez was arresting officer.

Arthur Lee Baker, 56, was arrested Oct. 8 and charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability and trespass structure or conveyance. C. Green was arresting officer.

Carlo Steven Flores, 18, was arrested Oct. 6 and charged with battery touch/strike and aggravated battery on a public or private educational employee. J. Olvera was arresting officer.

Gennell Roberts, 29, was arrested Oct. 6 and charged with a traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs, non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender, possession barbiturates with intent to sell, manufacture, etc. schedule I, II and III or IV; possession of a controlled substance

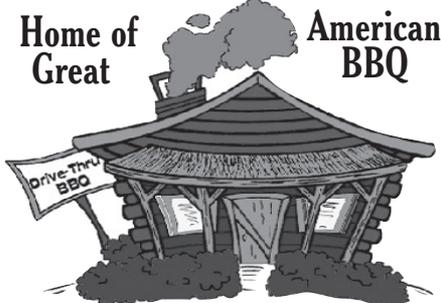
without a prescription. J. Garrett was arresting officer.

Steven J. Walker, 23, was arrested Oct. 7 and charged with obtaining material - possession of photographs of sexual performance by a child. CPD Sgt. J. Spence was arresting officer.

Ricky Raydale Atkins III, 18, was arrested Oct. 7 and charged with armed burglary and grand theft. SPD R Serrano was arresting officer.

Arturo Lazaro Smith, 19, was arrested Oct 6 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, larceny - theft \$300-\$5,000, burglary of a structure/conveyance armed, larceny grand \$5,000-\$10,000 and larceny grand theft with a firearm. CPD Sgt. Pelham was arresting officer.

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Public Forum

I've tried and tried; I'm tired

I might as well go public with this as it has been publicized everywhere in Hendry County. I'm the guardian of a young man that, for some reason everyone treats him as not human. When the allegations were just a complaint, and no charges had been filed, the Hendry County school stated they did not want him at the school. He is a very smart young man. He is in the 11th grade and makes good grades. But I guess I'm just crazy enough to believe that he would not be victimized or stereotyped as the average everyday convicted felon (aka young black man). He's not an angel, he makes mistakes, he's not perfect, but he is human and he's somebody's child.

I've been led to believe that everyone is responsible to raise their own children. But I choose to believe that we all could be helpful to each other and not just who we want to help. I've seen young men and young ladies with available mothers and fathers get more help than those who have no fathers and perhaps never will. If someone says why speak out now, I would answer by saying, "I've been trying for years to not only get help for him, but other young males who may encounter some of the same circumstances that he is going through. This young man's life has practically been ruined.

I'm not throwing a "pity party" or anything like that, I'm just out of ways of trying to get the "Help our young men" message out. So, I'm just putting it out there and to possibly ask what if it were your child, friend or relative and I'm sure you or someone you know have encountered similar occurrences. Some people choose to be secretive, ignore the situation or consider it status quo. I do not want to be of the mind set as just listed above. A winner never quits, right?

I would just like to say, look out for your "young men" as well as "young ladies." They too need help in growing up. And by chance if you don't see eye-to-eye with or dislike the parent/guardian don't take it out on the child. If possible, find a way if you can to try and help the child. This is not about us, it's about doing what's right! I'm not sure what the outcome will be in this case, but I've always taught this young man to pray, hold your head up, respect all adults (even if they don't like you). I've always taught him to do what's right. Again, I'm just crazy enough to believe that right will always prevail!

Names are not important, People are!

Important questions for your life

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

A friend once asked Isidor I. Rabi, a Nobel prize winner in science, how he became a scientist. Rabi replied that every day after school his mother would talk to him about his school day.



Les Morgan

She wasn't so much interested in what he had learned that day, but she always inquired, "Did you ask a good question today?"

"Asking good questions," Rabi said, "made me become a scientist."

Considering the recent list recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize you may not have many aspirations to be associated with that award.

However, it is a worthwhile idea to interact with questions that stimulate thinking, and conversation with others.

I have been thinking through several questions lately. The dialogue has been worthwhile and lead to interaction which would not have occurred had the questions not been talked through.

Below is a list of questions that you would benefit from discussing with a friend, your spouse, or some people you converse with openly.

Working through these questions would be a good conversation starter at the dinner table with your family. Enjoy the conversation and get ready to learn!

1. If you didn't have to worry about making a living what would you most like to do for the rest of your life?

2. What is your earliest memory?

3. If you could live in any other time, past, present, future, what would it be and why?

4. What motivates you most to go to work each day: money or personal satisfaction? If money were not an issue, would you still keep your job?

5. If you knew that tomorrow would be the last full day of your life, how would you spend the day?

6. What is your most important goal in life right now? Will your life change in some way if that goal is reached? If so, how?

7. If the people who know you best were

asked, would they say you tend to be mostly predictable or unpredictable? Why? Which of these traits do you most value in a friend? Do you tend to follow a set routine or do you often do the same things differently?

8. What social situations tend to make you most flustered and nervous? Why?

9. For \$10,000 would you be willing to stand up spontaneously and sing The Star Spangled Banner at the top of your lungs in the middle of a church service?

10. What are three things you would like to accomplish in the next year?

11. If you were to move to a poor, primitive country, what three things would you most miss from your current life?

12. What is the biggest lie you've ever told? Why? What were the consequences, if any?

13. What three things do you believe without any doubts?

14. What is one of the books (other than the Bible) that has had the greatest influence on your life? Why?

15. If God would grant you any one request, what would it be?

16. "Activity that does not result in progress toward a goal is a waste of time." Do you agree? Is it ever OK to waste time?

17. What would you say are your 5 greatest strengths? Weaknesses?

18. Under what circumstances do you feel most lonely? Least lonely? Why?

19. What do you look forward to most about growing old? Least?

20. What traits do you think are most important to instill in your children? Why?

21. If you could relive any part of your life, what would it be and why?

22. Have either of your parents either told you they were sorry or asked your forgiveness for something? How did it make you feel?

23. What is the most difficult choice you've had to make in your life up to this point? Why? What factors helped you make the choice?

24. Do you believe God has only one perfect mate for everyone?

25. A football coach once said, "We learn almost nothing in victory, but we learn much in defeat." Do you agree or disagree. In your life, have you learned most from failures or successes?

26. What would you most like people

to remember you for after you die? What would you like written on your tombstone?

27. What is the most dangerous thing you'd like to try doing? What keeps you from doing it?

28. What are the biggest questions you have about your relationship with God?

29. What are the five things you are most thankful for in your life right now?

30. Would you say that the focus of your life right now is more on the development of relationships or on the accomplishment of goals and objectives?

What would you like to change about this focus, if anything?

31. During WWII German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer participated in a conspiracy to assassinate Hitler.

Although the conspiracy failed and he was executed for making the effort, do you think Bonhoeffer was right in his attempts to kill Hitler?

If you had been Bonhoeffer, would you have participated in this murder conspiracy? Why or why not?

32. What was the greatest peer pressure you felt as a teen? What is the greatest peer pressure you feel as an adult? How are you handling it?

33. As a child, when you got caught doing something wrong, which of the following were you most likely to do? Blame someone else? Deny that you did it? Run and hide? Take full responsibility and accept the consequences? What are you most likely to do now as an adult?

34. Do you think people would be surprised about your thought life? How often would you be embarrassed if others knew exactly what was on your mind?

Do you think your thought life is better or worse than most of the people in your circle of friends? Why?

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Ortona resident earns intergenerational award

Ortona's own Marie-Louise Kussmann was honored Thursday as the winner in Area Agency On Aging's Inter-Generational Award in the Senior Individual Class for her untiring efforts working with children and other programs sponsored by Ortona Community Association. The event was held at the Port Charlotte Civic Center. Marilyn Greg-



Submitted photo

Marie-Louise Kussman was honored with the Area Agency on Aging's Inter-Generational Award.

ory, Director of A.A.A. commended Marie for her work with children.

Ortona supporters celebrating with her were Laona DeStefano, Travis Dowhen, Louise Harman, Joyce Schofield, Joyce Steger, Donna Storter and Bob Way. Mrs. Kussman was nominated by Commissioner Donna Storter Long.

Ortona Community Association (OCA) sponsors recreation programs for the children in rural Ortona (Glades County), and the Director is Marie-Louise Kussmann who is 79 years young! During summer, the children meet twice a week for crafts, educational programs, games, playground time, and field trips. OCA also hosts parties for the children at Easter, Halloween and Christmas. Marie organizes, plans, budgets, orders goods, shops (and can she s-t-r-e-t-c-h a dollar!), supervises the young parent leaders and helps with crafts and refreshments.

As an OCA Board member she is directly involved in fundraisers that provide the means for the children's programs. For our pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, Marie schedules volunteers, sells tickets, serves as cashier and beverage server and stays to help the clean-up crew! She is a quite an unassuming individual who epitomizes community service.

Marie is a widow, has lived in Ortona some 30 years, and also serves as librarian assistant in the Ortona Library.

LHS Cheerleaders



Submitted photo

The LaBelle High School Varsity Cheerleaders help whip up enthusiasm for the Cowboys.



Submitted photo

The LaBelle High School JV Cheerleaders, a favorite at the games.

Thank You

LHS athletics

The LaBelle High School Athletic Department Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 3, was a huge success. We were able to raise almost \$1,000 to help the Athletic programs at LaBelle High School. A lot of people stopped by and a lot of people left with some great bargains. I would like to individually thank everyone who made this such a success,

but the list is way too long. There was great support for this activity from people who donated the items, people who help move the items to the sale and all of those people who helped on the day of the sale. A special thanks goes to all of the great people at the Caloosa Belle who kindly kept the community updated on this event.

As all of us who coach tell the athletes, you are successful when the team works

well together. We certainly had a great team working well together to make this event such a success. This is the third year Dave Kelley and I have spearheaded this project. I think this year's support was the best we have ever had. We ended up with quite a few items left over and some people were unable to get their items to us prior to the sale. We therefore decided to have one more yard sale this year. So, if you are cleaning up

around your homes and find some good used items you no longer want, please think of us. We expect to have another yard sale in early December. Call LaBelle High School at 674-4120 to arrange pickup of your items, or bring them by the school at your convenience.

Thanks again to everyone!

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Local Red Cross responds to seven fires in first week of Fire Prevention Month

Now is the time for local residents to take immediate action in preventing home fires. Recently, the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has responded to six major home fires within its service area. The organization has provided each of the 22 adults and children affected by these fires with immediate emergency assistance including shelter, food, clothing, smoke soap and comfort kits; all at no cost to the victims.

Assistance for families in local areas because of fire that damaged or destroyed homes included:

- Major damage to a home from a house fire on Oct. 2 on Fifth Street in Palmdale. One adult lived in the home.
- Home destroyed in fire on Oct. 3, at incident occurring on S.W. 18th Street, Okeechobee. Two adults lived in the home.
- Home destroyed in house fire on Oct. 5 on North Detil in Clewiston. Two adults and two children lived in the home.
- Home was destroyed in house fire on Oct. 6, on Azalea Street, N.W. in LaBelle. One adult and four children lived at the home.
- Home received major damage in a house fire on Oct. 6, on Azalea Street, N.W. in LaBelle. Two adults lived in the home.
- Home was destroyed in house fire on Oct. 6, on S.E. 33rd Street, Okeechobee.

Three adults lived in the home.

• Minor damage was sustained in house fire on Oct. 6, on N.W. 29th Avenue, Okeechobee. Two adults and two children lived in the home.

October is fire prevention month. During the month of October, the Red Cross will spread the message that all individuals should practice fire safety to avoid home fires. A home fire can be destructive, costly, devastating and even deadly; and often occurs without warning. Home fires present the biggest disaster threat to families across our nation. Locally, dedicated volunteer members of the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter respond to house fires once every 30 hours, on average.

This month, individuals who serve on the organization's volunteer Speakers Bureau will increase community appearances, spreading life-saving fire safety information. Youth volunteers at the Red Cross will go door-to-door in a West Palm Beach neighborhood on October 16th, distributing English and Spanish Fire Safety Tips. Mark Goggin, Red Cross Manager of Disaster Preparedness and Response emphasizes, "Unlike other disasters, most home fires can be prevented." The Red Cross is committed to giving people the information they need to reduce their risk of home fires, and to help-

ing people recover after a fire happens.

The Red Cross encourages people to remember two key fire safety steps to protect their home and loved ones from fires: Get a smoke alarm, and have a fire escape plan.

• Some alarms save lives. Sixty-five percent of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or with smoke alarms that don't work. Make sure you have a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test your smoke alarm once a month by pushing the test button, and replace the batteries at least once a year.

• Fires can spread throughout your home in minutes, so when every second counts, having a plan can help you escape. Home fire escape plans should include at least two ways to escape from every room of your home. Also, select a meeting spot at a safe distance from your home where family members can go after escaping. After discussing your plan with all members of your household, you should practice the plan twice a year.

Remember, home fires happen more often than hurricanes, floods or tornadoes. Take your family's life into your hands by practicing fire safety.

Obituaries

Jeanine Millican, 61

LABELLE — Jeannine Millican, 61, passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, in LaBelle.

Jeannine served with her husband, Ben, for 25 years, with Macedonia World Baptist Missions in Grenada, West Indies, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Florida. She passed away in church, Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Testamento, while serving the Lord Jesus Christ in LaBelle.



Survivors include her husband, Thomas Ben Millican Jr.; daughter, Lauri G. Ford; son, GY Sgt. Thomas C. Millican; sisters, Sandy Avila, Linda Allen, Joyce Glennon, and Sharon Gaffney; brothers, Chuck Peyton, Ed Sermon, Jim Jarnagin, and Pat Jarnagin; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial services were Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, at Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Testamento.

Arrangements by W.T. Wilson Funeral Chapel & Monuments, Rainsville, Ala.

Virginia 'Ginnie' Pavey

LABELLE — A memorial service in honor of Virginia "Ginnie" Pavey will be 2 p.m., Oct. 30, at Maple Corner Clubhouse, 1 mile north of bridge, LaBelle, for all friends and family. The Reverend Don Murray will be officiating.

Officials urge residents to avoid wild animals

Hendry County health officials urge residents to avoid contact with wild and stray animals to protect themselves from the risk of rabies exposure.

In Florida, raccoons, bats, and foxes are the animals most frequently diagnosed with rabies. Other animals that are at high risk for rabies include skunks, otters, coyotes, bobcats, and stray or unvaccinated cats, dogs and ferrets. Each year Hendry County receives reports of rabid animals. In 2009, there have already been two rabid foxes reported in Hendry County. In both of these cases, the foxes were exposed to people. One was on July 29, 2009 and the most recent was on Sept. 24.

"Rabies is a potentially fatal disease. It is important not to handle wild animals, be aware of unusual acting animals, and keep pets vaccinated against rabies," said Brian Prowant, Environmental Health Director Hendry County Health Department.

Rabies is transmitted through exposure to the saliva and nervous tissue from a rabid animal through a bite, scratch, or contact with mucous membranes such as the eyes, nose, or mouth. Hendry County Health Department works with City of LaBelle Animal Control and City of Clewiston Animal Control in responding to incidents of animal bites. They also test animals for rabies through the Department of Health state laboratory, and quarantines animals as necessary. Hendry County Health Department also provides rabies vaccinations to victims of animal bites, which is the only known effective treatment for rabies prevention in humans.

Keep rabies vaccinations up to date for all pets.

Keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals. If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact City of LaBelle Animal Control at 863-674-3381 or City of Clewiston Animal Control at 863-983-1457.

Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood.

Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or regularly vaccinated.

Do not handle, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.

Never adopt wild animals or bring them

into your home.

Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly.

Prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, churches, schools, and other similar areas, where they might come in contact with people and pets.

Unusual acting animals should be reported to Animal Control for handling. Anyone who is bitten or scratched by wild animals or strays should report the incident to their doctor immediately, as well as Animal Control and their local health department. The contact number to report an animal bite to the Hendry County Health Department is 863-674-4047 ext.152.

My heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone that said prayers, sent cards, food & flowers during my recovery from surgery.

*Jeannett Small
and Family*

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New beginnings for an old church

Full Gospel Tabernacle on Thigpen Road was founded by Brother and Sister Clark in the 1970s. Brother Clark was the pastor until he went to meet the Lord. Sister Clark continued to pastor at the little church until Pastor Jerome Sears came in 1984. Pastor Sears was there for about one year. New pastors came and went for several years with Sister Clark assisting. Around 2002, Pastor Myer arrived at Full Gospel Tabernacle and remained for about six years. When he left, the church closed its doors for about three or four months when Pastor M. A. Mott decided it was time to get this church going again. In November 2008, Full Gospel Tabernacle was re-opened for full church services again. Everyone is invited to attend church services on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 1058 Thigpen Rd., between Nobles Rd. and Marion St. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Church Briefs

Community Harvest events

Community Harvest Worship Center, 55 Orange St., will present a revival Sunday, Oct. 18-21, with Rev. Phil Redding; Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday 7:30 p.m. For information call 675-0938.

On Oct. 25, enjoy the Mercy Mountain Boys as they minister in song at 6 p.m. Call 675-0938 for information.

Freedom Fellowship events

Freedom Fellowship Ministries will have a community outreach for needy families on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips and drink will be available for \$5 a plate. Desserts will be sold separately. All proceeds will go to help needy families during the Christmas season through Freedom Fellowship Counseling Center and Food Bank.

Freedom Fellowship will also celebrate the church's ten year anniversary on Oct. 25 beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Marsha Edgar, who with her husband Daryl founded the church, will be bringing the message in the morning service. There will be dinner on the grounds following the service and a service of celebration in the evening with singing, testimonies and worship. All are welcome. Pastor Mike White says if you have attended the church before or are looking for a place to worship this would be a great time to join them. For information call 863-612-9899.

Harvest festival planned

Harvest Fall Festival Carnival Oct. 25 Sunday, at 6 p.m. LaBelle Assembly of God, 123 Fraser Ave. a cross from the Edward Uptegrove Elementary School.

Free hot dogs, games, and lots of candy! Wear your favorite costume and enjoy an evening of family fun. Everyone welcome and everyone is a winner. The best games anywhere, made by Alex and Denise Rodri-

guez and Clan members Daniel, Caleb, Nicole and Kristen. The people of LaBelle Assembly labor in love with them running the games! For more information Call 675-0900.

Church plans appreciation

Prevailing Word Christian Center celebrates Clergy Appreciation Day by honoring Pastor Mazie Ford Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join them as they show support for God's handmaiden. The church is located at 262 Tobias Ave. at the corner of Lee St., in Moore Haven.

Ready for Bingo?

Bingo is played Fridays from September through May at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church on Bridge Street, LaBelle at 7 p.m. Early Bird starts at 6:45 p.m. Come join the fun and visit with your friends.

Palmdale to host Fall fest

Palmdale Baptist Church will be having their Fall Festival on Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be a Chili Cook-Off, Dessert Contest, Cake Walk and children's games. Everyone is welcome to come.

Christian men to gather

A Gathering of Christian Men will be held on Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Turning Point Church of God - 207 Pine Lane - Flaghole. Pastor Dennis Edgar Meal will be served. Great Fellowship. Men of All denominations welcome! For more info contact: Mark White at 863-675-1807.

Church event cancelled

Due to some circumstances beyond our control the Community Day at Grace Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 17, has to be cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. We hope to reschedule the event at another time.

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Injuries hurt Cowboys

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

Cowboy Head Football Coach Hal Bennett remains convinced that his team has what it takes. Last Friday's disappointing loss to Dunbar was just another bump in the road.

"We played well at times," he said, "but we let them out of the gate early and injuries killed us."

He felt the Cowboys managed to confuse the Dunbar team and kept their star tailback out of the end zone quite a bit.

However, the loss of senior RB/LB Dale Thompson to an ankle sprain in just the second series was tough. He will not play this week, but Coach Bennett said he may be back in the Gateway Charter game.

The Cowboys' David Miller junior RB/DB is also out with a partial tear of his bicep. He is still practicing, however, and is expected to continue to play.

Senior RB/LB Justin Walker suffered a separated right shoulder, but will also play this week, though his injury will limit his ability.

The loss of both Thompson and Walker was devastating to the Cowboys as they are the core of one of their offensive packages.

A lot of Cowboys were also dinged up, including Adam Vasquez and Armando Ayala, though coach said their injuries are not serious.

Coach said he was impressed with the team's defensive play even though they lost much of their speed with Thompson out. He is the Cowboys' second leading rusher this year.

One high point of the game was QB Jordan Phillips. In the first half he put on a show with a 62-yard touchdown, 30-yard run and a total of 85 yards rushing for the game. However, he lost some on sacks when the team couldn't block Dunbar. Coach Bennett said, "I'm very impressed with this young man. He did a good job managing the game."

Friday, the Cowboys head for Lemon Bay for a completely different type of match up.

"Lemon Bay plays a smash mouth, right at ya kind of football. They have big backs and a good defensive line, but they are beatable and the kids know it. If we can put it all together we can get our first victory," coach said. He added that the two teams usually play each other tough. Last year the Cowboys held Lemon Bay to one of their lowest offensive outputs.

Coach Bennett said the Cowboy defense plays well enough to win but the key will be to get points on the board.

Players of the Week:

Offensive: senior Tomas Soliz

Defensive: junior Michael Pittman and junior Tito Ortiz

Special Teams: senior kicker Roberto Facundo

Practice Player: junior Alejandro Moreno



Alejandro Moreno



Tomas Soliz



Michael Pittman



Tito Ortiz



Roberto Facundo

Cross country rolls along

At Bishop Verot Tuesday, Oct. 6, LaBelle Girls defeated Bishop Verot, Clewiston and South Ft. Myers. Top runners were: Ashley Golemme (2nd) 25:28, Cory Taylor (3rd) 25:38, Karina Barron (4th) 25:39, Socorro Ruiz (7th) 26:26, and Czarina Rivas (9th) 26:46. Emily Hull (11th) 27:20 and Jessica Madrid (12th) 27:31 also ran well for the Cowgirls.

The LaBelle Boys team finished second by only three points to South Ft. Myers but ahead of Bishop Verot and Clewiston. They were lead by Gabriel Barron (1st over-all) 17:48, Caleb Baker (5th) 19:36, Carlos Santillan (8th) 19:57, Chris Timms (13th) 20:31 and Nik Loreda (14th) 20:38. Nacho Acosta (15th) 20:51 also ran well for the Cowboys.

At Caloosahatchee Regional Park's first ever Lehigh Lightning Invitational Saturday, Oct. 10, LaBelle Girls Varsity finished fifth out of 12 teams. Top runners were Ashley Golemme, Cory Taylor, Czarina Rivas, Emily Hull, Laura Reed, Dani Bennett and Socorro Ruiz. The girls' times were not recorded

because there was some confusion on the course during the race.

Karina Barron (2nd) 25:31 and Jessica Madrid (3rd) 27:21 ran well in the JV race.

The LaBelle Boys Varsity team had a strong showing, finishing third out of 12 teams. They finished five points behind the winner and only one point separated them and second place. They were lead by Gabriel Barron (4th) 18:06, Caleb Baker (12th) 19:21, Nik Loreda (26th) 21:02, Carlos Santillan (28th), David Miller (45th) 22:06 and Nacho Acosta (46th).

JV seeks to improve plays

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

The JV Cowboys have been working hard this week to correct mistakes they made last week in their 29-8 loss to Lemon Bay.

Coach Maurice McLain admitted that the Oct. 8 game "wasn't one of their best" and that they seemed always to be "going in the opposite direction." With 5 fumbles, 2 picks and 2 interceptions, his team finally sparked in the fourth quarter with a touch-

down by Patrick Graham, followed by Tyler O'Ferrell's hit to Devante Ray for the two-point conversion. They would be the only bright spots in the game for the Cowboys, and it was too little too late. Still, it showed that a Cowboy never gives up.

This week the boys are working on better ball control with fumble drills and key reads.

They'll get the chance to test themselves against the Clewiston Tigers tonight (Oct. 15) at home. Game time is 6 p.m.

Sport Shorts

Register for soccer

Final soccer registration for the LaBelle Youth Soccer Association will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. till noon; Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. Registration is open to kids ages 4-14 and the cost is \$30 per player. All registrations will be at the Winn Dixie on South Main Street.

Come to Longhorn board meeting

The next monthly meeting of the LaBelle Longhorn Booster Club, Inc. will be held on Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Longhorn field at Davis-Pratt Park in the boys locker room.

Volunteer for

Junior Pro basketball

Junior Pro basketball will be sending registration forms to all the elementary schools for all kids K-8 interested in basketball. Coaches are needed for grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 and girls 3-8. referees, scorekeepers and other helpers are also needed. Please call Darrell Harris at 675-2565 or Pat Langford at 675-1686 if you're interested.

Caloosa Chase coming up

Come run in the Caloosa Chase Saturday, Oct. 31, at 8 a.m. at LaBelle High School. This is a fund-raiser for the LHS Cross Country teams. Entry fee before Oct. 27 is \$15.00 and \$12.00 for youth under 18 years of age. Race day registration is \$20.00 for everyone. Make checks payable to: LaBelle High School/CC5K

Enjoy the scenic course with awards to the top Overall male and female runner, age group awards three deep, great door prizes donated by local merchants and plenty of refreshments after the race.

T-shirts guaranteed to the first 60 entries, for more information call Jef Frost at LaBelle High School @ 863-674-4120. Male/Female

age groups: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+ (male only).

Pick up your entry form at LHS and mail them to: LaBelle High School/CC5K, 4050 E.Cowboy Way, LaBelle FL 33935.

Attention Alumni Ballers!

If you are a former Cowgirl or Cowboy basketball player, it's time to sign up for the 2009 LHS Alumni Basketball game, taking place Friday, Nov. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For a registration form, see the school website at <http://www.hendry-schools.org>. Click the Schools link, and go to LaBelle High School.

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Members of Country Rhythm Cloggers attend event

Eleven members of the Country Rhythm Cloggers, from LaBelle Dance and Performing Arts Studio, attended the "First Coast Clogging Classic" in Jacksonville, Florida, on October 3. After a day of learning clogging routines from Beginner to Advanced levels, the members of the team performed Saturday night a routine in honor of the "King of Pop" Michael Jackson. The Advanced Team performed a second number, "Cowboy Up." They did an awesome job on all the exhi-

bitions and were well received by the audience.

Jesse Whitman was also an instructor at the Clogging Classic, teaching an advanced level routine. This was her first time teaching at a workshop given in another city. She also teaches at the Country Rhythm Workshop held annually in LaBelle. This year the Country Rhythm Workshop will be held on January 29 and 30.



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Cloggers attending the Clogging Classic were (from left): Charlie Lynn, Emily Schwarz, Myaa Barnhart, Meghan Martin, Darian Leschewski, Wolfgang Lynn, Britney Whitman, Shelby Williams, Jesse Whitman, Maddie Lofton, Maura Lofton.

Community Briefs

Etch your name in 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.

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. 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.

Seeking input on parks

You are invited to attend a public meeting regarding proposed changes to the Caloosahatchee Regional Park (CRP) Resource Management Plan. Items discussed will include: a proposed zip line, the recent addition of mountain bike trails, the recent expansion of parking space on the north side of the park to accommodate mountain biking and equestrian use, and the addition of the Pro-

gram Center/Lodge facility. Comments from an advisory board and the public will be forwarded to the State of Florida's Acquisition and Restoration Council for comments and final approval. The Lee County Department of Parks and Recreation values your input and hopes you will join us for the public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Olga Community Center, 2325 South Olga Dr. Ft. Myers, FL. 33905. For more information, please contact Kathy Loomis at (239) 707-7033.



Submitted photo

Leadership Award

Vice President of the Leadership Hendry & Glades County Kim Hamilton presented First Bank of Clewiston's Deborah Van Sickle with the first ever Founders Award for her passion in the community, help establishing the LHGC and her leadership. The newest Leadership Hendry Glades Class is already hard at work, soaking up everything they can about this area - information that they will use later to benefit the community.



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New Leadership Class

Members of the new Leadership Hendry & Glades class are deeply involved in learning everything they can about this area in order to use that knowledge for the community's benefit.

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Upcoming events for Lucy's Angels

*Florida Community Bank in LaBelle will be selling Hand Made Breast Cancer Bracelets for \$15 each, \$5 from each bracelet sold will be donated to Lucy's Angels. Lucy's Angels information and walkathon forms can be picked up from there also.

* Suncoast Bank in LaBelle will be selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars for Lucy's Angels. Lucy's Angels info and walkathon forms can be picked up from there also.

* Barron Library in LaBelle will be selling keepsake items for Lucy's Angels and will host a Dessert Auction on October 27 at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, contact the Barron Library at 863-675-0833. Lucy's Angels info and walkathon forms can be picked up from there also.

* On October 17, the VFW will have a bake sale to benefit Lucy's Angels. They will be having a yard sale at the same time. Lucy's Angels info and walkathon forms can be picked up from there also.

* On November 7, they will be having a yard sale at Family Health Centers in LaBelle, next to Winn Dixie. If you would like to donate items for the sale, call Alex at 239-225-8645 or Amanda 863-673-3376.

* On Saturday, January 23, 2010, they will be having our 3rd Annual Bosom Buddies Walkathon. Forms can be picked up at FCB, Suncoast Bank, and the Barron Library in LaBelle.

** If you would like to volunteer for Lucy's Angels or have any further questions, please contact Alex at 239-225-8645.

School Briefs

LMS PTO plans fundraiser

Come to the LMS PTO meeting in the school library Oct. 15. Items to be discussed: Yankee Candle Fundraisers started on Oct. 12. All items are \$1 cheaper than the store prices and 40 percent of the proceeds are donated back to the classrooms. The items will be ready in time for Christmas!

Volunteer for Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help complete short 20-minute phone interviews of applicants, who want to become volunteers for the organization. Phone interviews can be made any time and place that is convenient for the interviewer. Some training is required and will be provided by the organization.

It is preferred that the potential volunteer interviewer have a background in either human resources, social work, education, child and family services or law enforcement. For more information, please contact Amanda Jacob, director of volunteer management, at 239-561-1800 ext. 406 or at amandaj@gsgcf.org.



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New Kiwanians

For those that do not know "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time." Kiwanis is the place for you if you believe children are the future; you take pride in your community; you want to reach out to those in need and you enjoy meeting new people. Three ladies recently felt that they believed in what Kiwanis stands for so they have joined the local club. Pictured from left: Audrey Kinchen with Florida Community Bank Immokalee; Brenda Barnes with Hendry County Health Dept. and Shirley Losch with Early Learning Coalition of SW FL, Director. Anyone interested in learning more about Kiwanis can attend their meeting every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Flora & Ella's Restaurant. For additional information please contact Dawn at the Kiwanis Thrift Store 863-675-4043.

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\$69,000 - 3/2 in town, corner lot.

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\$110,000 - 3/2 in Belmont, 2101 S.W. 11th St.

\$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.

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Country Village, 2 br 2 ba house \$650 monthly or \$170 weekly. No large pets. Ready to move in 863-673-4325

LABELLE - 2.5 acres, 3br, 2ba, lg rooms, 40ft covered porch, close to town, \$725/mo (863)675-0104

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LaBelle, 971 W. Cowboy Way. 6BR, 3BA, 2500 sq. ft. on 1 Acre. A/C. C2 Zoning. Great for business too! \$800 mo. 239-588-0162

PORT LABELLE - New section, brand new 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage home, near schools, 3069 NE Beechwood Circle, \$850/mo + dep. (863)674-0281

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RANCHETTE 1.25 acre Montura - Ideal for RV, Mobile or Primary Home. Owner Financing \$2,000 Down. 863-675-1107 Se Habla Espanol

Mobile Homes

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Mobile Home Rent

4br / 2ba mobile located on half acre lot in subdivision on E Road. \$650 monthly. Ready to move in 863-673-4325

Casa de renta localizada en Country Village. 2 cuartos/2banos area privada familiar con piscina. \$650 por mes, \$350 deposito. Para mas info 863-612-6511

HORSESHOE ACRES - DW, 3br/2ba, on 1/4 acre, \$600/mo + util. Furnished or unfurnished (863)517-1227

LABELLE - 3BR, 1BA, A/C, Oak trees, \$140/wk, \$200 dep. Call (863)673-5704

LABELLE - 3br/2ba, 1.5 acres, \$875 mo. + \$875 dep. (305)872-4042

Labelle - New 3br/2ba w/d, d/w, ac, 2.5 acres fenced, deck, \$800 mo. (239)910-5115

LABELLE- 3BR, 2BA on 4 acres, \$450/mo + sec. (863)673-1981

MH - 3BR/2BA, 25' screened lanai, 28' screened in ground pool, incl. pool maint., \$725 mo. (863)675-0104

Mobile Home Sale

3br/ 2ba mobile on half acre lot. FHA financing with low down payment. Very basic credit accepted, but not bad credit. 863-673-4325

4 br / 2ba mobile on half acre lot. No credit needed, bad credit accepted with \$3,000 down. Ready to move in. 863-673-4325

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Finaciamento por due-no buen credito o mal credito 3/2 banos cas movil en el pueblo de LaBelle. Para mas informacion llame al 863-612-6511

Mobile Home Sale

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LABELLE - Aqua Isles, 2br, 2ba, screened porch, carport, completely furnished w/W&D, Motivated Seller. Asking price \$20,000. Contact Larry at (708)614-0707

Recreation

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Boats

Cobia 16' fiberglass boat w/trailer, canopy & depth finder \$2700 863-612-1119

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Swamp buggy, Chevy drag Truck, Gooseneck trailer, Honda & Yamaha watercraft, 300 gal diesel tank, 19 ft boat, Quad rancher, Articulating Buggy w/floatation tires. Call 239-503-1313 or 863-675-4345 for prices

Yamaha TTR 90 \$550, Suzuki quad sport 80 \$550, Yamaha R600 \$1,800 863-233-0007

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Expedition '99 XLT, 2 DVD players, sound system, rims \$3500 863-673-2898

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DODGE RAM 2500 VAN 1996 - Dark green. Fits full sheets of drywall. \$675 (239)634-7623

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Public Notices

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Public Notice

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, October 22, 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.

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336136 CB/CN 10/15/09

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE OF RIVERBEND ESTATES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Riverbend Estates H.O.A., 1031 Riverbend Dr., LaBelle hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals or companies for lawn maintenance of home owner lots and association common area for a twelve (12) month period for a guaranteed maximum price.

Interested bidders may obtain a packet of information specifying details from J. Greenlee, H.O.A. vice president, 863-675-1081. E-mail: jakemgreenlee@hotmail.com. Proposals are to be received by Nov. 15, 2009.

Riverbend H.O.A. reserves the right to reject any or all responses in its sole discretion and reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities and to re-advertise for additional responses.

There will be no discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or marital status.
336185 CB 10/15/09

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Dade County, Florida, on the 25th day of January, 2005 in the cause wherein **Eastpoint Suppliers, Inc.** is plaintiff and **Edward Sarduy & Maria Sarduy a/k/a Maria Piz a/k/a Maria Pierce, Orlando Piz, and Union Planters Bank** is defendant, being Case number **03-15145CA05**, in said Court, I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant **Edward Sarduy & Maria Sarduy a/k/a Maria Piz a/k/a Maria Pierce, Orlando Piz, and Union Planters Bank**, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lot Four (4) in Block 384 of the General Plan of Clewiston, Florida as revised September 7, 1937 according to the plat recorded in Plate Book 2, Pages 71 to 78 inclusive if the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

And on the 19th day of November, 2009 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, **Edward Sarduy & Maria Sarduy a/k/a Maria Piz a/k/a Maria Pierce, Orlando Piz, and Union Planters Bank**, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for **CASH IN HAND**, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Steve Whidden
Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lieutenant Andy Lewis

336127 CN/CB 10/15,22,29;11/5/09

Public Notice

EVERGLADES FARM EQUIPMENT

Will be accepting bids for a John Deere 727A Commercial Z-Trac Lawn Mower, Serial Number TC0727AX041268, Until Monday, October 26, 2009, to recover a past due repair bill. Machine will be sold **AS IS**. Please submit all bids to the Fort Myers Service Department at 9501 State Road 82, Fort Myers, FL 33905, by noon on 10-26-09. Questions call Ron at 239-332-5045.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct a special Board meeting beginning at 8am on Monday - October 19th, in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. 336196 CB 10/15/09

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

RFP NUMBER: 2009-41
OPENING DATE AND TIME: January 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFP 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 January 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

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

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, 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 RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
334005 CB/CN 9/24;10/1,8,15/09

Public Notice

Ranking Committee Meeting
RFQ 2009-39

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting for ranking of engineering firms with regard to the RFQ for Airport Development and Other Professional Engineering Services. It will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., at the Administration Conference Room, Room A-118, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
336115 CB/CN 10/15/09

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Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID
Guardrails Supplied/Installed for Hendry County
Bid No. 2009-33

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Guardrails Supplied/Installed for Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by **November 10th, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. (EST)**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the specifications and bid documents must be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, (For Pickup), P.O. Box 2340 LaBelle, Florida, (Mailing Address) or by calling telephone number (863) 675-5220/(863) 983-1585.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **November 3rd, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. (EST)** at the Engineer's Office in LaBelle. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Board of County Commissioners
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
336164 CB/CN 10/15,22,29/09

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336115 CB/CN 10/15/09

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Board of County Commissioners
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Community Briefs

Give blood

Come to the blood drive at U-Save supermarket Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Look for the big red bus. Donors will receive a mini-physical including a blood pressure check, pulse reading, iron level testing, cholesterol and diabetes screening and a free Got Blood T-shirt while supplies last. Photo ID required.

Join citizens' academy

Hendry County citizens are invited to participate in the citizens' academy for a behind-the-scenes look at what the men and women of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office do. Participants will spend about two hours a night in a classroom once a week for 14 weeks. They will learn about call taking; what happens after you call for help; the

latest trends and procedures in law enforcement as well as the duties and responsibilities of the various departments. They will also spend one day at a firing range learning how to handle firearms. Members will tour the various sheriff's buildings and ride in an agency vehicle with a road patrol deputy and most of all, develop confidence in their ability to make themselves and their property less attractive to criminals.

Citizens Academy graduates may become involved in newly-formed volunteer programs that will be offered by HCSO.

You must be over 18 years of age, with a background free of felony convictions. The class is free. Class dates and time will be announced. Pick up your application now. If you have questions call Lt. Susan Harrelle at 863-674-5604.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AMENDMENT OF PLAT ADDITION NO. 1 RIDGELAWN CEMETERY HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on **October 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., La Belle, Florida, to consider amending the plat of Addition No. 1 to Ridgelawn Cemetery, a subdivision of a portion of Section 11, Township 43 South, Range 34 East. The cemetery is located east of the City of Clewiston.

A copy of the proposed amended plat is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

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.

Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency
336178 CN/CB 10/15/09

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH HENDRY COUNTY PROFESSIONAL EMT & PARAMEDICS' LOCAL 4520

Take notice that Hendry County Board of County Commissioner Representatives and the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics Union Representatives will conduct negotiations regarding the contract for the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics' Local 4520 at 9:30 a.m., October 22, 2009, at the Hendry County Courthouse Square, Conference Room, 165 S. Lee Street, Florida.

The session is open to the public, but no public comment will be taken.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet Taylor, Chairwoman
336160 CB/CN 10/15/09

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

- INITIAL CERTIFICATION - (CHAPTER 197.323)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 193.122,(2),
FLORIDA STATUTES, HENDRY COUNTY
PROPERTY OWNERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED
THAT THE 2009 HENDRY COUNTY TAX ROLLS,
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PROPERTIES BEING
REVIEWED BY THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT
BOARD FOR WHICH NO DECISION HAS BEEN
RENDERED WERE CERTIFIED FOR
COLLECTION TO THE COUNTY TAX
COLLECTOR ON OCTOBER 09, 2009.

PHILLIP L PELLETIER

HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

336145 CB/CN 10/15/09

Haunted house benefits Relay for Life

Come to the City of LaBelle's Relay for Life Haunted House Oct. 23, 24, 25 and 30, from 7-9 p.m. and Halloween night from 7-10 p.m. at the LaBelle Civic Center, located directly behind City Hall. \$5 entry fee and \$4 re-entry fee. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Demos to serve pancakes

Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will have a pancake breakfast at Barron Park from 7-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Stop by on your way to the flea markets or shopping and enjoy pancakes, link sausage, juice and coffee for a \$2 donation.

Be part of Kids Fest

Please join us in a fund raising event to benefit Kid Care Programs. Seacoast National Bank is sponsoring Kid's Fest Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Barron Park. Enjoy games, crafts, food, bounce house, dunk tank (dunk your teachers). Come join the fun!!

Children of all ages are invite! All profits will be donated to Hope Hospice Kids Care Programs. Vendors and sponsors are needed. To become a participating vendor or sponsor, please call: 863-675-2300

Market your business

With indicators saying the economy is in the early stages of recovery, you may want to take advantage of new marketing ideas. The Small Business Development Center is offering a two-hour marketing workshop for small business. The first is Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Career & Service Center in Immokalee; followed by Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to noon at Clewiston City Hall. Register on line at www.sbdccseminars.org. \$20 fee.

Turn in overdue books

Barron Library offers Amnesty Week, October 10-17. Please return any overdue books during that time period and overdue fees will be waived. In exchange, please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry at the Salvation Army. Please help by returning overdue items and helping feed the less fortunate.

All Star Cheerleaders

The Universe All Star Cheerleaders will be working at the McDonalds in LaBelle on Oct. 27 from 5-8 p.m., as a fundraiser to help with the cost of upcoming competitions. Please come to dinner with your families and help support local youth. Also, there will be a table for anyone interested in the Universe All Star organization.

Cultural center planning comedy thriller

The Firehouse Cultural Center's first offering of the season will be comedy/thriller **I'll Be Back Before Midnight** by Peter Colley.

Following her nervous breakdown, Jan and her husband Greg, vacation in the country to complete her recovery. Very soon unexplained things begin to happen! Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Nov. 1. Show Times 7 p.m. Fri/Sat; 2 p.m. Sun; \$12 w/reservation; \$14 at door. The Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle 863-675-3066.

Soil board to meet

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 22 at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building.

Haunted house planned

Come to LaBelle Longhorns' Haunted House and Fall Festival. Enter at your own risk for fun for the whole family! Come to Davis Pratt Field October 29, 30 and the 31. Thursday, Oct. 29, Open 7 to 9, Friday October 30, Open from 7 to 10 and Saturday, Oct. 31, Open 7 to 10. The event will have games, face painting and, of course, candy! Be ready for a costume contest Oct. 31.

Come to spaghetti dinner

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 5-7 p.m., hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, coffee and tea. \$6. Public welcome. Located at 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80) LaBelle.

4-H Love-A-Horse Club

If you do not own a horse and are interested in learning about horses this club is for you. The 4-H members will learn about safety, equipment, hoof care, health, nutrition, as well as grooming. The club will meet on Nov. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Maria Fundora's home, 1463 Oak Ave NW, LaBelle (Muse area) and is open to Hendry and Glades County youth. For further information please contact the LaBelle 4-H Office at 674-4092.

Silver Spurs Horse 4-H Club

If you are ages 8-17, as of Sept. 1, and enjoy horses this club is for you. The 4-H members will learn safety, hoof care, equipment, nutrition, health, and horsemanship. 4-H'ers will also participate in trail rides and other horse recreational activities. The club will meet on Nov. 7, from noon-1:30 a.m., at Maria Fundora's home, 1463 Oak Ave NW, LaBelle (Muse area) and is open to Glades and Hendry County youth. For further information please contact the LaBelle 4-H Office at 674-4092.

Come to brunch buffet

Come to a brunch buffet hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, French toast, sliced ham and turkey, soup, fruit salad, rolls, condiments, coffee and tea. All you can eat for \$7. Public welcome. Located at 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80) LaBelle.

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4-H members and Project Linus

The Project Linus Organization is a non-profit organization that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Thirty-three quilts were donated from the LaBelle Sewing 4-H Day Camp as well as the Pioneer 4-H Sewing Day Camp and 11 fleece blankets were donated from the Double "H" Livestock 4-H Club. The 4-H members enjoyed creating a quilt/blanket for such a great cause. Camp Linus From left: (Front Row) – Madeline Ruch, Missy Perez, Meaghan Martin, Kayla Hood, Jake Coronado, Jessica Coronado, Emily Hull and Tescia Medina. (Second Row) Melanie Miller, Mrs. Cowan (Project Linus Organization), Jaydee Hull and Miranda Ingram (Not pictured – Jessica Mathis, Emily Royal and Carl Willis.)



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Rainbow fantasy

It's interesting to know that the sunlight was bouncing off the cloud and off the Gulf, back through the ice crystals in the alto cirrus clouds. Still, it's even better to just enjoy the majestic and surreal rainbows. Waddy Thompson took this photo in Felda.

Digital mammography, a better mammogram

by Glenda Wilson

Looking for a faster, more convenient mammogram? Hendry Regional Medical Center has enhanced its services with the addition of a new Selenia™ digital mammography system from Hologic®, the first of its kind in Hendry County.

"Digital mammography definitely has advantages for patients," says Ed Chiarelli, director of HRMC's imaging services department. "We have the ability, in most cases, to perform the study quicker than with the conventional film system. Radiation exposure factors are typically lower and provide the radiologist with a more optimal and clearer image. This translates into a win-win situation for the patient."

Faster, filmless imaging

Women will notice little difference when going for a digital mammogram at HRMC. The procedure is the same as for traditional film mammography, but it's less time-consuming, since repeated repositioning of the breast for additional imaging is not usually necessary. The radiologist can process and retrieve the images faster, and because dig-

ital mammography is "filmless," nothing has to be developed. Images are analyzed on a monitor and stored electronically and hard copies can be produced if needed.

A better view

When reading the results of a digit mammogram, the radiologist is better able to manipulate the image to see through the breast more clearly. The image can be viewed more closely, and the radiologist can zero in on suspicious or concerning areas. The latitude of visualization is better – from the skin line to the chest wall.

Make time for your mammogram

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Hendry Regional Medical Center is offering discounted digital mammograms during the month of October. For additional information, call 863-983-3061.



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