

# Caloosa Belle

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## At a Glance

### Help in disaster times

Attend an exciting, informative program about the "Community Emergency Response Team" Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Lori Carley will discuss public awareness participation opportunities, available training and education courses and team organization. Anyone interested in learning how they can help in times of disaster are encouraged to attend. For information contact Margaret England 674-0695 or Nikki Yeager 239-564-2005.

### Holiday craft show

The LaBelle Community Woman's Club presents its annual Home for the Holidays Craft Show Friday, Nov. 13, from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. They expect a visit from Santa. Over 20 vendors and wonderful food from Sweet Pea's Concessions. Come out and do a little early Christmas shopping at the Woman's Club on SR 80 next to Ace Hardware. For more information call 673-0428.

### Think lighted parade

The LaBelle Lighted Christmas Boat Parade is just over a month away, Saturday, Dec 12, that is. You know the drill- any boat, any amount of decoration, lots of fun, lots of cheers. As always, start will be at 7 p.m., 1/2 mile or so east of the LaBelle Bridge and continue to just past Aqua Isles. Get 'er ready and be there.

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## Circuit 20: Getting connected



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Judges from around the 20th Circuit gathered to mark the opening of the new courtroom in LaBelle Friday, Oct. 30. Pictured from left: John Dommerich, Peter Bell, James Sloan, Janiece Martin, G. Keith Cary, Christine Greider and Jack Lundy.

## New courtroom already filling need

by Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

On Oct. 30 members of the 20th Judicial Circuit gathered to mark the opening of Hendry County Courthouse's new courtroom. The state-of-the-art courtroom, which seats 40-50, is used for non-jury trials, first appearances and magistrate hearings. The new area also has a judge's chamber, an expanded prisoner holding area, delivery area, VOP hearings and for jury assembly. The new courtroom has already been booked for much of the

time. The space was converted from the old County Probation, SHIP and Veterans Service Offices, all of which moved to Courthouse Square.

Florida State Rep. District 77 Denise Grimsley, who helped get the Legislative Appropriation for the renovation, was in attendance along with numerous circuit and county judges. Funding also came from the county's fine and forfeiture fund. No ad valorem money was spent on the renovation.

Remarks came from County Commissioner Darrell Harris on

the Old Courthouse and from Judge G. Keith Cary, who served in LaBelle from 2000-04. He observed that it was a "great day" for the county.

The new courtroom is connected with the entire circuit through the Court Smart System.

Hendry County courts have held 32 trials since January, along with hundreds of pleas in over 600 criminal cases. The case load has required judges to juggle schedules, but are confident the additional room will allow them to better utilize time and space.

## Partial tax payments acceptable

The 2009 tax roll was certified to the Hendry County Tax Collector on Oct. 9. As of Nov. 2, the tax collector opened for collection of real estate and personal property taxes.

If you did not receive a tax bill on property owned in Hendry

County, please contact the Tax Collectors Office for details.

Tax Collector Peggy Hampton would like taxpayers to know that they can make partial payments for their 2009 property taxes if they choose to, as allowed by Florida Statute 197.374.

At the discretion of the tax collector, partial payments of any amount may be accepted for payment of current taxes and assessments on real property or tangible personal property as long as these payments are made prior

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## EC gets new dean

Edison State College named a new Dean to oversee the center serving students in Hendry and Glades Counties. Dr. Robert Jones accepted the new leadership role effective Nov. 1.

"This is an important time for Edison State College and our commitment to Hendry and Glades Counties," said Dr. Kenneth P. Walker, President of Edison State College. "We carefully balanced the needs of the community, the students and the college. I feel confident Dr. Jones brings a well-qualified background to the Center and will be welcomed by the students he will serve."

Jones was instrumental in developing the relationship between Edison State College and the Hendry and Glades communities throughout his tenure at the col-

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Kids' Fest this Saturday. Story on Page 2

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## Dean

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lege. Administrators say Jones led the partnership between Edison and LaBelle High approximately 10 years ago.

Most recently Jones worked to secure the purchase and move to the Center's new location at 1092 E. Cowboy Way that opened this Fall with an increased student enrollment.

"The Center provides so many new avenues for student success," said Jones. "I look forward to building upon the hard work, enthusiasm and achievements that have come from Edison State's partnerships in Hendry and Glades Counties."

"The communities of LaBelle, Moore Haven, Clewiston and Alva will benefit from his exceptional experience in administration combined with his long standing familiarity with the local community," said Dr. Randall Parrish, Edison State College Board of Trustees Chairman and Hendry County representative. "His breadth of knowledge of these communities provides a natural pathway for expansion and new opportunities."

Leaders at Edison State College say they

feel strongly the Hendry/Glades Center will continue to thrive and expand in the next few years.

"I feel so confident the students at our Center will thrive with the experience Dr. Jones brings to the position," said Julia G. Perry, Edison Board of Trustees member representing Glades County. "This campus will become an educational and cultural center that will one day become home to two and four year degree programs."

Edison has served Southwest Florida for nearly 50 years with campuses in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties.

The Hendry/Glades Center at Edison State College serves approximately 500 students each semester.

Dr. Jones has served Edison State College since 1991. He holds a Doctorate in Education from NOVA Southeastern, an MBA from the University of Texas at Tyler and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in Economics.

He and his wife, Betsi have two daughters, Kate and Emily.

## Tax

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to the date of delinquency. The remaining amount of tax due must be paid in full.

Partial payments may be accepted for the current year's taxes only between Nov. 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010. A \$10 processing fee is applicable for each partial payment.

In addition, no discount is allowed for partial payments.

The taxpayer will receive at least one notice with the balance due, but it is their responsibility to maintain a record for the remaining balance.

Any remaining balance not paid before April 1 will be delinquent and will be handled in the same manner as any other un-

paid taxes - a tax certificate on the property could be sold at a later date.

At the tax collector's discretion, an underpayment of \$10 or less may be deemed payment in full rather than a partial payment.

If a taxpayer makes a partial payment, it will be distributed in equal proportion to all applicable taxing districts.

Look for the application for partial payment on the back of your tax bill. A separate application must be submitted for each parcel.

If you have any questions, please call the Tax Collectors Office at 675-5280.

## Community Briefs

### Please recycle

Additional public recycling containers have been placed on Cemetery Road at the request of Ft. Denaud area residents. News-

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# It's fun time Saturday

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Having fun. It's a tough job but somebody's got to do it.

Most would agree it's a kid's job. This Saturday, kids in LaBelle will have their hands full taking care of business and the folks at Seacost National Bank are doing everything they can to help them out.

Kid's Fest is actually a fund raiser but will have all the tools available for kids to get down to business.

Think of Barron Park as a big ol' tools box, kids, where you can get busy in the bounce house and take your turn at lots of different games. Bring your face and have it painted, take a cakewalk and keep your nose to the grindstone getting lots of free stuff. Just come and get it!

The Department of Children and Families, Guardian Ad Litem program and the Children's Garden of LaBelle will have booths crammed with great stuff to help kids do their job.

Members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to help ensure kids' safety with fingerprint kits. The Dance Company will jazz up the day with some high energy routines.

Just a \$2 admission, entitles you to a yummy hamburger, chips and soda. A few booths will charge minimal fees for their good stuff (like sand art), but there'll be

lots of free stuff for hard working kids. The nice folks at the bank are planning Kid's Fest as an annual event, to benefit a different kids' program every year.

Having fun should be every kid's job, but some have special challenges. This year Hope Hospice Kids Care Program will be the recipient of Kid's Fest proceeds.

The Hope Hospice Kids Care Program provides services for kids who are dying, seriously ill or experiencing grief.

The program offers Pediatric Hospice Care for children with life threatening illnesses; Partners in Care: Together for Kids provides palliative care for children; and Grief Support and Counseling, which includes support groups, has one-on-one sessions and bereavement camp for kids. Care is holistic and includes emotional, spiritual and practical support as well as medical care. The entire family is the focus of their approach.

So, remember. Saturday, Nov. 14, kids go on the clock at Barron Park at 10 a.m. with a 2 p.m. quitting time. Between those hours, kids will be expected to keep their noses to the grindstone while the adults offer a supporting hand for children when they need it the most.

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# Hog farm, horse racing denied

by **Patty Brant**  
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At their Oct. 27 meeting in LaBelle, Hendry County commissioners denied the rezoning request by Pioneer resident Felix Grana to change his rural residential property to a PUD or planned unit development. He had wanted to expand his hog operation into a commercial venture.

Code violations led to the application. Complaints included excessive numbers of animals, failure to obtain a permit for structures, using an RV as a living unit and slaughtering animals.

The commissioners ultimately denied the request, 4-0. Commissioner Kevin McCarthy noted that the property was in the wrong location for the specified use. He said there were a "whole list" of things done wrong but that the location was the primary reason for the denial.

Mr. Grana's neighbors, Luis and Caroline Rabelo said they were relieved at the vote. They had complained about the smell from the property and slaughtering.

## No horse racing in Felda

Another zoning request - this one to allow heavy recreational use of a parcel in Felda, was also denied. Ignacio Soto had wanted to use 48.2 acres to put on rodeos, horse shows, races and such. His request would have required a special exception by the county.

The Local Planning Agency had approved the application with conditions. However, members of the Felda Civic Community Association did not support the application. Their biggest concern was that the number of people attending events there would be much higher than the 200 stated on the application. At least one Felda resident recalled an event there several years ago she said disrupted the lifestyle of the neighborhood with noise, traffic, gambling and alcohol. Residents also said similar events can be held at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds. Sheriff Steve Whidden cautioned against small unregulated horse racing which can attract elements like alcohol, gambling and drugs.

## Arrest reports

### LaBelle

William Clayton Corbitt, 29, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with robbery by sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon. Arresting officer was Sgt. Olvera.

Alex Eligio Cedillos, 25, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with lewd and lascivious behavior victim is 12-16 years of age, offender is over 18. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Romeo Garcia, 26, Juan Majica, 23, and Edgar Guterrez, 27, were arrested Nov. 8 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Another man, Jose Fernando Godinez, 24, was also charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon but also with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver etc. schedule II and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. The arrests came after deputies responded to Latino's Night Club on SR 29 and found two men bleeding in the parking lot. Deputies stopped a vehicle matching the description of the one leaving the premises and the passengers were identified by witnesses. The victims had been struck with belt buckles, fists and were kicked. N. Kirk was arresting officer was officer.

Christina Stephanie King, 17, was arrested Nov. 7 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation operating a motor vehicle without a license first offense and vehicle grand theft third degree. Deputy Harrynarine was arresting officer.

Oscar Raya, 23, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession/use of narcotic equipment. Arresting officer was Sgt. Olvera.

Earnestine Uvonne Tolbert, 44 was arrested Nov. 6 and charged on a warrant with VOP: uttering a forged instrument and grand theft from Polk County. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Juan David Martin, 32, was arrested Nov. 4 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. A. Lewis was arresting officer.

Leonardo Zavala Rodriguez, 23, was ar-

rested Nov. 4 and charged with possession of counterfeit driver license/identification and possession of cocaine. Harrynarine was arresting officer.

Santiago Ovando, 28, was arrested Nov. 3 and charged on a warrant as a fugitive from justice. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Kevin James Burke, 20, was arrested Nov. 2 and charged with nonmoving traffic violation attaching registration, license plate not assigned, nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender, carrying a concealed weapon firearm and larceny grand of firearm. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Perry Allen Green 46, and Allison Darlene Hemphill, 41, were arrested Nov. 1 and charged with larceny \$20,000-\$100,000. They are accused of stealing items including a homemade trailer, brass bushings and parts for harvest equipment. R. Perian was arresting officer.

Tomas Cirilo, 37, was arrested Nov. 2 and charged on a warrant as a fugitive from justice from Collier County. Sgt. M. Stevens was arresting officer.

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## Educational boost

LaBelle Moose Lodge #2398 is proud to present one of this year's local high school graduates with this check for \$1,000 as part of its Community Service Programs. The scholarship will allow Michael Reed to further his education at Florida Gulf Coast University. Pictured with Michael is Charles Drawdy, Administrator of the local Moose Lodge. Michael is studying computer science.

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

## Hold the party

I am an employee of Hendry County and have been for quite a few years. I thank God that I'm fortunate enough to have a job in this day and time.

Several co-workers have been let go because of the economy and raises are few. Which brings me to the reason for writing this letter.

Every year the county sponsors a Christmas Party at the civic center for all its employees. People work very hard to make everything come together, and we have always appreciated it.

However, this year, with people struggling to make ends meet, I think I can speak for all of us when I say; we would rather have the money that is being spent on the party put in our pockets instead.

Now, before you get the idea that I'm a Scrooge, let me assure you there is no bah-

humbag in this idea. I love the holiday and the joy I see on my children's faces Christmas morning.

Even a few gifts can add up, so it only stands to reason that the money spent on hiring a DJ, the decorations and prime rib dinner for a few hours enjoyment, could be put to better use on each of our families. I doubt there is one employee who would turn down a bonus, no matter the amount, in favor of a party. Maybe in times gone by, but not now.

So, thank you for the idea of the annual Christmas party, but please, skip this year and show us how much you really appreciate our work by presenting us with something we can share with our families. I would sign my name, but as I said, jobs are scarce. I would hate to have to start looking for one now.

Oh, by the way, I'm sure the raise you commissioners received will make your holiday a lot brighter.

(Note: The annual Christmas party is paid for by an Employee Appreciation Fund including proceeds of vending machines and donations. County commissioners and other constitutional officers did receive a raise this year, mandated by the Florida Department of Revenue.)

# Letter to the Editor

## River crossing

The following is a congratulatory letter from the Founders of The Fort Denaud Group (FDG), Ken and Nancy Hauptvogel, who had lived in Hendry County for ten years, and retired to Fredericksburg, Texas a few years ago.

Before coming to LaBelle, Ken had retired as Utilities Director for the City of Randolph, NJ, and Nancy was a career school teacher. Both were very influential and well-educated, and saw the need for an active civic organization (FDG) to be involved in projects for the betterment of Hendry County and our community.

While living in LaBelle, they worked tirelessly on many local projects, and in 2004 they wrote a compendium on the future placement of the proposed FDOT West Quadrant Highway Bridge planned for about 20 years down the road, as FDOT does have to make long-range plans for items of this magnitude.

It is in large part Ken and Nancy's efforts, as they worked with The Fort Denaud Group, the Commissioners, and the Administration, that the new proposed Bridge has now been placed at the Hendry County line!

It is with sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their long-time efforts on behalf

of the citizens of Fort Denaud, that we wish them a happy and healthy retirement in Texas!

**Wayne C. Switzer,  
Fort Denaud Group**

The members of the Hendry County BOCC, planning board and employees, and the members of the Fort Denaud Group are to be congratulated for the decision on the new bridge location, which was based on cooperation and hard work between the citizens of the county and their government representatives.

This is a perfect example of how government should work, and it truly represents a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. This is what our founding fathers envisioned, and you showed how well it can work.

The placement of the new bridge is the result of weighing all facts, and was not just based on cost or financial gain for a few. It is a decision based on what is best for the citizens of the county.

Hendry County is setting an example for the rest of our country, and you should all be very proud of the hard work that was done.

You worked together, took the time to consider all aspects of this decision, and your decision resulted in what is best for the community.

This bridge location will help preserve the Fort Denaud community, will be cost effective, and is in a location that will be most practical for the people of the county.

The citizens of Fort Denaud were aware of this issue, reacted to it in a positive, productive manner, worked together with their elected officials, persisted, and the result will be good for the community.

You should be very proud of yourselves, both the citizens of Hendry County and your elected officials. Keep up the good work.

We are proud to have been members of the Fort Denaud community and citizens of Hendry County.

We are very happy here on our Fredericksburg, Texas ranch, and have been fortunate to have found another community of caring people who also value the freedoms and responsibilities given to us by our forefathers.

A piece of our hearts will always belong to the people of Hendry County.

**Most sincerely,  
Ken and Nancy Hauptvogel**

# VA recognizes illnesses connected to Agent Orange

WASHINGTON –Relying on an independent study by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki decided to establish a service-connection for Vietnam Veterans with three specific illnesses based on the latest evidence of an association with the herbicides referred to Agent Orange.

The illnesses affected by the recent decision are B cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease.

Used in Vietnam to defoliate trees and remove concealment for the enemy, Agent Orange left a legacy of suffering and disability that continues to the present. Between January 1965 and April 1970, an estimated 2.6 million military personnel who served in Vietnam were potentially exposed to sprayed Agent Orange.

In practical terms, Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a

"presumed" illness don't have to prove an association between their illnesses and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits.

The Secretary's decision brings to 15 the number of presumed illnesses recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"We must do better reviews of illnesses that may be connected to service, and we will," Shinseki added. "Veterans who endure health problems deserve timely decisions based on solid evidence."

Other illnesses previously recognized under VA's "presumption" rule as being caused by exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War are:

- Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy
- AL Amyloidosis
- Chloracne
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

- Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2)
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers, and
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma)

Additional information about Agent Orange and VA's services and programs for Veterans exposed to the chemical are available at [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange).

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**Reunion karaoke at Olivia's. Pictured from left: Donnie Meister, Dan Keller, Robert Gonzalez and Don Turner.**

## Multi-class reunion 'best yet'

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, the LaBelle High School Multi Class Reunion for Classes of 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 was the best one yet! From the event kick off at the LHS Homecoming football game and catching up with friends at Rodeo Grill afterwards, to the barbecue lunch at Franklin Locks with our past teacher turned Mayor Paul Puletti, to the delicious buffet dinner prepared by chef Grant of Olivia's Restaurant at the Port LaBelle Inn, much fun was had and great memories were made by all. Cognizant of the tough economic times, it was kept local not only to reduce costs, but also to help support our local economy.

A special thank you goes out to Anita and the staff of the Port LaBelle Inn and Olivia's Restaurant for the wonderful job they did in

helping plan and host the reunion dinner party. The professional staff worked with organizers from beginning to end to create such a memorable night which we will all cherish for a lifetime. LHS Class of 1989 Reunion Planning Team highly recommend Port LaBelle Inn and Olivia's Restaurant for any event you may plan in the future.

They also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came from far off distances and those who remain living local, as well as for all of the time and effort put into organizing this reunion. They had a fantastic fun-filled weekend that was well attended by LHS alumni from classes of 1987-1990. It was more than classmates coming together to catch up, it was a celebration of lifelong friendships.

## COE crowns reading royalty

Family Reading Night at Country Oaks Elementary School took on a medieval theme, and provided a lot of fun for parents and students alike. The evening began with a Jeopardy game where teams competed against each other to get the most points by demonstrating knowledge of medieval terminology.

Next, a grand announcement was made crowning a King and Queen of AR (accelerated reading) at each grade level. Students earned this award by having the highest number of words read for their grade level with 85 percent accuracy as measured by AR. The most words read by a student in the first nine weeks of school was 987,567 words read by Paige Danforth. Michael Mears read 660,863 words, Sara Cordova read 260,525

words, Travis Gayle read 85,636 words, and Jacob Howard read 10,635 words for AR so far this year. The pictured students were crowned and honored for their accomplishments.

Mrs. Heckathorn, a first grade teacher and chairman of the event, and Mrs. Gonsler, a second grade teacher, displayed their acting skills by acting out the story of Stone Soup. The story was narrated with much enthusiasm by Mrs. Eiden (kindergarten). Door prizes were awarded to some lucky students who were in attendance, and finally everyone enjoyed a sample of "Stone Soup," which was actually vegetable soup. It was a grand celebration of teachers, parents, and students who came together to emphasize the importance of families reading together.



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**The Kings and Queens of Reading at Country Oaks Elementary School are: Paige Danforth. Michael Mears read 660,863 words, Sara Cordova read 260,525 words, Travis Gayle read 85,636 words and Jacob Howard read 10,635 words for AR so far this year.**



Submitted photo/Tommy Vaughan

## Visitors from the sky

Nov. 5, LaBelle Airport had several visitors from the United States Army Aviation Museum Foundation who stopped for the cheap fuel, friendly service and lunch. They were on their way to the Wings Over Homestead Air Show. The visitors arrived in an AH-1G Cobra, an OH-58 Kiowa, and a UH-1B Huey.

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From LaBelle: Pastor Bill Maddox, First Christian Church of LaBelle; Shannon Craft Christ Central; Preston Long, First Baptist Church; John Bennett, Carlson United Methodist Church will be among the participants in this first-ever event.

From Clewiston root for : David Strickland, New Harvest Church, Chuck Pelham, New Harvest Church, John Hicks, First

United Methodist Church of Clewiston, Nathan Koetje, First United Methodist Church of Clewiston and from Wellington: Rhiner Richter St. Petersburg United Methodist Church.

Also racing will be sportsmen, street stocks, pure stocks and a special event for the mini stocks to honor the life of Charlie Lowe, an Okeechobee resident who went home to be with the Lord earlier this year. Charlie was a mini - stock car owner and supporter at race tracks throughout Florida for many years.

The speedway is located at the Hendry-Glades County line one mile north of the intersection of US 27 and SR 80.

For more information call Kenny at 673-4325.

# Cross Country heads to regionals

For the first time in five years, both the Boys and Girls LHS Cross Country teams have advanced to the Regional Finals in Tampa. With the top six teams qualifying for Regionals from the District Championships Friday (Nov. 6) at Estero, the Boys placed 4th out of 14 teams and the Girls were 6th out of 13. In the Boys race, both Gabriel Barron (5th) and Caleb Baker (9th) broke into the top 10 with times of 17:05 and 17:24 respectively.

They were supported by teammates David Miller (26) 18:59, Chris Timms (30) 19:11 and Nacho Acosta (43) 19:19:38.

The Girls advanced despite not having any runners in the top 20, but all five runners to score finished within a minute and a half of each other. Ashley Golemme (23) 23:21 and Karina Barron (24) 23:23 lead the way for the Cowgirls. They were followed by Cory Taylor (27) 23:32, Socorro Ruiz (39) 24:27 and Jessica Madrid (42) 24:45. Both teams head to Tampa Thursday for Friday mornings race at Lake Park. They will have their work cut out for them as only the top 6 teams (and top 15 individuals) will advance to the State Finals on Nov. 21.

# Obituaries

## George Szugye, 87

LABELLE — George Szugye, age 87, of LaBelle, passed away Nov. 8, 2009, in Cape Coral.

He was born Apr. 7, 1922, in Sharpsville, Pa., son of the late George and the late Mary (Tillian) Szugye. George was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in World War II. He lived in LaBelle for the past 19 years and was a former resident of Girard, Ohio, and Fort Lauderdale. George was a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in LaBelle.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth (Toth) Szugye, LaBelle; sons, George D. Szugye, Ft. Lauderdale, Dennis J. Szugye, Panama City, Adrian J. Szugye, Deerfield Beach, Er-

nest Szugye and wife Laura, Morriston; daughters, Suzanne Lopez and husband Juan, Ft. Lauderdale, Kathleen Szugye, Marianna; and grandchildren, Adrian J. Szugye Jr., Cassandra Lopez, Tiffany Lopez. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mary and Vera; and brother, Louis.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 13, at Our Lady Queen Of Heaven Catholic Church, 355 Bridge Street, LaBelle, with Father Chester Domaszewicz officiating. Interment will follow in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven. Visitation will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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**Samira Beckwith**

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team fulfilled a wish by arranging a wedding for her daughter in our own chapel. The mother's bed was brought in, and the daughter was married at bedside in a ceremony led by our chaplain. A local grocery store helped with the wedding and provided the cake. It was a precious moment for everyone.

Quality of life involves much more than medical care. Emotional and spiritual needs must also be met. The mission of Hope is to provide exceptional care and support to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. I encourage you to learn more by visiting our Web site at [www.hope-hospice.org](http://www.hope-hospice.org) or by calling Hope at (239) 482-4673 or (800) 835-1673.

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# Caloosa Belle launching community sports Web site soon

Youth and adult recreation leagues and sports teams in the LaBelle area will soon have a new outlet for submitting their game results, team news and photos online. Sports teams, players and their families have long pasted newspaper accounts of their athletic accomplishments in dusty scrapbooks. But many athletes who compete, especially in youth leagues and less well known sports, have not received the attention that college and high school athletes do.

That's about to change. A new Web site, "Hendry County Sports Network," will debut in the next few days and provide local sports teams and leagues with an online sports page and a resource they can call their own. The Caloosa Belle has teamed with Community Sports Desk, a national sports software and service company headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The goal is to shine a spotlight on local sports.

"This is a chance for every team, every league, every kid or adult sports participant, no matter their athletic ability, to make their mark," said Matt Serpe, business manager for Community Sports Desk.

"Hendry County Sports Network" will be available on demand for team representatives to update scores and stats, as well as add photos and news for players, family, friends and all local sports fans to view. Each league or sports group that participates will have dedicated web pages that will include results, schedules, stats, photos and more. There will absolutely no charge to participate in Hendry County Sports Network. While the service is perfect for youth and adult rec leagues, local schools are encouraged to use the site as well, which will be supported by advertising.

"Hendry County Sports Network" won't be limited to football, baseball and basketball. The site can support virtually any sports or team activity including soccer, cheerleading, rodeo, bowling, golf and many more. In addition to appearing on the Web site, selected league and team information will be collected and published in the Caloosa Belle

## Sports Shorts

### Support Salvation Army

Cowboy Fans, bring a canned good to the final home Varsity Football Game vs. Riverdale High School on Friday, Nov. 13, and support the LaBelle Salvation Army. For each single canned good, receive a ticket for a drawing for a \$100 prize to be held at the end of the third quarter. There is no limit on the number of cans you can donate. All donations will go to the LaBelle Salvation Army to help those in need this holiday season. Kick off is 7:30; admission \$5.

### Meeting for local skatepark

The Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Department is holding a meeting with all interested in our Skate Park Project Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Office, 310 W. Cowboy Way. They will discuss fundraisers, look over park designs and choose a location for the park. Your input is needed. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Recreation Office at 863-675-5347.

print editions.

"This will add to the coverage and service we are providing at a time when others are cutting back," said Caloosa Belle publisher Tom Byrd. "It's a professional format to showcase our community sports and provide teams with a very useful tool to share information with athletes and parents. I'm especially excited that the site is free to the teams and leagues, and that it gives back to help community sports. They are such a vital

part of our communities."

"The Caloosa Belle is providing contact information for area leagues and teams to Community Sports Desk, and they will gather all the information necessary to build each team's profile on Hendry County Sports Network," Byrd said. "Community Sports Desk will demonstrate to each league or team representative how easy it is to submit information and use the site."

Community Sports Desk's support staff

will also provide information on how participation on "Hendry County Sports Network" can provide a financial benefit to leagues and teams using the site. A portion of all ad sales and sponsorships will be redistributed to the participating leagues. "Hendry County Sports Network" is expected to be fully operational in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Contact Renee Hawley at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call toll free 888-853-7904 for a demonstration or to get started right away.

## Cowboys fall hard, get ready to face Riverdale

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

The 57-0 match-up against Island Coast on Nov. 6 was a "disappointing outing" for the Cowboys, according to Coach Hal Bennett, who admitted that the team didn't play well. The Cowboys had a good defensive scheme, but did not execute it well, he noted. Still, he couldn't chalk the defeat up to any one thing. "We turned the ball over three times on kick off returns," he said. They haven't mishandled those all year. The momentum went down from there.

The team lost starting quarterback Jordan Phillips with a shoulder injury he's had since the Gateway Charter game. But the coaches were impressed with David Miller as back up quarterback. He got LaBelle's only drive going - 13 plays for 67 yards and did a good job managing the offense.

Tyler O'Ferrell, who also plays defensive

back, provided another real bright spot. He was brought up from junior varsity. Tyler didn't choke and showed a lot of character, coach said. Chris Garcia, who played with a thigh bruise, was also impressive, Coach Bennett commented. Other Cowboys who turned in good performances included Senior Andres Esquivel who did well at defensive end and junior Landon Beer who played well inside. Junior Alejandro Moreno has come a long way, Coach Bennett said, and is "one fine football player."

**Offensive Player of the Week** is David Miller, who earned it by engineering the Cowboys' drive in spite of the fact that he is their #3 quarterback and gets only about 30 percent of the snaps in practice.

**Defensive Player of the Week** Landon Beer had a good game - in fact two good games back to back - and played with bone chips in his shoulder.

**Special Teams and Practice Player of the Week** is Tyler O'Ferrell, whose punting got the Cowboys out of a jam. Last week he had to scout offense and play defense, but never batted an eye.

This Friday the Cowboys play an even tougher Riverdale team here in LaBelle. Riverdale is on its way to the playoffs, coach said, with just one loss this year. Coach Bennett said, "We have to show up, execute our game and keep our heads in the game."

Coach Bennett commented that it seems the Cowboys have been outmatched in most games this year but he said you have to look at reality. He felt the game against Island Coast was the first game his team didn't play "their game of football." He said they'll have to play hard against Riverdale.

He said, "The Cowboys are a great group of young men and people need to know that. LaBelle should be really proud of them."



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On Tuesday, Oct. 27, longtime Masons were recognized by the LaBelle Masonic Lodge members for their service. They are, seated: John Brister. Standing left Emery Scribner, right: Bob Eltzroth. Clayton McDonald is not pictured.

## Masons honor longtime members

by Phillip Keyes

Four members of the LaBelle Masonic Lodge were honored Tuesday evening for their combined 195 years of seniority in Freemasonry. More than 50 brother Masons, spouses and friends gathered at the Jaycee Drive Lodge for the celebration which included a catered meal, certificates and gold medals from the Grand Lodge of Florida, and a visit by the District Deputy Grand Master of the 29 Masonic District.

The four honorees are Emery L. Scribner, Jr. of LaBelle a 60-year member, H. Clayton McDonald of Arcadia 55 years, and Robert (Bob) Eltzroth of LaBelle and John H. Brister of Lehigh Acres 40 years respectively.

The Freemasonry fraternity is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It encourages spiritual leadership, charity and patriotism among its members. Freemasonry is a world-wide organization with its roots dating back to the Renaissance in Europe. The LaBelle Lodge was founded 35 years ago and has nearly 90 members.

Mr. Scribner began his Masonic career in Maine and served in his local Lodge as well as positions with the Grand Lodge of Maine. Upon becoming a winter resident in LaBelle he obtained a dual membership and has served the local Lodge as its Chaplain for several years. McDonald was previously a member of the Immokalee Lodge which merged with the LaBelle Lodge several years ago.

Mr. Eltzroth transferred his Masonic membership from a Lodge in Indiana when he moved to LaBelle. He now serves the LaBelle Lodge as its Tyler.

Mr. Brister was also a member of the Immokalee Lodge.

Tuesday evening's presentations took place in the Lodge meeting room, a rare occasion when non-members are invited inside to witness a Masonic ceremony. District Deputy Grand Master Kevin Nelson of LaBelle and Worshipful Master Curtis Dodd made the presentation to each recipient and

offered congratulatory speeches emphasizing the accomplishments of each man. The recipients then gave appreciative responses which brought applause from the guests.

As it is with all Masonic gatherings, the evening began and ended with prayers with in view of the open Bible.

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## Meet the Flintstones!

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Founded in 1965, RCMA is Florida's largest non-profit child care and early education provider, operating more than 70 centers and two charter schools in rural Florida. A nonsectarian, non-profit organization, RCMA

is funded by local, state and federal grants, as well as the generosity of businesses, individuals, the United Way and other organizations.

Many of this year's artists are from Immokalee, Nocatee, Homestead, Wimauma and Ruskin. In addition to the Christmas cards, RCMA offers holiday stationery, year-round note cards and online photo cards that also feature art by RCMA children. The cards can be personalized with a special greeting or family photo and ordered online thanks to the collaboration of Lawton Printers in Casselberry, FL. Go to [www.rcma.org/holidaycards](http://www.rcma.org/holidaycards) to view the brochure, and order or personalize your card. To receive a brochure by mail call 1-800-282-6540 and ask for community relations. The deadline to order cards is Dec. 1 to ensure delivery by Dec. 15. Proceeds benefit programs and centers throughout Florida. For every dollar raised RCMA can generate \$16 in matching grant funds.

For more information, see [www.rcma.org](http://www.rcma.org) or call 1-800-282-6540.

Enjoy these 3 new designs for our general selection of non-exclusive Christmas cards.

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## Acosta graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Leonardo Acosta has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of Ignacio Acosta of LaBelle and a 2009 graduate of LaBelle High School.

## Community Briefs

### Alumni game cancelled

LaBelle High School has cancelled the basketball alumni game that was scheduled for Nov. 27. We apologize for any inconvenience. Any money sent for registration will be returned to the applicant.

### Dog missing

A small male Yorkie Terrier mix, brown and gray with a little black, about 1 1/2 years old, escaped from Animal Control. Please help find this little dog. He may be in the vicinity of Rodeo Drive and Garden Dr. if you see him, please call 675-3381.

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OCA members (from left) Diane Cook, Margi Vanderbent, Lois Worthy, Ken Vanderbent enjoy the fall potluck.

## OCA welcomes officials

A capacity crowd attended the first Ortona Community Association membership meeting of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 28. OCA president Hugo Geistman introduced County Commissioners Echols, Geisler and Storter-Long. Also welcomed were Tax Collector Gail Jones, School Board Member Jenny Allen, County Manager Wendell Taylor and guests from Muse Community Association.

Following a brief business meeting, Com-

missioner Echols gave a presentation on the plans for the Moore Haven canal and eco-park project. Ms. Allen reported that Glades County schools scored well this year on achievement tests and that a large percent of the 2009 high school graduates have been awarded scholarships for further education.

Mr. Geistman reported that Ortona's new children's playground is nearing completion. The formal dedication has been set for noon on December 8.

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# Community Briefs

## Benefit for Walls Family

Friends of the Rick Walls family are sponsoring a benefit raffle. Rick has been a speech therapist, and his wife Bonnie has been a teacher, for Hendry County School Board for the past 24 years. Rick has been undergoing treatment for a brain tumor for the past year and continues to battle this disease. The family of Tris and Donna Chapman have donated a week stay at their two bedroom, two bathroom luxury condo on Anna Maria Island. Tickets are being sold for \$10 each or six for \$50. The drawing will be held at the end of Turkey Bingo at Country Oaks Elementary School on Friday, Nov. 20. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact the school at 674-4140.

## Teen Court basket project

Teen Court wants to give back to the community by stocking a basket full of goodies so that a needy family can have a wonderful Christmas dinner. Do you know a family that you would like to nominate? Tell us about the family and why you think we should help them. Bring your ideas to Teen Court on November 17, 2009.

Each Teen and Adult Volunteer will be asked to bring a canned or boxed item to give on December 15, 2009, when we'll pack the basket and donate it to our needy family after court!

## MCA plans

### Thanksgiving potluck

The Muse Community Association will have a Thanksgiving potluck Thursday, Nov. 19. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish, your appetite and a friend. Turkey and ham will be provided. This is a social event - no official meeting. For information call 674-0467.

## No garbage pickup

There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, for unincorporated Hendry County. Normal service will resume the next regular scheduled pickup day.

## Annual Captain Hendry dinner planned Dec. 3

The Education Center of Southwest Florida, Inc., (ECSWF) is planning its annual Captain Hendry Dinner to benefit the education center. The event will take place at the Captain Hendry House Dec. 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

## Free computer class

Each Monday morning at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Pastor Avery teaches a one-hour computer class. For beginners and people interested in typing, photo editing, Movie making, E-mailing and searching the web. Computers are provided for the class or if the student has a laptop they can bring their own. This is a hands-on class. The only things you need for the class are a note pad and pen. To reserve a place in the class call (863) 675-0900. LaBelle Assembly of God is located at 123 Fraser Avenue (across

from the Edward Upthegrove Elementary School)

## Ortona goes Cuban

The Ortona Community Association will hold a Cuban Pork Buffet Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ortona Community Center, Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

This all-you-can-eat meal features delicious Cuban pork roast prepared from a special recipe by Ortona resident and Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter-Long. The Cuban style menu includes black beans and rice, plantains, salad, garlic toast, dessert, coffee and iced tea, all for \$7.

## 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.

## Turkey shoot planned

Pioneer Plantation Fire Department will have its annual Turkey and Ham Shoot Nov. 20-21 beginning at 7 p.m. Come to the station at 2499 Hendry Isles Blvd.

## Scouting for Food

Saturday, Nov. 14, the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will pick up the bags they left at LaBelle homes to collect your donated non-perishable food items. For more information you can contact Lisa at the LaBelle Salvation Army 863-674-1441 or Roy at 863-983-7719.

## Business fraud protection

Learn how to secure your business from fraud. Monday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at the Clewiston City Hall. A representative from the Hendry County Sheriff's Office will present. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10-11:30 a.m., Career & Service Center, 750 5t Street, in Immokalee to hear Collier County Sheriff Office Rep. Karie Partington. Register on line at sbdc@fgcu.edu.

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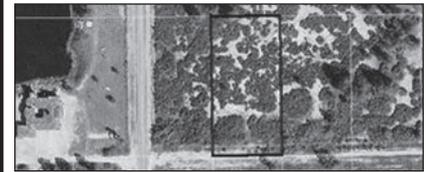
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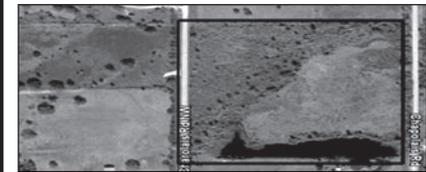
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- Nice 1.25+/- ac. in Montura **\$8,000.**
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- \$179,900** 4/2 in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac.
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- \$459,000** - 3/2 Upgrades adorn CBS Country Pool Home w/outbuildings, riding arena, 13 Ac.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Florida Department of Transportation Project  
Bids will be received by the Tallahassee Office until 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, for Proposal ID T1335. A Certification of Qualification is not required for this Signing/Pavement Markings project on SR 29, from a Pt. N of Sears RD to Glades Co Line in Hendry County. Budget Estimate \$239,576.00. Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at [http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/Letting/Project\\_Info.shtm](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/Letting/Project_Info.shtm) or by calling (850) 414-4000. 338416 CB 11/12,19/09

**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, November 19 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.  
**If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeals to be based.**  
338733 CGS/CB 11/12/09

**Public Notice**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF PORT LABELLE LIME SOFTENING WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND COMPONENTS**  
Bid No. 2010-05  
**OPENING DATE and TIME: NOVEMBER 24, 2009, 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Demolition and Removal of Port LaBelle Lime Softening Water Treatment Plant and Components". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.F. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by November 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference**, as follows:  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**, Port LaBelle Water Treatment Plant 6002 Cedarwood Parkway, LaBelle, FL 33935

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

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

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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman  
Board of County Commissioners  
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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until December 1, 2009 for Bid #10-0003, 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT or equivalent. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board  
Patrick B. Langford, Chairman  
338781 CGS/CB 11/12/09

**INVITATION TO BID**

The First Baptist Church of LaBelle hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals for lawn maintenance. Interested bidders may obtain bid packages from the church office located at 330 North Main Street. Proposals are to be received by November 18th. Any questions contact Bubbie Owens @ 239-633-3101. 338038 CB 11/5,12/09

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# Community Briefs

## Demos plan dinner

The Jefferson-Jackson Fundraising Dinner will be Friday, Nov. 13, at Okeechobee KOA Convention Center, 4276 Hwy. 441S in Okeechobee. Social time 6:15 p.m., dinner 7. Contact Joe Thomas 863-612-0413 or Carol Griggs 863-228-4210.

## GOP plans dinner

The Hendry County Republicans Lincoln-Reagan Dinner guest speaker will be U.S. Senate Candidate Marco Rubio Nov. 19, at Clewiston Country Club, 6 p.m. reception, dinner at 7 p.m. Call 863-675-4063 or e-mail melkarau@aol.com.

## Mini health fairs planned

Public mini health fairs are planned Thursday, Nov. 12, at Collingswood Apartments, 4001 Collingswood Parkway, Port LaBelle, 9 a.m.; LaBelle Commons, 284 Bryan Ave., 10 a.m.; L.J. Nobles Senior Center 11 a.m., 475 E. Cowboy Way, Ace HH #29999218.

## Legion auxiliary plans events

**Brunch buffet** Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, French toast, sliced ham and turkey, soup, fruit salad, rolls, coffee and tea. All you can eat \$7. Public welcome.

## Advocate for children

The Guardian ad Litem Program has added a three-session Saturday training in Hendry County, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12. Volunteers advocate for abused children in court, the child welfare system and the community, Contact Angela Boykin, Volunteer Supervisor, at 863-674-4190 or go to www.guardianadlitem.org.

## Miller to address group

Cindy Miller will relate her recent experiences on a mission to Central America at the Nov. 5 meeting of the LaBelle Heritage Museum Association. City Hall at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

## Semi-annual meeting

Come to the semi-annual meeting of the Firehouse Cultural Center Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m., 241 N. Bridge St. Three positions will be filled on the 11-member Board of Directors. Annual membership is \$5; Lifetime membership is \$35.

## Help CREW

C.R.E.W yard sale, First Methodist Church, 310 W. Osceola Ave. Clewiston, in the Learning Education Center. Sat., Nov. 14, from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Sign up for Christmas project

The Salvation Army LaBelle and United Way are accepting applications for those in need of assistance for Christmas gifts for their children. Sign-up Nov. 13, (2-4 p.m.); Nov. 18, (4-6 p.m.); Dec. 5, (10 a.m.-12 p.m.); Dec. 9, (2-4 p.m.). Bring a photo ID, social security cards for all in household (if applicable), proof that the child resides in the home (school registration, birth certificate, etc.) and any proof of income (if applicable).

cable). Call 863-674-1441 with questions.

## Salvation Army seeks volunteers

The Salvation Army LaBelle is looking for volunteers for its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. Individuals, groups or organizations are needed to ring the bells for one day in 10 - one hour slots. If you or your organization are interested in ringing the bells, please call our office at 863-674-1441. The campaign runs Nov. 12-Dec. 24.

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a family for a Thanksgiving Food Box or sponsoring a family for Christmas Gifts or Food Box please stop by or call 863-674-1441. They anticipate a huge need this year.

## Tobacco, drug free meetings

Tobacco-Free Partnership, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m.; Drug Free Hendry Coalition follows at 5 p.m. at Carlson Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street. All welcome. Contact: Valarie James-674-4041 ext 128 or Jeni Dyess-674-4041 ext 143.

### Public Notice

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**SUPPLY FUEL TO HENDRY COUNTY**  
**BID NUMBER: 2010-01**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME: November 18, 2009 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Supply Fuel to 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 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Bids received after this date and time will not be opened or considered.

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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

**El Aviso se da por Este Medio:**

Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su inelegibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion dela inelegibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes.

Kelsey D Kimble HC61 Box 46 Clewiston FL 33440	Robin Dolan 610 N Zambria St Clewiston FL 33440
D'Allo Miles 1110 Florida Ave Clewiston FL 33440	Juan O Guzman HC 61 Box 171 Clewiston FL 33440
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Alberto Favors 675 Martin Luther King Blvd LaBelle FL 33935	Anthony L Pass 1137 Carolina Ave Clewiston FL 33440

**Lucretia A. Strickland**  
**Supervisor of Elections**  
**Hendry County, Florida**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**Case No. 08-764-CA**

**HENDRY IMPROVEMENT, LLC, a Florida limited liability company**  
 Plaintiff  
 -vs-  
**7875 WHEELER ROAD, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, MATTHEW T. MILLER, individually, RONALD BAILEY, JR., individually, JOHN C. MILLER, IT, individually, JOHN CHARLES MILLER, individually, FIVE STAR FARMS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession,**  
 Defendants

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that pursuant to the Amended Summary Judgment in Foreclosure and for Assessment of Reasonable Attorneys' Fees entered by Circuit Court Judge James D. Sloan, in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein the cause is pending under docket number 08-764-CA, the Honorable Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Clerk of Courts Office, Courthouse Complex, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Area, second floor lobby, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of December, 2009, within the legal hours or sale, the following described property:

**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE**

A parcel of Land lying in Section 18, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, being the South half of the Southwest quarter of said section 18; less the East 350 feet thereof, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 18, also known as the North quarter corner of Section 19, all in Township 44 South, Range 28 East,

thence South 89° 42' 46" West along the South line of said Section 18, also being the North line of Section 19, for a distance of 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence South 89° 42' 46" West for a distance of 2298.54 feet to the line dividing Lee County on the West and Hendry County on the East, being the West line of Said Section 18;

thence North 00° 37' 30" West along said line of said Section 19 for a distance of 1323.43 feet;

thence North 89° 39' 41" East for a distance of 2296.79 feet to a point on a line that is 350 feet West of, as measured perpendicular to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 18;

thence along said line South 00° 42' 01" East for a distance of 1325.50 feet to the point of beginning

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**ADDRESS OF REAL ESTATE**

7875 Wheeler Road, Hendry County, Florida

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED This 5th day of November, 2009.

BARBARA S. BUTLER,  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ S. Miller  
 Deputy Clerk

**If you are a person who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of the Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.**  
 338471 CGS/CB 11/12,19/09

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**Case No. 08-917-CA**

**HENDRY IMPROVEMENT, LLC, a Florida limited liability company**  
 Plaintiff  
 -vs-  
**WESTPOINTS INVESTMENT PARTNERS VI, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, MATTHEW T. MILLER, RONALD BAILEY, JR., JOHN C. MILLER, IT, JOHN CHARLES MILLER, FIVE STAR FARMS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2, the names being fictitious,**  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that pursuant to a Summary Judgment in Foreclosure and for Assessment of Reasonable Attorneys' Fees entered by Circuit Court Judge Christine Greider, in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein the cause is pending under docket number 08-917-CA, the Honorable Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Clerk of Courts Office, Courthouse Complex, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Area, second floor lobby, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of December, 2009, within the legal hours or sale, the following described property:

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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE**

A parcel of Land lying in Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, being the North 662.44 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 19, less the East 350 feet thereof and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 18, also known as the North quarter corner of Section 19, all in Township 44 South, Range 28 East,

thence South 89° 42' 46" West along the South line of said Section 18, also being the North line of Section 19, for a distance of 350.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence South 00° 31' 02" East for 662.64 feet;

thence 89° 42' 44" West for a distance of 2297.66 feet to the line dividing Lee County of West and Hendry County on the East, being the West line of said Section 19;

thence North 00° 35' 38" West along said line of Section 19 for a distance of 662.67 feet to the Northwest Corner of Section 19 also being the Southwest corner of Section 18;

thence North 89° 42' 46" East for a distance of 2298.54 feet to a point on a line that is 350.00 feet West of, as measured perpendicular to the East line of the Southwest quarter of Section 18;

thence along said line South 00° 31' 02" East for a distance of 662.64 feet to the Point of Beginning;

Containing 34.96 acres, more or less.

**ADDRESS OF REAL ESTATE**

8211 Wheeler road, Hendry County, Florida

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED This 2nd day of November, 2009.

BARBARA S. BUTLER,  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ D. Hammond  
 Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Banyan Village area, Port LaBelle Plat Units 10-13, within the unincorporated area of the County, for capital costs associated with construction of water lines for Banyan Village and service assessments for maintenance of such water lines commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2010, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2009, in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Administrator's Office, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (863) 675-5217, seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman  
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## Church Briefs

### Worship celebration planned

Eastside Baptist Church, 601 E. Hickpochee Ave., Chevron, Shield and Badge worship celebration Nov. 15, for Veterans Day. Uniformed military personnel the Armed Forces, including National Guard, law enforcement and municipal first re-

sponders, will be recognized. The service starts at 11 a.m. Dinner follows.

### Third Sunday sing

Join your friends at First Christian Church for the Third Sunday Sing Sunday, Nov. 15; 6 p.m. dinner. Guest singer James Duffy with a powerful voice and testimony. A love offering will be collected. The church is at Lee and Ford. For information call 675-1366.

### Holiday bazaar and bake sale

Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christ The King Lutheran Church, 350 CR 78, for hand crafted items and baked goods at their second annual bazaar. Enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and sample the baked goods.

### Help needy for the holidays

Freedom Fellowship Ministries is hosting

a community drive to help the needy. Please help with cash and food. Drop off gifts and donations at Freedom Counseling and Service Center, 60 Calhoun St., or at the yard sale there Sat., Nov. 21. Donate during office hours at the Center or at Freedom Fellowship Church, 1301 SR 29, at service times Sunday 9:30 a.m. or Wed. 6:30 p.m. Toys, new or used bicycles, new children's and teen's clothing and shoes etc. or cash donations.

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# LaBelle High School Homecoming was a blast

by Mel Greenleaf

Homecoming Week 2009 was perhaps the best Homecoming Week at LaBelle High School ever. This annual event took place from Oct. 19-24. Students seemed to enjoy all of the activities, and there was excellent participation by a significantly large number of students in all of the activities.

Each day of the week was a theme day, with individual students selected as those being best dressed for each theme. Monday was Pajama Day with Senior Toni Tolar voted best dressed. On Tuesday another senior was voted best dressed on Opposite Day, Steve Maldonado. Wednesday Sport's Day continued the domination by seniors as Karina Baron AKA The Hockey Player. Thursday's Character Day featured a lot of interesting attire with Myra Zamorran selected as the best character.

Wednesday evening featured the Boy's Volleyball games with the Sophomores beating the Freshman in the first set of games, and the Juniors defeating the Seniors in the second set. Bragging rights for the coming year went to the Juniors as they destroyed the Sophomores in the finals. This is the third year that Boy's Volleyball has become part of the Homecoming Week activities. It has become a very popular part of Homecoming Week and a good crowd was on hand to watch the action. However, the Girl's PowderPuff football game has been a part of Homecoming Week for a very long time and is still the featured event of the night. In the first game the Freshmen Girls dominated the

Sophomore Girls, 22-8. In the second game, the Senior girls beat the Junior girls 14-6. Both winners squared off in a sudden death, Texas Tie-Breaker format, with the Senior girls completing their undefeated in four years of Powder Puff competition record by winning 6-0. A key defensive play by Kaylynn Cash stopped the Freshmen and strong running by Brianna Sanchez.

Friday's activities concluded the week of with the annual Spirit Day. Lots of students showed their LaBelle High School spirit by dressing up in red and white. There were lots of cowboy hats and faces painted in the school colors. Karaoke music was featured during all lunches. The Homecoming Dance DJ set up his sound system, microphone and teleprompter, so students could sing their favorite songs. Music and singing filled the cafeteria for 1 1/2 hours, with even a few LHS staff members joining in the singing.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, the annual Homecoming Parade was held. This year's Grand Marshall was the Principal Lucinda Kelley. We were also honored to have Sheriff Steve Whidden and Hendry County School Superintendent Rick Murphy in the parade. As always, the parade traveled down Main Street from the U-Save parking lot to Barron Park. There seemed to be more spectators than in past parades which was great to see. Each of the four classes at LHS created their own floats with a lot more thought and creativity evident in each of the entries. The Senior Class entry was judged the best, with the Junior class coming in second. Also involved in the parade were all of the members of the

Homecoming Court, and the football team.

Friday night there was the crowning of the King and Queen of Homecoming. This year's King was Adrian Pena and the Queen was Brianna Sanchez. Senior Court members included Brooke Awbrey, Angel Alvarez, Olivia Luckey, Bobby Billings, Ashley Molina, Marvin Gonzalez, Toni Tolar, Tomas Soliz, Junior class court members were Rachel Schauer and Santiago Reyes. Sophomore class court members were Consuelo Sanchez and Braxton Ford. Freshmen class members were Kayla Keller and Derek Bass.

During most of the day on Saturday, members of Student Government worked hard to transform the LHS cafeteria into a "A night at Carnival." The centerpiece decorations were parts of the floats in the Homecoming Parade, which included a Ferris wheel and Carousel. A long tent with carnival decorations and balloons served as the grand entrance to the dance. The Dance began at 8 p.m. and by all accounts, a good time was had by all who attended. The DJ kept the music coming, had a fog machine, disco ball and flashing lights to further set the mood. The court was introduced with King and Queen leading the traditional dance at 10:30 p.m.

The members of Student Government, students at LaBelle High School, staff and Faculty members at LaBelle High School would like to thank all of those who helped make the 2009 Homecoming such a great success. Special thanks go out to Mr. Pat Langford for generously letting representatives of LaBelle High School drive brand new Fords in the Homecoming Parade. Thanks



Submitted photo/Mel Greenleaf  
2009 LHS Homecoming King Adrian Pena and Queen Brianna Sanchez

also to Mr. David Childs, store Manager, and U-Save Supermarket for letting LHS stage the parade on U-Save property. A final thanks to the City of LaBelle and members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Department for helping with the Parade and Parade route. The activities of Homecoming require a lot of people volunteering and working cooperatively toward a common goal, to make the events of Homecoming a success. Everyone did a super job and should be commended for their dedication to the students at LaBelle High School.

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