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At a Glance

Thanksgiving for all

Everyone is invited to the annual LaBelle Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

Welcome by host Pastor Father Chester Domaszewicz of our Lady Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church; Duet: Rob and Joy Armstrong; Pledge Allegiance Paul K. Puletti, Mayor of LaBelle

Opening prayer for our country James Sloan of Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church; Congregational singing Kathy Avery; New Testament reading William Maddox, Pastor of First Christian Church; Solo: Wayne Wilkins "One Pair of Hands"; Old Testament reading: L. W. Howard pastor of Community Harvest Worship Center.

Offering Gathering of Christian Men; Offering music by Our Lady Queen of Heaven; Solo by a member of First Baptist Church; Special speaker for this Thanksgiving service pastor Frank Deerey Jr. of First Baptist Church; Benedictory prayer: Clifford D. Avery pastor of LaBelle Assembly of God.

Christmas parade

It's coming up! The annual Christmas parade, Friday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m. Line up U-Save 4:30 p.m. Follow the parade to the Chamber of Commerce Christmas in the Park. For information or to sign up call Melissa Castillo at 675-1090.

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Downtown: A new welcome mat



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Spiffing up the riverfront

The City of LaBelle celebrated the completion of its new wharf at Barron Park Nov. 12. Mayor Paul Puletti cut the ribbon as other dignitaries looked on. The wharf is a beautiful addition to the city's riverfront area - a welcoming place for residents and visitors alike. The wharf was funded by a \$165,000 Florida Boaters Improvement Program grant. The county recently dedicated \$15,000 in boaters registration fees to complement the new centerpiece at the riverfront. Pictured from left: Denny Tolles and owner John Honc, of Honc Marine Services, Inc., City Commissioner Bob Miller, engineer Rock Aboujaoude, Mayor Paul Puletti, Superintendent of Public Works Michael Boyle, Commissioners Hilda Zimmerly, Greg Bone, Dave Lyons, grants writer Ron Zimmerly and Alberto Betancur of Rock Enterprises.

United Way kicks off '10-09 campaign

LABELLE, FL (November 11, 2009) - The United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties has kicked-off its 2009-2010 Annual Campaign. The goal for the campaign is \$197,500.

Michael Talaga, Senior Vice-President, Human Resources and Information Technology for Alico, Inc., and Tommy Perry of Johnson-Prewitt and Associates are serving as volunteer co-chairs for this year's Campaign for the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties for the second time. Mr. Talaga said, "There's a huge need in our community. Now, more

than ever, it is important that we reach 100% of our goal. Every contribution, no matter what size, makes a real difference."

Tommy Perry added, "Many of our friends, neighbors and co-workers are experiencing the pain brought on by our sagging economy. You never know when you are going to be in need of a helping hand, and the United Way Partner Agencies are here to help people in our community through these tough times in life."

A local network of thirty-four agencies and programs will receive funds from the 2009-2010

United Way of Hendry & Glades fundraising campaign. These agencies include: The Salvation Army, the Children's Advocacy Center, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Healthy Families and many others. The network of United Way agencies helped over 21,000 people in Hendry and Glades Counties last year.

In addition to housing the United Way 211 helpline program, many agency programs and services can be found at the LaBelle United Way House such as South-

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West Hendry plan ready for DCA

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Hendry County Commissioners are ready to submit the West Hendry Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for approval. The action was taken at the Nov. 10 regular county commission meeting in LaBelle.

Originally submitted in 2004, then again in 2007, this is the county's third try at presenting an acceptable plan for growth in some 3,517 acres of the northwestern area of the county. In this form, the plan creates a greenway and blueways accessible by the public.

Currently the land use is low density residential development or agriculture. The county wants to allow a mix of uses to preserve environmentally sensitive areas and create economic opportunities.

DCA's previous issues with plans for West Hendry include: who will serve the area's water/sewer needs; population numbers; no mechanism for green or blueways; and no criteria for development. The new plan addresses these issues. The county will take care of utility service; set a goal to restore flow-way to the river with public access encourage more compact development and create public linear parks along the river.

Transfer Development Rights (TDR) will be a big factor in the ultimate form West Hendry area development takes. TDRs may be

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used to push development in more desirable areas and keep others open and environmental impacts down. Development hinges on transportation, future school needs, utilities including potable water. The analysis predicts the majority of development in West Hendry will not occur for another ten years.

Julianne Thomas of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida was not in favor of transmitting the plan at this time, saying it should be held up till after the county's TDR plan is in place. That plan is being reviewed by the county's Rural Land Ad Hoc Committee. Audubon's Pete Quasius said he was happy for this plan to be transmitted to DCA. The board voted unanimously to do so.

Impact fees

County commissioners opted to wait till they determine what the school board intends to do about impact fees before voting on reinstating them as of January 1, 2010, at 50 percent.

Hendry County suspended collection of impact fees, paid by developers to relieve the burden of growth on the county, in January 2008. The county continued the suspension through 2009 in view of the serious economic downturn. From 2008 through Oct. 31, 2009, some \$938,005.50 have not been collected, including road and school impact fees. A new ordinance will be discussed at

the county commission's next meeting on Dec. 8.

EDC director

Commissioner Tris Chapman complained that the Economic Development Council (EDC) is still without a director. He said the process should develop three top candidates, who should be "pushed" to accept the position beginning with the number one choice. If, after 48 hours the candidate has not accepted the position, the committee should move on to the next candidate.

From a field of 50 applicants several months ago, the EDC still has no director. The committee's choice backed out at the eleventh hour.

A year of searching has yet to produce a director for this important group. The EDC is charged with attracting business to Hendry County - business that could form the nucleus of the county's future economic success.

Commissioner Chapman said that "great people" live or work here and they should be trained for the position. No high-powered outsider could do as good a job as a local, he said.

Commissioner Kevin McCarthy noted that the county has advertised for the position twice and wondered why we haven't been able to attract the type of candidate we need. The Hendry County Commission is the funding source for the EDC. Director of Special Projects Ron Zimmerly has taken on EDC duties until a director can be found.

Commissioner Karson Turner noted that hiring a local would reduce turnover. No action was taken.



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Big hearts

LaBelle Salvation Army Service Coordinator Lisa Sands accepted donations from many LaBelle service organizations that will help provide about 45 Thanksgiving baskets for local folks. Pictured from left: VFW Post 10100 Quartermaster Mark Schoenwald, VFW Auxiliary Senior VP Robin Thompson, VFW 10100 Commander R.P. Middleton, Legion Rider Assistant Director Bill Wingard, Lisa Sands, Kiwanis Community Service Chair Sue Williams, DAV Chapter 144 Service Chairman Millard Wagnon, Legion Auxiliary President Candy Alvarez, Legion Commander Tony Alvarez and Sons of the Legion Commander Bob Mims.

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west Florida Addiction Services, Children's Advocacy Center, Community Coordinated Care for Children (4 C's), Hendry-Glades Homeless Coalition, Catholic Charities and more. Healing Waters Family Life Center sponsors breakfast at the LaBelle United Way House every Monday. A pantry is also available.

All money raised through the United Way of Hendry and Glades Counties campaign remains in the Hendry and Glades area, aiding members of the community who really need the help. In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

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"I know I've made a difference," Destyn Bailey said emphatically. The 22-year-old Palmdale resident was talking about one of her first experiences at being a GAL – a Guardian ad Litem. Bailey was instrumental in getting needed resources for a six-year-old girl currently in foster care. The child's grandmother calls Bailey from time to time with questions and recently commented, "I'm so glad I have you. I love that you try."

"In Florida, there are tens of thousands of children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned by the adult in their life and are a part of the dependency system," explains Theresa Flury, Executive Director, Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office. "The Guardian ad Litem Program helps these children through volunteers who give a voice in court to thousands of children. But the need for more volunteers is great."

Between Hendry and Glades there are approximately 140 cases that need volunteer GALs but only 53 are covered. Angela Boykin, the Volunteer Supervisor for the GAL program based in LaBelle, says she desperately needs 40 additional volunteers to represent these children and ensure that all decisions made are in the child's best interest.

Training is provided and you determine your case load.

The next training class begins this Saturday, Nov. 21 and continues on two subsequent Saturdays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. Classes will be held at the Department of Children and Families Services Center at 485 East Cowboy Way in LaBelle. Call Angela with any questions at 863-674-4189.

Arrest reports

LaBelle

Moises Garcia Morales, 23, was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability. T. Shaw was arresting officer.

Lajuan Martell Simmons, 20, was arrested Nov. 13 and charged with criminal mischief damage \$1,000 or more, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, resisting an officer/obstruction without violence and VOP: felony or community control. R. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Jarret Earl Murray, 28, was arrested Nov. 12 and charged with DUI with property damage. According to the FHP report, Murray rear-ended an S-10 Chevy pickup which in turn crashed into the rear end of the SUV. The crash occurred at Cowboy Way and SR 80. The driver of the Chevy, JJ Mendez Madrigal, 43, and the driver of the SUV, Nordia

N. Miranda, 34, were both transported to LeHigh Regional Medical Center. Murray's girlfriend was also sent to the hospital. His two-year-old daughter was uninjured. Murray has two previous DUI convictions - in 2006 and 2003. Both were alcohol related.

Gator Walter Martin, 40, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Jose Luis Betancourt Sr., 46, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. Bonnie Weaver was arresting officer.

Salvador Lopez, 21, was arrested Nov. 10 and charged with nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Sgt. Elver was arresting officer.



Submitted photo/Amanda Nelson

Firefighter

UES Kindergarten students took a field trip to the LaBelle Volunteer Fire Department Friday, Oct. 30. The firefighters set up four stations for the kids to explore, and it was an awesome event! They got a chance to "put out a fire" with the big water hose, tour the firetruck, try on bunker gear and experience the oxygen masks. Hats off to our firefighters! It was really their best show yet!

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Hold the party NOT!!!

In response to "the speak out" last week, I would like to give my opinion. First I would like to inform the person who wrote it that they do not speak for me. I do enjoy the party and appreciate it more than a very small bonus. There are 250+ county employees therefore the bonus would not amount to a hill of beans. I too have children, four to be exact and they understand the true meaning of Christmas. They understand that things

may be tough, but we love them and do our best, and if mom and dad get to go out and enjoy a nice dinner at no cost to us that is great.

The door prizes alone are great and I would rather have the opportunity to win a day off than get a bonus that probably wouldn't give me gas money for the week.

I work in a department that isn't always well liked; most people only talk to us when they have an issue with their neighborhood. It is nice to have one day when we get shown some "love." If that means that the Commissioners or Constitutionals cook and serve us a nice dinner that is great.

I would like to reiterate that again this is my opinion and I can only speak for myself. If you don't want the party, you don't have to attend.

I am signing my name to this and it may upset some people, but that is my nature.

Just like my opinion take it or leave.

Myra Johnson, Mother of four and county employee

In response to the writer from last week speak out, in reference to the county Christmas Party. First off writer, please do not speak for the rest of us. I too have been a county employee for several years. I understand with the economy today and the budget cuts that have occurred along with higher taxes, a Christmas party is what we need. I doubt highly, that you really believe that the county (BOCC) will actually give us a bonus especially at this time. In my whole time employed with the county there has never been any type of holiday or merit bonuses given.

Reflecting on the old paths

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

A few weeks ago I was reading some history and found the following written by an older pastor, who had retired. He reflected on what he once knew true Christianity was like in America. He titled it The Old Paths. God bless you as you read and reflect.



Dr. Les Morgan

I liked the old paths, when moms were at home. Dads were at work. Brothers went into the army and sisters got married BEFORE having children!

Crime did not pay; hard work did and people knew the difference. Moms could cook. Dads would work. Children would behave.

Husbands were loving. Wives were supportive and children were polite.

Women wore the jewelry and men wore the pants. Women looked like ladies. Men looked like gentlemen. Children looked decent. People loved the truth, and hated a lie; They came to church to get IN, and not to get OUT!

Hymns sounded Godly. Sermons sounded helpful. Rejoicing sounded normal; And crying sounded sincere. Cursing was wicked. Drugs were for illness, and divorce was unthinkable.

The flag was honored. America was

That being said, In my opinion only I feel that the annual Christmas Party is what the employees need in these tough times. We as human beings occasionally need some sort of appreciation for all the hard work we do. Not to mention, it gives us a great opportunity to be together with fellow employees and show that although we work for a struggling county we are still a family and stand by each other in good and bad times. As for my family, they would appreciate it more if I came home and said the BOCC gave us a wonderful Christmas Party and I had a great time with my co-worker rather than "Hey kids I got a \$4 bonus" from the BOCC which it would probably amount too if divided amongst all county employees.

beautiful. And God was welcome!

We read the Bible in public and prayed in school. And, we preached from house to house. To be called an American was worth dying for. To be called a Christian was worth living for. To be called a traitor was a shame!

Preachers preached because they had a message; Christians rejoiced because they had the VICTORY! Preachers preached from the Bible. Singers sang from the heart; And sinners turned to the Lord to be SAVED!

A new birth meant a new life. Salvation meant a changed life; Following Christ led to eternal life.

Being a preacher meant you proclaimed the word of God; Being a deacon meant you would serve the Lord. Being a Christian meant you would live for Jesus;

And being a sinner meant someone was praying for you! Laws were based on the Bible. Homes read the Bible;

And churches taught the Bible.

God was worshiped. Christ was exalted. And the Holy Spirit was respected.

Church was where you found Christians on the Lord's day, rather than in the garden, on the creek bank, on the golf course, or being entertained somewhere else. I still like the old paths the best!

Amen, Brother

* Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle, located 200 yards behind Flora & Ella's on Highway 80.

Thank You

Thank You For Remembering:

A Big Thank you to all the celebrations honoring our American Vets. Monday, Nov. 9, the Seminole Indians honored all their tribal members who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Honor Society and Future Farmers of America from LaBelle High School paid tribute to our Vets with their second year program. Highlights were the slide show, personal experiences, the band and topped off with TAPS played mournfully by KC Lynn. A 'sit-down' pancake/sausage breakfast followed, served by students with a smile! Thank you to all the students who wrote poems, made posters, presented each person attending.

Tuesday afternoon, the American Legion, Lodge 130 held a birthday party celebrating the 234 anniversary of the US Marines. Thank you for the honors.

Veteran's Day began with two assemblies at the LaBelle Elementary School. This was the first year for the celebration which was organized by Mrs. Hayes. The first included K-2, the second assembly were the 3rd-5th. Winners of the poster contests were announced and presented a gift certificate. The winning essay was read by the author. The 5th grade choir sang, a very moving slide show was presented followed by an

informative demonstration by members of the American Legion: Commander Tony Alvarez, First Vice-Commander Bill Davis and Post Chaplain Sam Renfro showed how to fold the American Flag and the meaning of each fold. They presented Blue Star Banners to Lucinda Kelley, LHS Principal, and LES teacher, Erin Hayes who have 'children' serving in the armed forces in war-zones. Thank you for the program, it was outstanding.

Veteran's Day in the new Veteran's Park was perfect. Students from Upthegrove Elementary walked to the park. It was well attended and well organized. It was again concluded with TAPS played by KC Lynn, a senior at LHS. Everyone was invited to the VFW for lunch.

Wednesday afternoon Upthegrove Elementary held their first tribute to those serving. Each class sang patriotic songs. Those attending that had served our country were recognized and received a handmade poppy, and letter or poem written by students. Thank you to Mrs. Therese Carmelite, the Art and Music Teacher, who coordinated the program.

We realize that it is very difficult for those who did have horrific experiences and these programs bring back too many of those memories, but we thank you for your service and our freedom.

Nikki Yeagar

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Church Briefs

Helping hands for Christmas

Marcia's Helping Hands Mission is preparing for its Christmas Project. Last year this mission gave away 2,000 packages to families at Christmas.

Please help bring families some joy Christmas. There will be collection boxes placed at Family Eye Care and Carlson Memorial UMC for clothes, toys, shoes, socks, coloring books, crayons and candy. Send

monetary donations to Marcia's Helping Hands Mission at 3531 Ft. Adams Ave. LaBelle FL 33935. If you require additional information please don't hesitate to contact Marcia Carter at (863) 675-8607.

Bullpit Ministries rodeos

Tonight, Thursday, Nov. 19, Texas Wild Horse Ministries' Paul Daley will train a horse while preaching the Bible. 7 p.m. at

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Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. Bullpit Ministries will present the last in a series of rodeos - the **National Day of the Cowboy Ranch Rodeo** series. Mutton Bustin' Pee Barrels, Junior Bull Riding, Wild Horse Race, Senior Barrels, Ribbon Roping, Wild Cow Milking, Team Roping and Branding, Ranch Doggin' and Tying, Bull Riding and Team Tying.

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Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

New cloggers in town

This exciting new team of cloggers directed by Debbie White, formerly of Sidekick Cloggers, will be performing at all the area events starting at Christmas in the Park. The team was formed in April of 2009 and their December premier will be their first performance in front of a live audience. Members of the team are back row from left: Alea Madrid, Kasey Whidden, Chandler Bridwell, Melissa Velasco, Leah Van Wagner, Chelsea Bridwell, Fatima Bustemante. Front from left: Madison Kinney, Kali Holt and Emmalee Evers-Langford. Not pictured Rachel DiPofi, Kayla Hood, Elly Long and Mackenzie Hudson.

Help needy over the holidays

Freedom Fellowship Ministries is hosting a community drive to help the needy at Thanksgiving and at Christmas with several different outreaches. Please help with cash and food for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Drop off gifts and donations at Freedom Counseling and Service Center, 60 Calhoun St., or at the yard sale there Sat., Nov. 21.

Christmas donations can be received any time during office hours at the Counseling Center or at Freedom Fellowship Church, 1301 State Route 29, during service times Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or Wed. at 6:30 p.m. We need toys, new or used bicycles, new children's and teen's clothing and shoes etc. or cash donation.

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Kids and Veterans

Mrs. McVay's kindergarten class, pictured with Principal, James Sealey, and student intern Martha Carranza, display a poster that they made to send to a local Marine, Michael Goulette. They also wrote letters to the soldiers thanking them for their service.

Obituaries

Darrell Hough Harnish, 69

FORT MYERS — Darrell Hough Harnish, age 69 passed away Thursday, November 12, 2009 in Fort Myers after a courageous battle with cancer.

Darrell was born in Bluffton, Ind., on Dec. 21, 1939, to the late John W. Harnish and Priscilla Hough Harnish. He married Velma Long on Aug. 2, 1975; she survives. He worked as a plumber working out of Local 519 in Miami for many years. He was a member of the Community Harvest Worship Center in LaBelle for many years. He proudly served his country in U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Velma of Labelle; sons, Kenneth and Kevin Lipka; daughter, Tiffany Harnish; brother, Doyle Harnish; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services celebrating Darrell's life was held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the Community Harvest Worship Center where Pastor L.W. Howard officiated. Visitation was Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Akin-Davis Funeral Home 6 to 8 p.m. Burial with Military Honors was in Fort Denaud Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Lillie Armeta Hunter, 77

LABELLE — Lillie Armeta Hunter, age 77, of LaBelle, passed away Nov. 5, 2009, in LaBelle.

She was born Apr. 13, 1932, in LaBelle, daughter of the late Barney and the late Grace (Tuck-

Community Brief

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 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 information call 674-4092.

er) McClenithan.

Survivors include son, Ira Glen Hunter, Muse; daughter, Helen Maddox, LaBelle; brothers, Pete McClenithan, Clewiston, and Lloyd McClenithan, LaBelle; sister, Louise Green, LaBelle; grandchildren, Ira Billy Wagner, Jimmy Glen Wagner; Jennifer Windham, Sharon Nelson, and Carol McClenithan; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Nov. 7, 2009 at Ft Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle with Pastor Mike MacDowell officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Rev. V. H. Francis

LABELLE — Rev. V. H. Francis, 84, of LaBelle, formerly of Lakewood, N.J., passed away Nov. 8, 2009, in Sarasota.

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Church of God-LaBelle followed by the Funeral Service starting at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Fort Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

JOAQUIN "JAKE" HERRERA "JR"

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The family of "Jake Herrera" would like to invite all his family & friends to a graveside memorial at Ft. Denaud Cemetery at 1 pm on Sat, Nov 28, 2009. A reception will follow immediately after to reflect on his memories: Location TBA. Please bring pictures & stories to share with his Children

COES students participate in Veterans Day activities!

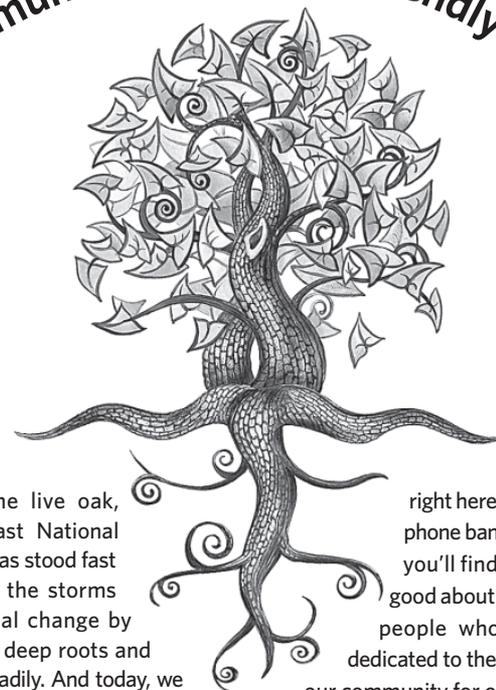
Several different classrooms at Country Oaks Elementary School are participating in Veterans Day Activities by recognizing local service men and women who are currently serving in the military. All second graders made card art for veterans that are being honored at LaBelle High School on Veteran's Day. They were asked to do this by the National Honor Society of LHS.

Mrs. Walker's fourth grade class is sending letters to her step-brother, Charles DiTusa, who is serving in the Army and is currently stationed in Afghanistan. Amy Perle is the mother of Noarsy and Jennifer, who are

currently attending Country Oaks Elementary School. She requested students to write letters to service men in the same platoon as her son, Michael Goulette.

Mrs. McVay's kindergarten class and Mrs. Pratt's second grade class have both written letters that Mrs. Perle has sent to her son, Michael, who will then pass them out to his fellow Marines. Mrs. Perle has also included packages with Gator-Ade and power bars for the men and women in boot camp with her son. She welcomes donations or participation in this project, and may be contacted by calling 863-517-0193.

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- LaBelle - Health Department (1140 Pratt Blvd) - 12/19/09 - 10:00am to 1pm

Sports Shorts

Meeting for local skatepark

The Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Department is holding a meeting on a Skate Park Project Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Office, 310 W. Cowboy Way. Discuss fundraisers, look over designs and a location. Call 863-675-5347.

Try out for Junior Pro

Boys and girls from third-eighth grade, tryout for Junior Pro basketball Sunday, Nov. 22 at UES, 1 p.m. Two girls coaches and one boys coach are still needed. Call Darrell Harris at 675-2565 or Pat Langford at 675-1686.

Alumni game cancelled

LHS has cancelled the Nov. 27 basketball alumni game. Any money sent for registration will be returned to the applicant.

Youth rodeo planned

LaBelle Family Livestock will have a youth rodeo Saturday, Nov. 21, 4 p.m. at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds. No admission. Concession available.

Kim Allen Memorial Race for ESE program

This coming Saturday night, Nov. 21, will be the Second Annual Kim Allen Memorial race to honor the life of Kim Allen and to raise money in his name for the Hendry County School's ESE program. Kim was a local businessman, son, husband, loving father and, most of all, just a great person.

On this night there will be the fastest and greatest stars in Late Model Racing from all over the Southeast United States, competing in their event.

The Late Model Challenge Series will crown its 2009 Senior Champion. Also that evening enjoy the Open Wheel Modified, Pure Stocks and Street Stocks.

Gates open at 4 p.m., racing begins at 7 p.m. The race track is located on Hwy. 27 right at the Hendry-Glades County line near Moore Haven. For more information, call 863-673-4325 or 863-675-1580.

Barron, Baker heading to state final competition

Superstitious people worry about bad things happening on Friday the 13.

But for two LaBelle High School Cross Country runners that day would prove to be lucky. At Lake Park in Tampa last Friday (Nov. 13), Gabriel Barron and Caleb Baker both qualified for the State Finals individually by finishing in the top fifteen runners at the Regional Meet. Gabriel finished 7th with a time of 16:27, while Caleb finished 13th and had a time of 16:51. Those were personal best times for both runners this year and could not have come at a better time. They will be competing at the State Championships in Dade City Saturday, Nov. 21.

As for the rest of the Boys team, Coach Frost implemented a race strategy for his runners in hopes that it would improve their chances of moving on. "Even though we did well in our District (4th), I felt we needed something a little extra to improve our chances of moving on. Looking at the

strength of the top three teams in our District and theirs, I knew we would have to do something special," said Coach Frost.

The remaining five LaBelle runners were asked to block other teams' runners on a narrow spot on the course (in the woods) at the beginning of the race. Frost concluded that, "Even though the strategy may not have worked for the team, it may have assisted Gabriel and especially Caleb in qualifying for State." Unfortunately, the boys' team finished 7th, missing out on qualifying for State by one position. The rest of the Boys were lead by Senior Chris Timms 18:08, Junior David Miller 18:47, Senior "Nacho" Acosta 18:49, Freshman Nik Loredo 19:42 and Sophomore Carlos Santillan 20:05.

Girls end season

The Girls' Cross Country team ended their season by finishing 11th out of 12 teams at the Regional Finals in Tampa.

Cowboys end tough season

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

The Cowboys finished their season Nov. 13 with a tough 48-0 loss to Evangelical Christian School, what Coach Hal Bennett called "the best team we've played all year."

Despite the fact that the Cowboys did some good things, Coach Bennett said they were just out-matched.

He was proud that his boys played to the best of their ability, he commented, but they were just playing a much bigger, 9-1 team on its way to the playoffs.

Offensive Player of the Week: David Miller had great games two weeks in a row. Against ECS he had several good runs and blocked well. He brought in a 31-yard catch that was one of LaBelle's bright spots in the game.

Defensive Player of the Week: Safety Robert Facundo had several tackles and broke up several passes.

Special Teams Player of the Week: backup punter Jordan Phillips did a good job despite only having a couple days to pre-

pare. He got off five punts quickly and none were even close to being blocked.

Coach Bennett said their 1-9 season did not come close to doing justice to the team, especially the seniors. He said they are leaders whose contributions cannot be measured on the scoreboard.

A coach since 1998, Coach Bennett predicted that LaBelle has a lot to look forward to with these young men. "This is the best group I've ever coached," he stated proudly, "they are some of the best people I know."

Now it's planning time for next year, he said. Hopefully several Cowboys can look forward to playing in some special post season games.

He said several schools are looking at Dale Thompson.

"These young men are scrappy," he said, "they fought hard all year and this town should be proud of them."



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Despite missing two of their top four runners (Senior Karina Barron and Sophomore Socorro Ruiz), the remaining Cowgirls all ran their best times of the year and avoided finishing last.

Sophomore Ashley Golemme again finished first for LaBelle with a time of 22:56. She was followed by Freshman Cory Taylor 23:16, Junior "Pencil" Madrid 24:00, Senior Emily Hull 25:33, Senior Dani Bennett 25:45 and Junior Laura Reed 27:01.

The Cowgirls ended a successful year by finishing first or second in all of their dual meets and became the first Girls team to advance to Regionals out of the new District alignment (first time in five years).

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Area H1N1 vaccination success

by Pat Dobbins

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments held their first H1N1-Swine Flu mass vaccination clinic at West Glades Elementary School. Over 140 people were vaccinated within two hours. The lines started forming at 4 p.m. and the vaccinations started promptly at 4:30. Those in line included parents with young children and adults that met the target groups.

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments had a team of 14 people which included five nurses and other well trained staff to assist. There were strategic stations lined in the hallway to help with the flow of people. The first station was identified as "triage" where people were interviewed to make sure they met the target group. Then they proceeded to "registration" where they filled out paperwork, received a short medical screening to decide the dosage and type of vaccine they would receive. The next step was the "vaccination station." Some parents chose the nasal mist for their child while other children braved the needle.

Area residents, Annette Spargo, her son Hunter Spargo and her daughter Holly Stevenson all braved the needle together. They were within the target group to receive the vaccine. They all left with a smile on their face saying that the whole process seemed to go very smoothly and quickly. Several people thanked the Health Department workers for setting up at the school to provide this service to the community. Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades

County Health Departments stated "We are working hard to ensure that the children in our communities have the opportunity to get vaccinated for H1N1. We want to thank the West Glades Elementary School for partnering with us for this very important mass vaccination campaign."

Additionally, the Glades County Sheriff's Department provided a deputy at the site to assist with security and crowd control but there were no issues. The vaccine will be provided at other scheduled locations over the next few weeks, so please look for schedules in the newspapers and on posters throughout the communities in Hendry and Glades Counties.

The Hendry County Health Department has designated two different days and times that we can accept "walk-ins" to the clinic for H1N1 vaccinations. LaBelle: Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Clewiston: Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention provides the guidance for the issuance of the vaccine, and the Health Departments can only vaccinate the targeted groups which include healthy children over 6 months through 24 years of age, pregnant women, healthcare and emergency service personnel, individuals who live with or care for an infant under 6 months, and those who are 25 years and older who have a chronic health condition. If you have any questions regarding the H1N1-Swine Flu vaccine, you can call any Health Department or 1-877-352-3581.

School Briefs

Yard sale for LHS athletics

The annual LaBelle High School Yard Sale in October was such a huge success, that we decided to have another one on December 5! This one will also be held at Upthegrove Elementary School on the Main Street side of the school. The sale will take place from 8 a.m.-noon. Clean out your garage and help the LaBelle High School Athletic Department in the process. In the face of tough economic times, our annual athletic budget has been severely reduced. To offset these reductions, we are hoping for your generous donations to help the athletes at LaBelle High School during the 2009-2010 school year. No donation is too small, nor too large. We can accept furniture, clothes, collectible items, and any previously loved, but no longer needed items. All we ask that they be in good and still usable condition. We also ask that any items of clothing be washed before they are donated. Please call LaBelle High School at 674-4120 to arrange a pickup of your items or drop them off at the school after 3 p.m. All messages will be forwarded to Mel Greenleaf who is in charge of this fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your generous and continued support of athletics at LaBelle High School. And don't forget to come out and check out the many pre-loved items we will have for sale. You many find exactly what you are looking for at a fraction of the original cost.



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Spooky fun

Scary pumpkins decorated by the third, fourth and fifth grade classes sit in a frightening row on the cafeteria stage at LaBelle Elementary School. The students are competing in a contest to see who has the most popular pumpkin. The competition was created to raise money for the Art Department at L.E.S. The pumpkins were generously donated by LaBelle U-SAVE.

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LaBelle woman takes gold in bikini contest

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

What is more beautiful than the human form?

Meet Betsy Armstrong. Just 25, Betsy Armstrong is co-owner of Studio 283 hair salon and a new devotee of physique competition. In fact, she just took first place in the 2009 National Physique Committee's Dayana Cadeau Classic Bikini Division in Miami. It was her very first competition. The contest took place at Miami-Dade Auditorium on Oct. 24.

This Muse resident graduated from LaBelle High School in 2003. She said she has always been into fitness but started going to Big Iron Barbell gym to work out early this year.

That's when she became motivated by Big Iron Barbell owner and certified trainer Shain Wyka and Carlene Campbell. Carlene and Sarah Castle earned top awards in September at the Royal Palm Classic Body Building and Figure Competition at Cape Coral High School.

Betsy made the commitment to go for it on Aug. 22 and Shain put together a fitness plan for her that includes five or six meals per day, balancing protein and carbs - no sugar. Betsy also trains three or four times per week and does a cardio workout four or five times per week.

It's not the intensive training regimen that Carlene and Sarah follow, but tough enough. Betsy also has a daily two-hour exercise routine using treadmills and weights.

Betsy said nutrition is 80 percent of her plan. As with other strict regimens, it requires the support of those closest to you. Betsy is grateful for the support of her fiancé.

In all honesty, Betsy has always had a wonderful body and shape. It took her just two months to go from having a good body to a great one - one that could take first place in some very stiff competition.

It took a lot of discipline, Betsy concedes, but she said she loves to work out and was surrounded by inspiring people.

Betsy started out at a petit 5'3", 115 pounds and lost weight quickly on her new regimen, down to just 103 perfectly proportioned pounds,

At the same time, her body fat actually increased slightly. The goal of the bikini division is to maximize the feminine contours of the body, Shain said, so the trick is to define, smooth and round certain areas of the body.

It's a big sacrifice, Shain concedes, but he insists the results are attainable by anybody.

On stage, the contestants take over on their own. Faced with a stage full of virtually perfect bodies, the judges often rely on things like the contestants' walk - their flair. Contestants don't have the specific pose requirements of the body builders. It comes down to individual style, charisma and confidence - the "it" factor, Shain said. Obviously, Betsy has plenty of "it" and she's ready to see how far it can take her.



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Betsy Armstrong said she didn't expect the gold when she entered first bikini contest, but the judges obviously saw her shine.

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- 1.15 +/- acs commercial property w/Cowboy Way frontage. **\$575,000.**
- Location with a Future! .90 acre in the city limits offering 200' ON SR 80 WITH B-2 ZONING. **\$289,000.**
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WATERFRONT LOT! Protected navigable oxbow w/direct access to river. **\$139,500**

HOMES

3BR/2BA MANUFACTURED HOME in town. **\$39,900**

BANK OWNED 3BR/2BA HOME built in 2005. **\$39,900**

2/2 CONDO GOLFEDGE VILLAGE - Lehigh Acres. Recent upgrades, screened lanai & golf course view. **\$69,500**

3BR/2BA HOME! Large Oaks & nicely landscaped. **\$99,500**

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3BR/2BA MOBILE HOME on 2.5 Ac **\$79,000**

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

12+/- ACRES MANUFACTURED HOME fronting on Hwy 78 West! **\$300,000**

3BR/2BA HOME ON 1.37+/- ACRE! Commercial Zoned, Hwy Frontage. **\$450,000**

3BR/2BA POOL HOME on 66.5 +/- Acres in Felda. **\$739,900**

3.36 ACRES PENDING **\$6,000**

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

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- Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home on canal. Open floor plan, tile thru out. **\$48,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 centrally located in Lehigh Acres. Close to schools and shopping. Needs a little TLC. **\$47,900.**
- Corporate owned! Little bit of TLC and this 3/2 home in Port LaBelle could be a beauty. **\$32,670.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 on .49+/- in Lehigh Acres near SR 80. Spacious rooms and great floor plan. **\$52,000**
- Corporate owned! 2/1 condo located in Lehigh Acres on a canal. **\$19,900.**
- Corporate owned! 2/2 condo in 55+ community. Central Lehigh Acres. Move in ready. **\$19,900.**
- Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$17,000.**
- Corporate owned! 2/1 on .35+/- of an acre located on main rd. in town Ft. Myers. Needs some TLC. **\$12,500.**

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MOBILE HOMES

- Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10+/- acs has it all, spacious family room, master suite w/ office, covered porch, and fencing for horses. This one is a steal @ only **\$250,000**
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- Country living at its best! 3/2 on 2.30+/- acres outside city of LaBelle. Over spacious kitchen & master bath. New carpet through out home. **\$149,900.**
- 3/2 manufactured home on 4+/- acres in Muse. Partially cleared and fenced. **\$145,000.**
- Relax the rural way! Situated on 1.25 acs in growing Montura, beautiful new 2006 3/2 manufactured home. SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE! **\$129,900**
- 4/2 on 10+/- acres in Pioneer Plantation. With 2,356+/- sq. ft. of living area, spacious living room with fireplace. **\$112,500.**
- Two for the price of one on 1 ac. 3/2 well maintained manufactured home + a 2 manufactured home. **\$100,000**
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- Affordable starter. 3/1.5 on corner lot in Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**
- 3/2 manufactured in city limits. Close to schools, shopping & easy access to SR80. **\$49,900.**
- Corporate owned! Located in Ortona. 3/2 on .22+/- of an acre. A little TLC will bring this one a long way. **\$27,521.**

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LOTS

- 2.72+/- partially fenced acreage in Muse. **\$75,000.**
- .29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**
- Buy now, build later. Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. **\$35,000.**
- Nice 1.25+/- ac. in Montura **\$8,000.**
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- Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse & just minutes away from LaBelle. **\$3.50 per sq ft.**
- Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. **\$100,000.**
- 2 ac. located in City limits. Zoned Industrial. **\$100,000.**

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- \$29,000** - 3/2 in the city limits, needs TLC. Bank Foreclosure - Sold As Is.
- \$59,000** - 3/2 in Ortona
- \$64,900** - New MH on 1/2 ac off SR29
- \$69,900** - 4/2 on 2 Ac. Foreclosure, Sold As Is - Over 2,000 sq. ft. built in 1996
- \$79,900** - 3/2 on 2 ac. in Muse.
- \$89,000** - 3/2 in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft.
- \$117,000** - 4/2 Newer MH on ½ Ac, Seller Motivated. **REDUCED! \$119,000** - 3/2 on 2 ½ Ac Recent Updates 1436 Sq Ft.
- \$150,000** - 3/2 on 6 Ac, Marshall Field Rd. Seller Financing.
- \$375,000** - 3/2 on 30 Ac in Muse, Oaks, Creek, & Great Pasture.

HOMES

- \$39,000** - Well maintained Country Village 2/2
- \$69,000** - 2/2 Great Starter in Port LaBelle.
- \$69,000** - 3/2 in town, corner lot.
- \$74,000** - 2/2 in Port LaBelle, large porch.
- \$79,900** - Newer 3/2, built in 2005, Short Sale.
- \$125,000** - CBS 3/2 w/2 car garage on 2 ac, Short Sale.
- \$129,000** - 3/2 Modular, Make Offer.
- \$157,500** - 3/2 in Laurel Oaks, needs TLC, Seller Financing.
- \$169,000** - 3/2 Den on small lot. Seller relocating.
- \$179,900** - 4/2 in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac.
- \$225,000** - 3/2 in Gated Riverbend Estates, Seller says Make Offer.
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- \$459,000** - 3/2 Upgrades adorn CBS Country Pool Home w/outbuildings, riding arena, 13 Ac.

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- \$119,000** - 1/2 Acre Commercial Lot on Davis St.
- \$199,000** - Vacant 2 ac. on SR 80, just west of town
- \$249,000** - 4610 sq. ft. hangar w/ access. 1-2.
- \$269,000** - State Road 80 Corner ½ Ac, B-1 w/bill-board income.
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- \$395,000** - 4800 Sq. Ft.

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- \$399,000** - 4.5Ac, 2400 Steel Bldg Industrial, Possible Lease Option.
- REDUCED \$399,000** - Short Sale! 2 Steel Bldgs, over 8000 Sq. Ft. Zoned PUD on 2+ Ac.
- \$559,000** - 3 Ac +/- with Bldg on Sr 29, C-2 zoning.
- \$675,000** - 5 Ac +/- Industrial. Will split, Cleared & Filled, Seller Financing.

WATERFRONT

- \$55,000** - 2/2 MH in River Oaks/Ortona, now waterfront!
- \$159,000** - Over 1 ac. on the main river, F. Denaud Rd.
- \$189,000** - Manufactured home on 1 ac., Ortona
- \$192,500** - Old Ft. Denaud 1 Ac.
- \$199,000** - Hidden Hammock 1 Ac w/dock.
- \$395,000** - High Elevation with long views, 5 Ac.
- \$389,000** - 3/2 Super CBS River Home w/pool on Oxbow w/dock on double lot.
- \$499,000** - Eagle Point 1Ac Deep Water & Protected Harbor w/ Lg Dock.
- \$425,000** - 3/4 in Ft. Denaud on 2.6+/- ac with 228 ft. riverfront.
- \$695,000** - Spectacular 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 Ft on the River, Below Appraisal.
- \$1,550,000** - 5/8 Estate Home on 10+/- Ft on the River, Below Dock, Really Private.

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- \$4,900** - Moore Haven Yacht Club lot
- \$5,900** - Port Labelle Lots, Seller financing
- \$9,900** - Mobile home lots, south of town
- \$13,500** - 1.25 Ac in Montura Ranches
- \$49,000** - 2.2 Ac Rural Residential Fenced
- \$65,000** - 4.2 ac. on Fernwood. Great buy!
- \$69,000** - Estate Homesite in Oak Haven. 2 ac with great oaks.
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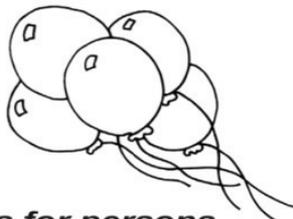
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO PRANASLEEP, LLC

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance to revoke the ad valorem tax exemption granted to Pranasleep, LLC entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REVOKING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO PRANASLEEP, LLC, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2007-09 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

339422 CB/CN 11/19/09

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 upon 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
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

338723 CGS/CB 11/12,19,26;12/03/09

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Monday, December 9, 2009, at 2:00 P.M., at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Port LaBelle Advisory Committee
George Davis

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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 F. MILLER, II**, 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

Containing 69.86 acres, more or less.

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: J/S. Miller
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person who proposes 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

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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 or by calling (850) 414-4000. 338416 CB 11/12,19/09

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO IMPACT FEES

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to impact fees:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL IMPACT FEES WITHIN HENDRY COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

339427 CB/CN 11/19/09

Community Briefs

Vroom, vroom! Santa is coming!

Santa is coming to LaBelle with the bikers on Dec. 3 in the Popeye's Chicken parking lot during bike night. Please bring a toy for the Salvation Army. All bikers welcome. Music, races, prizes, vendors, 50/50 raffle.

Commodities available

USDA commodities will be distributed by the Hendry County Food Bank today, Thurs-

Public Notice

Public Notice

RFP - 2010-06

Hendry County Request for Proposals (RFP) Grant Administration Services and Project Delivery Services Community Development Block Grant Program for 2008 Disaster Recovery Funding

Hendry County requests proposals from individuals or firms to provide Grant Administration and Project Delivery Services for a 2008 Disaster Recovery project funded through the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. Hendry County anticipates receiving approximately \$272,484.00 in 2008 Disaster Recovery funds.

Grant Administration services shall include, but not be limited to: compliance with all required reporting, tracking overall grant progress in compliance with CDBG program guidelines, providing technical assistance when necessary, preparation of amendments, coordination with County's Citizens' Advisory Task Force, financial management, and other grant-required administration tasks requested by the County and/or funding agency. Project Delivery Services shall include, but not be limited to: conducting environmental review based on selected activities, preparing and reviewing home-owner applications, housing work write-ups, contractor verification, developing bid packages, overseeing bidding process, progress inspections, compliance with Davis-Bacon requirements, working with project engineer, if required, and other activity related tasks required to complete the project.

Procurement and contracting of all services shall conform to CDBG guidelines and state and federal regulations including 24 CFR, Part 85. Separate contracts will be awarded for each service procure. The selection process shall be open to the public and records maintained in accordance with CDBG requirements.

Proposals for the requested Grant Administration and Project Delivery services shall be ranked separately and evaluated separately using the following criteria:

- **15 POINTS COMPANY PROFILE:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION, AVAILABILITY OF STAFF, AND LEVEL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.
- **15 POINTS COMMENCEMENT:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE ABILITY TO COMMENCE SERVICES AND FAMILIARITY WITH CDBG REGULATIONS.
- **30 POINTS EXPERIENCE:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE DIRECT PROGRAM EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS WITH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF CDBG PROJECTS.
- **20 POINTS APPROACH STRATEGY:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE PROJECT APPROACH FOR EACH SERVICE REQUESTED AND PROVEN IMPLEMENTATION AND/OR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES BY THE TEAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIENTS INCLUDING CDBG.
- **15 POINTS REFERENCES:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE QUALITY OF REFERENCES.
- **5 POINTS FEES:** SCORING WILL EMPHASIZE PROPOSED FEE, RATES, AND LEVEL OF SERVICE IN RELATION TO PROPOSED FEES FOR EACH SERVICE REQUESTED.

The previous criteria are shown in the required format. For a proposal to be eligible, the format must be strictly followed. During this RFP process, any intentional omissions, alterations, or false representations will be grounds for rejection of any proposal. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. MBE/WBE/DBE businesses are encouraged to participate. In compliance with the Florida Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics, Hendry County strictly enforces open and fair competition in its RFP's. In accordance with Section 287.133, FS, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide services to a public entity. A public entity crimes statement is required. During the RFP process, questions or requests for additional information concerning this RFP shall be directed to Ms. Judy McElhane, Hendry County Purchasing Department, Post Office Box 2340, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida 33795-2340 or telephone 863-675-5220.

The County reserves the right to request clarification of any information submitted by proposers. The Board of County Commissioners, with suitable basis provided for by law, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposal process. CDBG and other program contracts, either single or separate as required by each program, are subject to grant awards and release of funds by respective funding agencies.

Consultants shall submit one original and five copies of their proposal to the Hendry County BOCC in sealed packages and marked clearly: "RFP 2010-06, SEALED PROPOSAL FOR CDBG 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECT DELIVERY SERVICES", no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009. Proposals should be delivered to:

Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler
C.E. Hall Building, Administration Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226
25 E. Hickpochee Avenue
LaBelle, FL 33935

To facilitate effective evaluation by the County, proposals shall be limited to a total of 50 pages. MBE/WBE/DBE certification(s), statement on Public Entity Crimes, other appendix documentation, sectional dividers, and front and back covers will not be counted toward the total. A letter of interest or executive summary, not to exceed three (3) additional pages, may also be included in the proposal. Proposals that exceed this length will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated. Late proposals will be returned unopened. Proposals will be opened as soon as possible after the submission deadline. Evaluation and selection will occur in accordance with the appropriate requirements at a time and place to be determined. At the discretion of the County, proposers may be asked to give a short presentation/interview as part of the selection process. Hendry County supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Fair Housing, Drug Free Workplace and Providing Handicapped Accessibility.

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Hendry County Board of County Commissioners
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day, Nov. 19, at the Dallas B. Townsend Ag Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd. noon-3 p.m.

Remember Lights of Love

The Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation has been receiving an abundance of responses towards their 'Lights of Love' campaign. Honor a family member or friend for only \$5. Names will be placed in the program, which will be distributed at the tree-lighting ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 1, (5:30 p.m.) at the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center on Main Street. The ceremony includes carols and refreshments. Purchase your light by Friday, Nov. 20.

Call the foundation at 863-983-2735.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will meet at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct routine business that may require Board action.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark Colbert, Chairman
339230 CGS/CB 11/19/09

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will attend the Hendry County Legislative Delegation Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on December 3, 2009, at LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

Board of County Commissioners
of Hendry County, Florida
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
339108 CB/CN 11/19/09

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, II, 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 of sale, the following described property:

EXHIBIT A

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 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

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.
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Special guest at boat parade

Dec. 12 the Annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade will be floating by the park. Special Guest, Gioia Bruno from Expose` will be singing and joining in the Christmas caroling! Gioia has given her time to us for the benefit of the animals. Vendors and the concession stand will serve Christmas Cookies n snacks and hot Chili n Hot Dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, cold drinks. Proceeds from the concession go directly to the care of animals at the Caloosa Humane Society!

Gardeners to meet

The Greater Garden Club of LaBelle will meet, Monday, Nov. 23, at the Dallas Townsend Center at 7 p.m. Wendy Sprague, a Master Gardener from Alva. will give a presentation on Florida wildflowers. All photos were taken at the OK Slough (Felda). Spring is the best time of the year to see most of the wildflowers, although nature here in warm, sunny Florida knows no bounds.

Refreshments and a plant exchange. Call President Terri at 863-675-2392.

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 for 24 years. Rick continues to fight a brain tumor. Tris and Donna Chapman have donated a week stay at their luxury condo on Anna Maria Island. Tickets are \$10 each, six for \$50. The drawing will be at Turkey Bingo at Country Oaks Elementary Friday, Nov. 20. Please call 674-4140 for tickets.

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. No official meeting. 674-0467.

No garbage pickup

There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, for unincorporated Hendry County.

Captain Hendry dinner

The Education Center of Southwest Florida, Inc., (ECSWF) annual Captain Hendry Dinner to benefit the education center is at the Captain Hendry House Dec. 3 5:30 p.m.

Ortona goes Cuban

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

Cuban pork roast prepared from a special recipe by Ortona resident and Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, 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.

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 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 a hands-on class. Just bring a note pad and pen. To reserve a place call (863) 675-0900. LaBelle Assembly of God is located at 123 Fraser Avenue.

Chicken and jam at VFW

VFW Post 10100 will have a Country Jam Thursday, Nov. 19, from 4-7 p.m. A chicken noodle dinner begins at 6 p.m. \$4.

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.

Salvation Army 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. Please call 863-674-1441. The campaign runs through Dec. 24.

Also, please sponsor a family for a Thanksgiving Food Box or for Christmas Gifts or Food Box please stop by or call 863-674-1441. They anticipate a huge need in our area this year.

Christmas trees arrive soon!

This yearly fund raiser is an excellent way for our LHS Key Club to raise money for the projects they support. Sales begin Nov. 27. The WGS Builder's Club will help as LaBelle Kiwanis Club members interact with our youth and serve our community. It is also a great way to develop leadership qualities in our future leaders.

Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving sales will be from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., with plenty of help on hand to trim and load your tree. After that, trees sales will be manned on Sundays from noon-7 p.m., Monday - Fridays from 3-7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. You can always purchase your tree during normal Thrift Store hours, Monday-Friday as early as 9 a.m., but there is no trimming available.

Thanks to Mr. Lawrence O'Ferrell and Mr. Bob Moss delivery of 225 Fraser Firs from Blue Ridge Trees in Sparta, NC are expected. Trees will range from 5'-9' in height, \$30 and \$65. We appreciate the support of our community.

LHS '60s reunion

If you graduated from or attended LHS from 1959-69 please mark the weekend of March 12-14, 2010, for a multi-class reunion. To help or for information, please call Sue at 863-675-4803 or Jayne at 863-517-0337.

34th Great American Smokeout is today, November 19th

The Florida Department of Health and Tobacco Free Florida celebrate the 34th Great American Smokeout Thurs., Nov. 19, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Floridians are challenged to "Be Free" of all tobacco use for 24 hours or commit to a plan of becoming smoke-free and beating their addiction. E-cards that promote the

holiday and create awareness about cessation services such as counseling are available on www.tobackyou.com.

High schoolers will conduct the Great Smokeout and the 88 Shoe Campaign. During the Great Smokeout youth demonstrate the effects of tobacco through a descriptive walk of death. A volunteer (death) pulls stu-

dents representing the number of Floridians that die daily from a tobacco related disease. They will not be allowed to speak to their peers for the remainder of the day. In the 88 Shoe Campaign, the shoes of 88 people will be placed in a high traffic area with the name of a person that died as a result of a tobacco related disease.

Contact the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4041 ext 128 and ask for Valarie. Florida Quitline offers free counseling and nicotine replacement therapies for those who qualify (while supplies last). Please visit www.floridaquitline.com or call 1.877.U.CAN.NOW for more information.

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LaBelle pays homage to heroes

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

Veterans Day 2009 brought out the patriotism in LaBelle with elementary and high school students stepping forward to offer their gratitude to generations that have paved their way to their future.

Ceremonies began under overcast skies, but ended in the bright Florida sunshine. VFW Post 10100 organized the ceremony and provided a luncheon afterward.

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, veterans were invited to a presentation at LaBelle High School which included breakfast, served to local vets individually. The youngsters spoke to the veterans, shook their hands and expressed their thanks for sacrifices they made before this generation was born, but the effects of which will last for generations to come.

At LaBelle Elementary School the morning of Nov. 11, veterans made an appearance and demonstrated the proper way to fold the American flag, and acquainted the children with its symbolism. Earlier in the week, Country Oaks students made a poster for a local Marine and wrote letters to the soldiers thanking them for their service.

Later, fifth graders from Upthegrove Elementary School graders walked to the annual Veterans Day ceremony, taking place for the first time at the new Veterans Park across from the Courthouse. Some of the students remembered family members serving in the military, like Tyler Vetten who has

two uncles in the service now.

In turn, representatives of the various veterans' groups took the podium to express solidarity with their brothers and sisters, grief in their common losses and pride in their accomplishments.

American Legion Post 130 Commander Tony Alvarez explained that all military veterans are simply ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things. "Where there was tyranny," he said, "they were there."

From Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144, Steve Williams said veterans have earned freedom for all of us.

VFW Post 10100 Commander R.P. Middleton explained veterans' emotions on Veterans Day: gratitude, pride, sadness as they recall a "unique combination of the great and the terrible." For many, he said, serving in the military was the most important event of their lives, knowing that they each contributed to the greater good. Veterans, he said, understand the true essence of America.

World War II veteran Kenneth Soleno has lived in LaBelle since 1989. Just 19 when he was drafted into the Army in 1943, he hit Omaha Beach on D-5 (five days after D-Day) with his company of engineers. He was about 1 1/2 miles from the fighting at that time. The engineers first built an airstrip to accommodate disabled Allied fighters, then moved inland as the Allies dug deeper into France. About five miles inland he said they repaired a captured airport.

Eventually, he wound up on the outskirts



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Marueta and Kenneth Soleno pledge allegiance to the flag.

of the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Soleno served in the Army of the Occupation - the "rat race" - in Germany where he helped collect arms from the German population and burned them. He finally returned home in March 1946, after 31 months of service.

Mr. Soleno and his wife of 56 years, Marueta, come to every Veterans Day, Marueta clutching a picture of their deceased son, Kenneth Jr, who himself spent over 20 years in the Army.



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