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At a Glance

Captain Hendry Dinner

The 10th anniversary of the Captain Hendry Christmas Dinner to benefit the Education Center of Southwest Florida, Inc., a non-profit 501C3 organization, will be Thursday, Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased from any director, The Chamber of Commerce or call (863) 675-6800. Tickets are \$20 PP. There will also be a silent auction.

Christmas Carol plays out on stage

What better way to celebrate the season than to enjoy Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" adapted for the stage by Anthony E. Palermo. This musical adaptation stars Bob Butts as Ebenezer Scrooge, Nancy McGlasson, Dave Johnson and Jim Bishop as First, Second and Third Spirits plus Charles Dickens' Marley's Ghost, Tiny Tim, the Cratchit family, Fezziwig and Nephew Fred -- all of Dickens' children and characters!

There will be plenty of opportunities to catch this great Christmas classic with performances Dec. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Show times are 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 with reservation; \$14 at door. The Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle. 863-675-3066.

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Public action: Shaping our area



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Florida Department of Transportation's Gwen Pippin explains to residents one of the possible realignments of SR 29 north of LaBelle as it would cross Marshal Field Road.

SR 29 study a work in progress

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Florida Department of Transportation continues its Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E) on the 15-mile section of SR 29 from Cowboy Way (SR 80A) to US 27.

The study is taking into consideration natural, physical and socio-cultural features along the proposed roadways. Using a Land Suitability Mapping process that identifies important features throughout the surrounding area, FDOT is considering three possible corridors for the realignment.

At stake in this process is the future of LaBelle and the surrounding area.

LaBelle residents have been very engaged in this effort, with about 110 residents showing up at last month's public workshop on the project.

Bear in mind that there is no money budgeted for the realignment at this time. FDOT has been gathering information, including public input, for several years about the project.

FDOT's guides to honing down possible corridors are to: enhance economic competitiveness; enhance emergency evacuation; establish a regional system of highways; improve circulation of freight and goods; and to correct design deficiencies.

As a hurricane evacuation route. SR 29 is critical to both the

northern and southern extremes of the state, connecting to both SR 80 and US 27. Four-laning this section of SR 29 will improve the heightened flow of traffic during evacuations and improve response time.

As part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), SR 29 is a factor in the ability to move people and goods, along with all major air and ground modes of transportation.

Locally, improvements to SR 29 will provide better access to agricultural and ranching operations as well as freight centers. By the year 2030, FDOT expects SR 29's Level of Service to improve

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Parade Friday, snow predicted

This weekend LaBelle will jump into the Christmas season with both feet - landing smack in the middle of a huge pile of snow!

Starting with the annual Christmas parade, Friday, Dec. 4, and ending with the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Christmas in the Park, it will be the perfect beginning to the best season of the year.

Friday, the annual Christmas parade begins at 5:30 p.m. Line up U-Save 4:30 p.m. Join Santa, fire trucks, sheriff's cars, motorcycles! Bring your bicycles, trailers and homemade floats and join the parade. Walk or ride - just be there! For information or to sign up call Melissa Castillo at 675-1090.

Of course, Santa will be hitching a ride with the LaBelle Fire Department, giving Rudolf, Donner and Blitzen and all their buddies plenty of time to rest up for their trans-world tour on Christmas Eve. It's not too late to think about being naughty or nice - Santa is always watching and you'll want to be on the right side of his ledger come Christmas Eve.

Follow the parade north on Main Street to Barron Park where the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party will treat you to a great winter party.

Kids, get a taste of the North Pole complete with snow piles. Naturally, you'll be able to visit

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to accommodate projections of higher population levels,

Improvements to the road will also update the roadway to current design standards, increase sight distances and provide sidewalks and bike paths, FDOT staff believes.

Through a mapping process and public input, FDOT identified three possible corridors for SR 29: one west of the existing road; the existing road; and one east of the existing road.

An update to the Hendry County commissioners Nov. 10 by DOT's Marty Peate explained that, of the three, the western corridor would not enhance economic competitiveness or future population growth. The other two, however, would satisfy all the elements of purpose and need.

According to socio-economic impacts, dealing with population density, population below poverty level, median age, percent of Hispanic population, percent of non-White population and percent with English as Second Language speakers - the western corridor would have the highest; the central corridor medium impact; and the eastern corridor the lowest.

In addition, the eastern corridor had little support from the public and none from local governments.

Glades County supports the central and eastern corridors. The City of LaBelle prefers the central corridor but would accept the eastern corridor. Hendry County is expected to do the same.

Eventually, the City of LaBelle would like to see an additional span for the existing

bridge, feeling it would provide for traffic circulation and promote a walking downtown district.

The city commission provided a second option - developing a new bridge east of town to divert truck traffic from downtown LaBelle while FDOT continued to maintain the current bridge for other traffic.

The city opposed the western corridor, feeling it would be detrimental by causing traffic to bypass the city.

FDOT recommended the western corridor be eliminated from consideration due to its lower performance in the purpose and need, socio-economic and environmental factors.

The central and eastern corridors remain as possible realignments for SR 29.

Possible realignments still remaining

From Cowboy Way to US 27, the project is divided into three segments: SR 80A to north of SR 78, from north of SR 78 to CR 74 and from CR 74 to US 27.

There are four possibilities for the first segment: a four-lane road in town, a one-way pair of lanes, two lanes in town with a bypass at Forrey Road, or two lane in town with a bypass at Birchwood Pkwy.

In the second segment, the possibilities are either widening the road on the east side or to the west side.

The third segment alignments include four laning at-grade improvements or a realigned four lane with at-grade improvements.

The possibility of making no change in alignment, simply leaving the highway where it is with only routine maintenance is also still on the table.

Prospected costs range from 0 for the no change option up to \$332.5 million for the Birchwood bypass.

This phase of SR 29's upgrade to four lanes began early in 2008. The alternatives consideration phase will continue. A public meeting is to be held in May 2010 at the LaBelle Civic Center.

At that time, the development of a preferred alternative will commence. Information on the SR 29 realignment is available online at www.SR29LaBelle.com.

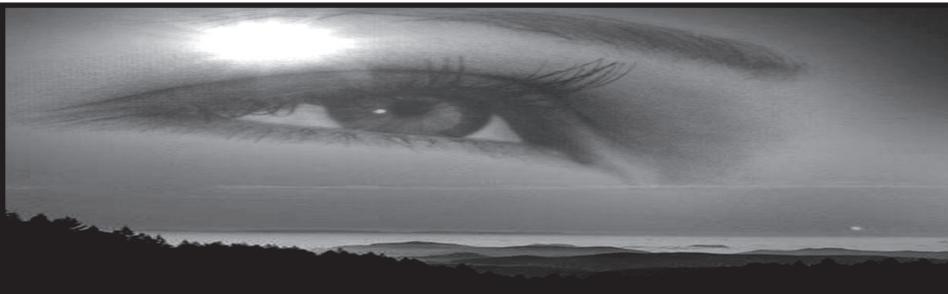
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a bounce house. Come on down for some great entertainment by some of LaBelle's best cloggers and the First Baptist Church will remind us all of the Reason for the Season with a beautiful Nativity Scene.

Bring your appetites - there will be hot dogs and chips for sale by the LaBelle Rotary Club and barbecue pork by the Chamber.

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Arrest reports

LaBelle

Teresa Santos, 28, was arrested Nov. 29 and charged with smuggling contraband into a prison. She allegedly brought a cellular phone or portable communications devise into HCI. Deputy Shaw was arresting officer.

Jilmer Carbajal, 29, was arrested Nov. 29 and charged on a Lee County warrant as a fugitive from justice. Deputy J. Woods was arresting officer.

Raven Ann Loredo, 16, was arrested Nov. 27 and charged with larceny between \$300 and \$5,000. Deputy C. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Bryan Lee Trejo, 19, was arrested Nov. 27 and charged with larceny between \$300 and \$5,000. Deputy C. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Juan Carlos Cruz, 20, was arrested Nov. 27 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Deputy C. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Martha Estrella Pena, 25, was arrested Nov. 25 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Linden Edward Smith, 36, was arrested Nov. 15 and charged on a Texas warrant as a fugitive from justice: burglary of a habitation. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Carlos Tolentino, 24, was arrested Nov. 29 and charged with driving without a license. FHP Trooper Parks was arresting officer.

Wilfredo D. Mendez, 27, was arrested Nov. 28 and charged with DUI alcohol or

drugs first offense and no valid driver license. FHP Trooper Nading was arresting officer.

Jose Pedro Vasquez, 33, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with a non-moving traffic violation operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver schedule 1, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possessio and/or use of narcotics equipment.

He allegedly received 11.5 pounds of marijuana through the U.S. mail.

Alfonso Maldonado, 68, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with selling cocaine schedule 2. Inv. Daley was arresting officer.



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They are all around you: it's the Lady ringing the bell in the front of the mall or the man in the funny shirt going store to store asking for donations, it's even the child selling cookies during the holidays. Let us not forget all of those that donate as well. One of these organizations is The American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle, Florida. On the morning of the 25th of December, Christmas Day, Post and community members gather as early as 6 a.m. in order to cook, package and deliver as many as 500 turkey dinners with all the fixings. Through the efforts of a lot of great people, a Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing,

potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, butter, salad, cake, candy cane is served up with a big helping of Christmas cheer from our Post and supporters.

This has been a long-standing tradition with Post 130 and we need your help. Over the years, these dinners have made a big difference to many who would otherwise have spent a lonely Christmas Day or perhaps even gone without the lovely meal most of us enjoy. It also gives volunteers a chance to share with others - a great way for kids to learn to appreciate what they have.

We need the names and addresses of those members of our community that need this gift of Holiday Spirit. If you would like to donate or you know the name of someone in need or if you would just like to join the Post in this endeavor on Christmas Day, please call us: (863) 675-8300.

With your help we can continue this tradition this year and in years to come. There is no better feeling than that of giving.

Tony Alvarez
Commander Post 130

Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

I hope everyone had as nice a Thanksgiving as I did. We have so much to be thankful for.

Our military men and women are in a living hell fighting to keep us free to celebrate our time together.

I don't know how many of you have checked out the new Web site for the Chamber of Commerce but it is really great. It's at www.labellechamber.com.

My friend Joan Miller sent the hint about putting your pocket book in the store cart and running the baby seat belt through the handle a few times and buckling it up.

I have put it in the Witch's Brew before but maybe at this time of year we need to be reminded.

To prevent grass from growing in be-

tween your side walk cracks and bricks, pour white vinegar in the cracks.

To stop a line of ants from coming into the house sprinkle a line of flour or baby powder and they won't walk through it.

Sayin's: I used to have a handle on life, but it broke. OR;

Don't take life too seriously: no one gets out alive. OR;

They named it PMS because Mad Cow disease was already taken.



Christmas: 'Tis the season with a reason

Les Morgan, pastor

Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

'Twas the month before Christmas when all through our land,

Not a Christian was praying nor taking a stand.

See the PC Police had taken away

The reason for Christmas - no one could say.

The children were told by their schools not to sing

About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.

It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say,

December 25th is just a 'Holiday.'

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit,

Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-pod, Something was changing, something quite odd!

Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa

In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.

As Targets were hanging their trees up-



Les Morgan

side down

At Lowe's the word Christmas was nowhere to be found.

At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears

You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.

Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty

Are words that were used to intimidate me.

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharp-ton, Wolf Blitzen,

On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter,

To eliminate Jesus in all public matter.

And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith,

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace,

The true gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded.

The reason for the season, stopped before it started.

So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'

Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.

Choose your words carefully, choose what you say,

Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, not Happy Holiday!

Please, all Christians join together and wish everyone you meet during the holidays a Merry Christmas.

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

Thank You

UES event

The second grade teachers would like to thank McDonald's and the Nisbet Family for their generous contribution to our Second Grade Campout at Upthegrove Elementary.

We would like to also thank the Zimmerly Family, Van Wagner Family, Matt Coker (our fireman), Beatrix Cardoza, Glenda Crews, Belinda Herrera, Barbara Mundy and Necole Seavey for giving their time and talents.

Their help contributed to a very successful camping event.

Sincerely,

Jan Colbert, Robyn Colding, Maria Salinas, Michelle Zimmerly

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New Rotarians

Two new members of the Rotary Club of LaBelle were inducted on Tuesday. They are James Holland and Matt Soud centered with Membership Chairman Jack Milholland and President Elect Michelle Brunetto. Rotary International is world wide and its members consist of business owners and professionals. Rotary has been instrumental in nearly eradicating Polio worldwide. The Rotary Club of LaBelle also addresses local concerns by participating in community projects and supplying scholarships to our youth, raising money through dues and fees, as well as, their Armadillo Races at the Swamp Cabbage Festival. It meets on Tuesdays at noon at 180 Jaycee - Lions Drive.

Deputies save woman's life

Due to the quick actions of Hendry County Sheriff's deputies, their success in extricating a female driver from a sinking car may have saved her life.

During the early morning hours of Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, Hendry County Agriculture Deputy Blake Branaman was patrolling the area of Flaghole Road outside of Clewiston, when he witnessed a vehicle exit the west side of Flaghole Road and enter a canal that parallels the roadway.

Acting quickly Deputy Branaman immediately called for assistance and exited his vehicle. After notifying sheriff's office communication dispatcher Lori Rodriguez, Branaman advised he was entering the canal in an effort to rescue the driver as the vehicle was quickly sinking. Upon making contact with the driver, later identified as Robin Jones, Branaman struggled with her to get her out of the vehicle as she was uncooperative and resisting his efforts. Moments later additional Sheriff's Office personnel arrived on scene and were able to assist Branaman in

removing Jones from the vehicle unharmed. Clewiston towing was then called to remove the completely submerged vehicle.

Once Jones was removed from the vehicle she was transported to Hendry Regional Medical Center and later released. At the time of her release she was transported to the Clewiston Sub Office where she was interviewed. It was at this time that deputies determined that Jones was, in fact, intoxicated. She did submit to a breathalyzer to determine her blood alcohol level which measured .140, nearly twice the legal level. Jones was placed under arrest and transported to the Hendry County Jail and later released on a \$750 bond.

Sheriff Whidden stated, "I am very proud of the efforts of Deputy Blake Branaman, Sgt. Larry Preece, Deputies Clifton Green, Shannon Bell and Brian VanFleet. Their heroic efforts and selfless action are an example of the risks that law enforcement officers around the nation may be called upon to take each day while protecting its citizens."

Edison State College board okays School of Education

The Edison State College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the School of Education at its November meeting. "Since the College opened its doors in 1962, the institution has been organized by divisions or disciplines, which is the standard practice among two-year colleges," said Dr. Robert Beeson, Dean of Arts and Sciences. "As Edison State grows the number of four-year degree programs, the College has chosen to follow the practice that most four-year colleges use in referring to major instructional units as 'schools'."

Education Degrees currently offered:
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

§ Bachelor of Science in Secondary Biology

§ Bachelor of Science in Secondary Math
§ Associate in Arts Degree with Education emphasis

§ Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

Education Degrees pending approval:
§ Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Language Arts

§ Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Mathematics

§ Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Science

This new organizational structure positions the college to continue to develop the baccalaureate mission. It is anticipated that over time, this new structure will empower the faculty, facilitate communication, in-

crease accountability for effective teaching and professional growth, and enhance the student experience, said Beeson.

Under this new organizational framework, the heads of the various schools will be deans or associate deans and the heads of departments will be called department chairs. Department chairs will be the college leaders close to where the instructional and scholarly mission of the College is carried out, and, therefore, closest to the students.

An academic unit seeking school status will be evaluated using the following guidelines:

1. The unit should offer at least two baccalaureate degrees and at least 25 percent of its faculty will hold a terminal degree in the field of study.

2. The programs of the unit should be accredited by professional agencies.

3. The program's scope must be appropriately broad, and the academic units conceptually fit together to provide a coherent set of educational experiences and outcomes.

Clarity of the program's identity and function will be increased by transfer to or consolidation with another program or institution.

"School" status and will be implemented for fall semester 2010. A School of Health Professions is planned as the second 'school' within the college pending state approval of proposed BAS programs.

HCSO plans DUI checkpoint

A DUI sobriety checkpoint is scheduled in Hendry County for the weekend of December 12, 2009.

This operation will take place in an undisclosed location in Hendry County. Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden stated, "In our continued effort to protect the citizens and visitors in Hendry County we are committed to getting impaired drivers off our roadways. Additionally, we are in support of education efforts such as the national 'Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest' campaign".

This checkpoint emphasis is placed on the following:

1. Remove impaired drivers from the roadway
2. Heighten awareness.
3. Educate the public on the dangers of drunk driving

Various community partnerships, including planned DUI sobriety checkpoints, are established with the goal of education and information for the public on traffic safety issues.

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C.O.P.S. co-captains, Roger Saunders and Ken Fuller of the Glades County's Port LaBelle C.O.P. (Citizens on Patrol), with their respective patrol cars.

Local C.O.P.S. program a success

The Citizens on Patrol program has nearly 30 citizen volunteers who help patrol the community's roads and improve the quality of life for everyone. The patrols cover the areas of Port LaBelle in Glades County, as well as Horseshoe Acres, Ortona Locks and Indian Hills.

The C.O.P. is a huge success, and Mr. Saunders, Mr. Fuller and the citizen volunteers are to be commended for their efforts.

In addition, thank you to Sheriff Stuart Whiddon and the Glades County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding support of the Citizens on Patrol program.

The C.O.P. is always looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the Port LaBelle C.O.P. should contact Mr. Saunders at 675-6288, Mr. Fuller at 863-675-1967 or e-mail sandybar@embarqmail.com.

Obituaries

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Donald Alexander Taylor, 75

FELDA — Donald Alexander Taylor, age 75, of Felde, passed away Nov. 20, 2009, in Sarasota.

He was born Dec. 12, 1933, in Port Washington, N.Y., to late Alexander Pittendreigh Taylor and the late Beatrice Marie (Jones) Taylor. He was a resident of Felde for the past forty-three years. He joined the Felde VFD in 1994 and was Chief since 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Marie (Stovall) Taylor of Felde; son, Donald Scott Taylor and wife Misty of Virginia' and grandchildren. Skyler White, Ashley Taylor, and Amber Taylor

Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle. Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Edward Alan Paul, 64

BREMEN, Ga. — Mr. Edward Alan Paul, age 64, of Bremen, Ga., passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009.

Mr. Paul was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 16, 1945. His parents were the late Everett A. Paul and the late Frances Lusk Paul. Mr. Paul owned a construction company for 40 yrs and he enjoyed developing properties. He was a devoted husband and father who never tired of learning. Edward also loved talking to people about the Bible, volunteering for Kingdom Hall construction projects and disaster relief work.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Jane Waid Paul, to whom he was married for 43 years; children, Stephen and his wife Tracey Paul of Barnesville, Ga., Richard and his wife Stacey Paul of Bremen, Rebekah and her husband Alan Weaver of Leeds, Ala., Thomas and his wife Paula Paul of Bremen, Abigail and her husband Matt Bennett of Bremen, Nathan and his wife Lesley Paul of Bremen, and Aaron and his wife Krystal Paul of Paynesville, Liberia, Africa; siblings, Elaine Sebring of Livingston, Texas, Janet Petrowski of Perry, Ohio, Adele Stewart of East Claridon, Ohio, Walter Paul of Douglasville, Ga., Lawrence Paul of Orwell, Ohio, and Jonathan Paul of Burton, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be 5 p.m., Dec 4, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1535 Lake Paradise Rd, Villa Rica, Ga.

Community Briefs

Storyteller at Library

Willie Johns, a Seminole Tribe of Florida "Story Teller" will be the special guest at Barron Library on Monday, Dec. 14, at 3:30 p.m. He will be telling stories from the past as well as introducing children to some culture of the Seminole Tribe.

All children attending will have a chance to win door prizes. Mark your calendar now and plan on bringing your children for this educational event on Dec. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Decorate museum for open house

Members and supporters of the LaBelle Heritage Museum will be in and out of the museum located at 150 South Lee Street throughout the day on Monday, Dec. 7, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon putting up decorations, including a Christmas tree, for the annual open house scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock.

This year's open house was rescheduled from the first Thursday to the second Thursday to avoid conflict with the annual fundraiser for the Education Center of Southwest Florida, Inc., set for Dec. 3.

Members, prospective members, supporters and friends of the LaBelle Heritage Museum are cordially invited to attend this year's annual Open House at the Museum on Thursday, Dec. 10.

To check on upcoming events and activities, GOOGLE "LaBelle Heritage Museum" to be directed to the Web site, or email labelleheritagemuseum@comcast.net for information.

Skeet tourney planned

The Clewiston High School Criminal Justice Class and Clewiston Police Dept. Explorers are sponsoring a trap/skeet shoot Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Hendry County Gun Range.

Help send the Criminal Justice class to Washington, D.C. Enjoy open or ladies tournaments. Cost \$50 for 50 targets.

All shooters must bring #8 shot shells, factory loads, please.

All prices include lunch; prizes for top three finishers and last place. There will be a practice tower. All proceeds will benefit

the CHS Criminal Justice class trip to Washington, D.C. and the CPD Explorers. If you have any questions please call Det. D. Colburn at 863-983-1474 at the CPD or email colburndj@flcnj.net.

Make checks payable to Clewiston Police Explorers. You can send or drop off your registration at the CPD, 205 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440. You may also register at the range that day.

Pancake Breakfast

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first pancake breakfast of the winter season on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 7-9 a.m. at the Ortona Community Hall, Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes sausage, pancakes juice and coffee for \$4.

Vroom, vroom! Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa will be coming to LaBelle with the bikers tonight 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.

Widows to meet

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch at Flora & Ella's on Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. Free will offering instead of a gift exchange. All widows are welcome.



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Ford, Langford continue strong commitment to FFA

Ford Motor Company's 2009 commitment includes substantial support of National FFA events, and \$1,000 collegiate scholarships for hundreds of FFA members; Ford, with local dealers such as Langford Ford, Inc., has awarded 5,597 scholarships since 1997.

For the 2009-2010 school year, Langford Ford, Inc., is sponsoring 2 Built Ford Tough scholarship(s), helping students attend the college of their choice.

FFA develops students' leadership, business skills and community service in preparation for a career in agriculture, which accounts for 1 out of 5 U.S. jobs.

Nov. 24, 2009 – Today, Paul Langford announced that Langford Ford, Inc., would join Ford Motor Company in its ongoing commitment to the National FFA (formerly known as the Future Farmers of America).

Ford has committed to a thirteenth year of the Built Ford Tough – FFA collegiate scholarship program, which will award \$1,000 scholarships to hundreds of FFA members, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Langford Ford, Inc.

Ford has supported the National FFA since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers, has awarded almost \$5.6 million in scholarships to FFA members.

Langford Ford, Inc., is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program for LaBelle High School and Moore Haven

High School. For the 2009-2010 school year, they are helping 2 local student(s) attend the college of their choice.

To be eligible, FFA members must submit an online 2010 Scholarship Application at www.ffa.org and take the required Signature Page to Langford Ford, Inc. for the dealer endorsement and official dealer code; thus providing FFA members the opportunity to meet – and thank – the dealer for their support of continuing education.

"We're pleased to be able to support the local chapter and Ford Motor Company in its strong commitment to the National FFA", says Paul Langford. "All our previous scholarship recipients tell us how grateful they are for the financial support and how the FFA experience has changed their lives."

"Visit any local farm and you can see that trucks – particularly F-Series – play an integral role in the agricultural industry," says Paul Langford. We want to help these future leaders succeed and become our customers from the start of their careers to the end – just like many of their parents and grandparents."

About F-Series:

Ford F-Series has been America's best-selling line of trucks for 32 years. Since the first F-Series was introduced in 1948, Ford has set the industry standard for strength, safety, functionality, refinement, driving dynamics and style. The 2010 Ford F-150 remains the most capable full-size pickup on the market, delivering towing capability of 11,300 pounds across all cab configurations

and payload of 3,030 pounds, while delivering impressive fuel economy. Coming in the spring of 2010, the all-new 2011 F-Series Super Duty® boasts an all-new powertrain, led by the Ford-designed, Ford-engineered and Ford-built 6.7 liter Power Stroke® Turbocharged diesel engine, which delivers significantly improved torque and horsepower as well as class-leading fuel economy while maintaining best-in-class towing and payload capability. The new engine also has biodiesel compatibility up to B20.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

HRMC going tobacco free

By Glenda Wilson

On Jan. 1, 2010, Hendry Regional Medical Center will institute a 'no tobacco smoke-free' policy inside the hospital, on all its sites and campuses, and on all associated parking lots. Currently, employees, medical staff and visitors must go outside the facilities to use tobacco products, but as the New Year begins, tobacco use will be prohibited, both inside and out. Signs will be posted around the hospital campuses to alert visitors of the change.

A stop-smoking team, consisting of hospital employees, began months ago to identify and implement ways to ease the transition for people who were using tobacco. Craig Cudworth, hospital CEO, says, "The new policy is the right example for healthcare providers to set for the community. Our hospital wants to provide an appropriate healthcare environment."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year nearly one in five U.S. deaths result from tobacco use, and statistics show that approximately \$150 billion is spent each year in healthcare for smokers.

The hospital is offering free smoking cessation classes. Call David Theroux, Cardiopulmonary Director, at 863-902-3051 for information for schedules.

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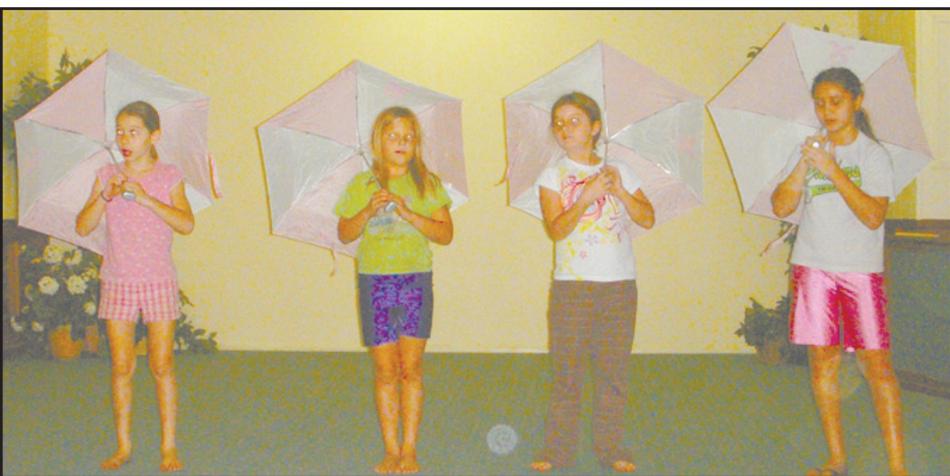
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Assembly of God 'Kids Have Talent'

The children of LaBelle Assembly Sunday school and youth departments are putting on a variety Christmas program entitled "LaBelle Assembly of God Kids have Talent." Children from age 6-19 will be sharing their talents along with the Christmas story. The children will be sharing Christmas music as well as personally invented instruments like a trashcan band. Everyone is invited to attend Sunday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. LaBelle Assembly of God, is located on Fraser Avenue (across from Edward A. Upthegrove elementary school). For more information call 675-0900.

Church Briefs

Hear Cowboy gospel

Welcome Cowboy's Gospel Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Gospel music, singing and Kelvin Townsend preaching.

Come to Cowboy church

Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. food and fellowship at Cowboy Church Hand and Hand Ministries of Palmdale. At 7 p.m. gospel music and the word. Pastor for this month will be Pastor Paul Harris from Moore Haven, a fine and dedicated pastor of the word. This will be our Christmas dinner we will be celebrating, so all are welcome. We are located on the corner of Fifth and Main at the Palmdale Community Building. Call 863-612-0640 for information.

Helping hands for Christmas

Marcia's Helping Hands Mission is preparing for Christmas Project. Last year this mission gave away 2,000 packages to families that had not been able to otherwise have a Christmas.

This year we are asking for you help in bringing local families some joy the Christmas Season. There will be collection box placed at Family Eye Care and Carlson Memorial UMC. For items such as clothes, toys, shoes, socks, coloring books, crayons and candy. If you would like to send in a monetary donations please send it 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.

Yard sale

Come to the yard sale at Oak Grove Holiness Church, 321 S. Elm St. 7 a.m.- noon for the Children's Church fund Dec. 5.

Ready for Bingo?

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

HCSO toy drive ongoing

Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden has coordinated a Sheriff's Office Christmas Toy Drive continuing through December 18, 2009.

Jim Leathers, of Leather's Bus & Equipment and Chance's Towing, has donated the use of one of their semi-trailers to store the donated items.

Those wanting to help may either make a cash donation for the purchase of toys or drop off unwrapped toys/items at the Sheriff's Office in LaBelle or at the Clewiston sub-office.

The items collected will then be distrib-

uted to non-profit organizations in Hendry County.

According to Hendry County Sheriff, Steve Whidden, "We want families and children to understand that law enforcement officers and the people of this community care about them and that they will not be lost in the shuffle or forgotten.

"We want to do what we can for those that are suffering during these difficult economic times and play a part in making a positive impact on those less fortunate in our community."

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High schoolers experience 'A Day in the Life of a Nurse'

by **Glenda Wilson**

On Friday, Nov. 13, fifty students from Clewiston and Moore Haven High Schools looked beyond graduation and into a career of nursing, when they participated in a "Day in the Life of a Nurse," a nursing interaction and observation program held each year at Hendry Regional Medical Center.

David McClusky, education assistant, coordinated the day's activities with a goal to inspire students to pursue a nursing career

and provide them with a glimpse of important and varied tasks that nurses perform. Pam Redondo, the hospital's Chief Nursing Officer, kicked off the event as the first speaker of the day. Other Hendry Regional registered nurses who presented to the group included Sharon Murphy (Infection Control and OR Manager), Cynthia Drapal (Emergency Room and CCU Manager), and Joe Horn (Medical/Surgical Manager and Patient Safety Officer).

Nursing recruiters, Dr. Susan Holland (from Edison State College) and Dr. Carol Alexander (from Palm Beach State College) also took part in the program and encouraged the students to steer towards a career in nursing, as they provided them with the why's, when's and how's of the profession.

One of the day's highlights was the landing of the Aeromed helicopter (based in LaBelle) from Tampa General Hospital and a presentation provided by its flight nurse,

Dan Kresge, RN EMT Paramedic.

All "Day in the Life of a Nurse" participants were provided with scholarship packages, and some even revealed that the day's experience had helped to seal their decisions in moving forward with their interests in the nursing industry. At the end of the day, the high school students left with a new understanding and knowledge of the nursing field.



Submitted photo

Students got a first hand look at the world of nursing on Nov. 13, including a date with an Aeromed helicopter.

Gomez graduates at Fort Benning

Army Pvt. Martin M. Gomez has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

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• Corporate owned! 3/2 located in central Lehigh Acres. Large detached garage/office and fenced yard. \$59,000.
• Corporate owned! Fully located in Lehigh Acres. 2007 CBS home. \$59,000

• Corporate owned! 3/2 2005 CBS home in Lehigh Acres. Needs a little TLC. \$50,000
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Community Briefs

Catch special guest at boat parade event Dec. 12

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. Venders and the concession stand will be open and serving a delicious assortment of 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!

Foster and adoptive parents are needed

The Children's Network of Southwest Florida will hold an orientation on "How to Become a Foster Parent/Adoptive Parent" on Dec. 8, Dept. of Children and Families, 485 E. Cowboy Way, from 6-7 p.m.

Children's Network of Southwest Florida serves as the lead agency to oversee foster care and adoption services in Collier, Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Children's Network of Southwest Florida has partnered with Family Preservation Service, Lutheran Services Florida and the Florida Baptist Children's Home to recruit more foster families on the five-county region. For those interested in becoming foster/adoptive parents, please call 1-800-FAMILY (1-800-893-2645) or send an email to jrui@childnetwfl.org.

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.

Breakfast with Santa planned

Breakfast with Santa will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 130, 699 Hickpochee Ave. Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk or coffee. Free for children 8 and under, \$3 for parents and children over age 8. Be the first to let Santa know what you want for Christmas. Receive a small gift while they last. Bring your camera to take a picture. Elves, balloons and fun. Hosted by Auxiliary Unit 130.

Come to Breakfast Buffet

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130. Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, Dec.

6, from 8-11 a.m. Menu of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, grits, sausage gravy, chip beef, biscuits, pancakes, coffee and juice. All you can eat for \$6. Public welcome. Located on 699 Hickpochee Ave (SR 80).

Come to Brunch Buffet

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 a Brunch Buffet Sunday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, French toast, sliced ham and turkey, soup, fruit salad, rolls, condiments, coffee and tea. All you can eat for \$7. Public Welcome. Located at 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80) LaBelle.

Come to Roast Beef Dinner

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130, a roast beef dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 5-7 p.m. Menu: roast beef, baked potato, green beans, roll, coffee and tea. \$6. Desert available \$1. Public Welcome. Located at 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

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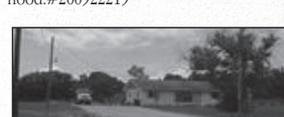
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NOTICE

The Glades County School Board Held A Reorganizational Meeting On November 17, 2009 And Established The Following Meeting Schedule:

A Regular Meeting Will Be Held On December 8, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Beginning In January, 2010

The Regular Meeting Schedule Will Resume With Regular Meetings Being Held On The Second Thursday At 6:00p.m. And The Fourth Thursday At 9:00am. In The Glades County School Board Meeting Room
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Claim lost animals

If you have lost a horse in Montura or an African tortoise in the LaBelle area, please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 674-4060.

Salvation Army seeks holiday bell ringing 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 Christmas Gifts or Food Box please stop by or call 863-674-1441. They anticipate a huge need in our area this year.

Mini health fairs planned

Collingswood Apt's - Thursday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. 4001 Collingswood Parkway, LaBelle, Fla. Ace HH #:299991018. Open to the Public.
 LaBelle Commons - Thursday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. 284 Bryan Ave., Ace HH License #: 299991018. Open to the Public.
 L.J. Nobles Senior Center, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. 475 East Cowboy Way. Ace HH License #: 299991018. Open to the Public.
 Maple Corner, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m. 3750 State Road 29 South. Ace HH License #: 299991018. Open to the Public.

Christmas Trees are here!

LHS Key Club tree sales are ongoing. Trees sales are 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.

LHS '60s reunion

If you graduated from or attended LHS from 1959-69 please mark the weekend of March 12-14, 2010, on your calendar for a multi-class reunion. If you would like to help plan or need more information, please call Sue at 863-675-4803 or Jayne at 863-517-0337.

Holiday food tips from Hendry, Glades Health Department

by Pat Dobbins

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments would like to emphasize the importance of safe food preparation as well as safe food storage this holiday season.



Pat Dobbins

Proper food handling and proper cooking can reduce the risks of food-borne illnesses. Additionally, we should all wash our hands and clean all food preparation areas (as well as utensils) before and after preparing food to reduce the spread of bacteria and other germs.

"The Department of Health promotes the importance of safe food preparation and storage techniques year-round, but we encourage Floridians to refresh their knowledge of food safety during the holiday season," said State Surgeon General Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.

"For health and safety reasons, foods should be cooked thoroughly and leftovers should be stored properly."

Reduce the risk of contracting food-borne illnesses by following these tips:

- Avoid improper food storage, which can be a result of inadequate refrigeration temperature or hot holding temperature.

Safe refrigeration temperature is less than 41 degrees Fahrenheit and safe hot holding temperature is greater than 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Keep uncooked meats away from other foods to avoid cross contamination.
- Cook food thoroughly. For example, a whole turkey should be cooked at an oven temperature of 325 degrees Fahrenheit until every part reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit as identified by a meat thermometer.
- Wash your hands and fingernails completely and thoroughly.
- Clean and sanitize all cutting utensils, countertops and serving areas.

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. For more information about food safety, please visit the following website: www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/food/.

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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) 675-3217, seven days days prior to the date of the hearing.
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Public Notice

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 2:00 P.M., at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee 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.

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NOTICE of PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the review/ranking committee for RFP 2010-06, Hendry County Grant Administration Services/Project Delivery Services for CDBG 2008 Disaster Recovery Funding Initiative, will meet from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Hendry County Administrative Office Small Conference Room A-114, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL, 33935. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry County will hold the Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at The Greentree South Community Center at LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County.
 The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before the Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based.
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Sports network launched

Youth, adult recreation leagues, and sports teams in the LaBelle area now have an exciting online sports page and resource they can call their own., LaBelle Sports Network. The web address is: <http://fl.newszap.com/LaBelleSportsNetwork>

Team representatives can post their schedules, game stories, statistics, standings and photos on dedicated web pages on the site. Each league or team will be provided a username and password so they can update anytime, from anywhere they have internet access. In addition to appearing on the Web site, selected league and team information will be collected and published in the Caloosa Belle print editions.

The site can support virtually any sports or team activity, including schools.

Community Sports Desk representative Renee Hawley will demonstrate to each league or team representative how easy it is to submit information and provide information on how participation on the LaBelle Sports Network can provide a financial benefit to leagues and teams using the site. A percentage of Web advertising sales on the site will go back to the participating teams and leagues. Contact Renee Hawley by e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com. Or call her toll free at 888-853-7904. To advertise on the site, contact Judy Kasten at 863-763-3134 or by email at jkasten@strato.net.

Public hog hunt coming up

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a notice of intent to issue permits for the purpose of controlling the feral hog population and protecting the ecological values on the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area, West of US 27.

Permits will be issued for two hog control hunts, time periods; Dec. 18-20, and Dec. 25-27. Twenty-five permits will be issued for each hog control period. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis to individuals 16 years of age or older. Permits will only be distributed at the Fisheating Creek WMA check-station at the FEC Campground located on US Highway 27 in Palmdale, on Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 10 a.m. Permitees will be allowed to take wild hogs with no size or bag limit. The use of dogs for capturing or taking hogs is prohibited. Firearms will be limited to a shotgun with #1 Buckshot or larger.

For additional information you may contact the Fisheating Creek WMA office at 863-946-1194.



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2009 LHS Golf Team

The Cowgirls Golf team finished 5-5-1 this year, but managed to be eligible to play in the regional tournament. The girls played against some highly skilled golfers at the Imperial Golf Course in Naples. Pictured from left: Savannah Smith, Senior, Caroline Cottrell, Freshman, Annalicia Cavazos, Senior, Bobbie Spratt, Coach, K. C. Lynn, Senior, Courtney Deamer, Senior, Suzanna Talada, Freshman, and Trisha Donaldson, Freshman. Not pictured Lizzy N. Miller, Assistant Coach.

Local boys compete in regional hockey

Caleb Stitt, a fourth grader at Country Oaks Elementary School, and Naem Prater are heading to compete in the Silversticks Regional Squirt A Hockey Qualifier in Huntsville, Alabama this week. The Silver Sticks Tournament will host teams from many states hoping to win regionally and then head to the Silversticks International Tournament in Canada in January 2010. Caleb has played for three seasons with the Florida Eels Squirt A Team out of the Fort Myers Skatium. He is an A Honor Roll student and the Treasurer of the Scholars Club at his school. Naem has played in recreational and travel hockey with the Florida Eels and is a first year Squirt player.

Silversticks this week. The Florida Eels coaches have high praise for their players. Head Coach Craig Niland says, "Caleb is a determined, hard working player both on and off the ice. He takes the game to heart and gives it his all." Assistant Coach Brian Butland runs the defense for the Eels and states, "Caleb Stitt is in his final year with Florida Eels Squirt A team and he is one of the smartest defensemen we have. We can rely on him and his linemate James Rowe to lead the defensemen and be prepared for every game week in and week out. Naem is a first year Squirt and one of our most improved defenseman on the team."

The boys hope to win their division and head to Sarnia, Ontario, to compete in the finals with Canadian and American teams. You can follow the Florida Eels Squirt A team at www.floridaeels.org.



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Caleb Stitt



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UES November Students of the Month

Row 1, from left: Rhett Conly, Cal Walker, Koby Spencer, Byron Hendry, Hector Cruz; Row 2: Chelsey Timmons, Kady Pool, Avelardo Esquivel, Giselle Arzola, Audrey Lowman, Michael Ordone; Row 3: Stephanie Mendoza, Rachel DiPofi, Veronica Perez, Carlos Puente; Row 4: Kayley Boddy, Daisy Desantiago, Jordan Decker, Adrian Raya; Row 5: Sabrina Martinez, Mia Herrera, Alyssa Tittle.

School Briefs

Come to LMS Science Fair

Take notice of the hard work and brilliance demonstrated by the youth of our very own community! After three months of hard work and dedication, it's time for IMS students to present the conclusions of their individual science research projects.

The LaBelle Middle School science competition will be held during school hours on December 10. The highest scoring projects will qualify to advance to the Regional Science Fair in Okeechobee.

Students' projects will be on display in the Middle School gym on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 5-7 p.m. The LMS administration, teachers, staff and students invite everyone to share in the excitement of new discoveries, as students showcase their research and conclusions. More importantly however, is your support for the students, along with their perseverance and diligent work. At this demanding time of year we trust you will mark your calendars, then attend.

LHS: Gold for cash exchange

LaBelle High School will host a GOLD for Cash Exchange on December 15 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the media center. Nobles Jewelers will make a donation to the LHS Athletic Department for all gold and silver that is turned into cash that day. This exchange is open to the public. Nobles Jewelers will pay all customers directly by check and no cash will be on the premises. Bring in your broken, unwanted jewelry pieces, dental gold, coins and items of sterling silver to turn them into money and help support LHS Athletics in the process.

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.

COE Colts Conserve adopts African lion

The members of Colts Conserve at Country Oaks Elementary are proud to announce that they have adopted an African Lion named Isis. Isis will continue to reside at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, Illinois, with her mate, Zenda. The zoo has a program called Share the Care, which allows citizens to donate money to aid in caring for specific animals at the zoo. A portion of the fee also goes toward education of endangered species as well as care for these creatures still in the wild.

The students were sent a photograph of Isis, an informational sheet describing her personally, and facts and information on Af-

frican Lions in general. The student members of Colts Conserve have learned a great deal about African Lions, endangered species, and what children can do to help conserve our wildlife.

Colts Conserve is a club that is in its second year for third, fourth, and fifth grade students at COE. Their mission is to educate and involve students in conservation issues that make a difference to our planet. Students are continuing lots of recycling and education projects from last year as well as planning for many new exciting things this year.



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Isis, an African lion at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, may not know it, but she has a brand new family in LaBelle.



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