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At a Glance

Future farms and fuel

Dr. John Capece will speak at the Rotary Club of LaBelle meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at noon in Beef O'Brady's, 197 E. Hickpochee Av. Dr. Capece will describe the new Sustainable Biofuels Center project funded by the U.S. Dept. of Energy through Hendry County. Guests are welcome. Lunch fee is \$10.

Community Emergency Awareness

On Jan. 13, The American Legion Family Post 130, as part of our National Security Program, will be hosting a special program, being presented by the Hendry County Emergency Management team to prepare us for any natural disasters in our community. Time - 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC WELCOME. At the American Legion Post 130, located on 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80) LaBelle, FL.

MLK march planned

The community is invited to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March Monday, Jan. 18. Line up at MLK and Cowboy Way. The march begins at 10 a.m. and continues to the Alton "Kid" Jones Park for refreshments and games. For more information call Nora at 612-6632.

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Palmetto Ranch: Home Sweet Home Disabled build community



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Norman Russell, pictured with his son, Michael, enjoyed Christmas in their new home at Palmetto Ranch.

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

With all its problems, for most residents Hendry County is a great place to live. That's why they're here. The same goes for those with disabilities, although they have challenges that most of us never give a second thought.

For instance, most counters are too high for wheelchair-bound people to do something as simple as make a sandwich comfortably. Last February ground was broken on Palmetto Ranch, a 14-apartment complex specifically designed for those with special needs. Goodwill Industries constructed the complex offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with amenities such as roll-in showers, lowered countertops, widened doorways and assistance railings to accommodate the disabled.

Apartments also have generous closet space and a stove and refrigerator. They have lighted door bells for the deaf and a communal laundry room.

At the time of the 2000 census, there were more than 2,400 individuals with disabilities residing in Hendry County, according to Goodwill Industries. Palmetto Ridge is the first HUD complex set aside for these residents.

The complex, located just off SR 80 on James Singleton Lane, welcomed its first residents in November. Currently, eight apartments are occupied and there are 20 names on the waiting list. Phase 2 is in line for ground breaking ceremonies this month and will add another 14 apartments to the complex.

Applicants must have a medically certified disability in order to

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Fatal shooting investigated

On January 4, 2010, at approximately 6:20 p.m, Hendry County Sheriff's Office received a call telling dispatchers they needed an ambulance, a man had been shot.

Deputies, along with medical personnel, arrived at 4850 8th Street in Pioneer Plantation, a small quiet rural community located in central Hendry County, finding 30-year-old Shelton Ray Dunlap, Jr. lying on the ground in the front yard. Emergency personnel pronounced him dead on the scene from a gunshot wound.

The shooter, along with witnesses and family members, were immediately removed by law enforcement personnel and transported to the Sheriff's Office for questioning. While investigators have determined that the shooting was domestic related they are not sure of the motive at this time. There has been no arrest made as of yet, and the incident remains under investigation.

This fatal shooting came on the heels of another incident the

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Submitted photo/Waddy Thompson

Florida "snow"

Farmers have been pushed hard to keep up with the unremitting onslaught of cold weather recently. A lot of farming areas around Hendry County look like this field belonging to Felda Tomato Growers south of Duda Citrus. At first glance, you might think this is a field in Iowa, covered with snow, but it's frost protection cloth, spread over a 25-acre tomato field. Felda Tomato Growers supplies Delcampo Fresh, Inc., with tomatoes from their 250-acre farm. As of Jan. 5, Felda Tomato Growers' owner Willie Strickland said their tomatoes were fine. Mornings have been "pretty bad," and the weekend forecast looks rough, but he said they're taking "one day at a time."



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qualify for residency in these income-subsidized apartments.

The Columbia Property Group, also a non-profit company, handles sites under Goodwill and takes care of the lawn and landscaping for Goodwill's facilities. The company fixes and maintains the facilities so that residents can take pride in their homes.

LaBelle resident Morgan Puletti manages Palmetto Ranch. Part of Morgan's job is to get people into these apartments. She takes care of residents' needs, takes applications and does background checks. She calls prospective residents as apartments come available.



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Mary Brown enjoys sitting by the big oak outside her door.

Her pride in the community and its residents shows through. She points out that the complex allows people to live independently who would otherwise not be able to.

Residents at Palmetto Ranch have responsibilities and they know the house rules. For instance, Morgan cautions that residents are responsible for their guests. There is a strict no tolerance attitude toward drugs on premises, she notes, and residents will be evicted if there is any drug-related problem at all at their apartment.

But she's not worried about the residents there. "This group is wonderful," she said, "The residents pick up around their apartments and are proud of their homes. They are so thrilled to be in a nice place."

She is the face and the heart of the community. Yes, Palmetto Ranch is a true community.

Norman Russell, his wife and their three-year-old son Michael, live in one of the two-bedroom apartments. Norman is a retired/disabled former volunteer firefighter from Glades County. A Christmas 1999 fire truck wreck resulted in numerous hospital stays and permanent disabilities. He was in a wheelchair for four years and on oxygen. He and his extended family lived in an overcrowded trailer in Moore Haven for some time. Palmetto Ranch is a godsend for him and his family.

"It's wonderful here," he said. "Everybody's friendly - there's no trouble. Everybody gets along." He's especially pleased with the zero drug tolerance rules because he believes it's such a good environment to raise his son.

Norman's son, Nathan, 23, lives in the apartment across the way with his fiance, Katherine Lopez and their eight-month-old son, Nathan Jr. Head injuries suffered in a motorcycle crash in 2006 resulted in permanent disabilities for Nathan, who still suffers seizures from time to time. As a former paramedic, Norman took care of Nathan after the crash, even saved his life twice using CPR. His dad told him about Palmetto Ranch, now Nathan and his family are every bit as pleased there as his dad. He said they enjoy the quiet and easy-going people.

Families like Norman and Nathan's also have easy access to Alton "Kid" Jones Park, where their children can play.

Dorothy Whaley is a neighbor, and so is her daughter, Shareka Gasper.

A 30-year resident of LaBelle, Dorothy is thrilled with her new apartment and neighborhood.

"It's peaceful here," she said. "It's a good environment. I can't afford rent in other places." The fact that it's close to town means that her children and grandchildren can visit often.

Ms. Whaley echoes the appreciation other residents have for how the place is run. "Morgan has a great heart," she says with a smile and adds, "This is a better living envi-

ronment than anywhere I ever lived."

Palmetto Ranch's first resident, Mary Brown, enjoys the large oak outside her front door. In 1961 she came to LaBelle, then lived in Fort Pierce with her daughter for a while. Returning to LaBelle, her friend Rayfield Johnson first told Ms. Brown about Palmetto Ranch and is always there when she needs something.

Ms. Brown believes that God led her to LaBelle and, since then, everything just fell into place for her. She said she likes the people in the complex and the community.

In addition to caring for the LaBelle facility and its residents, Morgan takes care of two more in LeHigh and will also take care of the Clewiston and Immokalee facilities when they are ready. For information, you can contact Morgan at 674-5779. Goodwill currently operates a total of 13 facilities in the area.

Shooting

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day before. On Sunday, Jan. 3, Joseph Walter Burnette, 30, was shot in the leg. He was reportedly hunting in the vicinity of A Road for lizards to sell in Miami. Burnette was treated for his injuries and released at which time he was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Broward County and posted bond.



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Fourteen duplex apartments make up Palmetto Ranch, Hendry County's first HUD-sponsored housing development for the disabled.



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Nathan Russell, son Nathan Jr., and his fiance Katherine Lopez just live across the way from Nathan's father, Norman.

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2) Social Security number- one of the following original documents: Social Security card; W-2 form; paycheck showing number; DD-214; school record showing number; or documentation from the IRS showing number; and

3) two items of residential address. The address on a driver's license can no longer be a post office box. Bring two proofs of residential address (deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage payment booklet or rental agreement); Florida voter registra-

tion card; Florida vehicle registration card; Florida vehicle registration or title; W-2 form or 1099 form; utility bill, hookup or work order not more than two months old, current auto or homeowner's insurance policy or bill; mail from financial institutions not more than two months old; letter from a shelter or half-way house verifying that applicant lives at the address; educational transcripts for current school year; or statement from an accompanying parent, step-parent or guardian residing at the same address as applicant. The parent or guardian must present proof of residential address.

To help residents navigate through these new requirements, the Check out the "Gather. Go. Get." for more information.

Call before you go to the Driver's License Office, 674-4022 Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. for questions or appointments.

Twenty-fourth panther death logged in 2009

On Dec. 31, 2009, a female panther kitten became the 24th of her species to die in Southwest Florida during 2009.

Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) officers recovered the carcass of the kitten on the east shoulder of County Barn Road in Naples, about 1/3 of a mile south of Davis Blvd. She had been struck by a vehicle. The kitten is estimated to have been three or four months old and weighed 30 pounds. She did not have a microchip and no cowlick or kink.

Just two days earlier, on Dec. 29, the FWC recovered the carcass of an adult female Florida panther (UCFP135) from the shoulder of the northbound lane of State Road 29 in Collier County, approximately two miles north of Jerome.

This portion of SR 29 did not have any fencing installed. The cat, estimated to be about four-year-old, weighed 80 pounds.

She did not have a microchip, and no kink or cowlick was observed.

Both carcasses are currently being stored at the FWC Naples office freezer and will be transported for necropsy to the Gainesville Lab at a later date. The hide and skeleton will then be archived at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Kitten is the 17th road mortality for 2009. Three of the big cats were died due to intraspecific aggression, one had to be euthanized, one had been shot and the causes of two deaths remain unknown.

Arrest reports

LaBelle

Antonio Juarez, 22, was arrested Jan. 3 and charged with DUI, no valid driver's license and DUI damage/personal property after he reportedly lost control of the vehicle he was driving and hit a guardrail. After medical treatment he was arrested. FHP Trooper T. Parks was arresting officer.

Jeffrey Allan Young, 51, was arrested Dec. 31 and charged on a warrant with VOP: or community control. B. Weaver was arresting officer.

Christopher Jerome Taylor, 26, was arrested Dec. 31 and charged on a warrant with selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business. T. Shaw was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Theresa Lee Rangel, 32, was arrested Dec. 29 and charged with fraud - illegal use of credit cards to obtain goods under \$300, fraud - impersonating/use/possession of ID of someone else without their consent and fraud - uttering a forged instrument. J. Taylor

was arresting officer.

Daniel Morales, 20, was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with DUI after a single vehicle rollover on CR 833 5.5 miles south of CR 835. FHP Trooper T. Burtcher was arresting officer.

Eduardo Miranda, 28, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with battery touch/strike and battery felony resulting from bodily harm/disability. CPD Officer Holley J was arresting officer.

Henry Flournah Jr., 20, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with possession of liquor by a person under 21 years of age, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession/use of drug paraphernalia and destroying/tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. D. Bolt was arresting officer.

German Ambrosio, 22, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with possession of cocaine, a non-moving traffic violation operating a motor vehicle without a license, fraud - impersonation or giving a false ID to law enforcement officer, and on warrants as a fugitive from justice in state, VOP: misdemeanor or

community control and contempt of civil or circuit court. CPD Officer C. Compton was arresting officer.

Anthony DeCarlo Lyons Sr., 48, was arrested Dec. 31 and charged on a warrant with selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business and for selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school or child care facility schedule II. T. Shaw was arresting officer.

Smiley Hendry Jr., 44, was arrested Dec. 30 and charged with resisting and officer - refuse to accept or sign a citation or post bond and with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender. T. Mims was arresting officer.

Jessica Cierra Huntley, 21, was arrested Dec. 30 and charged with VOP: felony or community control. Sgt. J. Olvera was arresting officer.

Larry Jason MacLennan, 44, was arrested Dec. 28 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation habitual offender driving with a suspended license. J. Taylor was arresting officer.

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

Give Obama a break

I really think it's awful the way people are putting down President Obama. If they're not willing to walk in his shoes then stop the criticism.

The man's only been in office not quite a year and he's had a lot of heavy duty issues to contend with. Nobody can please everybody.

Do you have real differences with the job he's doing or are you just a racist?

Bridge debacle

The location for the new Hendry County bridge is one of the stupidest things I ever heard of.

Why waste so much money when you could drive less than two miles and go across the Alva Bridge.

What's even more amazing is that CR 78 is designated a scenic road so they can't put a lot of traffic on it. Have you commissioners ever heard of the word "duh!"?

Thank You

The staff of Kingshouse wish to thank the following people for their kindness and thoughtfulness this holiday season:

First Christian Church sang carols. Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church sang carols. Eastside Baptist Church sang carols.

The Woman's Club donated lap blankets, socks and belts for the staff.

Thank you Winn-Dixie Market for donation bags and stuffed bears. Marilyn Smith donated socks for residents.

We appreciate the love that was shown and time spent to bring happiness to our residents.

**May God bless all of you,
Stafford and Annette King**

Sowing and reaping principles for 2010

The principles of sowing and reaping are very consistent. They are the same on every continent, and repeat the identical pattern throughout each changing season.

Here is what I have learned about sowing and reaping.

First, you reap what you sow. If you plant tomato seeds, you will not reap squash. What you put in the ground, will appear above it. It is only a matter of time.

Second, you reap more than you sow. It happens every time. If you plant three seeds hundreds can potentially be reaped. Again, it is only a matter of time.

Third, you plant in one season and reap in another.

Fourth, you can't do anything about last year's crop, but you can do everything about next year's crop. At the beginning of each new year we often review the previous year and ask ourselves two key questions –

1) "What went well?" and

2) "How can I improve?" What was learned via experience from last year, either good or bad, can serve as a great coach for the approaching year. Changes and adjustments can be set in place with hopes of a greater yield in the future.

Jim Rohn gives us some further insight into this idea of sowing and reaping. "For every disciplined effort, there are multiple rewards.

That's one of life's great arrangements. In fact, it's an extension of the Biblical law that says that if you sow well, you will reap well.

Here's a unique part of the Law of Sowing and Reaping. Not only does it suggest that we'll all reap what we've sown, it also suggests that we'll reap much more.

Life is full of laws that both govern and explain behaviors, but this may well be the major law we need to understand: for every disciplined effort, there are multiple rewards.

What a concept! If you render unique service, your reward will be multiplied. If you're fair and honest and patient with others, your reward will be multiplied.

If you give more than you expect to receive, your reward is more than you expect. But remember: the key word here, as you



Dr. Les Morgan

might well imagine, is discipline.

Everything of value requires care, attention, and discipline. Our thoughts require discipline.

We must consistently determine our inner boundaries and our codes of conduct, or our thoughts will be confused.

And if our thoughts are confused, we will become hopelessly lost in the maze of life. Confused thoughts produce confused results.

Remember the law: "For every disciplined effort, there are multiple rewards." Learn the discipline of writing a card or a letter to a friend.

Learn the discipline of paying your bills on time, arriving to appointments on time, or using your time more effectively.

Learn the discipline of paying attention, or paying your taxes or paying yourself.

Learn the discipline of having regular meetings with your associates, or your spouse, or your child, or your parent.

Learn the discipline of learning all you can learn, of teaching all you can teach, of reading all you can read.

For each discipline, multiple rewards. For each book, new knowledge. For each success, new ambition. For each challenge, new understanding.

For each failure, new determination. Life is like that.

Even the bad experiences of life provide their own special contribution.

But a word of caution here for those who neglect the need for care and attention to life's disciplines: everything has its price. Everything affects everything else.

Neglect discipline, and there will be a price to pay. All things of value can be taken for granted with the passing of time.

That's what we call the Law of Familiarity.

Without the discipline of paying constant, daily attention, we take things for granted. Be serious. Life's not a practice session.

If you're often inclined to toss your clothes onto the chair rather than hanging them in the closet, be careful. It could suggest a lack of discipline.

And remember, a lack of discipline in the small areas of life can cost you heavily in the more important areas of life.

You cannot clean up your company until you learn the discipline of cleaning your own garage.

You cannot be impatient with your children and be patient with your distributors or your employees.

You cannot inspire others to sell more when that goal is inconsistent with your own conduct.

You cannot admonish others to read good books when you don't have a library card.

Think about your life at this moment. What areas need attention right now?

Perhaps you've had a disagreement with someone you love or someone who loves you, and your anger won't allow you to speak to that person.

Wouldn't this be an ideal time to examine your need for a new discipline? Perhaps you're on the brink of giving up, or starting over, or starting out.

And the only missing ingredient to your incredible success story in the future is a new and self-imposed discipline that will make you try harder and work more intensely than you ever thought you could.

The most valuable form of discipline is the one that you impose upon yourself. Don't wait for things to deteriorate so drastically that someone else must impose discipline in your life.

Wouldn't that be tragic? How could you possibly explain the fact that someone else thought more of you than you thought of yourself?

That they forced you to get up early and get out into the marketplace when you would have been content to let success go to someone else who cared more about themselves.

Your life, my life, the life of each one of us is going to serve as either a warning or an example.

A warning of the consequences of neglect, self-pity, lack of direction and ambition...or an example of talent put to use, of discipline self-imposed, and of objectives clearly perceived and intensely pursued.

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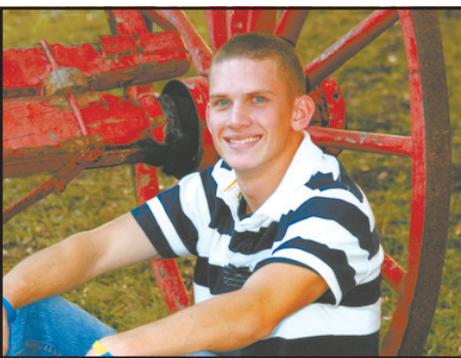
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Dean's List

Justin O'Ferrell, who is studying law, is on the dean's list at North Carolina State University. Justin is originally from LaBelle and attended the Community Christian School here. He is the son of Larry and Tammy O'Ferrell of North Carolina and the grandson of Lawrence and Peggy O'Ferrell and Tommy and Frances Parsons, all of LaBelle.

Prevention is the key to a lifetime of good health

by Pat Dobbins, R.N., M.S./H.S.A.

Another year has come and gone and many people will have a New Year's resolution. (Maybe to lose weight, to eat healthier, to exercise more or to quit smoking) Resolutions are great but prevention is the key to being healthy. We need to focus on preventing diseases and other health problems instead of trying to correct them once something happens. Most people have no problem taking their cars in for service in order to prevent mechanical problems.



Patricia Dobbins

Try to think of your body and overall health in the same way. Proper checkups, eating healthy and regular exercise are some things we can do to help prevent our bodies from "breaking down".

Why is preventive health care so important? About half of all deaths from heart disease are sudden and unexpected, so there's little opportunity for treatment. Prevention is the key.

Thousands of coronary artery bypass procedures are performed every year. Surgery is not the cure for all heart attack-prone people. Treatments for heart disease aren't cures either. Procedures can't slow the buildup of fatty deposits in arteries which causes most heart disease. The buildup of fatty deposits in arteries often begins in childhood, but it may be decades before clinical disease shows up. That's why more effort must be focused on prevention. Risk factors that we can modify, treat or control include: tobacco use, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, lack of physical activity, being obese or overweight, and diabetes. The public seems to be adopting more healthful behaviors and lifestyles. By focusing on prevention, we can have a major impact on people's health.

Be physically active each day - Eat a nutritious diet - Get Preventive Screenings—Avoid risky behaviors
Regular physical activity is important for

Book club changes name to Barron Library Book Club

(LaBelle FL, December 30, 2009) -- The LaBelle Book Club recently changed their name to BARRON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB. The club meets at the library, every second Monday of the month, and is open to anyone who wishes to participate. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. The book that has been selected for the Jan. 11 meeting is *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Copies of the book are available at the library.

The *Joy Luck Club* is also the selected book for The Big Read which is promoted by the National Endowment for The Arts. The month long program will kick off on Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. with Carrie Sue Ayvar, Professional Story Teller. The kick off event will be held at the Clewiston Public Library. Program events scheduled at Barron Library are as follows:

- Barron Library Book Club discussion, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Online Mahjong Tournament, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.
- Kung Fu Panda (Patrick), Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Origami for Kids, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- Magic Show with John Robert, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.
- Yurtfolk Traveling Show, Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.

Various book discussions will take place around LaBelle during the month as well.

Clewiston Public Library, Harlem Public Library and the library at Big Cypress are also participating in The Big Read program. Complete details of all events are available at Barron Library.

your overall health and well-being. Include activities that you enjoy and can easily fit into your daily routine—such as walking your dog, working in your garden, or riding your bike. Being active for 30-60 minutes on most days can help you build strength and fitness, relax and reduce stress, gain more energy, and improve your sleep. These benefits all add up to decreasing your risk of heart disease and other conditions, such as colon cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure.

It's important to follow the basics: eat a healthy diet by choosing a variety of fruits and vegetables. Avoid fats, added sugars, and salt. Eat in moderation. Eating right makes you feel good, and it can reduce your risk for diseases like heart disease, certain cancers, diabetes, stroke, and osteoporosis.

Do you know your cholesterol numbers or what your blood pressure is? Do certain diseases and conditions run in your family? When faced with choices that may impact your health and the lives of those you love, it's important to remember that there are options and resources to help you make healthy decisions.

You are lucky; you have choices. You can learn how to avoid risky situations, break unhealthy habits, and protect yourself and

the lives of those you love. You can also learn to prepare yourself against natural disasters and catastrophic events. Prevention is the key...educate yourself and take care of yourself!

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

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

Sixty-two new releases at Barron Library

(LaBelle FL, December 30, 2009) -- Sixty-Two new releases recently arrived at Barron Library. The latest books from some popular authors, including, David Baldacci, Bernard Cornwell, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Vince Flynn, W.E.B. Griffin, Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Robert B. Parker, James Patterson, Danielle Steel and Randy Wayne White, and many others, have been added to the library collection.

Look for Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin and Capt., Chesley B. Sullenberger biographies as well.

Barron Library also has access to the book collection at the Clewiston Public Library as well as the capability to search for books across the state of Florida and throughout the country. Please let library staff know if the book you are looking for is not available within the Hendry County Library Cooperative.

The library is open Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on January 12, 2010, 5:05 p.m., City of Clewiston, Commission Chambers, 115 W Ventura Ave, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Environmental Services Element, Capital Improvements Element, Conservation Element, and Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan, more specifically changes to the goals, objectives, and policies for the adoption of a 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and identification of specific water supply projects that meet projected future demands. The 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan will become a sub-element of the Environmental Services Element. The Ordinance title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2010-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 99-13, AS AMENDED, BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ELEMENT, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT, THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT, AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT BY CHANGING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES FOR THE ADOPTION OF A 10-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN; AND MAKING THE PLAN A SUB-ELEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 S. Lee St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (vcautero@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 675-5317).

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Church Briefs

Come to piano ministry

G. Richard Deal, concert pianist and recording artist, will present a sacred piano concert at Grace Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 10 at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Deal is from the Chicago area and has presented over 2,500 sacred and classical piano concerts in Europe, Asia, North and South America. He has presented numerous solo concerts in the United States. Mr. Deal has performed with symphony orchestras including an appearance at Chicago's historic Orchestra Hall.

Mr. Deal is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, the Moody Bible Institute and the Sherwood Conservatory of Music, all of Chicago. He was a faculty member of the Sacred Music Dept. of the Moody Bible Institute.

Mr. Deal has been a participant in several international piano competitions including the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, Russia.

Mr. Deal arranges his own sacred piano arrangements and has released six professional recordings. The most recent is entitled Majestic Piano Praise, a collection of favorite hymns and praise music.

You are cordially invited to the concert on at Grace Baptist Church, 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd. Admission is free.

Counseling Center programs

Freedom Counseling and Service Center has relocated and changed hours. The new location is 1301 SR 29N, one half mile north of the drawbridge.

The new hours are Monday only 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for the food bank. If you need assistance at other times call the office at 863-612-9899. Counseling and class hours are as follows:

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Ready for Bingo?

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Support for caregivers after the holidays

The holidays offer busy and often remote families an opportunity to gather and spend time with loved ones who they may only see occasionally during the year.

It is also the time when family members might notice changes in a relative that raise troubling questions about their loved ones' health.

In fact, the number of people who express concern about a loved one's health actually tends to increase after the holiday season.

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will hold a series of showings of the Emmy-nominated documentaries called the "Alzheimer's Project" for caregivers that will provide guidance and support to families living with Alzheimer's disease.

Showings of the pertinent documentaries include:

HBO The Alzheimer's Project- Momentum In Science Part 1 Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-noon at Barron Library 461 N. Main Street, LaBelle.

HBO The Alzheimer's Project- Momentum In Science Part 2 Momentum in Science: How Far We Have Come in Alzheimer's Research January 14 10 a.m.-noon, Barron Library 461 N. Main Street, Labelle

HBO The Alzheimer's Project- Caregiver

ers AND Grandpa, Do You Know Who I am? With Maria Schriver - Five lessons on how grandchildren can cope with the experience of the disease January 19 10 a.m.-noon Barron Library 461 N. Main Street.

Please RSVP by January 11, 2010. No Cost! Seating is Limited!

The Alzheimer's Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter provides a support system for those affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder and their caregivers through patient and family services, education, advocacy and research.

For more information about the Alzheimer's Association contact the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter at 727-578-2558 or go online at www.alz.org/FLGulfCoast to learn about this troubling disease.

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter serves 17 Florida counties (from Hernando County down to Collier) where there are more than 189,000 people who are estimated to be living with Alzheimer's disease.

There are only eight states in the U.S. with more cases of Alzheimer's disease than are reported in the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's service region.

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Local cowboy makes it in SSBR National Finals

Last week local bull rider Justin Walker of LaBelle found out that he made the cut into the 2009 SSBR National Finals. The finals will be held at the Hendry County Rodeo Grounds in LaBelle on Jan. 8 and 9. This is a dream come true for Justin, who has been dreaming of becoming a professional bull rider since he was two years old. His first "bull" was a suitcase. He would buck off it, throw his hat into the air and bow to the crowd. At the age of three he started riding sheep. He won his first buckle at the age of four at the Cracker Day Rodeo in North Fort Myers.

Bull riding runs in the Walker family. Justin's grandfather Clearence Walker (Papa) was a cowboy all his life. Clearence was a cowboy by trade and a bull rider for pleasure. He also rode to make extra money to help support his family. He won numerous jackpot rodeos and in 1962 he won the Oneco, FL Rodeo receiving a buckle and 120 dollars. Papa had a great influence on Justin's bull riding. They spent hours discussing the art of bull riding together. When Justin got into a slump his papa would talk him through it. They had a bond that no one else in the family had. When Papa passed away three years ago the family decided that Jus-

tin should have the buckle that he had won back in 1962. Justin wears it at all times with great pride.

At the age of ten Justin started riding steers and at the age of 12 started riding junior bulls. In 2005 he won the junior bull riding buckle from the Bullpit Outreach Ministry. During the same year he obtained the Swamp Cabbage Festival junior bull riding buckle. He started riding pro bulls at 13 years of age. He has been a member of the Florida High School Rodeo Association for the past four years. In those four years he has made it to the State finals two times. This is his senior year and he has won three out of five rodeos for the high school circuit. With those three wins he has added three more buckles to his collection. He is leading in the FHSRA bull riding standing. He has also been a member of the Southern States Bull Riders for four years as well. This year is the first time in those four years that he has made it into the finals.

Come out this weekend to the SSBR National Finals and cheer on Justin Walker with all of his family and friends. It would be great for the 2009 SSBR Championship Buckle to stay here in LaBelle.



LaBelle's Justin Walker will ride in the SSBR National Finals.

Rodeo events this weekend

The 3rd Annual Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southwest Florida Rodeo is coming to LaBelle. Here's a list of events:

Thursday, Jan. 7: The public can participate in an SSBR Fishing Tournament on Lake Okeechobee at 9 a.m. in Clewiston at the Roland & Mary Ann Martins Marina & Resort. After a day on the lake, kick back with the SSBR riders and listen to live country music performed free by Mickey Cash at the Marina's Tiki Bar from 6-10 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8: Start the day at Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation at 10 a.m. as riders and their fans explore Billie Swamp Safari until 2 p.m. Then, round up at the Hendry County Rodeo Grounds on S.R. 29 South in LaBelle for the first round of the SSBR 2009 National Finals.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Bounce houses, games, food, and live country music performed by Nashville recording artist KC Johns.

Youth Rodeo from 6-7:30 p.m., which is open to participants under 18 only. Events include Breakaway Roping, Team Penning, Buddy Pickup and Relay Race.

Championship Bull Riding Main Event and first round is from 8-10 p.m.

After Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. hosted at the Rodeo Grill in LaBelle.

Saturday, Jan. 9: The thrills continue as fans and riders choose to skydive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Skydive Air Adventures in Clewiston, or compete in a friendly golf tournament at The Glades Golf & RV Resort on S.R. 80 between LaBelle and U.S. 27. Then, round up again at the Hendry County Rodeo Grounds on S.R. 29 South for the Final Round of the SSBR 2009 National Finals.

Gates open at noon. Bounce houses, games, food, and live country music performed by Nashville recording artist KC Johns.

The SSBR 2009 National Finals will happen rain or shine. The Hendry County Rodeo Grounds have covered bleachers. General admission is \$10 for Friday and \$10 for Saturday. All other events are fee-based, unless noted otherwise. For additional information, or to reserve tickets, call 863-885-1537 or visit the website at: www.ronaldrodeo.com.

The 3rd Annual Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southwest Florida Rodeo is sponsored in part by grants from Hendry County Tourist Development Council and VISITFLORIDA®. All proceeds from both nights support the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southwest Florida.

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LHS boys soccer finishes in second place

The LHS Boys Soccer team finished second at the 2nd Annual SWFL Winter invitational last week. After playing probably their worst game of the year in the first game of the tournament (a 6-0 loss to Golden Gate High School), the Cowboys turned things around and won their next two games.

Coach Frost said, "Consistency has been the key to the Cowboy soccer team's success so far this year. The defense has been outstanding. When these guys come ready to play as a team, they almost always have a chance to win." In the first game of the tournament, the Cowboys looked a bit rusty from the week long Christmas break. "I'm not going to make excuses for these boys,

they should have been (mentally) ready to play. They knew they were going against a very good team in the first game," said Frost. Golden Gate ended up winning the tournament and still has an undefeated record at 12-0-1. Despite that loss, the Cowboys woke up and played better the rest of the tournament.

In the second game against Barron Collier, the Cowboys found themselves down 1-0 late in the second half. But an official call resulting in a questionable goal by Jesus Andrade, allowed the Cowboys to pull even. With about ten minutes left in the game, the Cowboys ran a set play (the results of a penalty on Barron Collier) in front of the oppo-

nent's goal. Jesus Gamez's kick was deflected by a defender and Ignacio Acosta cleaned up a loose ball near the goal for the winning score. Also of note during the game was the defensive play of Miguel Carranza, who during a play involving multiple shots in front of the LHS goal, came back and kicked a sure goal out just before going into the net.

In game three the next night, the Cowboys faced a familiar foe in Immokalee. LaBelle started out slowly as Immokalee took the lead (about ten minutes into the game) on a tough shot that was deflected several times before making it past LaBelle goal keeper Chris Marroquin. But, once again the Cowboys did not give up. After finally getting the ball past midfield against a tough Immokalee defense, Cowboy forward Jesus Andrade crossed in front of the goal and kicked a shot with his left foot that was slightly deflected and squeezed past the Immokalee goalie. Later in the first half, the Cowboys had a fairly long free kick just past mid-field.

Jesus Gamez kicked a long ball that looked as if it might go over the Immokalee goal. Instead, it fooled the goalie and went into the top right corner of the net. The score would remain the same for the rest of the game and seal the Cowboy victory, and the second place finish. The Cowboy defense really stood out in the second half - especially the play of Gabriel Barron, who had to mark Immokalee's best player for the final 20 minutes of the game. The Cowboys record stands at 6-3-2.



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International hockey player

Caleb Stit and the Florida Eels Squirt A Hockey Team are heading to the International Silversitcks Hockey Tournament in Sarnia, Ontario, over Martin Luther King weekend. The Florida Eels won the Southeast Regional Qualifier in Huntsville, Alabama, back in early December. They beat teams from Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC and went undefeated. Their win qualified them to join American and Canadian teams in the International Finals. Silversticks is a premiere hockey tournament that is well known throughout North America. It is a yearly tournament that began in 1960. The team can expect thousands of spectators to join them in Sarnia for the events from January 14-17.

Sports Shorts

Meeting for local skatepark

The Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Department is holding a meeting with all youth and adults interested in our Skate Park Project at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, join them at the Recreation Office, 310 W. Cowboy Way, to talk about the upcoming project. They will be discussing fundraisers, looking over park designs and choosing a location for the park.. Feel free to call the Recreation Office at 863-675-5347.

Need your car washed?

The Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board is hosting a car wash to help the skate park fund. Please join the fun Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at U-Save. If you are interested in helping, contact Courtney at 863-675-5347. The car wash is donation based, so come out and help this great cause.

Attention shooters

Come join the fun at the Hendry County Gun Range Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Shoot trap or skeet for \$4 per 24 targets. If you like night shooting come join the Caloosa Sports Shooters and shoot under the lights on Thursdays. For more information contact Dave Alexander at 675-0500.

Caloosa Sports Shooters will work with non-profits for fundraisers at the range.

Sports Network open to locals

The Caloosa Belle invites you to check out the innovative new LaBelle Sports Network on the internet. Youth, adult recreation leagues, and school sports teams now have an online sports page and resource they can call their own. This free site is a partnership between the Caloosa Belle and Community Sports Desk, a national sports software company. Team representatives can post their schedules, game stories, statistics, standings and photos on dedicated web pages on the site. This is an invaluable and professional tool the community now has to positively highlight local sports. There is absolutely no charge for teams and leagues to participate in LaBelle Sports Network. The site will be supported by sponsored web advertising featuring an innovative revenue sharing model, with 20% of web advertising sales on the site going back to the participating teams

and leagues. Local businesses interested in finding out how to become a sponsor can contact their local Caloosa Belle advertising representative at 863 675-2541 or call Judy Kasten at 863-763-3134 or by email at jkasten@strato.net. Interested teams and leagues can contact Renee Hawley by e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com. to participate and find out how your team can win a free pizza party! Call Renee toll free at 888-853-7904 for a demonstration or to get started right away. To visit the LaBelle Sports Network online, go to newszap.com, click on the LaBelle homepage, then click on the Sports tab in the upper right part of the page.

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Sissi's Place gets makeover

The atmosphere at Sissi's Place has gone from the Wild West to the deep jungle, but clients will still find the same great service. "The place just needed a little sprucing up," owner/operator Sissi Pack said.

She and her husband, Wayne, opened the business at 264 N. Bridge Street in 2003. Sissi has been a hairdresser for 14 years.

Also new: When you come to Sissi's Place you will now find gorgeous handbags, jewelry and hair accessories for sale. Check out the unique slide show in the waiting area. With some 8,000 purses to choose from, you're bound to find just

the one you've been looking for, along with the perfect crystal or rhinestone jewelry to complement your new look.

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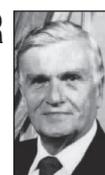
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- \$179,900 4/2 in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac.
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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, for the following Proposals:
E1H68- A Certification of Qualification is not required for extending turn lane on State Road 35 (US 98) in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$110,859.00
E1H91- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mechanical Sweeping in Desoto & Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$16,214.00
E1H92- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Tree Trimming & Power Shearing in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$250,000.00
E1H93- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Long Line Striping in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$297,000.00
E1H94- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Thermoplastic Markings & Messages in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$297,000.00
E1H95- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mowing & Litter Removal in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$90,000.00
E1H96- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Guardrail Repair & Replacement in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$216,000.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contracts/administration/district1/> #PLANNING/DERS%20LIST; or by calling (863) 519-2559. #42366 CB/CN 12/31/09 1/7/10

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the City of Pahokee General Election will be held on March 9, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Pahokee.
The first day for filing as a candidate will be January 26, 2010 beginning at noon, and the final day for filing will be February 9, 2010 at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee, FL 33476 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.
Registered voters in Precincts 6006 and 6008 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 8, 2010.
In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes for a particular office, a Run-Off Election shall be held on March 23, 2010 between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that seat.
Susan Felner
City Clerk/Municipal Supervisor of Elections
342724 CB/CGS 1/7,21/10

Public Notices
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PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District. The remaining Board is authorized to appoint a successor to the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Applicants are sought for the position and must be a resident of the District. Applications should be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., 1/20/2010. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest stating their background and experience.
Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: 11736 Eros Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971.
Submit to:
Board of Supervisors
Port LaBelle Community Development District
P.O. Box 1605
LaBelle, FL 33975

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 9:30 A.M., January 21, 2010, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida 33935.
The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports.
Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.
This meeting is open to the public.
Mark D. Colbert, Chairman
342897 CB/CGS 1/7,14/10

LOT 21, BLOCK 7, PORT LABELLE HOLIDAY PARK UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Robert M. Coplen, Esquire, Robert M. Coplen, P.A., 10225 Ulmerton Road, Suite 5A, Largo, FL 33771, on or before February 1, 2010 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 25 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33975, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 22nd day of December, 2009.
BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ JAMMOND
Deputy Clerk
342360 CN 12/31/09 1/7/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000470
BENEFICIAL FLORIDA INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RALPH LIVINGSTON, et al,
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 13, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000470 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BENEFICIAL FLORIDA INC., is the Plaintiff and RALPH LIVINGSTON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 13th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 3719, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, MOBILE HOME ID NO. GDLCFL43804577
A/K/A 720 N KENNEL STREET CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Dec. 21st, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ S. MILLER
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09045077

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09-893-CA
SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff
v.
SCOTT MACHADO, Defendants
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: CARMEN CUEVAS n/k/a CARMEN MACHADO AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN CUEVAS n/k/a CARMEN MACHADO, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendant(s), who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants.
Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: 11736 Eros Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida, to-wit:
LOT 21, BLOCK 7, PORT LABELLE HOLIDAY PARK UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF 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.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Dec. 21st, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ S. MILLER
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See Americans with Disabilities Act* In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding, 342243 CN/CB 12/31/09;1/7/10

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000936
FIFTH THIRD BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE, et al
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000936 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein FIFTH THIRD BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL J. LARE A/K/A MICHAEL LARE N/K/A ANN LARE; STONE AGE PAVERS, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:
LOT 26, BLOCK 2032, PORT LABELLE UNIT 1, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 50, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 2032 S MONTANA CIRCLE LABELLE, FL 33935

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.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Dec. 30, 2009.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F03074203

See Americans with Disabilities Act* In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) ; 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding, 342856 CN/CB 1/7,14/10

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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 60 days after the sale.
WITNESS, my hand and seal of this court on the 18th day of Dec. 2009.
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 60 days after the sale.
WITNESS, my hand and seal of this court on the 18th day of Dec. 2009.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SHARON ROBERTSON
By /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk
Law Offices of
Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. 324699 CN 6/25;7/2/09

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2009-CA-000894
COLONIAL SAVINGS, FA.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
OSCAR A. LAINEZ A/K/A OSCAR ARMANDO LAINEZ-ALVAREZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OSCAR A. LAINEZ A/K/A OSCAR ARMANDO LAINEZ-ALVAREZ; ANA C. LAINEZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANA C. LAINEZ; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HENDRY County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HENDRY County, Florida, described as:

LOT 13, BLOCK 2151, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 86, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 4038 E. Sunflower Circle LaBelle, FL 33935

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Hendry County Courthouse (being the second floor hallway of the Hendry County Courts Building), LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on Jan. 13, 2010.
DATED This 18th day of Dec. 2009.
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 60 days after the sale.
WITNESS, my hand and seal of this court on the 18th day of Dec. 2009.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SHARON ROBERTSON
By /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk
Law Offices of
Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. 324699 CN 6/25;7/2/09

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Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida 342882 CB/CN 1/7/10

Community Briefs

Enter Little Mr., Miss contest

Parents, enter your kids in the 2010 Little Mr. or Little Miss Photo contest, which runs from Jan. 4-Feb. 8. Categories: newborn to 11 months; preschool 12-24 months, big kids 5-6 years and youth 7-10. Get your entry form from Melinda at Langford Ford Service Dept., 675-1686. No fee, just provide your own container for coin votes and your child's photograph for the container.

Parents are responsible for checking the money, rolling coins and turning it in weekly. Only rolled coins will be accepted.

Learn wildlife lessons

"Don't just wait! Lessons from the Bald Eagle, European Starling and Burmese Pythion" Don't miss Dr. Jackson at the Janu-

ary 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Hendry-Glades Audubon educational program in LaBelle to be held at the Dallas Townsend Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle. This informative free presentation is open to the public. For information contact Margaret England at 8640674-0695.

Come to brunch buffet

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 a Brunch Buffet Sunday Jan. 17, 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, Jan. 20, 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) LaBelle.

Pancakes in Ortona

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first pancake breakfast of the new year on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 7-9 a.m. at the Ortona Community Hall, Ortona Locks Road (Highway 78A). The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes sausage, delicious pancakes, juice and coffee for just \$4.

Nobles to address historians

LaBelle's own Dr. Geraldine Burchard Nobles will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of the LaBelle Heritage Museum at LaBelle City Hall on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. Her talk will center on her grandfather, Captain Melville Emory Forrey, a former mayor of the Town of LaBelle and the chairman of the first Hendry County Board of County Commissioners.

The public is welcome at this and all meetings of the LaBelle Heritage Museum Association. For more information on LaBelle Heritage Museum, its mission and upcoming projects and programs, enter www.tinyurl.com/labelleheritage into your computer browser.

Free H1N1 vaccinations

Free H1N1 vaccinations will be given to anyone in the suggested groups (adults 25-64), children 6 months-24 years, pregnant women, people who live with or care for children under six months of age and people over 65 with health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart conditions, immune disorders and any type of respiratory illness). Come to the health department, 1140 Pratt Blvd. Thursday, Jan. 7, Monday, Jan. 11, or Tuesday, Jan. 19 4:30-7 p.m.; or Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sponsor Legion pool event

The Sons of the American Legion Post 130 LaBelle is seeking anchor sponsors for its Pool Shoot-Out Tournament to be held

on April 11. Sponsorships range from: \$100 for advertisement at both the Pool Shoot-Out and the Legion Riders Poker Run; \$250 for advertisement a both events plus all satellite tournaments (43 possible) and \$500 or more advertisement at both events, Satellite Tournaments, the American Legion Web Site and a brick to be placed a the Memorial Park in your name in LaBelle. Contact: Craig Bartoshuk, 2nd Vice SAL Squadron 130, American Legion 863-673-0186, craigbartoshuk@embarqmail.com or sal@legionpost130.org.

Felda community meets

The Felda Community Civic Association meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Felda Community Center. Everyone welcome.

REAL classes

start in January

Florida Gulf Coast University and Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board will start a new series of REAL (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) classes starting Jan. 25 in LaBelle. The 10-week class teaches the steps necessary to write a successful business plan for the potential small business owner or existing business owner looking for a better way to operate a business.

Learn how to compile and develop pertinent information including financial projections, feasibility of your business idea, marketing to your target clientele, picking the right location, pricing your product and much more and put it together to make a business plan. Classes are interactive as members develop the skills to write their plan.

Cost is \$100 with a \$90 refund upon successful completion of the program. Classes are 6-9 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 25. For more information contact Janice at 863-840-2279 or visit www.fgcu.edu/sbdc to register.

Writers group forming

A group is forming in LaBelle for serious writers. Please come to Barron Library Thursday, Jan. 14, at noon. BYOPB (bring your own peanut butter).

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at Beef 'O'Brady's January 21 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

Quit tobacco today

A free Community Health Promotion Program at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle, through Feb. 10, 2010, 5:15-6:45 p.m. To register or for more information contact: Quit Smoking Now Facilitator, Nora Duley-Maldonado or Valerie James - 863-674-4041 Ext. 128. Sponsored by Everglades Area Health Education Center - 800.819.2357/www.ea-lectobaccoprogram.com.

Hogs R Us bake sale

Come to the 4-H Hogs R Us bake sale Sat-

urday, Jan. 9, at U-Save, beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will be used for club activities.

VFW to host

volunteer education program

VFW Post 10100 will host a volunteer education program Sunday, Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m. Learn about the Hope Honor Guard and Veteran's History Project. Enjoy lunch for just \$3.00. All welcome.

Calendar project

The Sons of the Legion Unit 130 is conducting a calendar project to help LARC clients. LARC assists people with developmental disabilities. Please drop off pictures from your old calendars at the Sons of the Legion, Post 130 Hwy. 80W, First Bank of Clewiston, Olde Cypress Community Bank or Florida Community Bank by Jan. 8. LARC uses the old pictures in craft projects for its clients.

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.

Please recycle

Additional public recycling containers have been placed on Cemetery Road at the request of Ft. Denaud area residents. Newspaper, aluminum/steel cans, plastic, cardboard and glass items are accepted. Please rinse containers before recycling. Please call 863-675-5252 if you have any questions.

Etch your name in

LaBelle history!

The LaBelle Veterans Memorial is well on its way to becoming an important focal point for our community and its visitors. Located at the corner of SR 80 and Main Street, the park will pay tribute to the families of the men and women who were lost in the various battles fought throughout United States history.

The pathways around the park will be paved with brick and you can help "pave the way" around the park by purchasing a brick (or bricks) for those walkways. Bricks can be inscribed with 3 lines of copy on each brick with 18 spaces per line. Mail your order with payment to: American Legion Post 130, 699 Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. Visa and Mastercharge are accepted. Checks are to be made payable to LaBelle Veterans Memorial.

Social Security information

If you have questions about social security or supplemental security income or need help in dealing with other social security issues, come to the United Way House, 117 Fort Thompson Ave., from 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 3 or Dec. 1. You may also call Medicare toll free at 1-800-633-4227.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000748

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE L. CARRERO, et al
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000748 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and JOSE L. CARRERO; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR, HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE) OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD F THE SOUTH 40 FEET AND EAST 30 FEET THEREOF, A/K/A TRACT 4537, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

A/K/A 393 APPALOOSA AVENUE CLEWISTON, FL 33440

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.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on Dec. 31, 2009.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk

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See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 342867 CN/CB 1/7,14/10

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff,
vs.
LOIREL LOPEZ, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000262 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, is the Plaintiff and LOIREL LOPEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; TENANT #1 N/K/A MILAGROS MARTINEZ are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, LESS THE WEST 30 FEET AND THE NORTH 30 FEET THEREOF RESERVED FOR PERPETUAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 305 E ROAD LABELLE, FL 33935

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The Blessing of the Pets, like this one several years ago, starts off a day of fun for folks with all kinds of critters – and those who just love to be around their feathered, furry or scaled friends. Enjoy the Pet Fest in Barron Park Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



You never know what you'll find at the LaBelle Woman's Club's annual Pet Fest. Several years ago this stunning three-month-old Siberian Tiger was one of the animals displayed by Vanishing Species Wildlife. The preserve has facilities in Fort Lauderdale and Palmdale.

Spotlight your pets Jan. 16

Time to start thinking about the Fourth Annual LaBelle Woman's Club Pet Fest. The event takes place Saturday, Jan. 16, at Barron Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bring your pets for the Pet Parade, Blessing of the Animals, food, fun, education, games, raffles, demonstrations, adoptions and community participation.

Volunteers are busy planning the event. Monies raised from this event will go to help rescue groups and to set up a pet park for the LaBelle community. In addition to raising monies, volunteers will also be providing information for pet owners, showcasing various rescue groups and vendors, as well as services for the pets in our community and surrounding areas. Don't forget the

games for the kids, raffles and demonstrations plus a pet parade and Blessing of the Animals.

LaBelle area groups are invited to participate by providing games and prizes for the children and to showcase your group and your mission in the community. Groups should set up between 7:30 am and 9:30 a.m. Monetary donations are also welcome.

For additional information, please contact Sharyn at 863-675-6081 or email me at greytsgreat@yahoo.com. Please respond no later than January 7, 2010. It would be helpful to include the game or games that you will be providing, as well as the person who will be in charge that day.



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Sour Orange Festival in Lakeport, Jan. 9

The Community of Lakeport, in 'gloriously natural Glades County' will host the annual Sour Orange Festival, Saturday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center on Red Barn Road, off SR 78, north of Moore Haven.

Admission is \$3 and children under 12 get in free!

Food booths will offer Seafood Gumbo, Mediterranean cuisine as well as the more traditional, barbecue, hamburgers and hot-dogs.

Festivities will kick off with Glades County Property Appraiser Larry Luckey serving as master of ceremonies at 10 a.m. with the flag raising by Cub Scouts Pack 952 and performances by the Moore Haven High School Band. The Country Rhythm Cloggers of LaBelle will perform and live music will continue throughout the afternoon courtesy of the Country Traditions Band.

The perennial highlight of the festival is the Sour Orange Pie Eating Contest, during which local politicians and other celebrities enjoy the homemade desserts which give the Sour Orange Festival its name. Entries in the Sour Orange Cook-Off will be judged at 9:30 a.m. while the winning desserts will be auctioned off at noon.

Other highlights include a Kids Beauty Pageant, children's games including a Hay-



Submitted photo
Face painting is one of many attractions at the Sour Orange Festival

stack Scramble, and facepainting by Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles - The Clowns.

A quilt show and quilt drawing are scheduled for 2 p.m.

Sour Orange t-shirts and cook books will also be on sale.

Seating is limited so bring a lawn chair or blanket.

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