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## At a Glance

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## Speak up for kids

The Guardian ad Litem Program has added a three-session, Saturday training in Hendry County, scheduled for Feb. 27, March 6 and 13. Volunteers advocate for abused children in court, the child welfare system and the community. Contact Angela Boykin, Volunteer Supervisor, at 863-674-4190, for more information, or see [www.guardianadlitem.org](http://www.guardianadlitem.org).

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## Education: School Employee of the Year District honors Lisa Hegley

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

The Hendry County School Board expressed the school district's gratitude to its non-instructional personnel, saying, "We could not do what we do without the kind of work you do on day to day basis." The occasion was the annual Hendry County School Related Employee luncheon Jan. 27 at Beef O'Brady's in LaBelle.

Each public school honored a non-instructional employee as its choice for the award. Each received a certificate along with the recognition of the entire school system. One was chosen as the county's winner.

This year LaBelle High School's Melissa Hegley was selected as the School Related Employee of the Year for the District. Principal Lucinda Kelley credited Lisa with "transforming" the guidance department. She has worked for the school district for 11 years and feels she is part

of a staff that works together in support of students and staff. The most rewarding part of her job, she said, "is watching the

students grow and mature into young successful adults."

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
**Top Employee, from left: school board members Pat Langford and Sally Berg, Employee of the Year Melissa "Lisa" Hegley from LaBelle High School and Superintendent Rick Murphy.**



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**LaBelle Employees, from left: School Board Chairman Sally Berg, Maria Olmeda LaBelle ESE, Belinda Garay LES, Alice "Carole" Dyess Finance, Kim Townsend IT, Sheila Sheltra Food Service, Melissa "Lisa" Hegley LHS, Superintendent Rick Murphy, Nikki Baker LMS, Anita Loux LaBelle Bus Driver, Reyna Garza UES. Karen Delance COE is not pictured.**

## FCB closed

*Assets transferred to  
Premier American*

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Depositors may be a little queasy about the closing of Florida Community Bank by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation last Friday, but customers should not see any changes in their banking business. All deposits at FCB have been transferred to Premier American Bank NA, which has a national charter. Premier American Bank took control of all eleven FCB branches, including the main office in Immokalee and the LaBelle branch, at the close of business on Jan. 29.

Customers should know that checks written on FCB accounts are being honored; ATM and online services remain the same and there will be no interruption in automatic deposits.

FCB loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

Anyone who provided a service or product to FCB and had not been paid prior to Jan. 29, 2010, may have a claim against the bank.

Premier American Bank will be contacting FCB customers and is currently assessing interest rates.

According to a press release from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), FCB had approximately \$875.5 million in total assets on Sept. 30, 2009, and \$795.5 million in total deposits.

Premier American Bank has assumed all FCB's deposits and is

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## Bank

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also purchasing about \$499.1 million of its assets.

Premier American Bank, a community bank serving metropolitan Miami, was chartered this past Jan. 22 in a similar transfer.

Chief Operating Officer Kent Ellert said Premier American Bank is pleased to maintain the large majority of local employees in all FCB branches with no change in position or compensation.

"We are a community bank," he said, "with local leadership and operation . . . We feel strongly that our employees are our Number One priority."

He continued, "These are complex transactions," adding that Premier American is very pleased to maintain former FCB employees.

All eleven branches with operational offices reopened Monday morning, Feb. 1, doing "business as usual," he said.

## School

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Ms. Hegley received a plaque and will be added to the School Board's special plaque in the board room. She is also being entered into the state competition for School Related Employee of the Year.

Superintendent Rick Murphy reminded all the winners that they are an important part of the team.

### Individual school winners were:

LaBelle Middle School Nikki Baker, custodian, 15 years.

Karen Delance, COES paraprofessional, 24 years.

LaBelle Elementary custodian Belinda Garay, 3 1/2 years.

Reyna Garza is a bilingual tutor and ELL paraprofessional at UES, 14 years.

Clewiston High School's paraprofessional ELL Sylvia Gomez, 27 years.

Clewiston Middle School custodian Uriah White, six years.

Central Elementary data entry clerk Irma

Branaman, six years.

Eastside Elementary ELL and paraprofessional Barbara Penny, 19 years.

Westside Elementary School paraprofessional Brenda "Gail" Murphy, 17 years.

Anita Loux LaBelle Transportation Dept., 14 years.

Clewiston Transportation Mary Daniels, 32 years,.

Food Service account clerk Sheila Sheltra, five years.

Ronald Sneed Clewiston Maintenance, 14 years.

LaBelle ESE shuttle bus driver Maria Olmedo, 22 years.

Information Technology trainee Kimberly Townsend, 16 years.

Finance account clerk Alice "Carole" Dyess, 12 1/2 years.



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## Black History Month: Hiram Rhodes Revels

Hiram Rhodes Revels, 1827-1901, was born free in Fayetteville, NC, of a free father of mixed white and black ancestry and a white mother of Scottish heritage. Early in life he was apprenticed as a barber, then attended the

Union County Quaker Seminary in Indiana and Knox College in Galesburg, IL. He was an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

He helped raise two black Union regiments during the Civil War in Maryland and Missouri and took part in the battle of Vicksburg.

He became active in government during the Reconstruction when he was elected as alderman in Natchez in 1868, then to the Mississippi State Senate in 1869. Ultimately, he became the first black man to be seated in the US Senate.

As a senator he spoke for compromise and moderation. He served on the Committee on Education and the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also argued for amnesty and restoration of full citizenship for ex-Confederates,

provided they swore an oath of loyalty to the United States.

He suffered a number of defeats in his quest for equality but was successful in championing the cause of black workers who had been barred by their color from working at the Washington Naval Yard.

Revels was appointed the first president of Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University) in Claiborne County, MS, where he taught philosophy. Later, he served as Mississippi's secretary of state.

In 1875 he wrote a letter to Republican President Ulysses S. Grant denouncing Carpetbaggers for manipulating the Black vote for personal benefit.

Revels remained an active minister, served as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate and taught theology at Shaw College (now Rust College). Hiram Revels died Jan. 16, 1901, while attending a church conference in Aberdeen, MS.

His daughter, Susan, edited a newspaper in Seattle, WA. Horace R. Cayton, Jr., who co-authored Black Metropolis, and labor leader Revels Cayton were his grandsons.

*Information for this article is from Wikipedia and submitted by Henry Gresham.*



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**H.R. Revels**

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# City approves duplexes

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

At their Jan. 14 meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved rezoning seven acres between Bryan Ave. and Seminole for a development of duplexes. The area had been zoned for duplexes originally, then changed to single family.

## Eyesore

Aqua Isles Homeowner Association President Gaston Dellaire presented the board with a petition asking the city to assist them in cleaning up the Shell station and car wash on SR 80. These businesses are located at the entrance to Aqua Isles and, as the petition stated, "are two of some of the first businesses anyone encounters when arriving in LaBelle." The petition cites a number of violations including debris in front and back of the station, unmowed grass and a picnic table area in the rear the association feels should be removed. They feel the car wash sign, which has needed replacement since the hurricane several years ago, needs to be tended to. In discussion, members of the audience also stated that several people have been accosted while pumping gas at the station.

# Get ready for Youth Livestock Show

The 2010 LaBelle Youth Livestock and Ag Show, Inc., begins Feb. 14 and continues through Feb. 19 at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on SR 29S.

The Small Animal Show kicks it all off Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m. Then on Monday, Feb. 15, come out for the Pet Show at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Poultry Show at 6:30 p.m.

The yummy Rib Dinner at 5:30 p.m. leads into the Pee Wee Calf Show at 6:30, Dairy and Beef Breeding Cattle event at 7:00 and Steer Show at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Pork Steak Dinner at 5:30 p.m. is followed by the Goat Milking Contest at 6:30 and Swine Show at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18, the Fashion Show gets things started at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Pee Wee Goat Show at 6 p.m. and Goat

# Sign up for next citizen's academy

The response and involvement with current students has been great! This class will soon be graduating approximately 30 students in February and we are excited about the response that we have received from those involved.

The Sheriff's Academy is a 14-week program with each session lasting about two hours long. This instruction provides its participants with the latest trends and procedures in law enforcement as well as the duties and responsibilities of the various departments. The participants will spend a day at the firing range learning firearm safety and firing weapons as well.

The Citizen's Academy is great for anyone over the age of 18 and it's free. All participants must have a background free of felony

## Sports Park

Grant writer Ron Zimmerly updated the board, which learned that the county had just received bids for work on the Sports Park site on Forrey Road, which led to a discussion on how and why the county received bids for work on city property. The city owns the site and leased a portion to the county, doubling the grants that can be applied for to complete the facility.

Mayor Puletti did not recall the city giving the county the authority to "do its business."

He said he didn't want to be an obstacle but that the city needs to determine who will run the park. The city commissioners agreed that the Rec Board, made up of two members from the city commission, two from the county and one from the school board, should be the proper board to do business for the park.

## In other business:

Bids have been received for the resurfacing and sidewalk construction of MLK. Work is to commence this year.

The next regular city meeting will be Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the commission room at City Hall.

Show at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 19, the Buyers Dinner will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. with the Market Animal Sale as the big finale for the week.

A concession will be open nightly serving hamburgers, barbecue pork sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and chili. Dinners will be available at the stand, First come, first served. On Tuesday the rib dinner includes baked beans and slaw for \$8 and Wednesday the pork steak dinner includes green beans, potato casserole for \$8.

This is LaBelle Youth Livestock Ag. Show, Inc.'s seventh year. This year six steers and 75 hogs made initial weigh-in. Exhibitors are from 4-H Clubs and FFA programs. Other livestock will include 37 goats, 124 small animals including 38 cavies, 86 poultry (eight chickens, two turkeys, one duck and two pigeons) and four beef breeding cattle.

and violent misdemeanor convictions. If you are interested and wish to learn more about the field of law enforcement in general and about the Hendry County Sheriff's Office please let us know.

Sheriff Whidden and his staff are excited about this program and would encourage those interested in attending the next Sheriff's Citizens Academy to stop in and pick up an application, fill it out, and indicate whether you prefer a daytime or nighttime academy. Dates for the upcoming academy will be announced at a later time. We will contact each applicant with additional information. If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Sheriff's Citizens Academy call Lt. Susan Harrelle at 863-674-5604.

## Notice of Referendum To be held Tuesday, March 9, 2010 Regarding Hendry County Hospital Authority Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds

The Governing Body (the "Governing Body") of Hendry County Hospital Authority (the "Authority") has determined that it intends to issue Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Authority to pay the costs of capital expenditures of the Authority authorized by law. As provided by Resolution No. 009-2009, duly adopted by the Governing Body on October 26, 2009, a bond election shall be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Authority, for their approval or disapproval, the issuance of the Bonds.

If approved, the Bonds shall be issued in one or more series, at one time or from time to time, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$14,000,000. The Bonds shall be payable from ad valorem taxes levied and collected by the Authority on all taxable property in the geographic jurisdiction of the Authority at a rate not to exceed 1 mill. Existing tax rates are not being proposed to be increased as a result of the vote. (i.e. - no increase in current taxes).

The Bonds shall not be issued unless the Bonds shall be approved at the bond election by a majority of the qualified electors of the Authority voting in such election, all in the manner provided in the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.

The polling places and times shall be the same as in general elections held in Hendry County.

In accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, all qualified electors of the Authority shall be entitled to vote in the Bond election to which this notice pertains.

## NOTA de REFERENDUM Para el Martes 9 de Marzo 2010 Con Respecto del Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos

El Cuerpo de Gobierno ( el "Cuerpo de Gobierno") de el Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital ( la "Autoridad") a determinado que su proposito para repartir Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos ( los "Bonos") de la Autoridad para pagar los desembolsos capitales de autoridad por ley. Como proveer por resolucio #2009-009, debidamente adoptado por el Cuerpo de Gobierno el 26 de Octubre 2009, una eleccion de bonos se llevara a cabo el Martes 9 de Marzo 2010, para el proposito acreditado de electores de la autoridad, para el aprobacion o desaprobacion, para la emision de los Bonos.

En caso que sea de aprobacion los Bonos se repartiran en uno o mas series en una vez o de tiempo a tiempo en la cantidad agrear el principal que no excedese \$14,000,000. Los Bonos de cuentas de pagar por Bonos de ingresos collectados de impuestos por autorizado por la gravable de propiedad en la geografico jurisdiccion que autoriza el porcentaje que no excederse 1 mill. Ingresos en existencia no se propone aumentar en resulta de el voto ( i. e. no aumentar en impuestos actuales).

Los Bonos no se repartiran solo que sea aprobado en la eleccion por mayoria por los electores calificados de la autoridad de los votantes en la eleccion, todo en la manera proveer de la ley Constitucion de el Estado de Florida.

Los sitios de votacion y tiempos seran los mismos que la eleccion general de el Condado Hendry.

En acuerdo con la ley Constitucion de el Estado de Florida, todo elector calificado de la Autoridad se le dara derecho para votar en la eleccion de Bono sera la siguiente manera:

La forma de el Boletto en esta eleccion de Bono sera de la siguiente manera:

The form of the ballot in this Bond election shall be as follows:

## BALLOT Hendry County Hospital Authority Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bonds

The Hospital Board proposes to issue bonds for construction of capital projects for multiyear improvements in LaBelle and Clewiston. These projects will include, but not limited to, a new Emergency Room in Clewiston and expanded services in LaBelle. The Authority will retire these bonds from existing revenues without increasing tax millage assessed in Hendry County. No more than (\$14 million) will be borrowed and no more than (1) mill will be reserved for this issue.

May the Hendry County Hospital Authority issue bonds, secured by a levy, at a rate not to exceed one mill, and pledge of ad valorem taxes by the Authority, in the amount not to exceed \$14 million, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum lawful rate, to pay the costs of capital expenditures of the Authority authorized by law.

## Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital Anuncio Limitado de Ingreso de Bonos

Los Directores de Hospital propone salida de Bonos para construccion de proyectos de capital para anos de multitudine para mejoramiento en LaBelle y Clewiston. Estos proyectos incluir, pero no limite para, un Nuevo Cuarto de Emergencia en Clewiston y expansion de servicios en LaBelle. La Autoridad le retirara estos Bonos de ingresos en existencia sin creciente de impuesto de millage evaluado en el condado de Hendry. No mas que (14 million) se tomara un prestamo y no mas de (1) mill ingreso de reserve para este punto.

Le permite el Condado de Hendry Autoridad de Hospital repartiran bonos asegurado por una leva, un porcentaje que no excedese un mill, y prenda, de anunico limitado de ingreso por la Autoridad, que no excedese \$14 million, que el interes no excedese el maximo porcentaje por ley para de pagar el costo de desembolsos de capital de autorizacion de Autoridad de ley.

For Bonds/Para Bonos  
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Lucretia A. Strickland  
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Hendry County Hospital Authority

## Public Forum

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

### Bank failure

I guess everybody knows that Florida Community Bank was shut down last Friday and there's a new bank in charge now. What I want to know is: will the same employees be there? The ones who know the customers and have been right there all along? Will they fill these positions with new people from outside the area that don't know anybody here or what's going on?

The economy finally took down one of our local banks and there's no telling who might be next. Even our little corner of the world isn't protected. It does seem like the process went pretty smooth but it's a shame it ever got that far. I just want to know about our local employees.

## Letter to the Editor

### The party's over

I received a letter from a political party wanting my opinion on several questions. It all boiled down to blaming the other party for the shape our country is in. Jobs - government spending - medicines - Social Security - illegal immigrants etc. - we all addressed.

If the "parties" want to know what the American people want, go down to the unemployment offices and ask. My bet is they want our steel, auto, rubber industries back in the United States. Whatever happened to "American Made Pride?" They want a shot at the American dream of the '60s and '70s. They want to be able to buy a home, a car, have medical coverage and be able to send their kids to college.

Ask the senior citizens who struggle to live on a meager retirement or Social Security. Their pensions haven't gone up; their Social Security raises barely cover additional medical care and health costs. Ask the people who have lost all they worked for for years because of serious illness that took all their money.

# Key lessons in the way that we treat people

**By Les Morgan, pastor**

Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Have you ever been mistreated? Have you ever been shown disrespect? Fact is, all of us have had that happen. It is an insult to our dignity as a human being and demeans one's self-esteem. Perhaps that is why the golden rule is so applicable to every person on earth - "Do unto others as you would have then do unto you." - Jesus

I have been doing some thinking lately about how essential it is to treat people with value. There are some key areas that I want to challenge you with.

First, focus on people and not on their position. During my second year of college, a professor of mine gave us a piece of a lecture that I have never forgotten. "As an education major," he said, "I want you to remember this. There are two key people you, as a teacher, most respect and honor - the cook and the custodian. They will make your



**Dr. Les Morgan**

job easier if they know you care - harder if they perceive you don't." Before the lecture ended, Dr. Windus asked and answered the question a few of us were thinking - "You may be wondering if this will be on the final exam. Absolutely! In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello."

Second, become color blind. People are people. It is essential we think that way first and not last. Not long ago I read about an older African American woman standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car broke down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she flagged down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960's. He took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. A week later a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home with a note attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits... Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's' bedside just before he passed away... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others. Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole."

Third, we are never more God-like than when we are givers. Years ago, when I heard a very touching story that occurred at a hospital. A little girl was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion. Her five year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness, seemingly was her only hope of survival. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

The medical team at hand saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay next to his sister and smiled. Seeing the color returning to her cheek all involved were encouraged that the process was working.

However, there was something else that was happening that at first was not so posi-

tive. The face of the little boy grew pale and his smile was fading. Then, when he spoke to the doctor, it shook him and the medical team to the core. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?" Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. He was willing to offer his blood for his sister.

What is important to you? Why do you make the decisions that you make? What is the drive behind the reason you exist?

While we are past the "New-Year Solution" stage, I challenge you to review what you value and how you communicate that to others.

Focus on people, not on their position. Become color blind.

Seek to be a giver, and, as such, become more God-like than ever.

Here's another option - wad this article up and heave it in the trash can and forget what you just read. After all, most people are used to being disrespected and dismissed as unimportant. Your selfish decision has been seen before. By the way - how is that cold, damp, dark cave of selfish you're choosing to live in?

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

## Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

Store nuts and metal washers on metal shower curtain rings and hang on a hook from peg board ... To pick up spilled nuts and bolts put a bar magnet into a plastic sandwich bag. The spilled items will stick to the bag. Then turn the bag inside out and pour it all back into your container. When drilling a hole in plaster use masking tape to tape a coffee filter to the wall and mark your spot on the tape. Then drill. No mess and no cracked plaster.

Linda Teasley, Snooks Felde and I representing the American Legion Auxiliary were honored with a tour of the new All Children's Hospital in St. Pete. That is just one of the projects we support. If a child has to be in a hospital that is a wonderful place to go. I was amazed at the technology and thought that went into comfort for both patients and parents. We work hard volunteering for our projects. Help us out by joining us if you are eligible.

I am for helping other countries, but let's take care of American first. Send our qualified people who are unemployed over to Haiti and help them rebuild their country. Pay them wages and housing, food at a reasonable amount. That would give thousands jobs and get them off unemployment. Instead of helping third world countries become functional as countries, show them how to grow food, sanitize their water, properly dispose of sewage and create industries in their countries. It seems our money people only care about how much they can make. If there are no jobs in America, we become a country who is lowering our standard of life.

Close our borders, get out of foreign wars until we get our country back on its feet. We have children, starving and being mistreated, in the United States. Let's stop that. People need to be able to see a bright future for their families.

I say stop the parties and get something done the American people want. But I'm just an old retired country boy. What do I know?

**Ed Kuntz**

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# Property Appraisers Office extends hours; notes deadline for exemptions

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, has extended hours for homeowners to file for 2010 Exemptions. The hours and locations are as follows:

The office in LaBelle and in Clewiston will be open until 6:00PM on Thursday February 18 and 25.

We will have representatives in Montura at the Clubhouse on Thursday February 18 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 p.m..

On Tuesday February 23 at the Community Center in Pioneer from 4:00 PM to 6:00 p.m.

On Thursday February 25 we will be at the Community Center in Felda from 4:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m..

For more information please contact: Our office in LaBelle at 863-675-5270 OR Clewiston at 863-983-3178. You can also visit our website at [www.hendryprop.org](http://www.hendryprop.org).

Remember March 1 is the deadline for filing.

## La Oficina del Tasador del condado extiende su horario

El Tasador del Condado, Phillip Pelletier, ha extendido las horas de oficina para que los residentes-dueños puedan aplicar para las Exenciones del 2010. Las horas y lugares son como sigue:

Las oficinas de LaBelle y Clewiston estarán abiertas hasta las 6:00 p.m./, los jueves, 18 y 25 de febrero.

Tendremos representantes en:

La Casa Club de Montura, el jueves 18 de

febrero de 4:00 a 6:00 p.m.

El Centro Comunitario de Pioneer, el martes 23 de febrero de 4:00 a 6:00 p.m..

El Centro Comunitario de Felda, el jueves 25 de febrero de 4:00 a 6:00 p.m..

Para más información puede llamar al: 863-675-5270, en LaBelle, o en Clewiston al 863-983-3178. También puede visitarnos en la "Red Mundial" en [www.hendryprop.org](http://www.hendryprop.org).

Acuérdese que el ultimo día para aplicar para loas diversas extensiones es marzo 1,

## Exemption deadlines

Phillip Pelletier, Property Appraiser, says in today's economy every penny counts for all of us. Why not take advantage of your savings between now and March 1, 2010 by coming to the Property Appraiser's Office in the Courthouse, third floor in LaBelle during office hours (8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.) Monday thru Friday OR our Clewiston sub-office at 100 E. El Paso same hours/days apply.

You may qualify for one or more of the following exemptions;

1. Homestead Exemption \$25,000/0/\$25,000.00 Applies to first \$25,000 of assessed value -all taxing authorities Applies to \$50,000 \$75,000 assessed value - Not school district
2. Disabled Veteran's Exemption based on % of disability \$5,000.00
3. Widow's or Widower's Exemption \$500.00
4. Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption \$500.00 (or more)
5. Additional Exemption 65 years of Age

or Older W/an Annual Income \$50,000.00 of less than \$25,780 Per Household (documentation is required).

6. Tangible Personal Property Exemption \$25,000.00

7. Agriculture Classification (Green Belt)

8. Homestead Portability

If you have recently purchased your property the previous owners exemptions are NOT transferable. New applications MUST be filed in the event of any changes or deed transfers. This would include changes in Agricultural Classifications also.

You should have received your automatic renewal receipts for Homestead Exemption (white) and Agricultural Classifications

(green), if you still qualify keep your receipt do NOT return it to our office.

To file for Homestead Exemption you will have to furnish the following: Florida Drivers License, Florida Vehicle Registration, Hendry County Voter Registration OR Recorded Declaration of Domicile, Social Security Number, Permanent Resident Card (if not a US citizen), Mobile Home Registration or Title in order to purchase the permanent "RP" sticker, if filling on a mobile home.

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## Convenient Care Center - It's more than convenience

By Glenda Wilson

The Convenient Care Center in LaBelle opened its doors for community health care on October 15, 2007. From day one, local residents have been provided with that 'home-town personal touch.' There have been over 18,000 patient visits since October 2007 (6,000 patients). Volume continues to increase, and, currently, we are serving about 730 patients per month. Residents are truly finding this medical facility to be a matter of convenience - receiving the healthcare services and treatment they need, right at their backdoor.

The medical center provides primary care in addition to convenient walk-in treatment for minor emergencies. It is staffed with internal medicine doctors, a family practitioner, mid-level providers and wonderful nurses. A general surgeon is on-site Tuesdays and Thursdays for consultations and minor surgical procedures. These doctors and nurses are available whenever you need them, right here - close to home. Worker's Compensation care is also provided at the Convenient Care Center to better serve the local businesses in the area. Additionally, if you should need X-Rays or lab work, these procedures are available, without having to make long drives to the coast. Need rehabilitation services - physical and occupation therapy are offered too.

The Convenient Care Center is clearly fulfilling its mission - to provide close-to-home convenient care through an array of services. The office is open 12 hours a day, Monday through Friday, (8 a.m.-8 p.m.) and four hours on Saturday mornings (8 a.m. to noon.). Call 863-675-2356 for additional information.

## Calling all car owners and car enthusiasts

The South Central Florida Car Club will hold a Cruise Feb. 17, from 6-8 at the Pop-eye's on ST RD 80 W. The monthly Cruise Ins are open to all makes and models of cars and trucks. Area car enthusiasts are always welcome. The books are now open for the Fourth Annual Legends of the Road Car

Show. This event is held in conjunction with the Annual Swamp Cabbage Festival and open to all makes and models of vintage, classic, muscle, custom, cars and trucks. Registration forms are available at the Cruise Ins, by contacting any member of the club or President Tom Corbitt at 863-234-8343.

## Church Briefs

### Christ Central, Angel Food make changes

Christ Central LaBelle has a new office location: 825 E. Cowboy Way Suite 108, LaBelle, in The Wallace Plaza. Office hours will be Tues-Fri 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or for appointments call 863.675.2100.

Angelfood ministries will continue to be sold and you can still pick up menus or place your orders at the office or call, you can also go online to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

The deadline for orders placed in the office is Feb. 17, by 5 p.m. The office will stay open to accommodate those who need to place an order.

The deadline for online orders is Feb. 18, by 2 p.m. Please note that the distribution date is on Feb. 27 which is the Saturday of Swamp Cabbage weekend.

Please confirm your pick up before you place an order. That will be a very busy weekend. If your order is not picked up it will be donated because we do not have the facilities to store the frozen food.

Please call the office and speak with Pastor Niki Craft for further question or concerns. If you have placed your order and was unaware of the date of delivery you are still able to get a full refund.

You have until the 18th of February to get your refund. After that there will be no refunds! Sorry for the inconvenience!

We hope that if you decide to not order this month that you will come back for

March this is a great opportunity to get a great deal on a lot of food.

Feed a family of four for a week for only \$30 and much more items to order! Call 863.675.2100 for a menu.

### Welcome to Cowboy Gospel

The Cowboy Gospel welcomes all to the Felda Community Center Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. for Billy Cass' preaching.

Call Dillon Thomas at 673-2827.

### Spaghetti for Haiti

International Christian Fellowship, along with local businesses, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Haiti. The spaghetti dinner will be a take-out or dine-in at the fellowship hall of International Christian Fellowship, located at 233 Clark Street. The event will be on Friday, Feb. 5, from 4-8 p.m.

The menu will be spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The cost is \$5. If your office, school, or business would like to order lunch, please call Tracy at 863-517-4134 in advance.

All proceeds will go to Compassion Services for Haiti. Compassion Services provides food, water, shelter, and medical supplies.

For additional information, please call Pastor Sammy Co (863-517-4133). "And of some have compassion, making a difference" (Jude 22).



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9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
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11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

## Community Briefs

### First Bank, Chamber, HRMC plan social

You're invited – On Tuesday, Feb. 9, First Bank (in LaBelle), in conjunction with the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, will host a community social at First Bank from 6-7:30 p.m. Hendry Regional Medical Center will provide a brief presentation during the event. Refreshments will be served.

### Hiking group seeks members

Join the formation of a Florida Trails Association (FTA) inland sub-chapter. An orientation meeting is being held Saturday, Feb. 6, in Moore Haven. Orientation at 10 a.m. with a casual hike on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail. Meet at the Alvin Ward Memorial Park on the east side of the

Caloosahatchee for the one hour hike, then gather at the Glades County Historical Society's Westergaard House, 270 Avenue L, 11:30 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch or stop and pick up a lunch from a local restaurant. Ice tea, water and coffee will be available at the Westergaard House.

For information contact Margaret England 863-674-0695 or mlightouse@embarqmail.com, Patty Register 863-675-0623 or patty@gatorama.com, Susan Etchey 863-946-1626 at azaroa40@yahoo.com or Betty Loomis 863-946-3560 or beloomis@yahoo.com. Please RSVP by email or phone.

### Come to Sweetheart dance

The LaBelle Moose Lodge is holding its annual Sweetheart Dinner Saturday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m. French onion soup, Shirley's famous prime rib, baked potato, salad, roll

and butter. Music by Country Impact Band from 7-11 p.m. Purchase of ticket includes a chance to win a pink pearl necklace and earrings in support of breast cancer research. Members and prospective guests only.

### Improve your opportunities

The 10-week Rural Entrepreneurship Action Learning (REAL) class teaches the fundamentals of developing a plan to start, expand or improve your business opportunities. Classes are sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center and Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board and begin Monday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. at the new Edison State College Campus in LaBelle. For \$100 (\$90 is refunded when you successfully complete the class) you receive the information you need to write a business plan, software to help you, opportunity to talk to the experts who can answer your questions regarding business structure, bookkeeping, insurance, business banking and more.

Contact Janice at 863-840-2279 or email jgroves@fgcu.edu with questions, or go to <http://cli.fgcu.edu/sbdc> to register.

## School Briefs

### UES school advisors to meet

Upthegrove Elementary School will have its School Advisory Committee meeting Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. Parents and guardians are invited as well as anyone from the community. If you have any questions, please call 612-0750.

### MHHS Project Graduation

Moore Haven High School Project Graduation is raising funds for the 2010 graduating seniors. If you would like to learn more or sponsor a senior, please call Ms. Bell at 863-227-1008. All funds received will go toward the graduating senior class.

### Four Chaplains Memorial Service

On Saturday, Feb. 6, American Legion Family Post 130 is hosting a Four Chaplains Memorial Service 6 p.m. Public welcome, at the post, 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

### Come to Breakfast Buffet

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 breakfast buffet Sunday, Feb. 7 from 8-11 a.m. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, grits, sausage gravy, chip beef, biscuits, pancakes, coffee and juice. All you can eat \$6. Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave (SR 80).

### Auxiliary canteen meal

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 is serving food every Tuesday evening in the main hall during members only lounge bingo. 4:30-7 p.m. Sandwich or soup \$3.50 each, Lunch plate/desert \$5; deserts \$1. (Menu varies each week). Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).



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## UES January Students of the Month

Row 1-Emmanuel Escobedo, Ruben Velasquez, Victoria Gomez, Billy Smith; Row 2- Raul Escobedo, Daniel Cardoza, Raylin Perez, Marcianna Mitchell; Row 3-Celenia Villanueva, Edith Astorga, Lesly Dominguez, Chyna Tovar; Row 4-Vanessa Vera, Liliana Hernandez, Kallie Cockram, Marlusous Mitchell Row 5-Jasmine Craft, Diego Bustamante, Tatiala Gallegos, Kaleandra Solis, Ricky Denton, Jessica Beltran.

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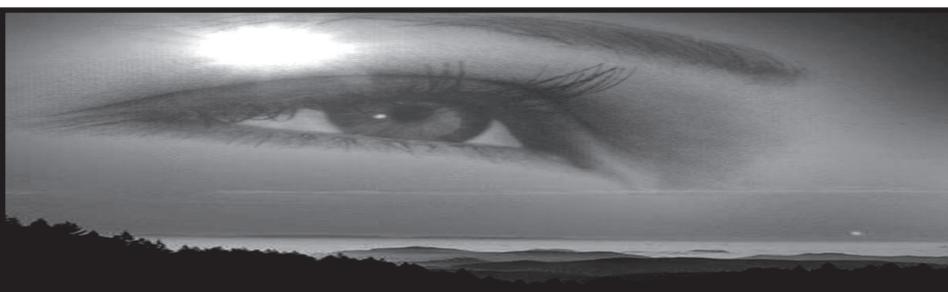
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## LES January Citizens of the Month

Left: Older Students of the Month for January row 1--Adriana Ramirez, Brooke Torrone, Diego Roblero, Naesa Guajardo, Celia Zuniga, Fabian Mata; row 2--Angel Vargas, Sergio Sanchez, Arnulfo Villacana, Ariel Woodard, Arely Perez, Frank Puletti. Center: Safety Patrols of the Month--Brent Carmona and Amy Rodriguez (absent) Right: Younger Students of the Month row 1--Jonathan Garcia, Alexis Menjibar, Daniel Banda, George Velasco, William Salas, Lane Murray, Gabriel Jimenez, Lilliana Garcia; row 2--Brianna Escobedo, Bianca Mendoza, Dylann White, Fernando Gutierrez, Mariana Alvarado, Andrea Raya, Neyla Cuellar absent--Kurt Holt.

# King's Academy announces middle, high school in Clewiston

After 40 years in West Palm Beach, The King's Academy announced today that it is opening a satellite middle and high school campus in Clewiston for the 2010-11 school year. King's will offer a fully-accredited academic program for seventh, eighth and ninth grade students at Clewiston Christian School, located at 601 Caribbean Avenue. The School plans to add one grade level each year at the Clewiston campus, graduating its first class of seniors in 2014.

Jeff Loveland, King's President remarked, "We are excited about this new opportunity to provide the Glades' community with a quality Christian middle and high school. I would like to thank Clewiston Christian School for the opportunity to partner with them to offer Christian education for students from preschool to graduation."

The King's Academy will host an informational meeting for those parents interested in learning more about the School's Clewiston campus on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Clewiston Christian School. For more information about attending the meeting or enrolling at The King's Academy—

Clewiston Campus, please contact Alinda Faircloth, Director of Admissions at (561) 686-4244, extension 335.

The King's Academy is a nationally recognized private Christian school serving approximately 1,200 students from preschool through twelfth grade and is accredited by

the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, and the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

The King's Academy serves students and their families across Palm Beach and Hendry Counties at its main campus at Belvedere

Road and Sansbury's Way in West Palm Beach, its Clewiston campus on Caribbean Avenue, and its satellite preschool campuses in Greenacres, Palm Beach Gardens, and Royal Palm Beach. More information about The King's Academy is available online at [www.TKA.net](http://www.TKA.net).

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## Community Briefs

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If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout troop leader, please call 1-800-561-3186 Ext. 403 or email gracem@gscgf.org

### Dog found

Found dog. Young, middle size, all black, male dog, orange collar, on CR 78, west of bridge. Call 674 0647.

### Salvation Army open longer

The Salvation Army of LaBelle has extended its hours on Wednesdays only. It is now open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Regular hours for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will still be 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

All clients requiring assistance in Spanish are asked to schedule an appointment with Angie. She is available Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please feel free to call if you have any questions 863-674-1441.

### Seacoast, Red Cross seek donations for Haiti

Seacoast National Bank is working with

local chapters of the American Red Cross to support international relief funds for Haiti through financial support. Seacoast will accept monetary contributions (made payable to American Red Cross) at all Seacoast National Bank offices for the Red Cross.

### POA seeking candidates

The Board of Directors of Unit 4 Property Owners Association is seeking property owners of Port LaBelle Unit 4 to serve on the Board of Directors.

Submit a short biography of your experience and reason for becoming a candidate to the Unit 4 POA Office at 4051 NE Eucalyptus Blvd. before Feb. 11. Questions: 863-675-4168.

### Local artist displays work

Local artist Jane McInturf's art will be displayed at Saddle Up on Hwy. 80W through the Swamp Cabbage Festival and at the Chamber of Commerce and will soon have art at Lee Memorial Hospital and Health-Park.

Born without a right hand, Ms. McInturf hopes everyone will come out and support her talent.

### Attention SCF contestants

The 2010 SCF queen and princess contestants meet every Sunday at 2 p.m. in Barron Park. Girls ages 13-22 are welcome. Call Jerri at 239-989-7032 for more information.

### Aqua Isles crafts

Aqua Isles Activity Organization will hold its Spring Craft Sale Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

They are now accepting crafters. To reserve your space call 863-265-0195 and they will contract out to you. Cost is \$15 inside; \$10 outside. Must be paid in advance of show date. Inside space is at a premium and on a first paid basis.

### 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.

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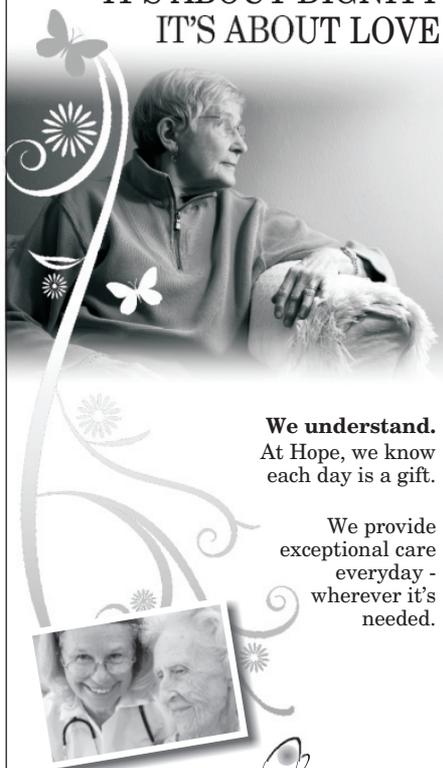
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• **.86 Acre**, tree covered lot. Thigpen Rd. Seller financing **\$59,900.**

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• **2.2 AC. PENDING!**

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**UNDER CONTRACT**

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Cowboy Way & Kennedy Blvd. Monthly includes tax: 5'x10' \$42.80; 8'x10' \$53.50; 10'x10' \$58.85; 8'x25' \$96.30; 24 hr access \$25 returnable key deposit. 863-675-2392

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**Houses - Sale**

**PALM HARBOR HOMES**

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**Homes of Merit 2/2** doublewide like new located on 1/2 acre lot in nice subdivision \$675 month 863-675-8888 or 863-673-4325

**LaBelle, 2BR, 1BA, A/C,** Large deck. Oak trees. \$150 wkly. + \$200 sec. 863-673-5704

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**New 2/2 DW** located in 55 & older Adult Manufactured Home Community. Moore Haven Yacht club, swimming pool, river access with clubhouse. Ready to move in. Yard maintenance incl. Only \$500 month with \$200 deposit 863-675-8888 or 863-673-4325

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Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 10:30 AM, for the purpose of:

1. Election of one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BY: Jason Langdale, President  
345292 CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritta Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritta Drainage District for the year 2009, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, North US 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 11:00 PM, for the purpose of:

1. Election of one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
BY: Steve Stiles, President  
345291 CN 2/4/10

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**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Disston Island Conservancy District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:00AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

**MEETING DATES**  
Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010  
Tuesday, Feb 9, 2010  
**TUESDAY, FEB 9 2010 -10:00 am**  
**ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING**  
Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
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Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010  
Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010  
Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010

By: Sam Williams, Chairman  
Disston Island Conservancy District  
345293 CN 2/4/10

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**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**  
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on February 9, 2010, beginning at 4:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida to discuss County office space in the Clewiston area and related issues.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman  
345123 CB/CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

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1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BY: Sam Williams, Chairman  
February 4, 2010  
345290 CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**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, February 18, 2010, for the following Proposals:  
E1H86- A Certification of Qualification is not required for base work, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, signing and pavement marking, box culvert replacement and sidewalks on State Road 600 in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$150,343.00  
E1101- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging and Sweeping of Water Ponds and Primary Roadways in Charlotte County. Budget Estimate: \$416,236.00  
E1102- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Under Deck Herbicide Application in Desoto County. Budget Estimate: \$312,968.00  
E1103- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Under Deck Herbicide Application in Hardee County. Budget Estimate: \$221,550.00  
E1104- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Highway Lighting Maintenance on the Primary Roadway System in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$40,000.00  
E1105- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide, Strip Application in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$125,060.00  
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/#PLANHOLDERS%20LIST>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.  
344288 CB/CN 1/28;2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**  
Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utility Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as amended; Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, disability or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is L. T. Todd, General Manager and CEO of Glades Electric Cooperative. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utility Services, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.  
344986 CB/CGS 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 5:05 p.m., Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance granting an ad valorem tax exemption to Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC, entitled as follows:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY FOR SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC, A NEW BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR A FINDING THAT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE EXEMPTION GRANTED TO SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC; GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION TO SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman  
345124 CB/CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Ritta Drainage District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:45AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

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Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010

By: Steve Stiles, Chairman  
Ritta Drainage District  
345295 cn 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT**  
You are hereby notified that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District for the calendar year 2010. All regular meetings are scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless meeting date conflicts with holiday) at 11:30AM. The Purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

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By: Ruben Rifa, Chairman  
Bolles Drainage District  
345294 CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592

**El Aviso se da por Este Medio:**  
Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su ineligibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion dela ineligibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. telepone 863-983-5230 or 863-983-1592

Veronica A. Olvera  
475 Pine Ave.  
LaBelle, FL 33935

Steven White  
412 Fraser Ave.  
LaBelle, FL 33935

**Lucretia A. Strickland**  
Supervisor of Elections  
PO Box 174  
LaBelle, FL 33975  
Hendry County, Florida  
F.S. 98.075  
345298 CB/CN 2/4/10

**Public Notice**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**GLADES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**  
Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Affirmative Action organization and will continue to meet its non-discrimination and affirmative action obligations by insisting that all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and others who do business with the Cooperative also adhere to strict non-discriminatory and affirmative action practices.

Additionally, Glades Electric Cooperative will continue to insist on full compliance of its Affirmative Action Plan in its hiring, promotion and other employment practices. The Cooperative invites and encourages all minority individuals and groups to participate in all its membership activities, to be active in the vending of materials and supplies, and to enter bids on contracts for services needed by the Cooperative.

Any minority individual or minority group interested in participation in any of these activities and needing more information about equal opportunities at the Cooperative, may contact L. T. Todd, General Manager and Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc., by writing to him at Glades Electric Cooperative, P. O. Box 519, Moore Haven, FL 33471; or by calling him at (863) 946-0061.  
344982 CGS/CB 2/4/10

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
HENDRY COUNTY  
JAIL INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES

RFP No. 2010-09

Opening Date and Time: February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals for medical services to inmates in custody at the Hendry County Jail, LaBelle, Florida. Such services shall be provided at the jail or at the contractor's premises. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
344751 CB/CN 1/28;2/4/10

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District  
Notice of Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for Water Use Permit 26-00034-W pursuant to application 090204-6, for the continuation of an existing use of groundwater from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and surface water from the industrial canal, SFWMD Canal (L-East) and the SFWMD Miami Canal for agricultural irrigation use serving 14620.05 acres of sugar cane using a crown flooding (seepage irrigation system via 9 existing withdrawal facilities). The project is known as US Sugar Corporation - Hendry County Project with an annual allocation of 2153.7 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 2,789.3 million gallons. The permit is subject to 21 Limiting Conditions. The Project is located in within Hendry County in S-310, 23, 26 T44S/R34E; S1,12 T44S/R33E; S36 T43S/R33E; S31-34 T43S/R34E; S3,10,15,22 T46S/R34E; S22,27,34,35 T45S/R34E.

The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest. The permit was issued January 25, 2010 to US Sugar Corporation at 111 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

The above Permit and Staff Report, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Vega, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 686-8800 extension 6739.

The District's agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below, followed by the procedures for pursuing mediation.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of the Clerk at the SFWMD Headquarters at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, any documents received after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. A copy of the Petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the persons named above at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days of publication of notice, or other receipt of the written notice, whichever first occurs first, constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 28-106.11(4) Fla. Admin. Code. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the District's action is based must contain the information set forth in Rule 28-106.201(2), Fla. Admin. Code, including:

- (1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
- (2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
- (3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
- (4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
- (5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
- (6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- (7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
- (8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
- (9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the District's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stats, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time.

345120 CN 2/4/10

## Public Notice

## Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District  
Notice of Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for Water Use Permit 50-00173-W.

The continuation of an existing use of surface water from the SFWMD Canal (L-12) for agricultural irrigation use serving 9060 acres with an annual allocation of 6131.52 million gallons (a maximum monthly allocation of 904,6484 million gallons) pursuant to application 090211-12, for a project known as Boy Farm for the purpose of agricultural irrigation of 9060 acres of sugar cane using a flood/seepage irrigation system. The permit is subject to 18 Limiting Conditions. The Project is located in Palm Beach County in Sections 25, 36 Township 42 South Range 38 East; Sections 6-8, 16-20, 29-32 Township 42 South, Range 39 East; Section 1 Township 43 South, Range 38 East; and Sections 5-7 Township 43 South, Range 39 East located between the SFWMD Canal L-8 and State Highway 700. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest. The permit was issued September 21, 2009 to US Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave, Clewiston FL 33440.

The above Permit and Staff Report, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Vega, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 686-8800 extension 6739.

The District's agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below, followed by the procedures for pursuing mediation.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of the Clerk at the SFWMD Headquarters at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, any documents received after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. A copy of the Petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the persons named above at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days of publication of notice, or other receipt of the written notice, whichever first occurs first, constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 28-106.11(4) Fla. Admin. Code. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

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The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stats, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time.

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## Public Notice

## Public Notice

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2010 at the Golden Gate Community Center, Room A/B, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk at the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk at the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 345288 CN 2/4/10

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Cowgirls net a win over Clewiston,  
Riverdale; head to districts

Brianna Ramos and Ada Johnson were getting to the glass and grabbing rebounds on Thursday night at LaBelle High School as LaBelle Cowgirls beat the Clewiston 58-22.

The Cowgirls celebrated "Senior Night" in style with a 58-22 victory over county-rival, the Clewiston Tigers. Three seniors, specifically Kaylin Cash, Ada Johnson, and Jozetta Wilson were recognized prior to the game for the four years they've given to the program. They were escorted by their parents, and their career history was revealed to those in attendance.

A reception for the seniors, their parents, and all players was held in the school cafeteria following the game.

Leading the way against the Tigers was Ada Johnson with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Following right behind was Brianna Ramos with 13 points, Kaylin Cash with 11, Andrea Lutkenhaus with 7, and Mariah Molina provided 6 points, and 10 rebounds off the bench.

Solid offense moves  
Cowgirls past Riverdale

Andrea Lutkenhaus and Kaylin Cash controlled the pace of the game at home on Friday, Jan. 28, at Riverdale as the LaBelle Cowgirls beat Riverdale 50-32.

The Cowgirls improved their regular season record to 9-10, with a 50-32 road victory at Riverdale on Friday night, Jan. 29. The Cowgirls started the season with five consecutive tough road games, but ended strong, 1 game under .500. Leading the way for the Cowgirls was Freshman Andrea Lutkenhaus, who led with 15 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Senior Kaylynn Cash added 13 points, 6 assists, and 5 steals. Freshman Mariah Molina, coming off the bench provided quality minutes with 4 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The Cowgirls open District action on Wednesday, playing Gateway Charter at 6:00 p.m., at Dunbar High School. They look forward to continuing the season, and getting ready for the district tournament.

Speed Week comes to Hendry  
County Motorsports Park

On Friday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, February 6, Hendry County Motorsports Park will play host to the Awesome 800 horsepower, alcohol burning, wheelie popping excitement of the USAC style sprint cars. Although this is a non-sanctioned event USAC regulars Brady Short, Ricky Williams, Jon Stanbrough, Kent Christian and many more USCA stars will be on hand to challenge the 3/8ths high banked clay of Hendry County Motorsports Park.

In addition all of your local stars will be on hand to compete in the sportsman, pure stocks, street stocks, sling shots and gadget sprint car divisions. The speedway

is located 1 mile north of the Hwy. 80, US 27 intersection on the west side of US 27. There will be practice for all divisions Thursday from 4-9 p.m. and general admission for practice will be only \$5. Friday and Saturday gates will open at 4 pm and racing will begin at 7:30 pm. Advanced discount tickets can be purchased at the UPS Store of LaBelle, Central Mobile Homes of LaBelle and Okeechobee, Hungry Howies in Clewiston and at numerous other locations around South Florida. For more information call (863) 675-8888 or (863) 673-4325

## Sports Shorts

## Are you ready for tennis?

LaBelle High School is planning its Second Annual Tennis Tournament for March 27-28. Singles March 27 at 8 a.m.; doubles March 28 at 1:30 p.m. Call LHS for further details.

LaBelle Little League – Let's  
play ball!!

LaBelle Little League tryouts will be held on Fri., Feb. 5, from 6-9 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 6, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Davis Pratt Field.

Mandatory safety and coaches meeting Thurs., Feb. 4, 6–8 p.m. at the Hendry-LaBelle recreation office. For more information please call Sherri Rosbough at 239-825-3540.

Attention men's slowpitch  
softball 55+

Want to feel young again and have fun at the same time? Come out and play! They gather on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Davis-Pratt Park in LaBelle. Please contact Ron Highfield at (863)674-0396 for any questions.

## 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.

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# Old Timers Dinner set for Feb. 25

The LaBelle Heritage Museum will sponsor the Annual Old Timers Dinner for the 14th year at the LaBelle Civic Center on Thursday, Feb. 25, as its community project for the LaBelle Swamp Cabbage Festival. Cassie Williams of Cracker Cookin' & Caterin' will serve a good ole country meal of barbecued chicken with sauce on the side, pulled pork, scalloped potatoes, mixed collard, turnip & mustard greens, cole slaw, roll and butter, choice of two desserts, and Cassie's own famous swamp cabbage fritters.

The cost is \$15.00 per person, and tickets are available at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce on Highway 80 East and from LaBelle Heritage Museum members. The deadline is Monday, Feb. 22, to give Cassie and her crew time to purchase and prepare the meal. Doors will open at 5 o'clock to allow plenty of time to visit with those special friends seen only at the Old Timers Dinner. Serving will start at 6 o'clock.

Zenna and Mike Gatch will provide musical entertainment and may even ask every-

one to join in a community sing of old familiar songs. Museum President Joe Thomas is Master of Ceremonies and will conduct the search for the person who lived in LaBelle the longest time ago.

Remember, this event honors our old timers but is not limited just to LaBelle old timers. Everyone who loves LaBelle, enjoys LaBelle hospitality, and good ole cracker cooking is also welcome.

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# Former LMS band director at Edison College

by **Patty Brant**  
**Caloosa Belle**

If you lived in LaBelle previous to 2004, Dr. Jeff Moore is a name you will readily recall. For 18 years he taught LaBelle Middle School's band, building the program into one of the premier bands in the area from 1985 till 2004. At that time he left the area for other pursuits, including captaining sailing vessels around the world. With a US Merchant Marine Masters license to sail boats up to 180', he spent the past few years sailing passenger sailboats in North Carolina, Miami, Chicago and Alaska. During the off-season he played in numerous bands.

As a band director, he had to be proficient in multiple instruments, talents which have allowed him to fill in at Gulf Coast Symphony, Ringling Bros., and the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater.

By the time he left LMS, he was teaching the children of former students, enjoying the feeling that the good experience those parents had in his program - made them eager to entrust their own children to his tender guidance.

Since band is not a required subject, Dr. Moore points out, it's just too much work for students to continue in it if they don't enjoy it and too expensive as well. He is proud of the fact that he made sure no kid could not participate for lack of funds. His program helped students get their uniforms cleaned as well as setting up fundraisers so all his students could have those extra experiences



**Dr. Jeff Moore**

that mean so much to their education.

He smiles and refers to his "Stable of Angels" in LaBelle who always stepped up with checks when the program was in dire need. It was a new experience for Dr. Moore, finding as he said, "This town is full of people who support their kids." He added that LaBelle supported the band better than any place he's ever seen. "I didn't have to struggle to make things happen."

He always had chaperones for field trips and his "angels" even built a storage trailer to haul equipment on the road.

Dr. Moore took the first middle school band ever to march at Disney - the LMS band. The band was honored by the selection, but found just four days before their play date, that they needed \$4,000 to make it happen. True to their dedication, the "angels" made sure a check arrived on time.

Dr. Moore started the LMS jazz band and got the them into the Swamp Cabbage Festival. It was there that he first met "an old

guy in a ratty cowboy hat and jeans" who approached Dr. Moore after hearing the jazz band and asked what they needed. Learning that they needed a tuba, the man told Dr. Moore he'd see him tomorrow. To the band director's surprise, the next day the man brought a check to the bandroom for exactly the amount needed. It was the beginning of a long relationship that benefitted the LMS band students.

Dr. Moore may have been the band director, but he credits former LMS Principal Eddie Perry as the reason the band took off. "He did what no other principal does," Dr. Moore said, "he rolled up his sleeves and helped with the actual manual labor required to put on concerts. He made sure they got a recorder/player for the band." It was that type of dedication that made the difference, he said. The PTA managed to get air conditioning in the old band room, he added. A new state-of-the-art bandroom was part of a new LMS when it was built (now Upthegrove Elementary School).

In 1991 Dr. Moore was selected the Teacher of the Year for Hendry County. He also taught at then-Edison Community College for the ten years when it was located on campus at LaBelle High School.

Last year, driving through LaBelle he saw the new Edison College sign and decided he wanted to go back to teaching. His Music Appreciation class will be accompanied by a Fundamentals of Music class next semester. The class is intended to teach people to

read music, those who are already involved in music as well as those who want to be. It will teach the principles of notation, scales, triads, rhythms and interpretive markings and will be wonderful for choir directors or singers as well as musicians. There is no prerequisite, provides three credit hours and may serve as an elective for an AA degree. Anyone interested should call Edison at 674-0408.

Dr. Moore himself enjoys a wide range of musical styles - in fact, "any music done well." He has played in symphonies, sung opera and played in the Red Skelton Band. He said he enjoys waking up not knowing what he'll be doing that day.

He said his 18 years at LaBelle Middle School were "the best 18 years of my life because of people who live here. No place else do you find people as enthusiastic about their child as LaBelle," he said.

He actually came to LaBelle because of former LHS/LMS band Director Ellen Morgan, who recently passed away. She wanted the best for "her babies," Dr. Moore said, and recommended him to follow in her place when she retired.

Having spent much of his adult life directly affecting children, Dr. Moore has a keen insight into youth. As he says, "Kids today go exactly where people lead them. They'll be going in the right direction as long as you are."

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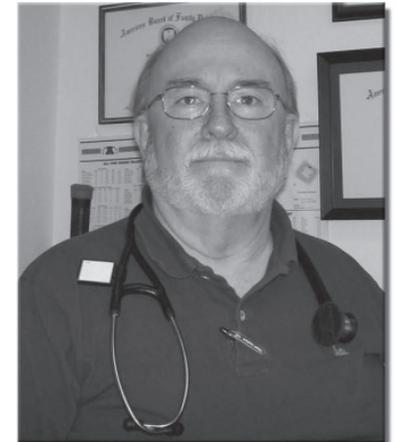
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