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Meet Charley's Aunt

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Festival: Swamp Cabbage this weekend!

Burley, Keller 2010 royalty

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Royal smiles

2010 SCF Queens from left: Tonie Marie Tolar (co-winner of second runner up), Marilana Nelson (co-winner of second runner up and Miss Congeniality), 2010 Miss LaBelle SCF Callie Burley (also talent winner and Most Photogenic) and Mallory Noelle Allen (first runner up).



Check out our Swamp Cabbage Festival Section Pages 9-16

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Beauty, grace

2010 SCF Princesses, from left: Alari Davis Foutch (second runner up and Most Photogenic), 2010 Princess Kayla Keller (also co-winner of the talent category and Miss Congeniality), and Ashley Briann Curry (first runner up and co-winner of the talent category).



Alico names J.D. Alexander CEO

La Belle, FL, -- February 23, 2010 -- Alico, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALCO), a land management company, has announced that Steven M. Smith, the President and Principal Executive Officer of Alico, has submitted his resignation as President and Principal Executive Officer which was accepted Feb. 23 at a specially called meeting of Alico's Board of Directors.

The Board elected Mr. JD Alexander as President and Chief Executive Officer of Alico to replace Mr. Smith. Mr. Alexander also serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Alico's controlling shareholder, Atlantic Blue Group, Inc., a position which he intends to retain. He served as a director of Alico, Inc. in 2004 and 2005 and has served on the Alico

Board since January 2008 to the present. He also serves as the Board's Vice Chairman and the Chairman of its Executive Committee. Mr. Alexander has served as a Florida State Senator from 2002 to the present and previously served as a Florida State Representative from 1998 to 2002.

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Better water in 180 days?

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

LaBelle city commissioners broke ground on the building to house the new nanofiltration unit for its water treatment plant. The ground breaking took place before the city commission meeting on Feb. 11. The unit will treat 750,000 gallons of water per day and is expected to provide much clearer water for customers.

The city received a \$1.9 million "grant" for the system, which includes principal forgiveness. The remainder must be paid back over 40 years.

The project is expected to be completed in about 180 days.

Discussion of financing for the proposed new water plant took up a good deal of time at the Feb. 11 meeting. The news seems to be encouraging, but remains ambiguous.

City representatives met with Rural Utility Services (RUS) recently and came away feeling that RUS is inclined to recommend approval of a loan for the new plant. With bids coming in lower than expected for much of the city's work recently, it's possible that only \$15 million will be needed for the water plant.

Worst case scenario, city water customers could be looking at a total \$24 increase in their utility bill, applied in three \$8 increments over two years. However, those figures could go down if the city can significantly reduce the RUS loan it needs.

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The Langford Ford Family welcomes you to the 2010 Swamp Cabbage Festival.

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Submitted photo/Brenda Pearson

Global Volunteers

LaBelle resident Brenda Pearson recently joined Global Volunteers, an international volunteer organization based in Minnesota, on one of its many programs in China, teaching conversational English at Kunming University in southwestern China. This particular segment consisted of eight US volunteers from different backgrounds. She even learned a little Mandarin. Some programs consist of helping in orphanages or other community projects. There is no prerequisite, except to be willing to serve. This is her second trip with Global. For more information contact Global Volunteers at 1-800-487-1074 or www.globalvolunteer.org.

Alico

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"The Board believes that JD Alexander and his team will help enhance the culture of Alico and provide a more efficient financial environment going forward," said Ramon Rodriguez, Chairman of Alico's Audit Committee. Mr. Rodriguez also noted that Mr. Alexander intended to serve without additional compensation from Alico, other than expense reimbursements and normal compensation as a director, for a period of at least four months. Upon the expiration of this period, terms of compensation going forward will be decided by the independent directors of the Compensation Committee of Alico's Board. Further, Mr. Rodriguez said, "We appreciate JD's willingness to advance Alico, and believe that this change will benefit Alico and its employees."

Mr. Alexander stated, "I am confident that, along with my long-time team, we can work with the employees of Alico and create a company that will be able to bring shareholder value and a strong entrepreneurial future. I thank the board for their trust and confidence in me and look forward to work-

ing with them for the future of Alico and all involved with the company."

On Feb. 18, Evelyn D'An resigned as the Chair of the Audit committee and also from the Board of Directors effective.

The other eight nominees to the board will continue as directors. They are: John R. Alexander, J.D. Alexander, Robert E. Lee Caswell, Ramon A. Rodriguez, John D. Rood, Charles L. Palmer, Robert J. Viguet and Gordon Walker PhD. Mr. Rodriguez replaced Ms. D'An as chairman of the company's audit committee and as the committee's financial expert, as required by applicable SEC and Nasdaq rules. Mr. Rodriguez also serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee of Republic Services, Inc., a solid waste company listed on the NYSE.

Andy Herrero Announces Run for Commissioner seat in Hendry County District 2



On February 5th, 2010, Andy Herrero received notification from Lucretia A. Strickland, Supervisor of Elections of Hendry County that all of the necessary documentation has been provided by Andy Herrero and qualifies him as a candidate to be placed on the ballot for the Office of Hendry County Commissioner District 2. This seat is currently held by Darrell Harris.

This has been a long time desire for Andy Herrero to run for this office, he states "I wanted to run for this office because I knew that this county must have good leadership and good leadership starts from the ground level."

Andy has been a resident of Hendry County District 2 since 1997, he is probably best known as Andy from All In One Carpet Cleaning/Handyman Services. He and his family moved from Miami thirteen years ago looking for the friendlier, hometown love which they found in LaBelle. Andy Herrero's wife Lisa, is a Realtor with The King Group. They have two sons; Alex who is a senior at the University of Miami and will graduate in May with a Pre-Dental Major and a Criminology Minor. He will then go on to dental school in the fall. Brandon, is an 8th grader at LaBelle Middle School who has a true love for fishing and the outdoors.

Andy stated that his top priorities if elected would be to work with the other board members and staff to improve the budget and financial position of our county. He goes on to express the need to expand our local economy and attract business and industry into Hendry county to create more jobs.

Anyone with questions for Andy, or those interested in supporting or assisting with the campaign, may contact him at 863-675-7297 or 863-673-0065. Andy's email address is vote4andyherrero@yahoo.com or you can reach him at his website vote4andy.net.

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Black History Month: Crispus Attucks, Revolutionary hero

American revolutionary patriot Born: c. 1723 Birthplace: Boston

Of mixed African and American Indian ancestry, Attucks was the slave of William Brown of Framingham, Mass. Attucks escaped around 1750 to work on whaling ships. On March 5, 1770, Boston patriot Samuel Adams convinced sailors and dockworkers to protest the presence of British troops. Attucks was a leader of the 50 men in the protest, shouting "Don't be afraid," as they advanced on the British. The soldiers

fired on the protestors, killing Attucks and four others in what became known as the Boston Massacre. The bodies of the dead lay in state at Faneuil Hall for three days before receiving a public funeral attended by 10,000 people. Although the soldiers were acquitted of the shootings on the grounds that the seamen were inciting a riot, Attucks and the others became heroes.

Died: 1770

From *Informationplease.com*; Submitted by Henry Gresham

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If all goes well, the money could be received in this fiscal year.

Advisor Grant Mysterly of Applied Technology and Management (ATM) said "things should be on their way" for the RUS loan.

Commissioner Hilda Zimmerly was concerned about the possible \$24 water increase for city customers and was told that is why the city needs to work to maximize the amount of grants and appropriations it receives. The planning process must go forward, but the city is still working on getting the best deal it can.

Mayor Paul Puletti agreed that \$24 per month would be "pretty stiff" for city water customers, so they need to see what the final numbers are. When, if all the numbers are known it is still not feasible, the city may have to walk away from a new water plant, the mayor explained. He acknowledged that could be difficult since the city is under a state consent order to improve its system.

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Avoid falling prey to census scams

TALLAHASSEE -- Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson today urged state residents to avoid falling prey to scam artists intent on stealing your identity who may pose as U.S. Census workers.

The federal government conducts a census of all residents living in the country every 10 years, and Bronson stressed that it is important to cooperate in the effort as the number of seats in each state's congressional delegation and the manner in which more than \$400 billion in federal aid is distributed during the next decade depend on an accurate count.

However, it is an opportunity for scam artists to trick residents into thinking that they are government workers and steal personal financial information that can lead to identity theft.

"With a little caution and common sense, residents can protect themselves and their identity," Bronson said.

According to the federal government, approximately 134 million households will be mailed census forms on March 1. The form includes 10 questions about your age, date of birth, race and whether you own or rent a home. It does not ask for your Social Security number or information about

your taxes or income.

If you do not return a completed census form by April 1, it is likely that a census taker will either call or come to your door to obtain the information.

Bronson is urging residents to observe the following safety t

- Do not provide your Social Security number or any financial information, including credit card or bank account information, to anyone claiming to represent the U.S. Census Bureau.

- Never invite a census taker into your home.

- All census takers carry official government badges.

- Census workers are supposed to provide you with a letter from the Census Director on official letterhead.

- The Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail, so any website that pops up disguised as a census survey is fraudulent. The Census Bureau does not solicit information over the Internet.

For more information about the 2010 census, residents can visit the U.S. Census Bureau website at <http://www.census.gov> or call the bureau's telephone assistance center at 1-866-872-6868.

Arrests

LaBelle

Maria Elena Hernandez, 42, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with cruelty to a child mental or physical injury and cruelty to a child urging other to act resulting in physical/mental injury. T. Shaw was arresting officer.

Elizabeth Marroquin, 54, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams. T. Niedert was arresting officer.

Brian Alfredo Baker, 23, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with trespassing - failure to leave property on order by owner, cruelty to child abuse without great harm and resisting an officer obstruction without violence. Inv. F. Herrera was arresting officer.

Cristo J. Soto, 29, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with drug possession - controlled substance without a prescription. N. Reed was arresting officer.

Armando Ochoa, 16, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon no intent to kill. Ty Marshall was arresting officer.

Diane Sharon Grady, 35, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with larceny grand theft \$300-\$5,000. D. Lansaw was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Luis Aristedes Hernandez, 51, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with trespassing on property not a structure or conveyance and possession of cocaine. CPD Officer J. Pilon

was arresting officer.

Dwayne Lee Morgan, 22, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. H. Bledsoe was arresting officer.

David Ray Thomas, 34, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. R. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Keyesta A. Pouch, 25, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with aggravated battery - knew or should have known victim was pregnant and property damage - criminal mischief under \$200. CPD officer D. Colburn was arresting officer.

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Recall notice – It didn't start with Toyota corporation

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Unless you live in a cave on the backside of "Who-Gaa-Boo-Gaa Land" you have

Letter to the Editor

Re: Hospital vote March 9

I read the (Feb. 18) article and a few things that stick out as points of interest for me as a voter from LaBelle as printed in this article are: \$2 million of the project is "expected" to go to strengthening the center's presence in LaBelle. Mr. Beasley has not wavered from a pledge not to raise taxes, "but" it depends on many factors. Almost immediately after construction is completed, the board "hopes" to realize a savings in the overall operation of the facility?

Does this mean \$100.00 savings or thousands? Administrators are "hoping" to attract doctors to provide the services that county residents currently must travel elsewhere to receive. It's that they "must" travel elsewhere or they elect to travel elsewhere? This hospital has never been popular with people from LaBelle. The board "hopes" to recruit an ear, nose and throat doctor, and others to complement the 730 patients that are treated in LaBelle monthly. Why wasn't anything mentioned about the possibility that a major hospital from Ft. Myers area is planning to open an office in LaBelle with 3-4 doctors?

Mr. Beasley said his emergency room has seen a steady growth and the facilities are simply inadequate to care for the 1,000 patients on average the facility treats. Is this 1,000 a year? If so that's 2.7 people a day over 365 days, if those statistics are correct, they have a bigger problem than just needing more room. Another obstacle is the loss of money on a daily bases for indigent care that wasn't addressed in this article. A larger E.R. Room is going to contribute to this.

What's the bottom line here, do we absolutely need a new larger hospital that people in LaBelle don't use; are Clewiston customers being turned away because of problems at the current hospital or do we want room for more in county and out of county indigents to be taken care of? There are a lot of buts, maybes, expected and hopes to do something by Mr. Beasley for LaBelle.

George D, Bostick Jr.
LaBelle Citizen & Voter

heard that Toyota is recalling millions of vehicles due to a multiple malfunctions. The car company is in major damage-control mode hoping to recover its reputation of being a producer of safe, reliable automobiles. My wife drives to work 50 miles one-way everyday in a Toyota. I have many friends who also own the Japanese-made "horseless carriages" and you probably know people who also drive that brand of car. Hopefully all of Toyota owners will respond to the recall and will be safe as he or she motor across our land.



Dr. Les Morgan

Chaplain Seth Howard is a friend of mine who ministers in various jails throughout Hendry County. Weekly he urges people of all colors, backgrounds, and social strata to respond to another type of recall – the recall given by God toward all people. I admire Seth's passion and heart for his ministry. He is connected with Berean Prison Ministry and has served with that organization for many years. Working together with other Chaplains all across the United States connecting with people who need to hear the message of hope, redemption and new beginnings made possible by the grace of God.

Recently he gave me a copy of the following "Recall Notice" issued by the folks at Berean. It was written by inmate Mark Hoover who is now at the Illinois River Connectional Center located in Canton, IL. It is creatively composed and issues a notification of the love of God for everyone who is willing receive it, believe it and make personal application. As you read this piece, I hope you note the artistic flair the author uses. However, more importantly, I hope you personalize the message. I believe it is worth the read. Enjoy.

"The Master of all human beings (God) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

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"The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTENCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

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the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

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"Lovingly, God.

"P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice. You may contact the Father any by "Knee-mail."

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

HIV/AIDS: Strategy to win the war

Leadership from the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments attended the Man Up-Town Hall Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers. This meeting with state and local leaders gave an in-depth look at HIV disease and men's healthcare in general and how it can impact Southwest Florida. The Man Up – Town Hall Meeting enables community leaders to become involved and to stimulate the development and implementation of community action plans for the education and prevention of HIV/AIDS. Over 75 people from the counties of Hendry, Lee and Charlotte attended and the feedback was very positive.

Robert Bobo, Program Manager, Department of Health HIV Hendry County, was the facilitator of the event. Other local leaders that attended included: Pat Dobbins, Administrator and Health Officer for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments and LaSheba Travis, Program Manager, Hendry and Glades County Health Department Healthy Start, Teen Health and Employee Health. Additionally, Dr. Jeffrey Beal, Medical Director of HIV/AIDS, Tallahassee (formerly of the Hendry County Health Department) was one of the key speakers at the event.

Several follow up meetings to focus on planning and prevention are being devel-

oped. These future meetings will be centered on faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, marketing/entrepreneur and fraternity/sorority group initiatives for HIV education and prevention. Once a schedule has been decided, one of these meetings will be held in Hendry County.

The most important preventative measure we can take is to get tested and know your HIV status. This knowledge helps people to protect themselves and their partners and helps those infected to seek care and treatment. The Florida Department of Health and Bureau of HIV/AIDS released a report "The Crisis of HIV/AIDS Among Florida's Men." This report revealed that 72 percent of new HIV infections are among adult men. It's time for men to "man up" and take the responsibility for the consequences of their sexual actions and other risk behaviors. You can view the full report on www.WeMakeTheChange.com or www.FloridaAIDS.org.

Education is a key component to fighting this preventable disease. Now is the time to educate yourselves, your families and your communities. We must not be afraid to talk about this disease. The Florida HIV/AIDS hotline (1-800-FLA-AIDS) provides valuable HIV/AIDS-related information and also provides HIV testing locations.

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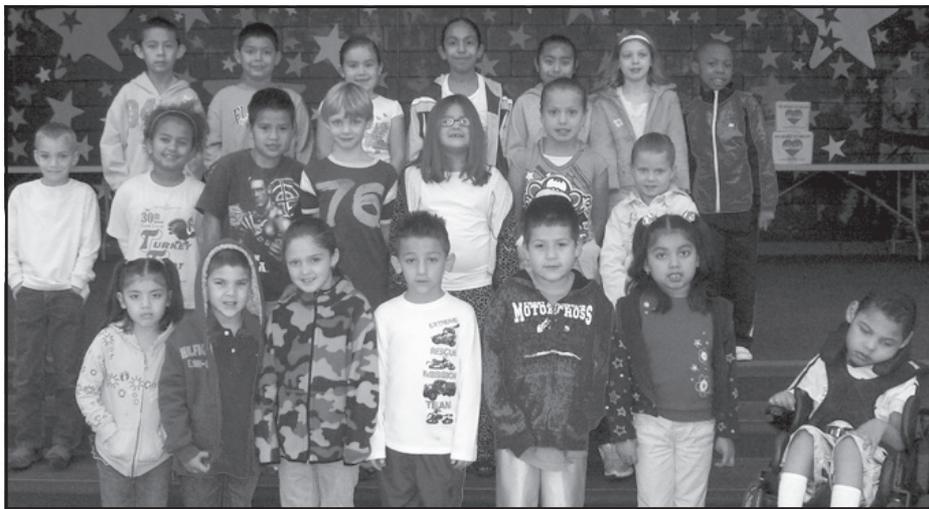
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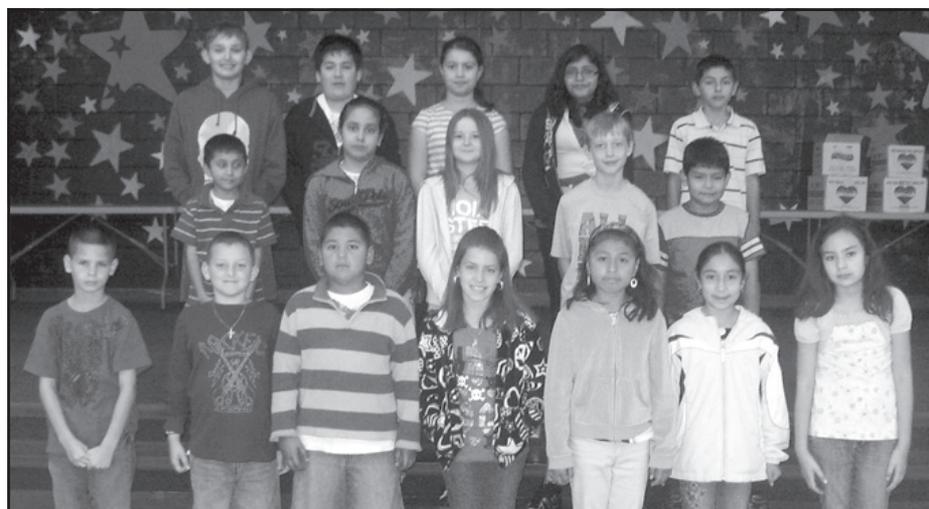
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COES January Students of the Month

TOP: First row from left: Gabriela Gomez, Tommy Leal, Gracie McGirt, Felix Flores, Joe Olguin, Valeria Jacob-Barrera, Estevan Galindo; Second Row: Colton Williams, Jenna McClain, Baltazar Guillen, Jesse Taylor, Kyleigh Stitt, Amberli Guijosa, Hailey Partin; Third Row: Eric Bedolla, Roberto Gonzalez, Christianna Hernandez, Cheila Trejo, Katie Pacheco, Leah Sams, Jekari Monroe.



BOTTOM: Front row from left: Andy Rosado, Maison Piedra, David Mar, Myra Prince, Karla Morales, Chelsea Trejo, Adah Andrade; Second Row: Eric Garza, Vanessa Fernandez, Katie Whited, Jason Mathis, Gabriel Calderon; Third Row: Chandler Rockwell, Jonathan Morales, Beverly Paz, Lizbeth Beltran, Teodoro Canales.

School Briefs

Early dismissal

LaBelle area schools will be dismissed early on Friday, Feb. 26. No lunch will be served that day. School bus drivers will follow their regular schedules based upon the schools early release times.

It's Cowadunga time!

You could win the \$1,000 grand prize at Country Oaks Elementary Schools Cowadunga Thursday, Feb. 25. The fun begins at 4 p.m. with food, drinks, games and music. Buy tickets at the COE Main Office.

LHS FCAT information

Important FCAT information for parents, guardians and students,

FCAT Schedule:

Tuesday, March 9: FCAT READING - 9th and 10th grades and RETAKES Wednesday, March 10: FCAT MATH - 9th and 10th grades and RETAKES Thursday, March 11: FCAT SCIENCE - 11th grade.

Juniors and seniors who have passed the FCAT will not be required to attend school on March 9 and 10.

FCAT scores are extremely important! This information is used to make educational decisions for your student. Please make sure your child attends school and arrives on time during the testing days. A good night's sleep and a good breakfast will help your child achieve the best score possible.



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First Baptist Church of LaBelle presents Judgement House "Web of Lies", a story about the dangers of internet social networking. Friday through Sunday, March 5-7th. Performances are 6:00 - 9:30 PM Friday and Saturday, and 4-7 PM Sunday. A group of 24 goes through every 15 minutes. The reservation line is now open by calling 675-2171. A \$3.00 per person donation is suggested. The First Baptist church is located at 330 North Main St, LaBelle.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
Sunday School	11:00 A.M.
Evening Service	6:00 P.M.
Monday - Prayer	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Service	7:00 P.M.
Thursday - Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
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WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Note deadline for exemptions

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.-5 p.m.) Monday-Friday or the 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, Disabled Veteran's Exemption, Widow's or Widower's Exemption, Non-Veteran Disability and Blindness Exemption, Additional Exemption 65 years of Age or Older W/an Annual Income \$50,000.00 or less than \$25,780 Per Household (documentation is required), Tangible Personal Property Exemption, Agriculture Classification (Green Belt), 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.

For those disabled persons that are unable to come to the Courthouse, please call and arrangements will be made for you to file an application for Homestead Exemption or any other exemption.

Hours extended

The office in LaBelle and in Clewiston will be open until 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and also at the Community Center in Felda from 4-6 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.

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 6:00PM, los jueves, 25 de febrero.

Tendremos representantes en: El Centro Comunitario de Felda, el jueves 25 de febrero de 4:00 a 6:00PM.

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.

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

Community Brief

Tax service available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) provides free and confidential filing of tax returns by IRS certified volunteers.

Services are targeted to families with children earning less than \$49,000. Provide the following: Valid Social Security numbers for taxpayer, spouse and qualifying children; All

W-2 was and tax statements for 2009; Photo ID for signers (if filing jointly, both filers must be present to sign the return); 2008 tax return and other tax information. Come to the United Way office at 117 Fort Thompson Ave., through April 15. Appointments required. Dial 2-1-1 or 239-433-3900 to make an appointment or for information.

Obituaries

Hamp Charles Walker

LABELLE — Hamp Charles Walker was called home on Feb. 19, 2010. He left this world surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Terri. To his three children Eric (Kristen), Wade (Adriana), and Bridget (Travis) he leaves his devotion to family and love of music. Survived by

his father, Earl Walker (Sue); brothers, Stanley (Jan), Robert (Theresa), Gary Brenda), and Joey Walker; his sister, Vicki Orsini (Oscar); as well



as many brothers and sisters in-law, nieces and nephews. Survived also by his grandchildren, Jordan, Brendan and Pedro, who will always remember grandpa for making them laugh and hugging them too hard.

Hamp was preceded in death by his mother, Janet; and sister, Della.

Hamp was an accomplished musician and respected audio engineer having the opportunity to travel the world doing the work he loved.

The family would like to thank all the family, friends and especially Hope Hospice for their outpouring of love and support. A memorial service will be held in the near future. For information contact eric@earfoodrecords.net.

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Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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Classic 3BR/4BA riverfront home w/den, full bar, dock & ramp. 4 bay garage w/bathroom & office. **\$399,000!**

Completely furnished 3 BR/2 BA riverfront home. Includes a boat and a covered boat house w/12,000 # boat lift. Lot across the street is included in this price. All you need to bring to this home is your clothes. Bring an offer **\$350,000**

2BR/2BA with den on river. Built in 01 this solid home offers tile and laminate floors, lanai, vaulted ceiling, alarm and a relaxed atmosphere. **\$299,900**

WATERFRONT HOMESITES

240 ft of navigable creek front. River access and dock permit. Deed restricted community, .72 +/- ac. **\$399,900.**

Own your own island! 12.64 acres with 1940 feet on the river. The property has old river on the back that can be permitted for dredging. Current zoning is ag/residential but can be rezoned to single family residential. **\$380,000.**

.45 +/- ac cul-de-sac lot w/approx. 175 ft of water frontage & tons of

privacy. **\$149,900.**

ACREAGE
80+/- ac income producing citrus grove w/microjet irrigation. Can be split for endless possibilities. **\$6,500/ac.**

Oak hammock, cypress and palmettos grace this 48.07 +/- ac w/flowing creek. **\$960,000.**

43.32 +/- ac of oaks, pines, cypress trees, & pasture. Well & power on site. **\$949,000.**

27.84 acres of beautiful pasture land filled with large oak trees. Borders the old river and adjoining island. Future land use is residential. Buy it now and watch your investment grow. **\$600,000.** Buy the acreage and adjoining island.

40 +/- ac of serenity in a park-like setting located in Muse. **\$460,000.**

20 +/- ac. Backs up to Lykes Brothers, fenced on three sides. **\$400,000.**

20 beautifully maintained acres with a one bedroom cabin in great condition. Wonderful for a weekend get-away. Seller financing available. **\$359,900.**

Port LaBelle Ranchette. Build your home on this 2.53 +/- acres with 230 ft of river. Seller will provide boat dock permit. Owner says sell -Bring all offers **\$185,000.**

Beautiful wooded 5+/- acres in Muse **\$125,000.**

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ADJACENT 120 ACRES of fenced improved pasture. May divide **\$5,500 per acre.**

• **4.41 AC WITH** mobile home, Double J Acres, **\$90,000. POSSIBLE SELLER FINANCING**

• **2.5 ACRES**, lots of trees, private **\$39,500.**

• **10 ACRES** Al Don Farming Rd. **REDUCED \$70,000.**

• **2.2 ACRES** **PENDING!**

• **76+ ACRES** South of LaBelle, may divide, **\$5,500 PER ACRE**

• **COMMERCIAL LOT** on SR 29 S. Great location for convenience store, laundry, restaurant, strip center, etc. **REDUCED \$119,500**

• **320 ACRES, MUSE**, paved road. Beautiful property with creek. **\$9,800 PER ACRE.** Owner will consider split into 2 parcels.

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

• **16.79 ACRES** South of LaBelle, **\$129,500.**

• **BRING OFFERS:** 5 Acres. Lots of oaks. Beautiful home-site. Sunset Trail, Muse. **\$75,000 SELLER FINANCING.**

• **FARM LEASE:** 40 ACRES ON CR 78

• **OTHER FARM LAND AVAILABLE FOR LEASE**



439 ACRE RANCH in Desoto County. Beautiful land, convenient location S of CR 760, b'tween SR17 and SR 31. **\$3,514,800. BRING OFFERS!**

• **CONVENIENCE STORE,** beer and wine license. Busy Cowboy Way Corner. **\$450,000. SELLER FINANCING**

• **5+/- ACRES**, heavily wooded with fixer upper mobile. Kirby Thompson Rd. **SELLER FINANCING, \$165,000.**

• **2200 S.F. HOME** on .9 AC in Double J Acres, **\$130,000. POSSIBLE SELLER FINANCING**

• **14 ACRES, I-75 AND BAYSHORE, N. FT. MYERS**, busy intersection, near river. **\$2,900,000.**

• **ALVA**, 2 acre lot on busy SR80 near intersection. Front half zoned commercial. **\$395,000.**

RIVERFRONT: BRING OFFERS 39 Acres in Ortona, 1561' riverfront, with 3 acres Commercial Zoning, 2 homes and 2000' of canal frontage with direct river access. **SELLER FINANCING, \$2,395,000**

• **LEASE OR SELL:** 3000 s.f. commercial/industrial building, former drive-thru store, corner of SR29 and S. Industrial Loop. **\$499,000.**

• **REDUCED! 145 ACRES WORKING ORANGE GROVE.** Buy all or part, lots of wildlife **\$6,000 PER ACRE**

• **Cozy home** on 240' of canal front with river access in Ortona. 2 lots. **\$220,000**

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FEATURES OF THE WEEK!

- 3BR/2BA HOME** Bank Foreclosure! Fixer-upper! Moore Haven **\$19,900**
- 3BR/2BA HOME** in Laurel Oaks minutes from Port LaBelle Marina. **\$133,900**
- GREAT INVESTMENT!** 3BR/2BA Home + 1BR/1BA Home + duplex (2BR/1BA & 1BR/1BA) located in the city on protected oxbow and access to the River. **\$224,900**
- 20+/- Acres zoned A-2 w/ 4 -plex rental unit **\$249,900**
- CUSTOM 3BR/2BA HOME** on 6 acres, detached barn and 1Br/1Ba efficiency apartment. **\$400,000**
- WATERFRONT**
- TWO BUILDABLE LOTS!** 200+/- ft. on water w/60' dock & protected boat harbor. **\$499,900**
- OWNER FINANCING POSSIBLE**
- 3BR/2BA CREEKFRONT HOME** w/Beautiful River Views plus Mother-in-Law apartment. **\$350,000**
- INTRACOASTAL RIVERFRONT HOME** plus dock-house, boat ramp, guest house & more. **\$325,000**
- SPACIOUS 3BR RIVERFRONT HOME** views of

Intracoastal Waterway & Ortona Locks. **\$269,000**
3BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME w/125' Caloosahatchee River frontage. **\$284,900**

WATERFRONT LOT! Protected navigable oxbow w/ direct access to river. **\$109,900**

HOMES

- 2BR/1BA FIXER UPPER** on 3/4 Ac lot-3 homesites **\$36,000**
- 3BR/2BA WELL MAINTAINED** fully furnished manufactured home in the city. **\$45,000**
- 3BR/2BA HOME!** Large Oaks & nicely landscaped. **\$99,500**
- 4BR/2 BA HOME** Spacious w/ large family room. **\$119,900**
- 3BR/2BA CUSTOM HOME** built in 2006. **\$124,000**

HOMES ON ACREAGE

- 3BR/2BA MOBILE HOME** on 2.5 Ac **\$79,000**
- 3BR/2BA HOME** on 2.5 Acres west of LaBelle. **\$130,000**
- 3BR/2BA CBS HOME!** 5+/- acres in the country. **\$149,000**
- 4BR/2BA MOBILE HOME!** 5+/- Acres, cleared w/ fence & pond. **\$160,000**
- 12+/- ACRES W/ 10 MOBILE HOMES** fronting

on Hwy 78 West! **\$300,000**
3BR/2BA HOME on 1.37+/- Acre! Commercial Zoned, Hwy Frontage. **\$450,000**
3BR/2BA POOL HOME on 66.5 +/- Acres in Felda. **\$739,900**

ACREAGE

PRIME ACREAGE! 13.29 acres, 630 +/- feet frontage on paved State Road 29 in Felda. Zoned Ag-2, can be split into 2 parcels. Bring your agriculture business to this perfect location! **\$398,000**
2 +/- ACRES IN FELDA fronting on Hwy 29 possible commercial zoning. **\$175,000**
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! 20 m/l acres, multi-family residential lots **\$85,000**
2.09 M/L ACRES w/large, beautiful oaks. **\$58,520**
61 +/- ACRES of Prime fertile land in Felda, less than **\$8,600 / acre.**
LOTS AVAILABLE... Please call for Details!

COMMERCIAL

C1 ZONED PROPERTY 100' x 295' includes a 30' x 60' steel Quonset building and shed **\$100,000**
CUSTOM CABINET SHOP! 115' x 300' property. Re-route on Hwy 78 gives business! zoned location excellent visibility. 25' x 80 ft frame building. **\$210,000**

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• A GREAT HOME IN A GREAT AREA! This custom home, in a beautiful neighborhood is waiting on you! The home features tile flooring, cathedral ceiling, custom fans & light fixtures, den or home office, caged pool & hot tub, fenced yard, a two car detached garage + carport and much more! **\$320,000**



• LOOK NO FURTHER! This is the 3/2 weekend get away you've always dreamed of! Secluded, private 20 +/- acres; much of it native. See doves, otters, turkeys, deer and wild hogs! Four wheel through native trails, fish in the stocked pond (cat fish, bass, topiary), or horse back ride. **\$249,900**



• WAS **\$349,900**. NOW **\$224,900!** Enjoy this riverfront home with a proven and well-designed floor plan that takes full advantage of gorgeous river views! This distinctive home features a wide entry and formal living room that all overlook a large screened lanai. The spacious family room and master bedroom are both situated on the river and also open onto the enclosed porch. **\$224,900**

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- ALMOST 2 ACRES OF INTRACOASTAL RIVER FRONTAGE LOCATED IN PRESTIGIOUS FORT DENAUD AREA Let the citrus grove help keep your taxes low while you wait for this appreciating asset to sky rocket in value! Property has an existing 2 story 1800 +/- ft building with full apartment above and triple garage below. **\$219,000**
- SHOWCASE OF VALUE! Quality's on display in this well-built Kenwood home! Great 3BR/2BA split floor plan + two car garage. Located in a neighborhood of new, well-kept homes. Home in close to like new" condition including carpet and all appliances including washer and dryer are included! **\$79,000**
- THIS BANK OWNED 4 bedroom home on a 1+/- acre lot is perfect for the growing family! The home is clean & in good condition & a large spacious yard, makes this a deal you do not want to pass up! **\$71,900**
- FIX UP AND SAVE! 5 Bedroom 3 Bath mobile home on 1.25 acres. Zoned Rural Residential. Farm animals welcome! **\$55,000**
- FORCLOSURE!!!! FIX UP AND SAVE! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath mobile home on 1.25 acres. Zoned Rural Residential. Farm animals welcome! **\$45,000**

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• Corporate owned! Immaculate home located in city limits of LaBelle with courtyard style pool, detached office, solid surface counter tops and much more. **\$209,500.**

HOMES

- Riverfront - Immaculate 3/2 waterway estate on 1.14+/- acres outside of LaBelle. Home is 2,425 sq. ft. of living area with overspacious kitchen, pantry, screened pool and a 1,944 sq. ft. workshop with office, bath and a generator compressor room. **\$795,000.**
- Horse lovers welcome! 4/2.5 on 3.24+/- in Port LaBelle Ranchettes. 2,500 sq. ft of living area, 2 car garage, wrap around porch and more. **\$335,000.**
- Corporate owned! Georgous, needs a little TLC, 4/3, 3 car garage on 5.09+/- acres with caged pool, granite cabinets, granite counter tops and lots more. **\$299,900.**
- Corporate owned! Immaculate home located in city limits of LaBelle with courtyard style pool, detached office, solid surface counter tops and much more. **\$209,500.**
- Corporate owned! 2004 CBS home on 4.98+/- acres located west of LaBelle. Ceramic tile, fireplace, spacious rooms & much more. **\$199,900.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home on 6.48+/- acres with pool and completely fenced. **\$184,900.**
- Corporate owned! Immaculate 4/3 CBS in Clewiston subdivision. Spacious kitchen, formal dining room, large w/walk-in shower, close to shopping and schools. **\$179,900.**
- Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .95+/- of an acre. Located between Clewiston and LaBelle. **\$94,900**
- Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely redone form top to bottom. Have to

see! **\$70,000.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home in Lehigh Acres near SR 80. Needs minor repairs. **\$59,900.**
• Lehigh Acres - 3/2 2007 CBS home w/ 2 car garage, ceramic tile, and spacious kitchen. **\$59,900.**

• Corporate owned - Centrally located in Lehigh Acres. 2002 3/2 CBS - **\$54,900.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 near schools. Move in ready condition. **\$43,000.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 located near schools and shopping. Needs a little TLC **\$29,900.**
• Corporate owned! Located in teh heart of Lehigh Acres, close to schools and shopping. **\$25,000.**

• Corporate owned! Centrally located in Lehigh Acres. **UNDER CONTRACT**
• LaBelle - Corporate owned! 2/1.5 home in Port LaBelle. Ceramic tile, screened porch, single car garage. **SOLD!!!**

• LaBelle - 3/2 in Port LaBelle. Needs a little TLC. Makes a **WELL** time home. **\$24,900.**
• Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$17,000.**

MOBILE HOMES

- Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10+/- acs has it all, spacious family room, master suite w/ office, covered porch, and fencing for horses. This one is a steal @ only **\$250,000**
- Size will surprise you! 2BR/2B home on 10+/- acres is very well kept. Features a warm comfortable living room w/gas fireplace, spacious kitchen, front & rear covered porches. **\$250,000**
- Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious living room, family room w/fireplace, large master suite, lots, lots of more. **\$154,900.**
- Country living at its best! 3/2 on 2.30+/- acres outside city of LaBelle. Over spacious kitchen & masr bath. New carpet through out home. **\$149,900.**
- 3/2 manufactured home on 4+/- acres in Muse. Partially cleared and fenced.

\$145,000.
• Relax the rural way! Situated on 1.25 acs in growing Montura, beautiful new 2006 3/2 manufactured home. SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE! **\$129,900**

• Two for the price of one on 1 ac. 3/2 well maintained manufactured home + a 2/2 manufactured home. **\$100,000**
• Want country living without the long drive to the city? Get the best of both worlds with this 3BR/2BA home on 2.29+/- acres on Case Road. **\$97,000.**

• 4/2 on 10+/- acres in Pioneer Plantation. With 2,356+/- sq. ft. of living area, spacious living room with fireplace. **\$89,900.**
• Immaculate 3/2 located in City of LaBelle on oversized lot, features woodlike flooring and carpet, master bath has tiled shower, overspacious kitchen and much much more. Priced to sell at **\$69,900.**

• Let's make a deal! 3/2 home features built in cabinets, large master bath, spacious kitchen, and plenty of elbow room. Outside you will find a fenced yard and storage shed. **\$69,000**

• 4/2 manufactured home located in Immokalee near schools and shopping. **\$55,000.**
• Affordable starter. 3/1.5 on corner lot in Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**

Call about our vacant land!

- LOTS**
- 2.72+/- partially fenced acreage in Muse. **\$75,000.**
- 29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**
- Buy now, build later. Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. **\$35,000.**
- Nice 1.25+/- ac. in Montura **\$8,000.**
- 2 Montura lots - **\$5,500 each**
- Call about our Port LaBelle lots!**
- COMMERCIAL**
- Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse & just minutes away from LaBelle. **\$3.50 per sq ft.**
- Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. **\$100,000.**

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MANUFACTURED HOMES

- \$22,000** - 3/2 in the city limits, needs TLC. Bank Foreclosure - Sold As Is.
- \$46,900** - 3/2 very clean home. Foreclosure. Make offer.
- \$54,999** - 4/2 in Tanglewood Oaks S/D. Close to schools
- \$59,000** - 3/2 in Ortona
- \$64,900** - New MH on 1/2 ac off SR29
- \$89,000** - 3/2 in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft.
- \$117,000** - 4/2 Newer MH on 1/2 Ac, Seller Motivated.
- REDUCED! \$119,000** - 3/2 on 2 1/2 Ac Recent Updates 1436 Sq Ft.
- \$125,000** - Newer 3/2 on a nicely located 5 ac. parcel in Muse.
- \$375,000** - 3/2 on 30 Ac in Muse, Oaks, Creek, & Great Pasture.

HOMES

- \$35,000** - Super cute, 2/1 block home w/galvalume roof. Short Sale
- \$39,000** - **UNDER CONTRACT** maintained Country Village 2/2
- \$42,000** - 3/1 Concrete Block Home. Perfect starter home or investment.
- \$56,500** - Seller will pay \$2,500 toward repairs/closing costs. In the city, corner lot.
- \$67,000** **UNDER CONTRACT** 2/2, built in 2006
- \$74,000** - 2/2 in Port LaBelle, large porch.
- \$129,000** - 3/2 Modular, Make Offer.
- \$169,000** - 3/2 + Den on small lot - **SOLD!!!**
- \$169,900** **UNDER CONTRACT** on 3+/- acres
- \$179,900** 4/2 in Muse Country Cabin on 2+ Ac.
- \$225,000** - 3/2 in Gated Riverbend Estates, Seller says Make Offer.
- \$299,000** - Country home on 5 Ac. many updates, newer roof, over 2,000 sq. ft. & 2 car garage.
- Unbelievable Reduced!** **\$309,000** - 3/2 Upgrades adorn CBS Country Pool Home w/outbuildings, riding arena, 13 Ac.

LOTS & LAND

- \$4,900** - Moore Haven Yacht Club lot
- \$5,900** - Port Labelle Lots, Seller financing
- \$7,000** - Ortona home-site, newer available. **SOLD!!!**
- \$8,900** - Mobile home lots, south of town
- \$13,500** - 2.5 ac in Montura. **SOLD!!!**
- \$39,900** - 2.2 Ac Rural Residential Fenced
- DEAL OF THE DAY!** **\$49,000** **UNDER CONTRACT** Estate Home w/Haven. 2 ac with great oaks.
- \$65,000** - 4.2 ac. on Fernwood. Great buy! Well, septic & pad in place.
- \$100,000** - 2.5 Ac Hwy 27, Clewiston
- \$125,000** - Ft Denaud Acres, 8 ac. private location
- \$495,000** - Development Potential Platted lots on 16+/- Ac.

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Community Briefs

Transfer Station closed

The transfer station located in LaBelle will be closed for the Swamp Cabbage Festival on Saturday, Feb. 27. Regular hours of operation will resume on Monday, March 1. The Clewiston transfer station will be open.

Customer appreciation at First Bank

First Bank of Clewiston LaBelle Branch hopes you will join them to celebrate Customer Appreciation Day Feb. 26, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. They will be serving kabasa sausages and hamburgers.

Old gold for United Way

Help the United Way by bringing in your unwanted gold and silver jewelry, dental gold and sterling silver flatware to the United Way office, 117 Fort Thompson Ave., Friday, Feb. 26, 9-11 a.m. You can make a little money while Noble Jeweler contributes to United Way.

Spring craft event March 4

The public is invited to the 2010 Spring-fest Craft Fair at Whisper Creek RV Resort March 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Whisper Creek is one mile north of the bridge on SR 29N. Free admission with lots of door prizes and raffle items. Refreshments available from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

VFW 10100 plans

Thursday, Feb. 25, **Music with John and Friends** 4-7 p.m.; \$4 supper.

Friday, Feb. 26, Music by L&L Band 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27 **Men's Rib Dinner** 11 a.m., \$8; 1 p.m., Music with Pee Wee.

Sunday, Feb. 28, **pancakes and sausage**, 9 a.m.; \$4.

The post is located on SR 29S next to the rodeo arena.

Glades offers

emergency information

Come to an information fair at the Muse Community Association, Loblolly Road, March 13 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with Glades County Emergency Management, Health Dept., Mental Health Dept., Sheriff's Office and Red Cross providing information. CPR sign up, first aid classes for certificates. The bloodmobile will be on hand as well. Face painting and fun for the kids! MCA yard sale 7 a.m. (\$5 donation for a table) and pancake breakfast from 7-9 a.m. (\$3 donation). Enjoy hamburgers or hot dogs - kids free, donations are asked from adults, please.

The MCA will use any proceeds to con-

tinue expanding the playground across from the fire station. Call 863-234-2052 for information.

H1N1 vaccinations will be available and hurricane information as well. Take advantage and register for the Special Needs Shelter.

LHS '60s reunion

This reunion is for anyone who attended or graduated from LHS from 1959-69. March 12 is the icebreaker at Don's Steakhouse starting at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. There is a cover charge. March 13 is a barbecue at Corky and Mary Risley's home on Ivan Blvd. starting at 1:30 p.m. with the meal served later. There will be music from the '60s and a raffle. Please forward your RSVP with \$25 per person immediately to Sue Moss Schruers, 1135 Ivan Blvd. LaBelle, FL 33935. For more information please call 675-4803 or 675-0885.

Attend citizen's academy

Apply now for the Sheriff's free 14-week Citizen's Academy. Sessions last about two hours and explain the latest trends and procedures in law enforcement as well as the duties and responsibilities of the various departments. It includes a day at the firing range learning firearm safety and firing weapons.

Participants must be over 18, have a background free of felony and violent misdemeanor convictions. 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. Call Lt. Susan Harrelle at 863-674-5604.

LHS '40s and '50s reunion

If you graduated from or attended LHS during the 1940s and '50s please save Saturday, March 13, for a multi-class reunion at the Dallas B. Townsend Building, 1085 Pratt Blvd. beginning at 2 p.m.

The cost will be \$10 per person. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. To make reservations or for more information please call Martha Raye at 863-675-0891 or JoAnne at 863-675-1407.

You could win a Ford Fusion Hybrid

Southwest Florida Ford dealers are offering a sweepstakes to give away a brand-new 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid valued at \$29,000. The contest benefits the Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Dealers will also donate \$20 to the local Komen affiliate for every sweepstakes entrant up to \$20,000. To enter the sweepstakes, stop by

any Southwest Florida Ford dealer and fill in an entry form by March 10 at Langford Ford, 851 South Main Street. Five contestants will participate in a stage drawing at the 2010 Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure on March 13 at Coconut Point in Estero. One will drive away in a brand-new 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid. The sweepstakes are open to all legal residents of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee counties.

Pick up a race registration form at Langford Ford or sign up at komenswfl.org. If you registered for the race in the past, you will need to first log into your Participant Center. Note: you have automatically been assigned a user name and password this year.

Once you log into your Participant Cen-

ter, you will be directed to the Registration page. From there you can form a team, join a team or register as an individual.

Poppy Days are here

American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead on Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 27-28, designated as Poppy Days by Auxiliary Unit #130 in LaBelle. Volunteers will have a booth next to the American Legion Riders located on Lee St. to remind America-at-peace of the price of war and the sacrifice of millions of lives. At the same time, the poppy distribution honors all of America's veterans of five wars and two conflicts.

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WELCOME TO THE 44TH ANNUAL SWAMP CABBAGE FESTIVAL

M.G. Davis family choosen 2010 Pioneer Family

The Trading Post conjures up memories of bygone days – days when folks in LaBelle lived closer to their roots – days when they relied on themselves and each other for their everyday needs.

It was the vision of M.G. and his wife Daisy Touchstone Davis that started the Trading Post and eventually built it into the business center it was for decades. The pair met in Mississippi and married in 1928. They came to LaBelle with Daisy's father, Barry Touchstone, who ran a sawmill here. Mr. Touchstone commuted between LaBelle and Mississippi.

Actually, it was Daisy who started the Trading Post, serving lunch to sawmill workers on the front porch of the couple's old mill shack located at the time on Hall Street, across from what is now Don's Steak House. The delicious meals she and daughter Weima cooked for the men were so popular that their little business kept getting bigger. M.G. decided to add other items to their stock and the Trading Post soon outgrew the family's porch.

According to family lore, Berry Brown Touchstone moved to Florida from Mississippi in the 1920s with eight of his nine children to the Immokalee area. For 19 months the family lived in the pioneer wilderness while Berry established his first sawmill. The youngsters adjusted readily to the country school and the predominantly Indian classmates. They made many friends among the natives and a then 16 year old Johnny Cypress remained close to the Touchstones throughout his life.

After the mill was in good running order Berry eyed other locations for more installations. He moved his family to Bayshore, a colony north of the Caloosahatchee river, which offered the luxury of a store and post office. Sawmills in LaBelle and Naples were in the early stages when the 1926 hurricane dampened his enthusiasm. Fearing for his family's safety he took his wife and daughters back to Gulfport while the boys stayed to tend to the business, in 1928 he decided to return to Florida and made his home in LaBelle. He later became ill with diabetes and sold all his mills. His sons then worked in construction. Eventually the children went their separate ways.

In 1928, daughter Daisy, who had stayed in Mississippi, married Merle Davis from Ohio. His father was a road contractor in three states. Merle was the only son of nine siblings not associated with the oil business. In 1932, Merle and Daisy with their two young children, Jack and Weima, visited with her family in LaBelle. They decided to stay and he bought a three-room cottage on Hall St. Merle sold his holdings back in Mississippi and looked for something to do. That "something" was the Trading Post. By 1939, he had to move to a larger place on the main highway. Meanwhile, the timber was running out and mills were closing. Money was scarce so most transactions were done by bartering—which inspired the store's name—the Trading Post.



M.G. and Daisy Touchstone Davis.



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Sadly, the couple's son Charles died as a young child.

In between working at the store in every capacity, Daisy had three more children, Richard "Bo", Martha Kate and Danny. Business boomed with the return of good times and the trading post became somewhat of

a tourist attraction. It was Daisy and Merle's wishes that the children would follow in their footsteps. But Jack married Betty Dana and had his own business, the Diamond Oil Company in LaBelle, Weima, after completing finishing school in West Palm Beach, married Dr. E. J. Hall and moved to Miami,

Richard "Bo" married Irene Townsend and joined her family in Australia at Stapleton Station. Eventually, they returned and sold their land and to A Duda & Sons.

Boe eventually went to work for the Seminoles at their slaughterhouse. He developed Seminole Swamp Seasoning, which is available in markets.

Martha Kate married Hayward (Gene) Cross and they took over the Trading Post, Danny married and pursued several careers before returning to LaBelle. In 1954 Berry Touchstone died at the age of 77, his wife, Georgeanna, died in 1973 at the age of 95.

During the 1960s the Trading Post business boomed. When Merle turned over his keys to the store he told his daughter, Martha Kate and her husband Gene Cross he told them, "Don't change anything, the old timers won't like it."

The Trading Post was known far and wide for its many hard to find items needed for the rural life style and also modern day necessities. In earlier years it had an ice-house with home delivery to supply many residents with block ice before they had electricity in homes.

The store was also known for a food seasoning produce locally called "monkey

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Friday - February 26, 2010
* Lounge OPEN TO PUBLIC 10am*
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET \$8.00 from 4pm to 7pm
Deep Fried Flounder, Baked Tilapia, Crab Cakes, Chicken Nuggets,
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Music by Rod Snow & Steel Rail Band - 6pm -10pm

Saturday - February 27, 2010
* Lounge OPEN TO PUBLIC 8am*
American Legion Auxiliary Lunch from 12pm to 2pm
Sandwiches \$3.00 Includes Potato Chips & Pickle
Music by Rod Snow & Steel Rail Band - 1 P.M. - 5pm
Karaoke By Steve Downunder 7pm till ???
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Community Flea Market 8am-3pm,
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Sunday - February 28, 2010
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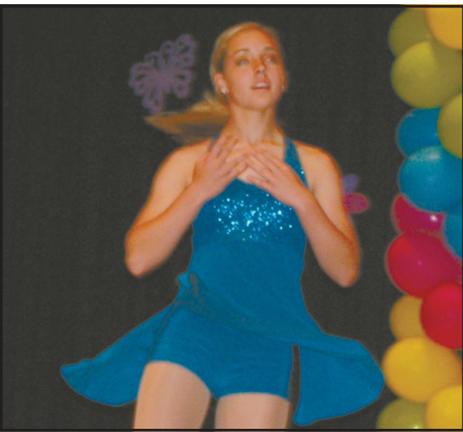
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2010 Princess Kayla Keller's contemporary dance to "Life After You" showed off her years of experience.



Miss LaBelle SCF Callie Burley's expressive dance and signing wowed the judges in the talent contest.



Caloosa Belle photos/Patty Brant
2010 Marlana Nelson, Miss Congeniality, as a Flower Child.



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Ashley Curry, co-winner of the Princess talent contest sang "Outside My Window."



Talent has a lot of meanings as Princess contestant Dakota Rutter prepares to break a board.



First runner up Mallory Allen enjoys a laugh with emcee Kim Kemp during her stage interview.

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Grand Marshal: Paul Puletti loves public service

By **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle



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2010 SCF Grand Marshal Paul Puletti

The 2010 SCF Grand Marshal lives his commitment to the City of LaBelle, considering both the short and long view of what may be best.

A 1975 graduate of LaBelle High School, Paul Puletti brings that sense of the whole picture to both his community endeavors.

Moving to LaBelle 1974 Paul's mother, Martha Puletti Briede, worked at the local newspaper, the Caloosa Belle, for many years as advertising rep and as editor. During high school Paul was on the morning session from 7-9 a.m. and "hung out" at the paper where he did odd jobs and took up the semi-official position as "gopher" – unpaid, of course.

He went to the University of Florida to become a teacher, but was told that the schools would be saturated with teachers until 2000, so he opted to study journalism instead. When he graduated in 1979, he came back to the area and became a reporter for the Clewiston News and Glades County Democrat, then managing editor at the Caloosa Belle in 1980.

To further his career, he went to work for a newspaper in Jupiter where he met and married his wife, Cheryl. They now have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Back in LaBelle again, he returned to the Caloosa Belle. However, his love for public service led him to run for a city commissioner's seat in 1984. The paper's policy had a prohibition on employees working as an elected official, so Paul decided to go back to his first career love, teaching. In the district, he has served as both teacher and administrator. While working in the schools, he served two terms on the commission in the 1980s, then returned in 1997 when he was appointed to fill Bob Howard's seat. During the interim he continued service to his city on the variance board and has 26 years of experience with the city at this time.

He is committed to his work with the city and enjoys the comparatively immediate satisfaction that it can provide. A recent example would be the sidewalks the city just put in.

Teaching, on the other hand, requires a lot more patience for your reward. It's a longer process in seeing results, he said. "Kids don't understand you've won the argument for about 20 years" he quips. It just takes that long to get it.

He was invited to a 20-year reunion last year, he recalls, and caught up with former students who are now doctors, attorneys and engineers. It can be hard to reconcile the adult version with the student of years ago. He said he enjoys seeing the students take over on their own, but it's hard to realize they're adults, he mused.

Teaching has many rewards. A while ago he received a letter from a former student in appreciation for Paul's contribution to his education. "I never dreamed I had impacted that student," he said. Another example. City Attorney Jimmy Luckey is also a former student of Paul's. Once, years ago, Jimmy

drove several other students to Paul's house and egged it. Sitting at the board meetings with the city attorney, working together and sharing in the fruits of his education for the good of their city "does my heart good," the mayor said.

All kids can't wait to get out of LaBelle, Paul points out, but after a while many of them realize that their roots are here after all. It's the place they want to be and it's a good place to raise children.

Paul confesses that for a long time he took for granted the beauty of this place, but rediscovered it in escorting outsiders through the town. He could see that beauty through their eyes – the old oaks, the river, the community.

"As mayor I want to see us learn from what just came through," he said, referring to a spate of huge annexation requests. "That's okay," he said, "but we need to expect them to do their part. The city can't do all the work." He wants to refocus on the townsfolk who pay the bills through their taxes.

"We sort of lost track that we serve the LaBelle residents," he pointed out. The city needs to protect their interests, he affirms.

In 1997 the city started to talk about a new water plant. Finally a design is ready and the city is looking at funding now.

He said that through the recent experience with developers, the real estate boom and now the crash, he has learned what LaBelle almost lost in the rush to make a profit. Downtown LaBelle could have been a ghost town with the "mom and pops" shut out. "The small independent business people built this town and have been the backbone of our business district ever since I can remember," he commented. He doesn't want the city to make the mistake of losing focus on its true heart again.

Fortunately, the economy has slowed down, he said, although he regrets that people got hurt in the process. Still, he feels it's time to step back now and consider how to avoid these issues in the future.

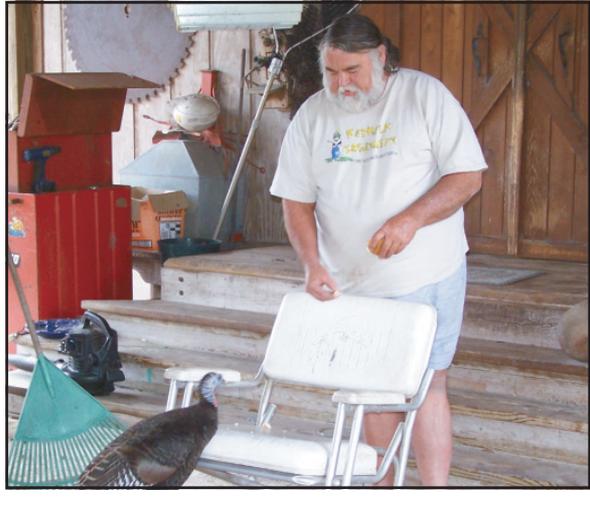
The 2010 SCF Grand Marshal loves public service with the city, but is back to living his ultimate dream, teaching seventh grade social studies. "I almost forgot how much I like to teach," he said.



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2010 Pioneer Family members

Surviving members of the Davis family still living in LaBelle, Weima Hull Lowery and Danny Davis. Another sister Martha Kate Cross resides in Old Town.





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Family

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dust." It was produced in the Trading Post meat department. Now known as Everglades Seasoning it is distributed all over the United States but is no longer owned by the Davis family, being sold in 1993.

In 1987 the Trading Post was sold to become a strip mall more suitable for the growing area.

In LaBelle the Davises and the Trading Post were a tradition and a legend.

Merle died in 1990 at the age of 84 and Daisy in 1991 at the age of 81. The surviving members of the family are Weima Hull Lowery and Danny Davis both living in LaBelle and Martha Kate Cross who resides in Old Town.

Memories

Actually, it was Daisy who started the Trading Post, serving lunch to sawmill workers on the front porch of the couple's old mill shack located at the time on Hall Street, across from what is now Don's Steak House. The delicious meals she and daughter Weima cooked for the men were so popular that their little business kept getting bigger. M.G. decided to add other items to their stock and the Trading Post soon outgrew the family's porch.

M.G. Davis' mother was a full-blooded Iriquois named Kate Hancock to whom he bore a very strong resemblance. M.G. had only a first grade education. His formal edu-

cation was limited to writing his name and ciphering, but he had a good head for business. Another LaBelle pioneer, Joe Risley, taught him how to write out a check and he was equipped for the job at hand.

With no bank in LaBelle at the time, cash wasn't easy to get so people needed a way to cash their checks. At the Trading Post they could turn over their checks and receive "babbit" (specially minted coins that could be used to purchase merchandise at the Trading Post. It worked so well that other LaBelle businesses also accepted the Trading Post babbit as well.

As late as the 1950s the Trading Post was still the place where Seminoles got sugar, coffee and dry goods. Weima remembers riding down to the reservation with her dad and brother Jack in a wagon and later a pick up truck. It was always an adventure. They'd camp out under a big tree. Their father would throw a big mosquito net over it and they'd sleep in the back of their vehicle. Sometimes the Seminoles would walk into town. Other folks who lived far out of town would come in to buy or trade, and all would camp behind the store. The Seminoles often traded hides that Weima and brother Jack would have to salt down to preserve. Then the hides were taken to the dock and sent north.

The couple had six children: Jack, Weima, Charles, Boe, Martha Kate and Danny. Only Weima and Danny remain, both live in the area.

Danny grew up in the '50s listening to stories from old timers and cherishes those stories from old men idling time away on a

bench outside the Trading Post, a bottle of whiskey in their boot and a chew in their mouths.

Over the years, Danny has held many different jobs. As a boat captain he could sail anywhere except the Mississippi River and North Sea, he mostly sailed the Carribean and inland US waterways. He had several contracting jobs and did some farming. He had a welding shop in town for a while.

Nowadays he does a little farming and mostly donates the food to food banks and community and churches. He has a special fondness for the birds he feeds on his 18 acres in Muse, including wild turkeys and peacocks.

Danny readily admits getting into everything as a kid: driving the Trading Post delivery truck to haul trash to the dump and regularly leaving piles of boxes all over the road. The next day the law would be around for him, and make him pick it all up again.

In 1956 his daddy bought a new delivery truck from Blitz Wegman. Danny still remembers almost destroying that brand new truck - twice. His daddy got it back in running condition and used it for many years. Danny kept that truck till the '80s.

He remembers Ola Mims, the last person to drive a wagon to town from the south LaBelle woods to pick up supplies.

Weima remembers riding with her daddy and brother Jack to the reservation on Fridays in a wagon pulled by mules, and late a truck, the still dirt SR 29 to trade sugar, coffee, dry gods for hides. Her daddy would through a mosquito net over a tree and the kids would sleep in the back of the wagon

or truck on the supplies. Her daddy would spend the nights talking to his friend Morgan Smith, the only Seminole she ever knew to have a beautiful Tennessee Walker. For a long time Weima thought it was a dream - till a few years ago when she went to the Tribe's library on Big Cypress and saw the portrait of Morgan Smith and his beautiful horse.

Weima was a licensed hunting guide and for many years trained dogs. She has been involved in the humane society and is still very active personally in saving strays.

M.G. and Daisy Davis did more than start a business that catered to local's needs for decades. They helped build the community that we all know and love today. They helped set the standards that continue to serve LaBelle and its residents well.

Grandchildren

Jack had a son, Ray Merle, and daughter Jackie Davis Finfield. Weima has two children: son Ethridge James Hall Jr., and Mary Kimberly Hartman. Boe and Irene had one son, Shawn, and also adopted Boe's cousin, Glenda Gail. Boe later married Linda Dekle Davis. The couple had one daughter, Savannah. Martha Kate and her husband Gene Cross, another pioneer family member, had three children: Hayward Cross Jr., deceased, Kelly Byrd and Tracy Mills. Danny has two sons, Max and Josh.

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Left: County music legend Bobby Bare will perform in Barron Park on Saturday.

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Look at a legend

Right: Acres of bikes will be on display Saturday, east of Barron Park on Lee Street.



Entertainment in the Park

Saturday, Feb. 27

12:00 – Opening Prayer - Mayor Paul Pulletti

National Anthem - Mercy and Grace

12:10 – Mercy and Grace

12:45 - Queen & Princess Performance

1:00 - Awards & Announcements

1:15 - Buckshot Band

2:00 –Country Rhythm Cloggers

2:45 – Chris McArthur

3:30 - The Dance Company

4:30 - Bobby Bare

Sunday, Feb. 28

8:00 – Christ Central

9:00 - Christ Central

10:00 - Brooke Huffmaster

11:00 - Zena Gatch

12:00 - Queen & Princess Performance

12:20 - Sparrow Family Reunion

1:00 - Brass Heart Band

2:00 - Showtime Cloggers

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3:30 - American Racket

4:15 - Andy Bratcher

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5K Run-Walk

Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:30 a.m.

Bass Tournament

Sunday Feb. 27, Caloosahatchee River - LaBelle Boat Ramp from first sunlight to 2:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded for: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place; Father & Son/Daughter; 1st Big Bass & 2nd Big Bass; Starting time will be determined by registration.

Rodeo

Friday 6:30 p.m. Gates open; 8 p.m. Show starts Saturday 3:30 p.m. Youth Rodeo 6:30 p.m. Gates Open 8 p.m. Show Starts Bull Riding & Barrel Racing Sunday 2 p.m. Gates open 3:30 p.m. Show starts.

Car Club Show

South Central Florida Car Club invites car owners and enthusiasts to join them for the 4th Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cars will be displayed on Ft. Thompson Ave. (between Bridge St. and Main St.) and Bronco Dr.

2010 Bike Show

Saturday, east of Barron Park on Lee Street.

Nasgrass Lawnmower Races

Racers have been invited from all over the Southeast for the TWO DAY Event! Come out to the Hendry-LaBelle Mowersports Park off Cowboy Way for two days of family fun and entertainment!

Races start at: 2:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 27, (after parade) and 1 p.m. Sunday Feb. 28. Event includes: Lawnmower Drags, Nine (9) Oval Track Classes, and two Enduro Classes of Mowers racing to see who's the Fastest in the South! Admission: \$5.00 for Adults - Kids 12 & Under free!

All spectator proceeds will benefit Healthy Start Southwest Florida!

Rotary Armadillo Races

In the park, Saturday and Sunday.

Caloosahatchee Cruise

"3rd Annual Swamp Cabbage Festival Narrated Caloosahatchee Cruise"

Featuring: Local History, River Lore and More. Sponsored by "Riverwatch" Caloosahatchee River Citizen's Association. Limited number of tickets available at \$20 each. The 1 1/2 hour cruise will leave the LaBelle City Dock at 2:30 on Saturday February 27th.

Off site parking available. Handicapped shuttle will be available. For information or to purchase tickets contact: Margaret England 863-674-0695 or e-mail: margaret@caloosahatchee.org



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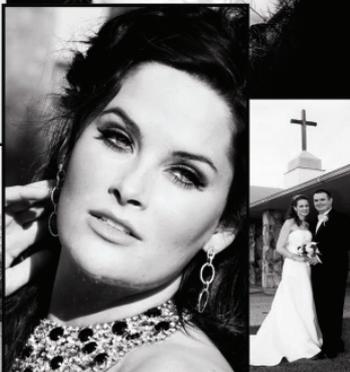
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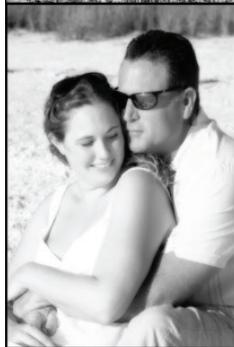
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Bug-a-Boo Kids, Inc., cool stuff at a savings

Even when the economy is tough, girls will be girls. That means mothers just can't resist dressing them up in great style.

One of the problems is, little girls just keep growing - relegating all those beautiful clothes to the back of the closet.

That's what made Kristi Barton decide to open Bug-a-Boo Kids, Inc., a resale store for all sorts of kids' stuff.

She just opened Feb. 1 and is still doing some last minute decorating in her cool beach theme, but it's all there - both new and "previously loved" stuff for girls and boys sizes 0-12.

Bug-a-Boo offers great kids' clothes, toys, furniture and accessories at affordable prices for all your kids' different stages. You will find great new and pre-owned kids' stuff of all kinds.

Kristi has two older boys, ages 18 and 12; but their girls - Kenna (Bug), age 7 and Kristina (Boo), age 3 months - were the inspiration for the shop. As the mother of girls, she said, she found first hand they just had way too many clothes and wondered what to do with them all. Bug-a-Boo is a "resale" shop, she points out, not a consignment store. She buys all the clothes, toys, shoes, jewelry,

strollers, bassinets, high chairs and so on, outright and puts them into her shop for the next family to enjoy.

This is Kristi's first business, but she consulted with lots of experts and is determined to make this work and grow. She encourages people to bring in their good kids' stuff for resale. It's good for you - bringing in a nice bit of change for you - and it will help others make the most of their kids' clothing dollars.

Even in a poor economy, there's always a need nice things for kids - after all, kids still grow, even in bad times.

Look for Bug-a-Boo Bling - dazzling tanks,

T-shirts, hair bows, socks and hats that girls just can't resist, along with custom made headbands made by Kristi herself.

Looking for an item you just can't find? Kristi has a "wish list" for customers. If she doesn't have what you want, she'll take your name and number and call you when she finds it.

Come to Bug-a-Boo, Kids Inc., a kid friendly store that has moms and dads in mind, too.

Bug-a-Boo Kids Inc., is open Tuesday through Friday 10-5:30; Saturday 10-2. It's located at 216 S. Main St. Call 675-8167.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Meet Dylan, 12, with Kristina (Boo), three months. and Kenna (Bug) in back, age 7, at kid-friendly Bug-a-Boo Kids, Inc. Stop there for "previously loved" kids clothes, furniture and accessories.

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**Hendry Hospital Authority Bond
Referendum Election
CANVASSING BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene on March 5th at 5:00 pm, March 6th at Noon, March 8, at 5:00 pm and March 9th at 6:30 for the purpose of Canvassing Absentee Ballots and the Votes cast in the Hendry County Hospital Authority Limited Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Bond Referendum Election, at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, Courthouse Complex, Annex Bldg., 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida.

**Autoridad del Hospital del Condado de
Hendry de Bono Referendum Eleccion
JUNTA DE ESCRUTINIO
PUBLICA SESION**

El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio se reuniran alas 5:00 pm el 5 de Marzo, el 6 de Marzo medio dia, el 8 de Marzo alas 5:00 pm y el 9 de Marzo alas 6:30 pm, para el proposito de Juntas de Escrutina de boletas de ausente y los Votos dela Eleccion, para la Junta dela Autoridad Limitado Impuesto ad Valorem Bonos del Hospital del Condado de Hendry en la Oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones, Courthouse Complex, Annex Bldg., 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Condado de Hendry, Florida.

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
FS. 102.141

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Houses for Rent
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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Hendry County will hold the following Workshop to discuss Budget Issues:
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd floor, 25 E. Hickpocsee Ave., LaBelle, Florida
All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meetings.
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Sally Berg, Chairman
346631 CB/CN 2/25/10

Public Notice

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., 3/15/2010. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest stating their background and experience. Letters may be hand delivered only (no mail receptacle) to 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, FL or mailed to the following address:
Board of Supervisors
Port LaBelle Community Development District
P.O. Box 1605
LaBelle, FL 33975
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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, March 18, 2010, for the following Proposals:
E1H87- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Drainage improvements, curb and gutters, sidewalks and signing and pavement marking on State Road 17 in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$123,642.00
E1128- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Thermoplastic and Painted Long Line Striping and Marking and Retro Reflective Pavement Markers in Desoto and Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$108,586.00
E1129- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Road and Bridge Sweeping in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00
E1130- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Countywide Fertilizer Application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$180,000.00
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.
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH HENDRY COUNTY PROFESSIONAL EMT & PARAMEDICS' LOCAL 4520
Take notice that Hendry County Board of County Commissioner Representatives and the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics Union Representatives will conduct negotiations regarding the contract for the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics' Local 4520 at 9:00 a.m., March 3, 2010, at the Hendry County Courthouse Square, Conference Room, 165 S. Lee Street, Florida.
The session is open to the public, but no public comment will be taken.
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.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet Taylor, Chair
346736 CB/CN 2/25/10

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will have a meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J South-west, Moore Haven, Florida.
All meetings of the Local Coordinating Boards are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Brian Raimondo at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 211 or by e-mail at braimondo@swrfpc.org at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 (Voice) or 800-955-8771 (TDD).
The SWFRPC's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he/she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, Title VI Coordinator, Gina Gilbreath at 863-519-2345 or by writing her at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.
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Public Notice

NOTICE FOR BIDS
Barron Water Control District will accept sealed bid proposals up to 4:00 P.M., March 15, 2010, for the sale of a 2002 Ford F-150 4x4 truck in "as is" condition with a minimum bid price of \$700.00.
Anyone interested may submit a proposal to the District office at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, or mail to P.O. Box 1605, LaBelle, Florida 33935. For additional information, call 863-675-0346 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday.
The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause and to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District.
Lester B. Baird Sr.
General Manager
Barron Water Control District
346907 CB/CGS 2/25/10

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Insurance Advisory Board will hold a meeting March 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse Square, Conference Room, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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.
Hendry County Insurance Advisory Board
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How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Glades-Hendry County Joint Local Coordinating Board announces a public hearing to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: March 15, 2010, 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Glades County Courthouse, BOCC Conference Room, 500 AVE J SW, Moore Haven, FL 33471
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Hearing items include: Minor Update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) and Annual CTC Evaluation Report.
You may view the agenda on the SWFRPC website at www.swrfpc.org.
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Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Insurance Advisory Board will hold a meeting March 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse Square, Conference Room, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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.
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Ag conference held in Hendry County

On Jan. 21, an agriculture conference was held in Hendry County at the Port LaBelle Inn, hosted by Phil Pelletier, Hendry County Property Appraiser and organized by Karen Robinson, Agriculture Appraiser to discuss and provide information in reference to the Conservation Easements, Legislative changes and Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP). Representatives from 16 different county Property Appraiser Offices, the Department of Revenue as well as Fee Appraisers and grove owners attended this conference and participated in the afternoon round table discussion. Speakers included George Wheeler, Senior Appraiser for Department of Revenue, Gaylord (Jay) A. Wood, Esq., discussing Conservation Easements and Legislative changes. Richard Gaskalla, Director, Division of Plant Industry, Ron Hamel, Gulf Citrus Growers Assn., Inc., and Phillip Pelletier presented information on the Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP).

One major topic, conservation easements created by a new law that was enacted by the Legislature creating an exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes and requirements to file an application to be assessed for lands subject to a conservation easement, environmentally endangered or land used for outdoor recreational or park purposes. The speakers addressed some complex issues and many aspects that are still open to interpretation of the law. With this being said it also has great potential in effecting our local Tax Base.

Abandoned groves are becoming a serious issue of specific concerns like canker and now the spread of Asian Citrus Psyllid also known as "Citrus Greening." CHRP provides an opportunity for the owners of abandoned citrus groves to continue to qualify for tax benefits even though the grove may be abandoned and not in production. This program is an effort to stop the spread of citrus disease especially to confront the spread of Citrus Greening. CHRP is an incentive for owners to maintain, push their abandoned groves or kill the citrus tree. Owners must meet certain qualifications and agreements in order to continue the Agricultural Classification. If you feel you qualify please contact our office at 863-675-5270.

The conference concluded with a very productive round table discussion, between property appraisers, citrus leaders, and the fee appraisal community dealing with a variety of topics which included valuing working waterfront, developing citrus base land values, bees, silviculture, even clam farming. The positive outcome sparked interest from the participants in hosting future meetings with similar agricultural forum.

Naval Academy accepting applications

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Applications are being accepted Feb. 1 through March 31 for the United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) 2010. NASS is designed for students who will have just completed their junior year of high school in the summer of 2010. This program is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high-achievers who may be interested in pursuing an appointment to one of the nation's service academies and serving as a military officer after graduation. NASS is held in three sessions: June 5-10, June 12-17 and June 19-24.

Summer Seminar introduces students to the opportunities at the Naval Academy where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. Students will live in the dormitory, Bancroft Hall, eat in the dining facility, King Hall; participate in academic and leadership workshops; and experience a variety of other activities at the academy. Students will have an opportunity to see first-hand what the academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extracurricular activities and leadership training programs.

Students with questions about NASS and the application process should call 410-293-1549 or visit www.usna.edu/admissions. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2010. For more information about Naval Academy athletics, extracurricular activities and other general information, visit www.usna.edu.

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Community Briefs

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petitions on **March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the *Hendry County Comprehensive Plan* and will review the applications for consistency with the *Hendry County Land Development Code*.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **March 23, 2010 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Petition Number: RZ09-0010
Applicant: PDJW, LLC, represented by Rock Enterprises, Inc.
Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING ORDINANCE (2008-19) TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL USES; SPECIFICALLY HEAVY RECREATION, OFF-SITE SIGNS, AND WATER MANAGEMENT ON 338 ACRES +/-; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Location: 0 SR 82, adjacent to the Lee-Hendry County line
Property size: 338 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting an amendment to PUD Ordinance 2008-19 to allow additional uses: heavy recreation, off-site signs, and water management.
Legal description of subject property:

Description of PUD

The East 1/2 of Section 31, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida, lying north of the north right-of-way line of State Road 82, less the following:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Section 31:

Thence S00° 00' 34"W along the east line of the northeast one-quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 31 (said line also being the basis of bearings for this description), a distance of 2632.54 feet to the east quarter (1/4) of said Section 31;

Thence S00° 01' 40"W, along the east line of the southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 31, a distance of 2221.83 feet to the north right-of-way line of State Road 82 (200 foot right-of-way);

Thence N73° 30' 50"W, along said north right-of-way line, a distance of 1173.74 feet to the center of an existing 12 foot gravel road;

Thence N01° 56' 58"W, along said gravel road, a distance of 3275.75 feet;

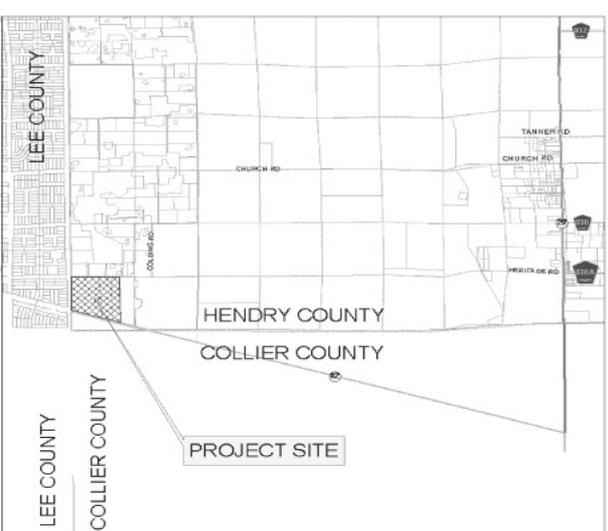
Thence N01° 35' 13"W, a distance of 1257.54 feet to the north line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 31;

Thence S89° 34' 00"E, along said north line, a distance of 1273.28 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

Along with:

The west half of said Section 31 lying north of State Road 82.

LESS AND EXCEPT the Deed of Conservation Easement recorded in the Official Records of Hendry County, Florida, at Book 814, Pages 1294-1319

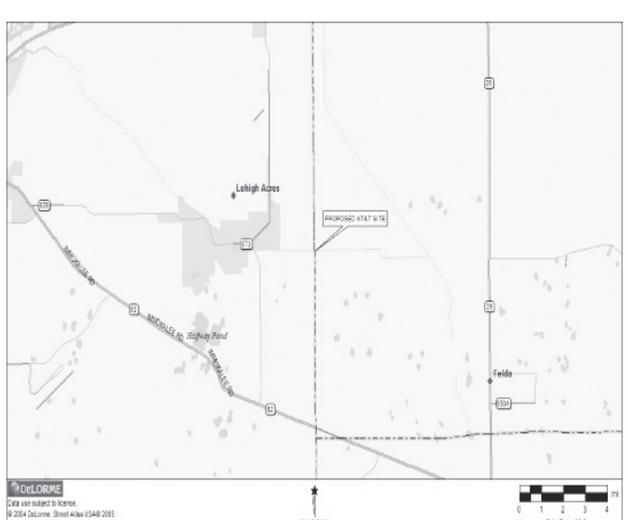


Petition Number: SE08-0008
Applicant: Cooperative Producers, Inc/AT&T, represented by Chris Lee, Spire Development, Inc.
Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 200' MONOPOLE STRUCTURE.
Location: Along Lee-Hendry County line; South of Wheeler Estates, adjacent to the Hendry Canal
Property size: 3.0 acres +/-
Request: The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow construction of a 200-ft monopole tower for commercial communication services in a General Agriculture (A-2) zoning district.
Legal description of subject property:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (AS PREPARED BY SURVEYOR)

AT&T MOBILITY LEASE PARCEL ABLE CANAL 1910091 SITE
A PORTION OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING WITHIN THE LANDS CONVEYED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 334, PAGE 652, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE SOUTH 00°38'14" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 60.14 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, NORTH 89°38'30" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 82.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°38'30" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 53.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48°38'30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 74.95 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°21'30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 53.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 0.0322 ACRES OR 1404 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

AT&T MOBILITY INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT ABLE CANAL 1910091 SITE
A 20'-00" INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT LYING 10'-00" LEFT AND RIGHT OF A CENTERLINE BEING A PORTION OF SECTIONS 6, 8, 9, 17 AND 20 TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING WITHIN THE LANDS CONVEYED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 334, PAGE 652, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID CENTERLINE BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE SOUTH 00°38'14" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 60.14 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, NORTH 89°38'30" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48°38'30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 23.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 89°11'18" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2495.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79°34'24" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 162.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°30'30" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 7647.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73°35'54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 81.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09°40'40" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 30.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03°57'40" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 4992.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°33'30" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 9084.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83°24'48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 231.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°27'40" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1182.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°24'31" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 80.42 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHURCH ROAD AND THE POINT OF TERMINATION OF SAID CENTERLINE.
CONTAINING 11.94 ACRES OR 520478 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS
THE SIDELINES OF SAID EASEMENT ARE TO BE SHORTENED OR LENGTHENED TO FORM ONE CONTIGUOUS SHAPE.



Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Hendry County Board
of County Commissioners

American Legion events

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130. **Breakfast Buffet** on Sunday, March 7, from 8 11 a.m. Menu of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, grits, sausage gravy, chip beef, biscuits, pancakes, coffee and juice. All you can eat for \$6. Public Welcome. Located on 699 Hickpochee Ave (SR 80), LaBelle.

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 will host its **Famous Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner** Thursday, Feb. 25, 4-7 p.m. Menu: Stuffed Pork Chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans and roll, dessert included. \$7. Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

Auxiliary canteen serves meal

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 serves 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/dessert \$5; desserts \$1. (Menu varies each week). Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

Quit Smoking Now

Quit Smoking and Quit Chew/Spit Tobacco today! A Free community health promotion program to be held at the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle, March 3-April 7, Wednesdays for five sessions 5:15-6:45 p.m. For information or to register please call Nora Duley-Maldonado/Valerie James at the Hendry County Health Dept. 863-674-4041 ext 128. You may be eligible for nicotine replacement therapy, gum, patches, lozenges while supplies last.

Lost your horse?

Two horses were recovered loose on the roadways in Montura. If you have lost a horse, please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Ag Unit at 863-983-1443 or 863-674-4060.

Help for Haiti

The Salvation Army is seeking donations for the people of Haiti. You can contribute in several ways: Text: "HAITI" to 52000 to give \$10 to The Salvation Army's relief efforts in Haiti. The \$10 will be applied to your bill; Log on to www.salvationarmyusa.org and make a donation; or call 1-800-Sal-Army. You may also drop off your check to your local Salvation Army office, 180 N. Main Street. Write "Haiti earthquake" on the memo line.

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.



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Church Briefs

Church of God cooking burgers

LaBelle Church of God will sell old fashioned hamburgers, cole slaw, baked beans and a drink for \$6 at the church, Hwy. 80 and Elm Street, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. 2 p.m.

Mission trip dinner

Eastside Baptist Church is having a dinner to raise monies for mission work in Arizona. The meal consists of grilled pork steak or 1/2 grilled chicken, green beans/potatoes, cole slaw, roll, tea and dessert. It will be

served from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 5, at the church social hall. A drive-thru service will also be provided. Delivery is available when five or more meals go to one location in town. Tickets are \$8. Call Raymond Crawford at 675-1845 or Marilyn Barrios at 675-8097.

Come to prayer breakfast

All are welcome to attend the Gideon Prayer Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. in the back room at Flora & Ella's Restaurant,

550 SR 80W. The Gideons are in 190 countries and their ministry is to provide a Bible for every individual in the world.

Collection for Haiti

Marcia's Helping Hands is currently collecting donations for the victims in Haiti. They are in dire need of Food (non-perishable), blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, tooth brushes, tooth paste and soap. They also need first aid kits, bandages, baby supplies, children's clothes, crutches

and medical supplies. There are three drop off points; Kings House 151 S. Missouri St. and Carlson Memorial UMC 310 Campbell St. and Marcia Carter. Should you have any question please don't hesitate to contact Marcia Carter at (863) 675-8607.

Ready for Bingo?

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

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Eagle Scout rank achieved from LaBelle Troop #9

This article recognizes the latest Boy Scout from Troop #9 to achieve the Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts, Mike Reed. This achievement is a great honor because it means more than dedication through hard work, leadership and adventure.

When one begins on the Trail to Eagle, one begins the transition from boyhood to manhood by learning the scouting outlook on life. The scouts learn about the oath, the meaning of the scouting emblems, and the meaning of living by the Scout Laws. Scouts learn that a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

They learn the importance of family, community and country through the required merit badges. Every Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, some of which are required. Every Eagle Scout must surpass a Board of Review and Scoutmasters' conference for each of the following ranks: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star Scout, Life Scout and lastly the Eagle Scout Rank. Every Eagle Scout must successfully undertake a leadership service project to benefit the community, religious, or educational entity separate from the Boy Scouts of America.

Mike Reed has completed this extensive project at LaBelle Middle School by putting in a mulch trail for the track team, PE classes and for teachers. Major contributions toward the project came largely from Mr. Mock from LMS Athletics as the project guide, Jarvis at the County Barn who provided the mulch for the project, Tommy O'Ferrell and Glen Miller at Hendry Construction who excavated the



Submitted photo/Mike Reed

Troop 9's newest Eagle Scout, Mike Reed.

track, the Reed and Schauer families for mulch distribution and Mr. Peterson Panther District Advancement Chairman who gave pointers and approved the project. Special thanks to Mr. Riggs for guidance from Troop #9.

After everything, the meaning to be an Eagle Scout is something that lives long beyond being a Boy Scout. The foundations of Scouting live on in an Eagle Scout forever, and to be an Eagle Scout means that he lives in accordance with the Scout Oath and Laws in his everyday life. Mike is the son of proud parents John and Faye Reed of LaBelle.

Murphy graduates from Air Force basic training



Air Force Airman William P. Murphy graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn

four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Patrick Murphy of LaBelle and a 2007 graduate of LaBelle High School.

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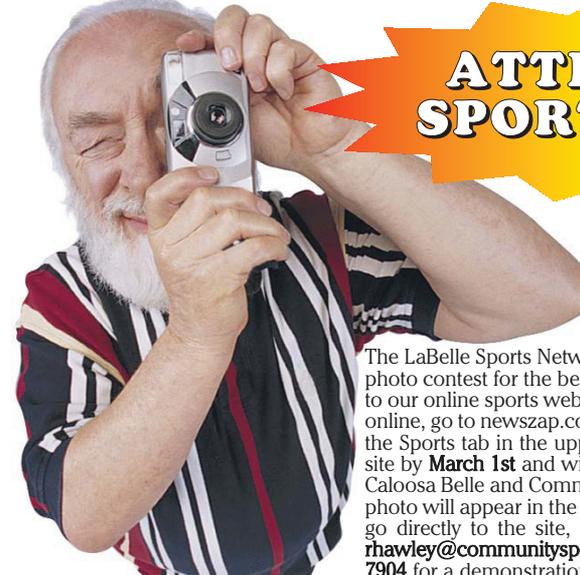
LaBelle Kiwanis Club President Nell Broom, left, and Kiwanis board member Sue Williams, right, presented a check for \$500 to Darrell Harris for the LaBelle Junior Pro basketball league.

Church Brief

Freedom Counseling Center

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: Choose Life for hurting people on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.; and Overcoming Addictive Behaviors on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.



ATTENTION SPORTS FANS

Win a \$25 Gift Certificate to Forrey's Grill

The LaBelle Sports Network and the Caloosa Belle, announces a photo contest for the best community sports photograph posted to our online sports website - To visit the LaBelle Sports Network online, go to newszap.com, click on the LaBelle homepage, then the Sports tab in the upper right. Photos must be posted on the site by **March 1st** and will be judged by the editorial team of the Caloosa Belle and Community Sports Desk. Winner and winning photo will appear in the paper. Interested teams and leagues can go directly to the site, or contact Renee Hawley by e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or by phone at 888-853-7904 for a demonstration or to get started.







.Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Supporting our kids

Once again Langford Ford has stepped up for young LaBelle athletes, donating a new scoreboard for the Junior Pro Basketball League. Junior Pro has been helping to develop young athletes for over 40 years. The Langford family agree they are pleased they are able to continue supporting our youth. Pictured from left: Pat Langford hands the scoreboard remote to Darrell Harris as Paul Langford and Aaron Hand, who installed the new scoreboard, enjoy the moment.



Enter Network photo contest

The LaBelle Sports Network, the online community sports Web site brought to you by the Caloosa Belle, announces a photo contest for the best community sports photograph posted to our online sports Web site. We will be giving away a \$25 gift certificate to Forrey's Grill to the best digital community sports photo submitted and posted on the LaBelle Sports Network! Photo must be posted on the site by March 1st and will be judged by the editorial team of the Caloosa Belle and Community Sports Desk. Winner and winning photo will appear also in the paper.

If you're not familiar with LaBelle Sports Network, we invite you to check it out! It's the "Facebook" of community sports. To visit, simply go to newszap.com, then click on the LaBelle community page, then click SPORTS on the upper right part of the page

and then select LaBelle Sports Network. Local school teams and community recreational teams are already utilizing this innovative FREE resource for the community. Interested teams and leagues can go directly to the site or contact Renee Hawley by e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com. Call Renee toll free at 888-853-7904 for a demonstration or to get started right away. Local businesses interested in finding out how to become an advertising sponsor can contact their local advertising representative at 863 675 2541. Twenty per cent of all online advertising revenue will be distributed to participating teams, so this is also a great opportunity for LaBelle businesses to not only reach an online audience, but to also demonstrate their support for our community sports teams and leagues.

Cowboy baseball turns up the heat

The LaBelle Cowboy baseball squad is off to a 2-0 start with victories over Glades Day and N. Fort Myers last week. Against the Gators from Glades Day, the Cowboys got a strong pitching performance from sophomore Steven Sodrel for a 6-0 victory. He pitched six innings, giving up only four hits while striking out ten. Sophomore Bo Meador and seniors Angel Alvarez and Sammy Zamarron had two hits a piece for the Cowboys; senior Frankie Self added a triple.

Against the Red Knights from Fort Myers, the Cowboys exploded for 11 hits on their way to an 11-5 win.

Cowboy Junior Josh McCardel was 3 for 4 at the plate with a double and two runs scored. Sammy Zamarron and freshman Austin Garcia were 2 for 3 and an RBI.

Angel Alvarez pitched three strong innings for the Cowboys, giving up only one hit while striking out six.

Sports Shorts

Attention shotgun shooters

The Shotgun Range at the Hendry County Sheriff's Gun Range will be closed Feb. 27 for Swamp Cabbage weekend.

First come shooters can get free lessons on trap and skeet shooting. Call Ed Kuntz for arrangements 675-6432. Range hours are Saturday and Wednesday 8 a.m.-noon. Lessons will be another time. Also, come join Caloosa Sports Shooters (\$25 per year) and shoot at night on Thursday nights. All trap and skeet rounds of 25 targets are \$4 per round.

For more information call Dave Alexander 863-675-0500 or Ed Kuntz 8630675-6432.

Skeet Shoot Fundraiser

Come to the Second Annual Skeet and Trap Shoot that benefits the local Boy Scouts of LaBelle on March 13, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Gun Range. The cost is \$50 for individual shooters, \$250 for a team of five, including ammunition and a free lunch for shooters. Awards and prizes will be given to the top shooters. The event starts promptly at 9 a.m. Also, Pistol Pete's Hunting and Shooting Supply of LaBelle will raffle a shotgun at a cost of \$10 per ticket or three for \$20.

To sign up or sponsor a team, please call Dave Alexander at 863-675-0500. To buy a raffle ticket, call Pistol Pete's at 863-612-HUNT or stop by their store at 417 W. Hick-poochee Ave in LaBelle. All proceeds will go to the local Boy Scouts for Summer Camp and Summer Camp Supplies.

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Gulf Citrus presents 'Brilliant Orange' Awards

Four Hendry County "first year" teachers were recently presented "Brilliant Orange" Awards in recognition of their outstanding classroom performances during the 2009-2010 school year. The teachers were recognized during the 2010 Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Dinner held at the LaBelle Civic Center LaBelle, on Feb. 2. The awards were fittingly named "Brilliant Orange," as Hendry County ranks as one of Florida's top orange producing counties.

Ron Hamel, Gulf Citrus Growers Association's executive vice president, presented the "Brilliant Orange" awards to the four teachers selected as the best "first year" teachers in Hendry County for the 2009-2010 school year.

Recognized were: Priscilla Canales, a third grade teacher from Central Elementary School in Clewiston; Stephanie Williams, a second grade teacher from Westside Elementary in Clewiston; Michelle Zimmerly,

a second grade teacher from Upthegrove Elementary in LaBelle and Tobe Smith, a Clewiston High School Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher.

The Gulf Citrus Growers Association, in conjunction with the Foundation For Hendry County Public Schools, Inc. annually selects the "Brilliant Orange" teachers based on nominations from each of the school's administrators. GCGA is a trade association representing citrus growers in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties.

Priscilla Canales' principal, Anna Jo Springfield, says, "She has the "classroom management" skills of a teacher who has been in the classroom for many years! She has been able to create a "classroom" . . . of mutual respect and "caring" between herself and her students.

Her positive attitude and work ethic are infectious! She IS making a "difference" at Central Elementary!

Stephanie Williams' principal, Richard Shearer, writes, "She hit the ground "running"... spending nights and weekends preparing for her first day in the classroom and has not stopped! She is not shy about asking questions from our staff . . . and "soaks up" information and knowledge . . . like "a sponge"!

She puts her students at ease and creates a secure learning environment! We are very pleased to have her in the classroom at Westside Elementary.

Michelle Zimmerly's principal, Larry Luckey, II, says, "Mrs. Zimmerly is a "natural" when it comes to teaching children. She develops meaningful lessons that meet or exceed . . . standards, while engaging every student!

She has created excellent learning "partnerships" with her students and their parents . . . which enhance the education process. She is clearly a "team player" and her peers

describe her as "caring," "affectionate," "motivational" and "firm"!

Of Tobe Smith, Clewiston High School guidance counselor Greg Korean writes, "Mr. Smith stepped into "key" roles . . . in our Exceptional Student Education (ESE) department . . . to fill the void left by TWO departures . . . and he has done a remarkable job! He serves as "official recorder" of the RTI (response to intervention) team, and also serves as an active RTI committee member. Smith teaches the Career Exploration class and works to enhance students' employment opportunities within the community.

A true "ambassador . . . he always has a pleasant attitude and willingness to help young people! He puts his personal interests aside . . . is a hard worker, a "do-er" and has a genuine interest in helping young people succeed!



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Gulf Citrus Association's 2010 Brilliant Orange teachers are, from left: CHS ESE teacher Tobe Smith, Upthegrove second grade teacher Michelle Zimmerly and Central Elementary third grade teacher Priscilla Canales are pictured with Gulf Citrus Grower Association's Executive Vice President Ron Hamel. Stephanie Williams, a second grade teacher at Westside Elementary School and new mother, was unable to attend.



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Who is Charley's Aunt?

Is it Joel Hawkins, left, or Tina Kirby? Come to the LaBelle Cultural Center production of Charley's Aunt Friday, Feb. 26 or March 5, or Saturday, Feb. 27 or March 6, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Feb 28 or March 7, at 2 p.m. Call 863-675-3066 to reserve your seat for \$12 or take a chance and come to box office at 241 N. Bridge St. half an hour before the performance date to buy a ticket for \$14.



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