

# Caloosa Belle

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## At a Glance

### Free HIV test

Women represent a growing percentage of the new HIV cases in Florida. Hendry County Health Department (1140 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, and 1100 Olympia, Clewiston) and Glades County Health Department (956 Hwy 27 SW, Moore Haven) will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Wednesday, March 10, for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Get educated, and get tested.

### Free C.N.A. classes

Oakbrook of LaBelle is offering free CNA training with everything you need to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. Schedule to be announced. Apply in person at Oakbrook of LaBelle 250 Broward Ave.

### Library meeting set

The Barron Library Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. Hear first hand what is going on at your local library and learn how you can become Friend of the Library. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

### Hope for Haiti

Oakbrook of LaBelle is accepting donations of non-perishable food items to help the earthquake victims of Haiti. Please drop off your donations at Oakbrook of LaBelle, 250 Broward Ave.

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## 2010 Festival: One for the books



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The Town Stitched with Love was the focal point of the Swamp Cabbage Parade judges' overall award winner from Christ Central. Enjoy more SCF photos on Pages 8, 9 and 16.

## Jack Paul, a man of the good earth

by Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

After 40 years on the Hendry County Board of Supervisors for Soil and Water, formerly the Soil Conservation District, Jack Paul is retiring. The board recently presented him with a plaque for outstanding and dedicated service to the Hendry County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The old Soil Conservation Board is now the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), but the work continues. Bottom line, the organization still provides local input into large conservation planning and projects.

From Jan. 1970 through Jan.

2010, Mr. Paul has been one of the organization's guiding hands at a time when water conservation became of supreme importance.

Back in the '70s, Mr. Paul said their main concern was drawing plans for flood control and irrigation, helping farmers meet their goals for permitting, as well as teaching and advising.

The group has grown, becoming more organized, he said. They work with state and federal organizations. Most importantly, he believes, years ago they set up agriculture's first Best Management Practices (BMPs) and proved that they would work.

A letter from former County

Agent Dallas Townsend points to Mr. Paul's work in the 1970's with the Federal 208 Water Quality Study, which showed that citrus and other agricultural land uses were not polluting the Caloosahatchee River as was alleged by some environmentalists.

Over the years, Mr. Paul has served in many capacities including president of the Soil Conservation District for Florida. In 2004 he was the Florida Association of County Agriculture Agents outstanding agent nominee.

Along with others on the South Florida Agricultural Council, Mr. Paul helped make the University

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## County courts industry

by Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

A very insecure future for Hendry County is beginning to show some important signs of regeneration. Two items at the Feb. 23 county commission meeting indicate some strong possibilities for economic growth.

First, the commissioners approved an 81 percent tax abatement of county taxes over nine years for a company called Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC. The company plans to provide 47 jobs and invest some \$90 million in a refinery to make ethanol from sweet sorghum. The sorghum would be grown on leased property with sandy soil in Hendry County.

In addition, another 40-some jobs could be provided outside the refinery in ancillary positions like drivers and farm support.

The exemption will begin Jan. 1, 2011, and continue until Dec. 31, 2019. If the company fails to create 47 new jobs in the first three years, the exemption will terminate as of Dec. 31, 2013. Southeast Renewable Fuels must submit an annual report by March 1 every year attesting that it is in compliance.

The refinery will be located on CR 832 south of Clewiston about 12 miles.

Staff has also been meeting with representatives of Florida Cargo Fresh Inc., which hopes to develop aviation facilities at Airglades Airport. The company feels Hendry

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Jack Paul, seated, receives a plaque for 40 years of service to conservation, presented by Dan Rutledge.

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## River lots remain intact: HRMC promotes referendum

by Patty Brant

Caloosa Belle

Sitting as the Local Planning Agency on Feb. 11, LaBelle city commissioners recommended denial of a proposal to reduce lot sizes in areas along the river. Later, as the city commission, the board allowed that proposal to die. They cited opposition from residents, who felt the plan would inordinately increase the concentration of population in affected areas, change the character of those neighborhoods and decrease property values.

Two other proposed ordinances were approved by the LPA and will be voted on at the board's regular March meeting. The first concerns language strengthening commercial design standards with regard to allowable colors on commercial buildings.

The second would limit types of storage buildings and provide buffering for outside storage containers in industrial areas.

### In other business:

Representatives of Hendry Regional Medical Center gave a presentation on the March 9 referendum seeking approval to use one of its 2.9 mill in ad valorem hospital taxes to build a new emergency room at the hospital in Clewiston and expand the convenient care center in LaBelle. They also hope to attract more doctors.

HRMC Foundation Chairman Robbie Castellanos said they are working toward "state of the art" health care close to home. According to HRMC representatives, the \$14 million plan would require no new taxes. A referendum is needed because it will take over a year to complete.

Hospital personnel said HRMC has taken its \$5 million debt to 0 in five years, paid in full for a \$3 million convenient care center in LaBelle - an \$8 million turnaround in five years. The convenient care center has served 18,000 patient visits since October 2007, commissioners were told, some 730 per month. The four-acre site is large enough for expansion. The center provides a primary care doctor, walk-in emergency, surgical consultations, mid level practice; workers comp, lab and x-ray services, physical and occupational therapy. It is open 12 hours a day M-F plus Saturday hours.

They promoted the hospital as an economic generator, saying that hospitals attract businesses.

## Industry

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County is the best strategic location for its purpose.

According to County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf, the study will determine if Hendry County is as ideal a location as company representatives believe. Florida Cargo Fresh would coordinate the transport of flowers, pharmaceuticals, exotic fruits and vegetables and seafood, providing a site to redirect cargo traffic from Miami to Hendry County.

At the Feb. 23 meeting, the commission agreed to support a study to be carried out by Florida Cargo Fresh. FCF will pay for the feasibility analysis and is not seeking any financial support from the county.

FCF is seeking a 24-month lease on property at Airglades.

## Paul

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of Florida's Southwest Florida Research and Education Center at Immokalee a reality.

In his early years, Mr. Paul spent two years in the Peace Corps working with farmers in India. In 1965 he came to LaBelle to help manage his father's citrus business, Bob Paul, Inc.

His research demonstrations led to more efficient water systems and he became known in Florida for his expertise in growing citrus in flatwood soils.

At the Feb. 21 meeting, colleagues told Mr. Paul, "Your legacy will affect our children's children for generations to come." These days, no one - farmers included - can afford to waste precious resources.

After 40 years conserving nature's gifts, Mr. Paul said he still has the same core belief. It's our duty to conserve nature and "leave a small footprint."

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# United Way makes push toward \$8 million goal

FORT MYERS, Fla. (February 10, 2010) – The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades is approaching the conclusion of the 2009-2010 Campaign. As of Jan. 30, the United Way Campaign raised \$7,020,605, or 86% of the goal of \$8,020,330.

Joe Catti, United Way Campaign Chair and President of FineMark National Bank and Trust said of the campaign, "Now is the time for action. Now is the time where your help is truly needed."



**Joe Catti**

"As this year's United Way Chair, I personally visited all 72 United Way Partner Agencies and saw firsthand the positive impact that the 160 United Way supported programs are making in people's lives. I know the United Way Network is in place and working diligently to assist the people in our community at a time when they need it most," Catti said.

"In order to meet these needs, the United Way's goal this year is \$8,020,330. Is it attainable? Absolutely, but only with your help. You have the power to make a difference in the lives of your neighbor, friends, co-workers, and even your own family members who may need the services of a United Way Partner Agency.

"Last year was a tough year for this community, but we pulled together and reached the \$8 million goal. Our community's citizens have shown time and again that they will help their friends, neighbors, and co-workers when times are really tough. The increased human needs in our community are huge but so is the generosity of people like you.

"The community has really rallied this year to help meet the increased social service needs. So far, our community has raised just over \$7 million. We still have a million more to raise with 3 weeks to go. It will take every one of us doing what we can to make it. However, this isn't just about making a number. The ultimate goal is to meet the needs in our community. That will be true success!" he continued.

"Thank you to those of you who have already given. If you haven't given yet, it's not too late. Remember that YOU have the power to make a difference in our community. Thank you for your continued support of United Way," Catti concluded.

The support of the community will allow the 72 United Way Partner Agencies and over 160 programs and initiatives to receive their full United Way funding, so essential human services will be available in our community at a time when there are record needs.

Since the inception of United Way in

1957, 88 million dollars have been raised in our community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way Partner Agencies and initiatives such as the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, LARC and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live inde-

pendently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods. In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has been "the way the community cares" since it was established in 1957. For more information, or to make a contribution please call United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades at (239) 433-2000 or visit [www.unit-edwaylee.org](http://www.unit-edwaylee.org).

## Arrests

### LaBelle

Pablo Rayo Jr., 22, was arrested Feb. 26 and charged with nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

### Clewiston

Angel I. Mayan-Martinez, 39, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with obstructing justice intimidate, threaten etc. victim, witness informant. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Alexis Mayan-Martinez, 35, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with battery touch or strike, battery cruelty toward a child with no great harm, obstruction of justice and contempt of court - violate a no contact order. B. Van Fleet was arresting officer.

# LaBelle Drug Court graduates moving on

On January 14, 2010, two Drug Court participants graduated in LaBelle after two years of a difficult journey from addiction and crime to freedom from both. CPSO Kathy Lombardo gave a moving speech to the audience where she told of how both offenders have changed during this process from angry unreachable men to the present day happy, hard working and positive citizens they have become.

Circuit Judge Christine Greider doesn't call the event a graduation, but instead refers to it as a "moving on" ceremony where the offenders know that this is the first day

of the rest of their recovery process and where the real work begins.

She explained that now they are on their own without the support of the Drug Court team and encouraged the men to stay focused on their sobriety and to stay connected to the team. Both men pledged to continue staying in contact with Officer Lombardo and visit Drug Court often.

The last order of business was when Assistant State Attorney nolle prossed both men's charges and announced their freedom.

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# Lent is time for reflection

So, this is Lent. The season of introspection and reflection. How's it going so far? Well, I thought I'd offer a question to help you along. Who is your god? Or, to put it a bit differently, what is your god?

Try not to take the easy way out and dismiss the whole thing saying, "God is my god." Maybe yes, maybe no. The point of a Lenten reflection here is to find out if God really is the one you worship, or if he's been replaced with something or someone else. I'll start with a definition: whatever is most important in your life is your god.

I knew a woman once whose husband wanted nothing to do with God. And he wanted her to have nothing to do with God. (Now before you start looking around LaBelle to see who I'm talking about, it's not anyone around here. I won't use local folks for illustration!) She acquiesced to his demands and drifted away, first from worship, then from God. Eventually her faith became just a vague belief that there is a God. Before you decide I'm being hard on her in a difficult situation, I have known many others in very similar situations who found ways to deal with the problem without compromising their faith. It can be done. And if you're one who is intentionally pulling another person from their faith, this should be your time to reflect on what you're about.

I've known people who were so committed to career building that everything else took a back seat. I've seen this happen with clergy who became more intent on progressing in their chosen work than in caring for the people in their charge. We live in a culture that encourages concentration on jobs, careers, income, wealth, etc. There might be just a slightly sad head shake if a marriage breaks up or health fails. There's nothing inherently wrong with developing a career, but it needs to be in balance, not

## Thank You

On behalf of the 2010 Pioneer Family, I would just like to say "Wow!" It was a great experience for our family, made even better by the care and attention of the SCF committee and especially Terri Lazar.

You have all helped make some very special memories for the Touchstone/Davis family.

Tracy Cross Mills

in place of God. And yes, I've known some extremely successful people who have also been committed, effective believers.

The last ones I'll mention here are some of the people I've known who have been committed to doing good works. They've been involved in all sorts of worthwhile endeavors, in organizations devoted to helping other people. But they've become so involved that this work took the place of God in their lives. There simply wasn't enough time left for prayer, or study, or worship. This, in fact, may be the most seductive god of all. No amount of doing good, as important as that is, can take the place of God. And if we give people all sorts of help without pointing them toward God, we are seriously shortchanging them.

These are a few of the things that most, if not all, of us fall into at one time or another. All I can say for myself is, "Been there, done that." This is the season for self examination and corrections. The good news is that as we identify and seek to change the shortcomings in our lives, there is immediate forgiveness and assistance from the God. It is good to remember that Easter is coming!

*Fr. Alan is pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, located one block south of Rt 80 on Colingswood Phwy in Port LaBelle. 863-675-0385. FaithMarketplace@embarqmail.com.*



Fr. Alan Kelmereit

## Public Forum

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

### Toyota recalls

For several years the media has taken great glee in reporting every little glitch that any Detroit auto maker has encountered, often while extolling the virtues of some import. Well, now those amazing people who gave us Pearl Harbor have a massive one. Do I feel sorry for them? Not one bit, Do I feel sorry for the people who bought their cars? Same.

## Referendum: Should HRMC expand?

### Vote No

I was so depressed after watching the OBAMACARE Health Summit, that I thought there was no way that I could be more depressed. That is, until I read in the Caloosa Belle the acting CEO of the Hendry Regional Medical Center, Lynn Beasley's article seeking to substantiate voters approval on March 9, of a \$14 million hospital bond approval proposition.

This shot across the bow of an already fatally stressed local, county, state and national taxpaying citizen populace, in combination with unprecedented, record unemployment really "taxed," even my imagination. As proficient as Beasley brags HRMC is in medical prowess and procedures, it is my understanding that it is physically impossible to "get blood out of a turnip" or more importantly, a 'drained,' broken, world-wide economy.

I'll probably never know for sure, but I think Beasley's letter is what pushed me into calling "LIFELINE", where I got some crisis call center somewhere in Pakistan. When I told them I was feeling suicidal, they got very excited and asked if I could drive a bus or a truck. Being "old school" and never one to "count my chickens before they hatch," I'm encouraging all caring, responsible, tax-paying citizens to vote no. This is based on the assumption that Beasley as a CEO for the Quorum Health Group that provides, for a fee, management consultation services for the HRMC Board of Directors, and since it is common knowledge, knows that, just 20 miles away, in Belle Glade, is a state of the art, \$50 million hospital. Also, in the very near future, in Glades county, there is coming on stream a \$5 million Health Center.

So, maybe it's not for me to say what responsible, informed, tax-paying, citizens voters might, or might not do, on March 9, 2010, but I am reminded of that old saying attributed to Aesop that says, "One of the secrets for success in life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks."

Short of "walking on water", by knowing where the "stepping stones" are positioned, I would suggest that "timing in life" is everything, and Beasley's plea that "Voting no on March 9, then, would be disheartening", is more properly evidence that HRMC is "out of step" in making their proposal, at least at this time and for now.

**T. W. Bill Neville**  
Hendry County Citizen & Taxpayer

### Vote Yes

Hendry Regional Medical Center has been planning the construction of a new Emergency Department in Clewiston and expanded services in LaBelle. However, due to an amendment in the Florida Constitution, we must have your vote of approval to move forward.

The hospital is seeking approval from you, a citizen of Hendry County, to pledge or allocate up to one mill of the existing ad valorem taxes (out of the current 2.9 mills set) to guarantee bonds for these capital projects, without raising taxes. The hospital is seeking a \$14 million bond.

A special hospital election has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 9. (All Hendry County precincts will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.) It's all about allowing Hendry Regional Medical Center to develop STATE-OF-THE-ART HEALTHCARE, CLOSE TO HOME:

1). Expanded Services in LaBelle. This center, located at 450 S. Main Street, opened in October 2007. It has served over 18,000 patients since that time and is now serving approximately 730 patients per month. Services include primary care physicians, walk-in minor emergencies, surgical consultations and minor procedures, mid-level practitioners, worker's compensation, lab and x-ray and physical and occupational therapy. It is open M-F 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon. The hospital plans to expand health-care services, recruit additional physician specialties such as an orthopedic surgeon, pediatrician; expand out-patient diagnostics such as imaging and lab services.

2). A New Emergency Department in Clewiston would replace the 57-year-old emergency department with a new state-of-the-art facility.

Within recent years HRMC has recruited ten physicians to Hendry County including two general surgeons, four internal medicine specialists, one family practitioner, one cardiologist, one anesthesiologist and one hospitalist.

HRMC urges all citizens to vote in the March 9 referendum. You must bring a photo ID with you to the polls in order to cast your ballot.

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### Standing tall

Georgia resident David Smith has earned the Redmond Regional Medical Center Foundation 24th annual Heart of the Community Awards for accomplishments and unselfish natures. Feb. 2010. A 1988 graduate of LaBelle High School and also of Stetson University, he is an attorney and member of the Board of Governors for the Georgia Bar Association. He is on the Rome Floyd County Habitat Board, chairman of pro bono services of Rome Bar Association and an advocate for the elderly and the underserved. He and his wife, Karen, have been married since 2002 and have a son, three-year-old Grady. He is the son of Judy Smith and nephew of Tommy Smith of LaBelle.



### Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant Connecting with the past

That's what the Old Timers Dinner is all about - connecting LaBelle's past and present. Dorothy Risher, seated, and Katherine "Kay" Curry were the two most vintage participants at the Old Timers Dinner Feb. 25. Both ladies were born in October 1916 in LaBelle. Kay now lives in Texas. Her fondest memory of her days in LaBelle are of her Indian pony, Chepco. Dorothy Risher still lives in LaBelle. Her father owned a garage. It was the 15th annual celebration of Old Timers in LaBelle, welcoming both old and new faces. That first event was in 1996 and was the beginning of a tradition that continues to grow every year.

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Lifeline Assistance is another federally-sponsored program for low-income customers. It provides a discount to the monthly charge for basic residential telephone service. Lifeline Assistance Program rates have been reduced and guidelines have been changed to allow for more low-income customers.

To qualify for both programs, customers may enroll in the CenturyLink Lifeline program by providing verification that they meet state low-income eligibility requirements. In addition, Tribal Telephone Assistance is available for those living on federally-recognized American Indian Tribal lands.

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# HCSO kicks off Click It or Ticket

Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden and members his department are joining forces with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies across Florida in renewing a pledge to save lives by cracking down on motorists who drive without wearing seat belts and properly restraining children.

Law enforcement officers will not only be targeting major roadways but also school zones ticketing drivers and passengers, including children under 18, who are not buckled up. The statewide campaign runs March 1 thru March 15, 2010.

According to 2008 data from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2,938 individuals were either drivers or passengers in safety belt equipped vehicles. Sixty percent (1,085) of these people killed were not wearing safety belt. In addition to that, 54 of the 79 children ages 0 - 17 years old, killed in traffic crashes were either not using safety belts or restrained in child restraint device.

"With 30 percent of traffic fatalities due

to Floridians failing to buckle up regularly, it's clear that far too many people still don't take the safety belt law seriously," Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden said. "The unbuckled rate is especially high - and the fatal crash rate increases significantly at night. So look for us to be out on streets both day and night in March making sure that everyone is buckled up."

A seat belt usage survey conducted at three major intersections in Hendry County indicated a seat belt usage of 45%; less than 50% percent of drivers and their passenger's utilized safety belts.

Sheriff Whidden said, "Wearing your seat belt is easy and it costs you nothing. Not wearing it might cost you a ticket, or worse - your life. I urge everyone in Hendry County to please be safe and buckle up day and night - Click It or Ticket It."

## School Briefs

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Bruce Alan Whitehead, 54

LABELLE — Bruce Alan Whitehead, age 54, of LaBelle, passed away Feb. 28, 2010, in LaBelle.

He was born July 20, 1955, the son of the late James Whitehead and Barbara (Browning) Crawford.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie (Williams) Whitehead of LaBelle; sons, Joshua James Shirley of New York and Luke Shirley of Pennsylvania; mother, Barbara Crawford of Florida; brothers, James Whitehead of New Port Richey and Danny Whitehead of New Jersey; sisters, Kimberly Rayburn of Florida, Jodie Harmon of Fellsmere; step sisters, Carolyn Brock of Sebring, Elaine Sadeghi of Lutz, Carol Jean Bindas of New Jersey, Diane Stelmach of New Jersey, and Judy Davie of New Jersey; and grandchildren, Victoria, Sophia and Caleb Shirley.

Funeral services will be held 5 p.m., today, March 4, 2010, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor Johnny Jarriel officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### Ellen Jane McCartney Harrison

LABELLE — Ellen Jane McCartney Harrison, passed away February 12, 2010.

She was born in Logansport, Ind. and had lived in LaBelle for 32 years. She was a housewife. She was a member of the 9th Street Christian Church and the Logansport Order of

Eastern Star Lodge 058.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Jackson Harrison; and daughter, Penny Harrison Haynes.

She is survived by her children, Jack (Rowena) Harrison of Okeechobee, Fred Harrison of LaBelle, and Jean (Byron) Harrison Smith of LaBelle; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at Oakbrook of LaBelle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association.

# COE adds service projects

The Scholars Club is a group at COES who have an A or A/B average, excellent conduct and leadership qualities. They have worked hard to get all students at COE involved in community service projects this year. When the bad economic times made the holidays difficult for many local families, the students held a Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive. When an earthquake rocked Haiti, the students raised over \$200 for relief efforts. When the Muscular Dystrophy Association needed schools to support their Shamrocks for MDA fundraiser, the Scholars Club signed COES up for the job. They set their goal at \$800, which would send one child to MDA Summer Camp this year. They are already at almost \$200 and working hard

to meet their goal and make a difference in someone's life.

The Colts Conserve Club will be hosting Science Night on March 5 at COES. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and allow COES families to do simple hands-on science activities together. Colts Conserve is a student organization that runs recycling programs at school and emphasizes science in and outside of the classroom. Students have also adopted endangered animals as part of their conservation efforts.

The students at COES are always ready to lend a hand to a good cause. They are willing to work to make a difference in other people's lives.

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## Church Briefs

### 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.

### Changes taking place at Freedom Fellowship

Freedom Fellowship Ministries' office hours remain the same, 9-1 Mondays. The food bank is open during this time. The counseling center will be canceling activities for the time being. For assistance please call the office at 862-612-9899.

### 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 col-

lecting 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.

### Freedom Counseling Center programs

Freedom Counseling and Service Center has relocated and changed hours. The new location is 1301 SR 29N, one half mile north of the drawbridge. The new hours are Monday only 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for the food bank. If you need assistance at other times call the office at 863-612-9899. Counseling and class hours are as follows: 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.

### 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.



Submitted photo

### Charley's Aunt

Brandon Thomas's evergreen 1892 comedy *Charley's Aunt*, the next LaBelle Firehouse Players production, continues Saturday, March 6, also at 7 p.m. or Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at LaBelle's Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 N. Bridge St. Charley Wykeham and Jack Chesney's plot to get Amy Spettigue and Kitty Verdun to lunch to meet Charley's rich aunt from Brazil and then ask the young ladies to marry them is foiled when the aunt telegraphs to say she will not be able to come for her planned visit. The boys know the girls will not come unless Charley's Aunt is there. What to do? Lord Fancourt Babberley, who just happens to be rehearsing the part of an old lady for a college frat play, is cajoled into impersonating Charley's Aunt from Brazil "where the nuts are." This starts the first act of this zany British comedy that many call one of the best comic farces ever written. Advance reservations, secured by Visa or MasterCard, are \$12 each; tickets at the door, on a first come basis if available, are \$14 each. Call (863)675-3066 to reserve seats for Friday, March 5, at 7 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27 or March 6, also at 7 o'clock, or March 7, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Pictured from left: Seated from left: Joel Hawkins and Tina Kirby. Standing: Ethan Zimmerman, Travis Dowhen, Chandler Bridwell and Breanna Brown.



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### Baptist



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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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Pastor John Bennett

#### WORSHIP TIMES

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

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Little Mr. and Little Miss 2010

Toddlers: Front row from left: Daniel Isaias DeLaCruz Jr., 18 months (overall boys winner), son of Danny and Low DeLaCruz; Haylee Kats, 22 months, daughter of Tracy and Dan Katz, Armando Vargas Jr., one year old, son of Armando Vargas and Barbara Brogdon. Back row, from left: Jazmine Janigh Pequeno, 1 1/2 years old (overall girls winner), daughter of Cecelia Pequeno, Orlando Camacho Jr., one year old, son of Florinda Camacho, Yahir Manuel Gonzalez, 1/2 years old, son of Juan Manuel Gonzales and Sandy Santoyo and Hiram Lee Hernandez Jr., one year old, son of Joana and Hiram Hernandez. Fernando Hernandez, two years, son of Genara Mendoza, and Lorenzo J. Reyes, one year old, son of Genera Mendoza, were not pictured.



This was the fourth year for the Little Mr. and Little Miss contest which has the little ones collecting scholarship money for the SCF Queen and Princess scholarships. Winners were: Babies: Robert Kingman IV, 6 1/2 months old, son of Jennifer and Robert Kingman, Zelene Olguin, nine months, daughter of Ramiro and Gloria Olguin, and Zain Cleofas Yzaguirre, 5 months old, son of Christina Herrera.



Pre-School 3-4 years old, from left: Alexis N. Camacho, 4, daughter of Florinda Camacho, Mykah Anderson, 4, daughter of Mike and Marlena Anderson, Isabelle Perez, 4, daughter of Amanda and Rigo Perez, and Miariah Lynn Lange, 3, daughter of John Lange and Lacey Gauss.



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Amanda Howard and her ten-year-old daughter, Kayla, came in all smiles to finish out the SCF 5K. It was Kayla's first 5K.



George Briede, veteran of WWII and Iwo Jima, has been a member of the American Legion for over 60 years.

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

### SCF 2010



The Seminole Tribe once again came out to support the Swamp Cabbage Festival. Their float presented some of the Tribe's loveliest and most colorful children.



The rains came down on the SCF Parade, but it didn't stop die-hard festival goers!



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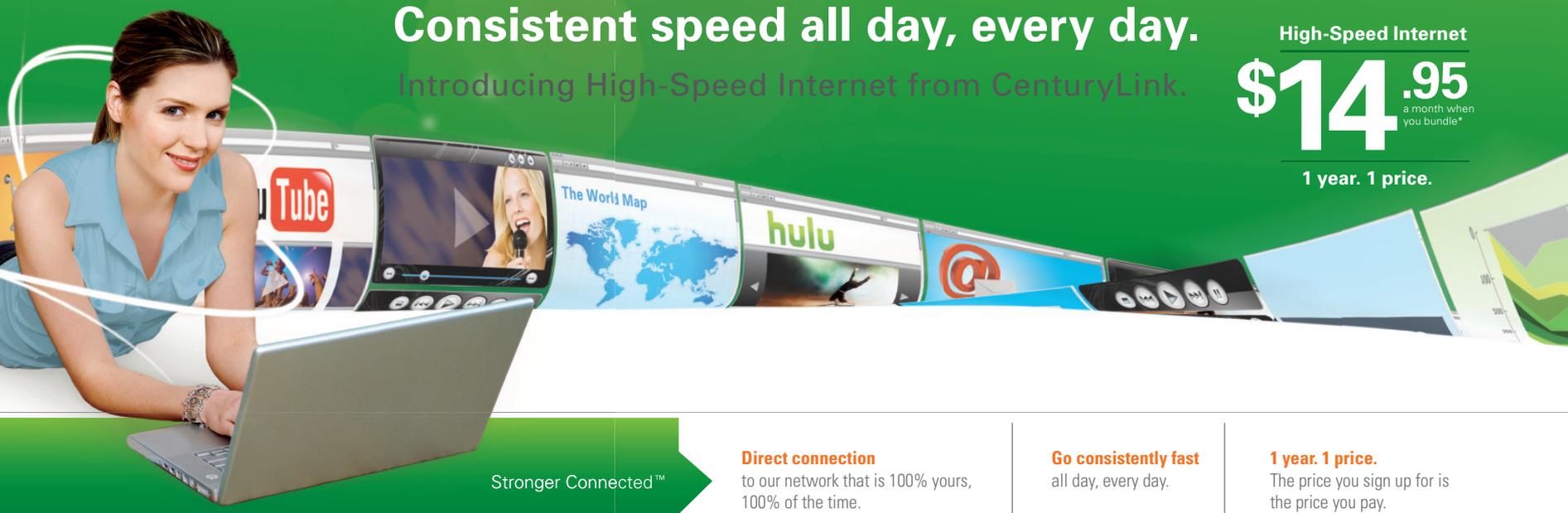
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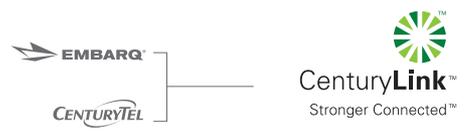
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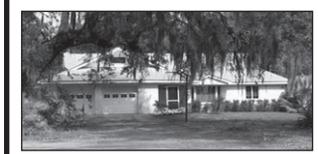
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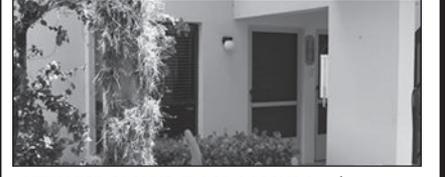
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First come shooters can get free lessons on trap and skeet shooting. Call Ed Kuntz for arrangements 675-6432. Range hours are Saturday and Wednesday 8 a.m.-noon. Lessons will be another time. Also, come join Caloosa Sports Shooters (\$25 per year)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

### Are you ready for tennis?

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

### 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 Sheriffs 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. Hickpoochee Ave in LaBelle. All proceeds will go to the local Boy Scouts for Summer Camp and Summer Camp Supplies.

### Attention shooters

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

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# Cowboy baseball at 3-1

The LaBelle varsity baseball team went one and one last week as they lost to Bishop Verot, 12-3, and then bounced back for an 11-1 win over Gateway Charter.

Against Bishop Verot, the Vikings blew open a close game in the sixth inning as they scored 6 runs on 3 errors to give the Cowboys their first loss of the season.

LaBelle sophomore pitcher Steven Sordrel threw 5 strong innings giving up only 3 earned runs while striking out 6 Viking hitters. The Cowboys were led by senior Angel Alvarez at the plate, going 2 for 2 while freshman Austin Garcia smacked a double.

Against Gateway, the Cowboys received another good performance from its pitching staff as Austin Garcia shut out the Griffins on one hit through four innings. The freshman fanned 5 and walked 2 for his first high school victory.

The Cowboys pounded out 10 hits on offense with senior Frankie Self getting the lone extra base hit with a double.

The Cowboys are now 3-1 on the season.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Always there for the Cowboys

Support from the LaBelle Kiwanis Club sponsors LHS track meet trophies for the Cowboy Invitational on March 5. The Cowboys would love fans to come out to the track and enjoy the events, beginning at 4 p.m. that day. Pictured from left: Head LHS Track Coach Dave Tippett, Dawn Jeffries of Kiwanis and girls track coach Jennifer McClain.

## Sports Network open to local teams

Local sports teams have a free site online sports page partnered by the Caloosa Belle and Community Sports Desk, a national sports software company. Post your info and photos on dedicated web pages sponsored by web advertising; 20% of sales on the site go back to the participating teams and

leagues. To be a sponsor, call the Caloosa Belle 863 675-2541. Teams and leagues can call Renee Hawley 888-853-7904 or e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com. To visit the LaBelle Sports Network, go to newszap.com, click on the LaBelle homepage, then the Sports tab in the upper right.

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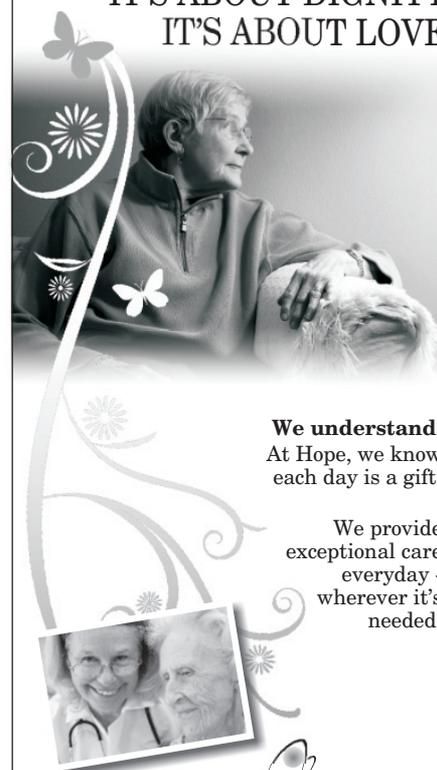


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### Recreation Staff Assistant.

Application must be submitted by Thursday, March 18, 2010 no later than 5:30 pm. Applications, job descriptions & requirements are available at the Hendry County Personnel department located at 165 S. Lee St., LaBelle, FL (863)612-4782 or (863)675-5347

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**Rabbits, cavies win at Livestock show**

By Sonja Crawford

The LaBelle Youth Livestock Rabbit and Cavy Show was held on Monday, Feb. 15, with Susie Rowland, Lakeland, Florida serving as the official judge. Exhibitors were judged on the Danish system using blue, red and white ribbons for each rabbit and cavy entry.

Many 4-H'ers exhibited more than one rabbit. Alexas Caputo, 3 blue ribbons; Jake Coronado, 3 blue ribbons; Jessica Coronado, 6 blue ribbons; Victoria Magana, 1 blue ribbon; Justin Mickelsen, 3 blue ribbons; Dustin Padgett, 4 blue ribbons; Xavier Pearson, 2 blue ribbons; Viviana Rodriquez, 1 blue ribbon; Ciara

Rutter, 2 blue ribbons; Dakota Rutter, 2 blue ribbons; and Stephen Woosley, 5 blue ribbons.

Stephen Woosley had Best of Show award with his Lionhead doe. The Dwarf buck exhibited by Victoria Magana was Best Opposite.

In the cavy division; Ciara Rutter exhibited two cavies, both receiving blue ribbons. Dakota Rutter received one blue ribbon for her entry. Ciara Rutter was awarded Grand Champion with her American sow with Dakota Rutter achieving Reserve Champion with her American sow.

The Rabbit and Cavy exhibitors were either members of the Pioneer

Small Animal 4-H Club led by Pat Bosley or the All Kinds of Critters 4-H Club led by Kathy Mickelson.



Submitted photo/Sonja Crawford Stephen Woosley (Best of Show) and Victoria Magana (Best Opposite).

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**PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Supervisors of the Port LaBelle Community Development District. The remaining Board is authorized to appoint a successor to the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Applicants are sought for the position and must be a resident of the District. Applications should be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., 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 Delwood Terrace, LaBelle, FL or mailed to the following address:  
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**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**  
SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 3/23/10  
SUBJECT AREA: 600 Philosophy and General Statement  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for philosophy and general statement.  
CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1006.21(3), 1001.42, 1001.43 F.S., 6A-3.01 and 6A-3.17 S.B.R.  
CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1006.21(3), 1001.42, 1001.43 F.S., 6A-3.01 and 6A-3.17 S.B.R.  
FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for philosophy and general statement.  
STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.  
LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on March 23, 2010.  
**Notice:** Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.  
**Notice:** If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.  
**Notice:** The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.  
**Notice:** Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.  
**Notice:** The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.  
**Notice:** If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.  
**Notice:** If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(c), F.S.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 03/19/2010, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
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**MARCH 15, 2010 @ 8:00AM**  
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VIN# EKHD05764H506  
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**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- This project is reserved for bidding by "Small Businesses".  
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  
E1I28- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Thermoplastic and Painted Long Line Striping and Marking and Retro Reflective Pavement Markers in DeSoto & Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$108,586.00  
E1I29- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Road and Bridge Sweeping in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00  
E1I30- 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.  
346722 CGS/CB 2/25;4/4/10

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LABELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
There will be a LaBelle Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Board Room, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle.  
All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.  
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County  
347673 CGS/CB 03/04/10

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP, REGULAR MEETING AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and continued hearing to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. **The continued public hearing and meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on March 18, 2010 at the Central Florida Visitor Center Auditorium, 101 Adventure Court, Davenport, FL. The board will participate in a strategic planning workshop at the same location and date beginning at 9:00 AM. The continued public hearing is to consider adoption of a water and wastewater impact fee and water connection fee schedule within the FGUA service area serving the Lindrick Utility System of Pasco County.** All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board toll free at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900. 347406 CGS 3/4/10

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The Loyal Order of the Moose took second place at the SCF Parade this year.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
VFW Post 10100's overview of American patriotism was the judges' choice for first place float in the SCF Parade.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
C.W. Pritchard from Moore Haven earned third place in the SCF Parade with this unique snap shot of pioneer life in the area.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
Bobby Bare and his entourage capped off another great Swamp Cabbage Festival with some great oldies to get folks' toes tapping.

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