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At a Glance

Bridge closing

The Ft Denaud Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic on March 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. For additional information please call 863-675-5264.

Annual Barron Library meeting today

The Barron Library will celebrate 2010 Ag Literacy Day Thursday, March 25, with the reading of an informational book on local agriculture entitled, Green Florida Farms, and with the planting of a tree. This event will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Ag Literacy Day educates Florida school children about the importance of agriculture. The agriculture specialty license tag known as the Ag Tag, funds Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, a non-profit organization. Florida Agriculture in the Classroom provides curricula, materials, workshops and other programs for free or for a nominal fee to teachers, giving them creative ways to teach language arts, math, social studies and science and meet Sunshine State and Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) standards.

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Night at the Oscars: Glitz Galore

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Lucky Winners

The civic center was filled with folks costumed as movie greats at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce's wacky, glamorous "Night at the Oscars" March 20. Filled with opportunities to win cash, a silent auction and great food, this annual event got everybody's blood flowing! The last five ticket owners opted to split the \$8,000 grand prize Saturday night at the annual LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Giveaway. Pictured from left: Cheri Tenson, Randy Daniels and Annie Parker (for Dr. Chow). Not pictured: Raymond Crawford and Donnie Crawford.



Nature Park Fire Story Page 3



Submitted photo

Authorities have yet to discover the cause of a fire at the Nature Park .

Deputies question shootings

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Deputies are investigating two shooting incidents at this time - one in LaBelle and one in Clewiston. Both occurred Sunday, March 21, and details are sketchy in each.

In LaBelle, deputies were called to 1333 Shawnee Ave. at 3:45 a.m. in regard to a shooting. There they encountered victim Jose Angel Lopez-Espinoza, 37, who appeared to have a gunshot wound to the stomach area. He refused transport to the hospital.

Deputies found five casings in the vicinity and a number of persons were interviewed concerning the incident. No arrests have been

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Guardians there for kids in court

By Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

In a complicated world such as the courts, adults can rely on professionals like lawyers to guide them through the legal maze. So how much more difficult is it for a child? How easy is it for a child to get lost in a place like the court system?

In that very adult world, Guardians ad Litem (GAL) step in on

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behalf of the child. Guardians speak as an independent voice for a child caught up in the court system.

Guardians are assigned to children who are the victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment - not custody cases. If it is determined that a child caught up in abuse or neglect cases should be removed from the home, he or she will be placed with a relative if possible. Barring that, the child will be placed in a foster home or possibly a shelter to safeguard them. In any case, it's a scary prospect for a child, to be taken out of the life they know - even if it's abusive - and placed in a strange environment.

The GAL is there for the child. They are volunteers who spend time with these children, talk to them, find out what they need and then get them the help they need. They are the lifeline for a child who otherwise can end up lost in the legal system.

Once a judge has the basic facts of a case, the parent will get a case plan from the Department of Children & Families - a list of things to do in order to "get right" with the law. The plan may include things like taking anger management or parenting classes and undergoing drug testing and counseling.

That's a major issue affecting children. In Hendry/Glades, some 90 percent of all abuse and neglect cases are drug related.

In February of this year there were 1,258 children involved in dependency court in the 20th Circuit.

County Judge Sloan has had lengthy experience with the Guardian ad Litem program, going back to the early '80s, with the firm he first began practicing law with.

"I have always found it to be a very worthwhile program," he said. "These are advocates for the child. The child is the only interest the Guardian has in a case."

Often the parents are battling the court and are involved in their own interests. Unfortunately, the parents' interests are not always right for everyone. That can leave a child adrift on his or her own when they desperately need a "partner" to see them through.

Providing support through the legal process is every Guardian's sole purpose.

Sometimes there is valid reason to remove a child from the home. The Guardian is a friendly face the child can relate to, who offers a different perspective on cases that can be very complicated.

If parents do not agree with the judge's ruling, they can make their argument to the court.

The judge is the person who requests a GAL for cases and the program makes the assignment. Guardians have the option of choosing to accept a case or not. For instance, they may feel more comfortable with small children or older children or the other way around.

Judge Sloan said he wants to be confident that the GAL has invested the necessary time and research to adequately represent the child. He wants to know that they have talked to the child and have a working knowledge of the facts. He looks for a reasonable analysis from the Guardian.

Most GALs speak for the child in the

courtroom, but sometimes, depending on the child's age and the case, the judge will speak directly to the child.

The GAL office is required to appoint a Guardian within 30 days. However, there are just not enough Guardians to meet the demand. If a GAL cannot be found for a child in need, Judge Sloan said he believes that child, and the court, lose a valuable asset.

If no GAL is available, Judge Sloan said he then looks even harder at the case himself.

"I go through the same analysis the Guardian would," he said. The more information you have, the better decision you can make. Without a Guardian, something could be missed. "That troubles me," the judge explained.

Angela Boykin has been with the program for three years. Retired from the Department of Corrections, she then took a job as secretary with the program.

Seeing the need, she soon opted to move into a larger role and is now the program's Volunteer Supervisor and Recruiter for Hendry County. Ms. Boykin had been with the GAL Program in Port Charlotte since 2007 and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services.

At this time she handles eight cases herself, but said she realizes that's not the best way to serve the children's needs. Her priority is to increase the number of Guardians in Hendry/Glades. Her goal is to have a Guardian for every child who needs one. Hendry/Glades currently has a total 15 GAL volunteers and 61 cases, so not all children have Guardians assigned to them. There simply aren't enough to go around.

Ms. Boykin said Guardians are especially needed in Clewiston and Glades County. Only one Guardian is located in Clewiston and one in Glades County. Glades has eight cases at this time. GALs in Hendry and Glades work on either side of the county line, but it's much easier if a GAL is closer to where the child lives.

The requirements to be a volunteer GAL are not stringent. You must be at least 19 years old. Volunteers are screened and will have a personal interview followed by a background check. No experience required - just a desire to help.

Classes for new volunteers are coming up in April. It involves three days of training - 24 hours in the classroom, two hours of court observation and two hours for the new volunteer to spend with his or her case coordinator. There is also Saturday training in Fort Myers for those who cannot do the weekday sessions.

Most GAL volunteers stay with the program for a long time - evidence that it is a very rewarding experience.

The program is in need of volunteers, especially those who are bilingual. Please call Angela Boykin at 674-4190 if you have a little time and love to share with a child in need and being a Guardian ad Litem sounds like something that might interest you.

The next classes will be held at the Department of Children & Families conference room, 485 Cowboy Way, LaBelle, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 4, 5 and 12.

(Next week: Interviews with a local volunteer)



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Costume winners

From left: Gail Pelletier (Wicked Witch of the West), Phill Pelletier (The Scarecrow and male costume winner), Brenda Barnes (Liza Minelli) with her husband and "director" Mike Felton, Candy Waite (Marilyn Monroe) and her Mystery Man, Rachele Youmans (Jayne Mansfield), Logan Youmans (a debonair young gentleman if ever there was one).

Shootings

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made.

In Clewiston, deputies arrived on scene between 2109-2105 13th Street at about 10:39 p.m. that day. Victim Darren Dewayne

Hatcher, 39, had already been taken to Hendry Regional Medical Center. He remained hospitalized as of Tuesday morning. No further details have been released.

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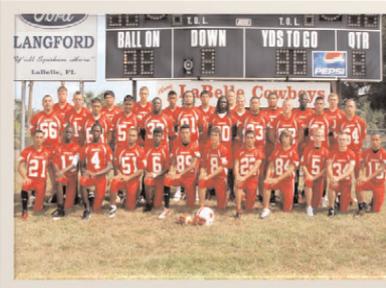
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Fire may improve Nature Park habitat environment

By **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Authorities have not been able to determine the cause of a brush fire in the LaBelle Nature Park Thursday afternoon March 18. The fire burned about a quarter acre of dense Old Florida vegetation.

LaBelle Fire Department Capt. Richard Mourfield said they were initially concerned because of the heavy fuel load - dense undergrowth and dead plant material - and windy conditions. The fire burned thick and hot, but fortunately, recent rains have kept vegetation hydrated.

However, access to the park is limited, especially for large trucks, and crews were concerned about uprooting the park with equipment. Damage to the park was kept to a minimum.

Capt. Mourfield said the Department of Forestry had to cut down several lighter knot trees to reduce the fire's fuel but were careful not to cut a fire break into the property.

Personnel from LaBelle, Alva and Pioneer Plantation responded to the fire with some nine trucks.

According to Michael Weston, Department of Forestry Senior Forester for Lee, Collier and Hendry counties, the fire may

actually have helped improve the park.

"Ironically, there wasn't a better time and conditions that we could have had a wildfire," he said. "Gopher tortoise habitat needs frequent fires that are of moderate intensity.

Condition-wise, we have lots of rain on the way for the next month or so, the soil is already moist, which means the duff layer will have some moisture in it, and we are starting to get into the spring growth season, meaning plants will quickly bounce back."

He continued to say that a prescribed burn would have allowed the removal of pine needles from about two feet from the base of the pines, and to better manage flame heights. However, he felt it was fairly typical for fires that occur in gopher tortoise habitat.

"This wildfire," he said, "will create excellent diversity and maybe even allow a little bit of pine regeneration on the site, instead of continued full site movement toward oak hammock."

Mr. Weston said fire management should be continued in the gopher tortoise areas every 3-4 years to keep plants available for feeding of the tortoises.

Anyone with information on the cause of the fire may contact the Arson Alert hotline at 800 342-5869.

Local environmentalists are discussing ways to improve the gopher tortoise habitat in the park with appropriate plantings and by destroying non-native invasive exotics.

Mr. Weston explained that frequent fires are a necessity in most of Florida's ecosystems, whether they are fire maintained cypress with low intensity and low frequency burns, or grass and scrub land with high frequency and high intensity burns. The hardwood hammocks (fire maintained) and pine flatwoods (fire dependent) on the site are interchangeable, but the pine flatwoods/pine forest on the site of the LaBelle Nature Park really needed a little bit of fire to ensure that it stayed a part of the area. Without fire, pine flatwoods generally turn into oak hammock. In pine flatwoods without frequent fire and with heavy leaf litter and shrubs on the forest floor, pine seedlings don't stand a chance to sometimes even germinate, much less get above the killing fire zone.

The skilled application of prescribed fire is necessary in most ecosystems in Florida to regain the ability to manage these natural and forested areas sustainably. In this way functional wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities are ensured, along with the reduction of wildfire risk, and growth of new trees, bushes and grasses.

In areas where prescribed fire is not realistic, it can be useful to install fire breaks and fire lines to prevent the easy spread of wildfires and to try to conduct mechanical fuel reduction work to mimic the use of fire. However, there is no substitute for the

Careful application of fire in natural areas to encourage the plants to behave as they should.



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Home again

CSM Strickland, shown here at the Kabul Airport prior to her departure from Afghanistan and her final Command Post, is the former Debra Townsend of LaBelle. CSM Strickland joined the US Army shortly after graduating from Moore Haven High School in 1973. Her parents are Dora Maddox of Clewiston and the late John H. Townsend of LaBelle. CSM Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Old Timers Dinner in February.

Deputies find drugs, paraphernalia serving search warrant March 18

On Thursday evening, March 18, Hendry County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant for a residence located at 808 Manatee Ave. While approaching the residence 30-year old Jeremy Smith attempted to run but was detained by law enforcement officers.

Once inside the residence deputies located two additional individuals, 23-year-old Jessica Lee Davis and 57-year-old Curtis Lee Christmas. Davis was found to be in possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. A search of the residence revealed drug paraphernalia, cocaine and marijuana along with prescription drug possession.

Deputies searching the residence found in the immediate area of the stovetop numerous items to indicate the manufacturing of crack cocaine. These items tested positive for cocaine residue.

Deputies seized 60 pieces of crack cocaine, 50 grams of marijuana, 140 prescription pills, 3 Ecstasy tablets, numerous items of drug paraphernalia such as packaging materials, crack containers, baggies, razor blades, etc., \$2,000.00 in cash, two digital scales, approximately 2 grams of powder cocaine, items used to manufacture/cook crack cocaine, 1 bullet resistant vest, and a badge wallet with an authentic police badge and police identification from New Jersey -

all at the Manatee Ave. address.

Jeremy Smith was arrested and charged with Resisting Arrest/Obstruction, Possession of Cocaine w/ intent to Sell within 1000' of a Place of Worship, Manufacturing Cocaine within 1000' of a Place of Worship, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a New Legend Drug without a Prescription. Smith is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$149,000.00 bond.

Curtis Christmas, 34 years old, was arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine with intent to Sell Within 1000' of a Place of Worship, Manufacturing Cocaine Within 1000' of a Place of Worship, Possession of Marijuana over 20 grams, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Prescription, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a New Legend Drug Without a Prescription. Christmas is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$55,500.00 bond.

Jessica Davis, 23, was charged with Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams. She was released on \$1,000 bond.

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Buy American

A few thoughts on Ed Kuntz' letter in the Caloosa Belle concerning Detroit's cars. De-

troit can and does make high mileage cars, good as, and often better than the imports. They also make the cars that their customers will buy. A story goes that a few years ago a manufacturer did a two page survey. The first page asked what you thought a car should have and do. The second page asked why you thought your neighbor just bought their car. The first page was thrown away and the car described on the second page was built, it being the most accurate. The dealers in LaBelle sell quality American made cars, not imports. And, the gas pedals don't stick in the down position.

Visit Israel - You'll never be the same!

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Have you ever wanted to go to the very places where the Lord Jesus walked among the people of His day and performed miracles?

Would you like to actually visit the exact locations mentioned throughout Bible such as Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem or even Calvary, or the empty tomb from which Jesus arose from the dead?

If so, please plan to join Seth and Vicki Howard, and Pastor Les and Val Morgan at Caloosa Baptist Church on Saturday, April

10, from 10 a.m.-noon. There will be an informational meeting held at the church regarding a trip to the Holy Land from LaBelle. The dates are Oct. 27-Nov. 5.

All interested persons are invited to come learn about this trip of a lifetime. Caloosa Baptist is located 200 yards behind Flora & Ella's on Highway 80 in LaBelle.

Come visit Israel - you will not return the same!



Dr. Les Morgan

Letter to the Editor

Sense of the Census

In the "In depth 2010 CENSUS" article in the News Press, March 9, edition, the message is announcing the start of 2010 census response forms arriving in mail boxes this week. It states that in the 2000 census there were about 281 million residents reported and with results from this year's census being released by the government in 2011.

It goes on to say that "the government has hired more than 1 million census workers--including several hundred in Southwest Florida---and it will give a \$2.3 billion boost to the economy nationwide."

WOW! But, just a moment! The Fed has already budgeted over \$14 billion to get this "boost" of \$2.3 billion, so they, the Fed, can divvy up an outlooked \$500 billion, on a state by state basis, after determining who's

been "naughty" or "nice."

Now I'm not a wagering man, but I talked to a local bookie and he wouldn't touch this "deal" with a ten foot pole, He pointed out it's just like a "Ponzi" scheme, with the Feds budgeting \$14 billion of tax payers money to "boost" the economy by \$2.3 billion on the way to a mother lode of "outlooked" \$500 billion.

Folks! Let's get real! It's like an old "Abbot & Costello" routine. Only instead of baseball, we're talking about taking taxpayers money out of one pocket and putting it back into the other pocket and declaring a dividend and a "fixed" economy.

I'm not an expert on anatomy, but I think I can tell the difference between a "pat on the back" and being "boosted."

T. W. Bill Neville
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Healthy aging is beautiful

by Pat Dobbins

I was fortunate to grow up with wonderful grandmothers! One of them gave me this profound statement: "If you live long enough, you too, will get old!" I was probably comparing her age with mine; commenting that she was really old at 60! I remember asking her if she had met Lincoln when she was growing up and she said with a snicker he was "just a little older" than she was! I did not think about the comments from Grandma as a young person because I was so far removed from it -but as I have "aged" — the statement resonates and I remember many of my Grandmas' wise words.



Patricia Dobbins

So what is old? What do women feel about aging today? Women have a variety of perspectives on aging — on being or getting old, or never doing so! But think about the investment the media and companies bank on to "sell" the female of our species on being forever "youthful" — and we buy it! You think not? Let's take a look!

We can now have parts of our bodies reduced, enlarged, sucked, injected, removed, tightened, tanned, dyed, implanted or puffed up like a blow fish. Watch T.V., magazine ads, billboards and computer ads — all stressing the value of youthfulness and the female desire to be so — I wonder why there are so many plastic surgeons doing so very well — and television shows that present drastic makeovers? We want to look pretty everywhere — no flaws — no aging! The external beauty of youth — many want to linger and lavish themselves in the youthful decades of their past and now we can! If you have the resources, there is a product to do everything for a person to "feel" and perhaps look younger! And it is without judgment if a women will have a better feeling of who

and what she is — if it improves her "self esteem" — although I do wish Grandma was here to comment!

But, this is the external.....What about being healthy and the internal? What can we do to stay active, prevent hospitalization, prevent illness and stay alert and function at a "high, prodctive level? Is that as important?

A study by the Public Library of Science found the women can add up to 14 years to their life by following these recommendations:

- Do not smoke — smoking is linked to heart disease, diabetes, cancer and wrinkles. It is never too late to stop!

- Exercise — talk to your doctor about what is best for you - walking, biking with a bike helmet, swimming — do something. It keeps your mind sharp too!

- Curb alcohol intake — limit to no more than one a day and less is better/some say a glass of red wine per day is good for you.

- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables — get enough fiber, eat fish, limit red meats, drink plenty of water.

Add these tips to help you feel and look your best:

- Practice good oral health — brush your teeth two times a day and floss

- Work with your doctor to help you. Find a doctor you can be open with and communicate with.

- Stay out of the sun, wear sunscreen and sun glasses, cover up; being outside gives you needed Vitamin D.

- Strengthen family ties, friendships and spirituality — work through family issues.

- Keep your mind sharp: read, do puzzles or crossword, take a class.

- Cope with stress: walk, deep breathing, yoga.

- Be positive — those who do have fewer health problems and a better quality of life.

Healthy aging is beautiful! Tell someone over 60 how beautiful they are!

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Poker Run

The organizers of Grandma's Grove's 15th annual poker run wish to thank the following local businesses for their support: Winn Dixie, Ace Hardware, Bridge Street Auto Parts, U-Save, AutoZone, American

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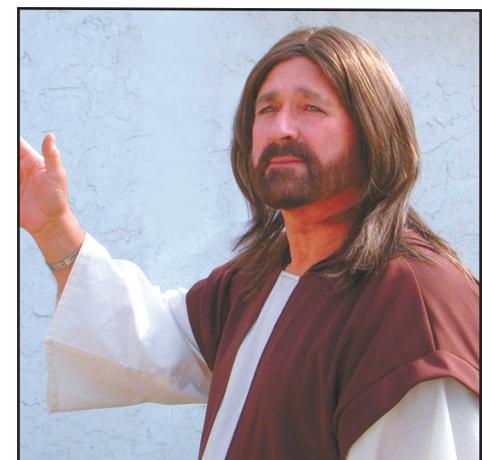
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Survivors celebrate

Cancer Survivor and Caregivers were honored March 14 at the Dallas Townsend Center with good food and games. Guest speaker Bruce Garrison, the American Cancer Society Unit Director for our area, shared information on services available in LaBelle: Road to Recovery, Look Good Feel Better, Reach to Recovery and the Resource Center. Our very own Mary Bartoshuk took the floor and elaborated on the Resource Center at the United Way House, 117 Ft. Thompson. Did you know that the Resource Center has available wigs, bras, scarves, prostheses and much more? It's all free for those in need. Should you need other help call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or the United Way by just dialing 211. Personal thanks go to Gisela Ellsworth and her husband for all their hard work in organizing this luncheon, Deborah Frybarger ACS Community Rep, and all the volunteers that are always there to lend a hand and make this event special. Pictured are survivor Bee Waters and son.



Submitted photo/Cliff Avery

Church Briefs

Easter Sunrise Services

All are invited on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7 a.m. at Barron Park. Welcome by William Maddox, pastor of First Christian Church. Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul K. Puletti, Mayor of LaBelle. Prayer for Our Country and community by L.W. Howard pastor of Community Harvest Worship Center.

Congregational singing Community Harvest Worship Center. Offering Prayer Mark White and received by Gathering of Christian Men. Please make checks payable to: LaBelle Evangelical Ministerial Association; Easter message John Bennett, pastor of Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church; Benedictary prayer Clifford D. Avery, pastor of LaBelle Assembly of God. Sponsored by LaBelle Evangelical Minister's Association, P.O. 323, LaBelle FL 33975. 863-675-0900.

'The Passion of the Christ'

Healing Waters Family Life Center will be showing the Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" on Good Friday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. Due to the graphic presentation of Christ's passion and death, the movie is not suitable for young children. However, adults and children of middle school age and older are invited. We are located at 4501 N. Birchwood. For directions or questions, please call 863-234-8231.

Egg hunt at Eastside

Eastside Baptist Church will have a Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, starting at 10:30 a.m. All children ages 2-10 are invited. Lunch will be provided.

Holy Week at El Faro

The El Faro Assembly of God Church will hold revival services during Easter week, March 28 through April 4. Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2, services will be at the Labelle Rodeo Grounds on 29 South. Palm Sunday, Saturday and Easter Sunday services will be at the sanctuary at 431 Bryan Avenue. For information please call 675-5947.

Espanol
La Iglesia El Faro tendra servicios de avivamiento durante la Semana Santa, 28 de marzo al 4 de abril. Los dias lunes a viernes, 29 de marzo al 2 de abril, estaremos en el Rodeo de laBelle en la 29 sur. Domingo de Ramos, Sabado y el Domingo de Resurreccion sera en el templo en el 431 de la Avenida Bryan. Para informes llame al 675-5947.

Messiah prefigured

Grace Baptist Church will have a great object lesson as Dave Walz from Friends of Israel will go through the Jewish Passover Meal and show how Jesus is the Messiah pictured in the different aspects of the meal. The event will be on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m.. at the Grace Baptist Church. The church is located at 4200 N.E. Eucalyptus Blvd. Nursery provided. Call Pastor Jeff Zimmerman at (863) 675-3349 or 885-4471.

Easter celebration planned

All welcome to Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church's free Easter celebration Saturday, April 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy bounce houses, games, races, face painting, drama, puppet shows and Easter egg hunts. The church is located at 310 Campbell St.

Call 675-0656.

Easter at Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church Good Friday services will be 6 p.m., April 2 at 350 CR78, one half mile west of Hwy. 29. Easter Services will be at 9:15 a.m. April 4 with Pastor Fred Koehler. Sunday Services are at 9:15 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday of each month. Bible study classes are at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday

Easter Eggstravaganza

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Community Briefs

Dessert auction for Relay

Friday, April 9, 7 p.m. at new education building at First Baptist Church LaBelle. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds will benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Please come and enjoy an evening of fun and desserts.

Playhouse ending season

Audiences are invited to participate in the Firehouse Cultural Center's final production of the 2009-10 Season, "The Time Machine" by H. G. Wells. Adapted for the stage by John DeLancey and Leonard Nimoy this "time-less" classic is set in the twilight age of live radio broadcast, Circa 1947. Come and enjoy a unique mix of eras as our cast transports you from today, the turn of the 20th Century, our own childhoods and the unimaginably distant future of mankind. Performances at FCC, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. April 2, 3 and 4 and 9, 10 and 11. Reservations: Call 863-675-3066; \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door.

Learn self defense

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free Women's Self Defense Awareness class Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. Sensei J. Kelly has been training in martial arts since 1972 and opened his dojo in 1982. He shares his self defense seminars with any organizations willing to host him. CMUMC is located at 310 Campbell St.

Yard sale benefits animals

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations are needed of saleable items. All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. The sale will be held on Park Ave. behind LaBelle Auction Co., 390 N. Bridge Street. For more information call 675-0997.

Set up booth for Mother's Day event

Looking for vendors and crafters interested in setting up a booth at Barron park for a Mother's Day Breakfast event to benefit the Hendry/Glades Homeless Coalition on Saturday, May 8, from 8-11 a.m. Vendors are required to donate an item or items from their inventory with a value of \$15 or more for a \$1 raffle with proceeds going to the homeless coalition. A \$15 donation can be substituted as a fee. The raffle hopes to ensure ample visitation to your booth to view your raffle items and wares. Vendors are needed with items that reflect Mother's Day gifts such as flowers, jewelry, hats, scarves, photos, purses, sweets, etc. Also, any business or person wanting to donate a new or slightly used item for the raffle can do so in support of the homeless coalition. If interested, please call Anna at (863) 675-5356 daytime or (863) 674-0098 nights. Looking for a great event!

LMS walks for healthy babies

LaBelle Middle School will hold "Walk

Mania" for the March of Dimes on March 25 sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Students will participate in a walk for the March of Dimes. They will be asking friends, family and neighbors to donate on their behalf. Please help LMS students help the FBLA raise money to make sure that "all babies are born healthy." To make a donation, you may also contact Ms. Jodi Higginbotham, FBLA Adviser at LMS. FBLA and students at LMS would appreciate your support.

Egg hunt at Moose Lodge

The Women of the Moose Chapter 1999 invite all children ages ten and under to join them on Saturday, March 27, for an Easter Egg Hunt followed by hot dogs and goodies. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The LaBelle Moose Lodge is located at 280 Jaycee-Lions Blvd.

View 'LaBelle's Untold Story'

LaBelle Heritage Museum will present WGPU-TV Channel 30's Untold Stories episode entitled LaBelle: Reflection from the River's Edge Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m. at LaBelle City Hall. The program was first broadcast on July 22, 2005. This will be the LaBelle Heritage Museum's first public showing of the episode on a 70-inch projection screen. Copies of the program will be available for purchase. There will be a short business meeting following the program and a pause for refreshments. The public is welcome.

Enjoy recollections from the late Ida Forrey Lofton Kirby, Lynda Small Thompson Rider, Beauford E. Davidson and W. T. Maddox, Jr., as well as comments from Al-ico Inc.'s John Alexander. LaBelle Heritage Museum hopes the local stars appearing in the TV episode will attend the meeting to answer questions.

Ready to quit smoking?

A free community program, Quit Smoking Now, begins at the Hendry Convenient Care Center March 31 for six sessions Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. Free NRT available for those eligible (patch, gum, lozenges while supplies last). Seating is limited. To register or for more information contact Angelica Pena, HRMC, 983-9121.

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Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet

Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 a Brunch Buffet on Easter Sunday, April 4, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, French toast, roast beef and turkey, soup, fruit salad, rolls, condiments, coffee and tea. All you can eat for \$7. Public Welcome. Located at 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80) LaBelle.

Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

Kids! Come to the big Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. under the big oak trees behind the Kiwanis Thrift Store, 155 S. Bridge Street. Free to all children, toddlers - 5th grade.

Meet Dr. Geake

Join Seacoast National Bank in welcoming Dr. John D. Geake as medical director of the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center on Tuesday, April 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the bank, 17 N. Lee St. Please RSVP to Cyn DeLee Dalton at 675-2300. Light refreshments will be served.

Conservationists to meet

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 25, at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Horse recovered

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office has recovered a horse in Montura. If you have lost a horse, please call the Ag Unit at 863-674-5600.

Auxiliary canteen 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).

Hendry Democrats to meet

Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at LaBelle City Hall on Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and, Democrats registered to vote in Hendry County are welcome to participate in the discussion.

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. 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.

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LES March Citizens of the Month

The older students are front row from left: Teaghan Harvey, Rosio Moreno, Madie Lofton, Erika Espinoza, Ricardo Balderas, Jose Ramos, Jessenia Denning; Row 2: Victoria Gomez, Briana Alanis, Jessenia Escobedo, Ernesto Saucedo, Gabriel Briones. Absent: Peyton Murray.



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The younger students are front row from left: Nick Williams, Neida Moreno, Alexander Morales, Jose Salgado; Row 2: Fabian Sanchez, Raymond Zamora, Johntaurus Johnson, Maria Garcia, Maria Morales; Row 3: Cristian Miranda, Ricardo Santos, Nariah Mata, Sophia Sanchez, Angelica Juarez, Tamara Gonzalez. Absent: Karis Register.

School Briefs

AP Information Night at LHS

LaBelle High School will be holding an AP Information Night on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 in the LHS auditorium. The AP (Advanced Placement) program offers students the chance to take college-level courses and earn college credits while in high school. LaBelle High School will offer ten AP courses next year--AP Language & Composition, AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP Environmental Science, AP Psychology and AP Music Theory.

LHS students and their parents are invited to attend AP Information Night. Mark Matthews, a College Board representative, will speak to parents and students about the value of AP courses for college admissions, college readiness, and college success. AP teachers will present information on their advanced placement course offerings and will be available to answer parent and student questions.

Students: It is not too late to sign up for AP classes for next year! Counselors and administrators will be available at the AP

Information session to assist students and parents with AP course requests for next school year.

Prepare for SAT/ACT

Free SAT/ACT prep classes will be held at LHS Saturday mornings from 8:00-11:00 on April, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Sign up in Guidance!

Register for Edison summer classes

Summer Registration at Edison State College began Monday, March 22. Enroll as soon as possible to secure the classes and times you want. Enrollment is at an all time high. Classes will fill up very quickly. Choose the session that's right for you: Full Session: May 6-Aug 11; Short Session A: May 6-June 23; Short Session B: June 24-Aug 11. To check out all Summer Courses head to: www.edison.edu/academics/schedule/index.php. Online applications are available: https://oas.edison.edu/pls/PROD/bwskalog.P_DisplLoginNon



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Safety Patrols of the Month: Cleyver Avila and Naesa Guajardo.

LHS yard sale plans

During the past months, members of the Athletic Department have been collecting items for our semi-annual Yard Sale to benefit the athletes at LaBelle High School. However, we still need your help with donated items. All we ask of your donations is they be in good condition and any items of clothing be washed prior to donation.

We will again have this yard sale at Upthegrove Elementary School on Saturday, April 17, between 8 a.m. and noon. Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items and items you cannot drop off. Please contact Mel Greenleaf or Dave Kelley to schedule a time we can pick up your items no later than April 15. Proceeds will be used to help students taking part in the athletic events.

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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 **April 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.

LaBelle Sports Network

All aboard the LaBelle Sports Network Train!

Heading into the 2010 spring sports season, interest in the LaBelle Sports Network (LSN) continues to grow.

With the local youth baseball and softball seasons about to kick off, LSN is excited to announce a Community Share Program in which leagues can earn money simply by submitting their results to our Web site.

"We really want to give back to the leagues, coaches and teams that are contributing content to the LaBelle Sports Network," said Patty Brant, Editor of the Caloosa Belle.

Launched earlier this year LSN is the Caloosa Belles' free Web site devoted to youth, recreation and leisure sports. The site provides local coaches with the opportunity to display information regarding their teams – results, photographs, rosters, statistics, game reports – on the organization's LSN league and team page for public viewing.

The information is also delivered to the Caloosa Belle's Sports Department for possible future inclusion in our pages.

Now, LSN wants to reward the coaches, leagues and organizations that use the site. Under the Community Share Program, 20 cents from every dollar coming from local LSN Web site advertising will be shared with the participating organizations of LSN.

Points will be earned each time an organization submits results to LSN. At month's end, the points earned will be tallied and each participating organization or league will receive its share of the revenue, to be distributed on a quarterly basis.

This is not a "winner take all" system. Each participating organization will receive some share. In addition, if you refer a local business that becomes a sponsor, 10 percent of that advertiser's monthly fee goes directly to your organization. And, your group will continue to earn points toward that advertiser's remaining 10 percent of the Community Share monthly pool.

Organizations interested in joining LSN should contact Renee Hawley at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call 1-888-853-7904, ext. 226. LSN can be accessed by visiting www.newszap.com, clicking on your community tab, highlighting "Sports" on the upper right part of the page and clicking on "LaBelle Sports Network."

The community share sponsors that we would like to thank for LSN include Forrey Grill, Langford Ford, New Horizons, Nisbet Enterprises, Randy's Garage and U-Save Supermarket.

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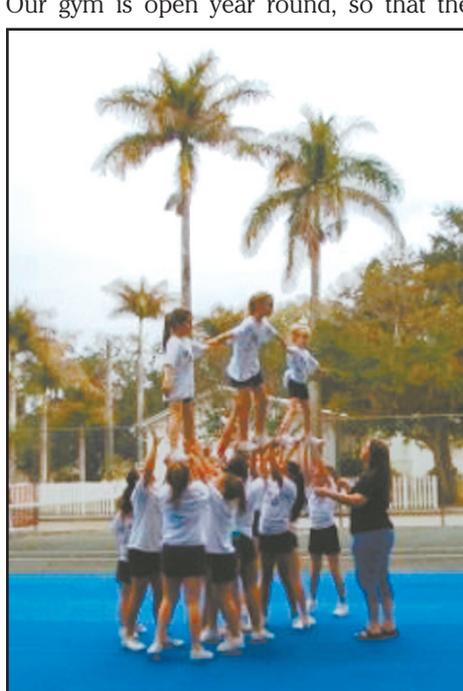


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LaBelle's Universe All-Star Cheerleaders (UAC) takes spirit wherever they go.

We are a non-profit organization and a competitive Cheerleading and Dance Program, all coaches are volunteers. We are committed to our youth. We are located at 110 South Industrial Loop Road, LaBelle, FL.

We have been located in LaBelle for over 10 years; our age groups for the competitive teams are 3 – 18, boys and girls. All children are accepted, so you don't have to worry everyone can cheer, NO TRYOUTS.

We start preparing for our competition season in the summer and it runs until May. Our gym is open year round, so that the



Submitted photo
Caution: Cheerleaders at work!

cheerleaders can continue to build on their skills. We also offer a tumbling class for ages 3-18 years.

We are proud to coach athletes and help them reach their potential and in character. We are committed to safety and excellence.

We also offer a after-school camp for school age boys and girls from all of the LaBelle Schools and West Glades School bus provides after-school transportation to the gym. The Gym is open to the after-school camp until 6 p.m. Other classes are offered by Bushi Kan Dojo of Southwest Fla. They cover authentic arts in Karate, Weapons and Aikido with special classes in Jujutsu, Iaido (Sword), Ninjutsu and Self defense.

For any information on any of the classes offered please call 863-675-3737.

Sports Shorts

Sign up for Pop Warner

Sign up for LaBelle Longhorn Football at Davis Pratt Park Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Locker Room. Come sign up early for football. Teams are filling up fast! For information call Debbie Alexander @ 863-673-4643.

Attention shotgun shooters

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.

Cowboys grab big victories

The LaBelle High School baseball team won two out of three last week to improve their season record to 7-3.

The Cowboys got the week started off on Tuesday, March 16, with a big district victory against the Island Coast Gators, 4-1. Pitcher Steven Sodrel turned in his best performance of the season, shutting down the high-powered Gator offense on six hits and two earned runs. The sophomore struck out four and walked one, keeping the Gators off balance all night with a number of different pitches. Senior Angel Alvarez led the Cowboy offensive attack going 3-4 with two RBIs at the plate.

Against the Dunbar Tigers on Thursday, March 18, the Cowboy bats exploded for 15 hits, winning another important district game 12-2. Junior Josh McCardel had a tremendous night going four-for-four with three doubles and three RBIs. Angel Alvarez and Steven Sodrel were both three-for-four with a triple and three RBIs apiece.

Tyler O'Ferrell turned in a fine performance on the pitching rubber to earn his first career varsity victory. The freshman gave only two hits and two runs in four innings after settling down from a rough first inning start. Freshman Austin Garcia pitched the fifth inning, giving up no hits.

On Saturday, March 20, the Cowboys fell behind early to a very tough Naples Community School and lost 9-5. Josh McCardel continued his torrid hitting streak, going 3-4 with a double and two RBIs. Angel Alvarez was 2-4 and had a double while Austin Garcia also added a double for the Cowboys.

The fans can check out the team stats at Mexpresps.com

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

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 details.

Get those sport photos in!

Don't forget the LaBelle Sports Network photo contest ends this month., choosing the best community sports photo on our Web page. To post a photo go to newszap.com, click on LaBelle homepage, then Sports tab at upper right. Post photos by April 1. Contact Renee Hawley rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call 888-853-7904.



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Swine winners at Livestock Show

Submitted by Sonja Crawford

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show was held. The show consisted of 4-H'ers and FFA members exhibiting their market swine ranging from 200 pounds to 284 pounds and was sponsored by Diamond R Fertilizer. Florida Gulf Coast University sponsored the belt buckles.

The official judge of the evening was Mr. Frankie Hall of Gainesville. The hogs were judged on muscling, trimness, length of body, spring to the rib, design, productive type, correctness of finish, and expected carcass desirability.

Receiving blue ribbons for their entry: Gwendolyn Ash, Ryley Bowen, April Brooks, Travis Burchard, Bryana Campbell, Kelsey Cooper, Clay Cooper, Wyatt Corbitt, Taylor Corbitt, Ashely Cox, Josey Scannell Dana, Jordan Fiore, Steven Fiore, Braxton Ford, Shelby French, Garrett Goodwin, Amber Hamric, Shaina Hansen, Kari-Beth Harrell, Kevin Harrell, Kayla Hood, Kayla Howard, Leigh Huckabee, Gary Ben Hull, Emily Hull, Amanda Jedrykowski, Monica Ledesma, JC Leon, Emily Leon, Arron Mace, Alberto Martinez, Andy McAvoy, James R McVay VI, Robert Meador, Clayton Merritt, Brittany Mills, Scott Morrison, Micah Mudge, Marlena Nelson, Shelby O'Bannon, Brittney Ore-lue, Alexandra Pequeno, Miranda Pequeno, Dillon Powell, Gennifer Raulerson, Derik Rose, Dalton Rose, Deedra Shackford, Lori Spangler, Floyd Herod, Spangler, Jr, Thayer Stem, Kindall Tindall, Morgan Walker, Haley Walker, Camrann White, Logann White, Tatianna White, Cassidy Willis, and Megan

Woodruff.

Receiving red ribbons for their entry: Chase Altman, Dustin Cooper, Tripp Edgar, Brandon Flack, Tyler Flack, Ryan Howard, Joey Leon, Dalton Mace, Marshal Platt, and Carl Willis.

The Grand Champion Swine was shown by Herod Spangler, Jr of the Double H Livestock 4-H Club. Herod's hog weighed 264 pounds and was purchased by Dr. Caignet. Camrann White of the Pig Skin Classic 4-H Club exhibited the Reserve Champion Hog weighing in at 253 pounds. Florida Sod purchased Camrann's hog.

The exhibitors are judged on control, presentation to the judge, awareness of the judge, and knowledge of the species. Planning, practicing, and neat appearance will assist the exhibitor in being successful.

In the Senior Swine Showmanship division: Ryan Howard captured the first place award with Emily Hull taking the second place award. Emily and Ryan are both members of the Pig Skin Classic 4-H Club.

In the Junior Swine Showmanship category: Pig Skin Classic 4-H Club member Travis Burchard was awarded the first place award. Taylor Corbitt of the Hogs R Us 4-H Club captured the second place award.

Pig Skin Classic 4-H Club member Josey Scannell Dana was the winner of the Average Daily Gain award with Gary Ben Hull capturing the second place award. Gary Ben is also a member of the Pig Skin Classic 4-H Club.

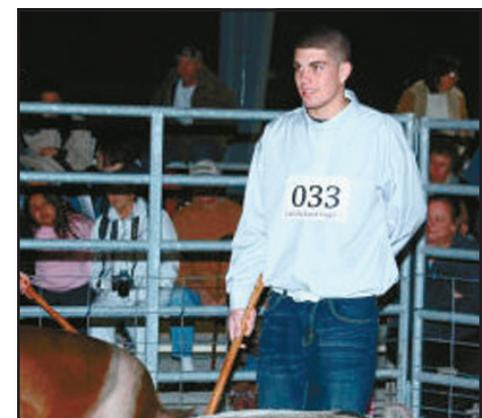
Congratulations to all of the exhibitors; thank you club leaders and parents.



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Herod Spangler, Jr, Grand Champion Swine.



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Camrann White, Reserve Champion Swine.



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Travis Burchard, 1st place Junior Showmanship.



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Ryan Howard, 1st place Senior Showmanship.

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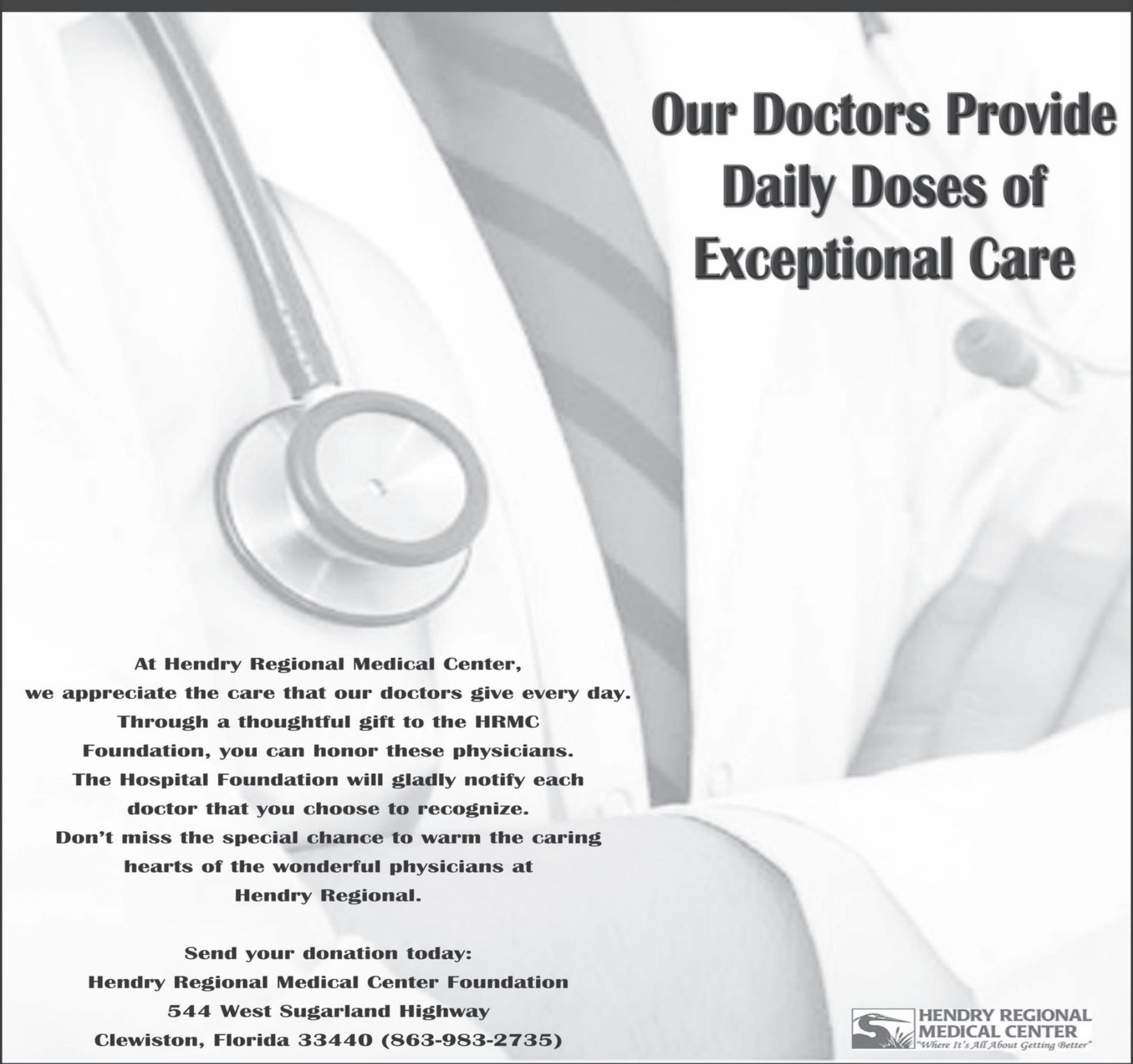
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Submitted photos/Susan Etchey

New Club

The first hike of the newly formed Florida Trail Association group serving Glades and Hendry County attracted nine members for the March 13 event. The group hiked approximately 5 miles round trip to Fort Center, partially alongside the flooded creek. For info about future hikes call Betty Loomis at 863-946-3560.

Above: Reading interpretive signs about the Indian mounds are Carol Hoffman-Guzman, Mary Harliss, Betty Loomis of Lakeport and Clint Pell and Meredith Marcum of LaBelle.

Right: Hikers enjoy tasting wild oranges in the hammocks of Fisheating Creek WMA.



Say so long to cigarettes

by Glenda Wilson

Every smoker has plenty of good reasons to quit, but most times a person just can't do it alone. They don't have to - Hendry Regional Medical Center is here to help.

This past January, the hospital (and its campuses) became a smoke-free health-care institution and David Theroux, Cardiopulmonary Director, has been scheduling and conducting "Quit Smoking Now" classes - each consisting of six free smoking cessation sessions for the public.

Now, Hendry Regional is in a position to do even more. The Florida Department of Health (Bureau of Tobacco Prevention) has recently awarded approximately \$800,000 to the hospital.

Marilyn Leeds, Executive Director of the Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network (LORHN), was instrumental in helping the hospital receive this smoking cessation grant from the Florida Department of Health. After discussing the possibilities with Craig Cudworth (who at that time was the hospital CEO), last year, Marilyn took it upon herself to document the needs of the county and write the proposal. It paid off when, less than three months later, Hendry Regional Medical Center became the proud recipient of this fantastic opportunity.

Hendry Regional Medical Center will now begin working diligently with the services of a Grant Manager, Supervisor of Cessation Services, Cessation Specialist

and Program Coordinator to fulfill the conditions and scope of work, as specified by the grant.

The hospital will focus on:

1. Employees - Promoting the smoke-free campus through incentive programs, tobacco-free policies, orientation, communications, training and health benefits.

2. Patients - Providing education and resources for addressing tobacco use.

3. Visitors - Respectfully enforcing the tobacco-free policy.

4. General Public - Informing and educating the community of all available free smoking cessation/tobacco-free services and material such as nicotine replacement therapy, based on eligibility (patches gum, etc).

5. Community Collaboration - Partnering with other organizations such as the Everglades Area Health Education Center, Hendry County Health Department, LORHN to reach and educate the target population.

Hendry Regional Medical Center is very excited about the opportunity to have resources available for another means of improving the health and well-being of Hendry and Glades County residents. As the plans unfold, the hospital will continue to keep you informed of upcoming programs and services. Don't forget to register today for one of the free Quit Smoking Now classes by contacting Angelica Pena at 863-902-3019.

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REDUCED! \$119,000 - 3/2 on 2 1/2 Ac Recent Updates 1436 Sq Ft.

\$130,000 - Newer 3/2 on a nicely located 5 ac. parcel in Muse.

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HOMES

\$35,000 - Super cute, 2/1 block home w/galvalume roof. Short Sale

\$39,000 UNDER CONTRACT - Well maintained CBS Village 2/2

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\$65,000 - Priced Approved! Concrete block, 3/2 built in 2005. Call Today!

\$74,000 - 2/2 in Port LaBelle, large porch.

\$129,000 - 3/2 Modular, Make Offer.

\$169,900 SOLD!!! 3+/- acres in Port LaBelle

\$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.

COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL

\$89,900 - 1/2 Acre Commercial Lot on Davis St.

\$199,000 - Vacant 2 ac. on SR 80, just west of town

\$200,000 - State Road 80 Corner 1/2 ac, B-1 w/bill-board income.

\$249,000 SOLD!!! 1.6 +/- ac. hanged on 1/2 ac. access. I-2.

REDUCED \$299,000 - Short Sale! 2 Steel Bldgs, over 8000 Sq. Ft. Zoned PUD on 2+ Ac.

REDUCED \$295,000 - 1 ac on Main St., busy downtown location w/older bldg.

\$399,000 - 4.5Ac, 2400 Steel Bldg Industrial, Possible Lease Option.

\$550,000 - 5 Ac +/- Industrial. Will split, Cleared & Filled, Seller Financing.

WATERFRONT

\$49,000 - 3/2 MH in River Oaks/Ortona, now waterfront!

\$139,900 - Over 1 ac. on the main river, F. Denaud Rd.

\$189,000 - Manufactured home on 1 ac., Ortona

\$192,500 - Old Ft. Denaud 1 Ac.

\$199,000 - Hidden Hammock 1 Ac w/dock.

\$395,000 - High Elevation with long views, 5 Ac.

\$389,000 - 3/2 Super CBS River Home w/pool on Oxbow w/dock on double lot.

\$499,000 - Eagle Point 1Ac Deep Water & Protected Harbor w/ Lg Dock.

\$425,000 - 3/4 in Ft. Denaud on 2.6 +/- ac with 228 ft. riverfront.

\$550,000 - Spectacular 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 Ft on the River. Great investment, future land use 3 units per ac.

LOTS & LAND

\$4,900 - Moore Haven Yacht Club lot

\$5,900 - Port Labelle Lots, Seller financing

\$7,000 - Ortona home-site, newer available.

\$8,900 - Mobile home lots, south of town

\$13,500 - 1.25 Ac in Montura

\$39,900 - 2.2 Ac Rural Residential Fenced

DEAL OF THE DAY! \$49,000 - State Home site in Oak 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

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4BR/2BA CBS W/ POOL \$35,000
3BR/2BA HOME in Laurel Oaks minutes from Port LaBelle Marina **\$133,900**
3BR/2BA TWO STORY home on 2.8 +/- Acres **\$149,900**
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**

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-home, 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. **\$269,900**
WATERFRONT LOT! Protected navigable oxbow w/ direct access to river. **\$99,900**

HOMES
3BR/2BA HOME Bank Foreclosure! Fixer-upper! Moore Haven **\$14,900**
2BR/1BA FIXED UP! 60' 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 in Port LaBelle family room. **\$119,900**
3BR/2BA CUSTOM HOME built in 2006. **\$124,000**

HOMES ON ACREAGE
3BR/2BA HOME on 2.5 Acres west of LaBelle. **\$130,000**
3BR/2BA CBS HOME; 5 +/- acres in the country. **\$149,000**
4BR/2 BA MOBILE HOME! 5 +/- Acres, cleared w/ fence & pond. **\$160,000!**
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**
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/1 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
CI 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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HOMES/MOBILE HOMES



• WELL MAINTAINED 2BR/ 2BA manufactured home on 1 +/- acre! The property features a chain link fenced yard and many old oaks. Located within walking distance to the Caloosahatchee River, park, and public boat ramp! **\$29,000**



• LOCATED IN THE HEART OF LABELLE, this cracker house needs just a little TLC! With a spacious lot and many of LaBelle's famous Oaks, this home is located within walking distance to shopping, churches and more! (This property is being sold as a SHORT SALE and all offers are subject to 3rd party lender approval and may have time constraints) **\$39,900**



• LOCATION WITH A FUTURE! A great location for your family or employee today, commercial potential location for in the future. 1984 Country Manor 14x66 mobile home split floor plan with 2BR/2BA. Needs T.L.C. Also includes a 20x52 pole barn, partially enclosed, and a 10x16 Teds Shed. **\$54,900**



• A GREAT HOME FOR A GROWING FAMILY! Enjoy your weekends under the shade from the surrounding live oaks. A fenced backyard let's the kids play outside without you worrying. A large kitchen and living room provides you with plenty of space for all of the family to enjoy. (This property is being sold as a SHORT SALE and all offers are subject to 3rd party lender approval and may have time constraints. Home sold AS IS with rights of inspection) **\$130,000**

• THIS HOME HAS CURB APPEAL! Built in 2002 & beautifully maintained, this 3BR/2BA home is on a .34 acre lot and is located within LaBelle's city limits. **\$165,000**

• GREAT HOUSE, GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 2BR/2BA located on 2.8 +/- Acres in the Ranchette's! This could be the home you've been searching for! **\$179,900**

• THE WEEKEND "GETAWAY" YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF! Secluded, private 20 +/- acres; most of it native with 3/2 MH, screened porches, workshop & horse barn. **\$249,900**

• THIS 3BR/2BA HOME has almost too many extras to list! Wrap around porch, detached 2 car garage, screened pool with hot tub, & large lanai! **\$320,000**

• THIS 3BR/2BA HOME was built in 2006 and is located on a spacious 1 +/- acre lot. Enjoy the river with the neighborhood community boat ramp & dock. **\$369,900**

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• Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .95 +/- of an acre. Located between Clewiston and LaBelle. **\$89,900**

• Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely redone form top to bottom. Have to see! **\$70,000.**

• Lehigh Acres - 3/2 2007 CBS home w/2 car garage, ceramic tile, and spacious kitchen. **\$59,900.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 in Lehigh Acres located off Bell Blvd. 2005 CBS home with over 1m500 +/- sq. of living area. **\$57,000**

HOMES

• Riverfront - Immaculate 3/2 waterway estate on 1.14 +/- acres outside of LaBelle. Home is 2,425 sq. ft. of living area with over-spacious 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! 2004 CBS home on 4.98 +/- acres located west of LaBelle. Ceramic tile, fireplace, spacious rooms & much more. **\$199,900.**

• Corporate owned! Immaculate home located in city limits of LaBelle. 4/3 with courtyard style pool, detached office, solid surface counter tops and much more. **\$199,500.**

• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home on 6.48 +/- acres in Lehigh Acres and completely fenced. **\$184,900.**

• Corporate owned! Handy man special located in City of Clewiston. Needs some TLC. **\$114,900.**

• Corporate owned! 2006 CBS home in move in ready condition located in Clewiston. **\$109,900.**

• Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .50 +/- acre in Lehigh Acres. 2 car garage with over 3,400 +/- sq. ft. of living area. **\$96,000.**

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• 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

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• 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.**

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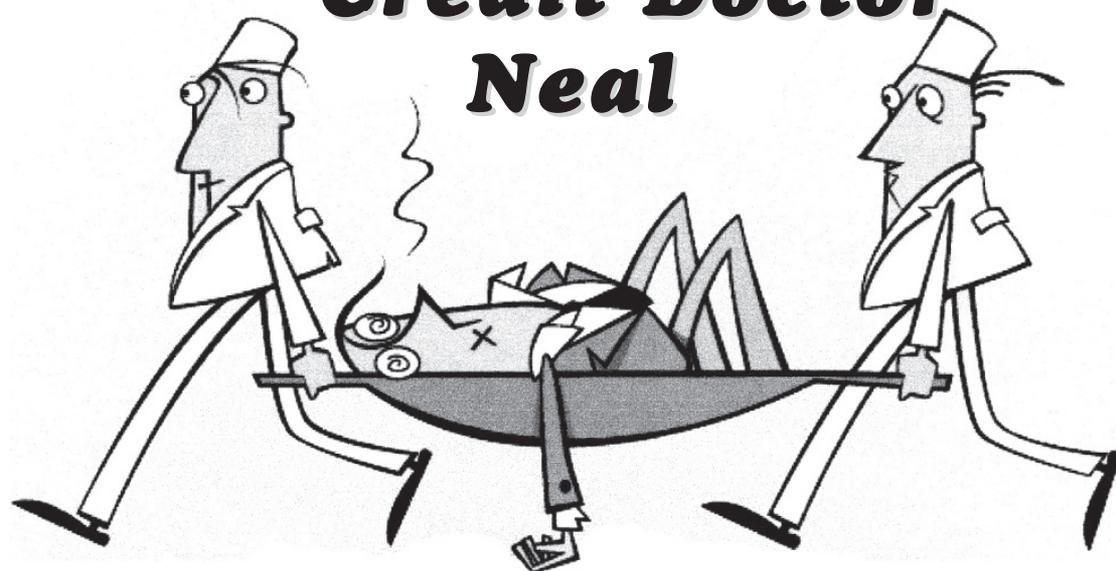


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NOTICE OF MEETING LOCATION CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M., APRIL 13, 2010, AT THE HARLEM LIBRARY, 1010J HARLEM ACADEMY AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission 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. Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida Janet Taylor, Chairwoman 349162 CB/CN 3/25/10

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, April 15, 2010, for the following Proposals: E1132- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Performance Highway Lighting Maintenance in Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, & Lee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$1,210,000.00 E1133- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mechanical Mowing-Wet Blade Application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$291,180.00 E1134- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Mechanical Sweeping in Glades & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$39,803.00 E1135- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Remove Litter and Mow Right of Way, excluding medians, on U.S. 41 in Sarasota County. Budget Estimate: \$13,000.00 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. 348957 CB/CN 3/25;4/1/10

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PUBLIC NOTICE AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440. 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 347909 CB/CN 3/28/10

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION RFP NUMBER: 2010-13 OPENING DATE AND TIME: April 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Hendry County is seeking firms interested in providing deferred compensation for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners. Firms offering deferred compensation plans which meet Internal Revenue Service requirements are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section I, General Information) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by an evaluation committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by April 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered. A copy of the Instructions and RFP Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585. This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman Board of County Commissioners 349388 CB/CN 3/25;4/1/10

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1. INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON NW EUCALYPTUS FM# 416231-1-58-01 Bid No. 2010-12 Opening Date and Time: April 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn. Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida 33935 for Construction of Sidewalk Improvements on NW Eucalyptus from Collingswood Avenue to Cowboy Way. We invite you to respond. All Bids must be received and time/date stamped by said Clerk of Courts or designee no later than Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Copies of plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from the Hendry County Engineer's Office located at 99-A East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida, telephone number (863) 675-5222. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the package. Bidders must be prequalified with FDOT to be considered. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office in LaBelle. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. All Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at the County Complex, C. E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, Second Floor, Clerk's Office, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. The County reserves the right to waive informalities in any bids; to reject any or all bids with or without cause; and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the County. Board of County Commissioners Janet Taylor, Chairwoman 348631 CB/CN 3/18;25;4/1/10

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH NW EUCALYPTUS FROM COLLINGSWOOD PARKWAY TO COWBOY WAY IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Fm# 416231-1 RfQ # 2010-10 OPENING DATE: APRIL 8, 2010 AT 2:00 p.m. Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on NW Eucalyptus from Collingswood Parkway to Cowboy Way. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and compliance with the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL by 2:00 pm on April 8, 2010, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, located at 165 S. Lee St., LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email. The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation. Board of County Commissioners Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman 348623 CB/CN 3/18;25;4/1/10

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, on the 17th day of September, 2008, in the cause wherein Surf Consultants, Inc., as successor in interest to Direct Merchant Bank, N.A is plaintiff and Barbara Freedland is defendant, being Case number 2008-164CC, in said Court, J. Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Barbara Freedland, in and to the following described property, to-wit: 2007 Jeep Compass, Vehicle Number 1J8FT47W97D219540, Title Number 97750198. And on the 15th day of April, 2010 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendants, Barbara Freedland, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution. Steve Whidden Sheriff Hendry County, Florida By: Lieutenant Andy Lewis 348294 CN/CB 3/11,18,25;4/1/10

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LEGAL NOTICE DeMott Auction gives notice of intent, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes, to sell the following trailers: 2005 LMT Trailer Vin #: 5L8GF362551411246 Kubota RTV 900 4x4 Diesel PS Serial #: 69867 Product #: KRTV900A61069867 Former Owner of Abandoned Property ATV Corp 7425 Ball Hill Dr Miami, FL 33015 To be sold at auction to the highest bidder March 27, 2009 at Huey Howard Ranch Hwy. 832 LaBelle FL AU1833-AB1285 345458 ON 03/10,17; 18 03/11,18;CGS 03/18,25/10

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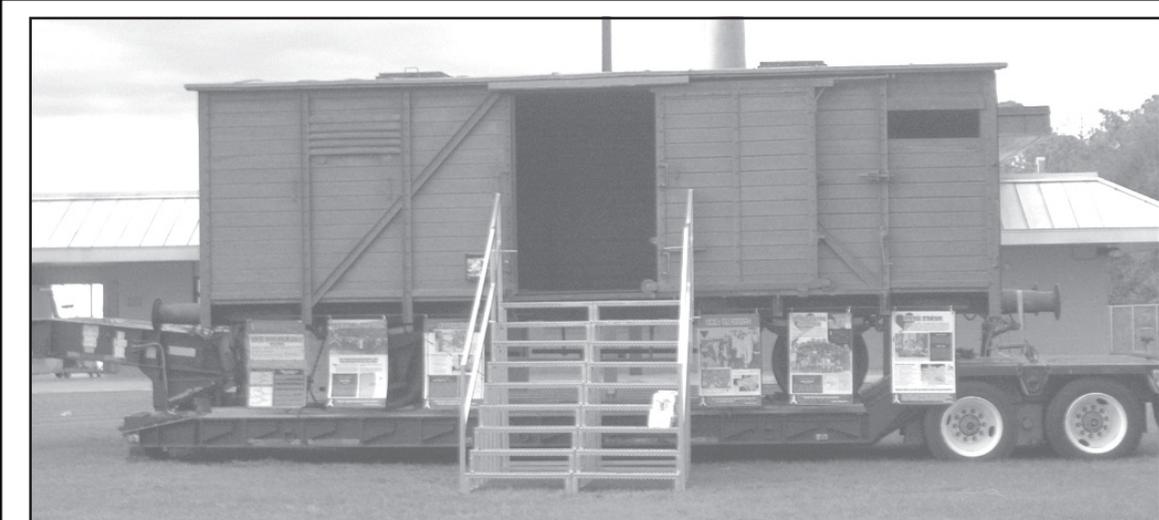
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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
 SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 4/13/10
 SUBJECT AREA: 406 Requirements for High School Graduation
 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for high school graduation.
 CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1003.43, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.428, 1003.4156, 1001.41(3), 1008.22(10)(c) and 1008.22(10) F.S.
 CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1003.43, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.428, 1003.4156, 1001.41(3), 1008.22(10)(c) and 1008.22(10) F.S.
 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 requirements for high school graduation.
 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, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on April 13, 2010.
Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, 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)(e), F.S. 347863 CN 3/11,18,25 CB 3/25/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-001147
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
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 VS.
NEIL T. LITTLE, AS PERSON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RITA JEAN LITTLE A/K/A RITA J. LITTLE; NEIL T. LITTLE, HEIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NEIL T. LITTLE, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); TANGLEWOOD OAKS, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
 Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:
LOT 68, TANGLEWOOD OAKS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 176 AND 177, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
To include a:
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Submitted photo

Never to be forgotten

The Hendry/Glades Center of Edison State College will observe the Dr. Talbot Spivak Holocaust Memorial Week March 29-April 1. The Boxcar Education Project provided by the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida will be at the College, 1092 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, free and open to all for the entire week. The vintage boxcar is of the type used to transport Jews to the death camps. Programming includes Monday's discussion with survivors of the death camps Hella and Heinz Wartski 4:30-6 p.m.; Tuesday's "Voices of Victims" 4:30-6 p.m., and 'Holocaust: Not just an isolated moment in time: lecture 6-7 p.m.: A dramatic reading by GSA members; Wednesday an original play, "In Memory's Kitchen" written and performed by Lori M. Shula 5-6 p.m., followed by a discussion led by Carl Sharp, WW II veteran and Florida's Cowboy Poet Laureate, 6-7 p.m. Closing ceremonies on Thursday includes a moving 21-gun salute by the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 130 6-6:30 p.m. followed by the showing of the movie "Swing Kids" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please contact the college for more information at 863-674-0408.

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 DATED this 5th day of March, 2010.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 5th day of March, 2009.
 CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 By /S/ D. Hammond
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 Law Offices of
 Daniel C. Consuegra
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 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.
 348393 CGS/CB 03/18,25/10

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INI/Ashley Smith

Local pageant girl

Tonie Tolar of LaBelle competed in the 5th Annual Miss US South Florida Teen Pageant on Saturday, March 13. The pageant took place at the Clewiston High School Auditorium where she placed first runner-up and was awarded Miss Photogenic and Audience Choice.



Submitted photo/Don Munch

New signs

On scenic Birchwood Parkway in Port LaBelle is a new "Citizens on Patrol" sign, one of several new patrol signs placed in the area, thanks to the efforts of the Port LaBelle Community Development District and the Glades County Sheriff's Department. Citizens in the Port LaBelle patrol areas who are interested in becoming a member of the highly respected and successful "Citizens on Patrol" program should contact Mr. Roger Saunders at 863-675-6288 or Mr. Ken Fuller at 863-675-1967.

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"The program is for students who would like to pursue a career helping people with personal and socialization problems," said Kathie Morris, Director Counseling Services and Ombudsman. "The degree will prepare students for entry-level positions in social services or for transfer to four year colleges or universities to pursue a bachelor or master's degree in human service, psychology, social work, sociology and other related social science majors."

Edison State met with a variety of human service providers in the community to discuss the types of careers and skill sets for which they have a need. Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Lee Memorial Mental Health, Vista, the David Lawrence Center, The Salvation Army and Hope Hospice were represented at the meeting. Together the group determined that there is an educational need in Southwest Florida to better prepare students for careers in the fields of mental health and substance abuse. "I know from my experience there are so many people who need these services and so many people who, with the right training, will make excellent service providers," said Dr. Washington D. Baquero, Edison State Board of Trustee member and a family practice physician. This program is very much needed. This is a good day for our community."

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For more information about the Human Services Program, please contact, the Allied Health Department at (239) 489-9255.

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