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'The Time Machine'

Audiences will 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, is set in the twilight age of live radio broadcast. Enjoy a unique mix of eras. Performances at FCC, 241 N. Bridge St., LaBelle Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., April 9-11. Reservations: Call 863-675-3066; \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door.

Relay for Life meetings

Only a few meetings left for the 2010 Relay for Life.

April 13: Team Rally 5:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, Committee Meeting 6:45-7:45 p.m.;

April 20: Team Rally 5:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, Committee Meeting 6:45-7:45 p.m.;

April 27: Team Rally 5:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, Committee Meeting 6:45-7:45 p.m.;

May 1-2: Relay for Life.

Amnesty at library

Barron Library will offer Amnesty Week, April 10-17. Please return any overdue library books during that time period and all of your overdue fees will be waived. In exchange for waving your fees, the library requests non-perishable food items to be donated to the Salvation Army. Please help the library and other citizens of LaBelle by returning any overdue items and by helping feed the less fortunate.

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Holocaust: Stories of shame, courage



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Cousins Jess Scarbrough, Haley Scarbrough and Michael Drabant, along with their grandmother, Julia Redell, were entranced with the images and information presented on posters inside the Holocaust-era boxcar located at last week's Holocaust Remembered exhibit at Edison State College.

Exhibits highlight horrific reality

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Memory can be a painful thing, but without it we are doomed to relive our worst moments. Last week Edison State College brought the Holocaust Memorial Project to LaBelle. The sorrowful exhibits available to LaBelle residents from March 29-April 1 brought the reality of that blighted period of history home.

On Monday evening Hella and Heinz Wartski told their stories as survivors of the Holocaust. As a 14-year-old girl, Hella and her family were taken to Auschwitz where they were separated from their parents and other family members. They never saw their parents again.

Heinz was from Germany,

the free City State of Danzig. His father was incarcerated in concentration camps twice. Once in Germany and once in Italy before the family could finally escape.

On Tuesday a dramatic reading called Voices of Victims and a lecture by Prof. Robert Sitta "Not Just an Isolated Moment in Time" were presented. On Wednesday: In Memory's Kitchen: A Dramatic Play was performed by EC's Lori Shula and Carl Sharp, Florida Cowboy Poet Laureate, offered his insight into the Holocaust.

The week of activities culminated Thursday with a candlelight ceremony, a 21-gun salute and Taps by members of American Legion Post 130, and a viewing of a special movie.

Edison's Dean R. Jones of-

fered the welcome saying that such exhibits help those far removed from those days know about the Holocaust. His remarks were followed by the Legionnaires, including a contingent of the Legion Riders. A few words by Chaplain Sam Renfroe appreciated the beautiful Spring day and noted that from 1933-44 in Europe there were no beautiful days that did not include "atrocities to mankind."

The Holocaust, Hitler's "final solution" to what he considered the "Jewish problem" stole 11 million lives - six million of them from Jews.

A small crowd listened respectfully before moving in to the

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Door open for 'heavy recreation'

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Tuesday, March 30, county commissioners approved a proposal that could provide heavy recreational opportunities for the area on 374 acres at the north side of SR 82 in Felda at the Hendry/Lee county line.

The property has an existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning, allowing migrant worker housing and mining operations. Uses also include asphalt and concrete mixing, horticultural waste mulching and recycling and water management facilities. None of these have been initiated.

Siting a "strong demand" for heavy recreation activities in the area including Hendry, Lee and Collier counties, the applicant, Bill McDaniel, hopes to add a motor sports track (with spectator seating) or field or space for off road vehicle use, paintball, recreational fishing, water sports, overnight camping to the acceptable uses, along with temporary food, beverage and gift concessions.

It would also include several billboards along SR 82.

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Salvation Army Awards

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Staff recommended approval of the new request, provided heavy recreation activities occur only between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The only real argument against the proposal concerned the noise issue and came from owners of the Gardinier, who are also seeking an amendment to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan that could eventually result in a major development.

Mr. McDaniel explained that he would not be using any of the environmentally sensitive areas on the property, keeping most of the heavy activity on the west central area, with camping in the northeast.

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movie. Esther Dolgoy Korchynski, a Canadian who lives in LaBelle during the winter months, her daughter Eda Korchynski and her friend Pierre Agoli, were part of that group.

Ms. Korchynski lives in Manitoba and is Jewish. For her, the Holocaust has very deep and personal meaning. Her father was from the Ukraine and her mother from Latvia. Her family immigrated to Canada in 1912 but not before they had experienced the same kind of twisted patriotism that spawned the Holocaust. Her father had managed to escape Russian "pogroms" - "small" massacres targeted at specific groups. However, the family still had relatives in Germany and Europe.

Another member of the group, who identified himself only as "Red," said his family also has scars from that time in history. He had two grandfathers fighting for the Allies

Carter, McGee earn Hendry's Salvation Army awards

The Salvation Army presented awards to outstanding supporters of the agency on March 25, at Broadway Palms Dinner Theatre. Army staff and friends gathered to pay tribute to volunteers and community partners who give of their time, talent and treasures to help others. In 2009, over 116 volunteers reinforced the ranks of The Army's small staff in LaBelle to give back to those in need in the community. Those volunteers amassed over 2,100 hours to serve over 1,700 families.

"There could never be enough 'thank you's' to these dedicated groups of volunteers who give of their time and service to



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Top: Major Art Penhale, Corp Officer, Dick Carter and Meg Geltner, General Manager.

At left: Major Art Penhale, Corps Officer, Rosemary McGee and Meg Geltner, General Manager.

He said the noisy activities may include a BMX track, ATV trails and truck pulls, however, he planned to start with low intensity uses.

Commissioner Kevin McCarthy moved to approve the request, with staff recommendations on noise control. Commissioner Karson Turner seconded the motion and it passed, 3-0.

Commissioners Janet Taylor and Tris Chapman were not present at the meeting.

Major zoning issues April 13

West Hendry Area Plan along with the Gardinier development, a proposed mixed use development to be located on 627 acres on the north side of SR 82, and Rodina, also a proposed mixed use development, on 25,826 acres on the west side of SR 29 between LaBelle and Felda.

(one British RAF, one American). The family remains split because another grandfather was fighting against them for Germany. He said over the years he has heard a lot about the war from his family and even spent time in Europe and Washington, DC., where he has seen and heard a lot about the war and the Holocaust from family and friends. It took years, he said, but they eventually opened up about their experiences.

The movie Swing Kids, which ended the week of activities, depicted German young people resisting the Nazi regime. Made in 1993, it represented the dilemma of the German people as Hitler unleashed his power on his own people in 1939.

Three youngsters, all students at West Glades Elementary, were among those at the final events. After watching the movie, Michael Allen Drabant 13, pronounced it "awesome." He said he didn't think it could

help people in need in our community. It is simply outstanding. Their commitment to The Army is a blessing and we will be forever grateful to them," remarked Major Art Penhale, Corps Officer for the Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties Salvation Army.

Top Awards were given to outstanding groups and individuals for their outstanding service in 2009:

Volunteer of the Year for Hendry County Rosemary McGee is always willing to help in a pinch. She facilitates daily bread pick-up from Winn-Dixie and serves in the food pantry.

Top Bell Ringer for Hendry County Dick Carter is one of the first persons to sign up for Christmas and rang for 195 hours. He is part of a dynamic duo with his wife, Marica who was honored as last year's Volunteer of the Year for Hendry. If you are interested in



These will be considered at the county commission's April 13 meeting at the Harlem Library, 1010-J Harlem Academy Ave. beginning at 5 p.m.

The board voted to support the West Hendry Area Plan to change the Future Land Use Element text of the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map to a series of new future land use categories.

The Department of Community Affairs issues include the use of density for conservation, water quality and stormwater impact on the river.

The South Florida Water Management District requests that an overlay not be used on their land. The Conservatory of Southwest Florida is included in the plans to restore historic flow ways to the river.

The board unanimously approved a show of support for the plan, which will be voted on at the April 13 meeting.

happen here, though. "I think we could stop it here,"

His cousin Jess Eugene Scarbrough, 11, and a fourth grader agreed. "We're free here," he said, "but if people don't listen . . ."

Jess's sister Haley Nicole Scarbrough, 9, was sure they could just "move to a different country."

The children's grandmother, Julia Redell, is a student at EC. She said she wished more students had been able to come to the events.

Exhibits open for the week included an actual boxcar in use during the Holocaust period.

There were informational panels explaining genocide and its place in the world today, along with WWII artifacts, documentary viewings and Trail of Hope art by Edison students.

volunteering to help others through The Salvation Army, please call 863-674-1441.

Sub-Office

Once again the commissioners looked at what should be done with the old Clewiston sub-office. Recently they voted to abandon it and build a new facility on Olympia St. in Clewiston, by the new health department. The old office was to be razed. At their March 30 meeting, however, they decided to try to sell the property if possible, rather than simply tear it down.

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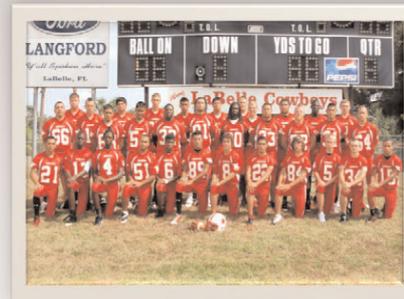
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INI/Nena Bolan

Eagle Riders, Lakeport-Moore Haven Fraternal Order of Eagles, had a motorcycle event, February, at their meeting place near the span bridge in Moore Haven at 101 Avenue J.

Arrests

LaBelle

Rafael Contrera Jr., 60, was arrested April 4 and charged with DUI alcohol or drugs and flee/elude fail to obey a law enforcement order to stop. Deputy T. Neidert was arresting officer.

Kevin Bradley Ward, 34, was arrested April 3 and charged on a warrant with FTA: felony offense. H. Bledsoe was arresting officer.

Julian Cornelius Madrid, 25, was arrested April 2 and charged with smuggling contraband into a detention facility and on warrant for selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business, Schedule II. T. Neidert was arresting officer.

Lawrence Wayne Schneider, 62, was arrested April 2 and charged with traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs third violation in ten years and traffic offense DUI with property damage.

Robert Percy Titus III, 21, was arrested April 1 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Julian McCall 34, was arrested March 26, and charged with fraud - insurance less than \$20,000 and fraud use/possession of identification of another person without their consent. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Ramiro Ozuna, 61, was arrested March 31 was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. L. Banks was arresting officer.

Daniel Hurtado, 28, was arrested March 31 and charged on a warrant with VOP: felony or community control. N. Reed was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Uriel G. Velasquez, 24, was arrested April 3 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with no intent to kill. CPD officer J. Pilon was arresting officer.

Cynthia Renee Johnson, 19, and Anita Simeon, 18, were arrested April 3 and charged with public order crimes accessory after the fact.

Marvin Anderson, 28, was arrested April

3 and charged with escape and larceny petit theft second degree first offense.

Uriel Mundel Minott Jr., 21, was arrested April 3 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon firearm. Sgt. L. Preece was arresting officer.

Brian Matthew Cook, 19, was arrested April 2 and charged as an out of state fugitive on a warrant as a deserter from the US Army. CPD Office J. Pilon was arresting officer.

Hugo Campuzano, 19, was arrested March 31 and charged with six counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with no intent to kill, use/display of a weapon during a felony, discharging a firearm in public, ejecting a missile into a dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft. He allegedly shot at a truck as the driver was dropping off several passengers in Twin Lakes. Sgt. Herrera was arresting officer.

Cornelius Lewis Ward, 30, was arrested March 20 and charged with battery touch/strike and robbery with a firearm. B. Van Fleet was arresting officer.

Omar Triana, 31, was arrested March 28 and charged with possession of cocaine. CPD officer Herrera was arresting officer.

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Eagles form area post

by Nena Bolan

Glades County Democrat

GLADES/HENDRY -- The newly formed Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) has opened its doors in Moore Haven at the old post office building on Avenue J. Charter members joined in April 2009 and now they have an established meeting place in the historic section near the city park.

Ed Bryan is the president of the Eagles Aerie #4523. June Riley is the junior-past president of the Eagles' Auxiliary, and Steven Ratliff is the president of the Eagle Riders for motorcycle recreation. The organization is part of District 7, and they invite membership from the communities of LaBelle, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Ortona, Lakeport, Palmdale, Buckhead Ridge, Brighton, South Bay and Belle Glade.

The FOE is known for its charity work in the United States and Canada. It has over one million members and people from all walks of life can join. According to June Riley, the Eagles have 12 traditional charities they help such as Max Baer Heart Fund, Drug Awareness Fund, CPR Fund, Robert W. Hansen Diabetes Fund, Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, D.D. Dunlap Kidney Fund, Muscular Dystrophy Fund, Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, Golden Age Eagle Fund, Alzheimer's Fund, Lew Reed Spinal Cord Fund and H.O.M.E.

Locally, the Eagles raise money for college scholarships and disaster funds. They do Homeland Charities for Christmas and

Thanksgiving baskets, a children's Christmas party; and they help those in need or those who have had a house fire. Saturday nights are Steak Night, and Monday nights have Bingo games. These are open to the public, but only members can order an alcoholic beverage. Otherwise, tea, soda and coffee are served.

On Saturday, March 27, there is a '50s sock-hop dance following the steak dinner.

On Saturday, April 27, the steak dinner is a fund raiser for Project Graduation, which is a prom night function for Moore Haven High School. Several other events are being planned soon.

FOE president, Ed Bryan, commented the Eagles appreciate and support veterans, fire departments and law enforcement.

Steven Ratliff, Eagle Riders, mentioned 2,000 motorcycle riders cross over the span bridge in Moore Haven on any given weekend. The group plans rallies and poker runs.

"The Eagles are people helping people for the past 112 years," said June Riley.

People seeking membership applications can call 863-946-1523. The Lakeport-Moore Haven Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4523, Auxiliary and Eagle Riders are located at 101 Avenue J. SW, Moore Haven, FL 33471. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.

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FGCU receives grant for engineering studies

FORT MYERS, FL - Florida Gulf Coast University's Physical Plant recently received a generous third annual gift from B & I Contractors, Inc. in support of the Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund financially assists qualified students enrolled in environmental studies, civil engineering or environmental engineering.

B&I Contractors, Inc. president Gary Griffin and vice president Jason Grabowski contributed \$5,000 toward the endowment

demonstrating a commitment to FGCU students and Physical Plant for a total of \$15,000 to the endowment. B&I Contractors, Inc. has served the University by providing mechanical and plumbing services on campus for the last decade.

Scholarship recipient and civil engineering major Krysten Terns is grateful to receive the award. "I am very appreciative to have received the Physical Plant Scholarship as I have always had a hard time finding finan-

cial assistance. This scholarship has allowed me to help my parents and to purchase new books so I can keep them for reference in my professional career."

With B&I Contractors' gift, the Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund has received more than \$50,000 in contributions since 2007. While serving as an ambassador for the annual employee giving campaign, assistant director of Finance and Business Operations in Physical Plant Vikki McConnell realized that collective donations from the department could result in an endowment. Creation of the endowed scholarship fund allows employees in Physical Plant to support both students and its departmental mission.

"Students in our department are a constant reminder of why we are here and who we are here to serve," McConnell said. "Employees contribute to the fund, share information with business and community members, and hope that additional financial support will help more students earn envi-

ronmental and engineering degrees. The Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship is an opportunity to enhance relationships with business partners as we work together to ensure students become educated in fields of our common interests."

Jim Hehl, director of Physical Plant is grateful to B&I Contractors for their contribution toward FGCU students. "This is something we started in Physical Plant, which makes us very proud. Perhaps other donors will see our employees' generosity and be a part of this collaborative effort to enhance the student growth in engineering and environmental majors and continue to provide opportunities for future FGCU students," Hehl said.

The Physical Plant department at FGCU provides campus operations and maintenance. The department staff is actively involved with students, employing over 100 student workers since 1997, including 49 work study and 13 international students.

Alcohol on the Brain Part 2

Exposure to substances that inhibit cell growth has some impact on the adult brain, but these same substances can have a devastating effect on the developing brain.

Trickster. Alcohol combines with lipids (fat molecules) that form channels in the surfaces of brain cell membranes, temporarily changing their structure and function.

Thief. Alcohol reduces the level of serotonin in the brain. Serotonin is known as the brain's peacekeeper, assisting in learning and problem solving and it enables our drive to live in harmony. It is connected to cells in every part of the brain—the only neurotransmitter that is. If not impeded by alcohol (or

drugs that act on serotonin receptors), the brain receives gentle, rhythmic pulses of serotonin. One of its most important roles is to act as a brake on impulses for too much or too little can affect cognitive and emotional functioning. This is why drinking teens often engage in foolish, irresponsible, and dangerous activities.

Global Havoc. Alcohol affects most of the brain, compromising memory, abstract thinking, problem solving, attention, and concentration. It also alters motivation, emotions, awareness, thinking, movement, breathing, consciousness, and more.

Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

When a pill starts down my throat followed by water it brings an alert.....Sumpin ain't right and pops it out again...If there are any more pill wimps out there use this hint. Take a bite of banana, chew it up and get ready to swallow then pop that pill in the mush and swallow it down.. Applesauce or ice cream or anything soft will do too.

I had my ten-year colonoscopy a few weeks ago. The last time I had one I was given several nice, colorful, pictures of my colon that were suitable for framing and made lovely Christmas gifts.



They don't do that anymore so I don't know what to do now. I was going through my button jar. Yes, whippersnappers, we old folks have button jars ... Anyway, I had all these tiny plastic bags that had the extra button that came with the clothing. There had to be 30 of the little devils. I put them all in one little bag. That cleared out a lot of room for the rest. Some of those had to be 40 years old. In fact some of my buttons are at least 60 years old. You never know when you will need one.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf;

Some answers to a 6th grade history test: Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines; and: the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits and threw the java.

Israel trip glimpse of Holy Land

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church,
LaBelle



Dr. Les Morgan

Dr. Les and Val Morgan and Seth and Vicki Howard are planning a trip to Israel for Oct. 27—Nov. 5, 2010. There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle for those interested in going.

"We went last year," Pastor Morgan said, "and it was a trip of a lifetime. To see the places like Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, the places where Jesus taught and healed the people of His day was a deeply spiritual experience."

"It was interesting to me to see how people asked questions of us after we returned," said Valerie Morgan. "We heard similar questions for many different individuals. They included questions like, 'Were you ever in a threatening situation where you felt unsafe?'"

and 'What was the food like?' and 'Were the accommodations suitable?'"

Of those who went last year, the answers were always that same. "Not once did we feel unsafe, or threatened, or in any danger whatsoever. A key industry of Israel and that part of the middle east is tourism. The Israeli people, as well as the others living in that region, were very accommodating and pleasant to be around. The hotels and food were very much at a standard that American's would be used to. The service was good and the bus drivers and tour guides were well educated and served the people with outstanding quality."

If you would like to go to Israel, please come to the informational meeting this Saturday. The public is welcome to attend to come learn more about this trip of a lifetime.

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New chiropractor in LaBelle is homegrown

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

People live with discomfort every day, but when those aches and pains become unbearable or interfere with living your life, a trip to a chiropractor could be just what the doctor ordered.

Dr. Joshua Parrish, D.C., has been in practice with Dr. Watkins since May 2009. He graduated from the Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis in April 2009. He is the son of Tom and Becky Parrish.

He is a homegrown doctor, graduating from LaBelle High School in 2000. In fact, LaBelle High School is where this young man first became intrigued with chiropractic, after injuring his back on the baseball team. According to Dr. Parrish, it's not uncommon for chiropractic students to have had such a personal injury experience.

He had been to orthopedic doctors and others, but they were unable to find what was wrong. Then chiropractic found the cause and fixed it. It was the beginning of a fascination with the study that grew into a career.

Chiropractors can look at the patient's spine and nerves and look for the problem rather than simply treat symptoms, Dr. Parrish said, adding, "It's a conservative approach, using mechanical corrections rather than chemical or invasive techniques."

Still, surgery is required sometimes and in those instances, Dr. Parrish can refer patients to the appropriate surgeons.

Sometimes his patients can barely walk when they begin their treatments, Dr. Parrish said, and he loves giving adjustments to his patients that provide them with relief. Typically, Dr. Parrish will consult with a patient, which will direct him in the appropriate exam and proper adjustment or therapy for that patient. The most common complaints he hears are joint pain, tension headaches, lower back pain, shoulder and knee pain.

All these are examples of areas Dr. Parrish can help with. It's his job to find out what works best for the patient. He said that correct posture, along with stretching and exercise, are among the most important things people can do for their own well-being.

Over time, poor posture can cause muscular pain and even heart or lung problems. Staying active will help keep all your functions in proper condition, he added.

Dr. Parrish's hands are his most valuable

tool. This is a more aggressive technique, he said, adding that he can also use a tool called an activator. "The most-researched technique," he said, the activator can be used in more delicate situations.

He also has access to a therapy suite on premises to use ultrasound for acute injuries and help heal inflammation. He can also use electronic stimulation for muscular spasms, and more chronic situations.

After earning a bachelor's degree, chiropractors attend another 3.5 years straight of therapy training. They study the anatomy, function, physiology and the causes of problems relating to different functions.

Dr. Parrish said that, usually, patients see a positive result in just a couple visits. In most cases that means a lessening of pain or muscle spasms.

Dr. Parrish said he enjoys figuring out how to help people suffering with pain.

His office is located at 367 W. Hickpooshee Ave. (the corner of SR 80 and Belmont). Call 675-0421 for an appointment or just walk in. Dr. Parrish is open Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. till noon; Tuesday 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Chiropractic physician Dr. Josh Parrish welcomes patients to his practice.



Submitted photo

Stylin'

LaBelle High School Class of 2009 graduate Nicole Fiori, is a stylist at Steel Magnolias in Verandah, 11841 Palm Beach Blvd. Fort Myers. She graduated from Lee High Tech Central in Jan. 2010 and earned her state cosmetology license on March 23. She started at Steel Magnolias as an assistant till she passed the state exam. Nicole was interested in hair styling and started studying cosmetology while still in her senior year at LHS. She is also attending Edison State College studying elementary education. Proficient in all the latest styles, Nicole also likes doing fancy up-dos for pageants, weddings and dances and is good with color and sets. Nicole hopes all her LaBelle friends will come out to see her. Call 239-693-0833.

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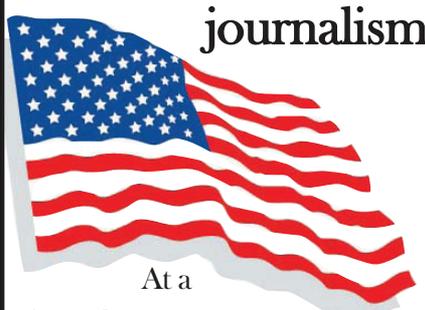
I, Lucretia A. Strickland, Supervisor of Elections, County of Hendry, do hereby give notice that a General Election will be held in Hendry County, State of Florida, on the 2nd day of November, 2010, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:
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Nota de Eleccion

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Hope HealthCare Center brings 'Hope Close to Home'

(Lehigh Acres, FL) – Hope HealthCare Services has succeeded in “bringing Hope close to home” for thousands of residents of eastern Lee, Glades and Hendry counties. Construction is now complete on the Hope HealthCare Services Center in Lehigh Acres, the only health care center of its kind in the state of Florida.

More than 600 people attended a two-day open house event at the Center, on March 30 and 31.

“The opening of the Center represents a major landmark for Hope in enhancing the care we offer to so many people in need,” according to Hope President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. “This is a gift of time for everyone in the area – no more long hours driving to other hospice houses and care facilities for services or to visit loved ones.”

Set to open in mid-April, the Center will serve eastern Lee County, including Buckingham, Alva, Gateway, Lehigh Acres and

Pelican Preserve, as well as Hendry and Glades counties.

The 45,000 square-foot Center includes:

- 24 individual care suites for hospice patients
- Respite areas for loved ones of the patients

An Adult Day Health Center, offering Hope Select Care, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), where approximately 50 frail and elderly clients will receive care and support each day;

A Community Education Center which will offer, among other programs, education for family caregivers

- Bereavement counseling offices

Offices for home care teams and volunteers, who serve hundreds of people throughout the area.

The Center will also serve as a hurricane shelter for hospice patients living at home who cannot be placed in public shelters. As an added benefit to the community, the Center will receive certification for meeting international standards of environmental quality and energy efficiency.

Designed to meet the ongoing needs of Florida's growing and changing population, Beckwith described the Center as “the future of health care.”

“We are absolutely thrilled to be able to serve the community in this unique way,” Beckwith said. “We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported us in this important project.”

The Hope HealthCare Services Center is

located at 1201 Wings Way in Lehigh Acres, on five acres of land donated by the Community Health Association.

Hope Healthcare Services is a registered d/b/a of Hope Hospice and Community Services, a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) community-based agency, nationally recognized as a leader in providing high-quality, innovative care. Hope is accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), the national leader in improving the quality of care in the home-care industry, and is a recipient of the nationally acclaimed Circle of Life Award for excellence and innovation in patient care. For more information, visit www.hopehcs.org



Submitted photo

Hope HealthCare Services opens new center.

Obituaries

Clara Ann Pitts, 60

CLEWISTON — Clara Ann Pitts, age 60, of Clewiston, passed away April 5, 2010, in LaBelle.

She was born Mar. 14, 1950 in Macon, Ga., the daughter of the late William Adam Russ and the late Elsie Stadler.

Survivors include children, Tammy Lynn Turlington, LaBelle, Wallace Edward Pitts Jr., Clewiston, Gregory Keith Pitts, LaBelle and Charles Blake Williams, LaBelle; brothers, Willie M. Russ, Perry, James Henry Stadler, LaBelle; sisters, Mary Maxine Williams, Clewiston, Donna Lisa Livingood, LaBelle; grandchildren, Kristina Marie Williams, Keylee Rachelle Turlington, Korri Lynn Turlington, Jacob Oliver Bustin Pitts, Mariah Elise Pitts, Tori Jane Pitts, Courtney Elizabeth Pitts, Jacob Nathaniel Pitts, Karen Rene Waddell, Clint Taylor Williams; and great-grandchildren, Elijah D. Williams and Ayvah LaChelle Williams.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Friday, April 9, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor Johnny Jarriel officiating. Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory, LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

James Edward Williams, 78

CORTLAND, Ohio — James Edward Williams, 78 of Cortland, passed away Sunday afternoon, April 4, 2010, in the St. Joseph Health Center after a courageous battle with COPD.

Born October 2, 1931, in Cumberland, Md., James was the son of the late Frank and Marie (Gero) Williams.

Jim moved to the Warren area at the age of 10 and attended St. Mary's School. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving our country during the Korean War Conflict. Af-

ter receiving and honorable discharge, Jim began work at Packard Electric until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Cortland Volunteer Fire Department, a constable and one of the first police officers for Bazetta Township. Jim loved to golf and enjoyed spending winters in Florida. Upon his retirement, Jim worked at the Oxbow golf course in LaBelle, Fla., and also the Prestwick golf course in Cortland.

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Barbara A. (Madar) Williams of Cortland whom he married Oct. 17, 1953, and with whom he has shared 56 years of marriage; and four children, Carol (Tracy) Steele and Janet (John) Onatz, both of Warren, James A. (Shelly) Williams of Kent, and Lynn (Jerry) Reed of West Hartford, Conn.; eight grandchildren, Jonathan (Aimee) Steele, Josh Smith, Heather Steele, Keri (Jeff) Scheid, James A. (Marlo) Williams Jr., Emma Higginbotham, and Taylor and Zach Reed. He is survived by a sister, Mary Frances Steele of Hubbard and was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Catherine Hinkle.

Calling hours were held Wednesday evening at the Roberts-Clark Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Don King will conduct a Mass of Christian burial on Thursday, April 8, at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Interment will take place in the All Souls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that material contributions be made to Golden Strings, a non-profit organization offering recreational programs to adults with disabilities, at 12 S. Phelps Youngstown, OH 44503 or to the charity of the donors choice.

To view this obituary online or send condolences go to www.robertsclarkchapel.com.

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DESSERT AUCTION
April 9th 7:00 PM
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Church of LaBelle



The Public is invited to attend the First Baptist Church of LaBelle Relay For Life Dessert Auction this Friday, April 9th at 7:00 PM. Mayor Paul Puletti as the Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer, will be auctioning all the yummy desserts for a good cause. Come out for all the fun. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society LaBelle Relay for Life event May 1-2, 2010. The First Baptist Church is located at 330 North Main Street. The auction will be in the new yellow building. Call 863-675-2171 for information on this exciting event.

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Jon Held helps kids understand the importance of agriculture as he plants an avocado tree at Barron Library in recognition of Ag Literacy Day.

Library celebrates Ag Literacy Day

(LaBelle, FL, March 29, 2010) -- The Barron Library celebrated 2010 Ag Literacy Day by reading a book about Florida Farms to a group of preschoolers from Redlands Christian Migrant Association's KROME Center. An avocado and a mango tree were planted in the library yard by Jon Held, with the help of the kids.

Ag Literacy Day is a statewide program that was initiated seven years ago to educate Florida school children about the importance of agriculture to them and their communities. The agriculture specialty license tag known as the Ag Tag, funds Florida Ag-

riculture in the Classroom, a non-profit organization. In addition, 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.

A special thank you to Jon Held for starting the trees and donating them to Barron Library. Thank you also for participating with the children from RCMA as you planted the trees.

Church Briefs

Dessert auction to benefit Relay for Life

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.

Support Christian school

The Community Christian School of LaBelle would like to encourage everyone to come out and support their local Christian School and buy a BBQ pork dinner. The dinners are \$8 each. We will be serving at Barron Park from 4-7 p.m. The menu includes pork steak, baked potato, green beans, roll and good ole' sweet tea. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Community praise planned

Come to Christian karaoke, food, fun and more with Frank Dana bringing the Word 8-9 p.m. Praise and worship bands led by Mitchell Wills. Food 4:30-6 p.m. (meat provided, bring a covered dish). Come to Barron Park April 10.

Cowboy Gospel

Hear the Cowboy Gospel at the Felda Community Center with music and singing by Mercie and Grace Group of LaBelle. Preaching by Peggy Flint.

Gospel play

Coming Home, a Gospel musical play written, directed and produced by Daniel D. Smith, will be presented by the LaBelle Seventh Day Adventist Church at LaBelle High School as part of the church's concert series fund raising event.

Come to LHS Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. Adults \$18; teens \$10; under 10 \$5.

Eastside mission dinner

East Baptist Church is having a dinner to raise money 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. Serving 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the church social hall.

Drive-through service will be provided and delivery will be available when five or more meals go to one location. Tickets are \$8.

Call Raymond Crawford at 675-1845 or Marilyn Barrios at 675-8097 for tickets or information.

Clothing for donations

The Church of God of Prophecy Moore Haven, on the corner of 7th and E St., is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Interest in LSN grows

Interest in the LaBelle Sports Network (LSN) continues to grow. With the local youth baseball and softball seasons kick offs, 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 Belle's 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.

LaBelle Sports Network



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UCA photo contest winners

Universe All Star Cheerleaders won the LaBelle Sports On line photo contest for March. Pictured: Forrey's Grill head server Jenny Esquivel, center, presents UCA Coach Judy Harris, left, and UCA Director/Coach Tammy Watkins with a \$25 gift certificate.

Thank You from Relay for Life Country Peddler Team MASH

Country Peddler Team MASH held its Relay for Life Golf Tournament at Majestic Golf Club in Lehigh Acres on March 20, and would like to thank everyone who helped make our fundraiser for the American Cancer Society such a success!

The weather was magnificent and we are so appreciative of the golfers who participated in supporting our event. The Majestic Golf Club staff was so accommodating, helping to plan our event, treating golfers to coffee and doughnuts to start their day, and then to hot dogs as they completed the first nine holes - not to mention providing them with a superbly maintained course to play on!

Thanks to the generous support of so many area businesses, participants in our golf tournament received some terrific prizes. There were six cancer survivors among our golf participants, proving that there is

hope! They were recognized and given survivor shirts and prizes.

We want to extend our very sincere appreciation to the individuals and businesses that sponsored holes for our tournament. We realize that so many of you have been impacted by cancer, and want you to know how much we appreciate your support. You truly have given our fundraising efforts such a boost. We invite everyone to stop by Country Peddler Antiques to see our signs honoring our very generous supporters. Our congratulations go out to our tournament winners: 1st Place Women's Team: Sally Culligan, Lois Girvan, Carol Johnson; 1st Place Men's Team Tie: Barry Woods Team from The Glades, including Ed, Jim, and Mike and Chris Steuber, Brian C, and JD; 1st Place Mixed Team: Nick Fidanza, Ed Soulierre, Barb Breugst, Elsa Costello; Long Putt Men: Nick Fidanza; Long Putt Women:

Lois Girvan; Long Drive Men: Jim Burt; Long Drive Women: Lois Girvan; Closest to Pin Women: Sally Culligan.

We are still selling tickets for our chance drawings for some awesome prizes, donated by our very generous sponsors. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes and donate to a great cause.

Country Peddler Team MASH would like to invite everyone to the Relay for Life Walk at LaBelle High School on May 1, starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until 7 a.m. May 2. You are guaranteed to have lots of fun, lots of delicious food and a very rewarding experience - all for a very great cause! If you have never attended a Relay for Life event, please attend and help us find a cure!

Please join us in our efforts to Mash out Cancer! It's about being a community that takes up the fight!



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Barry Woods with golfers identified only as Ed, Mike, Jim.



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Chris Steuber, with golfers identified only as Brian C and JD.



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First place Women's Relay for Life MASH golf team: Sally Culligan, Lois Girvan, Carol Johnson.

Sports Shorts

Flag football for Relay

Teams needed for the Heather Marie Fry Flag Football Tournament, a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Adult teams: \$300 sponsorship - men high school age and up; winning team gets a trophy; Elementary teams: \$100 sponsorship - co-ed, kids must be in elementary school; winning team gets a trophy. Games begin at 8 a.m. Bring the whole family for games, food, bounce houses. It all happens at the Soccer Fields behind the Rec Dept. For rules and information call Tony Tolar at 673-5739 or Ramiro Rodriguez at 675-5347. Look for information on the skate park project!

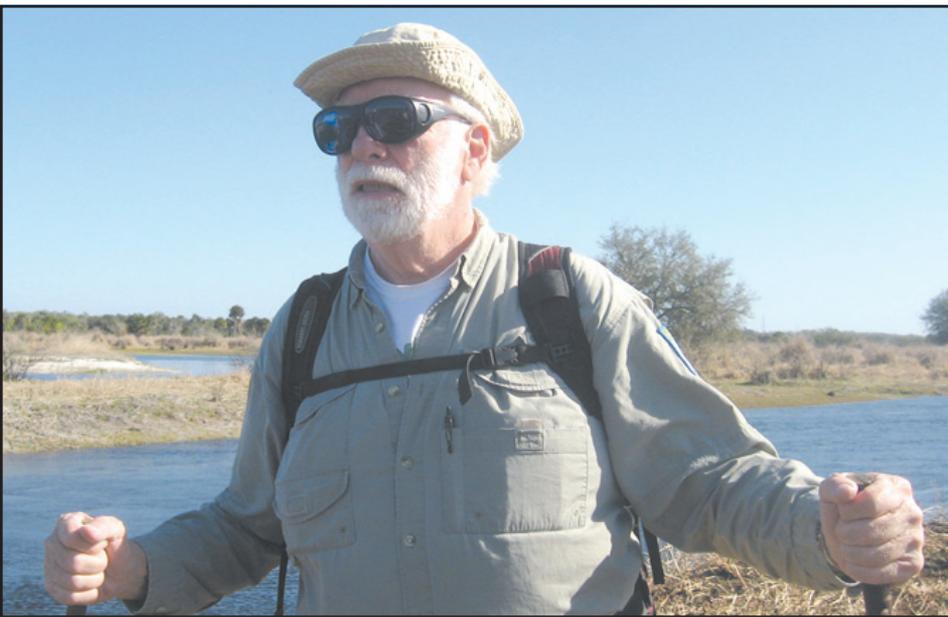
Attention shotgun shooters

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.

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Enjoying nature

The first hike of the newly formed Florida Trail Association group serving Glades and Hendry counties 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 information about future hikes call Betty Loomis at 863-946-3560.



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COPS

Members of Hendry County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit gathered for a picture as they circulated through LaBelle's Night Out March 30. Pictured from left: Deputies R. Shepherd, D. Cruz, Josh Woods and C. Green.

EC to launch bachelor degree programs

The Florida State Board of Education this week approved Edison State College's applications for four new bachelor degree programs slated to begin in the Fall '10 semester, including a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Cardiopulmonary Sciences and three Bachelor of Science Degrees in Middle School Education – Math, Science and Language Arts.

According to Dr. Jeff Elsberry, Program Director, Respiratory Care at Edison State College, the Cardiopulmonary Sciences B.A.S. program will prepare current professionals and future graduates to adopt expanded roles, work more independently across the continuum of care, and collaborate as partners on the healthcare delivery team.

"The industry standard within the profession is transitioning from previously requiring an associate's degree to requiring baccalaureate level preparation," said Elsberry. "Additionally, the Cardiopulmonary Sciences B.A.S. program provides career advancement for entry-level health profession practitioners. Students who develop management, leadership and advanced diagnostic skills will gain a broader-based understanding of both health care delivery skills and the leadership dimension." No other institution in the area offers this program.

"As the area's premier and primary educator of health science professionals, Edison State College continuously strives to identify areas of employment growth," said Dr. Noreen Thomas, Executive Vice President at Edison State College. "We then evaluate employers' needs and build programs that

provide academic rigor and relevance."

In 2008 Florida employed 11,515 people in this field. The AARC projects that within the next five years, a bachelor's degree will be the minimum requirement for entry into the Respiratory Care field (AARC, 2008).

The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation finds that right now more than 1,000 cardiopulmonary professionals are employed in Southwest Florida right now, and projects thousands more will be needed in coming years.

Right now there is no public or private school in Southwest Florida to educate Middle School Math, Science or Language Arts teachers, but the state of Florida predicts it will need to hire more than 3,000 middle school teachers in the next several years.

"We have an opportunity to provide more students access to in-demand careers in education," said Dr. Erin Harrel, Associate Dean of the School of Education at Edison State College. The middle grades programs will prepare graduates to secure teaching positions in 5-9 grade levels in the applicable program discipline. These three programs (Middle Grades, Math, Science and Language Arts) represent the top three critical teacher shortage areas for 2009-2010.

The Florida Department of Education in December 2008 designated these three areas as the top critical teacher shortage areas for 2009-2010. The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation finds that by the 2012-2013 academic year there will be a need for an additional 3,397 middle grades math, science and language arts teachers in Florida.

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Egg Hunt fun

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Sanchez, Mercado join United Way

FORT MYERS, Fla. (March 30, 2010)---The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has announced that Maribel Sanchez and Roger Mercado have joined the staff. Maribel Sanchez is Information and Referral Specialist for United Way 211 and is located in the LaBelle United Way House. Ms Sanchez has previously been employed by Child Care of Southwest Florida and Redlands Migrant Christian Association. She obtained certification as a Family Development Specialist from Florida Gulf Coast University.



Roger Mercado



Maribel Sanchez

Roger Mercado is the United Way Director of Allocations and Community Planning. Roger was formerly an Associate at Oswald Trippie and Company, and Program Manager for the Lee County Department of Human Services. He holds a masters degree in Social Work from Barry University.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has been "the way the community cares" since it was established in 1957. For more information please call United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades at (239) 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org

Plan for LaBelle High School yard sale

During the past few months, the members of the Athletic Department have been busy collecting items and planning our semi-annual Yard Sale to benefit the athletes at LaBelle High School. However, we still need your help. Clean out your garage and help the LaBelle High School Athletic Department in the process! We can accept donated items any time between now and the date of our sale. We have an air condition building and can accept both large and small items. All we ask of your generous donations are that they be in good condition and any items of clothing be washed prior to donation.

We will again have this yard sale at Upthe-

grove Elementary School on Saturday, April 17, between 8 a.m. and noon. We hope you will make time to come by and look over our donated items. We may have just what you are looking for at a fraction of the original cost. 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. Pick up arrangements must be made no later than April 15. All proceeds will be used to meet the needs of students participating in the athletic events at LaBelle High School. Thanks for your continued support of the students at LaBelle High School

Community Brief

Seacoast, Red Cross seek donations for Haiti

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

Community Brief

Volunteer Help Wanted

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

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

HOMES
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2BR/1BA FINEY HOME **\$36,000**
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HOMES ON ACREAGE
3BR/2BA HOME on 2.5 Acres west of LaBelle. **\$130,000**
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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**
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2.09 M/L ACRES w/large, beautiful oaks. **\$58,520**
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• Corporate owned! 4/2 in Lehigh Acres located off Bell Blvd. 2005 CBS home with over 1,500+/- sq. ft. of living area. **\$57,000.**

HOMES
• Riverfront - Immaculate 3/2 waterfront estate on 1.14+/- acres outside of LaBelle. Home is 2,425 sq. ft. of living area with overspacious kitchen, pantry, screened pool and a 1,944 sq. ft. workshop with office, bath and a generator compressor room. **\$795,000.**
• Horse lovers welcome! 4/2.5 on 3.24+/- in Port LaBelle Ranchettes. 2,500 sq. ft. of living area, 2 car garage, wrap around porch and more. **\$335,000.**
• Corporate owned! 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 w/ pool completely fenced. **\$184,900.**
• Corporate owned! Handy man special located in City of Clewiston. Needs some TLC. **\$114,900.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in move in ready condition in Clewiston. **\$109,900.**
• Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on 50+/- acres in Lehigh Acres. 2 car garage with over 3,400+/- sq. ft. of living area. **\$96,000.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS pod home on .497 in Lehigh Acres. Ceramic tile kitchen, den/office and lots more. **\$92,900.**
• Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .95+/- of an acre. Located between Clewiston and LaBelle. **\$89,900**

UNDER CONTRACT
SOLD!!!

• Corporate owned! 2/2 Handyman special. Located in Moore Haven. **\$24,900.**
• Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$17,000.**

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

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 1,500+/- sq. ft. of living area. **\$57,000**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home in Lehigh Acres near SR 80. Needs minor repairs. **\$56,900.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 2008 CBS home that is 95% complete. Home needs to be completed and does not have certificate of occupancy. **\$47,500.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 near schools. Move in ready condition. **\$43,000.**
• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in Lehigh Acres. Spacious kitchen, private den and much, much more. **\$42,000.**
• Corporate owned! 3/1 CBS home located centrally in Immokalee. Close to shopping and schools. **\$39,900.**
• Corporate owned! 2/2 in good condition located in desirable Laurelwood Subdivision in Lehigh Acres. **\$35,000.**
• Corporate owned! Located in the heart of Lehigh Acres, close to schools and shopping. **\$25,000.**
• Corporate owned! 2/2 Handyman special. Located in Moore Haven. **\$24,900.**
• Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$17,000.**

UNDER CONTRACT
SOLD!!!

• 4/2 on 10+/- acres in Pioneer Plantation. With 2,356+/- sq. ft. of living area, spacious living room with fireplace. **\$89,900.**
• Immaculate 3/2 located in City of LaBelle on oversized lot, features woodlike flooring and carpet, master bath has tiled shower, overspacious kitchen and much much more. Priced to sell at **\$69,900.**
• Let's make a deal! 3/2 home features built in cabinets, large master bath, spacious kitchen, and plenty of elbow room. Outside you will find a fenced yard and storage shed. **\$69,000**
• 4/2 manufactured home located in Immokalee near schools and shopping. **\$55,000.**
• Affordable starter. 3/1.5 on corner lot in Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**

Call about our vacant land!

LOTS
• 2.72+/- partially fenced acreage in Muse. **\$75,000.**
• 29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**
• Buy now, build later: Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. **\$35,000.**
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COMMERCIAL
• Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse & just minutes away from LaBelle. **\$3.50 per sq ft.**
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• "THE KOUNTRY KUBBARD" has been a fixture for the Ortona & Turkey Creek residents for years. It is the only retail store on C.R. 78 between Hwy 29 & Hwy 27 **\$199,000**



• THE LOCATION IS PERFECT for almost any kind of business, office, or retail. Located on busy Hwy 29 "Main Street" and directly across the street from the historic Hendry County Court House. This 3,589 Sq. Ft. building has the space to be subdivided into offices or shops with plenty of parking space. **\$399,900**



• DON'S STEAKHOUSE & LOUNGE! Don's is an established restaurant and lounge located just off of busy Hwy 80. The restaurant is well known in LaBelle as a great place for a good meal and a good time! **\$25,000**

VACANT LAND/HOMESITES/ACREAGE

• BEAUTIFUL, SECLUDED 5 ACRE TRACT located in La Deca. Build to suit or fence the property and have a weekend get-away! Either way it is worth a look! **\$38,000**
• A VERY NICE, FENCED & CLEARED 5 ACRES IN MUSE! The property is completely fenced, gated, 2 wells, and accessible from 2 roads. Power pole in place. **\$50,000**
• 5 +/- CLEARED ACRES between Naples and Ave Maria! A great place for a home on acreage, only minutes from Ave Maria! Current zoning allows for horses and other livestock! Enjoy the country lifestyle, with easy access to Naples, Ave Maria, and the beach is only about a 1/2 hour drive away! **\$99,900**
• BEAUTIFUL 9.81+/- ACRE HOMESITE, just off of CR 78 with massive oaks. A great location for your dream home on a dead end street! Zoning also allows for horses! **\$150,000**
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Community Briefs

Pioneer wants your news

Share your news with your Pioneer Plantation neighbors at newsopioneer@gmail.com. Weddings, births, anniversaries, graduations, topics of interest. Read their monthly newsletter at www.pioneerplantation.org

Learn self defense techniques

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 shares his self defense seminars with organizations willing to host him. CMUMC is located at 310 Campbell St.

Attention writers

Two new groups dedicated to local people who love to write are meeting at the Barron Library, sharing ideas and support. An evening group meets the first the third Thursday monthly (that will be on April 15) at 6 p.m. There is a noon group that meets the second Thursday monthly (today). Bring a sandwich and beverage if you like.

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 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. Proceeds go to the homeless coalition. A \$15 donation can be substituted as a fee. Vendors are needed with items that reflect Mother's Day gifts (flowers, jewelry, hats, scarves, photos, purses, sweets, etc.). You may also donate a new or slightly used item for the raffle. Please call Anna at (863) 675-5356 daytime or (863) 674-0098 nights.

Auxiliary canteen serves meal

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 serves food every Tuesday evening in the main hall during members only lounge bingo. 4:30-7 p.m. Sandwich or soup \$3.50

each, Lunch plate/dessert \$5; desserts \$1. (Menu varies each week). Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

Motorcycle roundup

Something for everyone April 18, 1-5 p.m. rain or shine. Contests - no entry fee. Bike stuff swap meet - buy, sell, trade. Call Kati 239-246-3045 to reserve your spot. It all happens at the Grandeur Oaks Plaza, SR 80W.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at the Forrey Grill April 15 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

Giving Rocks

On April 17 come to a celebration of oldies to benefit United Way of Hendry-Glades. Entertainment, dinner, silent auction and raffle 4-8 p.m. at Riverbend Motor Coach Resort, 5800 SR 80. Tickets \$50 (\$30 deductible) in advance or at the door. Ticket includes a raffle for a six-day stay in a cabin near Blue Ridge, Ga. For reservations or information call Julie Boardman 239-994-4668.

Fisheating Creek campground

improvements under way

Springtime's arrival is ushering in exciting happenings at the Florida Fish and Wild-

life Conservation Commission's Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area in Glades County. The swallow-tailed kites are back from South America and the campground is getting a facelift.

Campground renovations include construction of a new camp store and visitor check-in building, repairs to the bathhouses and a general spruce up.

During demolition and construction of the camp store, traffic will be rerouted through an interim visitor check-in. Visitors just need to follow all signs and instructions when entering and exiting the campground. Workers expect to complete the improvement project in June.

A new concessionaire, Fisheating Creek Outpost, Inc., is operating at the campground. The Outpost will continue to offer high quality recreational experiences at the campground and on the creek. Look for a variety of new interpretive tours and programs in the near future.

Recycle with FCB

Florida Community Bank is collecting old cell phones with batteries attached to be distributed to soldiers (see www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com), inkjets, iPods, laser cartridges, PDA's, cameras, GPS systems, DVD's and video games (for LaBelle Elementary School; see www.cartridgesforkids.com) old eyeglasses for Lions Clubs International (see www.lionsclubs.org). FCB is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House (see

www.rmhc.org/giving and click on Pop Tab Collection Program).

Drop these items off at Florida Community Bank, 155 N Bridge St, LaBelle, FL. For more information, call 863-675-1313.

Wilderness hike April 10

Enjoy the wilderness hike on April 10 at the beautiful Platt's Branch Wildlife Management Area in Venus, hosted by the Fisheating Creek Sub Chapter of the Florida Trail Association (FTA) at 8 a.m. The public is invited to participate. Bring water and snacks or lunch.

The hike is approximately 7 miles round trip; hike at your own pace. Platt's Branch is located on Dietgens Dairy Road off of U.S. 27 on the Glades/Highlands County line. For information call Betty Loomis at 863-946-3560 or Susan Etchey at 863-946-1626. The hike leader is David Denham at DDenham@mercymiami.org.

OCA Annual Membership Meeting

The Ortona Community Association Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Ortona Firehouse/Community Hall. Members are urged to be present at this important meeting to approve OCA bylaws changes and to vote for OCA officers and board members. A dessert "extravaganza" will follow the meeting.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Hendry County Housing Authority has developed its Five Year and 2010 Annual Plan for HUD and revised its Section 8 Administrative Plan. The Plans can be reviewed at the following locations for review and comment for 45 days starting April 9, 2010: Clewiston Satellite Office, 100 East El Paso, Clewiston; and the Social Services Office, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle. On May 25, 2010, the Hendry county Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing after 5:00 PM for public comment and approval at the following location: Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Board Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. The Hendry County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicapped status in employment or for the provision of services.

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PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) - Audit Services

Port LaBelle Community Development District is seeking proposals from qualified certified public accountants/firms to provide auditing services for the financial audits of the 2009-2010 and the next two fiscal years thereafter. Proposals must be presented in substantial compliance with the specifications contained in the Request For Proposals for such services which can be obtained from the District, Phone (863) 675-5770, Fax (863) 675-9297, E-mail PLCDD1@aol.com. The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Monday, May 10, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.** at P.O. Box 1605, LaBelle, FL 33975. (If Hand Delivered: 3293 Dellwood Terrace, LaBelle, FL 33935)

Lester B. Baird, Sr. General Manager

350507 CB/CGS 4/8,15/10

Public Notice

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 27, 2010, AT THE HENDRY COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, 4425 WEST STATE ROAD 80, LABELLE, 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

350024 CB/CN 4/8/10

Public Notice

Notice of RFQ Ranking Meeting and Presentation Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting for ranking the responses to RFQ 2010-10, Construction Administration and Quality Assurance Testing Services, NW Eucalyptus Sidewalk Project. It will be held on April 14, 2010 at 8:30 A.M., in Conference Room A-118, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

Notice is also given that there will be a meeting for presentations by the top three ranked firms for RFQ 2010-10 on April 19, 2010 at 8:30 A.M., in Conference Room A-118, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made 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.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and continued public hearings 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 public hearings and meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on April 15, 2010 at the Pasco County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Boardroom, 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, FL. The continued public hearings are to consider adoption of revised water and wastewater rates in the FGUA Pasco Utilities (Aloha Gardens and Seven Springs) and the proposed Water Facilities Plans for the FGUA's Lehigh Acres Utility System (located in Lee County Florida) and FGUA's Seven Springs Utility System (part of the FGUA Pasco Utility System). A portion of the funding for these projects is anticipated to come from the FDEP State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program.** 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. 350358 CB/CGS 4/8/10

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM RFP NUMBER 2010-16

Hendry County hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of five (5) or more single family homes located in Hendry County as a part of the Hendry County Housing Program, which consists of F.H.F.C. Tropical Storm Fay Funding, USDA-RD Housing Preservation Grant, and S.H.I.P. Programs.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 pm Eastern Time on Wednesday May 5, 2010 and delivered or mailed to:

For Mailing Ms. Barbara Butler, Hendry County Clerk of the Court
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Bike donation

Foster Children Wishes, Inc., is a new group that accepts donations of items for resale. Proceeds go to help meet the needs of local foster children. Ash Britt Regional Manager Matt Gierden recently presented Foster Children Wishes, Inc., (FCWI) with a 20" boys bicycle for some lucky foster child in Hendry County. He is pictured with FCWI President Laurie Carley. FCWI is located on Bridge St. N in Maple Corner Plaza.

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Muse: Good times and important information

On behalf of the American Red Cross Greater Palm Beach Chapter, Ramon Vazques and Brandy Neff would like to give thanks to the following organizations for their voluntary participation Saturday, March 13, at the Muse Community Center's information fair: United Way/Health Start, Healthy Families (Janet Harvey), Hendry/Glades Health Dept. (Dawn Long, Beth Fabian, Brenda Barnes, Bob Kosiba), Hendry/Glades Behavioral Health Center (Ken Stanchi the Fun van and his wife Sue Wild-Stanchi), Glades County Sheriff's Dept. (children's finger printing - Deputy Watts and Wainer), Fort Myers blood bank Big Red Bus (Valerie Diaz and staff) and bounce house provided by Frank Ryder and Patty Rontal. Lastly they would like to give a very special thanks to the Muse Community Association, County Commissioner Donna Storter Long, to principal Debra Davis, Assistant Principal Doreen Backes and West Glades School, along with the crowd, for all their support.

A SHORT SHOWER USING AN ULTRA-LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD CAN USE ONE HALF THE WATER OF THE AVERAGE 40-GALLON BATH.



School Briefs

AP Information Night at LHS

LaBelle High School will hold an AP Information Night 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 course offerings and answer 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 with course requests for next school year.

Help with Project Graduation

The next meeting Project Graduation meeting will be on April 20, at 7: p.m. at LaBelle High School. Meetings will be every two weeks from then till graduation. Please contribute to this worthy cause. Project Graduation will be Saturday, June 5. If you have any questions, please call Ken Pickles at LaBelle High School at (863) 674-4120.

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!

MHHS project graduation

Come to an Old time Country Carnival to benefit Moore Haven High School's Project Graduation. The event will be Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Moore Haven City Park. Food, drinks, games of skill for all ages, Call 675-1599 for more information.

Register for Edison summer classes

Summer registration at Edison State College is ongoing. Enroll as soon as possible to secure the classes and times you want. 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. Summer courses: www.edison.edu/academics/schedule/index.php. Online applications: https://oas.edison.edu/pls/PROD/bwskalog.P_DisplLoginNon

Community Briefs

Celebrate Earth Day

The Third Annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 22, at the Soccer field, 800 Jaycee Lions Drive, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring the family for lots of fun and activities. If you have any questions or need more information, Please feel free to reach Ramiro Rodriguez @ 863-673-4404 or Norma Gaure at 863-675-5347.

Speak up for kids

Anyone interested in becoming a Guardian ad Litem Program should contact Angela Boykin, Volunteer Supervisor, at 863-674-4190, for more information or see www.guardianadlitem.org.

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Frank and Carolina Ryder just returned from helping with Haitian relief.

Muse residents roll up sleeves for Haiti

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Frank and Carolina Ryder are American Red Cross volunteers who have also taken disaster training by the Southern Baptist Conference and Hendry County. They have just returned from the Lake Yale Southern Baptist Conference Center in Lake County, where they took part in getting supplies ready for distribution to victims of the Haiti earthquake.

A long time volunteer, Frank got a call March 16 from the Baptist organization asking for his help to load supplies headed for bulk distribution in Haiti. He and his wife Carolina left the following day.

The Ryders helped fill five-gallon buckets from all over Florida with food items, including rice, cooking oil, dry beans, flour, sugar, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter and a trash bag. They loaded 12 buckets per level on 40"x48" pallets with a total of 36 buckets, which were then labeled in English, French and Creole and shrink-wrapped for transport. There were 200-300 pallets in the warehouse, Frank said, and the goal was to fill two million of them. Tractor-trailers were loaded with 22 pallets which were then taken to Jacksonville where they were placed in sea containers and shipped to Haiti.

The buckets had tight seals and could be used to hold water once the supplies were used. Each bucket was filled with about \$40 worth of supplies.

Frank and Carolina worked for three days at the center, from about 8-5 - or until the job was done.

"It was unbelievable the amount of food coming in from Georgia and Florida," Frank said. Retired from the Army, Frank normally coordinates meal preparation and the feeding of thousands of people for the Red Cross during all types of disasters. He had Carolina live in Muse.

On April 20, the Ryders are heading

to New York where they volunteer each year for the Rapid Response Team during the summer months. In June shelters are opened by New York counties for training and maintenance and from August 15-Sept. 30 the Rapid Response Team drills.

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Playhouse ending season

Come participate in the Firehouse Cultural Center's final production of the season, "The Time Machine" by H. G. Wells, adapted for the stage by John DeLancey and Leonard Nimoy. This "timeless" classic is set in the twilight age of live radio broadcast. Performances at FCC, 241 N. Bridge St., Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. April 9, 10 and 11. Reservations: Call 863-675-3066; \$12 in advance; \$14 at the door. Pictured from left: Suzanne Hardee-Hubbart, Joel Hawkins and Travis Dowhen.

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