



At a Glance

LaBelle's Relay for Life

Throughout Florida, towns, schools, and businesses will "Paint the Town Purple" to celebrate cancer survivorship and bring attention to "LaBelle's Relay for Life" event, which will be held on Saturday May 1, 2010 at the LaBelle High School football field starting at 1 p.m.

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May 1-2: Relay for Life.

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Little Miss LaBelle shines



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Little Miss LaBelle

Pictured from left: Second Runner Up Miranda Garza, Little Miss LaBelle 2010 Cassidy Willis, First Runner Up Abby Arnold. The American Business Women's Association's annual Little Miss LaBelle contest Saturday, April 17, was graced with some of LaBelle's most enchanting young ladies - crowd pleasers, every one. The event is one of ABWA's scholarship fundraisers helping local women continue their education. ABWA meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Flora & Ella's Restaurant. Call Brenda Wickenden, 675-3760, for more information.



Junior Miss

Pictured from left: Second Runner Up Ryley Bowen, Junior Miss Novie Kohutek, and First Runner Up Jasmine Craft.

County opens door to western development

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

At their April 13 meeting, the Hendry County commissioners took huge strides toward opening sections in the west section of the county to orderly development, beginning with the Gardinier and Rodina projects. These two far-reaching developments will eventually change the face of western Hendry County.

First, they approved amendments to the West Hendry Area Plan, which will direct development in 3,102 acres in the northwest corner of the county.

The county has been working on the plan for five-six years. Concerns had been addressed including densities, allowable uses, compatible uses in Blueways and Greenways, Transfer Development Rights, transportation, schools sprawl and water supply.

Commissioner Tris Chapman moved to approve the amendment and Commissioner Darrell Harris seconded.

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A son's love
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Development

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The motion passed 5-0, sending the amendment to the Department of Community Affairs for final approval.

Gardinier

Also on the west side of the county, the proposed Gardinier project found favor with the commissioners. Also known as the SR 82 Mixed Use District, it is located in the southwest corner of the county on the north side of SR 82.

Once again, various issues have been addressed over the months. Although this project is generally seen as a "model" for development, issues such as land use, water and wastewater facilities, transportation and access management all demanded attention.

Kate English, attorney for the developer, noted that it would be in the Florida Government Utility Authority (FGUA) service area for water utilities. She said the developers will build a reverse osmosis water plant and traffic concurrency will also be addressed at the appropriate time. Commissioner Harris made the motion to approve. Commissioner Chapman seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Rodina

A conceptual plan for Rodina, a huge development planned by A. Duda & Sons, also got the initial go-ahead from the commission. The "long term visionary" project encompasses 25,825 acres on the west side of SR 29, south of SR 80 and near the area of LeHigh Acres within Hendry County.

This is a conceptual plan for long term build out. Detailed Specific Area Plans will be submitted later.

Commissioners have been impressed with the foresight that has gone into this project, which will include a diversity of land uses, lifestyles and environmental features.

According to Dr. Richard Woodruff, speaking for the developer, the time for planning is now, before growth is "pressing in on you." He commented that it is a complicated local sector plan that will be governed by the county's comprehensive plan.

He said the object is to guide development - nothing will be built without the

developer returning to the county commission for approval at every step. The plan will establish a "footprint for development and goals."

This is a framework only, he reiterated, a new concept. The plan has been altered, limiting development to the north section only. For every 10,500 acres, Rodina will set aside one acre for permanent conservation, either as a long term easement or permanent agriculture space.

County Planner Vince Cautero said issues of transportation access, density and natural resource protection have been addressed. This is not sprawl, he told the commissioners, and is a conceptual plan only.

Still the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Juliana Thomas felt the plan was "premature" and that there is no reason to conceptually approve anything at this time.

The comprehensive plan amendment has met DCA demands to use the Floridan and Sandstone aquifer as water sources and to obtain part of its irrigation water from the Townsend Canal.

Mr. Cautero added that the developer will only be able to build at its employment center at this time (where the juice plant is on SR 29).

All development has been moved to the northern section, leaving more area for panther habitat.

Commissioner Karson Turner's question on how Rodina will affect the City of LaBelle was answered by Mr. Woodruff, saying that it will not be a subdivision but a true town, able to accommodate a hospital, downtown area and a school system. There will inevitably be some "bleed over" that will effect LaBelle. There will, no doubt, be pros

and cons involved in that process.

Mr. Woodruff added that Rodina will provide an essential tax base expansion for the county as it increases population and employment. He said the developer is employing modern state-of-the-art planning techniques in the project. It is a 50-year vision, he said, adding that it is never too early to plan. He explained that no change is anticipated within the next five years.

With a projected build-out of 21,000 dwelling units, 1.9 million square feet of light industrial area, an employment center and 2.4 million square foot of commercial area, Commissioner Turner said he had some "heartburn" as well as excitement at the prospect of Rodina, but acknowledged a need for enough people to sustain a hospital on both sides of the county. We need growth, he admitted, and said we can't protect the county from all development.

He also questioned the timing, saying the rules for development may change with a new governor coming into office. He noted that Port LaBelle has space for some 10,000 dwelling units at this time that have yet to be filled. Still, he felt Rodina was a "step in the right direction," saying this is the right area for development and the right answer. He commented that Gardiner, Rodina and the West Hendry Plan "all make sense" for development.

Commissioner Chapman was inclined to support the Rodina amendment, saying it was "thoughtfully conceived and well planned."

He made the motion to approve the Rodina amendment, which was seconded by Commissioner Harris and unanimously approved.

4-H'ers show off garments in revue

The Fashion Revue held at the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show consisted of 19 members: Jake Coronado, Jessica Coronado, Maggie Gacula, Brittney Harrell, Haley Harrell, Kora Harris, Emily Hull, Bianca Mendoza, Stephanie Mendoza, Dustin Padgett, Austin Pearson, Xavier Pearson, Zeida Rabelo, Reanna Rivas, Madeline Ruch, Grabriehl Shock, Joelle Shock, Seven Shock, Talitha Shock and Harley Yates. These 4-H'ers constructed a garment to model during their club meetings. All received blue ribbons for their garment. Jessica Coronado captured the first place award with Jake Coronado achieving the second place award.

The 4-H staff would like to express their appreciation to Joyce Gatch and Shirley Goode for judging as well as to Jaydee Hull for emceeing. The Bear Sewing 4-H Club is led by Mary Coronado, the LaBelle Sewing 4-H Club by Patricia Gonzalez and Pioneer Sewing 4-H Club by Patricia Bosley.

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Mothers and sons: Unbreakable bond continues

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Sean Kear understands. Not long ago Sean walked into World Class Barber Shop on Main Street with his girlfriend and her little brother, his hair all tied up in back in a long braided ponytail. Sure they were here for the little brother's haircut, barber and owner of the shop Hugo Vargas joked that it was a "good day to cut that tail off!"

But they were not there for the little boy. The ponytail was coming off.

Sean had been in the Army for 11 years and after he was discharged in 2004 he stopped cutting his hair. This would be his first haircut in six years.

Sean waited patiently and nervously for his turn in the chair. His girlfriend followed right behind him for support and Hugo waited for the dramatic scene that often accom-

panies the ritual of having your well-loved long hair lopped off.

But Sean's demeanor was different. "As he sat in my chair he took a deep breath and I could tell there were some serious emotions going on with this haircut." So he asked about it and was told that Sean was sending the ponytail to California.

Assuming he was sending it to the Locks of Love program which makes wigs for cancer victims, Hugo asked for more details.

Sean started to tell the story, but over-come, said to his girlfriend, "You tell the story."

Earlier this year, when his mother, Carol Gutierrez of San Jose, CA, was diagnosed with breast cancer, Sean promised her that if she lost her hair during chemotherapy he'd cut off all of his. On March 11, Carol started her chemotherapy. On April 9 Sean spoke to her and learned she had started losing her hair by the handful. The very next morning Sean got up and went to the World Class Barbershop. The ponytail was for his mother.

As usual, Hugo said all the customers'

eyes and ears were glued to someone who was having that much hair cut off. They had all heard the story.

As Hugo took his scissors and started to cut the ponytail off, Sean broke down briefly, wiping away a couple tears before pulling himself together again.

With a deep understanding of Sean's ordeal, Hugo said he thought, "I can't charge this guy for this haircut! With this powerful moment he is giving all of us his bravery, and with his story of love for his momma, that is payment enough!" Hugo had already decided the haircut would be on the house when one of his customers handed him some money as he got up to leave. Con-

fused, Hugo asked what it was for.

"It's for his haircut," the man replied, and walked away quietly. Before they left, all the customers wished Sean well.

The ponytail Sean shipped to his mother was over a foot long - a symbol of his love for his mother and support in her fight against breast cancer.

Relay for Life, raising funds to fight cancer and also increasing awareness of this insidious disease, will be held May 1-2, at LaBelle High School football field. The community is invited to this all night event to enjoy the entertainment, games and food available - but most importantly to be a part of an eventual cure.



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Fallen hero

Members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, family, friends and the community pause to remember Deputy Brian Haas, who died in the line of duty on April 24, 2004, on the way to a call for assistance. A caring son and brother and a dedicated comrade, his memory remains constant in the minds and hearts of those who knew you.

Arrests

LaBelle

Jose Ascension Aguirre, Jr., 25, was arrested April 18 and charged with battery touch or strike and cruelty to a child inflict physical or mental injury. T. Mims was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Arthur Tishion Harrington, 15, was arrested April 18 and charged with criminal mischief \$200-\$1,000, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling without a firearm, grand theft \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property organized. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Tykwan J. Fryson, 16, was arrested April 18 and charged with burglary of an unoccu-

ried dwelling without a firearm, grand theft \$300-\$5,000. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Rhafiki Mufasa Odom, 14, April 18 was arrested and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling without a firearm, grand theft \$300-\$5,000. J. Perez was arresting officer.

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America is worth fighting for - I love America

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Public Forum

Christian School Closing

First, the money for the sale to Edison went to pay off the loan of almost \$900,000. The little that was left went to preparing the sight on Delwood. There was a small amount left after the school opened but it got spent trying to make it through this year.

The school had no money left to finish the year. Payroll was over \$7,000 every 2 weeks, unexpected insurance came due, utilities and rent were due, a total of over \$5,000, and there was only about \$4,000 left in the bank. It would have taken about \$35,000 to finish the year.

It would have taken more of the same people donating more to make another week and the economy had forced their well to run dry. The attorney said that when you go on unemployment you cannot volunteer back at your same job.

The students were offered the opportunity to go to Sonshine Academy in East Ft. Myers and a bus is available. Sonshine is a

Letter to the Editor

Relay for Life loses one of its own

Have you ever meant to thank someone only to get the phone call that no one wants to get? Knowing that you will never get the chance again to tell him how much you appreciated all that he had done for so many years.

As I sat through Hamp Walters memorial service listening to all that his friends and family had to say of the man he was, I had to reflect back over the years. The Walker family sort of trickled into my life. The grandchildren and their parents through Child Care, the daughter was one of my employees, and the whole family came together to help us for years with Relay for Life.

All I had to do was say "I need help with Entertainment" and they were there with

I was taught as a child to love our country by two very important people in my life – my mom and my dad. My dad was a Marine in

very wonderful and financially stable Christian school and some LaBelle children are going there already.

Thank God for all the lives Community Christian School has touched for 25 years. Hopefully and prayerfully our local economy will turn around soon and there will be another Christian school in LaBelle. Thank God also for all those who made it possible for the school to exist for as long as it did.

Please, if you do not know or understand the whole situation about the school, do not point fingers because those who had to make the hard and tearful decision are some of the same people who helped it keep going as long as it did.

Our children will be fine. I have talked to School board members, and I already know we are blessed to have good Christian teachers in our public schools ready to teach them both academically and morally what they need to become good productive Christian adults. May God Bless you.

truck loads of equipment staying all day and night. This is a family that grew up with Music.

I remember the last time I talked to Hamp. All of us had battled the wind while trying to set up for Relay. Tents were blowing over, speaker blowing out, and he put his arm around my shoulders and said it would all work out and it did. Normally Hamp was not part of the entertainment that his family had put together, but this night I watched as he got on stage and did a few songs with his children.

I could tell you of all the wonderful things that I learned of Hamp Walker at his memorial service, but I think that it is more important to say Thank You for being a quiet giving man and having this flow over into your amazing children. You will be missed!

Mary Risley

WW II. He was born and raised in Venus, a rural community about twenty miles north of LaBelle, and enlisted in Ft. Myers shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack. For three years he was in the South Pacific fighting for what he believed in – freedom in America to live as people wished.

My mom has lived in Ft. Myers all of her life. Other than the time shortly after my parents were married and she and my dad were living in Virginia until he was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1945, she has always been a Southwest Florida girl. Both of my parents instilled into all four children that if we were at a parade, and a flag passes by, we stand up in honor of what it stands for – Freedom!

It disturbs me that we as Americans, have drifted far from that kind of love for and respect of our country. We are just one generation removed from those who taught us to honor our country and the Bible upon which its founding principles were built. It is apparent we are dangerously close to forgetting who we are as people in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I am not a strong advocate for everything Andy Rooney says, but recently I found an article that he wrote that made me want to stand up and salute him! See what you think.

"I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a "Ho-Ho-Ho" song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his Theory of Evolution.

Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30 second prayer before a football game. So, what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire Book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game.

"But it's a Christian prayer," some will argue.

Yes, and this is the United States of America and Canada, a country founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect -- somebody chanting Hare Krishna?

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to

a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit.

When in Rome...

"But what about the atheists?" is another argument.

What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer!

Unfortunately, one or two will make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying.

God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we tell that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want. It is time that the majority rules! It's time we tell them, "You don't have to pray; you don't have to say the Pledge of Allegiance; you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right; but by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back, and we WILL WIN!"

God bless us one and all...Especially those who denounce Him. God bless America and Canada, despite all our faults. We are still the greatest nations of all. God bless our service men and women who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God. Let's make 2010 the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions. And our military forces come home from all the wars.

Keep looking up!

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

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UES Students of the Month

Row 1 from left: Andrea Hernandez, Edicia Rodriguez, Sandra Martinez; row 2: Jesus Guzman, Leyton Spencer, Joshua White; row 3: Marisa Carman, Alexis Holland, Octaviano Hernandez, Samantha Ochoa; row 4: Cristian Urias, Austin McGhee, Nancy Narez, Kiara Hernandez, Jessica Perez; row 5: Jacqueline Wilkins, Fernando Molina, Luis Custodio, Monique Loreto. Absent: Felix Flores, Dennise Mijangos.



Submitted photo/Jessica Hendricks

LHS Drama Club goes 'Into the Woods'

The LaBelle High School Drama Club will perform the musical Into the Woods Jr. next Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, at 7 p.m. at the LaBelle High School auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for students with a school ID.



Submitted photo/Robin Jones

UES spelling winners

Upthegrove Elementary spelling bee winners for this year are: First place Arleth Ortiz (center), second place Allison Peet (left) and third place JC Leon (right).

School Briefs

AP night at LHS

LHS is holding an AP Information Night at LaBelle High School tonight Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This session will include a speaker from the College Board, presentations from AP teachers and a chance for parents and students to meet and talk with AP teachers after the presentations. Counselors and administrators will be available to talk to 9th graders and their parents about their schedules for next year.

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Hendry/Glades Health officials on Fox

Community Briefs



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Pictured from left: LaSheba Travis, Lee Pitts and Pat Dobbins.

Obituaries

C. W. Helton, 65

LABELLE — C. W. Helton, age 65, of LaBelle, passed away April 14, 2010, in Fort Myers.

He was born April 14, 1945, in Hickory, N.C., son of the late Raymond and the late Catherine (Harrison) Helton.

Survivors include his lifetime love and wife, Ruby Earline (Ballard) Helton; son, Harold "Bubba" Stacy; daughters, Carmen Guijosa (Juan) and his baby girl, Martha "Whoadie" Helton, all of LaBelle; brothers, Gary Helton and Howard Helton; and sister, Barbara Helton, all of North Carolina; mother-in-law, Jewel Ballard (late husband Perry); brother in law, Perry Ballard II; sister in law, Joan Phillips; grandchildren, Juan "Peadad" Guijosa, Ana "Uggie" Guijosa, Adam "Grunt" Guijosa, Stefani "Fathead" Guijosa, Christian "Lil Man" Guijosa, Amberli "Miss Piggy" Guijosa and Angel "Seven" Guijosa.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 19, 2010, 11 a.m. at Life Ministries in LaBelle, with Pastor Shannon Craft officiating. Interment followed in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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Lisa Ann Colding

CAPECORAL—Lisa Ann Colding lost her four year battle with breast cancer on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral.

She was born in Miami, on March 14, 1970. She resided in Felda at



the time of her death. She so enjoyed gardening, boating, bird watching and being with her beloved family and many friends. Her big smile could light up the room and her warm and sweet personality drew so many to her. She was employed for many years at the Redlands Christian Migrant Association in LaBelle as the Staff Coordinator. But, her greatest joy was her work with the children and their parents who she often counseled as part of her duties.

She is survived by her beloved children, Randy Smith (Lauren), Shelby Colding, Elizabeth White; and step-son, Daniel White; and her long time companion, Danny White. She also leaves behind her parents, Delmar and Jolynn Buck; sisters, Susan Campbell (Juan), Angela Cox (Mark); brothers, Samuel Buck (Lisa), Donnie Buck (Judy), Danny Buck (Stacy) and Denny Buck (Revenia); niece, Leah Rippey; and nephews, Shaun Rippey and Blake Campbell.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

THANK YOU

Thanks

The Family of Antonio Nieves would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, and act of kindness and support.

You will always be in our heart's Daddy.

*We will never forget you,
Your children*

THANK YOU

Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments and LaSheba Travis, Program Manager, were the featured guests on FOX-4's Lee Pitts Live on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

They discussed the challenges and successes of providing services in the rural counties of Hendry and Glades. Some of the services discussed included Teen Health, Youth Task Force, as well as the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS. The show was broadcast on Fox 4 Sunday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. Pat Dobbins said, "It was very exciting to have the opportunity to discuss the services of our health departments to such a large viewing audience. This is just another way for us to reach out to our communities and let them know how strong our focus is on Public Health."

For more information, visit www.leepittslive.com or call (877) 830-0391.

Lee Pitts Live is the longest running television talk show in Southwest Florida. It is a recipient of the NAACP Image Award, the Hodges University Diversity Excellence Award and the Southwest Florida Peoples' Choice Award. Lee Pitts is host and executive producer of the award-winning show.

Auxiliary canteen serves meal

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 serves food every Tuesday evening in the main hall during members only bingo, 4:30-7p.m. Variety of sandwiches and finger foods \$3.50 each, desserts \$1. (Menu varies each week). Public welcome; 699 Hickpochee Ave. (SR 80).

Come to brunch buffet

Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130, come to a Brunch Buffet Sunday, May 2, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, French toast, roast beef, 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.

Speak up for kids

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



Notice Tax Impact of Value Adjustment Board

Hendry County

Tax Year 2009

DR-529
R. 12/09
Rule 12D-16.002
Florida Administrative Code

Members of the Board		
Honorable	TRIS CHAPMAN	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 3
Honorable	KARSON TURNER	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 5
Honorable	RAY CLINARD	School Board, District No. 1
Citizen Member	CECIL AKIN	Business owner within the school district
Citizen Member	LARRY HALL	Homestead property owner

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions							
Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested		Withdrawn or settled	Due to Board Actions
Residential		24	0	24	40	\$	\$
Commercial			0	20	20	\$	\$
Industrial and miscellaneous			0	7	7	\$	\$
Agricultural or classified use		4	0	51	55	\$	\$
High-water recharge						\$	\$
Historic commercial or nonprofit						\$	\$
Business machinery and equipment			2	6	2	\$ 348,200	\$ 2,263.30
Vacant lots and acreage			0	84	76	\$	\$
TOTALS		28	2	192	200	\$ 348,200	\$ 2,263.30

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.

*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.			
Chair's name	Karson Turner	Phone	863-675-5220 ext.
Clerk's name	Barbara S. Butler	Phone	863-675-5217 ext.

Church Briefs

National Day of Prayer

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street, invites you to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6. The sanctuary will be opened from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. in order that you can come and pray at your convenience. Pastor John Bennett will offer communion at 7:15 a.m. to begin this important day of prayer. He will offer communion again at 12:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. You may come in at any time during the day to pray alone or with one of our prayer volunteers.

This occasion will be the church's second Annual National Day of Prayer. They are excited to have this opportunity to welcome the community to participate in a community-wide affair. There will be designated areas of prayer and focus will be on a wide area of

prayer concerns for our nation. The theme for the 2010 observance is Prayer! For Such a Time as This, inspired by Nahum 1:7 which states, "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." Volunteers from the community are welcome. If you would like to help with this event, please call Claire at the church office (863-675-0656).

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

Lucy's Angels served 88 clients in 2009

Lucy's Angels helps provide free mammograms for those in Hendry and Glades who are under 50 years of age and cannot afford one. Their motto is "By the Community - For the Community." The group is proud to share the following stats with the residents of Hendry and Glades counties. From February 1, 2009, to February 28, 2010, Lucy's Angels have paid for the following breast procedures for a total of 88 patients, 12 from Glades and 76 from Hendry:

70 screening mammograms, 75 ultrasounds and 11 surgical consults.

The ages of these patients: 11 were aged

20-29, 24 age 30-39, 53 age 40-49; 81 Caucasian/Hispanic, 7 African American. All of the funds for these procedures were donated by generous members of this community and all of our board members are volunteers.

This program pays for screenings for breast cancer for residents of Hendry and Glades counties, age 18-50, who are uninsured, with documented household income of less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For further information, please visit their website at www.lucysangels.org, or call 239-225-8645.

We Honor and Remember Hendry County Deputy **BRIAN A. HAAS**



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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.

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. Come to LHS Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. Adults \$15; teens \$10; under 10 \$5.

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. Everything for donations - all good clean clothes. Donations also accepted. All to help build up the church,

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LaBELLE SPORTS NETWORK

Thompson, Facundo sign letters of intent

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

Two LaBelle Cowboy football players signed letters of intent Thursday, April 1, to play for college teams. Their coaches, family and friends helped them celebrate the occasion in the school media center that day.

Dale Thompson is headed to Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota, in the fall. He plans to study business administration. Coach Hal Bennett just cannot say enough about him.

Dale is a three-year starter for the Cowboys' defensive line. Even plagued by injuries this past season, he still averaged nine tackles per game. This past year he contributed two quarterback sacks, one forced fumble and one received fumble.

In the two prior seasons, Dale had just under 90 tackles per season (86 his junior year and 88 his sophomore year). Coach said his stats this year were a little low due to injuries. He only played in five games.

"Dale has been a big part of the LHS defense," Coach Bennett said. "He's explosive. He's one of those guys who, in a matter of a couple steps, can change direction. He's also relentless - his motor never quits. He will get to the ball. Dale flies around the field, making it look small. He's athletic and

instinctive."

Dale also played basketball for the Cowboys and earned honorable mention on this year's All Area Team.

Naturally, Dale would like to have a professional football career and would love to play for the Minnesota Vikings, if the opportunity ever presents itself. To do that, he says, he'd have to make All Conference every year at college. Can he do that? Dale just smiles and said he's confident that he can.

He said he enjoyed winning the most as a Cowboy and believes his biggest contribution to the team was "playing his heart out." He sees North Dakota as a place to experience change and new aspects, but said he wants to come home to LaBelle one day where his family and friends are.

Robert Facundo signed to play for Maryville College in Tennessee, where he will be in the pre-med program in August. He hopes to practice family medicine one day.

As a Cowboy he played offense (wide receiver) and defense (safety), but his most notable performance was on defense. He finished the year with 38 tackles - just under four per game - and had four pass break ups. Robert also volunteered to fill in as kicker, even though he had no experience at that

position. He actually excelled in position (directional) kicking and sky kicks, Coach Bennett said.

"He did everything asked of him as a kicker - things he had never done before," Coach added. "Probably the most important thing Robert did defensively was to get the defensive backs lined up. He was a leader and made all the calls. It was like having another coach on the field."

At LHS, Robert also ran track. His main event was the hurdles, but he said he enjoys football "way better" because he really likes a team sport. He said he believes his leadership qualities helped make him a standout on the field.

At Maryville, Robert will find a familiar face in the fall. Former Cowboy Blake Barnes will be a junior there. "We're very proud of Blake," Coach Bennett said, "This year he was an All Conference Second Team selection at defensive tackle in Maryville."

"We're extra proud of these young men," Coach said, "They have so many opportunities ahead of them." Those sentiments were echoed at the signing ceremony by Athletic Director Dave Kelly.

Relay team heads for regionals

On April 15, the LaBelle High School 4x800 meter relay track team qualified to run in the Class 2A, Region 3 track and field Regional Championship to be held at Golden Gate High School on Wednesday, April 21. The relay team of David Miller, Ignacio Acosta, Caleb Baker and Gabriel Barron finished third at the District 11 Track and Field Championship held at Immokalee High School. With a new LaBelle High School record time of 8:35, they will now move on to the regional track meet.

David Miller also qualified to run in the individual 800 meter regional championship by finishing third in Immokalee with a new LaBelle High School Record of 2:04.94.

Other individual top finishers at the District Championship included: Gabriel Barron with 5th place finishes in the 1-mile and 2-mile runs, Caleb Baker with an 8th place finish in the 1-mile run and Brooklin Walls finished 6th overall in the girls 800-meter dash.



Caloosa Belle/
Patty Brant
Coach Hal Bennett watches proudly as Dale Thompson signs his letter of intent to play for Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota, next year. Fellow Cowboy Robert Facundo also signed a letter of intent to play for Maryville College in Tennessee next year. He will join former Cowboy Blake Barnes.



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April: Water Conservation Month

West Palm Beach, FL — To continue emphasizing the need for conserving water, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board today joined the State of Florida and nearly 150 South Florida communities and organizations in officially declaring April as Water Conservation Month.

“The chorus of voices recognizing April as Water Conservation Month demonstrates that saving water is a full-time priority in Florida,” said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Eric Buermann. “As the droughts and water shortages of recent years vividly reminded us, our state’s water resources are finite. We each can and must do our part to protect them.”

For more than a decade, Florida has recognized Water Conservation Month in April, which represents the height of the South Florida dry season when historically limited rainfall and peak water demand often stress regional water supplies. Water conservation is now essential year-round for addressing regional weather extremes and growing demands on a limited water supply that South Florida’s 7.5 million residents, economy and unique environment all depend on.

Throughout April, the District is sponsoring and participating in a broad range of local and regional events to raise awareness and promote wise water use. The 3rd annual Landscape Challenge in West Palm Beach and participation in various Earth Day events around the region are among the upcoming activities that the District has planned.

Progress Toward Year-Round Water Conservation

Through the District’s Comprehensive Water Conservation Program, several significant steps have been taken toward curbing water use in South Florida — the highest in the state at an estimated 179 gallons of water per person per day. Most recently, the District enacted year-round water conserva-

Sports Shorts

Coed softball

The LHS volleyball team will host its second Annual Adult Coed softball Tournament Saturday, May 29, at Davis Pratt Park. Entry fee \$150 per team plus two games balls.

tion measures that target outdoor irrigation, which accounts for up to half the water use in the region. Implementation of these measures may reduce overall potable water demand by an estimated 5 to 10 percent, based on a recent SFWMD study of regional demand reductions experienced during the 2007-2009 water shortage.

Other water conservation initiatives implemented by the District over the last year include:

In August 2009, the District began piloting the Water Conservation Hotel and Motel Program (Water CHAMP) in the Florida Keys. The District has so far enrolled 17 lodging facilities with nearly 700 rooms in the public education and water savings program, which helps hotels and motels conserve water, improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

For the second consecutive year, the District and the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association hosted a free workshop on how to develop effective water conservation projects in the industrial, commercial and institutional water use sectors. Held last month, the event drew more than 150 people and featured a vendor exhibition that included 15 providers of innovative water conservation products and services.

For Fiscal Year 2010, the SFWMD Governing Board approved nearly \$460,000 in matching grants for 13 water conservation projects through the Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP). The projects will save an estimated 238 million gallons of water per year.

The Comprehensive Water Conservation Program was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008 to encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida. Numerous stakeholders worked with the District to define specific regulatory, voluntary and incentive-based programs and in-depth education and marketing plans that will help foster a year-round conservation ethic.

For details on the Comprehensive Water Conservation Program and water-saving tips, please visit www.savewaterfl.com. More information about the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures, including which days of the week irrigation is allowed, is available in the Frequently Asked Questions at www.sfwmd.gov/2days.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Recognition

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners showed it is aware of the contribution Margaret England continues to make as an “advocate of conservation.” A founding member of the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society and recipient of South Florida Water Management District’s inaugural Ambassador Award, Ms. England recently retired as the LaBelle Elementary School Media Specialist. Commissioner Kevin McCarthy noted that, wherever he goes in the state, he is met with accolades for Ms. England and her work as an environmentalist.

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Community Briefs

Campground improvements under way

Fisheating Creek Campground renovations include a new camp store and visitor check-in building, repairs to the bathhouses and a general spruce up. Traffic is rerouted through an interim visitor check-in. Follow all signs and instructions when entering and exiting the campground. A new concessionaire, Fisheating Creek Outpost, Inc., is operating at the campground.

Recycle with FCB

Florida Community Bank is collecting old cell phones with batteries attached to be distributed to soldiers, inkjets, iPods, laser cartridges, PDA's, cameras, GPS systems, DVD's and video games; old eyeglasses for Lions Clubs International and tabs from aluminum cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Drop items off at Florida Community Bank, 155 N Bridge St.

Seacoast, Red Cross seek donations for Haiti

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

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• Corporate owned! 2004 CBS home on 4.98+/- acres located west of LaBelle. Ceramic tile, fireplace, spacious rooms & much more. \$189,900.
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• Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .50+/- acre in Lehigh Acres with car garage with over 3,400+/- sq. ft. of living area. \$96,000.
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• Cozy 2/1 in Port LaBelle. Completely redone form top to bottom. Have to see! \$70,000.
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• Corporate owned! 4/2 in Lehigh Acres located off Bell Blvd. 2005 CBS home with over 1m500+/- sq. ft. of living area. \$57,000

• Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in Lehigh Acres near 800 yards 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 CBS home in ready condition. \$43,000.

• Corporate owned! CBS home in Lehigh Acres. Spacious, granite den and much, much more. \$42,000.

• Corporate owned! CBS home located centrally in Immokalee close to shopping and schools. \$39,900.

• Corporate owned! CBS home in good condition located in desirable Laurelwood Subdivision in Lehigh Acres. \$35,000.

• Corporate owned! Located in teh heart of Lehigh Acres, close to shopping 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.

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• Need more "living" room? 2,152 sq ft of luxurious living. This 4BR/2B home on 10+/- acs has it all, spacious family room, master suite w/ office, covered porch, and fencing for horses. This one is a steal @ only \$250,000

• Size will surprise you! 2BR/2B home on 10+/- acres is very well kept. Features a warm comfortable living room w/gas fireplace, spacious kitchen, front & rear covered porches. \$250,000

• Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious living room, family room w/fireplace, large master suite, lots, lots of more. \$154,900.

• Country living at its best! 3/2 on 2.30+/- acres outside city of LaBelle. Over spacious

kitchen & mastr bath. New carpet through out home. \$149,900.

• 3/2 manufactured home on 4+/- acres in Muse. Partially cleared and fenced. \$145,000.

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

• Two for the price of one on 1 ac. 3/2 well maintained manufactured home + a 2/2 manufactured home. \$100,000

• Want country living without the long drive to the city? Get the best of both worlds with this 3BR/2BA home on 2.29+/- acres on Case Road. \$97,000.

• 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.

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LOTS

• 2.72+/- partially fenced acreage in Muse. \$75,000.

• .29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only \$42,000. Possible seller financing.

• Buy now, build later. Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. \$35,000.

• Nice 1.25+/- ac. in Montura \$80,000.
• 2 Montura lots - \$5,500 each

• Call about our Port LaBelle lots!
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• Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse & just minutes away from LaBelle. \$3.50 per sq ft.

• Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. \$85,000.

Community Briefs

Relay fundraiser

Enjoy hot dogs, sodas, chips and bottled water at the City of LaBelle Relay for Life fundraiser Saturday, April 24, in the parking lot at Ace Hardware from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsored by Ace Hardware. Come out, have lunch and support the local Relay for Life event. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

New Christian school planned

A new private Christian school will be opening. The target date is to open for the 2010-2011 school year and the school will be opening under the direction of Tracy Co. She has experience with public, private and homeschooling. Mrs. Co has her M.Ed. degree in educational leadership. Plans are to serve the community with quality education from the Christian perspective. Future goals are to have a daycare through the 12th grade. In order to adequately plan for the upcoming year, interested participants are to contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112 or 863-517-4134.

Horses recovered

Two horses were recovered from running loose on the roadways of Hendry County. If you have lost any horses, please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Unit at 863-674-5600.

Come to business card exchange

You are invited to a Business Card Exchange hosted by Florida Community Bank on Monday, May 10, starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be food, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and best of all an opportunity to network with other business owners and people within our community. Please join us for the fun! Don't forget to bring your business cards to pass around and also to enter the drawings.

Appliance rebate information

Appliance Rebate Participants: Don't forget! Bring your old appliance to the Hendry County Recycling facility to show proof of recycling required to receive the \$75 bonus from the Appliance Rebate program. Recycling Center hours are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays at 1360 Forestry Drive, LaBelle. Call 863-675-5252 for more information.

Gardeners to meet

The LaBelle Garden Club Meets Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Townsend Center. The speaker will be Mike Knight, Ph.D. Topic: Strangers in Paradise - Florida's warm climate is not only inviting to tourists, it is also highly favorable to numerous non-native plants and animals. In fact, Florida has more invasive species than anywhere else in the continental United States. In an effort to stem the tide of these unwanted organisms and preserve our native wildlife and ecosystems, numerous agencies from across the state are joining forces. Mike Knight, a representative from the Florida Invasive Species

Partnership, will give a brief presentation about efforts already underway and how you can help.

Bring a friend and join in an educational and fun-filled evening with refreshments and a plant exchange. If you have a plant to exchange - great- if not come anyway, you'll come away with one or more plants. For more information, call President Terri at 863-675-2392.

Apply for ABWA scholarship

American Business Women's Association scholarship applications are available at Badcock Furniture Store on Main Street.

Celebrate Earth Day

The Third Annual Earth Day Celebration is being held today 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, call Ramiro Rodriguez at 863-673-4404 or Norma Gaure at 863-675-5347.

Museum picnic at Hendry House

LaBelle Heritage Museum members and guests will enjoy a picnic at the historic Hendry House on May 5 as its last group event prior to the organization's three month summer hiatus.

Call (863) 674-0034 for further informa-

tion and to let the museum know how many to expect. There will be no organized program other than a short installation of the coming year's officers that include Joseph H. Thomas, president; Addison Austin, vice president; Terri Lazar, secretary; Jeff Lazar, treasurer; and, Irene Doub, director. Elinor Jones and Lynda Rider are returning directors.

Steak at VFW 10100

Enjoy steak to order with baked potato, beans and dessert for only \$8 at VFW Post 10100 on SR 29S, Friday, April 23, starting at 5 p.m.

F&AM Lodge plans yard sale

A yard sale featuring a variety of used items will be held Saturday, April 24, from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the LaBelle Masonic Lodge on Jaycee Drive in LaBelle. Lodge members have been accepting donations for several weeks and have accumulated some unique and unusual as well as practical items. All items will be reasonably priced. Hot dogs, soft drinks, popcorn and bottled water will also be available. Free parking and everyone is invited. Anyone wanting to donate items for the sale can call 675-3813 or 675-0808 for pickup.

Hendry Dems to meet

Hendry County Democrats will hold their April meeting at 6 o'clock on Monday, April 26, at the Harlem Community Public Library,

1010J Harlem Academy Avenue. Te'Rah Henry from the Kendrick Meek for US Senate Campaign will be the guest speaker. The meeting will start promptly at 6 p.m. The library must be vacated no later than 7 p.m.. The meeting is open to all and Democrats registered to vote in Hendry County may participate in the discussion but cannot vote on matters coming before the Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee.

Set up booth for Sevent

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, 8-11 a.m. Vendors must donate item(s) 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. Please call Anna at (863) 675-5356 daytime or (863) 674-0098 nights.

Yummy spaghetti

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner with karaoke to follow at the Muse Community Association Friday, April 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center on Loblolly Bay Road. Pasta and delicious meat sauce prepared by Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter Long, with salad, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, coffee/tea. \$7 adults; children under 12 \$3.50. Call Diane Cianfrani at 674-0467 for more information.



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ABE/GED Prep	9900026-311	Mon-Fri	04/06/10	06/09/10	8:00am-11:00am	None	Mr. Crebs	GED LAB (LYDA)
	9900004-311	Mon-Fri	04/06/10	06/09/10	8:00am-11:00am	None	Mr. Crebs	GED LAB (LYDA)
ABE/Ged Prep	9900026-312	Mon-Fri	04/06/10	06/09/10	12:00pm-3:00pm	None	Mr. Crebs	GED LAB (LYDA)
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ABE	9900004-313	Mon/Wed	04/07/10	06/09/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	None	Ms. Conner	LHS Library
GED Prep	9900026-313	Mon/Wed	04/07/10	06/09/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	None	Ms. Conner	LHS Library
ABE	9900004-314	Mon/Wed	04/06/10	06/09/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	None	Mrs. Spratt/Mrs. Jones	LHS 15-012
GED Prep	9900026-314	Mon/Wed	04/06/10	06/09/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	None	Mrs. Spratt/Mrs. Jones	LHS 15-012

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Basic Computer	E91010B-#11	Tues & Thur	04/06/10	06/08/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$63.50	Ms. Hull	COE-15-007 (Comp Lab)
Conversational Span.	E91010P-212	Thur	04/06/10	06/08/10	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$63.50	Ms. Alaniz	GED LAB (LYDA)

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Written comments may be directed to:

Attn: Jeff Ussery, Utility Director
Lakeport Water Association, Inc.
1507 Red Barn Road
Moore Haven, FL 33471
350776 ON 4/14,21 CB/CGS 4/15,22/10

Public Notice

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ENGINEERING SERVICES

GENERAL SCOPE: The Lakeport Water Association, Inc. requests qualifications from consulting engineering firms to provide continuing professional services for its water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems.

The work will include, but not be limited to:

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6. Preparation of documents in support of applications to State and/or Federal agencies for funding of capital improvements;
7. Assistance with preparation of utility rate studies.

SELECTION PROCESS: The consultant will be selected by the Lakeport Water Association, Inc. Board of Directors under the guidelines of Chapter 287.055FS, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). The selection will be based upon the experience and ability of the firm to timely accomplish the general scope of work. The Association is interested in receiving submittals from firms with past and current experience with local projects. The Association will negotiate a contract with highest rated firm, subject to contract terms which may be required by a third party funding agency.

RFQs are due no later than 5:00 pm April 30, 2010 at the office of the Lakeport Water Association, Inc., 1057 Red Barn Rd., Moore Haven, FL 33471. Provide seven (7) copies of the submittal.

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Public Notice

Notice of Meeting
Emergency Operation Center
Hendry County Board of
County Commissioners

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Emergency Operation Center will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

It will be held on April 27 2010 at 2:00 P M at the Emergency Operation Center, 4425 W State Road 80 LaBelle FL 33935.
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Notice of Public Meeting
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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 TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly business meeting beginning at 12 pm on Monday, April 26th, in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.
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Rainbow Trails includes two pro-

Public Notice

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THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
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GLADES COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CASE NO. 22-2009-CA-000065

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
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SPOUSE OF RONNIE WILLIAMS; and
all unknown parties claiming by,named Defendants, who are not
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TENANT #2, the parties intended to
account for the person or persons in
possession; WELLS FARGO FINAN-
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Defendants.

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 13, 2010, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in GLADES County, Florida, described as:

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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.

Dated at Moore Haven, Florida, this 14th day of April, 2010.

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Community Briefs

Mothers Day in Pioneer

Pioneer Homeowners Association will have a Mother's Day Pulled Pork Dinner and Cake Auction on Saturday, May 8, from 5-8 p.m. Bring mom out for a delicious pulled pork dinner and buy her a homemade cake for Mother's Day. Cake auction starts at 6 p.m. Dinner includes pulled pork, potato, vegetable, garlic bread, salad and beverage. The cost is only \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12. Children under 5 eat free. You may eat in or take it to go. Proceeds go toward activities at the park. Pioneer Community Park is located at 910 Panama Ave. If you would like to donate a cake for the auction, help in any way, or need directions, please call Pat Bosley at 983-9544.

OCA Membership Meeting

The Ortona Community Association Annual Membership Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Ortona Firehouse/Community Hall to approve bylaws changes and vote for officers and board members. A dessert "extravaganza" will follow.

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TALLAHASSEE – Florida's SHINE program, which plays an essential role in helping seniors make informed choices about their health care options, today announced that it will receive a 16 percent jump in federal funding, enabling it to provide assistance to even more Florida elders. SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

As the official state health insurance program, SHINE – which stands for Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders – will receive an addition \$374,000 to provide free, unbiased counseling to Florida seniors regarding their insurance options. Florida has the nation's highest concentration of elder residents, and SHINE is the first point of contact for many seniors exploring their Medicare and other insurance options.

SHINE is a state-based program that assists Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers with a wide variety of Medicare and health insurance topics. The SHINE program offers counseling and information through a network of more than 400 dedicated volunteers and 300-plus community partners. In the 2008-2009 state fiscal year, SHINE assisted some 505,700 clients across the state through either one-on-one counseling, educational presentations to community groups, or health and senior fairs.

"SHINE is a lifeline for many seniors who simply don't know where to turn when trying to choose among complex and confusing health care options," said Elder Affairs Secretary E. Douglas Beach. "With these additional funds, SHINE counselors will be able to help even more Florida seniors get information that can make all the difference in the world."

The award represents the 18th year of funding for SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders), and the increased funding is a result of greater success in the program's outreach efforts over the past year. With this funding, local SHINE offices can conduct additional outreach activities to inform seniors about services offered by the program.

Last year, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provided \$2,349,987 for SHINE operations. The program was just notified that for the grant year that began April 1, SHINE has been awarded \$2,724,005, a 15.9 percent increase.

CMS expects the state health insurance programs to increase their efforts to provide outreach and assistance to current and newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers. Another key focus will be on reaching individuals who are most likely eligible for Medicare's low-income subsidy and may be able to benefit from lower prescription drug costs, as well as beneficiaries with disabilities or from diverse racial and ethnic groups, particularly those individuals with limited English proficiency.

SHINE is committed to working with partners statewide to reach current and newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries who may qualify for programs that can help them lower their Medicare costs. For more information call the Department's Elder Helpline toll-free at 1-800-963-5337 or visit www.FloridaSHINE.org.



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Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

To soak up a carpet spill place a disposable diaper face down onto the spill and put some heavy books on top. To clean scuff marks off the floor, carefully cut an X in a tennis ball and put on the top end of your mop. Use like a giant eraser.

When you clean your coffee maker with white vinegar, use the hot vinegar to drop in all your faucet thingies and anything that has mineral deposits. Be sure it can stand the heat. Will shine pennies, too.

To swat a fly, spritz him with hair spray or any spray that won't stain your walls. They fall to the floor and then you can swat.

Club soda gone flat? Use it to water your house plants. The minerals help nourish it.

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Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out, but I can usually shut her up with cookies.

Biologists good news: Panther births on the rise

With spring in full bloom, some positive signs have emerged about Florida's endangered panther. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) have been busy documenting active Florida panther dens filled with kittens.

A total of four dens, with three kittens apiece, have been documented so far in 2010.

These particular dens were found in palmetto thickets in Picayune Strand State Forest and Big Cypress National Preserve in Collier County. The births are significant because they offset panther deaths and hopefully mean the population will continue to grow. The panthers' numbers declined to approximately 30 cats by the early 1980s, but research and monitoring by FWC biologists have helped in restoring the genetic health and vigor of the panther population.

Florida panthers breed throughout the year, but peak activity occurs in the spring. Biologists attempt to visit the dens when the kittens are approximately two weeks old.

At that time, litter size and composition are noted, samples (skin, hair, blood, fecal) are taken for genetic testing and health screening, transponders are inserted for identification purposes.

This information helps biologists learn about the genetic structure of the popula-

tion. Also oral deworming medication is administered to help give the kittens a healthy start.

The kittens stay in the den for about two months, after which they begin following their mother to kills and begin the weaning process. Kittens stay with their mother for about 14 months. Females set up a home range near or overlapping their mother's home range. Males disperse away from their natal range, sometimes covering hundreds of miles before settling into their own home range.

"It's quite rewarding when we can follow Florida panthers throughout their lives," said FWC panther biologist Mark Lotz. "Active dens are tangible evidence that the Florida panther is reproducing. We learn so much about panthers when we track them from birth through adulthood."

Details on this year's births can be found at www.FloridaPantherNet.org; click on "Panther Pulse."

State funding for panther research and monitoring comes from fees collected when Florida residents purchase panther specialty license plates. Visit www.buyaplate.com for more information.

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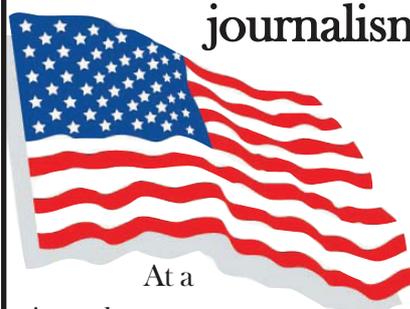
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