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At a Glance

Ft. Denaud Bridge closing June 15

The Ft. Denaud Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic on June 15, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For additional information please call 863-675-5264.

Get ready for children's theater

Sign up for Children's Theater at the Firehouse Cultural Center June 7 and 8 from 5-7 p.m. and June 8 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Auditions will be held June 14 and 15 5-7 p.m. Kids from kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible. Cost is \$75. If you have any questions, please call 342-3512.

DAV donations

The Disabled American Veterans DAV LaBelle Chapter 144 is proud to thank the community for the support of its Community Market. Over the past five years the DAV has been able to donate over \$73,600 to: grants to veterans, the DAV Mobile Service Office, Hendry County Veterans Transport program, Sheriff's Office DARE and Explorer Programs, Honor Flight for WW2 veterans, LaBelle Veterans Memorial Park, VA Medical Center programs, meal programs, youth programs, Hope Hospice, Hope Connections and Crisis Center and Shelter.

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Delegation will pitch area in Europe

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Hendry County is a great place to build a business.

Hendry County Economic Development Director Roger Harrison is taking that message across the ocean to eager European businessmen at a trade conference

in Potsdam, Germany, June 11. The Europeans will be focusing on opportunities to expand their green technology businesses. This European conference could translate into healthy, sustainable businesses and jobs for this county and region.

The delegation will include Glades County EDC Director Tra-

cy Whirls and Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) Executive Director Lynn Topel. The local trio will be the only representatives from Florida at the trade mission making a pitch for local opportunities to business people from all over Europe.

Mr. Harrison and Ms. Whirls

will be meeting with individual European CEOs and business owners that best match up with what Hendry-Glades has to offer.

Roger Harrison said they will be focusing on biofuel businesses to capitalize on the abundance of organic mass in this area and the three growing seasons those types of businesses can take ad-

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Graduation 2010: 'Life is product of your choices'



Submitted photo/Waddy Thompson

Hats off!

The traditional throwing of hats in the air marked the moment when the LaBelle High School Class of 2010 officially said goodbye to high school. Graduation took place on the LHS football field Saturday, June 5. LHS graduated 237 seniors this year. That evening the new graduates enjoyed Project Graduation events in the school.

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Classy duet

Olivia Luckey and Joshua Hernandez provided special music for the 2010 LHS graduation ceremony.



Get ready for Fourth of July

The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce is heading up the hometown Fourth of July event. Of course, the city will put on another terrific fireworks display about dark, but the celebration begins at 5 p.m. in Barron Park.

There will be a slide and bounce house for the kids and the chamber is inviting local organizations and businesses to join the party. Vendors may offer any family-oriented food, items or activities they choose. Vendors are limited to chamber members only, so if you're not currently a member call Sara at 675-0215. Vendors must register with the chamber by July 1. There is limited space, so make your plans now. There is no fee for vendors to set up.

The chamber is also seeking donations of any amount to help pay for kids' activities that day. The fun continues till 8 p.m., leading up to the fireworks.

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From left: Jacob Powell, Recruiter Petty Officer First Class Allen Franklin, and Amanda Bailey, who departs for the Navy Dec. 14. Another local enlistee, Christina Ramirez, who departs August 8, is not pictured.

Powell heads for Great Lakes

Jacob Powell signed with the U. S. Navy on January 8, 2010. Since that time every week his dedicated recruiter, Petty Officer First Class Allen Franklin of the U.S. Navy, would come to LaBelle and train with recruits as well as answer any questions that

the families would have.

Seaman Apprentice Powell (E-2), the grandson of Corky and Mary Risley, will be departing to Great Lakes, Illinois, on the 15th day of June 2010 to be trained in what the Navy does best, protect our country.

Garcia completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Cynthia Garcia, daughter of Nora and Sanjuan Garcia of LaBelle, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Garcia completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Bat-

tle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Garcia is a 2005 graduate of LaBelle High School.

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advantage of here. Scholarships and grants through FHREDI are paying for the trip that will focus on marketing this region.

The Europeans are light years ahead of us in green technology, Mr. Harrison said, and at this time it's cheaper to manufacture here than in Europe. The timing is right. It's important to remember that this trade mission is a "fishing expedition," geared to making initial contact with good business prospects.

"A 'win' would be to get a visit - a lead - from this conference," Mr. Harrison said. In addition to readily available raw materials,

Mr. Harrison said another strong point for this area is the ability to train a local workforce through curricula tailored to the client's needs at Edison College and FGCU.

"We can't wait for people to come to us," Mr. Harrison said, adding that it's vital to be proactive in attracting business, especially the types of business that will be good neighbors and good employers.

"Everybody has land. Everybody has a workforce," Mr. Harrison points out, "It's this type of personal introduction that can make the difference. We have to go where the businesses are."

Free summer film festival celebrating 29th year of fun

Celebrating the 29th Summer Family, organizers thank you for the wonderful support the Summer Film Festival has received over the years. This success is due to the community's generosity.

The purpose of the Summer Film Festival is to provide family fun and recreation for the youth during the summer months. This is not a religious event.

This year's festival will feature six family films, some animated, and mostly produced by Disney.

Sponsors are thanked via a PowerPoint presentation shown at the beginning of each of the 24 showings to over 650 folks (adults and youth). The 6 p.m. showing features films that will appeal to the community's young adults.

The Film Festival is open and free to everyone. Your sponsorships make it all possible. Please invite your friends and family. The popcorn is great. Extra showings are

offered for the summer camps, including RCMA and the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation programs, if needed.

Sponsorships are available if you would like to continue this wholesome family event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kathy Avery, coordinator, at 675-0900.

This year's schedule is:

Early showings 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. 3 p.m. Evening showing 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15 — Astro Boy a.m.; Old Dogs 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22- Tooth Fairy a.m.; Race to Witch Mountain 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29 —Up a.m. Flicka 2 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6 — Cloudy with Chance of Meatballs a.m. Alice in Wonderland 6: p.m.

Tuesday, July 13 The Princess and the Frog a.m.; Secrets of the Mountain 6 p.m.

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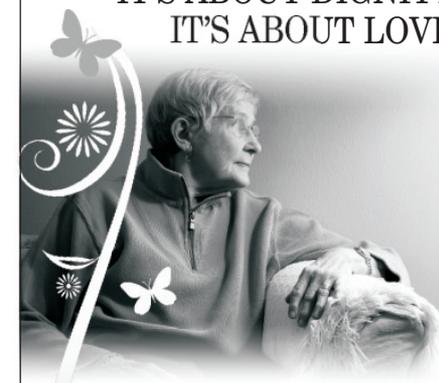
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DOT plans roadwork in Hendry, Glades Counties

Motorists should be aware that the Department of Transportation will be working on a number of roadways locally in the coming weeks. Including Glades County:

C.R. 720: From the Hendry County line to north of the Hendry/Glades County line (approximately 4.8 miles) crews will be installing construction signs and placing erosion control devices (silt fencing) during the next several weeks in preparation for resurfacing the road and installing guardrail. Please use extra caution when traveling through the work area. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

S.R. 29: From the Hendry County line to U.S. 27: Crews will be painting the lines in the roadway over the next two weeks, weather permitting. No lane closures are anticipated, but motorists should expect a slow moving operation with possible delays.

In Hendry County:

C.R. 832 (Keri Road): From S.R. 29 to east of S.R. 29 (approximately 9 miles): This project consists of milling and resurfacing and drainage improvements. Crews placed silt fencing for erosion control and construction signs along the project corridor. Paving

operations will occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Nighttime work is not anticipated, but during the job, motorists should expect temporary, alternating one-lane closures. Flagmen will be on site directing traffic. Please use extra caution when traveling through the work area. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting.

S.R. 80: From Clark Street to Birchwood Parkway: This project is widening the roadway from two to four lanes. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures to allow vehicles and equipment to enter and exit the work area. The contractor plans to shift traffic on Collingswood Parkway to the east the week of Monday, June 7, weather permitting. Forrey Drive will also have daytime road closures the week of Monday, June 7, weather permitting so crews can complete the new S.R. 80 mainline roadway. Traffic will be detoured to Clark Street to the west of Forrey Drive during working hours and the road will be re-opened at the end of the day. Please be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

S.R. 29/LaBelle Drawbridge: Work

began on Tuesday, June 1, and is estimated for completion in early 2011. Crews will be making electrical, mechanical and structural repairs to the bridge. This rehabilitation project will extend the service life of the bridge 15 to 20 years with continued routine maintenance. The contractor is Coastal Marine Construction.

During June, work activity is not expected to affect traffic.

Variable message boards in Glades and Hendry Counties will alert drivers to bridge closures.

From July 5 to August 8, the bridge will be closed 24/7 to all traffic.

From August through project completion, motorists should expect some nighttime/overnight bridge closures from 8 p.m.-5 a.m.

Local traffic, with the exception of heavy trucks and other heavy vehicles, may use the Ft. Denaud Bridge when the S.R. 29 draw-

bridge is closed. Motorists are advised the Ft. Denaud Bridge has a five-ton weight restriction, which will be strictly enforced. The Alva Bridge in east Fort Myers also is under construction and is weight restricted at 30 tons. No through truck traffic is permitted at this location. The detour route during S.R. 29 bridge closures is S.R. 78 and S.R. 80 (east/west) and S.R. 29 and U.S. 27 (north/south). Drivers also may choose alternate routes depending on destinations.

S.R. 29: From C.R. 832 to Sears Road Department crews will be clearing the right of way. No lane closures are anticipated.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Terry Flo Ortega, 37, was arrested June 4 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession/use of drug equipment. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Bruce Lee Green, 28, was arrested May 26 and charged with criminal mischief \$200-\$1,000 subsequent offense and trespass property not a structure or conveyance. Sgt. F. Herrera was arresting officer.

Amanda Leigh Paris, 30, was arrested May 30 and charged with grand theft \$300-\$5,000. She was also arrested and charged with petit theft second degree first offense, dealing in stolen property, resisting an officer obstruction without violence and possession/use of drug equipment. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Nicholas Junior Thomas, 26, was arrested June 1 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Joshua Wayne Proffitt, 26, was arrested

May 28 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation reckless driving first offense, resisting an officer flee/elude etc. with lights and siren, flee/eluding a law enforcement officer at high speed, a non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer etc., cruelty to a child without great harm and resisting an officer without violence. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Matthew Jordan Cisneros, 17, was arrested May 27 and charged with battery causing bodily harm, assault on a public/private education employee and disorderly conduct affray. Ty Marshall was arresting officer.

Christopher Owen Bennett, 19, was arrested May 26 and charged with larceny - grand theft \$10,000-\$20,000. Sgt. L. Morales was arresting officer.

Robert Wade Hemmings, 36, was arrested May 26 and charged with nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Sgt. Elver was arresting officer.

Counterfeit checks reported

Hendry County deputies responded to U-Save Grocery after receiving a call reporting someone trying to cash a counterfeit check.

Deputy Herman Blendsoe spoke with a store clerk and Assistant Store Manager who reported a man, later identified as 39-year-old David Alex Griffin, attempted to cash a check drawn on the Hendry County School Board in the amount of \$395. Both the store clerk and assistant manager noticed that the check was identical to two others that had been cashed earlier in the week. Employees gave Blendsoe a description of the vehicle and tag number. Griffin was located a short distance from store. At the store he was positively identified by the store clerk and placed under arrest.

David Alex Griffin was charged with Forgery, Uttering a False Instrument, Pass Counterfeit Check, Counterfeiting of Pay Instrument with Intent to Defraud and was released on \$4,000 bond. Hendry County Sheriff's Office Investigators are attempting to locate two other individuals also identified in cashing fraudulent checks.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting for ranking the responses to Hendry County RFP 2010-17, Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Services. It will be held on June 16, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the Hendry County Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, 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.

Father's Day is June 20!



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Letters to the editor

It's not too late to ensure our community counts

The 2010 Census is in full swing and even if you haven't mailed in your census form, there's still time to ensure that our community counts.

Households that haven't yet participated in the 2010 Census will receive a visit from a census enumerator. These census workers are from our community and will ask you the same questions that are on the 2010 Census questionnaire. The visit should take no more than 10 minutes and your participation will benefit our community for a decade. Don't worry about the confidentiality of your information; it is protected by law and no one, not even the president, has access to it.

It's important to be counted on the census, because census numbers at least partially determine the amount of funding our community gets for everything from healthcare services to school programs, roads and bridges to federal disaster relief programs. It also determines our representation in Congress.

Rural counties, like ours, have been historically underrepresented in the census. In 2000, Florida's 32 rural counties had an average response rate of only 52 percent. That means nearly half of the state's rural county residents weren't counted.

We can do better. Open your door to the clearly-identified census taker. A few minutes is all it takes to make sure our community counts. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit sunshinecensus2010.com or 2010census.gov.

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

Law Enforcement Memorial Day

I would like to express my thanks to Sheriff Steve Whidden, and the Hendry County Sheriff's Department for my award. I am humbled and grateful. I would also like to thank Mr. Robert Buker Jr., President of United States Sugar Corporation and Mrs. Kersten Maxson of Beef O'Brady's for their generous gifts.

Last but not least, my thanks to the Laurel Oaks Citizen Patrol members who give their time to protect our neighborhood. I share this award with them.

Sincerely,
Bob Pool

'Daniel's Gloves' a moving story

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Often I receive emails from people in my congregation or friends from around the country. They know I am always looking for inspirational stories or resources for sermons, as well as the articles I write. I appreciate their help very much. My file box is nigh unto overflowing with creative suggestions I have collected over the years.

Recently I received the following piece that "rattled me." As you read it see if it does the same for you. I regret that I don't know where this came from, who write it originally, or from whom I received it. Perhaps that is not as important as the "bang" this article contains. Warning: it will touch you...

I sat, with two friends, in a quaint restaurant. As we talked, my attention was drawn outside. Walking into town was a man who appeared to be carrying all his worldly goods on his back and a well-worn sign: 'I will work for food.' My heart sank.

I brought him to the attention of my friends and others focused on him, too. His image lingered in my mind. We finished and went our separate ways. I had errands to do. I glanced toward the town square, looking halfheartedly for the strange visitor. Seeing him again would call for some response. The Spirit of God kept speaking to me: 'Don't go back to the office until you've at least driven once more around the square.' With some hesitancy, I headed back into town. There he was, standing on the steps of the church, going through his sack.

I stopped, feeling both compelled to speak to him, yet wanting to drive on. The parking space on the corner seemed to be an invitation to park. I pulled in, and approached the town's newest visitor.

'Looking for the pastor?' I asked. 'Not really,' he replied, 'just resting.'

'Have you eaten today?' 'Oh, I ate something early this morning.'

'Would you like to have lunch with me?' I asked 'Do you have some work I could do for you?' he replied.

'No work. I commute here to work from the city, but I would like to take you to lunch.' 'Sure,' he replied with a smile.

As he began to gather his things, I asked, "Where you headed?" "St. Louis," he said.

"Well, where you from?" I probed. "Oh, all over; mostly Florida," was the answer.

"How long you been walking?" "Fourteen years," he said.

I knew I had met someone unusual. His face was weathered beyond his 38 years. His eyes were dark yet clear, and he spoke with an eloquence that was startling. He removed his jacket to reveal a bright red T-shirt that said, 'Jesus is The Never Ending Story.'

Then Daniel's story began to unfold. He had seen rough times early in life, made some wrong choices and reaped the consequences. While backpacking across the country, he had stopped in Daytona. He tried to hire on with some men who were putting up a tent. The tent would not house a concert but revival services, and in those services he saw life more clearly. He gave his life over to God.

"Nothing's been the same since. I felt the Lord telling me to keep walking, and so I did."

"Ever think of stopping?" I asked. "Oh, once in a while, when it seems to get the best of me But God has given me this calling. I give out Bibles. That's what's in my sack. I work to buy food and Bibles, and I give them out when His Spirit leads."

I sat amazed. My homeless friend was not homeless. He was on a mission and lived this way by choice. The question burned inside for a moment and then I asked: 'What's it like?'

"What?"

"To walk into a town carrying all your things on your back and to show your sign?"

"Oh, it was humiliating at first. People would stare and make comments. Once someone tossed a piece of half-eaten bread and made an unkind gesture. But then it became humbling to realize that God was using me to touch lives and change people's concepts of other folks like me."

I was changing, too. We finished eating and gathered his things. Just outside the door, he turned to me and said, 'Come Ye blessed of my Father and inherit the kingdom I've prepared for you. For when I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me drink, a stranger and you took me in.' I felt as if we were on holy ground. "Could you use another Bible?" I asked.

He said he preferred a certain translation. It traveled well and was not too heavy. It was also his personal favorite. "I've read

through it 14 times," he said.

"Where are you headed from here?" I asked. "Well, I found this little map on the back of this amusement park coupon."

"Are you hoping to hire on there?" I asked. "No, I just figure someone there needs a Bible, so I'm going." He radiated the sincerity of his mission.

As I drove him back to the town-square it started raining. "Would you sign my auto-graph book?" he asked. 'I like to keep messages from folks I meet.' I left him a scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 'I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you; Plans to give you a future and a hope.'"

"Thanks, man," he said. 'I know we just met and we're really just strangers, but I love you.' "I know," I said. "I love you, too. The Lord is good!" "Yes, He is," he replied.

"How long has it been since someone hugged you?" I asked. "A long time," he replied. In the drizzling rain, my new friend and I embraced. I felt deep inside that I had been changed. He put his things on his back, smiled big and said, "See you in the New Jerusalem." "I'll be there!" was my reply.

He began his journey again. He headed away with his sign dangling from his bed-roll and pack of Bibles. He turned and said, "When you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?"

"You bet," I shouted back. "God bless." "God bless." And that was the last I saw of him.

Leaving my office that night, the wind blew strong. The cold front had settled in town. I hurried to my car. I reached for the emergency brake, I saw them.... a pair of well-worn brown work gloves neatly laid over the length of the handle. I picked them up and thought of my friend and wondered if his hands would stay warm that night without them. I remembered his words: "If you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?"

Today his gloves lie on my desk in my office. They help me to see the world and its people in a new way. I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.

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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Church Briefs

Time for VBS

Community Harvest Worship Center, across from the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds, is hosting SonQuest Rainforest VBS for kids completing Kindergarten through 5th grade. They will meet June 21-25 from 6:30-9 p.m. Come join the fun by participating in songs, games, Bible and mission stories, rainforest video adventures, snacks and leaning more about God's love. For questions or to register, please phone the church office at 675-0938.

Faith in Action at ICF

Faith in Action continues to be demonstrated at the International Christian Fellowship, 233 Clark Street, as they extend their ministry to encompass a new private Christian school. The ministry will be under the direction of Tracy Co, M.Ed. who has a vision for quality education, from the Christian perspective. Mrs. Co has been involved in public, private and homeschooling education. She desires to see the opportunity for quality Christian education to be extended to children of all economic and social classes. Mrs. Co praises the International Christian Fellowship for their support and biblical demonstration of faith.

Christian Academy plans

International Christian Academy International Christian Academy, located at International Christian Fellowship, 233 Clark Street, LaBelle, has a target date to open 2010-11 school year. Plans are to have the lower grades to use the Abeka curriculum. The upper grades will use the Alpha Omega curriculum. In addition to the core subjects, Bible, music, art, foreign languages and life skills are to be taught using 21st Century technology. Mrs. Co's desire is for students to have quality, biblically based education, which prepares them for the 21st Century. For more information, you may contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112.

VBS at First Baptist Church

June 21-25 from 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday. Saddle up for Saddle Ridge Ranch™! VBS. Set among the stunning vistas and wide-open spaces of Big Sky country, Saddle Ridge Ranch is a place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word. During their day at the ranch, kids will visit Worship Rally Valley and the Bible Study Bunkhouse. All at the First Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 North Main Street.

Around the ranch they will also experience: Crafts at Blazing Star Stables, Missions at Firefly Cavern, Music at Campfire Creek, Recreation at Mustang Mountain and Snacks at the Big Sky Grill.

Children age 5-5th grade from all over LaBelle are invited to join us!

Call the church office at 675-2171 to register or visit our Web site at www.fbclabelle.org to register online and for more information. Look for information on our kickoff event, on Saturday, June 19. A family night is planned for Friday evening June 25. Saddle Ridge Ranch™ will be an event to remember! Come join us!

Spring cleaning for missions

First Christian Church will hold a community garage sale and craft fair Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church's parking lot, Bridge Street and Ford Ave. \$5 for a single space outside, \$1 for table rental; and \$10 for an inside space with table. Call Lisa Bell at 863-673-9081 for more information. Proceeds will be used for missions to Haiti and Brazil.

Book signing planned

Friday, June 18, 5-7 p.m. Come to Bridge Street Coffee & Tea for a book signing event for author Homer Brewer's Exploding Myths of Biblical Interpretation. The author will have books available for sale.

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.

Changes at Freedom Fellowship

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

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LaBelle Baptist Temple welcomes new pastor

LaBelle Baptist Temple is pleased to announce their selection of a new pastor. Jim Horton and his wife Sharon served as missionaries in Colombia, South America. Dr. Horton has also pastored in California, Florida, and Indiana, and most recently, as assistant to the pastor at Winkler Road Baptist Church in Ft. Myers, Florida.

We would like to invite you to meet Pastor Horton this Sunday morning. LaBelle Baptist Temple is located six miles west of LaBelle on Hwy. 80 next to the Animal Hospital and Riverbend Motorcoach Resort. Regular service times are: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sun Services 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., and



Wednesday at 7 p.m. There are Sunday School classes for all ages and Junior Church for the young people on Sunday morning. A ride on the church bus is available for the Sunday School and Sunday morning services. And a nursery

is provided during all services. LaBelle Baptist Temple, where the Scripture, the music and the fellowship honors the Lord.

Call (863) 675-4807 for more information.

Fall registration now open at ESC

Registration for Fall classes at Edison State College is open to all Degree-Seeking students. Registration opens to the general public June 14.

"We want to accommodate every student who chooses Edison State College," said Dr. Steve Atkins, Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs. "Early enrollment allows us to best prepare our professors and classrooms for the students."

In the past three years enrollment at ESC has grown more than 50-percent, bringing total student enrollment to more than 21,000. ESC has been the fastest growing state college in Florida for the past two years.

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Wrap up

2010 Relay for Life Wrap-up had an amazing turn out as laughter, excitement, and stories of the night of Relay were being shared. Wrap up is a time we set aside to thank persons and business that went all out to make our Relay such a success. Without them there would be no Relay. Total amount raised \$42,000. Top five teams: City of LaBelle; First Baptist Church of LaBelle; Country Peddler Country Oaks Elementary School; Christ Central. Best Campsite: Country Peddler. Best Food: City of LaBelle. Top Fundraiser: City of LaBelle; 2010 Event Sponsors: Salazar Machine and Steel Inc., DAV, Board of County Commissioners, DUDA, Double Image Salon. I would like to personally thank everyone involved in making this a successful year. Mary Risley.

Obituaries

Hazel Louise Kennington, 88

LABELLE — Hazel Louise Kennington, age 88, of LaBelle, passed away June 4, 2010 in LaBelle.

She was born July 15, 1921, in Hamilton, Ala., the daughter of the late James Luther Simmons and the late Lela Frances (Kerr) Simmons. She

was a wonderful Christian, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister and friend. A resident of LaBelle since 1958, Louise was a member of First Christian Church and American Legion Post #130 Women's Auxiliary.

Survivors include her son, Henry E. Kennington Jr. (Suzy) of LaBelle; daughters, Ellen Glass of Ocala, Linda Henderson (Meredith) of Walterboro, S.C., Judi Kennington-Korf (Scott) of LaBelle; brother, Bill Simmons (Bonnie) of Alabaster, Ala.; grandchildren, Melody, Bradley, Jarrod, Katie, Joey, Ke-



vin, Holly and Michael and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry E. Kennington Sr. in July, 1978.

Her life was celebrated Monday, June 7, 2010, 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 560 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle with Pastor W. T. Maddox Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Joyce Loretta Easterly

OCALA, FL. — Joyce Loretta Easterly, Age 73 of Ocala, Florida passed away Friday, June 4th, 2010, in Houma, LA.

She was formerly a resident of Naples, Fla. for

Health Department programs featured on Lee Pitts Live

by Pat Dobbins

Jim Martinson, Family Assessment Worker and Gracie Urias, Family Support Worker for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments were the featured guests on television on FOX-4's Lee Pitts Live on Sunday, May 30.

Gracie discussed the Healthy Start Program and Jim Martinson discussed the Healthy Families Program which are offered through the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. The show was broadcasted on FOX-4 Sunday, May 30th at 8:30 a.m. Lee Pitts was very impressed at the level of services that are provided to the rural counties of Hendry and Glades. Lee Pitts states "Those who say it can't be done,



Submitted photo

Pictured from left: Left to right: Jim Martinson, Lee Pitts, Gracie Urias.

are usually interrupted by those who are doing it." 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. For more information, visit www.leepittslive.com or call (877) 830-0391.

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Community Briefs

Moose plans special event

The men and women of the LaBelle Moose Lodge invite you to their first ever Rib Cook Off and Fun day June 10. The cook off is open to members of the Moose Chapter. Entry fee is two slabs of ribs cooked your special way. Activities begin at 1 p.m. Rib judging at 4 p.m. Games and prizes galore. Bring your appetite. Dinners will be sold after judging. If you would like to participate, contact Chuck Drawdy at 673-1868. There will also be a raffle for a gas barbecue grill. Drawing at 8 p.m. Winner need not be present. Members and prospective guests only.

Fish fry, breakfast

American Legion Post 130 invites the community to its Fish Fry every first Friday of the month at 5 p.m. and breakfast buffet first Sunday at 8 a.m. in the Legion Hall on Hwy. 80W.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch June 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Log Cabin Barbecue. All widows welcome.

Karaoke at VFW

Enjoy karaoke with Ray Friday, June 11, at 5 p.m. at VFW Post 10100, SR 29S. Bring a covered dish.

Spring recital

The Dance Company invites everyone to its Spring Performance June 11 and 12 at LHS beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at the Dance Company, in the south side of City Plaza behind the UPS, or at the door if available. Call 675-0432 for more information.

Club to hold Cruise In

The South Central Florida Car Club will hold its monthly Cruise In, on June 16, at the Popeye's on SR 80 from 6-8 p.m. All car owners and enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

Donate old cars

Now that summer is here people may be thinking of donating their old cars a pat of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be

happy to take your old cars. People donating to the clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car, but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safer place. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493 donations are tax deductible

Tobacco free meeting

Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership invites all residents to attend the monthly Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting Tuesday, June 15, at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church 310 Campbell Street, 4-5 p.m. Help plan the Tobacco-Free policies strategy. Your voice and input is needed and greatly appreciated. Come help make a change for the youth and adults in Hendry County.

For more information or to be added to the Partnership e-mail list please contact Valerie James at 863-674-4041 ext 128.

Story time planned

Barron Library is getting ready for Summer Story Time every Tuesday Morning at 10:30, beginning June 15. Kids will hear about subjects like snakes, popcorn, music, art, pets, horses, ice cream and so much more. Join them for the kick-off event Saturday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Apply for Kiwanis scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle has funding for adult and continuing student scholarships. They are accepting applications now. You may pick them up at the Kiwanis Club Thrift Store or the Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for their return is June 30.

Rotary offers scholarship

The LaBelle chapter of Rotary International offers a \$3,000 college scholarship to a worthy local student every year. The scholarship is available in \$1,500 increments over the student's junior and senior year of college. The requirements for applicants are: (1) LaBelle High School graduate, (2) completed two years at Edison Community College (ECC) as an Isabelle Curtis Memorial Scholarship recipient, (3) overall GPA at ECC above 3.30, (4) demonstrated civic in-

volvement and character, and (5) accepted to attend a Florida public university. Interested students should send an e-mail with their name and e-mail address to the following address: srodriguez@hendryregional.org to request an application. The application deadline is June 18, 2010. An interview will be held with the top candidates.

Turkey shoot

Come to the Pioneer Plantation Volunteer Fire Department's Turkey Shoot June 25-26, beginning at 7 p.m. Turkey: \$3 donation; ham: \$4 donation. Pioneer VFD is located at 2499 Hendry Isles Blvd.

Summer reading kick off: Ronald McDonald

Barron Library will kick off Summer Story Time with Ronald McDonald on Saturday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a fun show with Ronald himself, followed by ice cream treats for everyone. The library has weekly fun learning events scheduled throughout the summer including Sailing a Boat, Farriering a Horse, Making a Musical Instrument, Planting Popcorn, Ace Ventura and the Wild Animals, Nemis the Boa Constrictor, Planting an Apple Tree and even Making Ice Cream. The weekly events will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Every child that attends all of the summer programs will receive a certificate for a free hamburger from McDonalds, compliments of McDonalds. Additionally, each time a child attends a story time, we will add a scoop of ice cream with their name to our giant ice cream cone. They will also receive a scoop for each book read during the summer. Mark your calendars to be at Barron Library every Tuesday morning at 10:30 this summer, and help us build the biggest ice cream cone ever.

Honor our veterans

The public is invited to a pork dinner with all the fixin's, plus music and more July 24 beginning at 11 am. at American Legion Post 130, Hwy. 80.

This third Annual Fallen Heroes Benefit is proudly sponsored by the American Legion, DAV Chapter 144, VFW 10100 and Moose. Proceeds will help complete the Veterans Park across from the Hendry County Courthouse. Please consider honoring your special veteran by purchasing a personalized memorial brick for the park for \$100.

A special color guard ceremony will precede the dinner at 9 a.m. at the LaBelle Veterans Memorial Park.

Be a foster, adoptive parent

The Children's Network of Southwest Florida will hold orientations on how to become a foster parent/adoptive parent June 17 at the Department of Children and Families, 485 E. Cowboy Way, 6-7 p.m. The agency oversees foster care and adoption services in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Children's Network of Southwest Florida has partnered with Family Preservation Services, Lutheran Services Florida and the Florida Baptist Children's Home to recruit more foster families in the five-county region. Please call 1-800-FAMILY or e-mail jruiz@childnetswfl.com.

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Welcome Dr. Ryan Nelson

Dr. Edward Vickers Jr. is pleased to announce that Dr. Ryan Nelson has taken over his practice in Pahokee, FL. The records of Dr. Vickers patients are in the custody of Nelson Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Center. Please feel free to contact Dr. Nelson at (561) 924-2243.

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LaBelle Sports Network (LSN) adds video to sports wire

You've read the stories and seen the photos. Now it's time to watch the plays!
 LaBelle Sports Network, the Caloosa Belle's free Web site devoted to youth, recreational and leisure sports, has been featuring a convenient online Sports Wire tool in which leagues, organizations, schools and individuals can submit their news.

Now, three video components have been added to Sports Wire to enhance your enjoyment and opportunity to share content to the site. Outstanding Plays, Outstanding Performances and Bloopers are brief video clips, accompanied by a short story, that highlight exceptional occurrences in the local sports community.

For an example of an Outstanding Play, visit www.newszap.com. From the Home Page, click on LaBelle, then select the sports tab and go to LSN. Once on the site, select "Sports Wire" and then click on "Outstanding Play." You'll see seventh grader Nate Jensen of Holy Rosary School in Kenosha, WI, making an incredible, full-court basketball shot, which his mother filmed from the bleachers.

For an example of an outstanding performance, select "Sports Wire" and then click on "Outstanding Performance." You'll see Carthage College student of Kenosha, WI, Doug Fitzgerald putting on a stunning display of soccer ball juggling.

If you would like to add an Outstanding Play, Outstanding Performance or Blooper to LSN, select the "Sports Wire" tab at the top of the page and access "Add a new Sports Wire" link. Select "Outstanding Play, Performance or Blooper." Input the required information and click "Submit" when finished. Registration is required and all Outstanding Plays, Outstanding Performances and Bloopers must be approved by a Sports Editor.

For more information on LSN or how to get started, contact Renee Hawley, LSN Sports Marketing Manager, at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or 1-888-853-7904 ext. 323.



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Winner of the Photo of the Month

Top: Rockhounds Coach Paul Martin accepts a gift certificate from Matt Germaine of Forry's Grill.

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Winning photo

Right: Hey, batter, batter! Young Byron Hendry of the Rockhounds gets into the great American game.



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The LaBelle Sports Network and the Caloosa Belle, announces a photo contest for the best community sports photograph posted to our online sports website - To visit the LaBelle Sports Network online, go to newszap.com, click on the LaBelle homepage, then the Sports tab in the upper right. Photos must be posted on the site by **June 30th** and will be judged by the editorial team of the Caloosa Belle and Community Sports Desk. Winner and winning photo will appear in the paper. Interested teams and leagues can go directly to the site, or contact Renee Hawley by e-mail at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or by phone at 888-853-7904 for a demonstration or to get started.

Awards given at annual 4-H awards banquet

by **Sonja Crawford**
4-H/Livestock Agent

The Hendry County 4-H Program held its Annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the LaBelle Civic Center. Members received award pins in the different 4-H project areas from cooking and arts and crafts to steer, swine and dairy goats.

Moreover, Junior and Senior 4-H members received certificates and premiums for placing in the top two in the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show record book competition in several project areas. Furthermore, the Junior and Senior 4-H member awards from the Hendry County Fair were awarded at the fair banquet. Leaders and other adult volunteers were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the 4-H program from one year to 33 years of service.

Mr. Donnie Shaw was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award after receiving letters of recommendation from his 4-H club members. This is Mr. Shaw's sixth year providing leadership to the Hendry County 4-H Club Program as the leader of the Silver Saddles 4-H Club. Several 4-H members received special recognition for their accomplishments in 4-H: Dustin Padgett received the Outstanding Junior 4-H Award plaque with Brittney Harrell achieving the Outstanding Intermediate 4-H Award plaque and Jaydee Hull was awarded the Outstanding Senior 4-H Award plaque. These awards were based on letters received from 4-H leaders outlining their accomplishments in the overall 4-H program. Taylor Beatty and Jaydee Hull received the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The Hendry County 4-H Office would like to express its appreciation to the parents, leaders and volunteers who attended the awards banquet in support of the 4-H program. Without all of you, giving your time and talents, we would not be able to reach the lives of many youth in Hendry County.



Submitted photos/Sonja Crawford
Pictured from left: Brittney Harrell, Outstanding Intermediate 4-H'er; Dustin Padgett, Outstanding Junior 4-H'er; and Emily Hull accepting the Outstanding Senior 4-H'er Award for Jaydee Hull.



Submitted photos/Sonja Crawford
Pictured from left: Sonja Crawford and Donnie Shaw, 2010 Outstanding Leader of the Year.

LHS runners excel in area events

On Saturday morning May 15, Gabriel Barron won the 5th Annual Turtle Trot 5k held at Lovers Key. He ran the 3.1 mile course in 16 minutes and 54 seconds. He defeated more than 350 other runners. Gabriel runs both Cross Country and Track, and plays Soccer at the High School. On Sunday morning June 6, Caleb Baker competed in the 24th annual Fitness Challenge Triathlon

held in Naples. Caleb won the 16-19 year old male age group.

He ran 3.1 miles, Biked 9.3 miles and finished with a 1/4 mile swim in the gulf in 57 minutes and 43 seconds. He was 43rd overall out of over 650 athletes. He also runs Cross Country and Track at the High School. Both athletes will be seniors next year at LaBelle High School.

Sports Short

Summer football camp

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Key Club

LaBelle High School Key Clubbers have completed their first project for 2010-2011. These students have been working hard throughout the last few weeks after school to make dolls for needy kids. They started with a long strip of cloth and turned the cloth into homemade dolls for those who are unfortunate. Pictured are, bottom from left: Elaine Guerrero, Asma Saheed, Laura Raulerson, Matthew Thomason and Mrs. Shahlaine Dhillon. Top from left: Mrs. Tracy Nobles, Amy Marquez, Tammi Flores, Courtney Bancroft, Jessica Madrid, Kiah Tippett, Elias Carmona and Lucas Talada.



Photo by J. Sullivan

Beginning a long process

The tug boat Jenny out of Venice holds a barge in place which will be used to work on the LaBelle Bridge.

Ninth panther dies on SWFL roads

FWC recovered the carcass of a road killed 12-14 month old male panther on Memorial Day morning, May 31, on the shoulder of CR 833, approximately 0.4 miles north of the intersection with CR 832.

This panther did not have a kink or cowlick and no transponder chip was detected. The number of descended testicles was undetermined due to trauma to the hindquarters; a complete assessment will be made during the necropsy. The carcass is currently stored at the FWC Naples Field Office. UCFP144 will subsequently be transported to the FWC Wildlife Research Lab for necropsy and the remains will be archived at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Booklet makes it easier to ID trees

A fun, easy-to-use tree identification booklet is available from the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation. The booklet, What Tree Is That?, helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process.

What Tree Is That? features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species. Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide one of the most user-friendly resources to have. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail to depict natural colors, shapes, and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in Florida and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. What Tree Is That? uses a unique step-by-step approach to identify the species of each tree. The booklet explains what to look for in the shape of the leaves and differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, specifics on the fruits and flowers, and the details of buds and bark.

"What Tree Is That? is an ideal resource to help people have a great appreciation for trees," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation is to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at www.arborday.org. The Arbor Day Foundation offers this unique, one-of-a-kind online tool so people can identify trees using the internet.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Economic Development Office, located at 110 Broadway Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Hendry County
Tourist Development Council
Karson Turner, Chairman
356813 CB/CN 6/10/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND NOTICE OF A FIRE MORATORIUM
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 5:05 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to the imposition and notice of a fire moratorium. The Ordinance is to be entitled as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1-9 OF THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-9-22, RELATING TO AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A FIRE MORATORIUM AND SECTION 1-9-23, RELATING TO NOTICE OF MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CONFLICT; CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
356786 CB/CN 6/10/10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE EXISTING SIX CENTS PER GALLON LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX ON MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL FUEL
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 5:05 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hick-poochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to continuing the existing six cents per gallon local option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in Hendry County as authorized by Section 336.025(1)(a), Florida Statutes. The Ordinance is to be entitled as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE XV, FUEL TAX, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-272, EXTENSION OF EXISTING SIX CENT LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
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NOTICE OF MEETING
The Port LaBelle Community Development District Board of Supervisors will meet at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, June 24, 2010, at the District Office, on Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle.
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and preliminarily adopt next fiscal year's (10/1-9/30/11) proposed operating budget and conduct other routine business requiring action by the Board.
This meeting is open to the public. The final budget and millage rate will be advertised, reviewed, and adopted during public hearings in September 2010.
Scott Wegscheid
Chairman
356838 CGS/CB 6/10/10

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct a their monthly business meeting beginning at 1 pm on Monday, June 21st, in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.
356557 CB & CN 06/10/10

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/25/2010, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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1- INVITATION TO BID

**BID # 2010-02
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
EQUIPMENT SHED**

1.1 Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the above referenced **Bid # 2010-02 Central County Water Control District Equipment Shed** will be received by the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District (hereinafter referred to as "CCWCD," "OWNER," or "DISTRICT"), at the DISTRICT's office at the following address:

Central County Water Control District
475 S. Cabbage Palm Street
Clewiston, Florida 33440

until **2:00 p.m. local time on June 22, 2010**, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Construction Contract, Detailed Specifications and Attachments which comprise the Bid Documents. Such work includes the construction of an equipment shed at the DISTRICT office site. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may attend the bid opening. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid, and **bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.**

1.2 A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 14, 2010, at the DISTRICT office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida.

1.3 The work made the subject hereof is described in the bid documents titled **BID # 2010-02 CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT EQUIPMENT SHED**, copies of which may be obtained from Rock Enterprises, Inc., 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida, 33935, or from Central County Water Control District, 475 South Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440, for the non-refundable sum of \$25.00. For additional information you may contact Carolyn Hester, District Manager, at 863-983-5797, or Rock Aboujoudé, P.E., District Engineer, at 863-612-0011.

1.4 Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the Central County Water Control District, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All Subcontractors shall be declared on a separate form.

1.5 The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening, but no bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening without written consent of the DISTRICT.

1.6 In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

1.7 Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the DISTRICT will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the DISTRICT to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. The DISTRICT reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

1.8 The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and/or accept bids that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the DISTRICT, and the DISTRICT specifically reserves the right to reject all bids and proceed to accomplish its objectives without awarding any contract pursuant to this invitation. The DISTRICT also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time, which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond ninety (90) calendar days from the bid opening date during which time the DISTRICT at its sole discretion may release the bid security. DATED this 7th day of June, 2010.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

ATTEST:
Carolyn Hester, Manager
356777 CGS/CB 6/10, 17 ON 6/9, 16/10

By Benito Alvarez, Chairman

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project**

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 22, 2010, for the following proposals:

- E1157- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Asphalt Repairs in Hardee & Desoto Counties. Budget Estimate: \$253,409.00
E1158- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair and Side Drain Pipe Replacement in Hardee & Desoto Counties. Budget Estimate: \$240,000.00
E1159- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Fence Repairs in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$148,000.00
E1160- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Countywide Fertilizer Application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$215,000.00
E1161- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Tree Trimming, Stump Removal, and Clearing and Grubbing in Hardee & Desoto Counties. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00
E1162- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Ditch Cleaning in Glades & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$280,000.00
E1163- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Shoulder Repair in Glades & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$280,000.00
E1164- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Concrete Strain Pole Removal in Sarasota & Manatee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$20,000.00
E1165- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Repair and Replacement of Guardrail, Handrail, and Pedestrian/Bicycle Railing in Desoto & Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00
E1166- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sod Placement in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, & Lee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$245,968.00
E1167- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Concrete Slab Removal and Replacement in Charlotte County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00
E1168- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Asphalt Repairs in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$280,000.00
E1169- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide Application-Countywide in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00
E1170- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide Application-North in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00
E1171- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Herbicide Application-South in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00
E1172- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Guardrail Repair and Replacement in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$240,000.00
E1173- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Maintenance of Traffic in Polk, Highlands, & Okeechobee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$20,000.00
E1174- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Maintenance of Traffic in Charlotte, Lee, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$115,018.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contracts/administration/district1/> #PLANHOLDERS%20LIST; or by calling (863) 519-2559. 355651 CGS/CB 6/3,10/10

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 2:00 PM EDT**, by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn.: Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 50 South Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935; and subsequently opened in a meeting to be held in the Clerk's office and publicly read, for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work connected with a project for the **LaBelle Airport - Grading and Drainage Design for T-Hangar Development Area and Associated Taxiways.**

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 2:00 PM EDT** at the Hendry County Engineer's Office, 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL 33975.

Bidders are invited to submit bids for this work on the bid forms provided. Other bid or proposal forms will not be accepted.

The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications including all addenda or other revisions, and site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a bid. On or after **June 16, 2010**, Contract Documents consisting of the project plans and specifications and all addenda or other revisions will be available for examination and may be obtained from the office of URS Corporation, 7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida, 33607-1462, (Phone: 813-675-6538; contact Kelli Leonard) for the non-refundable amount of \$100.00.

A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid.

Successful Bidder will be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and 49 CFR, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in or reject any or all bids and to award or refrain from awarding a Contract for the work. Contractor selection and disqualification criteria are set forth in Hendry County Ordinance No. 2001-08.

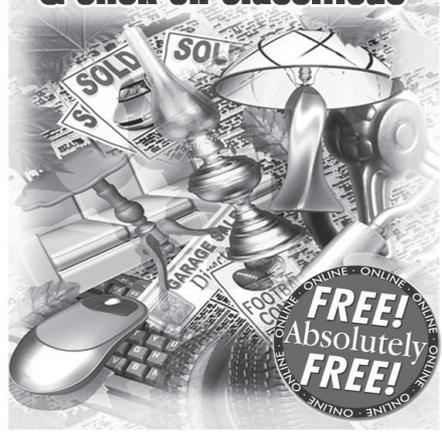
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UES Students of the Month for May

Row 1: Vladimir Vasquez-Villanueva, Mario Garcia DeSantiago, Jassiry Salazar; row 2: Ethan Holt, Alondra Flores, Paulo Hernandez, Blayne Boyett, Jonathan Ramos; row 3: Lucila Arreita, Alina Boyett, Elizabeth Zuniga, Ivan Alvarez; row 4: Eduardo Mendoza, Rikki Pack, Berniece Cervantes, Bryanna Llamas; row 5: Adrian Martinez, Pamela Tully, J.C. Leon, Hector DeLeon.

School Briefs

New Christian school meeting

International Christian Academy, K-12th, located at International Christian Fellowship, 233 Clark Street, LaBelle, will hold a meeting for anticipated students and family members. The meeting will be Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Registration will be opened for students. Work is being done to allow for McKay and Florida Tax Credit scholarships. For more information you may contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112.

ECSWF scholarship winners

The Education Center of Southwest Florida has presented three \$500 scholarships to local students in the three area high schools (LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven). These scholarships may be used by the students in any way to further their educational or employment plans. The recipients of the scholarships this spring are: Dustin Beck, MHHS, Steven Garcia CHS and Pedro Deras LHS. Congratulations to these young men and best of luck as they prepare for their careers. Anyone interested in donating to the ECSWF scholarship fund should contact Sonny Hughes, Executive Director or any of the board members or call or email 675-6800 shughesedcenter@embarqmail.com.

Pick up LMS report cards

Parents/guardians are welcome to pick-up your child(s) report card for the fourth marking period at LaBelle Middle School, June 14-22 (Tuesday), 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. If you send your child into the school office they will be allowed to pick up their own report card, but no other students.

After June 22, report cards will be mailed to the address that was submitted to LaBelle Middle School. If your child has not returned library books, text books, etc. the report

card will be held in the school office until everything has been returned.

Come to VPK at Country Oaks

Hendry County Schools will again be offering a free summer VPK program at Country Oaks Elementary School. Children from Hendry County may attend this program regardless of what school they will attend in the fall for Kindergarten. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2010, and not have attended any other VPK program. Please call or come by Country Oaks Elementary School to register your child today and bring a birth certificate, and proof of residency such as a bill from FPL or a mortgage or rent receipt. School begins June 14.

VPK Registration Night at Country Oaks on Thursday, May 27, from 5-7 p.m. For more information call Richard Talada at 674-4140.

Register for kindergarten

West Glades School requests that parents register children for kindergarten as soon as possible. Office hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. It is important to register early in order to have your child placed in a class prior to open house. For more information call 863-675-3490

FGCU graduate

Angela Zimmerly Maddox graduated on May 2 from Gulf Coast University with a BS in Elementary Education degree. She is the daughter of Ronald and Flora Zimmerly and wife of James Maddox.

Ronald McDonald at Barron Library

Barron Library will kick off Summer Story Time with Ronald McDonald on Saturday, June 12th at 10:30 am.

There will be a fun show with Ronald himself, followed by ice cream treats for everyone.

Summer Story Time at Barron Library

will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m, beginning June 15. Following is a list of topics and the dates they will be presented:

June 15 Learn to Sail, June 22 Tell Me a Story, June 29 Farrier a Horse with Live Horse, July 6 Planting Popcorn and Apples, July 13 Nemis the Snake, July 20 Wild Animals, July

27 Exercise for Your Health, August 3 Music and Making Instruments, August 10 Bicycle Safety and August 17 Good Nutrition.

Every child that attends all of the summer programs or reads 10 books, will receive a certificate for a free hamburger from McDonald, compliments of McDonalds.

Additionally, each time a child attends a story time, we will add a scoop of ice cream with their name to our giant ice cream cone.

They will also receive a scoop for each book read during the summer.

Please note: Public Access Computers will not be available Tuesday mornings from 10 to noon, beginning June 15.

Mark your calendars to be at Barron Library every Tuesday morning at 10:30 this summer, and help us build the biggest ice cream cone ever.

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Caloosa Federated Republican Women celebrate 60th year

In December 1949 Republican Women throughout Florida met at the Clewiston Inn in Clewiston on Lake Okeechobee to discuss the formation of the Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW). In those days Florida already had 14 local clubs under the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) in Washington, D.C., but no state federation yet.

The Clewiston meeting was followed by the organizational meeting in Orlando in January 1950, and the first Spring Board meeting in Sebring, at which the Florida Federation of Republican Women was granted their charter by NFRW.

On May 19, 2010, a luncheon at the Clewiston Inn was enjoyed by over 50 women and men from Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Naples, Estero, Ft. Myers, Myakka City (Manatee Cty), Lake Placid, Punta Gorda, LaBelle, Clewiston and Glades County to commemorate the founding of the FFRW.

Cynthia "Cindy" Graves, President of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, from Jacksonville, gave an address on the importance of the Florida Senate and Governors election in 2010.

State Representative Denise Grimsley spoke to the guests on Florida issues of importance and how the Federation can advance those goals.

Sharon Merchant, candidate for State Senate, spoke briefly of her strategy and

goals, if her election bid is successful.

Tris Chapman, Hendry County Commissioner, discussed the need for change to the junction of Hwy. 27 and Hwy. 80. The money from the state may be available to make safe, necessary corrections to that very dangerous intersection.

Al Perry, candidate for the Board of Hendry County Commissioners, spoke of changes he would like to implement on behalf of Hendry County citizens.

Clewiston Mayor Mali Gardner presented issues of interest to Hendry County attendees. It was delightful to have Mali's husband, Terry, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Soto join the luncheon celebration. The Caloosa FRW is proud to claim Clewiston's Mayor Mali Gardener as a member of the Club!

The list of distinguished guests also included Opal Hancock of Clewiston, Christine Howell of Clewiston, Louise Dowd of Naples Past President FFRW and Christine Sutherland of Naples Executive Director on the FFRW Board.

We thank Floyd and Pamela Salkey, owners of the Clewiston Inn, for their professional assistance!

The Caloosa FRW regular luncheon meeting will be in LaBelle on Tuesday, June 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Don's Steak House.

Please call 675-2915 for more information.



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Puppy Love

Keith Woosley enjoys a little "puppy love" at Florida Community Bank's Pet Therapy. Florida Community Bank will host pet therapy every Wednesday in June from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by the lobby on Wednesdays for a relaxing visit with our furry friends from the Caloosa Humane Society. You may also drop off donations for the humane society anytime during normal business hours in June. Stop by or call for a complete list of items needed.



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Marianne Bartlett, Caloosa Florida Federation of Republican Women Vice President, with Florida District 77 Representative Denise Grimsley.

ACHIEVEMENT

GARY WILLIAMS

We would like to announce that our Father, Assistant Chief Gary Williams of LaBelle Fire Department has retired after 33 years of service. This is the longest term ever served on the LaBelle Fire Department. Your three Girls Joy, Jenna and Jinger would like to congratulate you and express how proud we are to have a Father and hero like you in our lives. All of the interrupted dinners and sleepless nights are over now and we are glad to just have you be our Dad. Gary is the Husband of Rose, Father of Joy, Jenna and Jinger Williams and Grandfather to grandsons Dalton and Brock. We love you!



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