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At a Glance

LaBelle Bridge closings

Be prepared for extended closings of the LaBelle Bridge as crews work to rehabilitate the 50-year-old bridge. From July 5-August 8 the bridge will be closed 24/7. Occasional closings will continue till work is completed. Drivers will be alerted to closings via message boards at prominent locations. Traffic will have to detour to Fort Denaud Bridge, which has a limit of five tons, Moore Haven or Alva.

HC Food Bank

The Hendry County Food Bank will be held today from noon to approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Dallas B Townsend Agricultural Center on Pratt Boulevard.

Summer lunch program

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin, during the summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. All children 18 years old and younger, if open site, are eligible for meals at no charge and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced meals during the school year. See more about this program on page 6.

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Rates could double

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

In order to have good quality water, city water customers will have to bite the bullet over the next couple years. After years of general planning and fact finding, the LaBelle City Commission finally got some hard numbers to calculate what customers can expect to pay for the new water treatment plant.

Any way they turned the numbers, the best scenario commissioners could come up with is to raise basic water rates (6,000 gallons per month) \$10 per month for the coming year, another \$10 per month the following year and \$15

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Top: Members of American Legion Post 130 provided a solemn 21-Gun Salute and Taps as a small crowd gathered in remembrance of the Holocaust. Other events of the week-long event included a dramatic reading by GSA members, an original play, "In Memory's Kitchen" written and performed by Lori M. Shula, a discussion led by Carl Sharp, WW II veteran and Florida's Cowboy Poet Laureate, and a showing of the movie "Swing Kids."

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Right: Hella and Heinz Wartski shared their incredible life stories with local people during Holocaust remembrances several months ago at Edison State College.

Memories of the Holocaust

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

In recent weeks, local residents have had the opportunity to witness the Holocaust boxcar exhibit, which made stops in LaBelle and Muse. These events have shed the light of truth on the

reality of such boxcars used 60-some years ago throughout Europe. In those days, people were jammed into them like cattle to the slaughter. By the time the Third Reich was crushed, 11 million human beings of all ages had been extinguished - six million of them Jews.

The observance of Memorial Day keeps recognition of the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the many similar events that continue to this day around the world, in our consciousness.

At the Edison College event

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HCSO arrests two at grow house

Members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Wednesday, June 9, at 3024 N. Balsam Circle, in the Port LaBelle area which revealed a sophisticated marijuana grow house. Arrested were 46 year old Manuel Caceres, and 29 year old Yannery

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Memories

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in LaBelle, Hella and Heinz Wartski offered personal insight into that dark period in history. The couple now lives in Naples, but the scars from 60 years ago have not gone away.

In 1944, Hella and her family were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. She was just 14 years old. She and her two sisters were left to fend for themselves after their parents died there.

Seated in the students' room at the college, Hella described her nightmare, beginning with being evicted from their home in what was then Ungvar, Hungary. She touched on hardships including a starvation diet, harsh physical punishment for anything deemed an infraction of impossible rules, enduring cold and having no access to medical attention. Everything the Nazis did, she said, was geared toward dehumanizing the Jews.

When she first entered the camp, she was told "You no longer have a name" and was forced to accept a number tattooed on the inside of her forearm.

Hella and her sisters remained in Auschwitz for six months. Then SS troops took them along with other young girls to a slave labor camp on the German-Czech border. At Freudenthal in occupied Czechoslovakia, conditions were slightly less harsh. The girls were forced to weave cloth for the German military there. British Prisoners of War were brought in from time to time to fix the looms and managed to leave little messages of hope and even gifts of food for the young Jewish prisoners.

After six months the girls found one morning that all the guards were gone. From afar they could see troops - Russian troops - coming. They were liberators who treated them with kindness - gave them medical assistance, food, clothing and safe conduct.

They were no longer prisoners. No longer seen as sub-human beings to be abused and exterminated.

Heinz' story

The same age as Helga, Heinz grew up in the free city-state of Danzig in Germany, but surrounded by fierce German anti-Semitism. He said his family saw the warning signs - Nuremberg Laws that severely restricted Jewish life and made them virtual targets of

repression.

In the 1930s, German Jews knew their future, he said, they knew they had to leave the country, but escape was almost impossible. One of the anti-Semitic laws would allow Jews to leave, but they had to lose all their property to the government and were still denied travel papers.

Not everyone in Germany hated the Jews, Heinz recalls. A Christian neighbor helped his family with food and winter clothes, but in 1938 his father was arrested for doing business with non-Jews and was sentenced to six months - Oct. 1938 to May 1939 - at hard labor in a concentration camp. His father came home emaciated, telling his family, "We really have to get out."

At the consulate Mr. Wartski received sympathy, but no travel papers. There were 17,000-18,000 Jews who immigrated to China because no visa was needed, but they still needed money to get there.

Mr. Wartski did not give up and eventually got false papers that allowed the family to travel to Bolivia or South America through Italy.

Since the males in the family were the most vulnerable to anti-Semitic excesses, Mr. Wartski and Heinz left first for Italy in October 1939, a stepping stone out of harm's

way. The rest of the family followed in February 1940.

Eventually the entire family was in Milan and spoke Italian like natives by the time they had to worry about the Fascists. Penniless, Mr. Wartski received funds from Jewish agencies which helped many Jews flee from Germany. Fortunately, he ran into an old friend from Berlin who was in the shoe business and was able to work with him. Other members of the family also found work where they could.

Mr. Wartski was eventually arrested and sent to an Italian concentration camp. Less anti-Semitic than the Germans, the Italians tried to make sure all their prisoners survived. It was a point of "national honor." In the Italian camps, many inmates were allowed to leave during the day to work and returned to the camp at night to sleep.

After Italy surrendered to the Allies and the Germans moved in to areas not yet occupied by the Allies, the family fled to the Apennines by mule. They lived with a group of Italian partisans.

After being liberated by the British, Heinz and his family remained in Italian Displaced Persons camps till 1948 when they were able to come to the US. They moved to Boston where eventually Heinz and his brother



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The Holocaust boxcar exhibit, which made stops in LaBelle and Muse.

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were enrolled in schools through the Jewish Family and Children Service. He met Hella in school in Boston and they married in 1950. Heinz served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After the war he became an American citizen and then went to college, earning a degree in engineering. They eventually had two children and two grandchildren.

The couple now lives in Naples and shares their experiences in hopes of preventing such tragedies in the future.

Grow

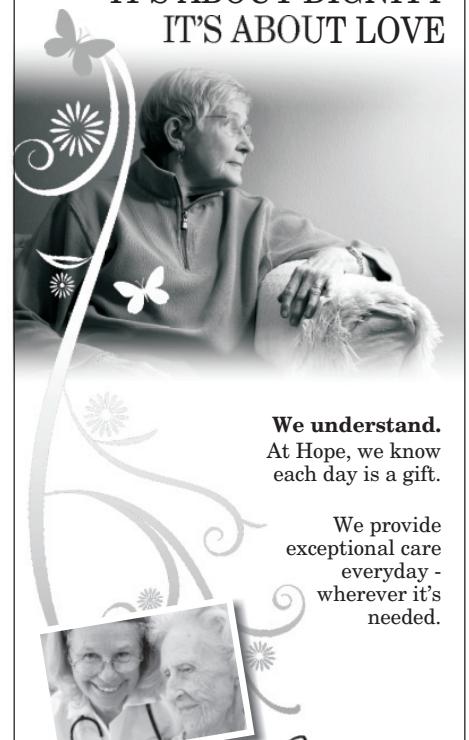
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Diaz Pedroso, both of Hialeah, FL.

Upon entering the residence investigators located 82 live marijuana plants, weighing approximately 159 pounds with a street value of approximately \$556,500. Investigators located thirty 1000 watt bulbs, thirty transformers, two filtered A.C. blowers, CO₂ tank, fertilizer and numerous other items that assisted in the cultivation of the marijuana.

Caceres and Pedroso were both charged with Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Trafficking Marijuana, Operating a Drug House, Possession of Marijuana with intent to sell within a 1000 ft of a Church. Pedroso has been released on a \$160,000 bond. Caceres is currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$160,000 bond. The investigation is continuing.

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Two brothers arrested on drug charges

Two brothers, 29 year old Cesar and 23 year old Vincente Fortanel, both of LaBelle were arrested along with 25 other south Florida people indicted earlier this month on Federal charges of conspiracy to deal cocaine and other drug related offenses as part of a national operation takedown called Project Deliverance. Both have been individually charged with Cocaine possession in Hendry County.

The arrest of the Fortanel Brothers was part of the South Florida investigation started in August 2009 locally known as Operation Mexican Minute. Part of a national operation takedown call Project Deliverance, a 22 month multi-agency law enforcement investigation, Hendry, Palm Beach, and Highlands Counties arrested approximately 19 of the 25 individuals wanted on Federal warrants.

According to a release by the Drug Enforcement Agency, more than 2,200 arrests were made as the result of the 22 month

long project. Seizures included 74 tons of illegal drugs, \$154 million in cash, numerous vehicles and weapons. Locally, more than four ounces of powder cocaine, \$18,000 cash and a vehicle were seized by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office and DEA.

It is believed that the Fortanel brothers are responsible for a large flow of powder cocaine into and through Hendry County.



**Cesar
Fortanel**

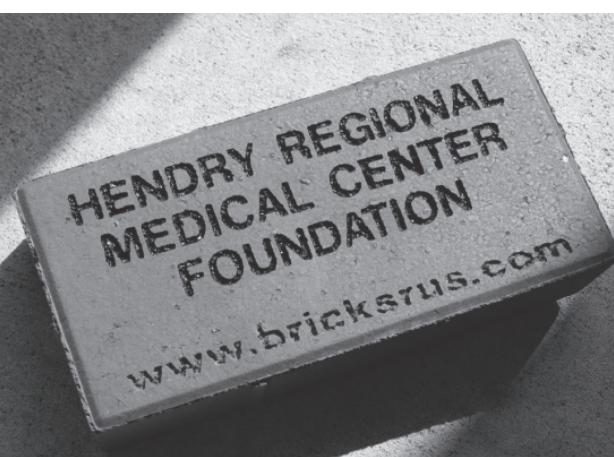


**Vincente
Fortanel**

Salvation Army of LaBelle open longer

The Salvation Army of LaBelle has extended its hours on Wednesdays only. It is now open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Regular hours for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will still be 9 a.m.-2

p.m. All clients requiring assistance in Spanish are asked to schedule an appointment with Angie. She is available Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please feel free to call if you have any questions 863-674-1441.



Father's Day
June 20th

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Give a Unique Gift on Father's Day - Buy a Brick
By: Glenda Wilson

Can't think of an appropriate present for Father's Day (June 20)? Now you can purchase a unique and lasting gift from the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation, without having to shop out of town. You can honor or memorialize your father, brothers, uncles or friends through the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation's brick campaign.

Buy a 4x8 brick with three lines of memorable inscriptions for only \$100, or an 8x8 brick with six lines of inscription for \$150. The HRMC Foundation will present your family member or friend with an acknowledgment letter of your thoughtfulness, along with a copy of the inscription that will be placed on the brick. Your special brick will be among the hundreds that will be incorporated into the architectural design of the hospital's new emergency room. The proceeds from the brick campaign will be used towards the construction cost of the new facility.

Call today to order your brick - 863-983-2735.



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FFA Scholarship winners

McKenzie Green and Kendra Murphy, both of Moore Haven, were two of over 450 FFA members from around the country selected to receive a Ford scholarship. The 450 recipients were selected from out of 2,200 applicants for the Ford scholarships. It was an honor to present McKenzie and Kendra, each a \$1,000 scholarship. Supporting excellence in education is important to Ford and Langford Ford. Ford is committed to investing in and engaging with the communities where we live, work and serve. And these scholarships are one way we can do it. So on behalf of everyone at Langford Ford, I am proud to recognize McKenzie and Kendra with these scholarships. We wish them and all the Class of 2010 great success and May God bless you all. Pat Langford Picture from left to right: Paul Langford, McKenzie Green, Kendra Murphy, Pat Langford and Phillip Cosby, student advisor

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Lucretia A. Strickland
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Letters to the Editor

Elect me and help change America:

Since Obama took office in January 2009, 200 years of Professional Protocol has been changed. Now the leader of the free world, bows and curtsies to just about anyone in any country other than the USA. Coats and ties have been changed to T-shirts and sports apparel. Vacations to Hawaii, Chicago, Europe are the norm, "going on a date with the wife" on the taxpayers' check book. Forty-five days of a massive oil leak in Louisiana and he goes on Memorial Day vacation, and leaves B.P. in charge. This is the wolf guarding the hen house approach to an emergency. (He was in Hawaii when the underpants bomber incident happened.)

He gave us (changed) the American Insurance Plan, that over 60 percent of the citizens didn't want. So much for democracy, "I'll tell you what's best for you and your family." We now have the use and approval of the #@*! word in every day speech at the W.H., by Obama, Biden and Emanuel. They think it's cool. Iran has or is close to the nukes, N. Korea has them and besides killing S. Koreans, which apparently Obama doesn't see as a problem, and the firing of Tapadon missiles every now and again, Obama and Biliary are doing nothing. It's okay for these terrorist states to act as they please, but now let's get a criminal investigation against B.P. for this oil spill! Obama has to do something, since he's slipping in the polls over this two-month cluster. Hell, just blame Bush and Cheney, they must be at fault, from 17-18 months ago.

Then there was the \$2.1 million trip to

bring the Olympics to Chicago. Oh, that didn't work to well. Then Obama has Holder start an investigation and suit against the State of Arizona, for enacting a new law to protect the state since the Federal Government "Obama" will not do his job, and people are being killed and shot by illegals in Arizona! And I was so proud of Obama, Holder and the assistant Sec. of State after being on TV and telling the world about how illegal and unfair, and racial this new law was, but none had actually read or researched the new law. This is what professional Obama idiots do!

Oh, just for grins, the USA is still at double digit unemployment, after 17 months in office. Obama has spent more money in less than 18 months, then his predecessor did in 8 years. Nice change.

George D Bostick

Pastor says good bye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who supported me and my family while serving at Freedom Fellowship Ministries. I resigned on June 6th and the church was shut down. The decision to close the church was not my decision as I did not have this authority. My family and I have begun a new work in Lehigh Acres called Crossroads Church of Lehigh. So if you are at a crossroads in your life, come and join us. Call 863-673-0042 for more information.

Pastor Mike White and family

Witches Brew

by Pudge Lehman

To avoid getting a ring around the bathtub put 1/2 cup of baking soda in the bath water. This also makes your skin soft. To freshen up the air in the bathroom, wrap a fabric softener sheet around the spindle before putting a new roll on.

One of our lunch club girls reminded me of a hint I wrote about a long time ago ... When you have just a spoonful of something left from lunch or



supper keep a container in the freezer and keep adding to it. When it's full or you have time, make soup.

Tee shirts I absolutely MUST have: Sarcasm... Just one more service I provide....OR...I'M C O N F U S E D , wait, maybe I'm not....or.... There's no place home, go there.

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June is Men's Health Month

By Pat Dobbins

Hendry/Glades Dept of Health

Did you know that, on average, men are less healthy and have a shorter life expectancy than women? Part of the reason for this health gap is that men don't take care of themselves as well as women do. Men are more likely to engage in unhealthy behavior, and less likely than women to take preventive health measures. Men are also less likely to have health insurance, more likely to work in dangerous occupations, and often put off going to the doctor even when they really should go. As a result, men die at a younger age (and in greater numbers) of heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and many other diseases. Back in 1920, women outlived men by an average of only one year. Today, women outlive men by an average of five years. More than half of the "premature deaths" among men are preventable. But men can't prevent a problem if they don't even know that it exists.

It's interesting that when a warning light flashes on the car dashboard, most men usually take the car to the shop. But when warning lights flash on their body, most men don't (or won't) notice. Here are a few flashing lights that men should look out for:

- Changes in bowel or bladder habits. This can be an indication of prostate or bladder problems. And blood in the urine is a common indicator of kidney problems. Getting up five times a night to go to the bathroom could be one of those warning lights. That could be a symptom of an enlarged prostate, a common condition among men as they get older.

- Impotence or erectile dysfunction. Most of the time, erectile problems are caused by an underlying health problem, such as diabetes, clogged arteries, or high blood pressure.

- Persistent backaches, changes in the color of urine or stool, obvious changes in warts or moles, unusual lumps, recurrent chest pains or headaches, a nagging cough, unexplained weight loss, and extreme fatigue can all be symptoms of other serious health problems.

- Depression. Although women may be more likely to attempt suicide, men are four times more likely to succeed. Men are usually reluctant to ask for help and may try to hide their depression. Symptoms may include acting overly anxious, having trouble sleeping, complaining of feeling sad or "empty" or helpless, engaging in unusually

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risky or reckless behavior, or losing interest in hobbies or other pleasurable activities (including sex).

There are important steps that men can take to improve the quality and length of their life:

- Eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat foods.
- Limit cholesterol intake and avoid saturated fats.
- Exercise regularly.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day.
- Limit alcohol to two drinks per day.
- Don't smoke, and minimize your exposure to second-hand smoke.
- See your doctor regularly.
- Know your family medical history and discuss it with your doctor.
- If you are over 40, get a baseline PSA (prostate specific antigen) test and monitor this periodically with your doctor.
- Practice safe sex.
- Wear a seatbelt whenever you're in the car, and a helmet when on a motorcycle or bicycle.
- Manage your stress.
- Get help if you need it.

According to the Men's Health Network, over 60 percent of American men are overweight or obese. Mexican-American men are the most likely to be overweight, followed by white men and African-American men. Being overweight causes more than 300,000 premature deaths every year. It also increases the risk of developing diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer, and can worsen other conditions such as depression.

Men's Health Month and National Men's Health Week were established to help increase public awareness about the importance of early detection of preventable diseases among men and boys. Due to a lack of awareness, poor health education, and culturally induced behavior patterns in their work and personal lives, men's health and well-being are deteriorating steadily. Men's Health Month and National Men's Health Week is a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health care practices.

Men's Health Month is observed during the month of June. National Men's Health Week is recognized annually as the week leading up to Father's Day.

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Rates

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per month the third year. Currently, an average LaBelle residential water customer pays a base payment of about \$26.11.

The RUS loan will require a net income on water bills sufficient to cover those payments. If the city should default on those payments, it would affect any future RUS borrowing the city might need to do.

The bad news came at a June 7 workshop.

The new water treatment plant, with additional capacity for modest growth, will cost \$15.3 million. RUS will commit to providing LaBelle with a \$5 million grant and a \$10.1 million low interest loan with a 38-year payback.

By all accounts, this is a very good deal for the city, but will still require large increases in water bills.

Impact fees may be used for other utility purposes, but USDA will not accept them as part of the loan payment plan because they are unpredictable.

At the beginning of the meeting, the numbers looked so ominous that Mayor Puletti wondered whether or not the city should even proceed with the new plant.

He wanted to make sure there is a "clear understanding" of the meaning of this financing package by the rate payers.

The existing water plant was constructed in the 1970s. In recent years the city has fought poor quality and degrading infrastructure, leading to several years of discussion and fact finding on what it would take to build a new plant.

An 85 percent grant received last year is paying for upgrades to the old plant, which are under construction now. The new nano-filtration system should go on line in October. These improvements will boost quality but not address capacity issues. The old plant is running very near to capacity at this time. If any growth at all continues, more capacity will be required.

Even though growth has slowed significantly, commissioners still expect to see some growth in the city's future.

Mayor Puletti said the board has "worked and tweaked" the plan and ultimately decided not to worry about planning for develop-

ment, opting to ensure good water to current residents. He and other commissioners were concerned about having to raise rates 50 percent in one year and preferred phasing them in over the next three years. Faced with the unexpectedly high costs, at one point he wondered, "Do we do it or not?"

City Planner Shelly Johnson noted that LaBelle has grown about one percent per year steadily for the past 15-20 years, even during the worst of the recent economic downturn. Commissioners worried that, if the plant isn't built, they will not be able to accommodate even that modest growth. Without the plant, the city could start losing water service area to other utility companies even inside the city.

Mayor Puletti said he believed people will be willing to pay for good water, but not doubling their bill over three years. The increase must happen over the next three years in order for the plant to be in service by 2013 as required by RUS.

Knowing that this is the best deal they'll be able to get - 3.2 interest rate for 38 years with over 1/3 of the plant grant-funded and at a time when construction costs are very low - the board was frustrated that the city still might be in the position of not being able to afford it.

Even with a generous funding scheme, commissioners understood that this will be a problem for rate payers.

Commissioner Hilda Zimmerly said that she, like many of her neighbors, is on a fixed income and is receiving no cost of living increase while medical expenses go up. "I might have to go out and flip hamburgers," she noted, adding, "I can't afford it and I'm not the only one."

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Boyle said that not having to buy bottled water should help some residents meet the increased water bill. He added that the city may be able to tweak some of the numbers between fixed demand and quantity costs.

Commissioner David Lyons said, "This is not what I wanted to hear. The commission has done a good job keeping the cost of living reasonable, but remiss in not increasing water rates over the years."

The mayor said he wants to have time to get feedback from the public. He also warned that cheap water is gone and added that "it's the best deal we can get."

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HESPA to present Variety Benefit Show for students

The biggest thing since Swamp Cabbage is coming to LaBelle for one night only. The Hendry Educational Support Personnel Association (HESPA) presents the first HESPA Variety Benefit Show. The show will be hosted by Comedian Joe Mobley. Joe is a former L.H.S. graduate and has been seen on HBO, BET and VH1. This will be the first time Joe has ever had the opportunity to perform at L.H.S.

"It will be a dream come true," said Joe when asked about performing at the high school. "I'm glad that I will be helping out the town I grew up in. HESPA is doing a great thing by providing school kids with the supplies they need to get their school year started off right!"

Along with Joe will be several other comedians including Francisco "Cisco" Duran, the hottest comedian in Miami, solo R&B Artist Mike Banks, The Judah Praise Dancers, and a gospel band. LHS's 2010 Variety Show winner, Daniel Yazvac, will be opening for the show's headliner, R&B/Reggae Artist J. Black from 105.5 THE BEAT. J. Black will be performing his hit song, "Heart Breaker" as well as some others. The show will also be recorded for future clips for an upcoming video.

Come out and show your support for the students of Hendry County on June 18, at

7:00 p.m. This family friendly event will be held at the LaBelle High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the front office of LHS or at the door the day of the show for \$8 per person. For students who would like to attend the event tickets are only \$5 if you show your student ID. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Hope to see you there! For more information contact: Crystal Kirtley at (863) 517-2386.

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Electronic health record system coming to HRMC

By Glenda Wilson

As part of the healthcare incentives established through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvest Act (ARRA), Hendry Regional Medical Center is moving forward with the implementation of a complete Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. The EHR will allow a patient's medical history to be

shared within specific segments of the hospital through a digital format. Data such as the patient's medication and allergies, immunization status, lab test results, radiology images and billing information will be shared electronically to provide a complete record of the patient's healthcare encounters. Additionally, this electronic system

would enhance the hospital's billing cycle, since charges would be more accurate and timely.

Leon Hoover, who recently joined the hospital as the Director of Information Services, will coordinate the facilitation of the system. Originally from Jackson Tennessee, Leon Hoover and his wife, Paula, have five children. Before coming to Clewiston, Leon had previously served for 5 years as the Director of Information Technology at the West Tennessee Division of Methodist Healthcare, over-seeing eight rural and urban hospitals. With this history, he is well prepared for the responsibilities, activities and challenges of

Hendry Regional's Information Technology advancements. Already, Leon is fully engaged in preparing for the upcoming expansion to ensure the hospital complies with the new measures established by the federal government's healthcare stimulus package.

Earlier this year the Hospital Board of Authority approved an Information Technology Strategic Plan. As a part of the plan, an IT Steering Committee, composed of department managers and senior administration officials, is in place. This committee is currently evaluating existing applications and assessing HRMC's future IT needs.

Obituaries

Edna D. Hall, 81

LABELLE — Edna D. Hall, age 81, of LaBelle, passed away June 14, 2010, in LaBelle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Hall. She was born Jan. 25, 1929, in Manila, Ark., daughter of the late James A. and the late Minnie D. (Willis) Brooks. She was a member of First Christian Church in LaBelle.

Survivors include son, Thomas Wayne Hall of North Fort Myers; daughters, Kathy Veale (Allan) of Clewiston, Glenda O'Bannon (Steve) of LaBelle, Barbara Revels (Ronnie) and Diane Kuntz (Ed) of LaBelle; brother, Roy Brooks of Michigan; sisters, Margie Thomas of Bradenton, Hazel Smith of Missouri, and Lavonne Metcalf of Oregon. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 18, 2010, 11 a.m. at First Christian Church in LaBelle with Pastor W. T. Maddox Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle. Visitation will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Leroy 'Roy' Miners Jr., 82

LABELLE — Leroy "Roy" Miners Jr., age 82, of LaBelle, passed away June 13, 2010 in Fort Myers.

He was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Lyons, Ga., son of the late Leroy Miners Sr. and the late Bessie Mae (Usher) Miners. Leroy was a veteran of the Air Force and served in WWII. He was a longtime resident of LaBelle and was a member of the Church of God-LaBelle where he served on the church council. Leroy was owner-operator of thirty-three grocery stores over his lifetime. He is best known for being the builder and owner of Miners' Plaza located at the beach cutoff and still known to this day as Miners' Corner.

Survivors include his wife, Maggie Miners of LaBelle; children, Doug Miners, Debbie Tillman (Kenny) of LaBelle, Pamela Ham (Greg) of Franklin, Tenn., and Greg Miners (Delia) of LaBelle; brother, Curtis Miners (Ruth) of Fort Myers; sister, Beatrice Rollins of Lyons, Ga.; grandchildren, Chris Gnagey, Chad Gnagey, Lee Miners, Shannon Miners, Kate Ham, Rachel Ham and Brandon Miners; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wed. June 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Church Of God-LaBelle, Highway 80, LaBelle with Rev. Harold Hanks, Bishop Cliff Gobble and Pastor L.W. Howard officiating.

Interment followed in Lee Memorial Park, Fort Myers.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Debra S. Williams, 52

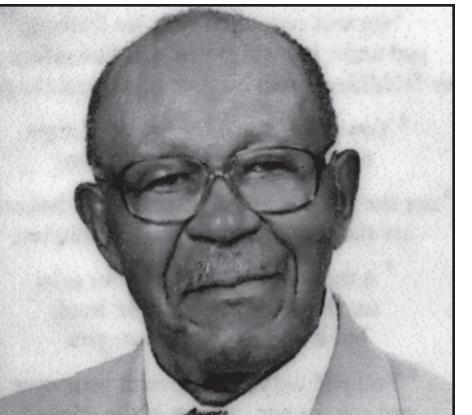
LABELLE — Debra S. Williams, age 52, of LaBelle, passed away June 15, 2010 in Fort Myers.

She was born Oct. 20, 1957, in Highland Park, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, John J. Williams of LaBelle; step daughter, Tiffany Williams of LaBelle; father, Lawrence D. Spencer of LaBelle; mother, Jean Viola (Somero) Spencer of LaBelle; sister, Barbara Marie Mateo of Georgia; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 4 p.m., Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor L.W. Howard officiating. A reception will be held immediately following services at Collingswood Community Center, 4100 Collingswood Parkway, LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.



Precious Memories

Sunday, May 23rd, First Christian Church enjoyed a special occasion for friends and family to stop and savor the precious memories of a friend and loved one, Linford Johnston. With the anniversary of Linford's passing approaching, Myrtle, his wife of over 59 years, wanted to celebrate the legacy he left behind. Linford led a long, interesting life. He was a member of the United Brothers of Carpenters, a Mason with the Hiram Grand Lodge in New York, and served as Secretary of the local Kiwanis. The church was full as many took the opportunity to reminisce the impressions Linford's life left behind. His step-son David, facilitated the gathering with many of his own remembrances, followed by others sharing their thoughts from the time he shared as husband, step-father, relative, and friend. The service concluded with a fellowship dinner and slide show reliving special people, places, and events. Although Linford is no longer here, his memory lives forever in our hearts.

Hendry County School Board offers the Summer Food Service Program during the months of June, July & August

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin, during the summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. All children 18 years old and younger, if open site, are eligible for meals at no charge and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced meals during the school year. Summer feeding sites that are located at schools provide meals to all children in the immediate vicinity in addition to those enrolled in summer school.

Sites that are labeled "open restricted" are limited to the attendance due to space, security, safety or control. These sites are on a first-come, first-serve basis to all children of the community at large.

The following sites will participate in the Summer Food Service Program:	
Aunt June's Daycare, 250 Washington Ave., LaBelle (Open restricted)	7/26 thru 8/06 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Aunt June's Daycare, 250 Washington Ave., LaBelle (Open restricted)	7/26 thru 8/06 3:00p.m. - 3:15p.m.
Camp Crayon, 515 Valencia St., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 7/23 1:00p.m. - 1:15p.m.
Central Elementary, 1000 S. Dean Duff Ave., Clewiston	6/14 thru 8/06 7:30a.m. - 8:00a.m.
Central Elementary, 1000 S. Dean Duff Ave., Clewiston	6/14 thru 8/06 11:45a.m. - 12:30p.m.
Clewiston Christian School,	
601 Caribbean Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Clewiston Christian School,	
601 Caribbean Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 3:00p.m. - 3:15p.m.
Clewiston High School, 1501 S. Francisco St., Clewiston	6/14 thru 7/02 7:30a.m. - 8:00a.m.
Clewiston High School, 1501 S. Francisco St., Clewiston	6/14 thru 7/02 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Clewiston Middle School, 601 W. Pasadena, Clewiston	6/14 thru 7/30 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Clewiston Youth Center, 601 W. Pasadena, Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 7/30 11:00a.m. - 11:45a.m.
Clewiston Youth Center, 601 W. Pasadena, Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 7/30 1:45p.m. - 2:00p.m.
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Country Oaks, 2052 Eucalyptus Dr., LaBelle	6/14 thru 8/06 11:45a.m. - 12:30p.m.
Daniels, Manatee Ave., LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:00a.m. - 11:45p.m.
Daniels, Manatee Ave., LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:00p.m. - 2:15p.m.
East Recreational, 2001 10th Street, Clewiston	6/14 thru 8/06 8:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.
East Recreational, 2001 10th Street, Clewiston	6/14 thru 7/23 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
Edward Upthegrove Elementary, 280 N. Main St., LaBelle	6/14 thru 8/06 11:15a.m. - 12:15p.m.
Edward Upthegrove Elementary, 280 N. Main St., LaBelle	6/14 thru 8/06 2:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.
Elfar Assembly of God, 431 Bryan Ave, LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/28 thru 7/09 11:30a.m. - 12:15p.m.
Extension Office 4-H, 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle (Open restricted)	8/03 thru 8/06 11:00a.m. - 11:45a.m.
Extension Office 4-H, 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle (Open restricted)	8/03 thru 8/06 2:45p.m. - 3:00p.m.
First Baptist Church of Clew., 102 E. Ventura Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	8/03 thru 8/06 5:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.
Greater Friendship Missionary Church,	
901 Delta Tobias, Clewiston (Open restricted)	7/12 thru 7/16 4:30p.m. - 5:15p.m.
Greentree South Apartments, 40 Greentree, LaBelle (Open restricted)	07/06 thru 8/06 9:00a.m. - 9:15a.m.
Greentree South Apartments, 40 Greentree, LaBelle (Open restricted)	07/06 thru 8/06 12:00p.m. - 12:30p.m.
Harvest Academy, 389 Holiday Isles Blvd., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Harvest Academy, 389 Holiday Isles Blvd., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.
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Imagination Station of LaBelle, Inc. (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.
Kid City Day Care, 21 North Riverview St., LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 8:15a.m. - 9:00a.m.
Kid City Day Care, 21 North Riverview St., LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:45a.m. - 12:15p.m.
LaBelle High School, 4050 Cowboy Way, LaBelle	6/14 thru 7/02 7:30a.m. - 8:00a.m.
LaBelle High School, 4050 Cowboy Way, LaBelle	6/14 thru 7/02 11:15a.m. - 12:15p.m.
Montura Recreation Center, 255 Hacienda St., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:30a.m. - 12:15p.m.
Montura Recreation Center, 255 Hacienda St., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:45p.m. - 3:00p.m.
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist, 100 Georgia Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	7/19 thru 7/23 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.
New Bethel AME Church, 959 Delta Tobias, Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 6/18 7:30a.m. - 8:00a.m.
New Bethel AME Church, 959 Delta Tobias, Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 6/18 11:30a.m. - 12:15p.m.
Noah's Ark Daycare, 529 E. El Paso Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:15a.m. - 11:45a.m.
Noah's Ark Daycare, 529 E. El Paso Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:45p.m. - 3:00p.m.
Pioneer Community Center, 990 Panamna Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 7/23 11:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.
Pioneer Community Center, 990 Panamna Ave., Clewiston (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 7/23 2:00p.m. - 2:15p.m.
Tall Pines, 411 Sabal Palm Court, LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.
Tall Pines, 411 Sabal Palm Court, LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:00p.m. - 2:15p.m.
Truevine, 2100 E. 10th St., Clewiston (Open restricted)	7/26 thru 7/29 11:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Universe All Star Cheer & Dance, 100 S. Industrial Loop, LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 11:30p.m. - 12:00p.m.
Universe All Star Cheer & Dance, 100 S. Industrial Loop, LaBelle (Open restricted)	6/14 thru 8/06 2:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.

****Please note that serving times and dates are subject to change****

No meals will be served on July 3, 2009 in observance of the Holiday. Sites are open Monday through Friday except for the noted locations.

Lunches will be served in conjunction with Summer School and Recreation program Schedules. For more information about providing lunches at additional sites or learn exact serving times please call the Hendry County School Board Food Service Department Office at (863) 674-4113.

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Church Briefs

Christian Academy plans

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 tonight, Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. Registration will be opened for students. Work is being done to allow for McKay and Florida Tax Credit scholarships. Scholarships pay up to 100 percent of tuition and other costs. Most students qualify if they are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. To receive the Florida Tax Credit scholarships, parents must apply online by July 1st at www.stepupforstudents.org. For more information you may contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112. Hablamos espanol.

International Christian Academy, K-12th, esta situada en la iglesia International Christian Fellowship, en la calle 233 Clark, en LaBelle, esta noche vamos a tener una junta con padres de familia y alumnos. La junta sera Junio 24 a las 7:00 p.m. El registro sera abierto para los alumnos. La mayoria de ellos podra calificar si son elegidos para recibir lonche reducido o gratis. Para recibir la beca de Florida Tax Credit, los padres deberan de aplicar en linea antes del 1ro de Julio en el sitio www.stepupforstudents.org Para mayor informacion puede contactar a Tracy Co al 863-675-1112. Hablamos espanol.

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VBS planned at Grace Baptist

Children of LaBelle come see the Wild, Wonderful, and Amazing side of our God this summer at Grace Baptist Church as we present the Wildwood Forest Adventures. We will learn new songs. We will hear of some of the most exciting and "Strange but True" stories the Bible has to offer. All the crafts will center on the story of that day. Even the refreshments will be a reminder of the theme each night.

The Adventure will begin at Grace Baptist Church at 4200 N.E. Eucalyptus Blvd. on Monday, July 12th through Friday, July 16th, beginning at 6:00pm. All children Kindergarten through the 5th grade are invited to come. Enroll early by calling (863) 675-3349. Transportation can be arranged on a limited basis.

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 learning more about God's love. For questions or to register, please phone the church office at 675-0938.



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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.

VBS at First Baptist Churc

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.

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It's Vacation Bible School at First Baptist

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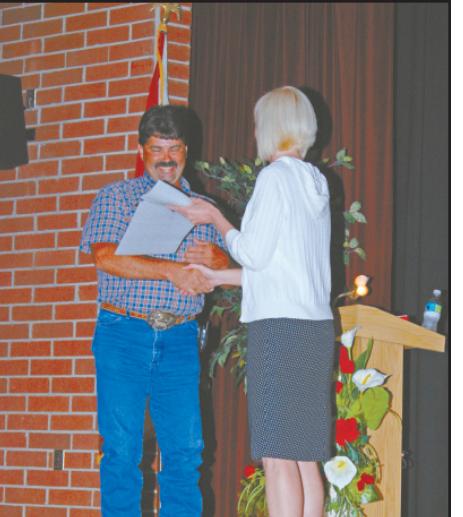
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The Cowboy Pride Recipient Award winner for 2010 Jose Garcia, while the Cowgirl Pride Recipient Award winner for 2010 was Toni Tolar.



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K.C. Lynn Scholar Athlete of the Year.



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David Miller - LHS 2010 Male Athlete of the Year and Brianna Sanchez LHS 2010 Female Athlete of the Year.



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Mr. Noah Sodrell 2010 recipient of the Charles and Martha Raye Humphries Volunteer Service Award pictured with principal Lucinda Kelley.

Sport Shorts

Sign up for Pop Warner

Sign up every Saturday for Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading at Winn Dixie between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the months of June and July. Cost is \$100 for the first child, second child is \$90, third is \$80 and so on. Contact Debbie Alexander at 863-673-4643 or e-mail debbiewalexander@yahoo.com for more information. The first practice is set for August 2, at that time you will need to bring child's birth certificate (copy and original), wallet size photo (close up), end of year report card (copy), and a physical on Pop Warner form.

Youth cheerleading camp set

The LHS cheerleaders will host a youth cheer camp June 21-25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 5-13. Cheerleaders will learn basic tumbling skills, motions and jumps, along with cheers, chants and dance routines.

They will also learn the safety of spotting when performing stunts. The cost is \$55 per child and includes lunch and a T-shirt. You can sign up your child at LaBelle High School.

For more information contact Mona O'Bannon at 863-234-1236 or monaobannon@aol.com.



Submitted photo

LHS recognizes Rec Department

LaBelle High School Athletic Department through the tennis coaches, recognized the Hendry County Recreation Department for all their hard work at the tennis courts. The department has been extremely helpful in maintaining the courts and cooperating in every way possible. For the past two years at the tennis tournament, they have coordinated the pavilion, the scorer's tent and the park area in general to make sure the tournament went smoothly. Each year before the season starts they have been exemplary in readying the area for the season. Working with the department has been a pleasure. Pictured left to right: Brent Ringler, Boys Tennis Coach, Ramiro Rodriguez, Hendry County Recreation Department, Bobbie Spratt, Girls Tennis Coach and David Kelley, LHS Athletic Director.

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School Briefs

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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 shughes@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

LES students celebrate finish

Fourth grade students at LaBelle Elementary School gathered on Friday, June 4th to celebrate their photo finish of writing this year. These students participated in the "Great Race around Florida" hosted by fourth grade teachers Tammy Bass, Lynsee Dicks, and Jada Fleming.

The sixty-four student racers put the pedal to the metal through twenty writing assignments. Each "pit stop" drove through a different part of Florida's geography. Students learned about destinations such as the Ichetucknee River, Marathon Key, and the home of the manatee, Crystal River Springs.

"The Race energizes our students to create writing masterpieces," says Mrs. Bass. "It also helps us to drive toward success on the FCAT Writes test."

At the end of the race, students create a portfolio of writing to showcase their experiences. If completed successfully, students were given the opportunity to enter their name into a prize drawing. Prizes included jump ropes, catch games, basketballs, volleyballs, CD players, scooters, and bicycles.

Mrs. Fleming commented, "It is highly rewarding to see students set goals and be able to achieve them. The race gives them an opportunity to track their progress over time, and celebrate their achievements."

Thank you to the sponsors that geared up this writing adventure. Contributors such as LaBelle Dodge, USave Supermarket, Winn-Dixie Supermarket, and Principal John Baker truly accelerate students' writing adventures.



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Fourth grade students at LaBelle Elementary School celebrate their photo finish of writing this year.

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LaBelle Middle School Band competes on cruise

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The week of May 24 through May 28, 46 LaBelle Middle School Band students left the school and headed to Port Canaveral to board the Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas and set sail for Nassau in the Bahamas. This came after months of preparation and practice.

During the cruise the students competed in a Festival of Music band adjudication performance. How did they do? They brought home a second place excellence ranking with the Concert Band, a first place superior ranking with the Jazz Band and several trophies for outstanding solo performances. LaBelle should be very proud of these students and the way they represented their school and the community.

These 11 to 14 year olds acted very respectable aboard the ship. Their behavior was exemplary; it was hard to believe they were middle school students. Thank you to the man who teaches them, LaBelle Middle School Band Director, Brian Pollitt. Mr. Pollitt has taken his students from learning band members to a great performing musical group. It was an honor and joy to listen to them.

If you want the enjoyment of a lifetime, come to the LaBelle Middle School the next time they have an open concert, see what the students are doing and hear some of the areas best performers in their age group.

Again, we applaud the LMS band and send a special thank you to all the chaperones who volunteered to accompany the group and again thank you to Mr. Pollitt.

We're proud to have a child in the band.



Submitted photo
Members of the LaBelle Middle School Band who competed in the Festival of Music aboard the Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas.

LHS report cards have been mailed

LHS Guidance would like to remind all parents to check grades and grade point averages to make certain your student is on track for graduation.

In order to advance to the next grade the following criteria must be met:

Sophomores (10th grade):

- 5 or more earned credits
- Minimum GPA of 1.75

Juniors (11th grade):

- 10 or more earned credits
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

Seniors (12th grade)

- 17 or more earned credits
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Level 2 or higher on the FCAT reading and math

AP Exams – Students who took AP exams can access their individual score reports in July at www.collegeboard.com

FCAT scores have not been received and an exact date of receipt has not been determined. LHS Guidance will notify parents when FCAT scores are available for distribution.

LHS Guidance Counselors will be in until June 23 and return from summer vacation on August 2.

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CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY AUCTION @ 340 N. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES DUE TO NON-PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, PURSUANT TO SUB SECTION 713.78 OF THE FLA. STATUTE. CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS.

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Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF
EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District will be held on Friday, July 9, 2010, during the Annual Landowners' Meeting, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33433.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all objections to the budget as proposed, to make such changes to the proposed budget as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary and to adopt the budget as finally approved by the Board of Supervisors for the District.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoeck, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Monday, 7th day of June 2010.
BY: Charles F. Schoeck, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
35717 CGS 6/17/24/10

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Public Notice**Public Notice****REQUEST FOR BIDS****DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF
COUNTY SUB-OFFICE BUILDING, CLEWISTON**

BID NUMBER: 2010-23

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Demolition and Removal of County Sub Office Building, located at 712 E. El Paso, Clewiston, Florida". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
357481 CB/CN 6/17/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of Hendry County, Florida, will receive bids until 3:00 p.m. on July 7, 2010 at the Hendry County School Board's Finance Office, at which time they will be opened and tabulated.

Project Title: County Oaks Elementary School - Low Slope Reroofing at Buildings 02, 15, and 16 Upthegrove Elementary School - Low Slope Reroofing at Buildings 6 and 22.

Project Location: County Oaks Elementary School 2052 Eucalyptus NW LaBelle, FL 33935

Upthegrove Elementary School 280 N. Main Street LaBelle, FL 33935

Name of Owner: Hendry County School Board P. O. Box 1980 LaBelle, FL 33935

Project Scope: Furnish all labor and materials required to replace the designated roofing assemblies of County Oaks Elementary School, and Upthegrove Elementary School, both located in LaBelle, Florida. Estimated construction budget is \$338,000.00.

Site Examination: A mandatory prebid meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Country Oaks Elementary School on June 24, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Place for Receipt of Bids: All bids shall be delivered to: Hendry County School Board's Finance & Purchasing Office, 111 Curry Street, LaBelle, FL, or Mailed to: Hendry County School Board's Finance & Purchasing Office, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, FL 33935.

Obtaining Bid Documents: Bidders may obtain bid documents, including drawings and specifications, by contacting the office of Jay Ammon Architect, Inc., 3246 Lakeview Oaks Drive, Longwood, Florida, 32779, telephone number (407) 333-1977. Documents will be mailed to the bidders at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00.

All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside: Q1-0001 "Reroofing Project at Country Oaks Elementary School and Upthegrove Elementary School". Bid Date: July 7, 2010. The School Board of Hendry County reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to waive any and all irregularities in regard thereto. No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without consent of the Board.

Hendry County School Board
Sally Berg, Chairman
357250 CB/CN 6/17/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****Public Notice****Public Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO APPROVE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Clewiston City Commission will hold a "PUBLIC HEARING" on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter, in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 62-68 of the Clewiston Code of Ordinances, the purpose of this public hearing is for the City Commission to consider the comments and objections of all property owners and interested persons to the imposition of special assessments to fund the construction of wastewater improvements within the Ridge and Ridgeview Assessment Area of the City. During the Public Hearing, the Commission will hear all public testimony to ascertain and/or determine, in the exercise of sound discretion, whether the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution 2009-09) shall be confirmed or repealed with such amendments as the City Commission deems appropriate, after hearing comments and receiving objections of all interested persons.

All citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing. Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate in these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment, including speech or hearing impairments, should contact the City Clerk's Office (863) 983-1484 prior to the scheduled meeting. Clewiston City Hall is a wheelchair accessible facility.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting herein referred, he or 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

**EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF
2010
ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING
&
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine;
2. Election of Supervisor(s);
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoeck, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Monday, 7th day of June, 2010.
BY: Charles F. Schoeck, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
35717 CGS 6/17/24/10

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BID NO. 2010-24**

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 VI 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.

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: June 10, 2010
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By: Janet Taylor, Chairwoman

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
262009CA000680XXXXXX

WACHOVIA MORTGAGE FSB,
Plaintiff
vs.
ALI ABDELALI LIF, et al,
Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-stated cause, and in Case No. 262009CA000680XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, wherein WACHOVIA MORTGAGE FSB is Plaintiff and ALI ABDELALI LIF: VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE HOA, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOwner's AS SOCIATION INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-stated cause, in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

LOT 19, VILLAS AT LAKE SHORE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 199, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

LOT 20, Block 216B, PORT LA BELLE UNIT 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 86 through 102, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Hendry County Courthouse (being the second floor, halfway to the Hendry County Courts Building), LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on June 30, 2010.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 9th day of June, 2010.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service.

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Hendry County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of the 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, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/2/2010, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 2:00 P.M., at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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.

Port LaBelle Advisory Committee

357188 CN/CB 6/17/10

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1- INVITATION TO BID

BID # 2010-02

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
EQUIPMENT SHED

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, Instructions 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 Aboujaoudé, 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

By Benito Alvarez, Chairman

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Community Briefs

Yard sale for Humane society

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale on Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with many new items. They also need donations of saleable items for their yard sales. All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. The yard sale will be on Park Ave. behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 North Bridge St. For more info call 675-0997.

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.

Bikers for blood poker run

We would like to invite you all to get on the Big Red Bus with "Bikers for Blood" Free poker run on June 19th. Registration opens at 9:30 am at Rodeo Grill on Hwy 80. Special appearance by Chris Shivers the Two Time World Champion Bull Rider... Poker Run will be from LaBelle to Clewiston and back. For more info please contact Katie at 239-246-3045

Support group to meet

LaBelle's Caregiver Support Group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is June 30th. At the First Christian Church of LaBelle from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The topic will be an overview of "Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease – What you need to know" presentation by Elise Eifert, MS, CHES. Snacks and coffee will be provided! R.S.V.P. and information call # 1-866-231-0921

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

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 involvement 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 fun

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..

LHS class plans 30th reunion

The class of 1980, LaBelle High School, 30 year reunion will be on Friday, July 9 at Olivia's Restaurant located in the Port LaBelle Inn 7 p.m. until? Music from Colton James Entertainment and karaoke. Open menu and specials will be available for purchase, please RSVP for restaurant head count as soon as possible. Saturday, July 10 (optional) The Pink Shell on Fort Myers Beach. For more information and RSVP please call Monty at 863-675-4915 or email: Tammy at universeallstars@yahoo.com

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.

Apply for 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.

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.

Served Military Active Duty from 1957 to 2001?

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service! If you served on active duty from 1957-2001 you can receive up to \$1,200 per year of earnings credit credited at the time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement!

You must bring your DD-214 (Discharge Paper) to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! See Social Security Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>. FYI! This is something you have to ask for and is not automatic!

For Assistance Contact: Hendry County Veteran Service Officer LaBelle 863-675-5250; Clewiston 863-983-1491.

Aerial mosquito treatments

Hendry County will conduct aerial adult mosquito control operations over the county as mosquito population levels warrant. The treatments will be performed during evening hours, weather permitting. The insecticide to treat for adult mosquitoes is approved for application by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Florida. This operation will be conducted by Clarke. If you have any questions concerning this operation, please call Clarke at 1-800-443-2034 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Horse found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office AG Unit has recovered a horse from running loose on the roadways of LaBelle. If you have lost a horse, please call 863-674-4060.

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.

Help for Haiti

The Salvation Army is seeking donations for the people of Haiti. You can contribute in several ways: Text: "HAITI" to 52000 to give \$10 to The Salvation Army's relief efforts in Haiti. The \$10 will be applied to your bill; Log on to www.salvationarmyusa.org and make a donation; or call 1-800-Sal-Army. You may also drop off your check to your local Salvation Army office, 180 N. Main Street. Write "Haiti earthquake" on the memo line.

Ronald McDonald A 'Big Kick' at library

Ronald McDonald was at Barron Library on Saturday, June 12, to help kick off Summer Story Time. Kids and parents enjoyed his "Booktime" show, which encouraged everyone to read books, and to participate in the ongoing Summer Story Time, scheduled for each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Following the show, everyone was treated to ice cream cones, compliments of Danny Davis and your LaBelle McDonalds.

Every child that attends all of the summer programs will receive a certificate for a FREE hamburger from McDonald, compliments of your LaBelle McDonalds.



Two year old Cy Snyder from Port Charlotte, shares a story with the Cat in the Hat.



Everyone enjoyed ice cream cones, compliments of Danny Davis and LaBelle McDonalds.

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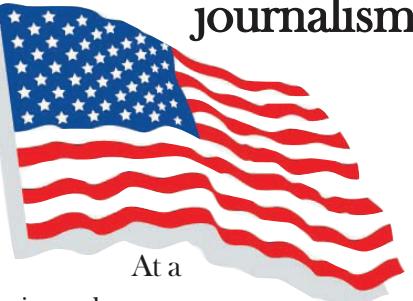
Additionally, each time a child attends a story time, we will add a scoop of ice cream with their name to our giant ice cream cone. They will also receive a scoop for each book read during the summer.

Next program is Tuesday, June 22, featuring Ms. Dell Schlaht and "Tell Me A Story." Don't miss out.



Submitted photo
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