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Film festival

Come to the LaBelle Assembly of God on Fraser Ave. to enjoy family fun at the 29th annual Summer Film Festival.

Tuesday, July 6: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. "Alice in Wonderland."

Tuesday, July 13: "The Princess and the Frog" 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. "Secrets of the Mountain."

Tuesday, July 20: To Be announced.

Call 675-0900.

Blood drive coming

The community blood drive will be held at American Legion Post 130 on SR 80 Thursday, July 8.

Bridge closings

Be prepared for the closing of the LaBelle Bridge July 5-August 8.

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Hendry economy branches out to world

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Green technology is the wave of the future. And it's a wave Hendry-Glades wants to ride.

Hendry County Economic De-

velopment Council President and CEO Roger Harrison has jumped into that green technology wave, with the hope of using it to restore local prosperity. It's not all about the long term, though, Hendry County is looking for more im-

mediate routes to a firmer tax base.

Roger and his Glades County counterpart, Tracy Whirls, recently returned from Germany where they took part in the 2010 Green Ventures Conference and Trade Show.

Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) made the trip possible through a grant and scholarship. Roger and Tracy, with FHREDI Ex-

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Sharon S. Craichy never stopped loving LaBelle

by **Patty Brant**
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Sherri Craichy will be remembered for many things. Probably chief among them will be her total dedication to and immersion in the City of LaBelle. As mayor from 1993-2005, as well as through her service as commissioner and on the Variance Board, she was the driving force behind many of



Sharon S. Craichy

the projects most dear to residents. These projects include acquiring grants to obtain the Captain Hendry House, bringing LaBelle's past, present and future together; purchasing the Barron Park House and property to ensure the future expansion of her beloved Barron Park; and helping the Firehouse Players find a home in the Firehouse Cultural Center. She recognized a danger to her community when a biomedical waste facility attempted to move in and led the opposition that finally barred the door.

Sharon Craichy, "Sherri," as she was always known, was courageous in championing her causes, which were invariably rooted in her vision for the community.

She worked to save the personal stories of many of LaBelle's founding citizens through oral history videos. Her foresight secured property for what is now the Veterans Memorial, the Nature Park on Fraser Ave. and for the Nature Park on the north side of the river.

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Submitted photo

Friends, family and colleagues bid a heart-felt farewell to former mayor Sherri Craichy in her beloved Barron Park Wednesday.

Celebrate

It will be a hometown Fourth of July celebration, put on by the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce. Fun at Barron Park begins at 5 p.m. and leads up to the anxiously awaited fireworks, sponsored by the City of LaBelle. Kids will enjoy a slide and bounce house courtesy of the chamber, which will also sell barbecue pork sandwiches, \$4; hot dogs \$3 - both served with chips and a drink. Local vendors will offer food. Family-oriented items will be for sale including ice cream, arts and crafts, glo sticks and marshmal-



low guns. The chamber is also seeking donations of any amount to help pay for kids' activities that day. The fun continues till 8 p.m.



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Sherri

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She helped write the first land use ordinances in LaBelle and was a trusted confidante of many other community leaders.

She was just 72 when she passed away Saturday, June 26, in Fort Myers. Family, friends and colleagues gathered at Barron Park Wednesday morning for a final goodbye.

Sherri's visions were inclusive of all city residents. She spoke Spanish fluently and was very active with the Ford/Sunset Park community.

Mayor Paul Puletti spoke at the Barron Park gathering, recalling their service together for the city. Barron Park was always her primary focus, he said - "Her heart and soul." Her dream gave the residents the

bandstand, gazebo and pavillion as well as the Barron Park House. He said he always admired Sherri's "energy level" that never seemed to lag.

Her other major passion were LaBelle's signature oaks, which she worked tirelessly to preserve.

Longtime friend Rev. Cliff Avery praised her "integrity, love and compassion." She was a trusted friend whose involvement in the community set her apart.

Having been born on Halloween was always a source of fun for her, which she shared with her family and friends.

Sherri served on the LaBelle City Commission (1980-1987) and LaBelle City Variance Board (1988-1993). She also served on the City of LaBelle's first zoning board and helped write the city's first comprehensive land use plan. Sherri worked as a real estate broker in LaBelle since 1972. She also served on various local committees including Swamp Cabbage Festival and the Fourth

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Executive Director Lynn Topel were the only Americans at the 2010 Green Ventures Conference and Trade Show, although some American states and companies had their German representatives there.

As the only Americans there, Roger said they attracted quite a bit of attention and made what could be some very helpful contacts.

Roger met individually for 30 minutes each with ten prospects, including private industries from Spain, Italy, Egypt and a University in Turkey. He also spoke with site selection consultants from Germany, eager to learn about the Florida Heartland and mutual opportunities.

Roger related information on Hendry County's available workforce, education, incentives and affordable land to attendees. In a whirlwind of activity, the group met 180 of the 220 attendees at their tradeshow booth.

For Hendry County, the emphasis was on seeking out large industries that will go a long way to expanding our tax base and job market. "Mom and Pops" are always welcome, of course, but they are mainly local residents. The 50 countries represented were focusing on green technology, a field this country must work to catch up in.

The Hendry-Glades area is attractive to businesses in other parts of the world because of its proximity to rail, port and highways. Roger said they were also intrigued by the area's agricultural background, especially prospects in ethanol production.

Coincidentally, an ethanol plant just south of Clewiston is in the permitting stage, Roger said. The \$100 million plant will provide 50 direct jobs and another 250 supporting jobs in agriculture. This plant could be

Hendry EDC's first ground breaking since he became director five months ago.

According to Roger, site consultants and business representatives at the conference seemed to be impressed with our offerings. By the time the small local delegation returned home, Roger said he already had two e-mails from attendees waiting - one from a business; one about an exchange student program.

Glades County EDC Director Tracy Whirls agreed the trip was worthwhile and said the area of Germany they visited is very similar to Hendry-Glades. They have been making use of renewable energy since 2002 and provided 46,000 jobs in solar energy for their residents.

She sees opportunities based on the German experience and feels it could be duplicated here.

Tracy said the Deepwater Horizon oil spill may be expected to increase the cost of oil and natural gas. This will create a huge problem for Florida which relies heavily on natural gas. She said it just underscores our need for renewable energy.

Tracy said Hendry-Glades needs to address the kinds of local, state and federal policy initiatives that can make it happen.

If we increase available power, we increase opportunities in Hendry-Glades, she points out. But legislation is the first step so the state can allow recovery of the initial costs for solar energy.

It was "very clear" that German companies are interested in expanding to the United States and Florida, she added, and that those attending were very impressed with what Hendry-Glades has to offer.

of July.

A fifth generation Floridian born in Auburdale, she was the daughter of the late John Clyde and the late Dorothy Alvina (Ryals) Spivey. Survivors include her children: Julie Wilkins (Wayne) of LaBelle, K. C. Crachy (Monica) of Tampa, and John Crachy (Karen) of Raleigh, NC; brother: Jim Spivey (Linda) of Auburdale; and grandchildren: Matthew, Coby, Montana and Jacqueline, of LaBelle; Kyle, Austin, Sarah, Grace and Joshua, of Tampa; and Jonathan, Michael and Charlie, of Raleigh.

Sherri leaves behind many friends. In her words, "A small town is a big family" ..

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This change is due to the bridge closing.

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no one comes to the Father
but through Me." John 14:6*

Oct 31, 1937 to June 26, 2010

Self-focused or focused on others - It's your call

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist, LaBelle

British actor Michael Wilding was once asked if actors had any traits which set them apart from other human beings. "Without a doubt," he replied. "You can pick out actors by the glazed look that comes into their eyes when the conversation wanders away from themselves."

If you are an adult you probably recall at some point in your childhood or early teens reading the following little self-focused poem. It goes like this: "I gave a little tea party this afternoon, at 3. 'Twas very small, 3 guests in all - I, myself, and me. Myself ate all the sandwiches while I drank all the tea. 'Twas also I who ate the pie and passed the cake to me."

Have you ever been around someone like that? Nauseating, isn't it? It is a true statement: the trouble with some self-made men is that they worship their creator. Think about it. Famous evangelist and pastor from the late 1800s, D.L. Moody, spent a great deal of time with people from all walks of life. After many years in ministry in multiple settings where he had preached throughout various places around the world, he noted the following observation about people: "God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."

Read that last sentence again, please. That is wisdom and truth being given! When you contrast Pastor Moody with author and essayist Oscar Wilde, it would be difficult to find two people more polarized in their thinking. Moody defined life as being full of passion for God and His glory. Wilde defined life as being full of himself. Perhaps that is why one of Wilde's more well-known lines from his writings is this one: "Come over here and sit next to me, I'm dying to tell you all about myself."

Have you ever met one with a similar passion? Hopefully you didn't see that person in the mirror this morning.

Here is an oft-heard adage that has been circulated throughout the decades: "The smallest package in the world is a person wrapped up in himself." The saying may be a tad dated, but it still delivers the goods!

Need a more contemporary example of self-absorption? Here are some words from well-known actress and New-Age guru, Shirley MacLaine; "The most pleasurable

journey you take is through yourself ... the only sustaining love involvement is with yourself ... When you look back on your life and try to figure out where you've been and where you're going, when you look at your work, your love affairs, your marriages, your children, your pain, your happiness -- when you examine all that closely, what you really find out is that the only person you really go to bed with is yourself ... The only thing you have is working to the consummation of your own identity. And that's what I've been trying to do all my life."



Dr. Les Morgan

That kind of, "Me, Myself, & I" thinking is enough to choke even the most starved, selfish pig. (I am talking about the two legged kind!) Surely that must get mighty boring.

From an unknown source comes an article titled, "How To Be Miserable." It lists some key ways to be self-absorbed and how to maintain that position. (Warning: if you note any of the following traits in your life, ask God to forgive you. No doubt others would be most grateful!)

- 1) "Think about yourself. Talk about yourself.
- 2) Use "I" as often as possible.
- 3) Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
- 4) Listen greedily to what people say about you.
- 5) Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious.
- 6) Be jealous and envious.
- 7) Be sensitive to slights.
- 8) Never forgive a criticism.
- 9) Trust nobody but yourself.
- 10) Insist on consideration and respect.
- 11) Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
- 12) Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
- 13) Never forget a service you have rendered.
- 14) Shirk your duties if you can.
- 15) Do as little as possible for others.

Think about this . . . which would you rather be around -- someone locked into a "The world revolves around ME!" attitude, or someone wanting to be a contributor to their fellow human beings?

Go make a difference in someone else's life this week. No regrets on that one!

It's your call!

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

Protection from heat exhaustion

by Pat Dobbins

We all know that it's been unbearably hot with temperatures pushing over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (F). The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments are urging folks to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Warning signs

Signs vary but may include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting
- Skin: may be cool and moist



Patricia Dobbins

- Pulse rate: fast and weak
- Breathing: fast and shallow

If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Help the person to cool off and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

What to do

Cooling measures that may be effective include the following:

- Drinking cool, nonalcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician
- Resting in an air-conditioned environment
- Taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath
- Wearing lightweight clothing

Heat exhaustion/heat stroke prevention tips

- Drink lots of water or drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages
- Get lots of rest
- Take a cool shower or bath
- Seek an air-conditioned location when possible
- Wear lightweight and light colored clothing
- Do not engage in strenuous activities

when you know temperatures are at high levels.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke become more common in very humid environments. High humidity reduces the effectiveness of sweating and cooling the body. Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature. Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids.

To avoid becoming dehydrated, it is important to drink plenty of fluids, especially water even if you don't feel thirsty. This is particularly true on days when temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and higher. Depending upon your physical activity and heat exposure during hot weather, it's a good idea to drink more water. Health experts have found that fluid requirements vary from person to person. Persons who have medical conditions such as kidney and heart disease, who require a fluid restricted diet, or who have problems with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.

Knowing the signs of dehydration and knowing what to do is very important. Signs of dehydration include thirst, weakness, nausea, muscle cramps, feeling dizzy and light headed, decreased urine levels and/or urine that has a strong odor or is darker than normal, tiredness, sluggishness, irritability and headaches. All, some or none of these signs may be present so the best way to avoid dehydration is to monitor water or fluid intake and modify activity or reduce the length of activity according to weather conditions.

Don't wait for the dry mouth, flushed skin, headaches, light headedness or fatigue. You should prevent dehydration by drinking fluids throughout the day. Help to avoid becoming dehydrated by staying out of the direct sun, wearing light colored loose fitting clothing, limiting physical activity and using fans when available.

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Another panther found dead

The remains of a 16-18 month old uncollared male panther (UCFP145) were collected on 24 June 2010 on SR29 approximately 3.7 km south of Farm Workers Village in Collier County.

The cause of death was trauma associated with a vehicle collision.

The carcass is at the FWC Naples Field Office and will be sent to the FWC Wildlife Research Lab in Gainesville for necropsy.

The remains will be archived at the FL Museum of Natural History. This is the 13th panther mortality and the 10th road mortality for 2010.

The remains of a six-year-old radio collared male panther (FP144) were collected on June 21 on the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition Lands north of I75 in Collier County. The cause of death was intraspecific aggression.

Here come the mosquitoes!

by Pat Dobbins

We all know that the summer heat also brings us the summer rains, so it important to protect yourself against mosquito-borne diseases. The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments monitors for the presence of illnesses carried by mosquitoes including West Nile virus infections.

Protect yourself by using the 5 D's:

- Dusk and Dawn – That's when mosquitoes are out and looking for the next bite! Avoid being outdoors just before the sun comes up and just before the sun goes down.

- Dress – Try to wear light clothing that covers most of your skin.

- DEET – Use insect repellents containing DEET, but talk to your healthcare provider before you use this product on children.

- Drainage – Check around your home. Get rid of any standing water such as old tires, buckets, etc, where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Using repellent can help protect against being bitten by a mosquito, but make sure you follow these tips for correct repellent use:

- Read label directions carefully. Some repellents are not suitable for children. According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of three years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than two months old.

- Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended.

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing.

- Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting should be used over carriers when mosquitoes are present.

Here are some tips for getting rid of mosquito breeding sites around your home:

- Clean out the gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds so water can drain.

- Turn over or remove empty pots or buckets.

- Pick up all beverage containers and cups after use.

- Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

- Replace water in birdbaths or other pet/animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

- At least once a week, change the water

in plant trays or hanging plants.

- Remove plant growth or obstructions in drainage ditches that may prevent the flow of water. (Remember, standing water gives mosquitoes a place to lay eggs.)

Most people who become sick from mosquitoes have mild symptoms like headache, fever, dizziness and fatigue, but more severe symptoms are possible. Anyone with severe symptoms should see their healthcare provider. Physicians should contact the county health departments if they suspect a person may have a mosquito-borne illness.

Another thing that you can do to help the spread of some mosquito-borne illnesses is to report wild bird deaths. Anyone who discovers a dead bird is encouraged to report it on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's website at www.MyFWC.com/bird/.

SWFAS earns 3-year accreditation

CARF announced that Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has been accredited for a period of three years for 15 of its substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. This is the fourth consecutive three-year accreditation the international accrediting commission has awarded to SWFAS. It represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's conformance to the CARF standards.

"An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable," said Dr. Brian J. Boon, CARF president and CEO.

The following programs received accreditation for both children and adults: residential treatment, day treatment, outpatient treatment, prevention services, and the Employee Assistance Program. The Detoxification Center, Intensive Outpatient Program, and Halfway House also were accredited for adults. In addition, four Adult Drug Court programs and one Juvenile Drug Court Program operated by SWFAS were accredited.

"We are very pleased to receive our fourth three-year accreditation from CARF. This recognizes the hard work of our staff in providing treatment and prevention programs that meet international standards for excellence, and our efforts to improve services for our patients and community," said SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis.

SWFAS is celebrating its 30th anniversary of providing substance abuse treatment and prevention programs in Southwest Florida. More than 6,000 people are served per year from ages 9-90. SWFAS provides services from five locations in Lee County and two locations in Glades and Hendry. Partially funded by the State of Florida and Lee County, SWFAS also is a United Way agency.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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School of Nursing Approved at Edison State College

The Edison State College Board of Trustees unanimously approves the School of Nursing within Edison State College. The new school provides students and faculty a greater sense of camaraderie and also provides more visibility and oversight for the variety of nursing programs at ESC.

"Since the College opened its doors in 1962, the institution has been organized by divisions or disciplines, which is the standard practice among two-year colleges," said Dr. Steve Atkins, Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs. "As Edison State grows the number of bachelor degree programs, the College has chosen to follow the practice that most four-year colleges use in referring to major instructional units as 'schools'."

Programs Offered Through the School of Nursing:

- Associate Degree Nursing (RN) – Enrollment for Fall 2010 is expected to be more than 500 students
- Advanced Placement Nursing (LPN

to RN) – Current enrollment is 60 students and 60 new students will begin in the Fall of 2010

- RN to BSN (Baccalaureate completion degree program) – Current enrollment is 130 students. We expect to add 70-100 in the Fall.

- Certified Nursing Assistant – Certificate training program

"This new organizational structure positions the college to continue to develop the baccalaureate mission," said Dr. Mary Lewis, Director of Nursing at Edison State College. "It is anticipated that over time, this new structure will empower the faculty, facilitate communication, increase accountability for effective teaching and professional growth, and to enhance the student experience."

Status of Nursing Program at ESC

Edison State nursing students remain above the state and national averages consistently (Edison 93 percent, State 88 percent) on the state licensure exam. Edison

State College has consistently ranked 13-15 percent in the number of nursing graduates in the country for community and state colleges, and student interest in pursuing the nursing profession continues to grow. In 2008, 248 students graduated from the program, 260 students in 2009, and it is anticipated that Edison will graduate over 300 nurses in 2010. In addition, student enrollment for the Nursing Associates degree will surpass 650 students in 2011 and more than 200 students in the RN to BSN program.

In July 2010, a new 58,000 square foot nursing annex will be completed. This addition will consist of a large auditorium and Medical Museum on the first floor and a simulation hospital on the second floor. The implementation of simulation on this large scale offers opportunity for instructional design changes. These changes will offer interdisciplinary training opportunities and hospital employee integration for clinical and documentation training.

The Nursing program is accredited by the NLNAC (National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission).

For media inquiries contact, Catherine Bergerson, Director of Communications and Marketing, 239-489-9460 or mberger-son@edison.edu.

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Obituaries

Charles Jacob Easterly Jr., 88

EDWIN COMMUNITY, Ala. — Charles Jacob Easterly Jr., a resident of the Edwin community of Henry County, Ala., died early Thursday morning, June 24, 2010, at his home. He was 88.

Graveside services were 4 p.m., Sunday, June 27, 2010, in the Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven, Florida, with Pastor Bronc Flint officiating.

Mr. Easterly was born in Tampa, Fla., but raised in Naples and Ortona, Fla., son of the late Charles Jacob Easterly Sr. and Daisy Faulkner Townsend Easterly. He lived in LaBelle, Fla., before moving to the Edwin community in 2005. Mr. Easterly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He was formerly employed by Miles Schofield Company in Naples, Fla., and in later years served as a ranch foreman for various cattle and horse ranches. He was a member of the Church of Abbeville in the Edwin community. Mr. Easterly was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Easterly.

Surviving relatives include four daughters, Wanda Bamford and husband, Jim Bamford, Edwin Community, Sherrie Easterly, LaBelle, Juanita Rivers and husband, Terry Rivers, Blue Springs, Ala., Sarita McQuaid, LaBelle; a son, Joseph Daniel Easterly and wife, Tammy Easterly, Naples; three sisters, Eldora Walker, Brownwood, Texas, Jessie Farabee, Punta Gorda, Fla., and Naomi Thigpen, Ortona, Fla.; ten grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by: Holman-Abbeville Mortuary - Abbeville, Alabama. Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle, Florida

James Lowell Robson

DAMARISCOTTA, Maine — James L. Robson, passed away at his home in Damariscotta, Maine, surrounded by his family on the evening of June 22, 2010.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1923, in Eltingville, Staten Island, N.Y., the son of William Smylie and Florence (Bates) Robson.

His attendance at Columbia University was interrupted by military service for World War II. As a navigator in the Air Force, he flew weather reconnaissance missions over Japan. He returned to New York where he married his life long love, Barbara Jean Smith. James proved to

be a devoted husband, faithfully caring for his wife through several long illnesses until her death in 2008.

James worked for many years as a salesman in the textile trade for Deering, Milliken & Co. in New York City as well as Western Textiles of St. Louis. Land development sparked his creativity and he became involved with real estate development projects in New Jersey and Florida.

James enjoyed traveling. There were road trips as a family in the 1950's and European explorations, cruises and many thousands of miles trekking with his wife in their motor home throughout the USA and Canada. Boating and fishing were also favorite activities.

His wife, Barbara, fell in love with Sanibel Island after vacationing there and the couple moved their family to the island in 1969. There, he served on the water commission and was concerned with future water availability. He was a key figure in the incorporation of the city of Sanibel. He founded Three Star Grocery along with accommodations for the Sanibel Police, City Hall, Avis Car Rental and a bank.

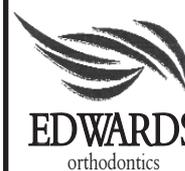
The Robsons retired to La Belle, Florida where he continued his service to the community as an active member or participant on various boards. Water remained a central issue to him.

In 2007, James found it helpful, as sole care giver for his wife, to move to Maine near his two daughters and their families. His gratitude for the love and support of family inspired him to spearhead the organizing of a family reunion held in Bridgeton, Maine in 2008.

He is survived by a sister, Donnabell Carter of Texas; a brother, William Smylie Robson of Eureka, Montana; four children and their spouses, Peter and Phyllis Robson of Nutley, N.J., David and Michelle Robson of Laguna Beach, Texas, Jose and Nancy Ann (Robson) Douglas of Round Pond, Maine and Clayton and Jane (Robson) Herbert of Damariscotta, Maine; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Strong-Hancock Funeral Home, 612 Main Street, Damariscotta, ME.

Condolences for the family may be expressed by visiting: www.StrongHancock.com.



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Church Briefs

VBS at Life Ministries

Join Life Ministries SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School July 12-16 from 6-9 p.m. Songs, skits, crafts and games will teach kids age 4-12 about God's love. For information call 675-8855.

Life Ministries is located at 725 W. Hickpoochee Ave.

Taste the West Indies

The LaBelle Community SDA Church, 3379 SR 29S at Evans Road, will have a Taste of the West Indies and yard sale July 25 beginning at 10 a.m. with traditional West Indian food, music, etc.

El sabor de las Indias Occidentales y venta de garaje - Tradicionales de las comidas, music, etc. 25 de julio a 10 a.m.

Dr. Rupert Balfour, pastor, and the Seventh Day Adventist congregation also wish to thank everyone for their support in their two-day fundraising events.

Fourth of July sing

Come to the Fourth of July gospel sing celebration at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 1058 Thigpen Road, featuring Rob and Joy

Armstrong, a husband and wife team called to the ministry. The sing will start at 7 p.m. Friday, July 2. For more information call Dana Emmette at 239-834-4913.

Palmdale Church hosts VBS

Palmdale Baptist Church is calling all cowboys and cowgirls for Vacation Bible School July 19-23, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., age 3 to sixth grade. You'll have a rootin' tootin' good time learning about God's love!

VBS set 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 12 through Friday, July , 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.

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 school update

International Christian Academy, located at 233 Clark Street, continues to make aggressive progress towards opening in August 2010. Mrs. Tracy Co, M.Ed. has a vision for quality education from the Christian per-

spective. The school will strive to integrate 21st Century technology in the educational process.

Every student will be assigned a new laptop computer with wireless ability. At the present time, furniture and equipment have been graciously donated. Generous donations, such as these, continue to help make the dream of a debt free school, possible. If your business, church, group or family would like to participate in purchasing a laptop computer for one or more students, please contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112 or 863-675-ICA7 (4227).

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Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail closed temporarily

CLEWISTON, Fla. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will close a 4.5 mile section of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST) to the public from June 30 to August 31.

The trail will be closed from Lake Harbor (Structure 354) to South Bay in order to accommodate delivery of 40,000 tons of armor stone to stockpile sites east of S-354. The stone will be used to reinforce the Herbert Hoover Dike in the event of a breach. The Corps maintains about 15 emergency stock-

piler of rock near potentially vulnerable areas of the dike.

"Having this rock available will allow an almost instant response in the event of a breach," said Stephen Schneider, engineering technician who monitors the emergency stockpiles.

Signs noting the closure will be posted at access points along U.S. Highway 27 and the levee gates. This rock is not related to the current rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike. For more information call 863-983-

8101, or go to www.saj.usace.army.mil.

Crockett on college dean's list

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Grassroots News-wire) June 25, 2010 - Bryan Crockett from La Belle (33935) was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the spring 2010 semester.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a

full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. The College of William and Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

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LaBelle Sports Network



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LHS Basketball Camp fun

LaBelle High School's Basketball camp came to a successful ending. Over 85 players, grades Kindergarten to 9th graders participated. Campers learned or reinforced skills, and had a great time. A special thanks to those who helped with the camp including Jef Burton, and Heather Raulerson, who maintained a fast-paced concession stand. High school helpers who worked hard were Savannah Cheney, Paige Taylor, Jesse Whitman, Drew Jeffries, Kip Stansley, Ronnie Burton, Alton Burton, Andrew Jean-Baptist, Ellis Johnson, Cathavias Adams and Derek Bass. Special thanks to McDonald's of LaBelle, for sponsoring the camp. It is great to have help servicing the young people of LaBelle. Coaches David Kelley, and Kevin Lutkenhaus appreciate the great week and are looking forward to next year!



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Scholarship winner

2010 LaBelle High School graduate Toni Marie Tolar received the \$1,000 Jr. Pro scholarship. Toni plans to attend Edison State College for two years and transfer to a university to study elementary education. She hopes to return to LaBelle to teach. Toni play Junior Pro basketball for four years. She also played basketball at LMS. In high school she played softball four years, was a cheerleader four years and powerlifted for three years. She is the daughter of Debbie and Tony Tolar. Picture from left: Jr. Pro Vice President Pat Langford, Toni and Junior Pro President Darrell Harris. Junior Pro basketball has taught kids the basics of the game for 43 years.

Sports 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.

Attention shotgun shooters

The Caloosa Sports Shooters are accept-

ing donations to be used for improvements to the Civilian Shotgun Range of Hendry County.

They are working on a plan for a five-station shooting sport. This is an adaptation of sporting clays. They need to purchase three new machines and materials for safety barriers and shooting stands.

Guns, ammunition or any items that can be recycled to provide money for this project will be greatly appreciated. Of course, money is also acceptable. Money donations should be made by check to the Caloosa Sports Shooters.

For more information or to arrange pick up for donations, call Ed Kuntz at 675-6432 or Dave Alexander at 675-0500. Thank you for your support.



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New bike!

Florida Community Bank held a bike raffle during Bike Safety Month in May. The lucky winner of the bike was four-year-old Andy Grove. Pictured with Andy are Nell Broom and Susan Vaughan of Florida Community Bank. Thank you to all who stopped by to register for the bicycle. June is Pet Month at Florida Community Bank. Come by to register for our pet-themed blanket on display in the lobby. Also drop off pet supplies at FCB for the Caloosa Humane Society.

Purchase brick for memorial

LaBelle – The employees of Florida Community Bank's LaBelle Branch have pulled their funds together and have raised enough money to purchase a brick for the Veteran's Memorial Park in LaBelle. The personalized, engraved brick will show FCB's support of our local veterans. The Veteran's Memorial Park looks very nice on the corner of State Road 80 and Main Street, but more money is needed in order to finish it. The biggest ticket item is a granite slab monument that will honor all who have served and will recognize every branch of the military. This memorial park will remind each of us as we drive by on a daily basis the true price of freedom.

During the month of July and in recognition of Independence Day, Florida Community Bank would like to challenge other businesses (and individuals) to donate \$100 to purchase a brick and help support our local Veteran's Memorial Park. A brick can be purchased in the name of a veteran to honor him or her, or in the name of a veteran who has passed away to memorialize him or her. You can purchase a brick by picking up an application at Florida Community Bank or

by calling Susan Vaughan at 863-675-1313 for more information. Stop by our lobby in July to see our Veteran's Memorial display. We hope you are up for the challenge!

A special ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Park at 9 a.m. on July 24. Look for the giant American flag flying high that day! Following the ceremony will be the third annual Fallen Heroes Benefit at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 130, located on Highway 80 in LaBelle. Tickets for the pork dinner are \$6 each and will be available at Florida Community Bank.

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Fallen Heroes Benefit July 24

Join the community of LaBelle and the members of American Legion Post 130, DAV Chapter 144, Moose Lodge 2398 and VFW 10100 as they come together to sponsor the Fallen Heroes Benefit, again this year.

The benefit will start at 9:00 a.m. with a Color Guard Ceremony at the new LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park, at the corner of Hwy. 80 and Main Street and followed by a Pork Dinner and entertainment at the American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle, on Hwy. 80. The American Legion will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Highlights of the benefit include various door prizes donated from area businesses, such as bikes, a parachute jump and many more. Don't forget the great pork dinner, with music throughout the day and a 50/50

drawing at 3:00 p.m.

The benefit was created from the tragic death of two servicemen killed in action, June of 2008. Staff Sgt. Christopher Strickland and CWO Robert Hammett both were graduates of LaBelle with strong ties to the community. It was in their honor that the benefit was started.

Proceeds for this year's benefit will again, go towards the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park that is in the process of being built.

Anyone needing more information should call the American Legion Post 130 - 863-675-8300, LaBelle Moose Lodge 2398 - 863-675-6255 or the VFW 10100 - 863-675-8008.

Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at the benefit or at all three local clubs for a donation of \$6.

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BIRTHS

BREANNA LYNN BENDER

Tommie Lee, Jr. (TJ) and Justin Allen Bender are proudly announcing the birth of their baby sister, Breanna Lynn. Breanna was born at the Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on June 14, 2010 at 2:37 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Breanna's parents are Heather (White) and Tommie Bender of Leakesville, Mississippi. Maternal Grandparents are Charles and Brenda White of Clewiston. Paternal Grandparents are Linda Smith of Mississippi and Dan and Peggy Bender of Alabama.



Major patient room renovations at HRMC

By Glenda Wilson

It's been long coming, but Hendry Regional is making great strides in renovating its patient rooms.

Beginning with two rooms at a time (to accommodate patient volume), Beatrice Acosta, the Environmental Services Director, has been working diligently to enhance customer service by making room décor, patient safety and comfort a priority.

The first two rooms (of 22) are almost

complete.

- The old air-conditioner units that were affixed to the windows have been removed and replaced with air/heat wall units (similar to those in hotels), giving the patient the ability to control their own room temperature.
- A fresh, soft color of paint adorns the walls.
- Sink and vanity areas now have an

attractive mahogany look.

- The door to each room has been sanded and stained a mahogany color to complement the beautiful vanities.
- New and improved lighting is above the hospital beds.
- The lavatories, with new commodes, plumbing fixtures, ceramic tiled walls and floors, and new shower curtains, provide a cleaner and more

pleasant atmosphere.

- The floors of the patient rooms will soon have a gorgeous authentic look of wood-like laminate.

"The cost to renovate each room is approximately \$5,000, but it's gratifying to see the finished project, and it's definitely a move towards increased patient satisfaction," says Beatrice.

Glades communities, SFWMD improve stormwater quality

West Palm Beach, FL — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and its Glades community partners surrounding Lake Okeechobee have completed a series of stormwater and water quality improvement projects that benefit ecosystem restoration and water management.

"Support for these projects is a vital investment in South Florida's environment and the communities around Lake Okeechobee," said SFWMD Governing Board member Joe Collins. "These projects will provide lasting benefits to an important region in our District."

Approved by the SFWMD Governing Board last year, approximately \$2 million has been invested in a partnership with lakeside communities in Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Glades and Hendry counties to improve water quality and enhance the District's ability to manage water and provide flood protection.

The investment supported the completion of numerous projects ranging from rehabilitation of stormwater systems to water quality improvement projects that also enhance flood protection, including:

Belle Glade: Designing, permitting and constructing several improvement projects for Southwest 10th Street, Southwest 5th Street and Southwest 7th Street stormwater drainage

Pahokee: Completing six individual stormwater drainage projects to enhance flood protection and divert flows to appropriate storage areas

South Bay: Replacing catch basins and repairs at approximately 16 locations requiring excavation and repairs or replacement of pipe

Moore Haven: Enhancing flood protection with conveyance and treatment of stormwater to reduce pollutants entering the Caloosahatchee River

Glades County: Expanding the sewer system and removing septic tanks from the Lake Okeechobee watershed

Clewiston: Enhancing flood protection by improving stormwater treatment in the area north of U.S. 27 and throughout neighborhoods on West Arcade Avenue; Constructing a major stormwater improvement and drainage upgrade to one of the city's main roadways

LaBelle: Construction of a pilot test well that is the first step in a project to replace the city's water treatment plant

Additional work included installation of real-time hydrologic and rainfall gauges within the local flood control districts in the Glades region.

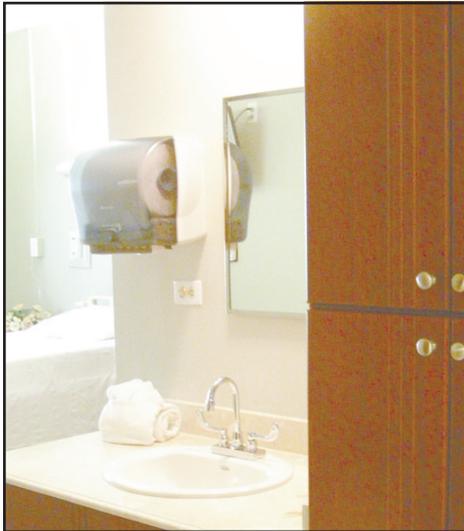
Known as 298 Districts, these authorities are responsible for ensuring water is appropriately drained from local communities and neighborhoods to the regional flood control system maintained by the SFWMD.

The South Florida Conservancy District, which received the SFWMD funding, manages several 298 Districts in the Glades region.

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New vanities brighten up patient rooms.



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School Briefs

LHS senior Cowboy night

Parents and LHS Seniors please plan to attend LHS Senior Cowboy Night to be held Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7:00 p.m. Senior Cowboy Night is an opportunity for all LHS Seniors to receive valuable information that will kick off a successful and well informed senior year. LHS is now offering AP American Government for qualifying LHS Juniors and Seniors.

Register for kindergarten now!

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.

LHS report cards 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 with a minimum GPA of 1.75. Juniors (11th grade) 10 or more earned credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Seniors (12th grade) 17 or more earned credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Level 2 or higher on the FCAT reading and math
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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 out until August 2.

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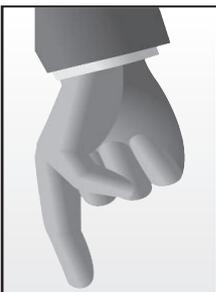
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June 25, 2010
NOTICE
BBC meeting #2010-02

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Building Commissioners of the City of Clewiston, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the disposition of the following properties located in the City of Clewiston:

710 South W.C. Owen
 602 East Sugarland Hwy
 615 East El Paso Avenue
 211 East Aztec Avenue

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 18-526, Clewiston Code of Ordinances.
 All persons interested may appear and be heard.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
 Travis Reese, Building Official
 358909 CN 7/1/10

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PUBLIC NOTICE
LABELLE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be a LaBelle Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Board Room, located at 481 W. Hickpochee Avenue in LaBelle.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
 Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
 358556 CB/CN 7/1,8/10

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NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HENDRY COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida hereby gives notice of a meeting cancellation. The Board's regularly scheduled meeting of July 13, 2010 has been canceled. The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 27, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., Commission Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

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.

Board of County Commissioners
 of Hendry County, Florida
 Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
 358545 CB/CN 7/1/10

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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, July 15, 2010, for the following Proposals:

E1175- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing and Litter Removal in Highlands County. Budget Estimate: \$329,000.00
 E1176- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pavement Markings and Signing District Wide. Budget Estimate: \$200,000.00
 E1178- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Asphalt Repair in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$500,000.00
 E1179- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Installation of Truck Lane Restriction Signs on I-75 in Charlotte & Lee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$115,000.00
 E1180- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Ditch Cleaning and Grading in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$147,040.00
 E1181- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Driveway and Mitered End Repairs in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00
 E1182- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Placement of Sod, Fertilizing, Watering and Hydro seeding application in Polk County. Budget Estimate: \$180,000.00
 E1183- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Furnishing and Installing SC100GM Test Level 3 Hydraulic Cylinder Crash Attenuator or Equivalent in Lee County. Budget Estimate: \$33,140.00
 E1184- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Pipe & Mitered End Replacement in Charlotte, Lee, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$254,870.00
 E1185- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Maintenance of Double Ditch Drainage Systems in Desoto County. Budget Estimate: \$120,000.00
 E1186- A Certification of Qualification is not required for South Skyway Rest Area Seawall Repair/Rehabilitation in Manatee County. Budget Estimate: \$148,500.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/>
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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 Taxways.**

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
 356788 CB/CGS 6/10,17,24/7/1,8/10
 By: Janet Taylor, Chairwoman

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AUCTION on Friday,
July 9 at 9:00 a.m. at
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 Belle Glade, Florida

- Property of Rhonda F. Howard
 (1) Round dining room table w/chairs, (1) mattress & box spring, misc. boxes and bags
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
MOWING FOUR CORNERS
BID NUMBER: 2010-25
OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Mowing Four Corners". 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 8, 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.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, July 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., on July 13, 2010 by the Purchasing Department of Hendry Regional Medical Center at 524 West Sagamore Ave., Clewiston, Florida 33440 and at the offices of Hendry Regional Medical Center's Construction Manager, DeAngelis Diamond Construction, Inc. Healthcare Group, at 6635 Willow Park Drive, Naples, Florida for furnishing materials, labor, supervision, equipment, supplies, fees, expertise, and services necessary for the construction of the various scopes of work specified in:

**AN ADDITION TO: HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF RECORD: DAVID E. JOHNSON**

Work being bid in this Early Release Package includes the Sitework, Underground Utilities, Site Concrete, Structural Concrete, Demolition, Asphalt Paving, Landscape and Irrigation. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on July 14, 2010 in the main conference room at Hendry Regional Medical Center. The remainder of this project (Volume II and III) will be bid separately at a later time.

Late bids will be rejected. At the time of bid submission each bidder must possess current professional licenses or certifications required as required by the State of Florida for the purpose of performing the specified work per the qualifications. Bids must include the completed **Bidder Information Qualification** form provided in the Contract Documents. Failure to submit complete and accurate information is grounds for disqualification of the Bid. All conditions and requirements for bid submission, consideration, and award are contained in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consists of plans and specifications dated June 7, 2010 plus any official Addendums the Architect may issue thereto, bidder information qualification, site utilization plan, and bid instructions. Contract documents will be available for review and downloading beginning June 14, 2010, and a CD may be obtained at the DeAngelis Diamond, Construction, Inc. Healthcare Groups' Corporate Office.

Bidders have the option to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid conference scheduled for Tuesday July 6th, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the main conference room at the hospital. If you have any questions, please contact:
Jason Sain, jasons@deangelisdiamond.com / 239-594-1994 and/or
Amanda Jarbo, amandaj@deangelisdiamond.com / 239-594-1995.
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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty DATE: 7/13/10

SUBJECT AREA: 411 Adult Program Requirements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for adult program requirements.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.49, 1001.51 and 1001.43 F.S.

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for adult program requirements.

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on July 13, 2010.

Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.

Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.

Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.

Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(c), F.S.
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Community Briefs

LHS plans consignment store

LaBelle High School business students will run a consignment store this upcoming fall. They can use some clothes racks, shelves and basic supplies. If you have any items that you can donate or sell at a reasonable price, please call Kevin Lutkenhaus at 674-4120, or email at lutkenhausk@hendry.k12.fl.us.

We will be opening our store to the students and community throughout the year.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RFP NUMBER: 2010-26

OPENING DATE AND TIME: JULY 16, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

Hendry County is seeking companies interested in providing employee insurance for the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County Tax Collector, Hendry County Clerk of Court, Hendry County Property Appraiser and Hendry County Supervisor of Elections. Companies offering group employee medical, dental, life and vision insurance policies and employee assistance plans are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section I, General Information) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by an evaluation committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 16, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

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

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

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting and public hearing to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida; DeSoto County, Florida; Hendry County, Florida; Pasco County, Florida; Polk County, Florida, and Lee County, Florida. The meeting and public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2010 at the West Pasco Government Center, Commission Chambers, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, Florida. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budget and capital improvement program for the future FGUA MacDill Air Force Utility System. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 358725 CGS 7/1/10

If you would like to help, please let us know

4-H Overnight Summer Camp

Calling all youth ages 8-13 as of September 1, 2009, who enjoy the overnight camping experience to participate in the Hendry County 4-H Camp Cloverleaf opportunity in Lake Placid, July 19-23. The cost of camp is \$195. Fundraising opportunity is available. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 674-4092 or 983-1598.

Starting a business?

FGCU's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering a new program to enhance the skills of potential and existing small business owners. If you are thinking of starting a small business or want to improve the options in your existing business this program may be what you need.

In that business plan you will need a profile of your business, your product, your experience, financial projections of what it takes to operate that business, and a comprehensive executive summary. You will learn how to incorporate this information into your plan.

The program begins Monday, July 12, at Edison State College in LaBelle. Classes run from 6-9 p.m. every Monday through September 14. Cost is \$100 and you will receive material, business plan software and certificate of completion for your hard work. Register online www.sbdccseminars.org, call Janice at 239-860-8592 or email her jgroves@fgcu.edu for further information.

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HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE State Housing Initiatives Partnership F.Y. 2010-2011

The State Housing Initiatives Partnership (S.H.I.P.) Program has announced that there will be no S.H.I.P. allocation for FY 2010-2011. The available unencumbered Florida Home Ownership Opportunity Program (F.H.O.P) funds and program income may be expended under the 09/10 S.H.I.P. LHAP, any additional funds received after 5/30/10 will be expended under the 10/11 S.H.I.P. LHAP. These funds have now been redirected as S.H.I.P. to be utilized to fund S.H.I.P. strategies. The S.H.I.P. Program is designed to create and preserve affordable site-built housing for eligible Hendry County residents of very low, low or moderate income.

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| Strategy #1 | Purchase Assistance Program- First Time Home Buyers |
| | Maximum allowable: |
| | Very Low Income \$30,000.00 |
| | Low Income \$20,000.00 |
| | Moderate Income \$10,000.00 |
| Strategy #2 | Housing Rehabilitation/Repairs/Demolition- |
| | Maximum allowable: \$30,000.00 |
| Strategy #3 | Emergency Home Repair- |
| | Maximum allowable: \$15,000.00 |
| Strategy #4 | Disaster/ Mitigation Strategy- |
| | Maximum allowable \$30,000.00 |

Funds will be provided upon notification from Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Strategy 4 be will funded provided there is a declared disaster.

Eligible households must qualify under specifically mandated income limits adjusted to family size as established by the Florida Housing Finance Agency for Hendry County and in accordance with the specific guidelines created for each strategy. Eligible single family owner occupied site built homes must qualify; each strategy has an allocation and housing allowance limitation.

The SHIP Administration office is located at 165 Lee Street, Court House Square, LaBelle or contact Aida Barnhart, SHIP Director Telephone 863-675-5297 to obtain additional information.

SHIP will process applications including those received prior to this notification according to the LHAP on a first ready, first served basis for eligible residents of Hendry County until funds available are encumbered. The SHIP office reserves the right to close the application period at anytime or when available funds become encumbered.

All SHIP assistance recipients must agree to comply with all SHIP Program criteria and requirements as set forth in Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code and are frequently modified and amended. SHIP Funds may not be used to purchase, rehabilitate, or repair mobile homes. SHIP programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, disability, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract.)



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SCFC to meet

The Swamp Cabbage Festival Committee will be selecting a theme and poster design for the 2011 festival at its Monday, Aug. 2, meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the LaBelle City Hall. The poster size is 16" x 20" and must incorporate a cabbage palm and the theme. The 20 inch depth is necessary to include the artwork on the 2011 t-shirt. Once selected, the committee reserves the right to make needed changes to the artwork in order to accommodate its use in various ways. Entries can be received at City Hall any time prior to the August meeting.

VFW to celebrate on July 4

The VFW Post 10100 canteen wants to celebrate our independence and honor our veterans on July 4 with a free picnic in the canteen with hot dogs, barbecue beans, potato salad and desserts. Come, enjoy. They will eat at 1 p.m.

Writers to meet

The Writers Group will meet Thursday, July 8, at noon at Barron Library. Bring a sandwich if you like and meet other local people also interested in writing.

Lost an animal?

Please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office AG Unit at 863-674-5600 if you have lost a horse or calf.

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.

Social Security help available

If you have questions about Social Security or Supplemental Security Income or need help in completing an application for old age, disability and survivors insurance, Medicare or Supplemental Security Income benefits, call 1-800-633-4227. A representative will also be available at United Way House, 117 Fort Thompson Ave. Tuesday, July 6, from 8 a.m.-noon.

Come to chili cookoff

Don't forget a Chili cookoff July 17. Entries must be registered on table by noon. There is a \$10 entry fee and a grand prize of \$150, live music and vendors. It all happens at Rodeo Grill, Hwy. 80, LaBelle. For more information please call Katie at 239-246-3045

Animals found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes Unit has recovered a donkey and a goat off the roadways of LaBelle. If these could be your animals, please contact the Sheriff's Office AG Unit at 863-674-5600.

DAV tracks cool weather

Want to know when cool weather will arrive? Look on the bulletin board at the DAV Community Market on Saturday mornings. For years, DAV Commander Steve Williams has responded to complaints about the hot weather by telling people how many weeks were left before it arrives. This year he placed a tracking chart on the bulletin board. First thing Saturday morning, he crosses off one more week. "That's how you approach the subject," says Steve. "You can complain that we have to deal with this heat and humidity for another four months or you can say there are only 15 weeks left until cool weather arrives. I prefer the latter because next week, there will be only 15 weeks left," he explains.

Donate old cars

The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take your old cars. 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.

LHS class plans reunion

The class of 1980, LaBelle High School, 30 year reunion will be on Friday, July 9, at Olivia's Restaurant, 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.

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Webcams now on Okee waterway

Jacksonville, Fla. - - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District recently installed webcams at three spillways on the Okeechobee Waterway. The St. Lucie Lock in Stuart, the Moore Haven Lock in Moore Haven and the Port Mayaca lock in Canal Point

now each have cameras providing a 24-hour a day view of conditions at the locks. The webcams can be accessed from the Jacksonville District's Internet site at http://bit.ly/Okeechobee_Waterway_Webcams.

There are three ways to navigate to the

webcam page from the District's home page (www.saj.usace.army.mil): 1) go to the "Popular Pages" dropdown menu on the far right and look for "Okeechobee Waterway Webcam," 2) go to the "Engineering Division" or 3) "This effort is important to improve awareness of the conditions at these spillways for residents, mariners and others affected by or interested in the water control efforts at Lake Okeechobee," said Jackson-

ville District Commander Col. Al Pantano. The Moore Haven and Port Mayaca spillways are the main outlets for Lake Okeechobee releases.

The cameras will broadcast live with a five minute delay.

Other real-time information such as Lake Okeechobee levels and daily operational reports is also available on the District's Web site.

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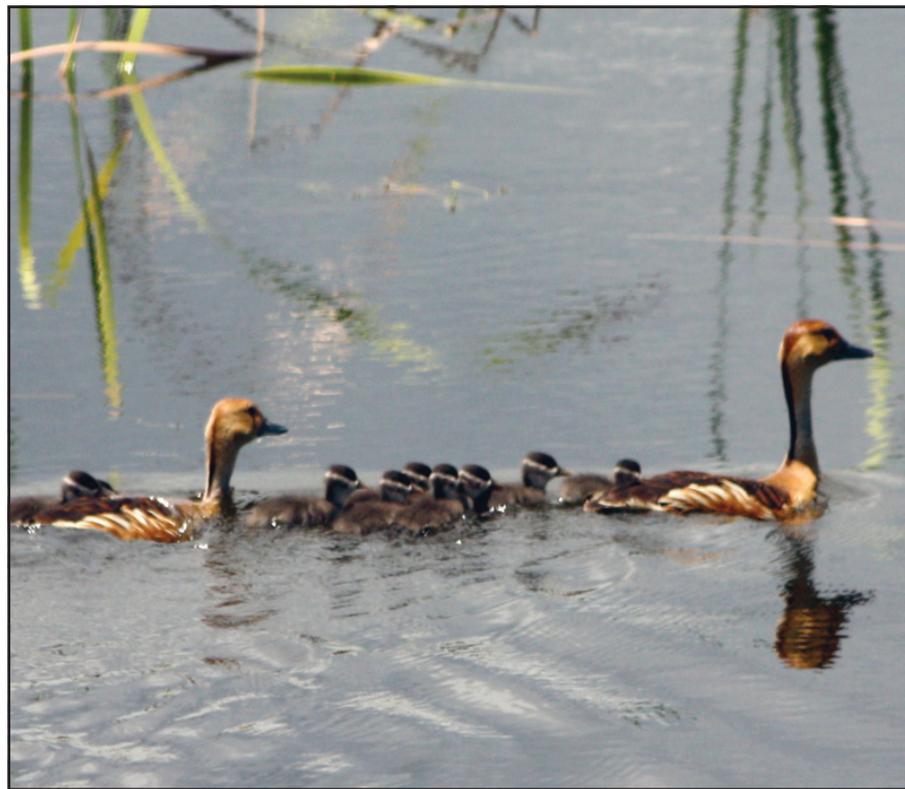
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Tell me a story

Dell Schlaht and Brenda Goodwin were quite entertaining, as guests of Barron Library's Summer Story Time on Tuesday, June 22. Children enjoyed the rhymes and stories as told by Caryo Crayon (Brenda Goodwin). She taught how important it is to be content with who you are and to include others in your circle of friends. Ms. Dell shared the book, *The Giving Tree*, then encouraged each child to find a book and a partner. They were to tell a story to each other from the pictures in the book. Children can read books through pictures, before ever learning what each word says. At the next program on Tuesday, July 6, Mrs. Barbara Tillis and Miss Marlena Herrera will be teaching children what makes popcorn pop and how it is grown. Children will also learn about apple trees and to make apple art. Please note that Barron Library will be closed Monday, July 5th, in honor of Independence Day.



Submitted photo/Kim Willis

Nature at its best

Fifteen nature enthusiasts participated in the June 19 trip to Stormwater Treatment Area 5. The group identified some 48 species on the walk, such as this Fulvous Whistling Duck and chicks. The next trip is planned for July 17. Reservations required. For information contact Margaret England at sta5-birding@embarqmail.com or www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.

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