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At a Glance

Chamber news

The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce has new summer hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-noon.

Get small business info

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Olde Cypress sold

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Bridge closing affects life and travel

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

With the LaBelle Bridge closed for repairs since July 5, life has changed for residents and out-of-towners alike. As expected, the closure has drawn complaints.

Getting across the river has become a real challenge on a daily basis for many residents who just want to get to work on time or whose work requires them to cross the bridge numer-

ous times a day.

The bridge has been in use for about 50 years. Most people realize that such a substantial mechanism requires extensive maintenance to keep it operating and safe. No new bridge is anticipated for at least 20 years.

Aside from the extra drive time and expense, most complaints have been about signage. Mainly, complaints center around not enough signage. Out-of-towners especially have been confused about the detour.

Vandals have been responsible for some sign destruction, according to Florida Department of Transportation spokesperson Debbie Tower. A detour sign just north of the bridge, at the intersection of SR 29 and CR 78, has spent a fair amount of time in the ditch. Unsure whether this has been due to weather conditions or vandals, Ms. Tower said workers have moved the sign and added more sandbags to

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Memorial coming together

LaBelle's Veterans Memorial arch got some finishing touches just in time for the Third Annual Fallen Heroes Benefit honoring LaBelle servicemen Staff Sgt. Chris Strickland, killed June 2008 in Afghanistan, and CWO Robert Hammett, killed in Iraq also in June 2008. A color guard ceremony will be held at the memorial Saturday, July 24, at 9 a.m., followed by a pork dinner and entertainment at American Legion Post 130. Proceeds will help to complete the memorial. All material and labor for the archway at Veterans Memorial Park was donated by Michael Cox of MC Ventures here in LaBelle.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Variable Message Signs in the vicinity of Fort Denaud could be misinterpreted by truckers.

Bike event, market ideas may boost economy

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Bikers are everywhere. They come from all walks of life and economic levels, education and career backgrounds. They just love the road.

And bikers are big business, with major bike events all over bringing in much needed income - especially these days.

American Legion Post 130 Legion Riders are cooking up a special one-day bike event for LaBelle

and the city is looking favorably at the proposal, hoping it will give the town's businesses a shot in the arm.

American Legion Post 130 Legion Riders Director Ray Levant explained that the organization's plan is a work in progress, but it would be similar to this past year's mini-event at the Swamp Cabbage Festival. They want to make LaBelle's event distinctive - and hopefully annual.

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This year's SCF bike event was a good fit in the Lee St. neighborhood. The mayor said the Legion Riders proved themselves to him with that event.

The event goal is to complete the new Veterans Memorial Park across from the Courthouse. Veteran's groups are still \$25,000 short on the project. They have sold a little over 100 memorial bricks at this point. Several will be placed at the memorial during a special Hometown Hero ceremony Saturday, July 24. Several special raffles and a silent auction will part of the day as well. A number of nice donations have also helped get the park to its current point. Still lacking is the center point - a granite monument engraved with figures representing all branches of the military.

The Legion Riders are making plans to accommodate vendors at the bike event.

Bridge

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make it more stable. Some signs have been knocked over or spray painted, she said.

A Variable Message Board (VMB) at Fort Denaud Bridge may be misinterpreted by some truckers. Although the sign reads "Trucks over 5 tons use detour SR 29N," it is intended that large heavy truck use the detour for SR 29, not use SR 29. Ms. Tower also said DOT is looking into some signage on CR 720 in Muse for traffic headed east.

Of course, some folks not familiar with the area just get lost in trying to find the Fort Denaud Bridge.

The LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Sara Townsend said she has received a number of complaints about a lack of signage.

However, she feels often its just that people are not paying attention. One Naples motorist just simply did not see the detour signs on SR 29S, she said.

All the traffic and road noise is also trying for residents used to a pretty quiet neighborhood. Greg Miners said the traffic disturbs his son's sleep at night and wakes him up early in the morning. It also makes pulling out of your driveway a challenge, he added.

The sheriff's office conducted a survey of traffic on the 2600 Block of Fort Denaud Road. A radar unit mounted on a pole has provided an overview of traffic going over the old swing bridge.

On Saturday, July 10, 5,442 vehicles passed through the Fort Denaud Road area in a 24-hour period.

Chief Deputy Kevin Nelson said the minimum speed of vehicles was 11 mph, the maximum 73 mph. The speed limit through

Access will be along Lee Street.

For the city the major issue in such projects has always been the sale of alcohol. However, Mayor Paul Puletti said he was impressed with the "tone and tenor" of the SCF event, and so was inclined to give this event a chance. He is hopeful that such an event can help LaBelle's economy by bringing in money from the outside. Commissioner Dave Lyons also supported the project, but feels local businesses need to be protected. From the audience, resident Candy Alvarez said the Sanford Bike Festival has a positive affect on local businesses as well as those just in town for the event.

Those speaking for the event said other cities with similar events have experienced a surge in sales for local businesses as well. One in Sebring brings in 4,000-5,000 bikers, organizers said, and there are very few problems. The Fort Myers event draws over 4,000; and some 1,5000 were at SCF.

City Planner Shellie Johnson told the commission that special events like the Hendry County Economic Development Council and Chamber of Commerce LaBelle's Night

Out last March may be permitted to serve alcohol and that a review of the proposal must be developed that includes fire access and public safety. Forrey's served wine and beer at its booth under its restaurant license. The board agreed that beer sales and consumption needs to be contained, possibly at the beer tent or on the tennis courts.

Mayor Puletti summed it up this way: "It could be really nice or a real mess. We won't know until we do it."

Mr. Leventhal said the sheriff's office is "on board" with the plan and explained that beer may be a draw but the safety of the town is what's important.

Commissioner Lyons said he likes the concept, but that there may be too many bikers for the town to handle and local businesses could lose sales to outsiders.

Mayor Puletti said the city needs to take

a step forward and see what happens, adding, "It's a good economic move."

The commission tentatively approved Bike Night for Oct. 9

Farmers Market

Mayor Puletti also announced that he is working on initiating a Farmers Market type event for October and November as a way to introduce additional income into the city. He proposes that the city rope off Fort Thompson Ave., like was done for LaBelle's Night Out, and local people be allowed to set up booths selling produce and similar items. All items would have to be certified Florida or local products to be sold there. Products could include things like home-made jellies and jams, but it would not be a flea market event.

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there is 35 mph. The average speed was 38.8 mph; the 50th percentile was 39 mph; and the 85th percentile was 44 mph.

Figures for the days leading up to July 10 are very similar. However, on July 7, there were just 2,562 vehicles traveling that road. Minimum speed was 11 mph; maximum 67 mph and average speed 38.9 mph. The 50th percentile was 39 mph and the 85th percentile 44 mph.

Ms. Tower said DOT is willing to listen to complaints or issues. She said no boat traffic has been affected by the closing at this time.

About midway through the closure, she said work is going well - on track for completion August 8 and that the public's patience is appreciated.

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Submitted photo

Deputy resigns after arrest

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Former Hendry County Deputy Timothy Niedert has resigned from the sheriff's office after being arrested in Lee County for a DUI on July 7. It was his second. His first was in the early '90s.

He had worked for Hendry County for six years. Coming on as a certified corrections officer and eventually becoming a road patrol officer.

HCSO policy dictates that any officer arrested or even receiving a citation is required

to notify the sheriff by memo of the situation.

In a criminal case like DUI, which is a misdemeanor, the officer is placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the case as well as an internal investigation.

"He was a good deputy who made a big mistake," Chief Deputy Kevin Nelson said, adding that it was a shame. Had he not resigned, the chief deputy said he would have been dealt with severely. Fired, in fact, according to policy. "Deputies must be held to a higher standard," he commented.

Arrests

LaBelle

Tremayne Omar Johnson, 21, was arrested July 14 and charged with aggravated battery - offender knew/should have know the victim was pregnant. Sgt. Olvera was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Shaveeta Cooksey, 23, was arrested July 18 and charged with aggravated battery cause bodily harm or disability. Deputy Richardson was arresting officer.

Latosha Latisha Spaulding, 28, was arrested July 18 and charged with aggravated battery cause bodily harm or disability. Deputy Richardson was arresting officer.

Timothy Blyth, 17, was arrested July 18 and charged with aggravated battery cause bodily harm or disability. B. Van Fleet was arresting officer.

Sim Putmon, 21, was arrested July 14 and charged with domestic battery by strangulation and burglary with assault or battery. CPD Officer M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Rhafiki M. Odom, 15, was arrested July 14 and charged with simple assault, battery on an officer, firefighter, EMT, etc. and resisting arrest/obstruction without violence. D. Bolt was arresting officer.

Miguel Soto Najera, 46, was arrested July 13 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. L. Richardson was arresting officer.

Odexter Freeman Jr., 31, was arrested July 14 and charged with cocaine - sell within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, business schedule II. CPD Curtis Clay was arresting officer.

I would like to thank the people of LaBelle for the opportunity you have given me to represent you as your District 3 School Board Member. As you know we are going through a very trying economical time in our country and even worse in our area with the unemployment rate among the highest in the nation. Please rest assured that although we are feeling the effects of that with budget cut after budget cut coming down from Tallahassee to our school district, we have a staff of well qualified and dedicated instructional and non-instructional employees here in Hendry County who will do their best to continue to educate, train and prepare our students to be and do whatever God has for their futures. We also have a School Board dedicated to work as hard as needed to help us get through these times and into a bright future.

Again I thank you and promise to serve you, if God allows, for another 4 years with honesty, dedication and commitment to the youth of our great community. May God Bless you and all our schools in Hendry County, Pat Langford

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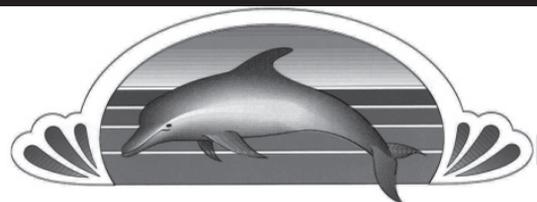
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Ten things God won't ask on that very special day

By **Les Morgan, pastor**
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. However, He may ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house. He will be more interested in asking you how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, dresser or storage area. Chances are good He'll ask how many you

helped to clothe.

4. God won't ask what your highest salary was. There is a very good reason that He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had. He will not be afraid to ask you how many people you were a friend to, despite their economic status, social standing and ability to promote, enhance or elevate you.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood

you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors. After all, Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself is the second greatest commandment of them all. The first is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind soul, and strength.

8. God won't ask about the color of your skin. Everyone is aware of that just by a cursory look at you. However, He will ask about the content of

your character.

9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He will address the issue of whether you received the offer of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, or if you arrogantly flipped Him off while making light of His ultimate sacrifice.

10. God won't have to ask how many people with whom you shared Christ. He will already know that.

* *Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church located in LaBelle on Highway 80.*



Dr. Les Morgan

Dengue Fever – It's near us!

By **Pat Dobbins**

You've probably heard stories in the news lately about Dengue fever. It has re-entered the United States after an absence of 65 years. There have been reported cases in Key West and now a suspected case is being investigated in Miami-Dade.

This potentially serious, mosquito-borne illness had once disappeared from the United States. Locally transmitted cases haven't been reported in Florida since the 1930s. Any cases in Florida since then have been found in people who traveled outside the United States, but more recently, the new cases have been found in people who haven't left our borders. The Florida Department of Health says that in 2009 there were 27 confirmed cases of dengue fever in Key West. Then in May 2010, dengue fever reappeared in Key West and so far there are 16 confirmed cases.

The disease causes symptoms similar to the flu, including a sudden fever with headache, joint and muscle pain, severe pain behind the eyes, and skin rashes. Nausea and diarrhea can also occur.

According to Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments, dengue fever is not spread from person to person and is seldom fatal except to the very young and the



Patricia Dobbins

elderly who may have other health conditions. Additionally, Pat warns people to avoid mosquitoes by wearing protective clothing, use insect repellent and use the 5 D's for protection.

- Dusk and Dawn – 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. Empty and refill bird baths, pet water dishes, etc. on a weekly basis, because most mosquitoes only need a week to breed!

There is no specific medication for dengue but the CDC says people who think they may have dengue should consult their healthcare provider, use pain relievers with acetaminophen and avoid pain relievers which contain ibuprofen, naproxen or aspirin. They should rest, drink plenty of fluids and avoid mosquito bites to prevent spread of the disease.

Outbreaks occur primarily in areas where certain types of mosquitoes live. This includes most tropical urban areas of the world. Dengue viruses may be introduced into areas by travelers who become infected while visiting other areas of the tropics where dengue commonly exists.

Letter to the Editor

I Believe

One of my dad's well-worn expressions was "There are two things in life you can't avoid. Death and taxes." I may not have believed and appreciated the truth in this statement then, but I certainly do now. Two other truisms form a major portion of my life's philosophy and they have almost exclusively guided me to this point in my life. One is my belief that a birth certificate shows that we were born, and a death certificate shows that we have died, With all the other documents, declarations, narrations and communications I have perused, these two dominate as the foundation of my existence, and serve as a reminder of the tenuous stay on earth.

I believe that just because two people disagree, it doesn't mean they can't respect each other, and just because they do agree doesn't necessarily mean they do respect each other. Believing that if we understand that people can change, it is not necessarily so that we have to change to continue the relationship. I believe that no matter how good a relationship might be, there are going to be disagreements that we must work through. I believe that a true relationship continues to flourish and grow, even over extended exposure and time. The same goes for true love.

I believe that you can do something in a knee-jerk reaction minute that you can live to regret the rest of your life. I am convinced that it has taken me my entire life to continue to be the person I have always wanted to be. In support of that, I believe you can keep going a lot longer than you thought

you could. The responsibility for our actions must always take precedent over how we feel. I believe that we must control our attitudes or they will control us. Heroes to me are the people who do whatever has to be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences. I believe that a truly best friend and I can do anything or nothing and still have a good time. Strangely enough, sometimes the people who we expect to kick us when we're down, are the first ones there to help us back up.

Anger is a right, sometimes, but it never gives me the right to be cruel.

I believe that maturity is the result of your experiences. What you've learned from them, rather than how many birthdays you've had. It isn't always enough to be forgiven by others, sometimes you have to learn how to forgive yourself. No matter how bad your heart is broken, I have learned the world does not stop for our griefs. I believe that when you think you have no more to give, when the family or a friend cries out, you find the strength to help. Too often the people you care most about are taken away too soon. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the most of everything, they make the most of what they have.

With all of these beliefs, on a serious, without precedent, review of what's happening in our nation today, I leave you with this bedrock observation belief. "That our lives can and are being changed, in a matter of hours, by people who don't even know us, or care about us!"

T.W. "Bill" Neville
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Olde Cypress fails, acquired by CenterState

Local bank assumed by the government, then transferred to winning bidder

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
The Clewiston News

CenterState Bank found out it had acquired Olde Cypress Bank and its branches just two days before its president and a room full of FDIC representatives came down to Clewiston and delivered the news to employees.

What had occurred is simple: Olde Cypress was taken over by the federal government, more specifically by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Office of Thrift Supervision, and was just as quickly transferred over to CenterState.

In an event that is happening more and more around the country, the bank had failed, and here was another coming in to assume all of that former company's assets and liabilities.

At 6 p.m. last Friday, the change was official, and CenterState representatives met with their new employees, assuring them they would all keep their jobs, and explaining the transition. The next day, employees answered calls with: "Good afternoon Olde Cypress Bank, a division of CenterState Bank, how may I help you?"

CenterState

CenterState bank is based in Winter Haven and has locations in Leesburg, Lake Wales, Okeechobee, and now Clewiston. John Corbett, its president and CEO, describes the company as a "small town community bank."

"You won't find us in downtown Miami, or Orlando, or Jacksonville," he said.

As far as the company's plans to expand to Clewiston, Mr. Williams said it just made sense and follows the company's mission in catering to those smaller communities around the state.

Additionally, the company recently brought in John Williams, who will be heading the Olde Cypress locations in Hendry County from Okeechobee.

Addressing questions of whether depositors doing business with Olde Cypress should be concerned about the acquisition,

Mr. Corbett and Mr. Williams both pointed to CenterState's five-star superior rating by Bauer Financial as proof that the new venture will not fail any time soon.

"We're a very strong bank financially," said Mr. Corbett. "Not a single deposit will lose a penny. I think people understand this now."

This is not the bank's first acquisition of a failed bank. According to the CEO, CenterState acquired the Ocala National Bank in January of 2009, as well.

How locals will be affected

According to Mr. Corbett, there was very little activity on Saturday once word got out that Olde Cypress had been acquired by another bank. People were not rushing to pull their accounts from the bank.

The transition from one bank to the other should be a seamless one for both customers and employees, the leadership team assured. No employee lost his or her job as a result of the change, and though there may be some structural changes made later -- Mr. Williams said he will focus on those possibilities at a later point -- customers will continue banking the way they have been.

"It's a lot simpler than people realize. They'll keep writing checks, using their debit cards like they do, everything stays status quo," said Mr. Corbett.

No changes will be made until October 1, promised Mr. Williams. That is when he expects CenterState to begin implementing changes once it has had a chance to properly review the company's operations.

"I don't have any idea how many people we'll have October 1," Mr. Williams said.

The CEO could not say when or if the Olde Cypress name will be changed, and said that the focus now was on continuing operations. He said CenterState didn't have the luxury of time in planning a careful acquisition and did in two or three days what would normally take months.

CenterState had bid on the prospect along with other banks, after the FDIC issued the prospect, but did not hear back on the bid until a few days before the acquisition was to be done.

According to Mr. Williams, early reservations on the part of employees were eased after the announcement.

"They've been under a lot of stress the

last several months," said Mr. Williams of the employees. "As hard as it is to have your bank fail, now that it has, we can say," we are a five-star bank.

Mr. Williams is looking forward to CenterState delving more into broad-based commercial banking, offering more incentives to local businesses to come on board as clients.

"I think the response has been great," said Mr. Williams.

Mr. Corbett agreed.

"Now they have the confidence that they're customers of one of the strongest banks in Florida."



Richard and Roberta

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Roberta Reynolds were married at College Park United Methodist Church on June 18, 1960 in College Park, Maryland.

They were surprised with a party of approximately 120 family and friends at Flora and Ella's on June 18, 2010. Family came in from Wisconsin, Maine, Virginia, Maryland, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida. The next day on the 19th about half that number gathered at Wiggins Pass for a beach picnic. Their children Victoria, Christina and Richard have been working on this surprise for over a year and were very surprised that the secret was kept from their parents until the evening of the party.

Richard and Roberts would like to thank everyone, family and friends, for their well wishes, cards and gifts. "It will be a moment in time we will never forget."

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Church Briefs

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.

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.

Clothing for donations

The Church of God of Prophecy Moore Haven, on the corner of 7th and E St., is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Everything for donations - all good clean clothes, Donations also accepted. All to help build up the church.

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Helpful hands

Eleven-year-old Anthony Saitta of Pembroke Pines used some of his vacation time very generously last week. Spending a week with his grandparents in LaBelle, Joshua and Ruth Morales, both volunteers at the Salvation Army, Anthony figured out a way to help too. He made a sign for the free bread giveaway at the Salvation Army on Thursdays - English on one side, Spanish on the other - and stood out in the heat to advertise it to passersby.

Obituaries

Jimmy Renter Molina, 81

LEHIGH ACRES — Jimmy Renter Molina, age 81, of Lehigh Acres, passed away July 15, 2010, in Lehigh Acres.

He was born Sept. 9, 1928, in Hachita, N.M., to Aurlio and Petra Molina. Jimmy was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired as SFC. He was awarded The Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. Jimmy lived in Lehigh Acres since 2000 and was a former resident of LaBelle and Homestead. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita R. Molina; step daughters, Kathy Hoffman of Cranberry Township, Pa., and Barbara Nasralla of Boca Raton; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Molina.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010, in the Chapel at Hope Hospice, 1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres with Chaplain Chuck

Wester officiating.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Virginia Lou Walter, 80

LABELLE — Virginia Lou Walter, age 80, of LaBelle, passed away July 18, 2010, in Lehigh Acres.

She was born July 31, 1929, in Oblong, Ill., daughter of the late Harlan and the late Frances (Frasier) Johnson. Virginia worked as a school teacher until retirement. She was a resident of LaBelle since 1993. She was active in the Moose Lodge and volunteered at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, The Barron Library and the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her son, Timothy Alan (Bridget) Walter of LaBelle and was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Walter.

Cremation was at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

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Dance, dance, dance

The Country Rhythm cloggers put on two outstanding shows at Paramount's King's Dominion in Virginia June 26-27. Nineteen members of the Country Rhythm Clogging team represented LaBelle at Paramount's theme park, King's Dominion in Doswell, Virginia. After their performances they enjoyed exploring the park and riding the rides. Clogging team members performing were, front row: Mykah Anderson, Aden Moore, Sara Moore. Back row: Wolfgang Lynn, Katie Fromm, Britney Whitman, Abby Arnold, Amber Golden, Darian Leschewski, Maddy Lofton, Maura Lofton, Charlie Lynn, Shelby French, Myaa Barnhart, Miesha Stallings, Jesse Whitman, Brooke White, Shelby Williams and Meghan Martin. Snoopy decided he wanted to be in the photograph too! The cloggers are under the direction of Pat Bedingfield, and Assistant Jesse Whitman. If you would like to clog sign up at LaBelle Dance Studio across from the Caloosa Belle, Monday-Thursday at 5:15 p.m. or call 863-673-5054 for more information. Next summer the Country Rhythm Cloggers will be performing at Disney World in Orlando.

CHAMBER NEWS

by Sara Townsend

Greetings All

I know things have been extra hard for downtown LaBelle this summer. I see how the traffic has slowed down, people are lost, and no foot traffic has put a strain on most businesses in the Historic District.

I have had an enormous amount of calls on how the detours have made things so confusing and how hard it is to find some businesses. Please know if you are a Chamber member I have sent them your way! Your Chamber benefits your business in several different ways. First: we are the first stop new visitors and residents make to see who is a member and where to find each business. Most individuals use the Chamber Office as they would a Better Business Bureau. Questions like "Who is who and What do you think?" are asked most.

Chamber members are given priority over any other business.

If you are no longer a Chamber member or would like to become one, please call 863-675-0125 to get full details on how we may help you.

The LaBelle Chamber is proud to welcome the following new members:

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vice, Inc. LaBelle, 863-675-5919;

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Happy photo snapper

Tammy Watkins, Director of Universe All Star competitive cheerleaders, cheerfully accepted the gift certificate from Forrey's Grill. Restaurant Manager Matt Germaine was just as happy to present the prize for the best sports photo submitted to the Caloosa Belle's online LaBelle Sports Network. The winning photo on the right of the Universe All Star Cheerleaders.

Interest in Sports Network grows

Interest in the LaBelle Sports Network (LSN) continues to grow. With the local youth baseball and softball seasons kick off, LSN is excited to announce a Community Share Program in which leagues can earn money simply by submitting their results to our Web site.

Now you can watch the plays on the LaBelle Sports Network through a convenient online Sports Wire tool in which leagues, organizations, schools and individuals can submit their news.

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

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

If you would like to add an Outstanding Play, Outstanding Performance or Blooper to LSN, select the "Sports Wire" tab at the top of the page and access "Add a new Sports Wire" link. Select "Outstanding Play, Performance or Blooper." Input the required information and click "Submit" when finished.

Registration is required, and all Outstanding Plays, Outstanding Performances and Bloopers must be approved by a Sports Editor.

LSN rewards the coaches, leagues and organizations that use the site. Under the Community Share Program, 20 cents from every dollar coming from local LSN Web site advertising will be shared with the participating organizations of LSN. Points are earned each time an organization submits results to LSN. At month's end, the points earned will be tallied and each participating organization or league will receive its share of the revenue, to be distributed on a quarterly basis.

Each participating organization will receive some share. In addition, if you refer a local business that becomes a sponsor, 10 percent of that advertiser's monthly fee goes directly to your organization. And, your group will continue to earn points toward that advertiser's remaining 10 percent of the Community Share monthly pool.

Organizations interested in joining LSN should contact Renee Hawley at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call 1-888-853-7904, ext. 226. LSN can be accessed by visiting www.newspap.com, clicking on your community tab, highlighting "Sports" on the upper right part of the page and clicking on "LaBelle Sports Network."

The community share sponsors that we would like to thank for LSN include Forrey Grill, Langford Ford, New Horizons, Nisbet Enterprises, Randy's Garage and U-Save Supermarket.

Universe All-Star Cheer and Dance provides summer camp

The competitive cheer and dance season will not begin for four months, and the summer heat in Florida provides a good excuse for relaxing indoors, but that isn't stopping Universe All-Star Cheer and Dance in LaBelle from staying on target.

"We run year-round, and even though we're not quite as active in the summer months as we are the rest of the year, we stay active and prepare for the upcoming season," said Director Tammy Watkins. "We're a non-profit and it's been a struggle the past couple of years due to the economy, but the kids are still interested in competitive cheer and tumbling, and we want to give them a place where they can pursue those activities."

Currently, Universe All-Star Cheer and Dance is conducting a Summer Camp for girls and boys ages 3-18. Every day is water day, and the kids also participate in bas-

ketball and crafts, and enjoy movies, snow cones and popcorn. The cost is \$50 per week, with snacks and lunches included.

Once the summer is over, Universe All-Star Cheer and Dance will offer an after-school camp for boys and girls. Buses from Hendry County schools and West Glades School will drop kids off at the organization's gymnasium (110 S. Industrial Loop Road in LaBelle). The cost is \$40 per week and includes snacks.

The 2010-11 season will begin in August. Those interested in signing up for cheerleading or tumbling classes may do so at the gym. Competitions, some of which are held in Fort Myers, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Tampa and Orlando, will begin in late November and run through April or May.

To learn more about Universe All-Star Cheer and Dance, call 863-673-1197.

Sport Shorts

Get Pop Warner physicals

Physicals will be conducted on Monday, July 26, from 5-7 p.m. at Davis Pratt Locker Room. All participants must have a physical before practices start August 2. Also for those who have not turned in an original and copy of birth certificate, school wallet size picture and last report card, please do so. You may contact Debbie Alexander, (863) 673-4643 or email at debbie_w_alexander@yahoo.com.

LHS Football Camp opens way to 2010 football season!

Head Coach Hal Bennett would like to announce that the LaBelle High School Cowboys will be holding a football camp of their own to begin the season. This football camp is for 9-12th graders. Check-in to the camp will be August 4 from 7-9:00 p.m. at the entrance to the gymnasium at LHS. The camp will run from August 4-9. Anyone interested must have a FHSAA physical form and parent consent form that can be obtained at the front office of LHS or online at www.fhsaa.org. For more information please contact Head Football Coach Hal Bennett at (863)673-1688, or by email at benneth@hendry.k12.fl.us. Coach Bennett would also

like to announce that mandatory 2-a-day practices will begin Monday, August 9, and will go through Friday, August 13. Regular practices will begin Monday, August 16.

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 month of 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.

Jr. Pee parent, coach meeting

Attention parents of Junior PeeWee football players. The coaches are requesting a coach/parent/team meeting before the first practice starts. It is necessary for your attendance at this meeting on August 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Davis-Pratt Field.

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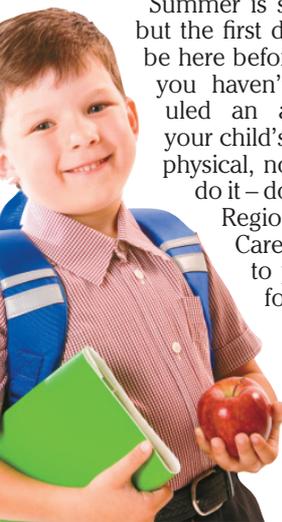
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It's Time for School Physicals

By Glenda Wilson



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Often, school physical exams dates are the only times throughout the year that children visit a medical facility. We suggest using the

yearly school physical as an opportunity to build and add to a child's complete medical history. This can help ensure that the youngster's progress and development over time are monitored and that potential emerging problems are detected.

Don't get caught up in the last minute rush, schedule physicals for your school-aged children today. Call the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center at 863-675-2356.



Submitted photos

"Nemis" the snake visits Barron Library

(LaBelle FL, July 19, 2010) -- When people hear the word "Python" they usually think "Giant Killer Snake", however, those attending Barron's Summer Story Time last Tuesday, learned differently. Ball pythons only grow to be three to six feet in length and most of them are easily tamed. "Nemis" is a ball python who visited Barron Library with her owner Ms. Shirley Reynold, on Tuesday, July 13. Ms. Reynold shared interesting facts about pythons with the children, who ask some great questions, then took the opportunity to pet "Nemis." Most discovered that the snake felt much different than they expected. Ms. Reynold is employed by the Clewiston Public Library.

Representatives from the Hendry County Health Department will be at Barron on Tuesday, July 27, to teach children about the benefits of exercise.

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Cutting Edge Hair Salon owner Sandy Golemme is open for business at her new location, 27 Fort Thompson Ave. Pictured from left: stylist Debra Durrance, Sandy's 12-year-old daughter Meghan Golemme, who is helping at the shop over the summer, and Sandy.

Cutting Edge Salon relocates

Looking your best is a big part of feeling your best - which is big part of doing your best! The folks at Cutting Edge Hair Salon hope you'll think of them when you're ready for a change or just want to maintain your look.

Owner Sandy Golemme has been a hairdresser since 1991 and opened Cutting Edge at 375 N. Main Street in 2007. She just moved the shop to 27 Fort Thompson Ave., next to Bridget Street Coffee House, over Memorial Day weekend.

Cutting Edge stylist Debra Durrance has 30 years of experience and said she likes all aspects of her profession.

Sandy and Debra invite you to come out to Cutting Edge for the latest in perms, color, waxing, nails and pedicures. They also offer hair care products including Chi, Matrix and

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Got that special occasion coming up? Call for an after hours appointment to look your very best. Walk-ins welcome.

Serious stylists, Sandy and Debra always keep up to date with the latest styles through the internet and at industry shows.

Sandy would like to thank everyone who provided their time, talent and hard work to move and set up the shop. She especially wants to thank her husband, Billy Golemme, brother and sister-in-law Danny, Randi and Danielle Golemme, mom Susan Nelson and handyman Ron Pitts.

Cutting Edge is open 9-5 Tuesday-Friday and 9-2 Saturday. Call 675-7411.

Corps adjusts lake releases

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – In accordance with the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (2008 LORS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District adjusted water releases from Lake Okeechobee beginning July 11.

The 12-day release has a target flow to the St. Lucie Estuary, measured at St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80), of 1,800 cubic feet per second (cfs). The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary is 4,000 cfs. Flows to the west will be measured at the Moore Haven Lock and Dam (S-77), which is located east of the previous measuring point, the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79). The releases will be made in pulses that resemble the pattern of runoff resulting from a natural rainfall event.

“Over the past 10 days, we delivered reduced releases to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries - 200 cfs and 450 cfs, respectively, and according to the 2008 LORS,” said Lt. Col. Michael Kinard, Jacksonville District Deputy for South Florida. “The reduced flows were due to improved evaporation/transpiration during the month of June, dryer tributary conditions, and predictions of less rainfall, even though water levels in Lake Okeechobee remained approximately a foot and a half above the preferred level. Recent rainfall over the lake and surrounding basins, however, has raised the lake level almost six inches in one week. The forecast

is for increased precipitation. These changes have prompted us to increase the releases again to protect the Herbert Hoover Dike, free-up capacity for more rain and potential tropical storms, and to keep from having to make larger releases later.

The Corps strives to maintain the lake between 12.5 and 15.5 NGVD. Normally, at the beginning of the wet season, the lake level is on a downward trend toward the lower end of the management range. This provides capacity in the lake for precipitation and basin runoff expected during the wet season. System conditions are closely monitored. At this time, conditions are wet throughout most of south Florida, and there is no significant storage capacity available in other area of the regional system.

For more information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee and the Central and Southern Florida Project, visit the Corps' water management page at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Engineering/Branches/Water-Resources/WaterMgt/index.htm>. For questions and inquires, please contact Nanciann Regalado at 904.334.8954 (mobile) or nanciann.e.regalado@usace.army.mil



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Community Brief

Audition for Firehouse Cener

The Firehouse Cultural Center, a community theatre located in LaBelle, is beginning its 18th season and will be holding auditions Saturday, July 24, at 2 p.m. and Monday, July 26, at 6 p.m. If you are an aspiring actor/actress or would like to try community theatre, this is your chance. We need males and females of all ages! If acting is not your thing, but would like to help behind the scenes, please plan to attend as well. We are located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle. For directions or more information, Please email us at www.firehouseculturalcenter@yahoo.com or visit our web at www.firehouseculturalcenter.com.

GOP headquarters open

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting for reviewing and ranking the responses to Bid # 2010-23, Demolition and Removal of the Hendry County Sub Office, Clewiston. It will be held on July 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room A-118, 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 360741 CB/CN 7/22/10

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Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on July 26th beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the 2010-2011 county budgets. The workshop shall continue until adjourned and may be recessed from time to time.
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Clewiston, FL - A meeting of the **Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group** has been scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., at the Pioneer Community Center located at 910 Panama Ave; Clewiston, FL. The LMS strives to lessen the human, environmental, and economic costs of disasters through hazard mitigation. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440
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.
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Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., on August 16th, 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:

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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 Addendums the Architect may issue thereto, bidder information qualification, site utilization plan, schedule and bid instructions. Contract documents will be available for review and downloading beginning July 21, 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 July 27th, 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 08-1061-CA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, Plaintiff
vs.
ROBERT L. MCINTOSH and **JOY A. MCINTOSH**, husband and wife; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 14, 2010, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as:

Lot 8 and the West 1/2 of Lot 7, PALMDALE SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 13, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Property address: 80 Palmdale Avenue LaBelle, FL 33935

at public outcry to the highest and 360548 CGS 7/22,29/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262008CA000676XXXXXX
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff
vs.
TRANQUILING JIMENEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, MIN NO. 1001944-6000162448-5; PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-85L; BELEN CARDENAS DE JIMENEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 15, 2010, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000676XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5 is Plaintiff and TRANQUILING JIMENEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, MIN NO. 1001944-6000162448-5, PORT LA BELLE UNIT FOUR PROPERTY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER ASSUMPTION AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-85L; BELEN CARDENAS DE JIMENEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 at Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of August, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 14, BLOCK 2155, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 86, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 1700 MONROE STREET, 3RD FLOOR, PORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33901, TELEPHONE (863) 335-2299, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8770, VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE. **DATED** on July 15, 2010.

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NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF OLDE CYPRESS COMMUNITY BANK, CLEWISTON, FL ***Your Institution Has Been Closed***

****YOUR DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION****

On July 16, 2010 (the "Closing Date"), the Office of Thrift Supervision closed OLDE CYPRESS COMMUNITY BANK, CLEWISTON, FL, 33440 (the "Failed Institution"), and appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") as Receiver (the "Receiver"). The FDIC, which insures your deposits in its corporate capacity, arranged for the transfer of your insured deposit(s) ("deposits") at the Failed Institution to another insured depository institution, CenterState Bank of Florida, N.A., Winter Haven, FL, 33880 ("the New Institution"). This arrangement should minimize any inconvenience the closing of the Failed Institution may cause you. **Although you may leave your deposit(s) in the New Institution, you must take some action to claim ownership of your deposit(s).**

1. How to Claim Ownership of Your Deposits

Under federal law 12 U.S.C. Section 1822(e) you must claim ownership of your deposit(s) at the New Institution within eighteen (18) months from the Closing Date. If you do not claim your deposit(s) at the New Institution by January 16, 2012, your deposit(s) will be returned to the FDIC by the New Institution, and you may not be able to claim the deposit(s), except as described below in Section 2.

You may claim your deposit(s) at the New Institution by taking any of the following actions within 18 months from the Closing Date. If you have more than one deposit account, your action in claiming your deposit in one account will automatically claim your deposits in all of your accounts.

- Making a deposit to or withdrawal from your account(s). This includes writing a check on any account or having an automated direct deposit credited to or an automated withdrawal debited from any account;
- Executing a new signature card on your account(s), entering into a new deposit agreement with the New Institution, changing the ownership on your account(s), or renegotiating the terms of a certificate of deposit account;
- Providing the New Institution with a completed change of address form; or
- Writing to the New Institution and notifying it that you wish to keep your account(s) active. Please be sure to include in this notice the name(s) on the account(s), the account numbers, and the signature of an authorized signer on the account(s), with name and address.

You should know that bank drafts issued by the Failed Institution, including officer's checks, cashier's checks, money orders, dividend checks, interest checks, and expense checks, are all considered deposits and must be claimed within 18 months from the Closing Date.

2. Failure to Claim Ownership of Your Deposits within 18 Months

If you do not claim ownership of your deposit(s) at the New Institution within 18 months from the Closing Date, federal law, 12 U.S.C. Section 1822(e), requires the New Institution to return the deposit(s) to the FDIC and the FDIC to deliver the unclaimed deposit(s) as unclaimed property to the state listed in your address in the Failed Institution's records. If your address is outside of the United States, the FDIC is directed to deliver the unclaimed deposit(s) to the state in which the Failed Institution had its main office. If the state accepts custody of your deposit(s), you will have ten years from the date of delivery to claim your deposit(s) from the state in accordance with its unclaimed property laws. If you do not claim your deposit(s) from the state within the ten years, the funds will be returned to the FDIC, and you will be permanently barred from claiming your deposit(s). If the state declines to accept custody of your unclaimed deposit(s), you will be able to claim your deposit(s) directly from the FDIC until the receivership is terminated. However, please note that a receivership may be terminated at any time. Once the receivership is terminated, you will not be able to claim your deposit(s).

3. Your Deposit Relationship with the New Institution

The New Institution needs your correct address. If the address to which this notice has been addressed is no longer your current address, contact the New Institution to ensure that it has your correct address. Similarly, if you have not been receiving account statements, or you have changed your address, you should contact the New Institution. Remember, supplying a completed change of address form to the New Institution will serve to claim your deposit(s).

Your deposit agreement with the Failed Institution is no longer in force. The New Institution will determine the interest rate it will pay on your deposit(s) and will notify you of its rate structure and the terms of your new deposit agreement.

If you choose not to keep your deposit(s) at the New Institution, you may withdraw your deposit(s). As stated above, if you have more than one account, withdrawing money from any one of the accounts will serve to claim all of your deposits. If you have time deposits, such as certificates of deposit, please note that, in order to avoid interest penalties for early withdrawal, contact the New Institution immediately for information regarding withdrawals from your account(s).

If you have a loan with the Failed Institution, and you would like to discuss offsetting your insured and/or uninsured deposit(s) against the loan, you must contact the FDIC immediately.

4. Challenging Your Final Insurance Determination

In the event you disagree with the FDIC's determination of your insurance coverage as represented by the account(s) made available at the New Institution, you may seek a review of the FDIC's determination in the United States District Court for the federal judicial district where the principal place of business of the Failed Institution was located. **You must file your request for this review no later than 60 days after the date on which your deposit(s) became available to you at the New Institution. Filing a request for review will not prevent you from using the funds in your new account.**

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Community Briefs

Meet and greet candidates

The Muse Community Association presents Meet and Greet your candidates Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Muse Community Center on Loblolly Road (Hwy. 720). Candidates will present their platforms from US Senator, Governor, to local level government. Come out, get informed and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 674-0467.

Dems to meet in Clewiston

The Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet in the Harlem Community Public Library at 1010J Harlem Academy Avenue in Clewiston on Monday, July 26, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Chairman Joe Thomas says this will be the last Hendry County DEC meeting before the August 24 Primary Election. The public is welcome at this and all Hendry County Democratic Party meetings. Not all precincts currently have committee members, one male and one female, on the Hendry County DEC. Interested Hendry County Democrats are invited to become members whenever their precinct has a vacancy. All Democrats registered to vote in Hendry County can participate in discussion, but only Hendry County DEC members may vote on issues presented for consideration. For information, call Hendry County DEC Chair Joe Thomas at 863-612-0413 in LaBelle or Vice Chair Carol Griggs at 863-228-4210 in Clewiston.

Honor our veterans

VFW 10100 invites you to join them, along with the American Legion, DAV and Moose Lodge to honor our veterans on July 24. The celebration starts at Veterans Park at 9 a.m., followed by lunch at American Legion Post 130 at 11 a.m. \$6 tickets for lunch available at the door.

Quit smoking

Six nicotine replacement therapy classes, which include free gum, patches and lozenges for those that are eligible, will be held on Wednesdays beginning July 28, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hendry Convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street. To register or for more information contact Angelica Pena, ZSN Facilitator, 863-902-3019. Sponsored by Everglades Area Health Education Center.

All cancer survivors

Come to the Strength of Nutrition in Cancer Care event. Speaker Deborah Yates MS, RD, LD/N, District Manager SW Florida Nestle Healthcare Nutrition, Inc. Sponsored by Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer. Meet at Beef O'Brady's, 4460 Fowler at Colonial, next to Old Time Pottery in Fort Myers. Tuesday, July 27, 3 p.m.

For information please contact Nikki Yeager, RN at 239-564-2005 Nikki@NikkiYeager-Roser.com; Paul Roser, survivor Paul@Paul-Roser.com.

New shelter hours

The Caloosa Humane Society announces new hours for viewing and pet adoptions:

Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., Fri - 11 a.m.-4 p.m. ; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The shelter is closed Sunday and Monday and days of spay-neuter clinics. For more information call 675-0997 or visit the Web at www.dogncat.petfinder.com.

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 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. Upthegrove Elementary 11:15-12:15; Country Oaks 7:30-8 and 11:45-12:30; LaBelle High School 7:30-8 and 11:15-12:15.

Challenge: Buy a brick, honor a vet

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.

Garbage pick up change

Through August 8, residents north of the LaBelle Bridge will receive garbage pick up starting at 6 a.m. and residents south of the bridge will receive garbage pick up later than they are accustomed to. This change is due to the bridge closing. If you have any questions, please call the WSI office at 863-675-2481 or Hendry County at 675-5252.

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. If you would like to help, please let us know.

SCFC to meet

The Swamp Cabbage Festival Committee will be selecting a theme and poster design for the 2011 festival at its Monday, Aug. 22, 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.

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 12 weeks left until cool weather arrives. I prefer the latter because next week, there will be only 15 weeks left," he explains.

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.

Donate old cars

Now that summer is here people may be thinking of donating their old cars as part 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.

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.

Auxiliary serves meal

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

Reading a newspaper provides the opportunity to get involved in your community.

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School Briefs

Help a student

This year's "School Supply Giveaway" is coming up soon. The Hendry Support Personnel Association (HESPA) needs your help to make it a success. Just \$5 will provide a student with a book bag, paper, pencils, crayons, a ruler, scissors and folders. HESPA is hoping to hand out 2,000 bags this year. Donations are much needed. If you or your place of business would like to donate, please contact Crystal Kirtley 863-517-2386 or you can send your donations to HESPA, 1890 Phillips Rd, LaBelle, FL 33935. HESPA thanks you for your support.

Register for new Christian school

International Christian Academy, located at 233 Clark Street, is now accepting applications for registration, for the 2010-11 school year. 21st century technology will be integrated in the educational process. Every student will be assigned a new laptop computer with wireless ability. Space is limited. Tuition costs have been kept low to assist families of all socioeconomic circumstances. Your student may be able to qualify for a scholarship which pays up to 100 percent of tuition. If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, apply now at: www.step-upforstudents.org. For more information, please, contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112 or 863-675-ICA7 (4227).

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.

Speak up for kids

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

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 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

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 out until August 2.

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Fun at camp at New Bethel Missionary Baptist

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Kids from Ford/Sunset Park are having a ball this summer, the fourth year New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church has been home base for the event.

Pastor Rev. Alonzo McKenzie said they are averaging 30-35 kids every day, down from previous years - a direct result of the economy, he feels. Still, they continue to build the program. This year the camp has benefited from several employees through the Workforce Council.

The Summer Lunch Program ends July 30 and Pastor McKenzie is trying to figure out a way to keep the camp open for the few weeks till school starts without it.

Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The kids' day starts out with inspirational time, followed by either outside activities across the road at Kid Jones Park or time on the computers at the church's Sunday school. The computers help them work on their math and other educational skills. The kids are divided into age groups from five to 16 years old which rotate between the activities.

The kids are kept busy with field trips like swimming at the Immokalee Sports Complex, skating. They're looking forward to a trip in conjunction with South Florida Water Management with an environmental accent and an end of the season overnight trip to Key West.

The objective is to expand the children's horizons, Rev. McKenzie said. The LaBelle Kiwanis is a major sponsor of the summer camp.



Left: From inspirational time to computer fun and outside activities, Ford/Sunset Park Summer Camp kids are kept happy and busy. These kids take a moment from their morning inspirational time for a quick photo.

Top right: Playing ball has always been a favorite pastime for kids and campers at Ford/Sunset Park prove it still is. Bottom right: Computers always gets kids' attention. From educational activities to movies and games, they're always crowd pleasers. Kids at Ford/Sunset Park Summer Camp are using the computers there to their best advantage.

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

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WEDDING

MELINDA 'MINDY' WARD & AARON WILLIAMSON

Mike and Brenda Barnes-Felten are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Melinda "Mindy" Ward to Aaron Williamson, the son of Fred and Brenda Williamson. Aaron and Mindy were married on Saturday, June 26th at the Riverside Retreat in Fort Denaud with a panoramic view of the Caloosahatchee River. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Mike Felten. The wedding party included the groom's brother Fred Williamson as the Best Man and Brandy Gonzalez-Rodriguez as the Matron of Honor. The Groomsmen included the bride's brother, Edward Ward and also Nestor Gonzalez. The Bridesmaids included Vancheska Koch and Amanda Hudson. The Ring Bearer was the bride's nephew, Gavin Ward and the Flower Girl was the groom's niece, Shandy Williamson. The ceremony was performed by Helen Mead and a lunch reception was catered by Cassie's Cracker Cookin' N Caterin'. Mindy is a graduate of LaBelle High School, is currently a student with Edison



State College, and is employed by Winn Dixie in LaBelle. Aaron is a graduate of LaBelle High School and is currently employed by RAC in Ft. Myers. The couple honeymooned at Ft. Myers Beach and will reside in LaBelle.