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At a Glance

Swamp Stomp looking for logo

The Swamp Cabbage Festival Swamp Stomp 5K Race Committee is looking for a bright new logo. All artists are invited to come up with a fun new drawing for the T-shirt and all official purposes. Black and white preferred - picture only.

Deadline is Sept. 1. E-mail your entry to: boonedog73@yahoo.com or drop it off to Kelly at the Caloosa Humane Society, 1200 Pratt Blvd. For questions, call Kelly at 674-1906.

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

If you missed the session in LaBelle, you'll want to attend lunch to meet the staff and to hear about the SBDC, its programs and services for small businesses Thursday, August 5, 11:30 a.m.-1: p.m. Clewiston City Hall, 115 W. Ventura. City of Clewiston Commissioners & Florida Gulf Coast University- Small Business Development Center, (SBDC) will welcome you. Hear what they are doing to help small businesses in your community. You won't be disappointed.

Please RSVP to Janice Groves by Friday, July 30, at Jgroves@fgcu.edu.

See Page 4 for information about how to contact the newspaper.

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Veterans: All about respect and honor

Brigadier General George W. Norwood related the story of the Star Spangled Banner and Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812 - how the young lawyer stood on a British warship and watched the 25-hour attack on Fort McHenry on Baltimore Harbor. When it was over and the American flag still flew, he wrote the famous poem that means so much to Americans.

Others pointed out that military heroes go beyond our soldiers and sailors and includes their families. They are the "quiet heroes amongst us, like these bricks . . . the foundation of this great country."

DAV Commander Steve Williams noted that 1.4 million have died in defense of the US since the Revolution. He told the audience that you will benefit every time you show respect and care for a veteran. All benefit from every veteran who walks the earth today, he said.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Legionnaire Bill Davis, left, assists Scout Aaron Mace, kneeling, and Scott Mace of Troop 9 as they put new memorial bricks into place after ceremonies July 24.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Much decorated, retired Brigadier General George W. Norwood flew A1s, A37s, F4s and F16s, made 101 carrier landings and served on seven overseas tours. His wife, Connie, flew UH1 helicopters as a warrant officer. The general spoke to CWO Robert Hammett and SSGT Chris Strickland's families, saying the audience and the park itself was there to renew respect, admiration and love for those two brave sons of LaBelle.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Viet Nam veteran John Hammett salutes in respect during veteran's ceremonies July 24, his wife, Dena, at his side. Ceremonies honored all veterans, in particular CWO Robert Hammett and SSGT Chris Strickland, who were killed in June 2008. CWO Hammett in Iraq and SSGT Strickland in Afghanistan.

Hendry at top of jobless list

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Clewiston News

Of the approximately 17,000 people in Hendry County's labor force, nearly 3,000 are without a job, the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation revealed this week.

With the state mounting what looks to be the early stages of a recovery, posting for the third straight month slightly improved figures, Hendry County continues hurting more than any other county in Florida.

With a 16.1 percent unemployment rate locally, the takeaway is that one out of every six "employable" residents is without work in Clewiston and LaBelle and their

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Zaphomes unveiled

ZapHomes gives homebuyers a single location to search for homes and evaluate neighborhoods ZapHomes, the newest feature on newszap.com, offers prospective home-buyers a single location on the Internet where they can conduct a comprehensive search for their next home.

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Boy Scout Troop 9 members Joseph and Michael McDaniel fold the flag after ceremonies at Veterans Memorial Park July 24.

Jobless

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outer-lying areas.

Figures show the unemployment rate dropping by .3 percent this month across the state. This has brought the unemployment number in Florida to 11.7 percent, down from its peak above 12 percent in January.

It is the third consecutive monthly decline in the state's unemployment rate and the lowest rate since October 2009, reports AWI.

But the battle isn't won yet. While ranking at the top of the list, Hendry County is by no means alone in high ranking, with Flagler and St. Lucie counties rounding out the top three, at 15.4 and 14.3 percent respectively.

Neighboring Glades County reports that 12.1 percent of its workforce is without a job -- a nearly full percentage point improvement from the month before.

Nearby Palm Beach County reported an 11.8 unemployment rate, although in-

dications from the Palm Beach County Economic Development Office, which conducted an independent study last year, are that the Glades cities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee see unemployment rates between 30 and 40 percent -- which means that roughly one out of every three residents are without a job.

The reporting agency finds that the counties affected by the highest unemployment figures experienced "seasonal declines in agriculture and related industries."

This seems to be the case around the lake area, with agriculture on uncertain terms with the potential purchase of U.S. Sugar by the state, as well as a focus from these industries to automate more and more jobs.

AWI reports that there are now 47 counties reporting double-digit unemployment rates in June, up from 44 the previous month -- only 20 counties are reporting single-digit rates.

"This continuing decline in Florida's unemployment rate is another strong indication that our economy is improving," said Cynthia R. Lorenzo, AWI director.

Hendry County, meanwhile, has less to be enthused about.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Boy Scout Troop 9 Scoutmaster Roy Riggs lines up new memorial bricks to be installed at the Veterans Memorial Park after ceremonies on July 24. The ceremony and a fundraising luncheon afterward help bring attention to and acquire money to complete the veterans memorial. Bricks may still be purchased for \$100 each through American Legion Post 130.

Zaphomes

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pHomes and then browse real estate listings by city, town or zip code.

Newszap.com's new real estate section also provides easy access to a community's demographic information, along with recent sales trends and property values. Users will also find local maps, lists of nearby parks and recreation areas, schools and educational resources, and contacts for civic organizations.

In addition, this online section offers a variety of online tools useful to prospective home-buyers, including a mortgage calculator.

Searches can be refined by location, price range, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms, square feet, as well as by the style of house. Searches can also be based on re-sales, foreclosures, newly constructed or recently sold homes. One can even search for open house tours on specific dates.

"We are very excited to add this great functionality to our real estate coverage," said Tom Byrd, Caloosa Belle publisher.

"The Caloosa Belle has long been the number one source in the area for local real estate information. Homebuyers, sellers, and real estate professionals alike will benefit from this new resource."

ZapHomes also includes local advertising opportunities for Realtors, builders and related industries.

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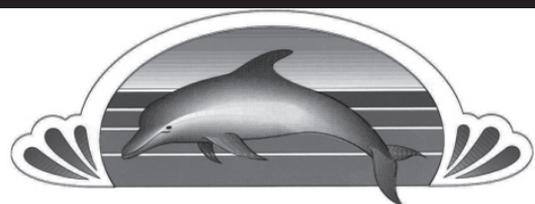
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HCSO starts bicycle patrols

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office bike patrol unit consists of three deputies, Deputy Joshua Woods, Deputy Clifton Green and Deputy Daniel Cruz. These deputies are three of the four assigned to Community Policing in Hendry County. Due to the fact that the community policing unit is countywide, these bicycles are utilized on both East and West sides of the county.

The bike patrol is mostly used for patrol functions, but is also used for special events such as: parades, community gatherings, football games and other community policing opportunities. The bike is used to patrol areas such as city parks, bike paths, downtown areas and places where a vehicle may have a difficult time operating.

The Advantages to Officers on Bikes are: Bike officers can travel faster and farther

than foot officers, and they are able to patrol areas unreachable by car.

Because they are silent, officers on bikes can ride right up to the scene of a crime before they are noticed.

Bicycles are a great public relations tool - an officer on a bike is much more approachable than one in a patrol car.

Bike officers also have the ability to better enforce bicycle laws, monitor road conditions for bicyclists, promote bike safety and encourage crime prevention practices.

The most common areas patrolled are the City of LaBelle and areas in Clewiston that are patrolled by the sheriff's office such as Harlem, Hookers Point and Twin Lakes.

The Community Policing Unit is a grant funded program.



Submitted photo

Community Policing Unit members Deputies Josh Woods, D. Cruz and Clifton Green.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Jeffery Eric Delacruz, 27, was arrested July 21 and charged with obstruction of justice - interfering, threatening, a victim, witness or informant. B. Rowe, arresting officer.

Lauren Shaw Gee, 16, was arrested July 20 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon firearm. T. Mimms, arresting officer.

John Harmon Goodman Jr., 42, was arrested July 19 and charged with larceny grand theft \$300-\$5,000. Det. Sgt. L. Morales was arresting officer.

Cyril Lewis Banning, 43, was arrested July 25 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. L. Chevalier, arresting officer.

Hidee Lee Moro, 30, was arrested July 23 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Sgt. Elver was arresting officer.

Cheryl Lynn Martinez, 49, was arrested July 24 and charged with misuse of 911 or E911 system fourth offense and making a false report - knowingly give false information to law enforcement on an alleged crime. Det. Sgt. F. Herrera was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Bobby Stewart, 16, was arrested July 20 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed and grand theft \$300-\$5,000. Det. R. Waldron, arresting officer.

Cohan Holder, 13, was arrested July 20 and charged with criminal mischief under \$200 and larceny grand theft \$300-\$5,000. Det. R. Waldron was arresting officer.

James Lee Rourk, 28, was arrested July 24 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug equipment. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

Juan Hernandez, 36, was arrested July 24 and charged with domestic violence battery by strangulation. R. Garcia, arresting officer.

Joel Louis, 24, was arrested July 24 and charged with dealing in stolen property. CPD Officer M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Tara Jean Miller, 21, was arrested July 21 and charged with larceny of lost or delivered

by mistake credit card, illegal use of a credit card using more than twice in six months to obtain goods or over \$100 in cash. A. Angell was arresting officer.

Natalie Lashea Howard, 26, was arrested July 21 and charged with illegally using credit card twice in six months to obtain goods or over \$100 in cash, forgery of or altering public record, certificate, etc. A. Angell was arresting officer.

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Let in the jobs

RKO Industries-Agricultural Plastics Re-

cycling, 1275 Commerce Drive, LaBelle, FL, 33935 announced at 2:00 Friday, July 23, that they would not be handing out paychecks. This is the third time this has happened. LaBelle needs more jobs from big companies. Plain and simple.

There will never be a solely tourist based economy in LaBelle! You need your blue collar workers, like it or not. So please for the sake of the town I love and call home let in big business.

Protect your family from whooping cough through vaccinations

by Pat Dobbins

How many folks remember their parents or grandparents talking about whooping cough? It seems to be making a "come-back." Vaccination for whooping cough became available in the 1940s and it should be part of your family's vaccination schedule. Healthcare providers will make sure the children they care for are properly vaccinated for whooping cough which is medically known as pertussis. New parents, grandparents and relatives should also get vaccinated before being around a baby.



Patricia Dobbins

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection that can be a serious health threat, especially for infants. Family members are usually the ones who pass it along to infants. A typical case of whooping cough starts with a cough and runny nose lasting for one-to-two weeks with cough gradually becoming more severe, followed by weeks-to-months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes end with a whooping sound. Adults or older children in the homes could have mild symptoms, so they may not realize that they can pose a risk of transmission to other family members. Whooping cough is contagious before the severe coughing starts and can still be contagious two-three weeks after the coughing first started.

"There have been six cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in Hendry and Glades Counties since January 2009 and recent

reports are showing that numerous states are experiencing an increase in whooping cough," said Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. "It is important that parents discuss whooping cough immunization or booster with their healthcare providers."

Florida has 145 reported cases of whooping cough this year. Twenty-three of those cases were reported in infants less than three months of age. More than 900 cases of whooping cough have been reported in California this year, including five deaths in infants less than three months of age. The risk of death from whooping cough is greatest in infants.

The best way to prevent whooping cough is through immunizations. Infants and children receive a series of four-five doses of DTaP, a diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus containing vaccine, with a booster at 10 to 11 years of age. However, protection provided by the childhood series fades over time. All persons age 11-64 can receive one dose of Tdap, which protects against whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria. The vaccination cannot cause pertussis disease.

For more information about whooping cough, talk to your healthcare provider or contact the Hendry or Glades County Health Departments. LaBelle: 863-674-4041, Clewiston: 863-983-1408, Moore Haven: 863-946-0707.

Additional information about immunizations and whooping cough (pertussis) can be found at: <http://www.immunizeFlorida.com/> or <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Pertussis/>.

Be the Wall: Binge drinking could increase osteoporosis risk

Binge-drinking teenagers may be putting themselves at risk for future osteoporosis and bone fractures, according to researchers at Loyola University Health System.

The new study found binge drinking disrupts genes involved in the bone formation of rats. The study is published in the July-August issue of the journal Alcohol and Alcoholism.

Bone biologist John Callaci, PhD, one of the principle researchers in the study, cautioned that data from animals don't directly translate to people, but the findings suggest that this could be a problem with humans. Bone mass is lost throughout adult life as part of the aging process.

Thus, anything that inhibits the build up of bone mass during the critical years of adolescence and young adulthood could increase the risk of osteoporosis and fractures in later life.

A 2008 study by Callaci and colleagues found that adolescent rats exposed to alcohol in amounts comparable to that of binge drinkers had 15 percent less bone build-up than control rats exposed to saline solution. The new study examined the effects of binge drinking on genes.

Rats received injections of alcohol that resulted in a blood alcohol level of 0.28. Rats were exposed to binge amounts of alcohol on either three consecutive days (acute binge) or three consecutive days for four weeks in a row (chronic binge). They were compared to control rats who received sa-

line.

Researchers found that about 300 bone-related genes were disrupted in rats exposed to acute binge drinking and 180 bone-related genes were disrupted in rats exposed to chronic binge drinking.

In the affected genes, alcohol either increased or decreased the amount of associated RNA, which serves as the template for making proteins, the building blocks of bones and other tissue.

This change in how genes are expressed disrupted molecular pathways responsible for normal bone metabolism and maintenance of bone mass.

In one of the most disturbing findings, researchers found that the gene disruption was long-lasting. Even after 30 days of sobriety, the genes still were being expressed differently. Thirty days in a rat's lifespan is roughly equivalent to about three years in a human lifespan, according to the research team.

The findings might help in the development of new drugs to minimize bone loss in alcohol abusers and in other people who are at risk for osteoporosis for other reasons. The study was supported by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Source: CADCA Coalitions Online newsletter July 22, 2010

DID YOU KNOW: Most Hendry County teens don't need alcohol to have a good time!

Community Briefs

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 mosqui-

toes 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.

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Puppy missing from Humane Society kennel

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

Thursday morning, July 22, Caloosa Humane Society staff had a few extra duties to perform. They had to fix a screen door that someone pushed in so they could help themselves to a tiny puppy.

Apparently, someone liked the puppy enough to force their way in and steal this eight-week old black fluffy male puppy, leaving his sister behind.

The thief picked his way over the fence enclosing the back compound and pushed in the screen on the back door of a porch area housing several dogs.

Fortunately, the Rat Terrier/Pomeranian

or Spitz mix had already been neutered.

Other dogs have been stolen from the humane society. Last year a Rottweiler was stolen. Puppies to be picked up as Christmas presents came up missing several times.

Caloosa Humane Society Executive Director Suzanne Bonnell said the organization needs to upgrade its security system, but the money just isn't in the budget. She's hoping donations will make it happen one day.

As a non-profit organization, the Caloosa Humane Society exists strictly on donations - there are no funds from any governmental group or other organization. Of course, donations are tax deductible.

As always, the facility needs donations

of dog and cat food, litter, bleach, towels, Dawn dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels and toilet paper.

At this time the humane society has 15 kittens, 6 adult cats and 29 dogs all looking for good homes. Volunteers are a valuable part of the humane society team and there are never enough. It's a great way to spend your summer vacation, evenings or weekends.

The humane society is closed on Sunday and Monday; open Tuesday 11-7; Wednesday-Friday 11-4; and Saturday 10-5.

Call 675-0997.



Submitted photo

This cute little fella was taken from the humane society.



Submitted photo
Kids had a ball at Barron Library last week finding out all about wild animals - monkeys, elephants and lions. Stories, games, crafts and even a safari right inside the library brought these exotic animals to life for these youngsters.

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Wild animal safari at library

Children enjoyed a Wild Animal Safari at Barron Library, as part of the Summer Story Time last Tuesday.

Patrick Gallagher, an employee, entertained them with a game and two short books, then took the children through the library looking for wild animals.

At three different stations, children learned about monkeys, elephants and lions.

Some of the fun facts they learned: monkeys never catch colds or eat banana peels,

elephants' ears aid in ventilation and they eat 495 lbs. of food per day, lions can weigh between 330 and 530 lbs, and run at 80 kilometers per hour.

All of the 70 plus children had the opportunity to make a paper plate animal face, choosing either a monkey, elephant or lion.

At the next Summer Story Time, on Tuesday, August 3, Miss Kasey Davis will be teaching children about different musical instruments, and they will be making one of their own. The event will start at 10:30 a.m.

Notice of Budget Hearing

The Hendry County School District will soon consider a budget for 2010-2011. A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on August 3, 2010, at 5:30 P.M. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Court House 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Labelle, Florida. For more information please contact the School Board Finance Department at (863) 674-4100.

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United Way announces new board chair and members

Fort Myers, Fla. (July 20, 2010) — At The United Way Annual Meeting, Larry Hart, Lee County Assistant Tax Collector and United Way Board Chair announced that Joe Catti of FineMark National Bank had been elected as the new Board Chair.

In addition, four community leaders have been elected to the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades board of directors. The new board members include: Robert Bond, Store Manager, JC Penney at Edison Mall; Mary Beth Carroll, Partner, Hilliard Brothers; Heidi Colgate-Tamblyn, Lee County President for SunTrust Bank, Southwest Florida; Denise Wheeler, Managing Shareholder, Fort Myers Office of Fowler White Boggs; and Judith Zimomra, City Manager, City of Sanibel. The new board members were elected at the Annual Meeting of the United Way in June.

The board of directors over sees the organization's fundraising, fund distribution, and community planning efforts. Last year in our community, more than 300,000 people's lives were touched by United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades 72 partner agencies and 160 initiatives. These services are fueled by an annual campaign that raised



Joe Catti

more than \$8 million in 2009-2010.

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, \$95.9 million dollars have been raised in our community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, LARC and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. For more information please call United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades at (239) 433-2000 or visit www.unitedway-lee.org.

Tormes joins program

The 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program announces the addition of Jorge Tormes, Attorney, to the legal team. Mr. Tormes is a University of Florida Law School graduate with expertise in family law, including domestic violence and divorces.

In Gainesville, Florida, he served abused, neglected and abandoned children through the Guardian ad Litem Program as an Attorney ad Litem volunteer. Based in Fort Myers' Guardian ad Litem office, Mr. Tormes will be serving children throughout the five county area.



Jorge Tormes

Community Briefs

Speak up for kids

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

Salvation Army open longer

The Salvation Army of LaBelle has extending its hours on Wednesdays only. It is now open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Regular hours for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will still be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Please feel free to call if you have any questions 863-674-1441.

Obituaries

Dilsey 'Gail' Lee

LABELLE — Dilsey "Gail" Lee, LaBelle, passed away July 23, 2010.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Aug. 7, 2010, at the 1st Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 N. Main St.

Arrangements by Barrett and Waters Funeral Care, 2305 Henderson Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33916.

John C. Spriggs, 78

LABELLE — John C. Spriggs, age 78, of LaBelle, Florida, died July 20, 2010, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born September 21, 1931, in Quincy, Ky., to the late Charley and Nano Bradley Spriggs. John was a distinguished educator, retiring in 1994 with 30 years with the Palm Beach County School District of West Palm Beach, and ten years with the Lewis County School District at Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky. He was president of the Florida Education Association, the Palm Beach County Teachers Association, and the Palm Beach County Counselors Association and a director of the United States Council of Urban Education. He was appointed a member of the State of Florida Professional Practices Council, and served as treasurer for Lewis County Government in Vanceburg, Ky. John retired as an Assistant Personnel Director of the School District of Palm Beach County.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Eldene Kennedy Spriggs of LaBelle, Fla.; two sons, Rolf (Joy) and Eric Spriggs of Quincy, Ky.; one daughter, Lisa (Paul) Horton of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; one grandson, Beau Bradley Horton of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and two

granddaughters, Keli Horton of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Whitney Spriggs of Quincy, Ky.

Memorial services will be held in North Palm Beach, FL, at 2 p.m., on August 7, at First Baptist Lake Park, 625 Park Ave. and in Kentucky at 1 p.m. on September 18 at the Quincy Christian Church. A private internment will be held in Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boy's and Girl's Club of Lewis County, P.O. Box 158 Vanceburg, KY 41179.

Arrangements made by Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle, Fla.

Lloyd Edwin Porterfield, 60

LABELLE — Lloyd Edwin Porterfield, age 60, of LaBelle, passed away July 24, 2010, in Lehigh Acres.

He was born Nov. 22, 1949, in Fort Myers, the son of the late Paul Martin Porterfield and Ann Lorraine (Taylor) Porterfield. He was a lifetime resident of LaBelle. Lloyd earned a Bachelor's Degree from Western Carolina University and was a veteran of the Air Force. He was manager of Porterfield Oil Co. and worked there his entire life.

Survivors include his mother, Ann Lorraine Porterfield; sister, Paula Bischel; and nephew, Loren Bischel, all of LaBelle.

Services were held Wed. July 28, 2010, 10 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor L. W. Howard officiating. Interment followed in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Supervisor of Elections, Lucretia A. Strickland will be mailing Sample Ballots to every registered voter for the Primary Election to be held August 24, 2010. If you do not receive one please call the Elections office and verify that we have the correct address on file. We also have Primary Election ballots available for Absentee Voting and Early Voting. Early Voting will be Monday through Saturday beginning August 9, to August 21, 2010. At the LaBelle Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Clewiston Office, 100 E. El Paso Ave., daily 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone unable to Vote their ballot without assistance such as blind, loss of limb, or illiterate, please contact the Supervisor of Elections. For more information or to request your absentee ballot call 983-1592, or 675-5230.

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From left to right are Laura Smith, Al Perry, Darrell Harris, Dwight Hatfield, and Ron Zimmerly. Laura, Al, Dwight and Ron are all candidates for the County Commission District 4 seat being vacated by the retirement of Kevin McCarthy. Darrell is the incumbent District 2 Commissioner. He will face newcomer Andy Herrero on the November ballot.

Public gets look at local candidates

Submitted by John Capece

Candidates for Hendry County Commissioner answered questions at a public forum sponsored by the Rotary Club of LaBelle on July 21 in the LaBelle Civic Center.

The only competitor attending from the District 2 race was Commissioner Darrell Harris.

All contenders for the District 4 seat being vacated by Kevin McCarthy participated in the forum. Dwight Hatfield is the lone Democratic Party candidate in District 4, while three political newcomers - Ron Zimmerly, Laura Smith and Al Perry - are vying to win the August 24 primary election to become the Republican Party candidate in the November 2 general election.

Half the voters of District 4 live in the neighborhoods of Clewiston north of SR80. The other half resides in Montura and the eastern portions of Port LaBelle. The balance of Port LaBelle voters reside in District 2, represented by Darrell Harris who is seek-

ing his third term as County Commissioner.

Questioners from the audience asked contestants to describe their prior involvement with city and county government, priorities for the county, how they will decide between higher taxes or reduced spending, opinions on replacing or repairing the hurricane-damaged county substation in Clewiston, and their position on Florida Constitutional Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy).

All candidates shared opposition to Hometown Democracy, which would usurp County Commission power by placing all proposed development land use changes on the ballot for voters to accept or reject. Another area of agreement was the need for new economic development, but with short-term public spending cuts to deal with reduced county revenues from falling property values.

On the Clewiston substation issue, Smith, Perry and Hatfield favor repairing the existing building damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

Zimmerly favored letting "FEMA make the County whole" using a million dollar federal grant to provide a hurricane-safe building, but spending no County funds.

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Glades could house world's largest solar panel

FPL in talks with local leaders to site 100 megawatt solar project

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Glades County Democrat

FPL is in advanced discussions with Glades County leaders to site a 100 megawatt solar panel project in Glades County. Two years into discussions about the project, the company is hoping that legislation will make the possible \$400 million investment a reality.

Photovoltaic Power

According to Tracy Whirls, Glades County Economic Development director, if built the project will be similar in technology to a solar project in Desoto County, which made national news this year when President Barack Obama toured the site and encouraged FPL's work in developing and pursuing alternative energy systems.

The Glades County site will be capable of producing four times the power of its sister project -- easily making it the world's largest -- and will output almost double the capacity of sites in Spain and Germany, two nations which have been leading the charge in producing solar projects.

The technology driving the new project is known as Solar Photovoltaic, which features the same solar panel technology found on orbiting satellites, but rather than placed on an electronic appendage, the panels are laid out in neat rows on a field to capture the sun's energy.

Once running, the project is expected to have the capacity to supply power to 12,000 homes, but company officials have already said the project will be built with scalability in mind. There is the potential to grow it further if the need is such, said Ms. Whirls.

Possible site

FPL has identified a field located at the intersection of State Road 78 and State Road 29 in Glades County, on sod farm property owned mostly by Lykes Brothers for the project. The area on which the panels will be installed is approximately 1,000 acres.

According to Ms. Whirls, the company said the site is a good location for the solar panels, both for the cost of locating in rural Glades County, and based on studies which show that the land is perfectly suited to the technology.

The company has reportedly been in negotiation with Lykes Brothers for the property and has internally generated a survey of the site.

Aside from its plans in Glades County, FPL is also working with Hendry County to construct a 7.3-mile long transmission line to hook the panel project up to the local power grid to feed the generated electricity to other areas.

What this means for the area

Once installed, the panels require very lit-

tle maintenance, but the expectation is that approximately 1,200 temporary jobs will be created during the time it will take to construct the project.

With unemployment as high as it is in the area, Ms. Whirls welcomes the jobs, and spoke about the economic benefits 1,200 workers will have on local commerce in Moore Haven, LaBelle and Clewiston.

However, unless the various electronic components of the project are compromised -- an inverter needing replacing or a panel suffering damage -- the project will operate strictly by computer, and as an example the tops of the panels which collect the sun's energy automatically adjust themselves as the sun moves in the sky.

The initial construction of the project is expected to generate \$8 million in taxes for the county, but it is the possibility of attracting further interest that has officials like Ms. Whirls excited.

FPL had previously been engaged in talks to locate a coal power plant in Glades County, but stepped away from the project in the face of opposition from environmentalists and other groups.

To be true, the solar project cannot compare to the economic booms that the coal power project promised, but is an

excellent step in the right direction, Ms. Whirls said.

The director talked about the possibility of generating the interest of the manufacturers of the solar panels themselves.

"As more of these projects are permitted, then it's likely that economic development people in the state will be able to recruit companies like Sunpower, who have already expressed interest ... in the state of Florida," said Ms. Whirls.

FPL itself has said it would be open to similar projects in even neighboring Hendry County. But before then, the company would like legislators to put in place legislation so that they can more quickly recoup their costs.

The next step

"We will do whatever we can to support the project," said Ms. Whirls. "Mostly our efforts at this point have been trying to work with our legislators and those folks to get the renewable energy legislation passed. We'll be concentrating on it a lot between now and the regular session in March."

According to her, the company is looking to the state to adopt a standard requiring a certain percentage of electricity generated in Florida to be produced through

renewable resources, or to pass legislation that would authorize them to build a certain number of projects within a year and recover the cost from the rate payers.

"That is the last sticking point," she said. "The concern from lawmakers is that with a bad economy there are people struggling to pay their bills. Can they afford to pay extra in order to have these renewable projects go online?"

Ms. Whirls believes the answer is yes. While it is true that passing the cost to rate payers would result in customers paying more, the actual cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$1 a month, or less.

Though no definite timeline has been issued, with the legislation question still in the air, there is no indication of when construction could begin, but in previous years when similar legislation has been adopted, FPL has taken less than a year to begin construction.

Ms. Whirls hopes that is the case, both for the company and the county.

"Glades County has always made it very clear that we were willing to partner with FPL," she said.

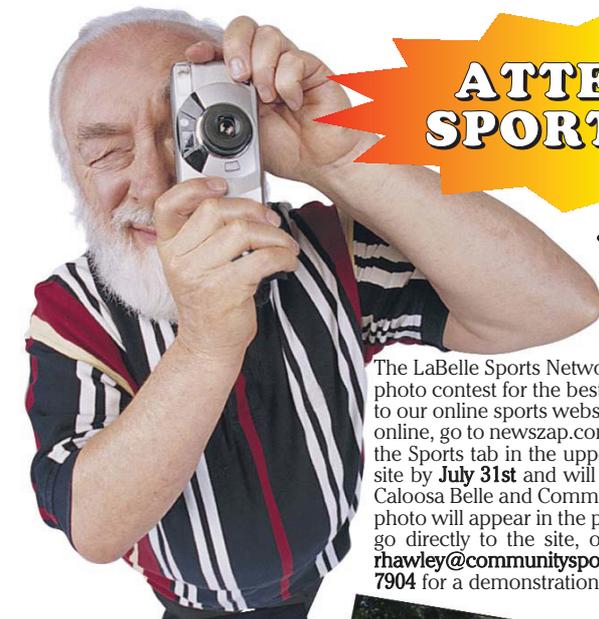
**Public Testing of
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The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2010 for the Testing of the Tabulation Equipment to be used in the Primary Election to be held on August 24, 2010.

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El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio en el Supervisor de la Oficina de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Avda., LaBelle, a las 2:00 de la tarde el Jueves, 5 de Agosto de 2010 para el Probar del Equipo de Tabulación para ser utilizado en la Eleccion de Primaria el 24 de Agosto de 2010..

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Children's play next weekend

The Firehouse Cultural Center's Children's Summer Theater Program proudly presents *Through the Looking Glass*, in association with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., adapted by James DeVita, music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

Showtimes are August 5, 6, 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$7 in advance. To order tickets, call the box office at 863-675-3066 or email firehouseculturalcenter@yahoo.com.

Church Briefs

CMUMC plans yard sale

Carlson Memorial United Methodist will have a yard sale Saturday, July 31, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m.

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.

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4-H'ers learn how State Legislature works

by Sonja C. Crawford

More than 200 4-H youth from across the state traveled to Tallahassee June 21-25 to participate in a week long mock Legislative session held at the State Capital. Andy McAvoy, Matthew Ruch, Sara Sutterfield, Ashley White and Ethan Zimmerly were among the Hendry County Leadership/Citizenship 4-H Club members who attended Florida 4-H Legislature. These club members began preparing for the week long event in February.

With both a House and a Senate in session, teen legislators, lobbyists and reporters debated a variety of issues and learned how the government works. The Florida 4-H Legislature conducted business with an acting governor, lieutenant governor and cabinet. Veteran Hendry County members played the role of legislators while the first year members learned about lobbying.

All of the members did an excellent job debating the issues. There were impressive arguments both for and against many proposed bills. Sara Sutterfield acted as lobbyist. Matthew Ruch participated on the State 4-H Legislature Planning Committee that met throughout the year. Senator Ruch was the chairperson for the Government Commerce and Transportation Committee as well as the Gold Party Whip chairperson. Andy McAvoy, Ashley White and Ethan Zimmerly acted as Representatives. Representative White received the "Hot Sauce Award" for the passing of the first bill during the 2010 session. Representative Zimmerly was nominated for the prestigious "Chris Allen Award." Nomi-

nations for the Chris Allen Award are based on the knowledge of the individual as a Representative, Senator, Lobbyist or a Reporter.

The Florida 4-H Legislative Program is an excellent opportunity for youth ages 14 to 18 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year to learn how local, state and federal government works. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders.

If you are interested in becoming a mem-

ber of the 4-H Legislature Club, contact the 4-H office at 674-4092 or 983-1598. The 4-H Legislature Club is led by Mrs. Marsha Bechtel.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Bechtel for the preparation and leadership provided to these young adults. 4-H is an educational program that services individuals and institutions that function without regard to race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.



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Hendry County 4-H Legislature members returned from Tallahassee where they learned how the government works.

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LaBelle Sports Network

Mid-Year Report

LHS football eyes improvement for 2010

After two years of rebuilding and retooling the LaBelle High School football program, third-year head varsity coach Hal Bennett is expecting significant improvement in 2010.

"I really think we are ready to turn some heads," said Bennett, who played football at the school and served as an assistant coach beginning in 2004 before taking over the reins as head coach in 2008. "We should be very much improved in all facets of the game and at most positions."

Junior Pro Basketball Grew from "Pipe" Dream to Reality

Forty-three years ago in LaBelle, 15 kids tossed a basketball into a makeshift basket constructed of a truck tire with a backboard clamped onto a pipe. LaBelle Junior Pro Basketball was born.

Today, the organization consists of approximately 35 kids in the kindergarten through second grade program, four "B" teams (third grade through fifth grade), four "A" teams (sixth grade through eighth grade) and four girls teams (third grade and up).

"I started the organization in 1967 to give kids something to do, to teach them the fundamentals of basketball and show them

The Cowboys have stuck with the four-man front on defense the past couple of years, but Bennett changed the offense from a one-back spread to a triple-option that is a mirror of what is used at the Naval Academy and Georgia Tech."

Conditioning and discipline are two important catchwords for LaBelle High School football.

"You've got to be in shape and you've got to have discipline," Bennett said. "You can have discipline without being militarily over-

how discipline in sports is similar to discipline in life," said Darrell Harris, who played basketball at LaBelle High School and still holds the record for most points scored in a season. "Most kids come back year after year and have the same teammates."

The youngest group practices fundamentals on Saturday mornings from late November through February. The "A," "B" and girls teams play 10-game schedules in their own divisions.

Those interested in becoming involved in LaBelle Junior Pro Basketball should contact Harris at d_r_harris@yahoo.com.

Little League teams advanced to title games

With the weather cooperating and the volunteers coming through once again, the LaBelle Little League enjoyed another successful season in 2010.

Capturing their division championships were the Cardinals in the Majors Division and the Marlins in the Juniors Division. Two of the league's four All-Star teams – the 9-10 squad and the Seniors squad (14-16) – both advanced to the championship game before bowing out to Lehigh.

"It was a great season with a lot of kids participating," said Tammy Kay Bass, President of the league. "And we especially want to thank all the coaches who volun-

teered their time."

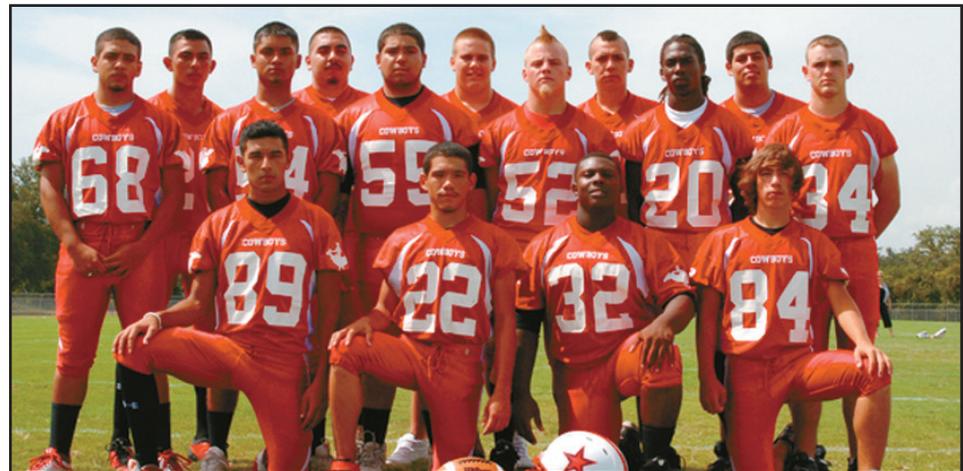
This past season, the league consisted of four coed Tee-Ball teams (ages 4-5), five Rookies teams (6-7), six Minors squads (8-11), four Majors teams (9-12), three Juniors squads (13-15) and one Seniors team (13-16). For softball, there were two Minors teams (7-8), two Majors teams (9-12) and two Seniors teams (13-16). Baseball and softball home games are played at the Davis Pratt Park Field.

For more information about LaBelle Little League, visit www.eteamz.com/LaBelleLittleLeagueInc/index.cfm.

bearing. But the kids need to be at practice and they need to be in the weight room and there needs to be accountability."

The first practice for the Cowboys will

be on Aug. 9. The Kickoff Classic preseason game against Immokalee High School will be held Aug. 27, and the regular season starts Sept. 3.



Submitted photo

LaBelle High School 2010 senior football players.

Sports Shorts

Sign up for baseball

Fall Babe Ruth baseball, a league based out of LeHigh, is looking to add a couple teams in the LaBelle area. Sign ups will be held at the Winn-Dixie Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m.-noon. Practices to be held in LaBelle and games played in LaBelle and LeHigh.

Registration fees are \$35 and include a hat and jersey. Tryouts will be Sept. 2 and 3 at Davis-Pratt Park with times to be announced. Opening day is Sept. 18. Season will run from Sept. 18 till around Thanksgiving. Ages 9-12 are eligible. All registration fees will be refunded to players not placed on a team. Amount of teams available depends on the amount of players signed up. Coaches applications are also being accepted. For additional information, please contact Marty Howell at 673-2136.

Pop Warner physicals

All Pop Warner 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 Fall Football Camp

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 9th through 12th graders interested in playing football. Check-in to the camp will be August 4 from 7-9:00 p.m. at the entrance to the gymnasium at LaBelle High School. 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 LaBelle High School 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.

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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From stones to jewelry

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

A lifetime of clearing trees and working for an oil company for a living may not sound like a good way to get into women's jewelry as a hobby, but that's where Dean Tanner's interests are turning now. And he's enjoying every minute of it.

As an enthusiastic hunter, Dean has made many treks to the West - Colorado and Montana in particular - from his LaBelle home. During one recent trip a buddy got him interested in the incredible wealth of beautiful rocks all around those hunting grounds.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Dean Tanner displays a tray of jewelry he made from stones he picked up along the way.

Now he's as interested in hunting the "jewels" as he is the game.

Finding them is just the beginning.

His interest in creating beautiful pieces of art from pieces of rock piqued, Dean learned all he could about the process, ordered the necessary equipment and got down to the business of becoming a lapidary (cutter or engraver of stones).

He takes large stones with interesting colors and markings and slices them into 1/4 inch slabs, removes the oil from the rock and glues a bolt on the back for easy handling. He trims and shapes them on wheels from 8000 to 300 grit, then polishes them to a high gloss on a carpet wheel.

After a soak in an acetone bath to loosen the glue and remove the bolt, he mounts his new treasures in frames for pendants, rings, bracelets, earrings, bolos, etc.

Beauty is where you find it, and Dean Tanner is discovering it in all kinds of rocks, even in the bottoms of old glass bleach or beer bottles. He takes pleasure in "grinding pretty things" - cabachons - gemstones which are shaped and polished rather than faceted.

And he says he's having a great time just watching the ladies try to pick out their favorite.

Dean is donating many of his precious pieces to support the 4-H scholarship program. His son Scott grew up in 4-H and was strong in the Felda 4-H program before he died in 2003.

You will find some of his best work in the silent auction at the LaBelle Youth Livestock and Ag Show benefit this Saturday, July 31, at the LaBelle Civic Center. Many of his pieces will also be door prizes. As always, the last ticket drawn will be worth \$5,000 and may be split by the last five ticket holders. Proceeds from the event will go to 4-H scholarship fund. Tickets are \$100 each and include a great steak dinner grilled by the Cattlemen's Association.

Dean is also donating a number of his beautiful pieces to the Danny Woosley Scholarship Fund for a silent auction.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Last day of camp

Kids at the Hendry-LaBelle Rec Summer Camp at UES got a special treat on their last day. Ronald McDonald brought his smile and bag of magic tricks to share with them. There were 96 kids enrolled for this six-week summer program. Many thanks go to the LaBelle Kiwanis Club for their generous donation, along with LaBelle Assembly of God for the movies, Winn-Dixie in LaBelle and Riverdale for hamburgers and hot dogs, Wayne Jackson for use of his cooler and, of course, Ronald McDonald. Kids enjoyed trips to the pool in Immokalee, and other field trips and even put on a talent show. Fifteen counselors shared their talents and love with the kids, as well. Here Ronald puts on a little joke for the kids, with the help of three of the older campers.

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Corps adjusts Lake O releases

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District modified water releases from Lake Okeechobee beginning at 7 a.m. July 23. The 14-day release has a new target flow to the St. Lucie Estuary, measured at St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80), of 730 cubic feet per second (cfs). The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary is 2,000 cfs. Flows to the west will be measured at the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79), which is located west of the previous measuring point, the Moore Haven Lock and Dam (S-77). These changes are in accordance with the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (2008 LORS).

The Corps has closely monitored Lake Okeechobee water levels, and releases have been adjusted in response to changes in precipitation and inflows to the lake. Significant rainfall fell on the Lower Kissimmee River Basin (south of Lake Kissimmee) over the July 4 weekend, and the lake level rose from 13.89 ft. NGVD on June 30 to 14.41 ft. on July 11. On July 11 lake releases were increased to approximately 1,800 cfs to the east and 4,000 cfs to the west.

Lake Okeechobee's water level on July 22 was 14.10 ft, and at the end of the new release period on August 5, it is projected to be approximately at 13.80 ft.

"Because the lake level is still high, and seasonal predictions indicate releases are needed, we've decided to make releases up to 2,000 cfs to the west and 730 cfs to the east, said LTC Michael Kinard, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida. "We know these rates are higher than what people who want us to protect the estuaries would like, but our goal is to keep the lake level on a downward trend to increase capacity for future storm events while reducing the likelihood of large fluctuations in releases. Available storage capacity will help us protect the Herbert Hoover Dike and public safety."

The 2008 LORS Water Control Plan Additional Operational Flexibility guidance allows for this type of adjustment to releases. The use of Additional Operational Flexibility requires specifying both a time period as well as a desired outcome for the release. The period of flow is 14 days, and the desired goal is to restore the storage capacity lost in the last significant rainfall event.

With Florida landfall of the Tropical Storm Bonnie expected last Friday, adjustments were to be made to coastal discharges based on local basin runoff as needed.

For more information on water level and flow 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/WaterResources/WaterMgt/index.htm>. For questions and inquiries, please contact Nanciann Regalado at 904.334.8954 (mobile) or nanciann.e.regalado@usace.army.mil.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

Safe drivers

The LaBelle High School Drivers Ed class graduated another set of good motorists recently. Young drivers learn the skills that will provide a lifetime of safety for themselves and others on the roads. Instructor Ron Dunbar would like to thank Langford Ford for over 37 years of service to the drivers ed program. Pictured from left: Pat Langford, Tyler O'Ferrell, Clay Cooper, Andrea Lutkenhaus, Nancy Garza, Carlos Santillan, Derek Bass and Ron Dunbar.

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Witches Brew

By Pudge Lehman

I've lost so many friends lately that have brought joy to all around them. Sharon Cochran, Louise Kennington and Sherri Crutchy. They have been in my life for almost forty years and that is a lot of laughter and good memories. Now that Sherri is gone I will be flying over LaBelle on Halloween by myself. How sad is that...

I've discovered gift bags. Somehow you accumulate a lot of them and instead of keeping stuff in a box, use a bag. I keep a small bag next to my chair with nail clippers, files, emery boards and a cuticle pusher-backer.

Nooo, I don't actually do my nails anymore but it looks so pretty.



When you freeze your hamburger patties to put in a freezer bag, cut out the meat label and rinse it off and put it in the bag. Then you know where and when you bought it.

As fun as cleaning can be, rev up your spirits by turning on some music. Close all the blinds and dance around while cleaning.

Once I forgot to close the blinds and the police showed up. Something about a public display... Who knew! I just looked in the mirror and remarked "How nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt."

Community Brief

Fisheating Creek Campground improvements under way

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



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- \$48,000** - Mobile home, needs TLC. 3/2 on 1 ac.
- \$49,900** - Seller Financing on this newer mobile home in the city limits. 3/2
- \$64,900** - New MH on 1/2 ac off SR29
- \$69,999** - Exceptional newer mobile home, huge bedrooms, nice wood deck.
- \$89,000** - 3/2 in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft.
- \$119,900** - Newer 3/2 on a nicely located 5 ac. parcel in Muse.
- \$160,000** - WOW! Exceptional custom 3/2 + office or nursery w/fireplace. Huge deck & gazebo overlook pristine 5 acres w/oaks, palms & newly planted citrus

HOMES

- \$33,000** - Concrete Block Home. Priced for sale or investment.
- \$39,900** - Short Sale! 3/2 Concrete block 2005 home w/Chinese Drywall.
- \$49,900** Seller Financing - 2/1.5 in Port LaBelle, nice yard.
- \$49,900** - 3Bed/2B CBS built in 2003. Short Sale
- \$58,000** - Seller will pay \$1,000 toward repairs or closing costs. In the city, corner lot. 3/2
- \$65,000** - Short Sale! Large 2006 3/2 with 2 car garage. Tiled throughout except in 2nd & 3rd bedrms.
- \$79,000** - Approved price - Short sale. 2/2 1/2 ac. Newer
- \$129,000** - 3/2 Modular, Make Offer.
- \$169,000** - Belmont home. Approx 1,800 sq. ft. Built in 1995

EXECUTIVE HOMES

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FEATURES OF THE WEEK!

- 4BR/2BA MANUFACTURED HOME** on 2.91 acres, Felda. **\$70,000**
- 2BR/2BA MANUFACTURED HOME** on 2.5 acres close to town. **\$79,900**
- 2BR/1BA COUNTRY HOME** on 5 acres in Felda. **\$125,000**
- CUSTOM BUILT** waterfront pool home. Premier sub-division. **\$298,000**
- GREAT INVESTMENT!** 3BR/2BA Home + 1BR/1BA Home + duplex (2BR/1BA + 1BR/1BA) located in the city on protected oxbow and access to the River. **\$224,900**

WATERFRONT

- TWO BUILDABLE LOTS!** 200+/- ft. on water w/60' dock & protected boat harbor. **\$499,900**
- OWNER FINANCING POSSIBLE**
- 3BR/2BA CREEKFRONT HOME** w/Beautiful River Views plus Mother-in-Law apartment. **\$350,000**

INTRACOASTAL RIVERFRONT HOME plus dock-house, boat ramp, guest house & more. **\$325,000**

3BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME w/125' Caloosahatchee River frontage. **\$284,900**

SPACIOUS 3BR RIVERFRONT HOME, views of Intracoastal Waterway & Ortona Locks. **\$269,000**

WATERFRONT LOT! Protected navigable oxbow w/ direct access to river. **\$58,500**

4 ACRE RIVER ACCESS homesite w/ possible owner financing. **\$49,900**

HOMES

- 3BR/2BA HOME** Bank Foreclosure! Fixer-upper! Moore Haven **\$9,900**
- 3BR/2BA WELL MAINTAINED** fully furnished manufactured home w/new roof in the city. **\$44,000**
- 3BR/2BA HOME** (split lots) w/ view from Port LaBelle Marina. **\$299,900**
- 4BR/2BA SHORT SALE** home. Bank will consider all offers. **\$229,000**

HOMES ON ACREAGE

- 3BR/2BA HOME** on 2.5 Acres west of LaBelle. **REDUCED \$99,000**
- 3BR/2BA CBS HOME**: 5+/- acres in the country. **\$148,900**

4BR/2BA MOBILE HOME! 5 +/- Acres, cleared w/ fence & pond. **\$160,000**

20+/- ACRES ZONED A-2 w/ 4-plex rental unit and duplex rental **\$249,900**

3BR/2BA POOL HOME on 66.5 +/- Acres in Felda. **\$726,594**

ACREAGE

- PRIME ACREAGE!** 13.29 acres, 630 +/- feet frontage on paved State Road 29 in Felda. Zoned Ag-2, can be split into 2 parcels. Bring your agriculture business to this perfect location! **\$398,000**
- 2 +/- ACRES IN FELDA** fronting on Hwy 29 possible commercial zoning. **\$175,000**
- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!** 20 m/1 acres, multi-family residential lots **\$85,000**
- 2.09 M/L ACRES** w/large, beautiful oaks. **\$58,520**
- 61 +/- ACRES** of Prime Fertile land in Felda, less than **REDUCED \$516,466**.

LOTS AVAILABLE... Please call for Details!

COMMERCIAL

- C1 ZONED PROPERTY** 100' x 295' includes a 30' x 60' steel Quonset building and shed **\$100,000**
- CUSTOM CABINET SHOP!** 115' x 300' property. Re-route on HWY 78 gives business zoned location excellent visibility. 25' x 80 ft frame building. **\$210,000**

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- Corporate owned! 4/2 in Lehigh Acres located on Bell Blvd. 2005 CBS home with over 1m500+/- sq. of living area. **\$57,000**
- Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home located off Belle Blvd near SR82 **\$55,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home on corner lot. **\$54,945**
- Ready to move in condition. 3/1 CBS home located in city limits. **\$53,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 with 1,600+/- sq. ft. of living w/ beautiful flooring and spacious master suite located close to town in LaBelle. **\$46,900.**
- Corporate owned! 2/2.5 located on corner lot in Lehigh Acres. **\$39,900.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 on one acre in Muse. What a deal! **\$33,900.**
- Great investment potential! 1BR/1B home on a corner lot. Homes needs some work... but is priced to sell. **\$17,000.**

HOMES

- Corporate owned! 2004 CBS home on 4.98+/- acres located west of LaBelle. Ceramic tile, fireplace, spacious rooms & much more. **\$189,900.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home located in Clewiston close to shopping and schools. **\$115,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 Florida Cracker style home. Located a few miles from Clewiston on 1.16+/- acres. **\$85,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS home in the heart of Clewiston with over 2000 sq. ft of living area, screened porch and detached garage. **\$79,900.**
- Corporate owned! 4/2 CBS home on .50+/- of an acre with over 3,400+/- sq. ft. of living area dn 2 car garage. Needs a little TLC **\$69,000.**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 2006 CBS home on .50+/- of an acre, off Joel Blvd. near SR 80. **\$64,900**
- Corporate owned! 3/2 CBS on corner lot. Features fenced yard, ceramic tile, spacious living room and much more. **\$59,900.**
- Corporate owned! 4/2 in good condition. Features den, enormous rooms, 2 car garage and fenced yard. **\$59,900.**

MOBILE HOMES

- Immaculate 4/2 on 9.54 acres. Spacious living room, family room w/fireplace, large master suite, lots, lots of more. **\$154,900.**
- Country living at its best! 3/2 on 2.30+/- acres outside city of LaBelle. Over spacious kitchen & mastr bath. New carpet through out home. **\$149,900.**
- 3/2 manufactured home on 4+/- acres in Muse. Partially cleared and fenced. **\$145,000.**
- Two for the price of one on 1 ac. 3/2 well maintained manufactured home + a 2/2 manufactured home. **\$100,000**
- Want country living without the long drive to the city? Get the best of both worlds with this 3BR/2BA home on 2.29+/- acres on Case Road. **\$97,000.**
- Immaculate 3/2 located in City of LaBelle on oversized lot, features woodlike flooring and carpet, master bath has tiled shower, overspacious kitchen and much much more. Priced to sell at **\$69,900.**
- Corporate owned! 4/2 on 2.45+/- acres outside of LaBelle. New carpet adn fresh coat of paint. Ready to move in. **\$44,900.**
- 4/2 manufactured home located in Immokalee near schools and shopping. **\$40,000.**
- Affordable starter. 3/1.5 on corner lot in Moore Haven. **\$50,000.**

Call about our vacant land!

LOTS

- 2.72+/- partially fenced acreage in Muse. **\$75,000.**
- .29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$42,000. Possible seller financing.**
- Buy now, build later. Nice city lot in Belmont subdivision. **\$35,000.**
- Nice 1.25+/- ac. in Montura **\$8,000.**
- 2 Montura lots - **\$5,500 each**

Call about our Port LaBelle lots!

COMMERCIAL

- Prime 20+/- ac potential commercial parcel located near West Glades Elem. in Muse & just minutes away from LaBelle. **\$3.50 per sq ft.**
- Invest now - build later! Corner lot outside city limits near town. **\$85,000.**
- Corner lot w/2 buildings and fenced. **\$120,000.**
- Establishment centrally located in the heart of LaBelle. Family owned and operated for many years. Sale includes building, land, inventory, and license for package sales and on premises consumption. **\$249,900.**

New LaBelle body shop to open August 1

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

At a time when businesses everywhere are struggling, one man is opening a new body shop - right here in LaBelle.

Jeff Campbell has spent some 40 years making battered vehicles look new again. He is renovating the steel building at Direct Repair Collision Center, on Cowboy Way across from the airport.

It isn't just about body work for Jeff. It's all about doing the job right and satisfying the customer. If the owner isn't completely satisfied with the job he did, they should not hesitate to bring it back. His or her concerns will be addressed.

"I strive to make the customer happy," he said.

In fact, his business was #1 in the Customer Service Index in 2005 and in 2004, he had a 98.88 percent satisfaction rate.

When customers pick up their vehicle, each one gets a survey to fill out before they leave. Jeff monitors the results so he can be assured his customers are truly satisfied.

Direct Repair works with all major insurance companies and their Direct Repair Programs. Jeff said insurance companies rate repair shops and sign up to deal with the best ones directly.

This is the way it works: Jeff gets a vehicle in and checks it out; he sends the insurance company an estimate for the job; the insurance company then approves or questions the estimate and any questions on what



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
The Direct Repair Collision Center where the customer absolutely comes first.

should be done are resolved. Once it's been approved, repairs are completed.

I-CAR sets standards of good repair work and Jeff said he has been certified with I-CAR since 1984-85.

In fact, he has been gold certified in the past. Being I-CAR certified means he has continued his training in new technologies and techniques. In Pennsylvania he served on the I-CAR board and plans to do so again in Florida when time permits.

Jeff said he needs to hire techs - three body men, a painter and helper and one detailer but, because of his dedication to quality, he will only hire I-CAR certified body repair techs and painters do body work on all types of vehicles. However, his clean, comfortable reception area and waiting room will appeal to all customers.

He is hoping to be open for business Au-

gust 1.

Jeff insists a quality check-off sheet be done on all cars before they leave his shop. No matter what work has been done on the vehicle, the whole car is thoroughly cleaned inside and out before it leaves and it gets a quick safety check.

Simple things like lights, good glass, tire wear - if he sees a potential problem he'll just mention it to the customer. There's never any pressure, Jeff said.

He works hard to keep customers' experience at Direct Repair hassle free. He'll work through the red tape for you, if he can.

Direct Repair is open Monday through Friday 9-5; and Saturday by appointment. He said he will work with the customer for after-hours pick up. Call 612-9225.

Jeff said that, at Direct Repairs, "the customer absolutely comes first."

Community Briefs

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

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Glades County School District will soon consider a measure to impose a .750 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 7.171 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$453,085.00 to be used for the following projects:

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A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Glades County School District will soon consider a budget for 2010-2011.

A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

Monday, August 2, 2010
7:00 P.M.

At

Glades County School Board
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400 10th Street

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GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET SUMMARY

* - THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ARE 5% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.					
LOCAL EFFORT	5.173				
DISCRETIONARY	0.748				
DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS	0.250				
ADDITIONAL OPERATING	1.000				
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.750				
TOTAL MILLAGE:	7.921				
		GENERAL	SPECIAL	CAPITAL	TOTAL ALL
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		FUND	REVENUE	PROJECTS	FUNDS
FEDERAL SOURCES		100,841.00	2,076,478.43		2,177,319.43
STATE SOURCES		6,908,979.00	15,877.00	202,326.00	7,127,182.00
LOCAL SOURCES		4,385,113.50	127,250.00	464,955.00	4,977,318.50
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES:		11,394,933.50	2,219,605.43	667,281.00	14,281,819.93
TRANSFERS IN:		383,303.00	0.00	0.00	383,303.00
NONREVENUE SOURCES		0.00		0.00	
FUND BALANCE (JULY 1, 2010)		2,066,995.87	21,048.89	147,747.06	2,235,791.82
TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES:		13,845,232.37	2,240,654.32	815,028.06	16,900,914.75
EXPENDITURES:					
INSTRUCTION		6,631,330.20	959,282.16		7,590,612.36
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES		387,741.00	95,551.01		483,292.01
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES		223,450.00	0.00		223,450.00
INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM SERVICES		259,465.00	89,838.06		349,303.06
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING		1,670.00	207,688.59		209,358.59
INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED TECHNOLOGY			57,867.17		57,867.17
BOARD OF EDUCATION		300,771.00			300,771.00
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION		681,999.00	24,170.00		706,169.00
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MAINTENANCE OF PLANT		1,069,704.00			1,069,704.00
ADMIN. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES		53,828.50			53,828.50
DEBT SERVICE					
* - TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		11,972,983.70	2,209,624.43	391,608.00	14,574,216.13
TRANSFERS OUT:		120,000.00	0.00	263,303.00	383,303.00
FUND BALANCE (JUNE 30, 2011)		1,752,248.67	31,029.89	160,117.06	1,943,395.62
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES		13,845,232.37	2,240,654.32	815,028.06	16,900,914.75

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LABELLE - 2056 Ft. De-naud Rd., Saturday, July 31st, 7:00 a.m.-noon. Given by: REGISTER'S & STINNETT'S

Baby/children's clothes, toys, etc...!! Home decor & multi-family items!! RAIN or SHINE!!

LABELLE - 463 E. Lincoln Av., July 30th, 8 AM. Primitive house decor & furniture, tables, smoker, ramps, plus clothes, books, cd's, dvd's, vhs, misc. household items - cheap.

MOVING SALE
August 1st, 1pm - 5pm
145 Howe Street
in the back yard
Signs will be posted

Employment

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Employment Full Time



RANCH FOREPERSON
Lykes Bros. Inc. Ranch Division has an immediate opening for a Ranch Foreperson. This position is responsible for the maintenance of a large cow-calf herd and the supervision of the assigned ranch hands. Qualified applicants should possess a 2 year college degree in animal science or similar curriculum or equivalent job experience.

Lykes Bros. Inc. offers competitive wages and benefit package including medical, dental, life, AD&D and LTD Insurance plus paid vacation and holidays.

Qualified applicants can apply in person or send a resume to:
Brighton Ranch Office
106 SW CR 721
Okeechobee, FL 34974

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WANTED - World's best waitress & cook 4 LaBelle Restaurant. Please call 305-481-1316 to apply.

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Employment Medical

Employment Medical

We are expanding and need **EXPERIENCED Dental Assistants** at our Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres locations. Radiology certification and expanded functions preferred. Must have a MINIMUM of one year hands-on chair side experience.

Apply online at <https://home.eease.com/recruit/?id=50167> or fax resume to 239-278-3203.

Financial

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Business Opportunities

NOTICE

Independent Newspapers will never accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is. If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 772-878-2010 for previous complaints.

Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

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Big Smiles
Child Care with Early Learning Center

Amazing facility, hugh playground, wonderful staff. Spaces available in all classes Ages 1-5 Come by or call for more information Sebrin Rimes Director

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The Dance Company offering classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Hip Hop. Registration July 27, 29, Aug 3, 5, 10, 12. Classes begin Aug 16. For info call 675-0432. (863)675-0432

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PINSCHER & JACK RUSSEL MIX PUPPIES - 10 wks old, miniatures, 2 males, 1 female, \$75 ea. neg. (239)247-2452 after 4 pm

Retired Show Dogs, toy size for adoption. Some pups available. Young macaw, trained and talks. 863-675-1571

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Rentals

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Business Places

TIRED OF HIGH OVERHEAD
Fully remodeled small barber-beauty-massage-office. Downtown LaBelle \$475 mo utilities included Come see at 70 Yeomans Ave 863-675-4443

Houses - Rent

CANAL FRONT - 3BR/2BA, huge living, dining, den, Fla. rm., gar., carport, boathouse, dock/boat ramp. Ref's req. \$850/mo. 970-728-8011

House in town under the oaks. Water, cable, lawn care. \$795 863-517-1000 LaBelle

LABELLE Country Village
1 br/ 1ba, no pets. Good refer. \$550 mo plu/sec. Margaret Barber Real Estate (863) 675-5968

Houses - Rent

LABELLE DR. MLK BLVD., 4br/1 1/2ba, LR, DR, Room A/Cs, New Ceramic & Carpeting. City Water & Sewer, No Pets; Non Smkg. env., Ref's, lease, \$625 mo + \$625 sec. 863-675-2392

LABELLE Old Florida-Style Home near Taco Bell, 3 br/1ba, Room A/Cs, Lg LR/DR, City Water & Septic, No Pets; Non Smkg. Env., Ref's, lease, \$575 mo + \$575 sec. 863-675-2392

LABELLE 3/2, New kitchen, laminate flooring, large master bedroom, spacious lot. \$750 mo. + sec. dep. & 1st month. Call (863)673-8862

PORT LABELLE - 2BR, 1BA. \$650/mo. + dep. Call (863) 673-6362

Port Labelle - 3br/2ba, wood floor, granite countertops, \$725 mo. (239)825-5186

Roommate

FEMALE looking for Single Female to share 2 rooms with private entrance in lg. 4BR, pool home in LaBelle. All utils. incl. 239-265-0081

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Cowboy Way & Kennedy Blvd. Monthly includes tax: 5'x10' \$42.80; 8'x10' \$53.50; 10'x10' \$58.85; 8'x25' \$96.30; 24 hr access \$25 returnable key deposit. 863-675-2392

Real Estate

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Houses - Sale

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limited-time stimulus from Palm Harbor. To ALL Florida mobile home owners! 1-800-622-2832

Lots - Sale

Double Corner lot in River Oaks S/D Ortona. Commercial or residential, river access, water and sewer. \$60,000 863-675-6214

For Sale: 15 mobile home lots, 9 rentals on property Call 863-675-2474

Mobile Homes

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LABELLE 2 br/2 ba very nice double wide, 7 miles north of Bridge on Hardtop. 10 acres of paradise; No Pets; Non Smkg. env., Ref's, lease, \$650 mo + \$650 sec. 863-675-2392

LaBelle - 3 Bdrm and 2 Bdrm & 1ba Large screened in deck, chain link fence. A/C \$135 wk. + \$200 sec. dep. Call 863-673-5704

LaBelle - 3BR, A/C, Very large kitchen. Home is on large lot with mature oak trees. Pets welcome. \$550 mo. + sec. (863)675-0104

LaBelle -1974 N. Bridge St., CLEAN 2br, \$450 mo. + \$250 dep. 863-612-6498

LABELLE CRESENT ACRES 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$90 per wk, plus deposit. (863) 673-6362

Mobile homes for rent \$400 month Call 675-2474

Mobile Home Rent

Muse area 3br/2ba mobile home on 1 acre. No pets \$600 mo, \$600 security. Ref. Lease 863-675-8445

Mobile Home Sale

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Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230



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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 19, 2010, for the following Proposals:
E1189- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Miscellaneous Concrete Repair in Manatee & Sarasota Counties. Budget Estimate: \$149,696.00
E1190- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Clearing & Grubbing, Power Shearing, & Tree Trimming & Removal in Charlotte, Lee, Glades, & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$155,317.00
E1191- A Certification of Qualification is not required for Sign Installation, Repair, Replacement, & Alternator Installation & Replacement District Wide. Budget Estimate: \$309,900.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559. 361138 CGS 7/29;8/5/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a regular meeting THURSDAY, August 05, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Economic Development Office, located at 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935. If a quorum is not established, the alternative meeting date will be August 12th, 2010. This meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Hendry County Tourist Development Council
Karson Turner, Chairman
361409 CB/CGS 7/29/10

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS FLAGHOLE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

BID NUMBER: 2010-27
OPENING DATE AND TIME: August 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Flaghole Road Culvert Replacement". 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 August 13, 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.

On or after **August 2, 2010**, 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, August 5, 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.

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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
361273 CB/CN 7/29;8/5/10

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS UNIFORMS SUPPLIED FOR EMPLOYEES
BID NUMBER: 2010-21
OPENING DATE AND TIME: AUGUST, 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Uniforms Supplied for Hendry County Employees". 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 **AUGUST 11, 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. Bids received after this date and time will not be opened or considered.

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Board of County Commissioners
361102 CB/CN 7/29;8/5/10

Public Notice

Contact: Hendry County Emergency Management
863-674-5400

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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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
360259 CB/CN 7/22,29/10

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360259 CB/CN 7/22,29/10

Public Notice

REJECTIONS TO SITWORK EARLY RELEASE PACKAGE

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID- SITWORK PACKAGE ONLY

Notice of rejected sitework bid's include: All sitework bids for the early release package bids dated July 13th, 2010 are hereby rejected. See below for new bid time, date and opening.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., on August 5th, 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 EARLY RELEASE PACKAGE - VOLUME 1 SITWORK ONLY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF RECORD: DAVID E. JOHNSON

Work being bid in this Early Release Package includes the Sitework, Underground Utilities, Site Concrete, Demolition and Asphalt Paving. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on August 6th, 2010 in the main conference room at Hendry Regional Medical Center.

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 are available for review and downloading now, and a CD may be obtained at the DeAngelis Diamond, Construction, Inc. Healthcare Groups' Corporate Office.

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Bidders have the option to attend a pre-bid conference scheduled for Monday August 2nd, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the main conference room at the hospital. If you have any questions, please contact.
Jason Sain, jasons@deangelsdiamond.com / 239-594-1994 and/or Amanda Jarbo, amandaj@deangelsdiamond.com / 239-594-1995.
361370 CB/CGS 7/29/2010

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until **Tuesday, August 31, 2010, at 2:00 PM**, 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 **Airglades Airport Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation** (Hendry County Bid Number 2010-28).

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for **Friday, August 6, 2010, at 10:00 AM** at the Airglades Airport Terminal Building.

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 **July 30, 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. The Contractor must purchase the Contract Documents from the Engineer of Record in order to be considered a responsive bidder.

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: 07/29/2010 By: Janet Taylor, Chairwoman
361146 CB/CN 7/29;8/5,12,19/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Hendry County will hold a Public Hearing to review the District Plan to meet Constitutional Maximum Class Size Requirements on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd floor, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

Tentative Plan is available for review on the district's website www.hendry-schools.org

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meeting.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Sally Berg, Chairman
361156 CB/CN 7/29/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 10-270-CA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, Plaintiff

vs. SELINA K. FUDGE, heir and lineal descendant of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased; PAMELA FUDGE, heir and lineal descendant of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased; KENNETH LAMAR FORD, heir of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased; and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, trustees, or other claimants claiming by, through, under or against the Estate of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HENDRY

TO: Any and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, trustees, or other claimants claiming by, through, under or against the Estate of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased, last known residence and address: UNKNOWN; AND

KENNETH LAMAR FORD, heir of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased, last known residence and address: 1032 Alabama Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440

SELINA K. FUDGE, heir of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased, last known residence and address: 909 Greenwood Drive #7, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

PAMELA FUDGE, heir of EDITH ELIZABETH FUDGE, a/k/a EDITH ELIZABETH FORD, Deceased, last known residence and address: 909 Greenwood Drive #7, Valdosta, Georgia 31601

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage regarding the following property in Hendry County, Florida:

Lot 9, Block B, of Harlem Addition No. 9, Phase One, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 138 and 139, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida,

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR., Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, Boswell & Dunlap, LLP, 245 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Bartow, FL 33831, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED on this July 22, day of July 2010

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, FORT 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 REALY SERVICE.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk of Circuit Court
Post Office Box 1760
LaBelle, Florida

BY: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Frederick J. Murphy, Jr. Esquire
Boswell & Dunlap LLP
Post Office Drawer 30
Bartow, FL 33831
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Telephone (863)533-7117
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE BANYAN VILLAGE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing relating to the Banyan Village Municipal Service Benefit Unit, as shown above, and to impose special assessments against certain parcels of property located therein to fund a portion of the cost of potable water lines within the Municipal Service Benefit Unit, including the backbone system and distribution lines in excess of the costs assessed pursuant to Resolution No. 2005-28. The hearing will be held at 5:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on August 24, 2010, at the County Commission Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the imposition and collection of the assessments on the ad valorem tax bill, including the time period over which the capital assessments will be paid and the imposition of maintenance assessments. All affected real property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Clerk anytime prior to the public hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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 a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's office at (863) 675-5220, at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Assessments have been proposed to fund additional capital costs incurred to complete the construction of potable water lines which are attributable to all lots within the MSBU. The rate of assessment will be per parcel. A more specific description is set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 27, 2010. Copies of the Initial Assessment Resolution and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Hendry County Administration Office, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill commencing with the tax bill to be mailed in November 2010, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, over a period of 15 years, commencing with the tax bill mailed in November 2010. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title.



If you have any questions, please contact Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

CB/CGS 361366 7/29/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
262008CA000676XXXXX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FRS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRS

Plaintiff

vs.
TRANQUILINO 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 2005-8SL; 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 CLAIMING 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. 262008CA000676XXXXX 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-FRS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRS is Plaintiff and TRANQUILINO 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 ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8SL; 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, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at on 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 or 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 OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Hendry County Courthouse. Telephone 941-675-5217 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on July 16, 2010.

BARBARA BUTLER
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

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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 best bidder for cash on August 11, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida at the front office of Clerk of Circuit Court, 2nd Floor Hallway, Administration Building, subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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, FORT 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.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
Clerk of Circuit Court
Post Office 1760
LaBelle, FL 33975

By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION LICENSING
BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.
If a person desires to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry County will hold the Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at The Greentree South Community Center at LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County.
The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before the Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based.
Meeting will include any business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc."
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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.

Shelter yard sale, new hours

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.. Many new items! They also need donations of saleable items. All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. The yard sale will be at Park Ave. behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 N. Bridge St. For more information call 675-0997.

Also, the shelter has 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.dogcat.petfinder.com.

Attention writers

The Writers Group will meet at Barron Library Thursday, August 12, at noon. Bring a sandwich if you like for this casual meeting of anyone who enjoys writing. All are welcome.

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!

Animals found

Animals found running loose in the Montura area: two horses, one bull, one calf, one goat. Please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes Unit Sgt. Charles White at 863-805-5000 to claim your livestock.

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. 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.

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 a pat of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take your old cars.

People donating to the clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car, but will be contributing to the clubs.

Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safer place. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493 donations are tax deductible.

GOP headquarters open

The Republican Party Of Hendry County Headquarters Office at 200 Main Street will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday each week until further notice. Please call 863-675-4924 or stop by the office if you have any questions concerning candidates, early or absentee voting, voter registration or election dates.

Auxiliary canteen 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).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/13/2010, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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School Briefs

School supply giveaway

Life Ministries' Back To School Give Away will provide 200 back packs with school supplies for K-5 on August 14 at 10 a.m. Register now through August 5 at Life Ministries, 725 SR 80 or call 863-675-8855 from 9 a.m.-noon.

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 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. This 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

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 info 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

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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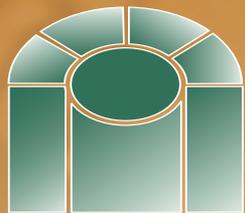
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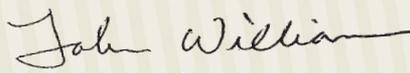
An open letter to our friends in Hendry County

Last week, CenterState Bank of Florida entered the Clewiston and Labelle market place by purchasing all of the loans and deposit accounts of Olde Cypress Community Bank. We plan to operate all the local branches and serve you with the same friendly tellers and branch staff that you have come to know over the bank's seventy year history.

Although CenterState may be a new name in Hendry County, you will find our offices located all around Central Florida. At our core, we are a community bank and we believe in local decision making. Our niche is small town banking. You will find us in cities such as Leesburg, Winter Haven, Okeechobee and Lake Wales. You will not find us in downtown Orlando or Jacksonville. We built our bank with a conservative, long-term view so our financial performance is strong. We have money to lend and we are growing our bank in spite of these challenging economic times. CenterState is committed to helping our customers reach their dreams in the good times and also weather the inevitable down cycles.

We are excited about the future and we are proud to be here in beautiful Hendry County. When you get a chance – stop by. We would love to meet you.


John C. Corbett,
President & CEO


John Williams
Area Executive

Strong Capital Position – A bank's capital is the cushion that protects your deposits from operating losses. Many banks tout that they are "well capitalized" by regulatory standards. Our parent company, CenterState Banks, Inc., ended 2009 with a very strong Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.4%, which is more than double the 5% required to be considered "well capitalized."

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