

# Caloosa Belle

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## City gets \$15m for new water plant

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Last Friday was a dream come true for LaBelle City Commissioners. At long last, the city is assured it will be able to meet future water demands with plenty of good, clear water. On August 6 funding for a new 1.5 million gallons per day (gpd) plant were officially secured from USDA Rural Development, sealed with the presentation of a ceremonial check for \$15,310,430.

Mayor Paul Puletti remarked that, "It's been a long time coming . . . at least eight years." He added that the city began discussing the need for a new treatment plant

during good times, when the city foresaw huge growth, especially in South LaBelle with Bonita Bay's expansive project. That development, as many others, slipped away with the overall economic downturn but did not take the need for a new plant with it. The city's old 1970's water treatment plant is fast approaching capacity and water quality remains an ongoing problem. Improvements at the old plant, including a new nanofiltration system to boost water quality, are expected to come on line this October. An 85 percent grant received last year is paying for upgrades to the old plant, which are under construction now.

The city commission is holding public hearings in August (tonight - August 12) and September 9 to discuss raising water rates to repay the RUS loan.

The net income collected on water bills must cover payments on the loan. The 38-year loan will be at 3.2 percent interest rate.

Currently, LaBelle customers' base payment is about \$26.11. The board is considering a tiered increase over the next three years, to gradually increase rates and ease customers into the higher bracket.

Discussions and plans have faltered and extended through to the current bad times, but that may

have actually helped the process, the mayor said, and worked to the city's advantage.

So when USDA Rural Development State Director Richard A. Machek came to LaBelle to make the substantial check presentation, it was a happy day, indeed. Mr. Machek was accompanied by USDA Rural Development Director for Area 6 Angela Prioleau. Mr. Machek is a former state legislator who served with LaBelle's Joe Spratt in the Florida House of Representatives and was appointed State Director this past Spring by President Obama. No stranger to LaBelle, Mr. Machek said his wife's

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## Citrus sale commences

By **Jose Jesus Zaragoza**  
Clewiston News

If anything, following years of back and forth discussions about U.S. Sugar potentially being bought out by the South Florida Water Management District for restoration efforts, news that the board was considering moving ahead with at least the citrus lands in the deal brought Tris Chapman some comfort.

"There were some questions as to what might happen," said Mr. Chapman, who is in charge of citrus processing operations at Southern Gardens Citrus. "It's like being an expectant parent when a baby arrives. Things are not certain."

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## LHS football means family

by **Lynnette Rivas**

"Ohana means family, family means nobody gets left behind, or forgotten." It is a famous quote from a popular Disney movie, Lilo and Stitch, but nevertheless, it can be applied to the football team at LHS. Landon Beer understands the family ambiance, "The most important thing I've got out of camp was brotherhood and the family."

When you think of a football player, the adjectives such as manly, tough and muscular can come to mind, but words that don't initially arise are compassion or even crying. Yet, during a team bonding session, many of the players shed silent tears. It's all about respect. The LaBelle Cowboys opened up their

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## Get ready for Pop Warner action



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The LaBelle Longhorn Tiny Mites B get their backs into it, straining as they push the sled at Davis-Pratt Field. The kids and coaches are preparing for their first real football games. All the teams are practicing hard for the 2010 season, including the cheerleaders. The Jamboree is scheduled for August 21-22 in Naples. The Longhorns' first regular games of the season will be August 28. They'd love to have the community out to support them.



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## Deal

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Southern Gardens, a subsidiary of U.S. Sugar, will suffer the greatest impact, but Mr. Chapman is choosing not to see the deal as a death knell.

At least now, he said, he knows what the company will look like a year into the future -- something he couldn't say when the original deal had the district purchasing large swaths all at once.

Before that, of course, the district's governing board will consider the revised proposal. It is expected that the board will make their decision to revise the plan during a meeting that will be held later today.

### Revised terms

In explaining the need to scale back what once was a proposal to purchase 180,000 acres of land from U.S. Sugar at once, the water management district cited continued economic impacts, a decline of \$150 million in revenues since 2008 and recent federal court orders related to Everglades restoration.

While still working through an eventual 10-year plan to acquire the remainder of the lands, the district, if the revised proposal is approved, will take immediate ownership of just shy of 30,000 acres at a cost of about \$200 million. Of these 30,000 acres, nearly a third of the land is now being used to grow citrus trees. The rest is sugarcane land in Palm Beach County.

These lands have been identified either

for what they can do to address historically high phosphorus levels (citrus lands), or because they will benefit Loxahatchee National Refuge, the subject of a federal court order involving the district.

It is the second amendment of its kind with the original sale and lease agreement having been for \$536 million for 73,000 acres of land.

The district is able to review the plan and offer amendments thanks to a clause that affords it the opportunity to back away if it does not have the financial capacity to move forward with the deal.

### Impact on citrus

Southern Gardens is the largest supplier and processor of pure Florida orange juice -- supplying that product to private labels and major brands. With Southern Gardens comprised of about 33,000 acres of land, the deal will cut its production area to less than half of what it is today.

But while it certainly would lose land it now dedicates to citrus groves, Mr. Chapman explained, the company will continue operating at the same capacity.

Why?

According to him, the groves on which the company plants and harvests its own product accounts for only 20 percent of the total product the company processes. Most of the supply that comes through the company's processing plant is hauled in from rich citrus areas all over South Florida.

Places like Polk County, other areas in Hendry County owned by outside vendors, or even Collier County, will continue bringing their supply to be processed at Southern Gardens, he said.

"A lot of people save a lot of money by bringing them here," he said. "We're certainly never worried about the supply of citrus. Half of your property will be sold. Okay, well that means another 10 percent of fruit that we need to buy. It's not, 'what's gonna happen to Southern Gardens Citrus?'"

In a letter to suppliers and vendors, Rick Kress, president of Southern Gardens Citrus, promises the same.

"The Southern Gardens Citrus Processing facility is not affected as a result of this initial land purchase agreement or as a result of this transaction at any time in the future," he writes. "Contrary to the false rumors and speculation ... our business remains a vibrant part of this industry."

### 12 months

All of this will be null and void if the water management district's governing board votes otherwise, but if they do vote for the revised deal, the agreement states that the district will have to give at least one year's notice if they intend on taking the land out of production completely.

There is no definitive word on whether the water management district will choose to issue the notice immediately, or whether engineering and feasibility studies will push that date back to an indefinite date.

Until then, U.S. Sugar will continue leasing all of its land, including the initial 30,000 acres, at \$150 per acre, which eases the concerns of people like Mr. Chapman.

"We're able to plan and commit," said Mr. Chapman. "It kind of settles things. We're looking forward to turning a page here and getting on with life."

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## Water

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parents got married at the LaBelle Courthouse in 1937 and, in their tradition, so did his eldest daughter in 1989.

Mr. Machek said this is one of the largest checks ever presented to a small rural county, to his knowledge, calling it "phenomenal."

The \$15,310,430 check includes \$5 million in grant money. Mr. Machek said he is aware that LaBelle's current water treatment plant is almost up to capacity. He commended the city for looking beyond current bad times so we will be ready when a better

economic environment returns.

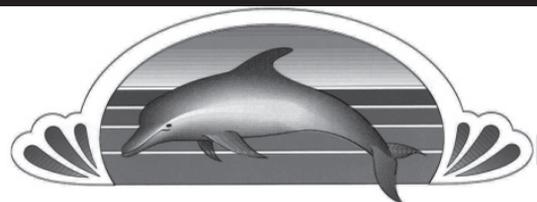
He added that he is looking forward to assisting LaBelle with more projects in the future.



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# Arrest Reports

## LaBelle

Allen S. Ferrer, 10 and William Patrick Ferrer, 8, were arrested Aug. 6 and charged with damaging property criminal mischief over \$1,000 and burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed. R. Shepherd arresting officer.

Fernando Gonzalez, 35, was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a license from another state when their Florida license was suspended and nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license - habitual offender. J. Mateu was arresting officer.

Nancy Soto, 15, was arrested Aug. 8 and charged with possession of liquor by a person under 21 years of age subsequent offense and resisting an officer with violence. T. Mims was arresting officer.

David Shawn Abney, 49, was arrested Aug. 7 and charged with possession of cocaine. T. Mims was arresting officer.

Gabriella Edith Quiroz Martinez, 34, was arrested Aug. 6 and charged with traffic offense DUI alcohol or drugs, operation of a vehicle without a valid driver's license, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, fraud impersonate - false ID to law enforcement, smuggle contraband into a detention facility. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Carlos Ruben Fuster, 22, was arrested Aug. 3 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc. Schedule II, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, etc. Schedule I, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession/use of drug paraphernalia. N. Echevarria was arresting officer.

Victor Roa, 32, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged on a warrant with aggravated assault with domestic violence with no intent to kill and robbery of a residence home invasion with firearm or other deadly weapon. G. Elver was arresting officer.

Robert Joseph White, 29, was arrested July 31 and charged with grand theft vehicle and dealing in stolen property. N. Reed was arresting officer.

## Clewiston

Jesse Garcia, 28, was arrested Aug. 9 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation habitual offender - driving with a suspended license. CPD Officer Baker arresting officer.

Mesi Takiyah Williams, 28, Aaron R. Ivy, 34, and James D. McCants, 43, were arrested Aug. 6 and charged with kidnap adult for ransom, reward or shield or hostage, grand larceny \$100,000 and robbery with a firearm in the robbery of Torrecello's jewelry store. CPD Sgt. Pelham was arresting officer.

Gregory James Melchor, 24, was arrested Aug. 6 and charged with assault with intent to commit a felony, battery touch/strike, throwing a missile into a dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft and criminal mischief. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Juan V. Gonzalez, 46, was arrested Aug. 5, charged with larceny grand theft \$300-\$5,000 and larceny alter, tamper, injure utility equipment. J. Lee was arresting officer.

Arnold Cypress, 35, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim was pregnant, assault on an officer, firefighter, EMT, etc. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Harold McKinley Johnson, 67, was arrested and charged with fleeing, eluding a law enforcement officer using lights and siren and nonmoving traffic violation habitual offender driving with a suspended license. J. Taylor was arresting officer.

Demaster Jored Arthur, 29, was arrested Aug. 3 and charged with battery felony domestic violence by strangulation, stalking follow, harass, cyberstalk another and corruption by threat of a public servant or their family. R. Garcia was arresting officer.



Submitted photo: Hendry County Sheriff's vehicles will all be sporting this new look, a blend of old and new, over time.

# Sheriff Whidden unveils patrol car design

This week Sheriff Steve Whidden is unveiling his newly designed patrol vehicle for Hendry County.

The time-honored design is meant to blend the 'old with the new.' A time when children were taught that a police officer was there to help when needed.

As crime increased over the years, the division between the police officers and the people they serve has widened.

The traditional scheme compliments a modern police pursuit vehicle. The design is made up of a plastic wrap rather than expensive paint.

At the end of its useful life, the wrap will be removed and the sheriff can auction a

plain white car which will bring a higher return to the county coffers. The 'slick top' patrol units with the designation of 'supervisor' on the front fenders, will be assigned to the patrol sergeants.

As the sheriff's fleet is replaced, the new design will become more prevalent.

Sheriff Whidden stated, "I intend for this design to be a constant reminder to my deputies and the people we serve, that I insist on deputies being respectful and helpful to the residents and visitors to Hendry County."

"It is our duty, to not only protect our citizens, but we must accomplish it by showing respect and dignity to those we serve."

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### Controversy over LaBelle Elementary library position

I was told that LES will not be having a librarian next year and that many teacher positions are not being refilled. Please check this out especially since Clewiston side seems not to be experiencing the same problem. Where are your priorities, Mr. Murphy? The children of LaBelle Elementary School deserve a Librarian/Media Specialist. The Media Center is the "hub of the school" for teachers and students alike.

It cannot operate efficiently without a Media Specialist at the helm. Can't you make money cuts where it won't directly influence our children's education? You have cut teachers, aides and custodians. All the elementary schools are running on a "bare bones" staff, unlike the County School Board Office! Shame on you for compromising the very basic educational opportunities of our children.

To all concerned citizens: I am a parent of three children. I think everyone should know that there are numerous openings in our schools that are not being filled because our county officials won't approve allocations for principals to hire replacements. From what I understand this is the year that all counties in Florida must comply with the state mandated class size rule.

How can that be met if the teachers that retired or resigned are not being replaced? I am urging all citizens to inquire about our public schools and find out for yourself what is going on. Superintendent Richard Murphy should be able to answer our questions. Don't let hard times interfere with YOUR child's education!

To Hendry County Citizens: As a citizen of Hendry County, I have numerous concerns about the decisions being made by the Hendry County School Superintendent, Rick Murphy. He does not appear to have

adequate knowledge to make the important decisions, which affect the education of all school age children in Hendry County. Most recently, Rick Murphy made the decision that upon the retirement of LaBelle Elementary School's librarian, this position would not be filled. He decided that there would just be no librarian at LaBelle Elementary School.

This does not seem equitable to the students and teachers at LaBelle Elementary School, since all the other elementary schools in Hendry County have librarians. The library is the hub of the elementary school and the librarian is an important part of that hub. The librarian provides constant assistance to students and teachers, and works hard to instill a love of reading and books in all students.

Do we really want to cheat our Hendry County children of this important philosophy, which will affect all of their future education? Mr. Murphy seems to make decisions based on those who squeal the loudest, rather than making sound decisions based on research.

He also makes decisions and then changes his mind numerous times (making others appear foolish). When two teachers resigned this summer, the school was only allowed to advertise and hire a replacement for one of these teachers. I'm not sure what kind of game Mr. Murphy is playing, but when it adversely affects the education of our children, it is certainly not sound decision making.

#### 'THE CORE OF THE APPLE'

If the core is cut from an apple, it dies. The library is the core of a school and if the position of librarian is cut, it will become useless and die. Don't let this happen! Contact your school superintendent and request that he approve the position of librarian at LaBelle Elementary School.

Funding for education in LaBelle has been cut drastically in the past year. The LaBelle Elementary School library will have a "No Admission" sign on the door if a librarian position is not filled. ("Cuts" have become "gashes.") The school principal has not been granted approval to hire a librarian. Please contact your school board members concerning this issue.

## Letter to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

Let us start by simply saying, "thank you" to every individual who purchased a dinner ticket to this year's 2010 Fallen Heroes Benefit.

As the committee met in early January, we knew this year was going to be difficult. Each obstacle that came our way seemed to make us more determined.

The bridge, the weather, and of course the economy. But each one of your tickets helped make this yet another outstanding year. We are all grateful for your outpouring of support.

On behalf of the members of American Legion - Post 130, Moose Lodge 2398, LaBelle DAV Chapter 144 and Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 10100, we would like to thank everyone for attending and for supporting barbecue dinner on July 24.

We were grateful to everyone who came to the park, and listened to our distinguished speakers. Each one shared a different view on freedom.

All spoke of the importance of honoring all of the men and women who preserved our liberty this year, and for all of those who have ever proudly worn our Nation's uniform in the past.

A special thank you to Major General George W. "Norty" Norwood, and his wife Connie, for traveling from Tampa to be one of our guest speakers.

An exceptional thank you goes to LaBelle Boy Scout Troop #9 for helping lay the newly engraved bricks. What a proud community moment, to see these young men working along side our veterans, placing the foundation of this park.

To several individuals who purchased bricks over the past year, during the event, and into the next week; we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Also, big thanks, to KC Lynn, for another outstanding job performing Taps.

Huge kudos to all the volunteers, from the VFW 10100, Lodge 2398, Post 130 and DAV Chapter 144 who started in January to help plan this event, you did a great job.

Again, this year we want to thank the City of LaBelle Commissioners, Mayor Paul Pulletti, Hendry County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Steve Whidden and LaBelle Fire Department, for not only participating, but also for their continued commitment to this park.

Each year our local businesses have

joined our cause by donating services, door prizes and/or supplies.

This year was not the exception. They deserve recognition and your support: LaBelle Ace Hardware, Sissi's Hair Salon, Capt'n Quick Lube, Quality Care, Harley Davidson-Fort Myers, LaBelle Chrysler-Dodge, U-Save Supermarkets, Fort Myers Bottling Co., Supply Co, Skydiving Adventures, Big Iron Barbell, Riverside Marina, Badcock Furniture, Beef O'Brady's, LaBelle Family Florist, TM Portolets, WSI Management, Kinetico Water, Roy's Crane Service, Florida Community Bank, Sysco Food Service, Seacoast Bank, Caloosa Belle, First Bank Of Clewiston and The UPS Store.

Building this park strictly on donations takes a great deal of community spirit and heart. Several local businesses have used their talents and materials to slowly raise it from the flat land it use to be.

We would like to recognize them: Diversified Contractors (Destry Hall) for the beautiful cement work, LaBelle Pump and Well Drilling, Cox Steel (Mike Cox) for the new archway; and Bruce Beer for adding the paint and the artist to finish the new eagle statues.

If we have missed anyone, please let us know, we want to recognize everyone for his or her help.

Through the efforts of many and the hearts of all we were able to raise over \$4,950 towards the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial.

This brings us closer to purchasing the centerpiece of our park, the monument, which at this time eludes our cost, but is very close. In the coming year, we will continue to carry on with our efforts to build the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park as a reminder that the freedoms we ordinary citizens enjoy every single day of our lives, will always have a cost, to which our veterans have had to pay, many with their lives.

We will continue to need and appreciate your support.

Once more, thank you for helping to make the Fallen Heroes Benefit a success. Everyone involved in this years event and its planning appreciates your contribution.

Anyone wishing to further assist in the Memorial may contact the American Legion, Post 130 at 863-675-8300.

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# 'Bed Tax' must be collected by establishment owners

Almost everyone has heard of the tourist development tax, or "Bed Tax," - the tax charged for "transient accommodations," defined by the Florida Department of Revenue as the rental of living or sleeping accommodations for six months or less.

In Hendry County, sales tax is due at the rate of 10 percent on rental charges or room rates for the right to use or occupy living or sleeping accommodations. Six percent (6 percent) goes to the state, one percent (1 percent) goes to Hendry County, and three percent (3 percent) is tourist development tax. The property owner is ultimately responsible for the tax collected, even if they have a representative, property management company or real estate office, who collects the rent. If you rent or lease any of these types of "transient accommodations," you must collect sales tax and send it to the Florida Department of Revenue:

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- Rooming house
- Tourist or mobile home court (for ex-

ample: trailer court, motor court, RV camp, fish camp)

- Single family dwelling
- Garage apartment
- Beach house or cottage
- Cooperatively owned apartment
- Condominium parcel
- Timeshare resort
- Mobile home
- Any other house
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Rental charges or room rates paid by a full-time student enrolled in an institute offering post-secondary education. A written

statement from the institution and proof of the student's full-time enrollment must be kept by the owner or their representative.

Rental charges or room rates paid by military personnel who are on active duty and are present in the community under official orders. The military personnel must provide the active duty status and official orders making it necessary to occupy the accommodation.

Rental of accommodations in a migrant labor camp.

Rental charges at RV parks, trailer parks, mobile home parks (except mobile home lots regulated by Chapter 723) are taxable unless more than 50% of the total rental units are occupied by tenants who have continuously resided there for more than three (3) months. In this case, the owner or owner's representative must file form DR 72-2 with the Department of Revenue for the exemption. The Rentals of commercial property is also taxable, but at the 7 percent rate for Hendry County.

Any person who leases a taxable accommodation and then sub-leases it to a third

party must register as a dealer and collect the applicable tax due on sub-rents, sub-leases, sublets, or licenses. Any person who cannot prove sales tax has been paid to the landlord, is liable to Florida for any applicable tax, interest, or penalty due on the sub-leased property.

The owner or owner's representative of living or sleeping accommodations must register each taxable accommodation separately. Register on line (Form DR-1) Application to Collect and/or Report Tax in Florida. If you do not have internet access, you can complete a paper Form DR-1, but there is a \$5 application fee. If you are renting a short-term living or sleeping accommodation, register now to avoid fines, penalties and possible liens against your property.

An amnesty program is now open until September 30, 2010. Persons or businesses that should be collecting the tourism tax have an opportunity to register under the amnesty program without penalty. More information can be found on the Florida Department of Revenue at [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor).



Submitted photo

## New CPA

Lane and Kaelyn Murray are so proud of their mom, Kyn del Rene Murray, for receiving her Masters Degree from Stetson University. She is now a Certified Public Accountant for Barbara N. Willard, P.A.

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## Obituaries

### Daniel Franklin Atkisson, 75

LABELLE — Daniel Franklin Atkisson, age 75, of LaBelle, passed away Aug. 6, 2010, in LaBelle. He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in White Plains, Ala., the son of the late Thomas Green Atkisson and the late Elsie (Dowdy) Atkisson. He served in the Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo Estelle (Taylor) Atkisson; son, Daniel Franklin Atkisson Jr. (Angel) of LaBelle; brothers, Paul Atkisson of Alexander City, Ala., G.T. Atkisson of White Plains, Ala.; sister, Ruthie Roberson of Alexander City, Ala.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial will be held at a later time.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### James Russell 'JR' Roberts Sr.

LABELLE — James Russell "JR" Roberts Sr., age 77, of LaBelle, passed away Aug. 3, 2010, in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

He was born Oct. 7, 1932, in Atlanta, Ga., the son of Charles William and Mary Louise (Jett) Roberts. He married Phyllis J. Leonard; she

preceded him in death. He was a tile setter for many years.

Survivors include one son, James R. Roberts Jr.; two daughters, Dorothy J. Usina, and Suzanne M. Roberts; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his son, Philip Roberts; and brothers, Charles J., and Roy C. Roberts.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home LaBelle, where Rev. Daniel Harvey officiated. Interment was in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle. Visitation was Thursday, Aug 5., from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home in LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### Robert 'Bob' Hanshaw

LABELLE — A Celebration of Life service will be held for Robert "Bob" Hanshaw on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. The service will be held at the LaBelle Woods Resort, 620 S. Main St. There will be an opportunity for sharing funny stories or fond memories of Bob. All are welcome to attend.

## Church Briefs

### Open house at First Baptist

Come to open house at First Baptist Pre-School August 16, 3-5 p.m. See the rooms, meet the teachers and get information on the school. Registration being accepted for ages six weeks through three years. The school is located at 330 N. Main Street.

### 9/11 event for Christian Men

The Gathering of Christian Men of Hendry County is planning a gospel concert commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks on this country in 2001. The event will be held Sept. 11 at the LaBelle Civic Center starting at 7 p.m. Schedule to appear are: Rob and Joy

Armstrong, Dave Randant, Dillon Thomas, Mercy and Grace and more.

Admission will be free - a love offering will be accepted. For more information contact Larry Woosley at 673-0335.

### 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. .

# Life can be good to a puppy

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

It was a happy ending, indeed, for this little pup. You may remember from a story in the Caloosa Belle that he was stolen from the Caloosa Humane Society on July 22. Someone broke into the screened area and took this Rat Terrier/Pomeranian or Spitz mix, leaving his sister behind.

When he came ambling up to a woman's yard on July 30, she realized that it was the puppy from the paper and called the humane society. Animal Control Supervisor Doug Morgan went over to check it out and, sure enough, it was the missing little rascal.

As luck would have it, on Friday, August 6, Rod Ruby and his wife, Lida, happened to be looking for a puppy to adopt. The Methodist minister from Lake Harbor and his wife have a number of dogs and two cats - all rescued. They have opened their home to Eve, a Rotweiler now nine years old, and Lucky, now 17, who they found at the Hess station in Clewiston. Lucky was almost dead when they found him and took him to the vet.

When their beloved little dog Poquito was attacked recently by other dogs and killed, they missed him sorely but thought they didn't want to try to "replace" him.

After a little while, though, Rod said they decided that rescuing another dog would be a fitting tribute to little Poquito. They checked the kennels in Palm Beach County and then the pound in Clewiston searching for just



the right puppy. From there they came to the humane society in LaBelle, where they were instantly captured by this gentle and affectionate little puppy.

"He was delightful," Rod said, "and active." He responded with kisses when his wife held him. This little dog was just what they were looking for.

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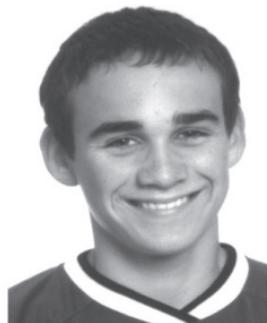
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#### WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service



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Darrell Bair, shows a group of children how to play the bongos.

# Making music and music makers at Barron Library

And the beat goes on! Mr. Darrell Bair, a local resident, entertained the group of children and adults that attended Summer Story Time at Barron Library on Tuesday, August 3. He played a number of selections on the conga drums before moving to the bongos. What is the difference between conga drums and bongo drums? If you think they are pretty much the same, you are right, but you are also wrong. Both of them are played primarily by using your hands, but the bongos produce a percussive sound while the conga produces a deeper bass sound. Conga drums have a tall tapering shape while bongos, on the other hand, are short and squat.

Following the lesson and two musical stories presented by Mr. Patrick, the children had the opportunity to make instruments of their own. Ms. Kasey helped them make either a rain stick or a shaker, by decorating painted hollow tubes filled with popcorn and beans.

This years Summer Story Time will come to an end on Tuesday, August 17, with Bike Safety, presented by Hendry County Health Department, under the direction of Ms. Jeni Dyess. Don't miss this last session of the summer. There will be a special treat for everyone and a free McDonald certificate to those who have attended throughout the

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Watch for upcoming story times for pre-schoolers on Tuesday mornings and craft projects that will be offered for all ages.

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## Hendry County School Board

### Announces its policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for students under the NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting **Darrell Harris, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, FL. 33975, Telephone (863) 674-4113**

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application can not be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP / TANF case number, and signature of adult household member.

Foster children will receive benefits (i.e., free, reduced-price, or paid) based on the child's personal income regardless of the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless, or runaway should contact the district liaison **Jodi Bell at (863) 674 - 4108.**

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members - check the "no income" box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying the information provided is correct; and
- Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy

**Darrell Harris, Food Service Manager**

will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to

**Gordon Swaggerty, P.O. Box 1980, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (863) 674-4113**

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

#### To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.
- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
- If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.
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Joe can be reached at 863-675-5026 or through email, [joe.timm@edwardjones.com](mailto:joe.timm@edwardjones.com). Call or stop by to make an appointment for your complimentary financial review. You can also visit and learn more about Edward Jones at <http://www.edwardjones.com>.



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**Dr. Jerry Brand**

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Dr. Brand received his Doctor of Medicine from Chicago Medical School in Chicago, Illinois, and he received his Master of Public Health (Epidemiology) from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Additionally, he has vast medical experience in the military, which includes Medical Airlift Coordinator and Senior Flight Surgeon at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia during Desert Storm, Commander 43rd MASH in the Republic of Korea, Aviation and Operational Medicine in the United States Army, and a Flight Surgeon for The United States Air Force.

Patricia K. Dobbins, Administrator/Health Officer for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments said, "We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Brand. He will provide excellent health care service to the communities of Hendry and Glades Counties. His extensive knowledge and experience will be an asset and will compliment the dedicated teams at the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments."

## Witches Brew

by Pudge Lehman

My friend Anita suggests that now that grapes are on sale, cut up in small bunches with kitchen scissors, rinse thoroughly and put into small plastic bags into portion sizes and freeze.

To reheat pizza use a heavy frying pan on low - so much better than microwave.

If you have trouble using up bread before it gets stale just use it for french toast or cut into small pieces, flavor with herbs and lightly fry, then use for croutons.

My sister Dawne and I had such a good time in New Smyrna Beach. Her son Ken and wife Deb and children were there with a lot of their Georgia friends. I honestly tried to wow them with some of my LaBelle snake stories but they outdid me, big time. There were a zillion kids (slight exaggeration) and all of them, all ages were such good kids. Hats off to their parents who are doing such a good job in raising them so well in times like these.

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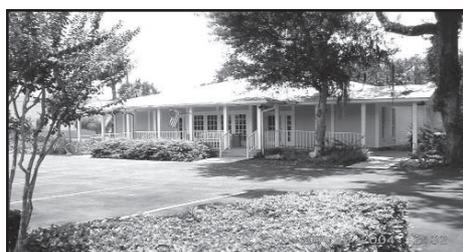
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— Sebrina Rimes

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## Employment Full Time

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Duties will include assisting in the establishment, maintenance and data collection from field experiments for evaluation of management of Huanglongbing (HLB) disease and the psyllid insect vector.

Minimum requirements: A high school diploma and two years of appropriate experience. Appropriate college coursework or vocational/technical training may substitute at an equivalent rate for the required experience. Starting salary range is \$10.37 - \$10.47 per hour, negotiable based on education and experience.

To view a more detailed job description, application instructions and complete an online resume, please visit [www.hr.ufl.edu/job](http://www.hr.ufl.edu/job). Requisition number for this vacancy is 0805514 and the deadline date to apply is 08/20/2010. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call (352) 392-4621 or the Florida Relay System at (800) 955-8771 (TDD). An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**OPEN HOUSE!**  
Thursday, August 19  
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Stop by, tour the facility, and meet the staff  
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE HELMS ROAD EXTENSION FROM SR 80 TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY
RFQ. No: 2010-31
OPENING DATE: Friday September 24, 2010 at 2:00 pm

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Office, located at 99 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services.

The Evaluation Committee will meet on September 29th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Conference Room located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935 to short list the proposals.

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

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Board of County Commissioners Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman 362754 CB/CN 8/12,19,26;9/2/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2010-061-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT TRAUB Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Albert Traub, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975-1760.

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

LOT 4, VERMACK, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 134, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Hendry County Courthouse (being the second floor hallway of the Hendry County Courts Building), LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on September 8, 2010.

Personal Representative: Donna Strauss 7565 Grady Dr. N. Ft. Myers, Florida 33917

Attorney for Personal Representative: Daniel J. Endrizal, III Attorney for Donna Strauss Florida Bar Number: 300860 1533 Hendry St., Ste. 303 Ft. Myers, FL 33901 Telephone: (239) 728-8555 Fax: (239) 337-1466 E-Mail: daniel.endrizal@earthlink.net 361559 CGS 8/5,12/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-000044
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, VS. KATIE M. SOLOMON A/K/A KATIE M. GUTWEIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATIE M. SOLOMON A/K/A KATIE M. GUTWEIN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of August, 2010

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /S/ J. Bevis Deputy Clerk Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ASA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, please call (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. 362708 CN 08/12,19/10

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday August 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred to 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 based. 361353 CGS 8/12/10

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT pursuant to Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, the HENDRY COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD will convene a public meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in the Clerk's Conference Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, Florida for the purpose of addressing the following items: ratify the retention of an attorney, election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Clerk's Report on filed petitions, approval of minutes of meeting held on March 18, 2010, establish a fee for filing petitions, discussing the appointment of Special Magistrates, review of Special Magistrate applications and selection of Special Magistrates if appointed, contract with Special Magistrates, review potential hearing schedule and review and adopt all portions of the Florida Statutes and Florida Value Adjustment Code which govern Valuation Boards in Florida. In addition to these matters, the VAB may consider other items as may be appropriate or timely.

Anyone who appeals a decision made by the VAB will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk Hendry County Value Adjustment Board 362424 CB/CN 8/12,19/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-000341
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, AS SUCCESSOR SERVICES FOR GREENPOINT CREDIT, LLC, Plaintiff, VS. CAROL N. FLOYD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL N. FLOYD; JUAN A. VASQUEZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN A. VASQUEZ; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1051.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 450 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 51' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 21' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 01', A DISTANCE OF 190.1 FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL LOCATED IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Hendry County Courthouse (being the second floor hallway of the Hendry County Courts Building), LaBelle, FL 33935 at 11:00 AM, on September 15, 2010.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 6th day of August, 2010

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Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in triplicate, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until Tuesday, 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

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NORTH LABELLE MSBU

TO THE ROY BROWN CANAL AND IVAN OUTFALL IN HENDRY COUNTY
RFQ. No: 2010-30
OPENING DATE: September 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with drainage improvements in the North LaBelle MSBU to the Roy Brown Canal and Ivan Outfall in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction drainage design services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Office, located at 99 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, 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 RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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Board of County Commissioners Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman 362730 CB/CN 8/12,19,26/10

# Community Briefs

## 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.

## Service men, women join vet group

VFW Post 10100 will pay for the membership of any armed forces personnel currently serving in harm's way. Please call 863-675-8008.

## Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet August 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Beef O'Brady's for lunch. All widows are welcome.

## 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 stu-

dents 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, Sept. 13, 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 September meeting.

## Legion 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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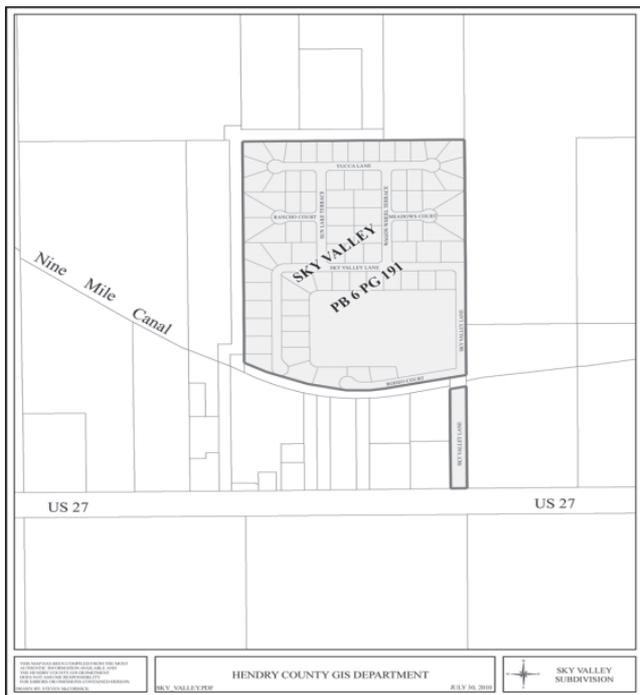
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON LEVY OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT  
AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR  
SKY VALLEY MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT**

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at 5:05 p.m. on September 14, 2010, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the purpose of considering the levy of an increased non-ad valorem assessment within Sky Valley Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The proposed assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected annually until terminated. All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the Hendry County Administrator, Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975, at anytime within 20 days from the date of this publication.

The following is the non-ad valorem assessment to be considered at the public hearing:

**Sky Valley Municipal Services Benefit Unit**

The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to provide municipal street lighting, drainage, entry sign maintenance, landscaping, mowing of common areas, herbicide lake area and miscellaneous repairs and maintenance within Sky Valley Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The amount of the proposed assessment is \$200.00 per parcel for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Each parcel consists of one lot.



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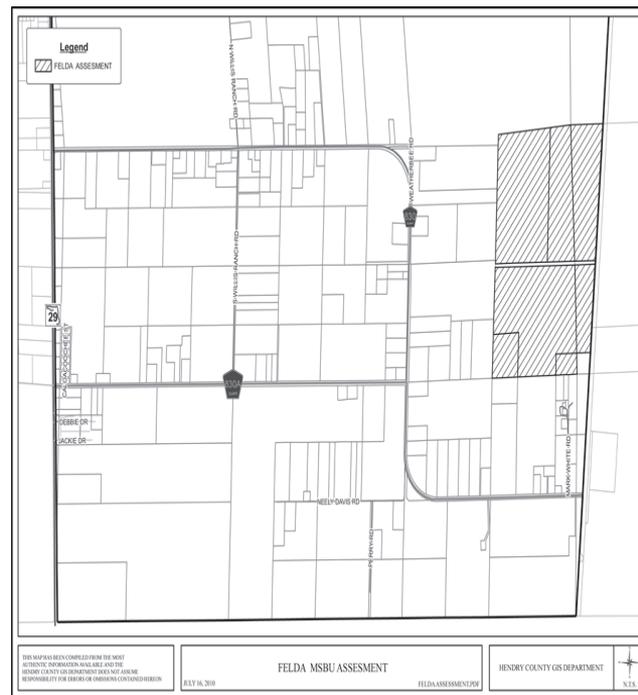
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FELDA MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT**

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The following is the non-ad valorem assessment to be considered at the public hearing:

**Felda Municipal Services Benefit Unit**

The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to provide drainage within Felda Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The amount of the proposed assessment is \$4.00 per acre for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.



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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

## School Briefs

### UES information

The teaches first day at Upthegrove Elementary School will be Monday, August 16. Open house is Thursday, Aug. 19, from 5-6:30 p.m. All parents/guardians and students who wish to meet their teacher for the year are welcome. The first day of school will be Monday, August 23. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school at 612-0750.

### West Glades get acquainted

West Glades School will host its "Get Acquainted Night" Thursday, August 19, from 4-6 p.m. Students may come and meet their

teachers. Middle school students will get their schedules. If you would like a copy of the dress code and school supply list, stop by the school and pick them up or call 863-675-3490 and they will be faxed or e-mailed to you.

### Get your free school supplies

The Hendry Educational Support Personnel Association (HESPA) wants to help get your child started off right for the first day of school. HESPA will be handing out 1,500 backpacks with school supplies for students (K-12). Plus students can also get a free back to school hair cut. This will take place at La-

Belle High School Sunday, August 15, at 2 p.m. Hotdogs and drinks will be on sale for a \$1 each. With the purchase of a hotdog and a drink you will receive a ticket for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Walmart. There will be two \$50 gift cards given out (1-LaBelle & 1-Clewiston).

Money and donations received will go towards next years school supply giveaway. Items in book bags are paper, pencils, pens, scissors, ruler, two paper folders, two glue sticks, crayons for (K-5) and colored pencils (6-12) pencil box or bag. Donations for next year can be sent to:

HESPA, 1890 Phillips Rd., LaBelle, FL 33935. If you have any question feel free to call: Crystal Kirtley 863-517-2386.

### Open house dates

#### LaBelle Area

LaBelle Elementary School – August 19, (5–6:30 p.m.)

Country Oaks Elementary School – August 19, (5–6:30 p.m.)

Upthegrove Elementary School - August 19, (5–6:30 p.m.)

LaBelle Middle School – August 19, (1–3 p.m.)

LaBelle High School –  
Seniors and parents – Thursday, August 19, (7 p.m.)

Freshman and parents – Friday, August 20, (8:30–11:30 am)

Sophomores & Juniors & Parents – Friday, August 20, (1–2:30 p.m.)

#### Clewiston Area

Central Elementary School – August 19, (5–6:30 p.m.)

Eastside Elementary School – August 19, (5:30–7 p.m.)

Westside Elementary School – August 19, (4–5:30 p.m.)

Clewiston Middle School – August 20, (5–6:30 p.m.)

Clewiston High School – August 19, (6:30–8 p.m.)

### Schools serve breakfast

Hendry County Schools offer Breakfast at no charge to all of their students, every school day. Breakfast times may vary from school to school, so check with your child's school office for the time schedule. Breakfast is the most important meal and needs to be a part if your child's educational day. The National School Breakfast Program was enacted to ensure that school children are being served a nutritious breakfast daily. Studies have proven that higher academic and social achievement occur when breakfast is consumed. Make sure that your child starts off his day right with breakfast at Hendry County Schools.

### LMS open house

Come to LaBelle Middle School's Open House August 19, 1-3 p.m. Parents will report to the cafeteria and go to their child's grade level information station.

This will tell them where their child's homeroom is located and retrieve their schedules. They will be given a map so that they can go and visit all of their classes. In addition to their schedule, homeroom will

give parents all the information they will need and ask them information as well. They will be asked to sign in and give the teacher parental personal information, i.e. where they can be reached in case of an emergency. It is imperative that information is always kept current.

After that, they will take a tour of the campus and become acquainted with their teachers. We will also be signing up parents for classes that can help them assist their child in school, i.e. studying for tests, organization, contacting teachers about grades or other concerns via email, etc. There will be different stations in the cafeteria

for busing information, lunches, the health department will be there giving out the required 7th grade shot, PTO members will be recruiting new parents to take part in our fun and warm group of parents that meet once a month to make a difference in our students' education here at LMS, and the School Advisory Council sign in sheet will be available if you are interested in helping making educational decisions that will impact our students here at LMS. Hope to see all future Broncos at Open House!

### 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.

### Apply now to new Christian school

International Christian Academy, located at 233 Clark Street, is now accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. Plans are to offer 21st century technology, physical education, foreign languages (including sign language), liturgical dance, music, and art in addition to the core subjects.

To have your child ready to start school August 23, immediate registration is encouraged. For further information, contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112 or 863-675-ICA7 (4227).

### LHS senior Cowboy night

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

### Register for kindergarten now!

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

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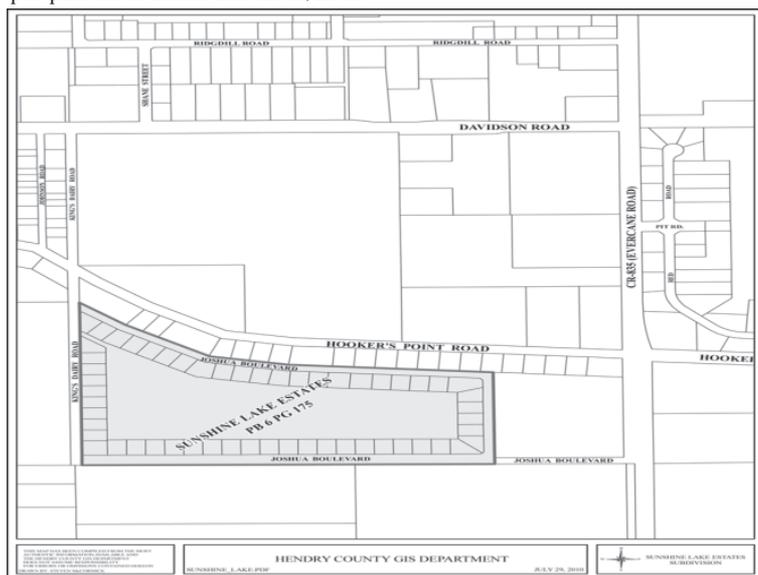
#### ON LEVY OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR HOOKER'S POINT STREET LIGHTING MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at 5:05 p.m. on September 14, 2010, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, for the purpose of considering the levy of a non-ad valorem assessment within Sunshine Lake Estates Subdivision, a portion of the Hooker's Point Street Lighting Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The proposed assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector and the assessment will be collected annually until terminated. All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the Hendry County Administrator, Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975, at anytime within 20 days from the date of this publication.

The following is the non-ad valorem assessment to be considered at the public hearing:

#### Hookers Point Street Lighting Municipal Services Benefit Unit - Sunshine Lake Estates Subdivision

The purpose of the non-ad valorem assessment is to install, maintain and operate street lighting within the Sunshine Lake Estates Subdivision, a portion of the Hooker's Point Street Lighting Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The amount of the proposed assessment is \$162.00 per parcel for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.



If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such public 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman

# Community Briefs

## So you want to own a business

SWFL MicroEnterprise will hold an informational meeting Monday, Aug. 16, at the Firehouse Cultural Center, 5:30 p.m. Anyone who thinks they might be interested in starting their own small business is welcome.

## Sales tax holiday

From Aug. 13-15 the State of Florida has declared a sales tax holiday on school supplies, books, clothing and footwear. The tax break is intended to help Floridians prepare for the school year.

## Woosley banquet coming up

Please join us for the Danny Woosley Memorial Scholarship Banquet at the LaBelle Civic Center Friday, August 20. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with an open bar, steak dinner with all the fixin's at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m. There will be a silent auction along with raffle drawings throughout the evening. Tickets are \$50 for singles and \$75 for couples, available at Big Iron Barbell or Jennings Hardware. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call Ricky Bass at 673-1940.

## Small business success

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has new Business 2day/Independence 2morrow classes starting Monday, August 23, at Edison State College in LaBelle. This 10-week course guides the entrepreneur through the steps necessary to write a successful business plan for their existing or potential small business. Your \$100 fee covers the cost of classroom materials, a business plan software program and ten weeks of instruction. Classes are Mondays 6-9 p.m. at LaBelle's Edison campus, 1092 Cowboy Way. To register contact Janice at 239-860-8592 or on line at www.sbdcseminars.org. SBDC is part of Florida Gulf Coast University's School of Business and is happy to team with Edison State College for this program.

## Relay for Life drawing

The City of LaBelle Relay for Life team is having a drawing for a Garmin fishfinder. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$20 and available at City Hall. Drawing will be held August 20. Proceeds help in the fight against cancer.

## Meeting on substance abuse

Drug Free Hendry County August Meeting: Substance Abuse in Hendry County, A Professional Perspective at the August 17 Drug Free Hendry County Meeting, a panel of local experts including representatives from Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, and Drug Court will discuss substance abuse in Hendry County - what's out there and what are the options to intervene. If this topic interests you, please plan to attend and learn more about this issue, and how you can help make a difference in your community. The meeting will be held at the Carlson

Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located on 310 Campbell Street in LaBelle from 5:00-6:15pm. Drug Free Hendry County meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All residents are encouraged and invited to attend. Please contact Jeni Dyess at 863-674-4041 X143 or Jennifer\_Dyess@doh.state.fl.us for more information.

## 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.

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## Ortona to host candidates

Hugo Geistman, President of Ortona Community Association, invites the public to meet the local candidates at a political rally Thursday, August 12, 7 p.m. at the Ortona Library on Ortona Locks Rd.

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# Camp

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eyes and hearts to each other as they each gave a list of what and whom they respect.

Senior, Seth Billig stated, "A lot of the younger kids look up to the Seniors, and personally, I respect a lot of the bigger boys because I've never known what it's like to be one of them. I also respect the younger kids for enduring the practices and getting punk'd."

Throughout the week-long LHS Football Camp the new Seniors adjusted to their roles as leaders. "Being a Senior, I feel like we influence the team by our actions, they imitate us and what we do, such as good and bad sportsmanship. I feel that I positively influence the team through my integrity and doing the right thing, even when it's not easy," Michael Pittman said.

Freshman Manny Taylor agrees with Pittman's statement, "They influence me through being good guys and their leadership; it really makes me want to be more like them."

The team's deep respect for each other leads to the intense relationship they all

share. As Head Coach Hal Bennett put it, "I've definitely seen us grow together and gain a lot more unity. I expect improvement from the previous years. I really think we're going to turn heads this year. This team is different from any team I've had because they get along as a group."

The family-like atmosphere is sensed among everyone. "We're like a family because we've got each other's back no matter what because we're all brothers in Christ," Team Captain Chris Garcia said.

As all families do, the team shares their special memories with each other. "The best memory from camp would have to be just hanging with the guys and being like a family. I feel a very strong connection with the team and everyone is getting a lot out of camp," Seth Billig said.

One evening, Coach Bennett's bed managed to go missing. Of course, Coach knew who to accuse first, Landon Beer, Chris Garcia, Taylor Jordan and James Hester. The bed was found atop the bleachers. "He was

walking back and forth past it and didn't notice it right over his head," Coach Russell Bell had said, as he laughed. When the boys were threatened with even longer practice, the bed was down within seconds.

All the coaches have their sights set high for this season, as Coach Bell proclaimed it, "I've observed that most of the successful teams have a common denominator, and that is unity." Expectations of this year all have two things in common: togetherness and winning Districts. Returning player Taylor Jordan has put faith in the program, saying, "During camp, we've come together as a team and I feel that if we work together we can definitely win districts. It feels great to return from Georgia because now I'm back to playing with my boys that I've played with since Pop-Warner."

Upcoming Junior, Noel Gutierrez says, "I expect nothing but effort from everyone on the team. I see a big change coming. During camp, I've gained trust for my teammates through more huddle times."

Being on the team means more than giving their all on the field, it includes reliability in the classroom and behavior through times of adversity. Chris Garcia was quoted, "Being Team Captain is a great privilege and comes with a lot of pressure because I constantly have to show a lot of integrity. I have to exceed everyone's expectations because they all look up to me as their leader."

Overall, we hope to see our football team led to victory through their strenuous practices, thrifty fundraisers and collaboration as a family.



Submitted photo/Lynnette Rivas  
**Can't play. No fear. Landon Beer shares his thoughts on his injured leg. "Heck yeah I'm anxious to get back in the game. I'll play the same, I can't be scared. I won't be more careful."**

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