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It's Perry vs. Hatfield for District 4

In the only local race on Tuesday's, Primary ballot, Hendry County Republicans chose Al Perry as their candidate for District 4 County Commissioner in November. Mr. Perry received 335 votes while challengers Laura G. Smith got 123 and Ron Zimmerly got 99. Mr. Perry will face Democrat Dwight Clinton Hatfield in the November General Election.

Out of 16,062 registered voters, only 3,023 Hendry Countians cast ballots in the Primary. Of those 1,541 of the 5,274 Republicans voted; 1,482 of the 8,533 local Democrats voted.

The only other local position on the November ballot will be for the District 2 County Commission seat. Incumbent Commissioner Darrell Harris (Rep) will face newcomer Andy Herrero (Dem) in the General Election.

Hendry had only an 18.82 percent voter turnout Tuesday. Books close for voter registration October 4 for the General Election on November 2.

County sees future in tourism/marketing

HENDRY COUNTY -The nonprofit Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative (LORI) is assisting Hendry County's efforts to boost tourism by contributing to the salary for a marketing and public relations director for the Hendry County Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Economic Development Council (EDC).

With a down economy, the county is looking for innovative ways to market its rich outdoor resources and attract visitors who can help the local economy. Hendry County has a vast untapped market in eco-tourism and agri-tourism and hopes to greatly expand its number of fishing and birding visitors each year.

LORI, a program of the nonprofit Collins Center for Public Policy Inc., is working to build economies and communities along the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee. Phil

Bacon, the Collins Center vice president in charge of the LORI initiative, said this position is critical to Hendry County reaching its potential as a tourist destination.

"This position is extremely important as a catalyst for bringing the region into focus as a tourist destination," Bacon said. "This person will help us brand the region."

With the eastern portion of the county situated on scenic Lake Okeechobee, and the north central and western portions bordering the Caloosahatchee River, the county is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. Lake Okeechobee is visited by 6 million people a year, and 14 million residents live within a two-hour drive of the county.

The marketing and public relations director will work to attract a larger percentage of these visitors and residents for overnight visits and events. In addition, the director

will capitalize on the connection between tourism and economic development.

"You just can't deny the connection between tourism and economic development," said Roger Harrison, president and CEO of the Hendry County EDC. "Tourists bring money to our community bolstering jobs in the hospitality and retail industry. A tourist's dollar is turned over up to six times in the local economy with little to no strain on public services."

Additionally, Harrison said, it's a great way to market Hendry County for new business. "People see what we've got going here, and want to turn their visit into a lifetime stay. This commitment from LORI shows that we're on the right track. Everyone is excited about the immediate potential this change will bring."

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Troupe offers praise through dance, arts

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Three young LaBelle women, members of a Christian praise group called Judah Praize, take that exhortation very seriously.

Patricia Deas is the heart and soul behind the group. Her pastor, Alonzo McKenzie of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, inspired the group when he asked members of his church to think about how they use their talents for the Lord. It made Patricia wonder what she could share.

Dance, she knew, was her gift. Patricia doesn't remember a time when dance wasn't a big part of her life. Growing up in New York City, her uncle was a professional dancer. She recalls her awe as she watched him on stage in a troupe performing an African Boot Dance. Her mother was also always dancing, though not professionally.

Patricia herself studied tap, ballet and modern dance as a child in NYC at the Mary Bruce Dance Studio, beginning at five years of age. She then attended the Jose Feliciano

Junior High School for the Performing Arts, but admits she did little with her gifts after that.

This would be her way of sharing - a

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Judah Praize touched the audience at the Black Heritage Festival in LaBelle last May.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Patricia Deas, Sharodra Gregory and Julisa Mobley - Judah Praize - took first place at City Community Church in Fort Myers.

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Praise

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dance troupe that praised her Lord.

Julisa Mobley and Sharoddra Gregory make up the other two-thirds of Judah Praise. They dance and also raise their voices in song. Patricia is the group coordinator, dance choreographer and CEO of her company called Heaven Bound Entertainment LLC - an extension of her vision which coordinates Christian entertainers with venues for their talents throughout Southwest Florida.

Mydajah Williams is Chief Operations Officer and manager of the company.

Heaven Bound Entertainment isn't about making money, Patricia cautions, it's about sharing God's word in a very special way.

When the End of the Year Youth Revival came up at church, she got the idea for the dance troupe. At that time they were doing mime using masks, as they did at the LaBelle Black Heritage Festival. They have since given up the masks in favor of face paint. Patricia calls it "Expression Dance," since it allows the audience to see their faces and expressions.

Patricia said that Judah Praise was "blessed" to perform at the LaBelle Black Heritage Festival in May. They also took second place at the Clewiston Brown Sugar Festival.

Patricia calls it their gift - their "anointing" - and believes they have been so successful because it flows through them to the audience.

You can see their performance at City Community Church in Fort Myers, which took a first place. To see on You Tube and look for www.judahpraise.com - best in me.

Patricia was interviewed Saturday, August 7, 11-1 on Gospel Jam Radio Show 89.5 FM www.praisefm.com.

Tourism

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Just recently, LORI assisted efforts to land Outdoor World Village on the northern rim of Lake Okeechobee, a project expected to help the economies of communities across the entire region. LORI has also:

- Helped develop a Web site and video as part of a marketing plan to boost tourism.
- Saved a bus line that ferries workers between Clewiston and Belle Glade.
- Begun plans to build a community garden in one of the poorest sections of Belle Glade.
- Nudged the Florida Department of Transportation to put high priority on improving one of the state's most dangerous intersections at State Road 80 and U.S. 27.
- Procured and distributed GIS data maps to regional leaders showing infrastructure; land and water resources; public facilities; and employment centers.
- Brought a nationally recognized firm to develop state-of-the-art demographic data gathering techniques related to census count.

For more information on the new position visit: www.hendrvdc.com/job.

On August 14 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Heaven Bound Entertainment put on its first ever Back 2 School Gospel Youth Jam. Mistress of Ceremony was Lashay Ross. Local entertainers included Jonathan Lopez (The Psalmist) of Christ Central, a Gospel rapper, and incredible dancer Esophia Higgins.

Patricia came to LaBelle in 1993 and graduated in the Class of 1994. It was pure culture shock, she recalls, but says she has learned to love it here.

Her son, Dorian Deas, graduated from LHS in 2008, and is currently at Webber College studying sports management and playing football.

A medical assistant in Bonita Springs by day, Patricia is also a part time paramedical - an independent contractor for a life insurance company.

As the mother of a college student and caretaker for her elderly grandmother, you might wonder how Patricia manages to do so much in a day.

"Everything I do is a passion," Patricia said, "So I never slow down or get tired of it. I work for my family," Patricia said, "and am blessed to do what God told me to do."

Thus far, her entertainment endeavor has indeed been blessed as well. She said she is completely booked for August and is looking forward to continuing after that.

"I thank God for these young ladies - Mydajah, Julisa and Sharoddra. They were receptive of the vision and show dedication to it," Patricia commented.

Julisa sang in school chorus. She graduated from LHS in 2009 and is at ECC studying business management. She hopes to own a restaurant, beauty salon and clothing

store. Julisa is still awed by what happened at the SWF Best Gospel Showcase. "The Spirit came over us and the audience," she said. "It's not about our dancing." It's about that special connection with the Lord.

Julisa said singing is her strongest point. She can sing any day, but dance takes practice - more time and added, "I'll do this as long as God wants me to."

Sharoddra Gregory also feels she's stronger in singing. "I like to minister to people's hearts and come together as one," she said, "we talk with the audience after a performance and it's inspiring. We work with God to get closer." Sharoddra is also a 2009 LHS graduate and a student at ECC. She is working toward a degree in physical therapy.

Patricia would like to get Julisa and Sharoddra recorded on a demo CD and gather a variety of artists to send throughout the

area and spread God's word. In the end, though, she said, "It's what God wants that counts."

She plans to keep her troupe strictly as a ministry for God. She doesn't want money to be the base of her troupe. It was never about money, she said. They do accept donations from those who feel led to provide them, however, to help defray travel expenses.

Other entertainment groups are welcome in Heaven Bound. Patricia said she would like to add musicians and songwriters, but she sees no more additions to the trio.

Patricia has a special feeling about Julisa, Sharoddra and Judah Praise and its ministry. "Anybody can do the steps," she said, "but the anointing flows through us to the audience and gets everyone involved."



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Holy road warriors, Batman!

Looks like Batman's other car is a motorcycle! Batman and Robin were nowhere to be found, but the Batcycle made an appearance at Rodeo Grill's Bike Day on Sunday, August 15.

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HCSO: Back to School means taking steps to keep kids safe

"Summer vacation is over and it's time to start thinking about getting back to the books. With the 2010-2011 school year about to begin, I and members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office are concerned about the safety of your children," said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden.

For children

Kids, take the time to read these tips and see how safety smart you are.

Work out a safe route to school with your parents. Choose the quickest way with the fewest street crossings and include intersections with crossing guards. Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places

Arrest made in 2007 home invasion

Hendry County investigators have made an arrest in a 2007 home invasion case. Enrique Salas, 24, was arrested August 19 and charged on a warrant with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill, battery touch or strike, burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance armed, larceny theft \$300-\$5,000 and robbery with a firearm.

According to sheriff's reports, Manuel Refugio-Martin Salgado, then 39, closed the Azteca bar in January 2007, loaded up several other employees in a van and drove south on SR 29 to his home. A white car he believed to be a sheriff's unit followed. However, at the residence the car pulled up and two or three men got out, yelling and carrying at least three guns. One was a silver-colored handgun and two were black. They appeared to the victims to be .22 or .25 caliber semi automatics.

Mr. Salgado ran inside and hid in the kitchen, hearing someone enter the home

where there aren't many people around.

Walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother or sister.

Be sure you know your home phone number and address, the numbers of your parents at work and of another trusted adult and also be sure how to use 911 for emergencies.

Never talk to or accept rides or gifts from people you don't know.

If you bike or skateboard to school, wear a helmet. And, don't forget to lock up your bike wherever you leave it.

If you're home alone after school, check in with a parent or neighbor as soon as you

and yell "Where's the man with the money?" He said he heard a shot come from one of the bedrooms. He remained hidden till the intruders began kicking other victims who were on the living room floor, and threatening to shoot one if they didn't get the money. Then Mr. Salgado yelled out that the money was in the van and they could take it.

One of the intruders dragged Mr. Salgado out of the house to the van where he was hit in the left eye with a gun. He retrieved about \$3,600 from the van but then the intruders demanded money from the bar from Saturday night too. When Mr. Salgado told them he had already given it to the owner, the men pushed Mr. Salgado back into the house and left.

Mr. Salgado and several other victims identified Salas from a photo line up. Officers found a unspent .22 caliber bullet in a bedroom and the victims later turned in a shell casing the found in the bedroom.

walk in the door.

Let parents and friends know if you stay late after school. Get permission first if you want to play with a friend instead of going home.

If you see anyone doing something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right, for example-someone you don't know hanging around the school playground, a bigger kid bullying younger children, vandalism or graffiti, tell your parents, a teacher or another trusted adult.

For parents

Parents please take the time to read over this information. We want to work together with you to ensure that your child experiences a safe and successful school year.

Please go over the above tips with your children and make sure they realize how important it is for your children to always be careful and safety smart.

Teach your children, whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school, to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and school safety officers.

When delivering and picking up children please do so as close to school as possible. Don't leave them until you are certain they are safely in the school yard.

If your child is home alone for a few hours after school, set up rules for locking doors and windows, answering the door and telephone.

Make sure they check in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.

Agree on rules for having friends over and for going to a friend's house when no

adult is home.

Take time to listen carefully to your children's fear and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously.

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Sobriety checkpoint planned

DUI sobriety checkpoint is scheduled in Hendry County for the weekend of August 28. This operation will take place in an undisclosed location in Hendry County. Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden stated, "In our continued effort to protect the citizens and visitors in Hendry County we are committed to getting impaired drivers off our roadways. Additionally, we are in support of education efforts such as the national 'Drunk Driving. Over the Limit.

Under Arrest' campaign."

This checkpoint emphasis is placed on the following: 1. Remove impaired drivers from the roadway; 2. Heighten awareness; 3. Educate the public on the dangers of drunk driving

Various community partnerships, including planned DUI sobriety checkpoints, are established with the goal of education and information for the public on traffic safety issues.

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Superintendent addresses workforce reductions

Dear Editor,

Let me address the concerns about the media specialist and teacher positions. My commitment is to the needs of all schools, students and all of our dedicated employees. I represent the entire county and will strive to provide the resources needed based on the funding we receive. The media centers are a valuable part of our schools. The Principal will have a person with expertise taking care of the students needs and the library will be open.

I recently recommended to the School Board the purchase of a new media system to be used in all schools. This system was purchased and will be installed in all schools soon. We also have added online E-Books that students can read at school and home

Townsend plans program on ranching history

Dallas B. Townsend, Hendry County Extension Director and Extension Agent IV for many years, will kick off the LaBelle Heritage Museum's 2010 - 2011 program year on Thursday, Sept. 2, when he presents a talk on the History of Ranching in Southwest Florida at the museum's 7 p.m. meeting in the Commission Chambers of LaBelle City Hall at 481 West Hickpochee Avenue (State Road 80).

Townsend, a member of the Felda pioneer Asa Barton Townsend family, graduated from LaBelle High School and received both his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Florida College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is so well regarded by his peers that the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Center, housing the Hendry County Extension offices and the Hendry and Glades County SWCD offices, was named in his honor.

The Dallas Townsend Term Professorship at the University of Florida College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was established in 2005 by his friends and former colleagues in honor of his dedication and commitment to the field of agriculture.

The public is welcome to attend all LaBelle Heritage Museum Program Meetings. A short business meeting will take place after the refreshment break following Dallas Townsend's interesting presentation.

which provides the same book for all students thereby eliminating out of stock problems. This will increase reading selections and opportunities for all students to read more both in English and Spanish.

Teacher positions have been advertised and are filled either by new applicants or school transfers. The district has been monitoring enrollment which is projected based on last year's students counts. That does not guarantee us these students will return this year. We are projecting a continued decline in enrollment which has happened since 2004 with a total loss of 300 students since 2004. Declining enrollment also means decreased revenue from the State and Federal Government.

When you have less students and money that means you have to make reductions in the workforce. The School District has lost more than five million dollars in general fund revenue since the 2007-2008 school year alone. That doesn't include Federal dollars lost and increased costs from non-funded mandates imposed by the State and Federal Government. The District has consolidated and reduced jobs in all areas of the School District including our county office administration in efforts to address reduced funding. This has changed the way we operate and we must continue to make adjustments.

Florida's economy has continued to decline which means parents loose their jobs in the private and retail job markets. That also forces people to move where they can find jobs and has been a contributing factor to the student enrollment decline for our School District and the other 66 counties in the State of Florida. Local and State property values have continued to decline producing less revenue for the State and local School Districts.

Retail sales and other tax collections have continued to decline since 2008 which is another part of the funding for all State and Government entities. The State of Florida economists and others predict the economy not to turn around for a minimum of 3-4 years. The U.S. Government stimulus funding has helped stimulate some stability in the economy and this year the funding goes away which creates a funding cliff for all school Districts and the State of Florida. The State of Florida's Leadership team has predicted an 8 billion dollar shortfall which means more reduced funding to all School Districts and other programs.

The State of Florida has reduced our

funding for the last 3 years because of the economy and Federal funding. We have all voiced our concerns to our Legislators to make funding for School Districts a priority in their budgeting process. Unfortunately the Legislature has no choice except to continue cutbacks with less funding. The BP oil spill has already cost the State and merchants millions of dollars in lost revenue. Locally the closing of the bridge on 29 in LaBelle has had a drastic affect on local merchants.

The class size amendment passed in 2002 has cost the State of Florida over 18.5 billion dollars thus far and school districts have not been adequately funded to meet the requirements of the amendment. The School District is closely monitoring enrollment and has a plan to meet class size which is available on our Web site. The District's estimated cost will exceed 1 million dollars without additional funding. The process requires monitoring enrollment, scheduling and a lot of hard work by our staff at the school and District level. We will make adjustments as needed and staff our schools the best we can with the resources available. The District has continued to reduce administrative and other positions to survive the downturns. This year we have reorganized the entire District in an effort to reduce costs which also increased work loads on our District administrative and School staffs. Our employees have worked together to maximize efforts and will continue to provide the best service for our students' education with the resources provided to our District.

This economy has been a moving target which requires constant adjustments and tough decisions by myself, our Leadership team and the School Board.

It has also challenged us to be creative and utilize many grant opportunities for additional funding. We have been in the worst recession since the great depression and economists are predicting a double dip recession which may last longer than originally forecasted. We must hope and pray things get better for all of us while remembering those that are in worse circumstances than some of us.

In summary I appreciate the concern about the media specialist and other positions. We will continue to make adjustments as the economy improves.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Rick Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

Thank You

Thoughtful gesture

The staff of Kingshouse wants to thank Margaret Parker from the Woman's Club of LaBelle for supplying our residents with lap sheets. It was a thoughtful gesture and much appreciated.

Stafford and Annette King

Buy a Brick, Honor a Vet

Florida Community Bank wants to thank everyone in the community who stepped up to the challenge of raising money for LaBelle's Veterans Memorial Park by purchasing a brick. A list of those generous people include: Florida Community Bank Employees, Hendry County EDC, Shirley Dooley, Larry Conley, Curt Sinclair and Tim Mudge.

This "brick drive" raised \$800 for the park. We hope that more people will continue to support the Veterans Memorial Park. You can still purchase a brick by contacting the American Legion Post 130 at 863-675-8300.

Thank you,
Susan Vaughan, FCB

School supply event

Life Ministries Church would like to express to the following business whose generosity made it possible to support our 210 elementary students with backpacks and school supplies on August 14. Thank you to White's Furniture & Appliances, Winn-Dixie Grocery, U-Save Grocery, ASA Irrigation, Inc., The Log Cabin, McDonalds, Langford Ford, Sandra Alexander at Belle Realty Co. and West Glades Repairs.

God bless your businesses and again thank you.

Jorge Rodriguez

Good Samaritans

We would like to say thank you to the people that helped my daughter, Kayla Renaldi, on August 18 in the Family Dollar when she passed out. We really appreciate it. God bless every one of you.

Thank you,
Nancy Renaldi-Hansen,
Chris Hansen and Kayla Renaldi

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New Christian school ready to open doors in September

International Christian Academy "ICA", a new Christian private-school, K-12th, received their business license on August 20, 2010. At this time, they are ready to open school. Director, Mrs. Tracy Co, along with her advisory team, felt that it would be in the best interest of the students and parents to open after Labor Day, on Sept. 7. This allows students to receive their scholarship letters and ICA to be able to accept those scholarships.

ICA will be a 21st century technology school. Each student will be assigned a laptop computer. In addition to core subjects, students will take a foreign language, three times a week. PE, art, music, piano lessons, liturgical dance and sign language, will be taught as well.

Tracy Co praises International Christian Fellowship of LaBelle for sponsoring this opportunity for the community and their children.

ICA's tuition is the lowest around. Therefore, if a student qualifies for the Tax-Credit

scholarship or the McKay scholarship, it will pay 100 percent of the tuition and books. Tax-Credit scholarships are sponsored by private corporations and are based on the income of the household.

If a student attended a public school last year and they were eligible to receive reduced or free lunch, that student is probably eligible to receive a tax-credit scholarship. The McKay scholarship is a different scholarship from the tax-credit scholarship. A student may be eligible to receive this scholarship if they take speech, or have special learning needs or have an IEP (individualized educational plan) written on them. Additionally, these scholarships offered, save the tax-payers money. Parents may apply for scholarships at www.stepupforstudents.org or on the Florida Department of Educational Web site. Registration is still opened for International Christian Academy. For more information, contact Tracy Co at 863-675-1112 or 863-675-4227.

Community Briefs

Attention caregivers

An Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet at Oakbrook of LaBelle, 250 Broadway Ave., Thursday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and sponsored by ACE Homecare as part of its community outreach program. For information call 863-677-1100.

Girl Scout Spa Day

Girl Scout Troop 748 invites you to enjoy a SPA DAY! Have fun getting your nails and hair done while you meet new friends! Girls in K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades are invited to come to Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall, 310 Campbell Street, Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m.-Noon. Cost for event: \$14~includes registration as a Girl Scout-Pay at door(this does not guarantee placement in a Girl Scout Troop-adult volunteers are always needed to start new troops). To RSVP call 863-674-1906 by Thursday, August 26.

Helping needy critters

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale Saturday, August 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. with many new items. All proceeds directly benefit animals at the shelter. Come to Park Ave. for the yard sale, behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 N. Bridge Street. For more information call 675-0997.

Calling all 1981 Classmates

Plans for the 30-year reunion are under way, if you would like to be part of the planning please come to Forrey's Grill (backroom) on Friday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m. or contact: Robert Marsh at rtmarsh1@msn.com or (863) 675-3579; Teri Small Marroquin at tdm4263@yahoo.com or (863) 673-4427; Julia Rodriguez-Howard at kjihoward@embarqmail.com or (863) 673-3819; Mike (Sharky) Smith at sharkranch1@embarqmail.com or (863) 234-9498. There is also a Facebook page under LHS Class of 81 for all other information.

Church Briefs

Christian Men to commemorate 9/11

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.

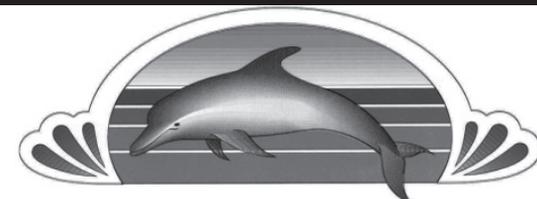
Admission will be free - a love offering will be accepted. For more information contact Larry Woosley at 673-0335.

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.

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They're Off at Barron Library

Submitted photo

And they're off . . . to school, following a Bike Safety Rodeo at Barron Library. For the last session of the library's Summer Story Time, representatives from the Hendry County Health Department and the Hendry County Sheriff's Department put on a Bike Safety Rodeo. Each child was fitted for their own personal bike helmet, then were guided through the bicycle obstacle course. Upon completion, the children left with their new helmets, a bag of goodies, an ice cream snack and a smile on their face. A big thank you to everyone who helped with story time by presenting a lesson or providing materials and snacks for our program. It was a huge success with over 730 children participating throughout the summer. Stop by the library to see the BIG ice cream cone that was built by adding one scoop of ice cream for each child that attended a Summer Story Time. The 'paper' ice cream cone goes all the way up the wall and over the door. Plan on participating in upcoming story times for pre-school children, beginning Tuesday, September 7, at 10:30 in the morning. Also, watch for scheduled craft projects that will be offered for all ages in the near future.



At left: Kids got a glimpse of what carrying extra weight is like during a recent nutrition program.

School Briefs

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The Education Center of Southwest Florida is seeking applications to enroll in an Introductory to the Core Curriculum: Introduction to the Construction Trade or a Social Media class slated to begin in September.

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Community Briefs

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.

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.

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Coach Bennett wonders: Is this the Year of the Cowboy?

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

The LaBelle Cowboys have a very exciting message for football fans this year. Look out - here come the Cowboys!

Head Coach Hal Bennett is hoping that this could be the Year of the Cowboys. He said he sees a lot of things coming together this year. A bigger offensive line, a "Gramatica caliber" kicker and a stronger, more cohesive team all point to better things for the Cowboys this year.

Coach Bennett is already proud of his offensive line. Last year only one player was over 200 pounds; this year only one is under 200 pounds - in line with today's standards, he said. He mentions senior center Josey Scannell at 6'3" 285 pounds and junior Ian Kelley 6'5" 220 pounds. Since he came back to LHS as a coach in 2004, Coach Bennett said their size goes in waves - peaks and valleys. For whatever reason their size is on the upswing again, making them more competitive against bigger opponents.

Coach said he's had a good turnout in the weight room over summer, and that is sure to benefit the team.

The team as a lot of returnees and a solid core of leaders, Coach Bennett said. Seniors David Miller (running back and defensive back), Alejandro Moreno (offensive and defensive lineman) and Chris Garcia (running back and defensive back) are the team cap-

tains this year.

Coach is also looking for big things from seniors Will Thomas (wide receiver and defensive back) and Michael Pittman (running back and defensive back).

Fans can get a good look at the Cowboys at the Kick Off Classic in Immokalee Friday, August 27. "It will be a good test of what we've been working on," coach said. "Immokalee is always loaded with athletes but they also still have a new coach."

Clewiston and Bishop Verot are always on the Cowboys' mind. Tough opponents and perennial Cowboy rivals, Verot has a lot of returning players this year - Coach Bennett calls them "impressive." He's not as familiar with the Clewiston Tigers this year, but said they have lost a lot of linemen. He notes that "We battled them tough last year." It was a game that included a wild, explosive fourth quarter.

The Junior Varsity Cowboys have played extremely well against the Tigers.

Kicker David Antunez has returned to LaBelle after a year elsewhere. Coach Bennett said David is a "Gramatica caliber" kicker with a strong leg. He said he knows where to place the ball and is good at position kicks. In fact, David pulled off two 70-yard practice kicks recently.

Taylor Jordan is back for the Cowboys. The QB missed most of last year with concussion issues, but coach said he looks good. He's running offense, throwing the ball well and looks 100 percent. Taylor has made big strides, coach said, he's improved his attitude and leadership skills as well.

"With him, we have a chance to turn some heads offensively," according to Coach Bennett

Transfer from Leonard High School in Ruskin, junior Pablo Jaramillo is a corner-back. Coach said he stepped right in, was

welcomed into the team and is already "one of the guys." Coach said Pablo has a great work ethic and attitude, and adds depth to the team. "A coach couldn't ask for anything more," he said.

Sophomore Derrick Bass (QB, defensive back) and Chris Jasiak (offensive and defensive lineman) are expected to contribute quite a bit to the team.

The Cowboys have made a list of goals for the year, including winning Districts - a major goal for a team that only won one district game last season. District opponents include Lake Placid, Dunbar, Gateway Charter, CHS and Island Coast. Coach Bennett expects Island Coast will be the toughest game of the season for the Cowboys. District champions last year, Island Coast graduated only six team members. "They're a powerhouse," coach said, "but beatable."

Other goals include "protecting their house" - winning all their home games; and being the most physical team on the field.

Coach Bennett sees a lot of improvement in that last goal. At the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp at Ave Maria this summer the LaBelle boys held their own against big squads like North Fort Myers and Golden Gate.

"What's different about this group is that they're not afraid to mix it up with anyone," coach said, adding, "They all get along and work together."

This is the most cohesive year he's had as head coach, he explained, adding that LHS has some top notch facilities and the team just keeps working.

The Cowboys have added two new coaches. Doug Russell is youth pastor at Caloosa Baptist Church, a great worker and good with the team, Coach Bennett commented. He's volunteering with the JV offensive and defensive line.

Jason Bond, former head coach at Moore Haven, has also joined the team. Teaching English and Social Studies at LHS, Coach Bond came over the summer, bringing a lot of experience from Jupiter, Moore Haven and Ocala Vanguard. Coach Bond is the team offensive coordinator, the wide receiver and QB coach and passing game coordinator. Due to Coach Bond's efforts, Coach Bennett is looking forward to a passing game that's "way more dynamic than before."

Coach Bennett is pleased that all other coaching staff is returning, along with their great knowledge and experience with kids.

All in all, Coach Bennett anticipates quite a year for the Cowboys. In fact, he said, "This is the year to turn some heads."

The team is also doing some fundraising to buy an updated program that will make it much faster for Coach Bennett to put together video highlights used to attract the attention of college scouts to LaBelle players.

Sports Short

Attention shotgun shooters

The shotgun portion of the Hendry County Gun Range will have new hours on Wednesday till the middle of October. It will be RSVP only. Call Ed Kuntz at 8630675-6432 to set up a time you want to shoot on Wednesday. Thursday and Saturday hours will be the same. We are asking for donations of equipment, building materials or money to improve the shotgun range.

For more information contact Dave Alexander at 8630675-0500 or Ed Kuntz 863-675-6432. We hope to have trap and skeet leagues in November.

Bus Challenge Saturday

Saturday, August 28, at 7 p.m. Hendry County Motor Sport Park, located at the Hendry and Glades County line, presents the Back to School School Bus Challenge.

This event will be fun for the whole family. Full size school buses negotiate the turns of the 3/8th mile high banked oval. Also, come see the fourth annual Ponce DeLeon Late Model Classic. This race will feature the fastest late model drivers in the South, including radio personality Bubba "The Love Sponge." Bubba and all of the other stars will have an autograph session for the kids in the front straightaway before the race. Tickets may be purchased at many area businesses.

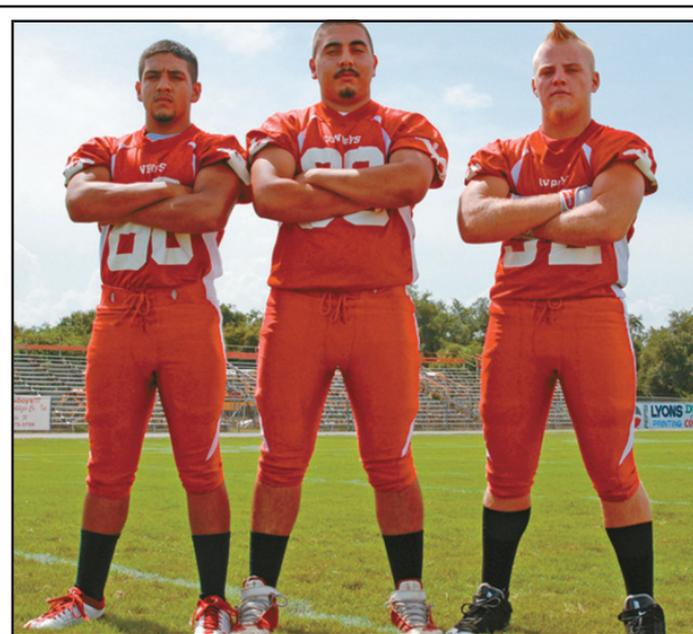
Also in action will be the street stocks, pure stocks and other local classes which fanfare many local drivers including Tommy Hill, Jesse Brown, John Wilson, Travis Drapal and many others. Come early. Gates open at 4 p.m. Racing begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 863-673-8888 or 673-4325.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Photo contest winner

David Childs, manager of U-Save, congratulates Cowboy Head Football Coach Hal Bennett as coach is presented with a gift certificate for the LaBelle Sports Network winning sports photo this month. The photo at right shows the LaBelle Cowboy 2009-2010 football captains.



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Homemade heaven from the oven now in LaBelle

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Who can resist the welcoming smell of cinnamon? That's the aroma that greets you as you open the door of Suzie's Sweet Smiles. Tucked inside of Flower Power, 340 N. Bridge Street, this brand new bakery has treats to tempt any taste.

Owner Suzie Conner managed her father's restaurant, the Golden Coral in Lake Placid, and grew up in the business. Still, she had never baked anything from scratch till three years ago. The results were way over the top. Family and friends urged her to use that innate talent and open her own bakery. She had a bakery booth at Shell Point for a while, but she is putting her whole heart into her new place in LaBelle.

She started by offering cookie cards to Robbie Munson at her Flower Power Flower Shop. These 4-6 inch cookies are artfully



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Suzie Conner with her son DJ.

decorated on one side; the other is covered with a personal message, just like a greeting card, printed on edible icing sheets. They come ready-made with messages to suit different occasions and may also be custom ordered. Suzie also offers cookie bouquets on sticks in a pot or bouquets in a box - great for shipping.

All her delightful goodies are made fresh daily. Open just about two weeks, she said her incredible cinnamon rolls and gourmet cupcakes seem to be her customers' favorites so far. These innovative gourmet cupcakes are the right portion sizes - all filled with luscious fresh fruit fillings and topped with her own butter cream frosting.

Only the best ingredients are good enough for Suzie's creations. She proudly says, "I'm all about quality." She's also all about keeping things local, and buys her honey from Curtis Honey House.

In addition to the classic cupcake flavors you'll want to try out her specialties like tiramisu (divine coffee and mascarpone cheese flavored dessert) peach melba, Death by Chocolate or banana split.

By the way, if you're on a diet you don't have to stay away. Suzie's unique innovative style has produced some terrific recipes for you. Try her Morning Glory Muffins: whole wheat flour, oats, carrots, raisins, cranberries, apples, and honey - make this a very big seller.

She will also sweeten with sugar substitutes, if you let her know in advance, and has gluten-free products by special order.

She also plans to make breads: French, honey wheat, sour dough and multi-grain.

This October or November Suzie hopes to offer her customers a small bistro providing tasty and classic lunches - deli sand-

wiches made with her own roasted meats, homemade pasta salads and soups. With a little rearranging they can put in a couple small tables and stools at the counter for a nice intimate atmosphere.

Suzie said she never gets tired of her bakery. "This is what I love to do." Of course, it helps that people get excited about her food. She said it keeps her motivated. Suzie's Sweet Smiles will be a family affair with her two sons, DJ, 11, and Eric, 15, helping out on Saturdays.

Naturally, you can order special occasion cakes and delicious pies from Suzie. To find out more about this tasty new LaBelle business, check out Suzie's Web site sending-

sweetsmiles.com or catch her on Facebook at Sending Sweet Smiles. Become a fan of her FB page and get a chance to win a cookie bouquet of your choice, since she periodically does drawings to thank her "fans."

Suzie's Sweet Smiles is located at 340 N. Bridge Street. Call 675-7040. She is open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 6:30 a.m.-noon.

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City seeks to improve dock

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

The LaBelle City Commission approved a resolution to apply to the Florida Wildlife Commission for a \$436,000 grant to rebuild and improve the city dock by Barron Library. The action was taken at the city's regular August 12 meeting.

American Legion 130 Legion Riders planned Bike Fest for October 9 will go on as planned, whether the city allows beer sales or not, according to AL Committee Chair Ray Levantahl. The organization hopes to get the city's okay to sell beer in a contained area, perhaps the tennis courts, at Barron Park for the event. The decision should come at the

city commission's Sept. 9 meeting. Proceeds from the event will go toward finishing the new Veterans Memorial Park.

Commissioners cited safety concerns in denying approval for a one-night haunted house on a vacant lot by the fire station on Oct. 31. Congestion including many young trick or treaters in that area worried the board. They suggested the project be presented to the Rec Board for approval to use the Nature Park, which they felt would be more suited to the purpose.

The board will have a budget workshop Tuesday, August 31, at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.



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The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on October 12, 2010 at 5:05 p.m. at the City of Clewiston, Commission Chambers, 115 W Ventura Ave, Clewiston, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

Petition Number: SE10-0004 Applicant: Humberto and Carmen Calvo (Lake's Guardians)

Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW FOR A DOG KENNEL AND TRAINING FACILITY ON 5.01 ACRES +/- IN THE RESIDENTIAL/RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RR) ZONING DISTRICT

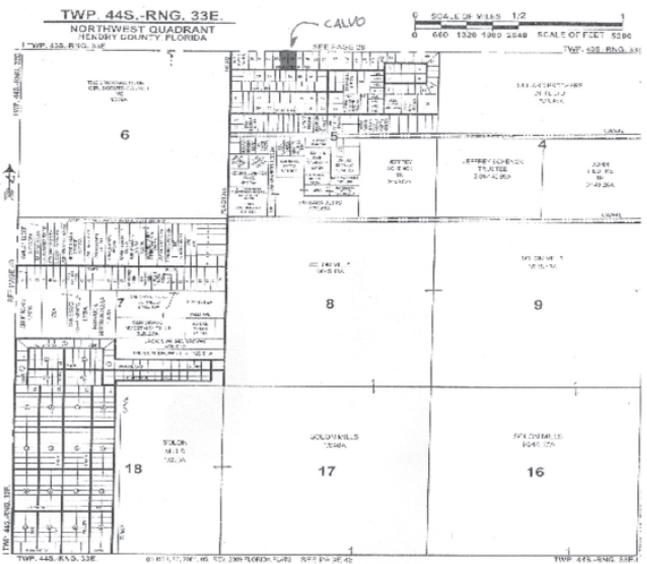
Location: 143 Kilpatrick Road, Clewiston, FL

Property size: 5.01 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to breed, train, and condition working dogs, mainly German Shepherds and Labrador Retrievers.

Legal description of subject property:

LOT 67 and LOT 68, SEVEN "K" ESTATES, UNIT NUMBER 2", a subdivision in a portion of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, as per Plat Thereof as Recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 75; of the Public Record of HENDRY County, Florida. Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record.



Orvell Howard, Chair Hendry County Local Planning Agency

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

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RFP - 2010-35 HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM

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And on the 23rd day of September, 2010, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, Daniel Perez, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

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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

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with design services for the Helms Road Extension from SR 80 to SR 29 in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction 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. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submissions Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., September 24, 2010, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and 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.

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. Presentations of the short listed firms will be held on October 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Conference Room located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SR 80 LIGHTING DESIGN IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ. No: 2010-29

OPENING DATE: Friday, September 17, 2010 at 2:00 pm

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with design of street lighting along SR 80 at East Cowboy Way, Cedarwood Parkway, Birchwood Parkway, Collingswood Parkway and Forrey Drive in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction design services for lighting on a State Highway System and other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. 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. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., September 17, 2010, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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The Evaluation Committee will meet on September 21st, 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. Presentations of the short listed firms will be held on September 23rd, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Conference Room located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

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The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **September 28, 2010 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 165 South Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Petition Number: RZ10-0001

Applicant: First Bank of Clewiston and Linda Kay Morgan Trustee, represented by Ms. Sherri Denning, Southern Heritage Real Estate, and Ms. Julie Wilkins, LaBelle Planning, LLC.

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL (C-1) TO HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL (C-3) ON 4.39 ACRES +/-; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Location: 3019 and 3049 South SR 29, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 4.39 acres +/-

Request: The applicants are jointly requesting a rezone to High Intensity Commercial on two adjacent parcels for a business with outdoor storage.



Legal description of subject property: SUBJECT PROPERTY APPEARS TO BE IN FLOOD ZONE "C" AS DEPICTED ON FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (F.I.R.M.) COMMUNITY PANEL NO. 120107 0045 B, EFFECTIVE DATE, MAY 17, 1982.

DESCRIPTION: (O.R.B. 808, PG. 1529)
THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. (ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 2 OF LABELLE ACRES AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.) LESS THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR STATE ROAD 29.

AND

DESCRIPTION: (O.R.B. 799, PG. 511)
THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 1 OF LABELLE ACRES AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

Petition Number: SE10-0005

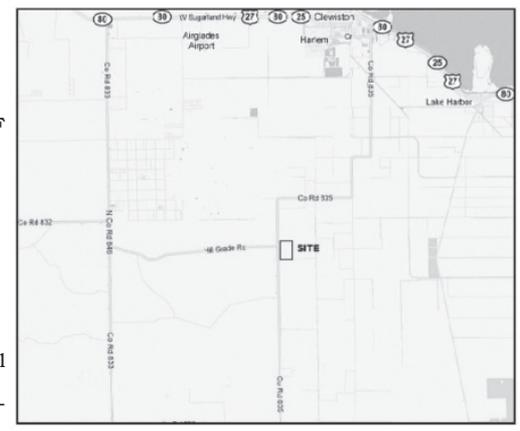
Applicant: Aspring, Inc., represented by Mr. Carlos Rionda, President, Southeastern Renewable Fuels, and Mr. Glen A. Miller, P.E., Miller Engineering

Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A BIOREFINERY/ETHANOL PLANT, RETAIL GAS STATION, AND DRY ICE MANUFACTURING FACILITY ON 84.3 ACRES +/- IN THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT

Location: 18400 CR 835, Clewiston, FL

Property size: 84.3 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception for the development of an agricultural processing facility to mill sorghum and produce fuel grade ethanol from sorghum, wood chips, or molasses. The Facility would also generate electricity. The site would include a retail gas station and a dry ice manufacturing facility.



Legal description of subject property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE EAST 1375 FEET OF THE WEST 1425 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Hendry County Local Planning Agency

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Community Briefs

Kiwanis meeting changes

If you are interested in becoming involved in your community you might be interested in attending a Kiwanis meeting. Meetings are 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Beef O'Brady's. If you can't make an early morning meeting, try an evening meeting the last Tuesday of each month at Beef O'Brady's; dinner at 5:30 meeting at 6 p.m. For more information you can call Nell at 863-675-1313.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262008CA000775XXXXXX

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-MLN1 Plaintiff

vs. JOSE A. OJEDA; et al., Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 9, 2010 and an Order Resetting Sale dated August 6, 2010, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000775XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-MLN1 is Plaintiff and JOSE A. OJEDA; SOFIA OJEDA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE LENDERS NETWORK USA, INC. MIN NO. 002610-3030063800-3; DANIEL LYNN BERGER 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 on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 in Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the September 15, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK A, RIDGEVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ADDITION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 122 AND 123, OF THE 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 Aug. 6, 2010.

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

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2010-68CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN PORTELLI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EVELYN PORTELLI, deceased, whose date of death was June 5, 2010; is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2010-68CP the address of which is 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, State Road 80 Corner State Road 29, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS August 26th 2010.

ARNOLD M. STRAUS, JR. ESQ. Florida Bar No. 275328

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A workshop to help acquaint residents

with the new form will be held in LaBelle Monday, August 30, 5:30 p.m. at the LaBelle Commissioner Chamber in the Courthouse and in Clewiston Thursday, Sept. 2, at the John Boy Auditorium Beardsley Room at 5:30 p.m. Space is limited. RSVP 675-5270, please.

Church plans garage sale

Sunday, August 29, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 3379 SR 29S, the LaBelle Community SDA

Church will have a garage sale. Proceeds go toward the building fund. Call Joan Marsh, 863-612-5231 for more information.

No garbage pick up

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contact Renee Hawley at 888-853-7904 x 323
rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com



Local agritourism

At the Florida Small Farms Alternative Enterprise Conference in Kissimmee on July 31 and August 1 over 700 farming professionals and others involved in agriculture statewide discussed aspects to improve agricultural operations. Martha Pierce, director of Riverside Retreat outside of LaBelle, and Michael Weston, Senior Forester with the Florida Division of Forestry, spoke in a break-out session about agritourism.

Agritourism is a rising alternative revenue generation opportunity and awareness opportunity for a growing number of farms of all sizes as people look to connect with natural settings and farming. Typically, agritourism has focused on birding tours, site visits to view agricultural operations, and camping.

Opportunities for revenue on sites of all sizes include: horse camping; forest maze navigation; "how-to" sessions that relate back to the areas in cities and suburbs that people live in such as vegetable growing or tree planting; leadership and corporate event hosting for challenge courses and challenges; campfire events; and, wagon rides. Martha Pierce presented on the many opportunities at Riverside Retreat just outside of LaBelle, along with challenges and opportunities.

Michael Weston discussed educating students in forests and existing farm operations, along with methods to bring agritourism onto a property that minimizes disruptions to existing farming operations while taking advantage of existing conditions on the site.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Welcome to the world

Baby gators continue to be welcomed into the world at Gatorama this weekend by some gentle if inexperienced hands. Young folks like six-year-old Damien Gonville of Sebring all the way up to 92-year-old Lela Camp of Pioneer Plantation (being assisted by volunteer Ann Starke) were thrilled last Saturday as the tiny reptiles peeked out of their shells for the first time and crawled into their hands. The Alligator Hatching Festival continues through August 31. Gatorama is located at 6180 US 27, Palmdale. For information call 863-675-0623 or visit www.Gatorama.com. At right, Gatorama owner Allen Register explains just how to play midwife to a tiny alligator.

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