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Pictured from left: County Attorney Mark Lapp, Commissioner Darrell Harris, Congressman Rooney, Commissioner Karson Turner, County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf, Veterans Service Officer David B. Abney, Director of Special Districts Janet Papanaw and LaBelle Finance Director/Grants Ron Zimmerly.

Burglaries solved

On August 3, while investigating a burglary on Florida Avenue in LaBelle a subsequent burglary was reported in the same neighborhood, on Wilson Avenue. Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden and investigators began an all day search for 38-year-old Douglas Hunter of LaBelle, who they believed to be involved.

In the evening hours Sheriff Whidden was able to track down Hunter at the River's Edge Motel where he found him with 25-year-old Margaret Astorga. After being invited into the room Hendry County Sheriff's Deputies were given permission to search for the property that had been reported missing earlier on.

Deputies located approximately \$7,600 suspected to be have been taken from a residential floor safe that had been forced open. According to the sheriff's office, all

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Get ready for Kids Day

The 2010 Kiwanis Kid's Day - Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - is approaching quickly. If you or your church, club or organization would like to participate: (1) Encourage kids from tiny through elementary school age to come, (2) set-up one or more games for kids, a table for quick crafts, educational information to share (for kids or their parents) or literature about your children's program. (Looking for a face painter too.)

Basic picnic food and drinks \$.50-\$1; Kid's bike raffle tickets: 2

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LaBelle, Washington connection

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

There is no shortage of important local issues, many with deeper roots in regional and even national problems. As part of that larger world, Hendry County needs to tap into resources and expertise beyond its boundaries.

Congressman Tom Rooney, District 16, with one foot in Florida and the other in Washington, is a key figure in that effort.

The Congressman stopped in LaBelle and Clewiston August 18 as he was making his way to the annual citrus banquet in Fort Myers. He met with mayors Mali Gardner and Paul Puletti in Clewiston first, and then with Economic Development Director Roger Harrison and county officials in LaBelle.

The Congressman and Mr. Harrison conversed over highly confidential plans for Airglades Airport and discussed Southeast Renewables, a renewable fuel plant currently being permitted for the area south of Clewiston on Evercane Road.

Congressman Rooney's staff members, District Director Steve Layton of Stuart, Legislative Director Hannah Walker in Washington D.C., and Deputy District Director Leah Valenti of Punta Gorda accompanied the Congressman. These are the staff members most often assisting locals.

Mr. Harrison said his job is to "put Hendry County on the map" with regard to business and recreation - to stretch every dollar

we get. Visits like these help to strengthen relationships, Mr. Harrison noted, adding, "They help keep momentum going."

Tourism is important because each person who comes into Hendry County brings their wallet and may be expected to spend money locally for food, lodging and shopping. All that translates into more local jobs and Bed Tax monies that go back into the Tourism Development Council.

The Congressman is well aware of the impact of economic development on any community and, Mr. Harrison said, "Congressman Rooney really does care about what happens here."

A short time later, Mr. Rooney spent time with county personnel

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including County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf, Director of Special Districts Janet Papinaw, County Attorney Mark Lapp, Commissioners Tris Chapman, Darrell Harris and Karson Turner.

Congressman Rooney had only a short time to share, but explained that Congress is reconsidering its funding procedures and applying strict standards for appropriations. Still, he said Congress has provided more appropriations for Hendry County than any

Kids

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for \$1.

Balloons for all the kids; bounce house and Bike Rodeo

First time ever: LaBelle Kids Got Talent - still setting up guidelines: Competition will begin at 11 a.m. and there will be 2 categories: 8 & Under; 9-12 yr. olds. You can pick up registration forms at the Caloosa Belle, Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Thrift Store.

Will be an absolutely fun day for kids and families. If you would like to receive more info about how you can be a part of this 'Kid's 4 Hour Mini-Swamp Cabbage Festival', please reply with e-mail or call Nikki 239-564-2005. (Always welcome enthusiastic volunteers too!)

Burglaries

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but \$2,081 in monies spent by Hunter and Astorga was returned to the owner. Some jewelry and clothing was also recovered.

In addition to the cash, deputies also confiscated 19 pieces of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia,

Margaret Michelle Astorga was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and is currently being held in lieu of \$4,500 bond. Hunter is being held on two counts of Burglary Unoccupied Structure, and two counts of Larceny. He is currently being held in lieu of \$18,000 bond. Deputies continue to investigate.

Sheriff Whidden stated, "Due to the

other in the District. This, he said, is largely because the county administrator "does her job," which facilitates the process.

For her part, County Administrator Kennington-Korf said she hopes the Congressman and county will continue to be active partners.

One of the most important projects the Congressman has helped facilitate is an appropriation for the SR 80/US 27 intersection, considered the most dangerous intersection in the state.

Commissioner Turner said this regional artery has been the county commission's "#1 priority for many years - most of my life."

Thanks to Congressman Rooney's efforts, the ground breaking for the reconstructed intersection could take place as early as next year.

Commissioner Turner and the board are also seeking the Congressman's assistance with replacing the decimated Clewiston Sheriff's Sub Office, unusable since Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

For his part, the Congressman complimented Hendry County's "great staff."

Veterans Service officer David B. Abney is seeking Rooney's help to increase widow's benefits. Currently, he said widows can't make over \$7,900 per year to be eligible for widow's benefits, whereas veterans can't make over \$11,000.

The Congressman has been speaking at length with residents and leaders in Hendry County about the need to help small businesses grow and create jobs, in order to reduce Hendry's high unemployment rates and get the local economy moving again.

above average burglary rate, I have commanded all my Command and Administrative staff to dedicate 50 percent of their time to be on the street in an effort to quell the burglaries.

It does appear to be working as there has been a decline in the number of reported burglaries and thefts. This does take away from their normal duties, but due to the financial situation and high call volume this is a must."

If anyone has any information regarding any burglary or crime in Hendry County you are encourage to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477).

Before stopping over in LaBelle, the Congressman met with the mayors of LaBelle and Clewiston. Mayor Mali Gardner of Clewiston was enthusiastic about the visit.

As the grateful recipient of some \$15 million in USDA funding for a long awaited new water plant, the City of LaBelle is well satisfied with Congressman Rooney's representation. Mayor Paul Puletti said he joined in the discussion about completing the four-laning of SR 80 to US 27 and also sought the federal government's continued support of the Edison State College campus in LaBelle.

For her part, Mayor Gardner said they wanted to thank Mr. Rooney for all he and his staff have done for Hendry County residents. "They keep us informed. There's a lot of communication," she said.

In particular, Mayor Gardner expressed gratitude for federal help in four laning SR 80 four-laning and stepping up improvements to the SR 80/US 27 intersection - considered one of the most dangerous intersections in the state.

The Clewiston folks briefed the Congressman on the recent Corps of Engineers meeting about the levy surrounding Lake Okeechobee. Conceptual plans would move the S-169 structure to the Clewiston city limits, opening a canal for direct access to the lake. This, Mayor Gardner said, would put the city back in touch with Lake Okeechobee - the "economic engine" it has been cut off from since the structure went in. For too long, Mayor Gardner said, there has been no direct access to the city's treasure - Lake Okeechobee. She is looking forward to providing public space for kyaking, canoeing, birding and other ecotourism activities.

Other Clewiston concerns include 728



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Congressman Rooney, left, met with EDC Director Roger Harrison.

acres of state land for water filtration and water quality.

The mayor also spoke to Congressman Rooney on the general economic climate. As the junior member of the Ag Committee, Mr. Rooney will be serving at the nation's highest levels of agricultural policy.

There is also some interest in planning a Town Hall Meeting in Clewiston for October, to include Congressman Rooney, State Rep. Denise Grimsley and Congressman Adam Putnam District 12.

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This program is brought to you through the combined efforts of David B. Abney of the Hendry County Veterans Services Office and representatives of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center and Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.



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New Guardian ad Litem

Judge James D. Sloan swore Mel Brant in as the county's newest Guardian ad Litem volunteer earlier this month. Mr. Brant retired from the Hendry County Sheriff's Office in May after 40 years in law enforcement. He will now be volunteering some of his retirement time to speak for children caught up in the judicial system. The Guardian ad Litem volunteers learn about the foster children assigned to them by talking to the child, their parents and teachers, then they make recommendations to the judge on what is best for the child. There is a shortage of volunteers for the Hendry/Glades area. Anyone interested in the GAL program should call Angela Boykin at 674-4190.

One cent tax okayed for operations

by **Patty Brant**

Caloosa Belle

At their August 24 meeting, Hendry County commissioners approved an amendment to the One-Cent Small County Surtax ordinance, which had been earmarked for local government infrastructure including roads, bridges, government buildings, etc. As per discussions during budget workshops, commissioners unanimously approved changing the ordinance to allow use of these funds for operating expenses as well.

Commissioner Kevin McCarthy took pains to make sure the change must be reviewed annually.

Banyan Village

Banyan Village residents and lot owners will be paying an additional special assessment totaling \$283.58 for water lines installed to that Port LaBelle area. Commissioner Kevin McCarthy provided an overview of the process, which began when Atlantic

Gulf Communities foreclosed and Hendry County took over the Port LaBelle Utilities. Lot owners had already paid into an escrow fund for future water lines.

Part of the agreement between Port LaBelle and the county was that water lines be put in to Banyan Village in order to make those lots buildable.

When CHL bought 2,400 lots in Port LaBelle, the company pushed the county to get water to them. Water line construction began in 2005 but the cost by then was much higher than the amount in the escrowed account.

An additional \$1,012,668 is required. The additional amount may be paid in full by October 1 or may be tacked on to Banyan Village residents' tax bills (\$41.64 per year over 15 years.) If included on the resident's tax bill, the amount financing and other costs will be applied.

The plan creating the Banyan Village Municipal Services Benefits Unit and the additional amount was approved 5-0.

Arrests

LaBelle

Jennifer Ann Garrison, 31, was arrested August 28 and charged with fraud uttering a false instrument. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Michael Jouse Sequeria, 29, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver schedule I and possession of over 20 grams of marijuana. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Aaron Rhashaud Ivy, 34, and James Darrell McCants, 42, were arrested August 23 and charged with damaging property criminal mischief \$1,000 or more and escape. According to reports, the pair were incarcerated in Pod C and the Hendry County Jail and chiseled mortar from around cinder blocks to create an opening 10 inches by two feet. They stuffed the joints with toilet paper and white cloth. Investigator M. McVey was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Hollie Jene McCaleb, 63, was arrested

August 28 and charged on a warrant with nonmoving traffic violation driving on a permanently revoked drivers license. J. Poole was arresting officer.

Sylvanus Brice Jr., 19, was arrested August 27 and charged on a warrant with resisting an officer flee, elude a law enforcement officer with lights and siren and a non-moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Lonnie Billie, 55, and Connie Williams, 47, were arrested August 26. Officers were called to a residence on Big Cypress Reservation reference dead horses. When they arrived they discovered dead horses and also ten malnourished live horses. According to sheriff's reports, there was only dirty water and a little hay for the horses to eat.

The pair voluntarily told officers they could not care for the animals due to lack of money. They were charged with 16 counts of cruelty to animals. SPD Officer K. Tillman was arresting officer.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "Homemade heaven..." printed last week in the Caloosa Belle. First, I would like to thank Patty Brant for the exceptional story she wrote about me and my new business, Suzie's Sweet Smiles. And second, I would like to thank the people of LaBelle for their overwhelming embrace to my new bakery.

As Patty said in the article, I opened on August 9th and for the first two and a half weeks I relied on people seeing my sign and painted windows as they drove by, as well as by word of mouth. I was very surprised at the flow of business I was receiving since I had not done any advertising. However, since last Thursday's article, I have been "taken by storm" by the faithful people of LaBelle. I really had no clue how effective the story would be and I am so thankful!

If you have come in to my shoppe, which I share with the LaBelle Flower Power Florist, in the last several days I would like to apologize that I may not have had the variety that I usually have. I have spent the last

several days trying to keep my head above water to keep up with the business. Quality is very important to me, therefore, I have focused more on making the things I have had to be the best and making them as fresh as possible.

As I am acclimating myself to the flow of business, I will be adding more and more on a daily basis. If there is anything that you would specifically like, please don't hesitate to ask. My main objective is to make my customers happy. In saying this, I also appreciate any feedback you have to offer, positive or negative, as I can't make things better without them. I also have a 100 percent guarantee on my products, so if you ever receive anything that you don't enjoy, please let me know and I will replace it.

Thank you again, my new friends of LaBelle, and I look forward to seeing you in the future!

Sincerely,
Suzie Conner

Lonely? Invite a friend

By Les Morgan, pastor
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

At one time, Mike Tyson was the most feared heavyweight boxer in the ring. Jon Saraceno interviewed Tyson for USA Today. In the interview, Tyson was honest as he reviewed his life. The article says, "Almost 39, he is anything but at peace. Confused and humiliated after a decadent lifestyle that left him with broken relationships, shattered finances, and a reputation in ruin, the fighter cannot hide his insecurities, stacked as high as his legendary knockouts. 'I'll never be happy,' he says. 'I believe I'll die alone. I would want it that way. I've been a loner all my life with my secrets and my pain. I'm really lost, but I'm trying to find myself. I'm really a sad, pathetic case.' The divorced father of six is blunt, gregarious, funny, vulgar, outrageous,



Dr. Les Morgan

sad, angry, bitter, and, at times, introspective about the opportunities he squandered over the last two decades. He discusses his drug use ("The weed got me"), lack of self-esteem, and sexual addiction. He says, "My whole life has been a waste. I've been a failure."

I would like to say to Mike, "It doesn't have to be that way. There is freedom available for you. You cannot do it on your own, you are not strong enough, but God can do it as you invite the Holy Spirit into your life and surrender to his control. Liberation comes for those 'who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit' (Romans 8:1-4). It is only when we come to the end of our own resources that we find God's provision."

Maybe you need some resources that are beyond what you have right now. There is no better place to find hope, cleansing, restoration, and courage to face life than from the Bible, God's Holy Word. Here are some examples that will prove the Scriptures are true and as real and relevant today as the current issue of newspaper.

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God never takes back or changes His promises. It's in the Bible, Psalm 89:34

None of God's promises ever fail. It's in the Bible, Joshua 23:14

We have been promised eternal life. It's in the Bible, I John 2:25

God can do the impossible. It's in the Bible, Luke 18:27

We have been promised new hearts and desires. It's in the Bible, Ezekiel 36:26

He has promised forgiveness. It's in the Bible, I John 1:9

God promises our sins will be far removed from us. It's in the Bible, Psalm 103:12

We are promised that our sins will be buried. It's in the Bible, Micah 7:19

He has promised the fruit of the Spirit. It's in the Bible, Galatians 5:22-23

He has promised deliverance from fear. It's in the Bible, Psalm 34:4

So, get your Bible and start reading. If you don't have a Bible contact me at drlkm1@yahoo.com. I will personally see to it that you get one.

** Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church, 200 yards behind Flora & Ella's in LaBelle. There the truths of the Scripture are preached every week and lives and being transformed by the authority of the Bible.*

Avoid dehydration, heat exhaustion

by Pat Dobbins

Hot temperatures and high humidity means lots of sweating and increases your chance of dehydration. To avoid becoming dehydrated, it is important to drink plenty

of fluids, especially water (even if you don't feel thirsty). Depending upon your physical activity and heat exposure during hot weather, it's a good idea to drink even more water. According to health experts, fluid requirements vary from person to person. Please keep in mind that people with medical conditions such as kidney disease, heart disease, or those who require a fluid restricted diet or who have problems with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their fluid consumption.

Knowing the signs of dehydration and knowing what to do, is very important.

Signs of dehydration can include excessive thirst, headache, weakness, nausea,

muscle cramps, feeling overly tired or sluggish, feeling irritable, and feeling dizzy or light headed. You could also experience decreased urine levels and/or urine that has a strong odor or is darker than normal. You may experience all, some or none of these signs so the best way to avoid dehydration is to monitor your water or fluid intake, modify your physical activity or reduce the length of activity according to weather conditions.

Don't wait for the symptoms of dry mouth, flushed skin, headaches, lightheadedness or fatigue. You should prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day. Help to avoid becoming dehydrated by staying out of the direct sun, wearing light colored and loose fitting clothing, limiting physical activity, and using fans when possible. If you suspect you are becoming dehydrated, get to a cool or shady area and sip cool water or fluids. If your condition does not improve, seek medical attention immediately.

Another heat-related illness is heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion can develop after exposure to high temperatures and inad-

equate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Elderly, people with high blood pressure or people who work or exercise in a hot environment, are more prone to heat exhaustion. The warning signs of heat exhaustion vary, but may include heavy sweating, pale-ness, muscle cramps, dilated pupils, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting, skin that feels cool and moist, pulse rate that is fast and weak and breathing that is fast and shallow.

If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Seek medical attention immediately if your symptoms last longer than one hour, if symptoms become more severe, or if you have heart problems or high blood pressure. Try to cool down by drinking cool, nonalcoholic beverages, resting in an air-conditioned environment, taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath and wearing lightweight clothing. You should also try to prevent sun burn, which damages the skin's ability to dissipate heat. You should wear a sunscreen of at least 30 SPF. Be safe and be healthy!



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Community Briefs

Social services relocating

Hendry County Social will be relocating on Sept. 7 to 485 Cowboy Way. The building is also occupied by the Florida Department of Children & Families. They will not be able to assist anyone on Sept. 7 but will reopen on Sept. 8. Please remember you need to call for an appointment to be seen. Sorry, no walk-ins.

Support LHS football

On Friday, Sept. 3, First Bank of Clewiston will be serving hot dogs, chips and soda to show support for the Cowboys on the day of their first game of the season. Come show your support.

Help for Medicare beneficiaries

Medicare Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance representatives from Southwest Florida AAA will be available to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they qualify for additional benefits and to apply for them. Come to Hope Connections, 475 East Cowboy Way, Friday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call the toll-free Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

Topic free computer classes

LaBelle Assembly of God will once again be offering free computer classes on Monday morning starting September 13. The computer classes are hands-on experience with the computer and programs. All age students are welcome but there is limited space. Each class is one hour long and may cover word processing, photo editing, e-mail, web searching also known as surfing, databasing, moviemaking as well as computer maintenance and care. Computers are provided; students may also bring in their own laptop computers, so they can work with their own equipment. For more information call 675-0900. LaBelle Assembly of God is located on Fraser Avenue in LaBelle across from the Edward Upthegrove Elementary school.

SAO closings

The Hendry/Glades State Attorney's Office will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day and will re-open on Tuesday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m. They will also be closed on Thursday, September 9, in observance of Rosh Hashanah and will re-open Friday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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.

VFW membership, menu

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

VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve chicken wings, slaw and garlic toast Friday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m., \$5. Don't forget hamburgers every Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

GOP office change

Office hours on Wednesday will be from 4-6 p.m.; Sat. hours will remain 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Republican Headquarters office in LaBelle, 200 Main Street is well stocked with campaign materials and yard signs for most Republican candidates. Please call 863-675-4924 or stop by the office if you have any questions or to pick up absentee voter requests.

The General Election is Nov. 2.

Registration for the general election by October 4.

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.

No garbage pick up

There will be no garbage pickup on Monday Sept. 6, for unincorporated Hendry County. There will be no recycle pick up that day for Felde residents. Normal service will resume on the next regular schedule pick up day. Call 675-5252 with questions.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch Sept. 16 at 1:30 a.m. at Contrera's Mexican Restaurant. All widows welcome.

Plan for Lincoln Reagan dinner

Hold the date, Thursday, Oct. 7, for the annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner at the LaBelle Civic Center. Guest speaker will be the Honorable Denise Grimsley. The event will be catered by Flora & Ella's (World Famous Pies). Cost \$30 per person (under 18 \$10 per person). Sponsor a table for \$500.

Invitations will be sent out in early September. Put this important date on your calendar.

Please call Steve Nisbet at 863-885-1515 with any questions.



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Busy summer at Riverside Retreat

Over a period of four weeks, 140 children and youth from many locations in South Florida participated in summer camping activities at Riverside Retreat, the Methodist camp just 10 miles from LaBelle. Good food, wonderful music and daily Bible studies were woven in with kayaking, swimming, hiking, environmental studies, dancing and drumming. Children ranged in age from second grade through high school graduates. They came from the Keys, Miami, Leesburg, Moore Haven, Ft. Myers and more! During the Outreach Camp, children were treated to a bouncehouse (donated by the Kiwanis of LaBelle) and the ice cream tractor (provided by Everglades Tractor). Martha Pierce, Director of Riverside, stated, "Summer Camp is the highlight of the year for staff. We have a crew of 40 volunteers, many of whom take vacation to participate."

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES CORRECTION

The Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (TRIM Notice) for the Hendry County Hospital Authority indicated an incorrect public hearing date/time of September 13, 2010 5:30 pm.

The correct date/time for the public hearing on the proposed taxes and budget is Tuesday, September 8, 2010 at 5:30 pm at
 Hendry Regional
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 450 South Main Street
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Writers group taking off

The new LaBelle Writers Group seems to be growing with local writers and aspiring writers. The group meets the second Thursday monthly at Barron Library and had its first guest speaker this month. Eric Tommerdahl, Director of the Clewiston Library, provided an overview of the Hendry County Library system, which includes Clewiston, LaBelle and Harlem. He also explained what's hot in the world of books right now.

"I see a trend toward escapism, away from reality," he told the group, citing huge best sellers like the Twilight series, based on vampires, tales of the paranormal and thrillers drawn right from today's headlines.

He said mysteries are always high on the popularity list and "women's literature is rated high at this time.

He said that, despite hard times, book sales are still increasing. Electronic books are a new trend that are making an impact. Still, he said he sees traditional books holding their ground although they may one day

be overtaken by electronic versions in the future.

Locally, Florida books are always popular.

All three county libraries have computers for public use, along with WiFi access, public meeting rooms, inter-library book service, CDs, DVDs. They host social security service and tutors.

Nationally, he said 40 percent of those using library computers use them for job searches. Libraries are important access points for the unemployed.

After the meeting Barron Library Head Librarian Karen Hildebrand said she believes that electronic reading media are actually helping to promote reading and also make it easier for people to keep up with reading they might not otherwise find the time to do.

Local author Sally Settle also attended the meeting and will hopefully return to speak to the group later.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

The LaBelle Writers Group meets the second Thursday of each month at noon in the meeting room of the Barron Library. The young group hopes to offer support, encouragement and important information to area writers. Seated from left: Director of the Clewiston Library and August 12 guest speaker Eric Tommerdahl and Christina Wickham. Standing from left: Nikki Yeager, Richard Lynn, Brenda Goodwin and Sally Settle. Members not pictured include: Barbara Oehlbeck, Phillip Keyes, Dale Conyers and Patty Brant.

Shop for Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southwest Florida is pleased to announce Macy's Shop for A Cause on Saturday, October 16, benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southwest Florida.

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Church Briefs

Christian school to open

International Christian Academy, kindergarten through 12th grade, is a ministry of International Christian Fellowship. School will open on Sept. 7, 2010. ICA is located at 233 Clark Street, and welcomes children of various backgrounds within the community.

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. Mrs. Co has been involved in public, private and homeschooling education. She desires to see the opportunity for quality Christian education to be extended to children of all economic and social classes. Mrs. Co praises the International Christian Fellowship for their support and biblical demonstration of faith.

Clothing for donations

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

Community Brief

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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11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Kick off Classic disappointing for Cowboys

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Messy. That's what Coach Hal Bennett said about last Friday night's Kick Off Classic when the Cowboys were run over by the Indians, 34-6.

LHS Football Schedule

Varsity Football

Sept. 3: Cardinal Mooney, H, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10: Evangelical Christian, A, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17: Bishop Verot, H, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24: Lake Placid, H, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1: Open/Bye
Oct. 8: Dunbar, A, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15: Lemon Bay, H, Homecoming, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22: Gateway, 7 p.m.
Oct. 29: Clewiston, A, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5: Island Coast, H, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12: Riverdale, A, 7:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

Sept. 2: Gateway Charter, H, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9: ECS, A, 6 p.m.
Sept. 16: Bishop Verot, A, 6 p.m.
Sept. 23: Clewiston, A, 7 p.m.
Sept. 30: Open
Oct. 7: Lemon Bay, A, 6 p.m.
Oct. 14: Clewiston, H, 6 p.m.
Oct. 21: Cardinal Mooney, H, 6 p.m.
Oct. 28: ECS, H, 6 p.m.

"We're not a 36-6 team with the Indians," Coach Bennett said. "We didn't play up to our potential."

Although there were spurts of good things, coach pointed out about a four-minute stretch in the second quarter when it seemed the Cowboys could do nothing right. From throwing an interception to fumbling on two possessions, Coach Bennett said, "We just couldn't get out of our own way."

"This is not what we're capable of," he added. The team went from being down 13-0 to 34-0 at half time.

This week on the practice field the Cowboys are going back to the basics. With so many turnovers, Coach Bennett said they need to work on the fundamentals.

They are all things the team has been working on but, in the heat of battle they forgot, he said. Although some penalties are expected early in the season, coach wants the boys to work on minimizing them.

He said the Cowboys had several decent runs that were called back due to penalties that could have been avoided.

The Cowboys will also be down three starters this week. Landon Beer will be out with an ankle injury, Daniel Garcia with elbow problems and Caleb Rimes with a concussion.

"We need to play up to our potential

Submitted photo/Lynnette Rivas

Coach Russell Bell discusses strategy with Caleb Rimes and Ian Kelley. The Cowboys will play at home Friday night against Cardinal Mooney. Wear your Red and White with pride and come cheer on your team!

and not give up. It's psychological," coach said, more than anything else. "We'll have to work if we want to meet our goals. We moved the ball well at times," he said, "but struggled to stop them."

This Friday coach feels the Cowboys match up much better against Cardinal Mooney and expects to see his boys play better.

The Cowboys are probably faster than they are, but the teams are pretty even in size. Mooney's team is very disciplined physically, he added.

The Cowboys will have to maintain possession of the football and the back up players will have to get up to 100 percent to make a good showing Friday.

Coach Bennett is looking for the defense to put pressure on the quarterback, work on their blitz package and improve their tackling.

Fans are invited out to this Friday's home game, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior Varsity plays Thursday evening at home against Gateway Charter. Game time 6 p.m.

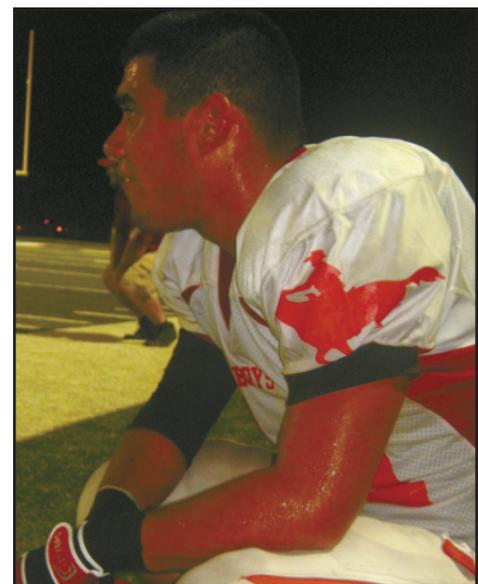


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2010 LHS Volleyball team members are, front row from left: Kindall Tindall, Rachel Reinbott, Savana Cheney, Ashley Cruz, Gennifer Raulerson. Back row: Coach Lori Perkins, Kendall Marotti, Abbie O'Ferrell, Courtney Bancroft, Andra Lutkenhaus, Kayla Keller, Assistant Coach Wendy O'Ferrell.

Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 3-4 Cowgirls Classic TBA
Sept. 7: Bishop Verot, A, 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 9: Gateway, H, 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 11: JV tourney Riverdale, TBA
Sept. 16: Estero, H, 5:30-7 p.m.
Sept. 21: Island Coast, H, 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 20: Canterbury, A, 5 p.m.
Sept. 23: Gateway, A, 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 28: Dunbar, A, 6 p.m.
Sept. 30: Naples Baptist, A, 5 p.m.
Oct. 4: Gulf Coast, A, 5-6 p.m.
Oct. 5: Charlotte, A, 5:30-7 p.m.
Oct. 7: Island Coast, A, 5:30-7 p.m.
Oct. 12: Bishop Verot, H, 5:30-7 p.m.
Oct. 15-16: Canterbury, A, TBA
Oct. 18: Clewiston, A, 6-7 p.m.
Oct. 19: Lake Placid, H, 6-7 p.m.
Oct. 21: ECS, A, 5-6:30 p.m.



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Nine months, three weeks and counting

by **Lynnette Rivas**

Senior Year Success is underway. Like most people at LHS, I was born and raised here in LaBelle. So now in my Senior year, I am finally realizing that my time here is almost over. Instead of focusing on that, however, I focus instead on my main goal, making this year count. Every memory, Every moment, will be worth remembering. The countdown begins and I'm now facing my last 10 months in the place I've come to call home.

I am Editor-in-Chief of the LaBelle High School yearbook, A secretary for my father's company, and now, A writer for the Caloosa Belle. While this may look like a full plate from the outside prospective, I embrace the challenge.

I am gaining life experiences that many



Lynnette Rivas

other people will never have the opportunity to face. I have watched and captured my peers' lives and shared their experiences. I never played football, yet I dodged the ball, never gave blood, but I've faced the needle, I've never done many things, but I have experienced them through other people's eyes. I believe everyone has a story, life defining moments - who they are, what they do - and I am determined to give them a voice. I speak for the silent, I give them confidence and make their existence known.

This year, I promise to go out with a bang, and to make every moment count. My classmates and I are a new beginning and the wings of change. Our Senior Year Success is under way.

Sharing the road with school buses

If you are heading to work or have an appointment you want to be at on-time for Monday morning, then you might want to set your alarm clock a few minutes earlier.

Monday, August 23, marked the first day of school for Hendry County students. The big yellow buses are out in force transporting some 4,500 students and that could slow things down a bit. Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden is asking that drivers watch out and be patient.

"Kids are going to be out and about," said Sheriff Steve Whidden. "Kids will be walking to school, waiting at school bus stops, and driving, so everybody needs to be careful."

Commuters might want to get an early start and should also be aware of traffic back-ups in school zones, especially on Cowboy Way and on Main Street, and in the area of Upthegrove Elementary in LaBelle. In Clewiston drivers may experience congestion in the area of Clewiston Middle School on U.S. 27 and Pasadena. Remember to watch for children crossing U.S. 27 at West Pasadena. In the area of the Eastside Elementary, Westside Elementary and Central Elementary on W.C. Owens, W. Arroya and Dean Duff parents may experience heavy traffic. South Francisco and East Aztec roadways will be shared with both parents and students entering Clewiston High School.

"Bus safety is a year-around concern," said Sheriff Whidden. "I wanted to take this

opportunity to remind drivers of the laws that exist to protect children getting on and off the bus and protect you from tragedy."

Florida law requires that:

- School buses are equipped with yellow flashing lights in addition to red flashing lights. Yellow flashing lights are for warning purposes. This lets you know the driver is entering a loading or unloading zone and will be stopping soon and displaying flashing red lights and extending the stop arm. Vehicles must stop before reaching a bus that has its flashing red warning lights and/or stop signal arm extended. Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off.

- Vehicles traveling in the same and opposite direction as the bus on an undivided road are always required to stop.

- Vehicles traveling on a divided, or separated, highway do not have to stop when meeting a bus on the other side of the road.

- Drivers never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.

- In Hendry County School Bus drivers are required to stop at yield signs. Please be aware of these areas and be patient.

Violation of these laws can result in a \$268.00 traffic fine, mandatory court appearance and four points on your driver's license.

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Getting kids ready for school

Foster Children Wishes is proud to be a part of helping foster kids get the things they need to be a success in school. The organization wants to recognize those who donated items for the children. Costco donated the backpacks and First National Bank of the Gulf Coast donated the school supplies. Foster Children Wishes coordinated the process and distribution of the items to the Family Preservation Office in LaBelle. In total they put together 20 backpacks with appropriate supplies for grades third-11th and seven smaller packets for grades one and two. Pictured are Laurie and Richard Carley of Foster Children Wishes.

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COES spaghetti, social night

Get ready to have a great time at Country Oaks Elementary School. The LaBelle Rotary Club will be sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, September 7, 5-7 p.m. in the Country Oaks Elementary Cafeteria. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. The K-2 class and the 3-5 class which sells the most tickets will receive a pizza party. Proceeds will go toward enhancing existing programs at COES.

On this social night, classrooms will be open for parent visitation from 6-7 p.m. We will be selling T-Shirts for \$10. There will also be a book fair in the Media Center from 5-7 p.m. and a parent & Title I meeting in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this important meeting and think about joining our school's PTO. We look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

For the spaghetti dinner, it is recommended that you purchase tickets in advance. (This is how we will credit classes to see who wins the pizza parties.) If you would like to purchase tickets ahead of time, please call the school at 674-4140 for information.

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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- Corporate owned! 1/2 acre in Muse. **\$189,900.**
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MOBILE HOME - 1br, Hwy. 78, West of LaBelle. Secluded area. \$450 month + \$450 security deposit. (863)673-0081

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Notice of RFP Ranking Meeting
Hendry County
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting for ranking the responses to the RFP for Pharmacy Services for Hendry County Jail Inmates. It will be held on September 13, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room A-118, 165 S. Lee Street, Labelle, FL 33935.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 364779 CB/CN 9/2/10

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 16, 2010, for the following Proposals:
E1198 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Roadside Mowing & Litter Removal in Okeechobee County. Budget Estimate: \$200,000.00
E1199 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Removal & Replacement of Thermoplastic & Retro-Reflective Pavement Markings in Glades & Hendry Counties. Budget Estimate: \$84,842.00
E1J00 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Shoulder Rework & Sodding in Okeechobee County. Budget Estimate: \$118,750.00
E1J01 - A Certification of Qualification is not required for Shoulder Repair, Sodding, & Fertilizer in Desoto & Hardee Counties. Budget Estimate: \$167,400.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559. 363298 CB/CSS 8/26 & 9/2/2010

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of EAST BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, the 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at the office of said District, at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 8:00 A.M. for the purposes of:
1. Electing one Supervisor for a term of three years,
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, 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 made.
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AUCTION on Friday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. at 1225 NW Ave. L Belle Glade, Florida
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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

Public Notice

Notice of Sheriff's Sale
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a writ of execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Dade County, Florida, on the 7th day of June, 2010 in the cause wherein Leon Wildstein is plaintiff and Daniel Perez is defendant, being Case number 2009-1929CA 13, in said Court, I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant Daniel Perez, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 2041, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Parcel nos. 4 29 43 10-020-2041-011.0 and 4 29 43 10-020-2041-012.0 a/k/a 3016 and 3018 Base Ct, LaBelle FL

Lot 15, Block 2059, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Parcel no. 4 29 43 10-020-2059-015.0 a/k/a 3015 W Briarwood Circle, LaBelle FL

Lot 8, Block 2206, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Parcel no. 4 29 43 10-070-2206-008.0 a/k/a 7016 Alton Ct, LaBelle FL

The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the South-west 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 3755 Montura Ranch Estates. Subject to easement for an access road of the east 30 feet thereof. Parcel no. 1 32 44 35-A00-0168-000 a/k/a 830 S Isora St, Montura Ranches, LaBelle FL

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.

Steve Whidden
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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 unmatured, 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 unmatured, 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.

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Personal Representative
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Pembroke Pines, FL 33026
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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.

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

FM #416230-1-38-01

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.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, located at 165 S. Lee Street, 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 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.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this 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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Ray Floyd, Branch Manager of Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., Fort Myers Branch, is pleased to announce the newest addition to his expert sales team of mortgage brokers. Susan Vaughan has spent her last ten years as a mortgage loan officer with Florida Community Bank. She has recently joined the team at Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. ("PRMI").

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Scholarship

The LaBelle Rotary Club presented one of its scholarships to Jaycee Lee Sealey. This LHS graduate is a junior at FGCU studying elementary education. Jaycee hopes to return to LaBelle to teach. Her parents are James and Angela Sealey. The Rotary Club provides two scholarships annually. Each gives the recipient \$3,000 over two years, in \$1,500 increments. The club receives applications in May and prefers students with two-year degrees from Edison State College. Jaycee is pictured with LaBelle Rotary secretary and scholarship chairman Sandi Rodriguez and President Jack Milholland.

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