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## American Legion installs officers

Outgoing Commander Tony Alvarez looks on as new Legion Post 130 Commander Butch Blake accepts the microphone from District 13 Commander Steve Slachta.

## It's budget heartburn

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

As work on the Hendry County budget continues, it becomes increasingly clear that only a return to a healthy economy will bring things back into focus.

For five years Hendry County's ad valorem millage rate has been steady at 6.5 mills, effectively lowering ad valorem taxes each of those years.

The county commissioners have tentatively set the budget at \$12.5 million (one mill = \$1,709,978).

Earlier this month the commissioners set the tentative millage rate at 7.2894. For 2011-12, the rollback rate (the rate necessary to bring in the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue as the current year) is 6.8197.

With property values having decreased another 4.5 mills since last year, the county can expect even tougher times next year.

In 2006-07 property taxes paid were about \$17 million; in 2010 that figure was

down to \$13 million.

Overall, \$5.3 million less than property tax revenue came in to the county between 2007-11.

County finance personnel figure that, if the county stays at 6.5 mills, it will only bring in some \$11 million in revenue.

County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf said the problem is, the projected budget for public safety alone (law enforcement, EMS, first responders) is \$13.7 million. (The tentative budget is set at just \$12.5 million.) And that's just the beginning. All the Constitutional officers and government departments have their needs. Then, there are state mandates that cost the county money.

This past year the commission filled in gaps in the budget by transferring money from the one cent sales tax and capital building accounts into the general fund.

The commission is working hard to bring in revenue-producing business including the

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## New doctors committed to family practice

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

The newest physicians at Hendry Regional Medical Center's Convenient Care Center in LaBelle are just two weeks into their positions here, but they are already digging right in. Dr. Car-

los and Dr. Jennifer Romero are already feeling at home in their new positions.

Between the two of them, the couple occupies one physician's position at the facility. Carlos is there Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8-8; Jennifer is there Monday 8-8 and Tuesday 8-5. Both specialize in family medicine.

The couple met in school. They manage to balance their careers and three active children while they commute from their home in Weston, in Broward County, to LaBelle.

Born in Honduras, Carlos grew up in New York City and went to St. John's University. He moved to South Florida when he went to medical school.

He has a varied work experience including driving an am-

bulance during college summer break and working at a bank.

Carlos said he always wanted to be in the Navy, drawn by the discipline, neatness and the immense store of knowledge and information available to Navy personnel. He said he thoroughly enjoyed the access to many areas of interest the Navy offers. The Navy, he said, provides a good balance between practicing medicine and enjoyable learning activities.

In fact, he became a doctor through the Navy.

He studied medicine at Nova Southeastern University and spent his summers on active duty at Naval Air Station Mayport in Jacksonville.

After his internship and licensing, he was recalled to active duty and spent four years at

Mayport, caring for sailors and their dependents.

He left the Navy in 1998 because, although it had much to offer, it is not conducive to family life. With three children, he decided he needed to be home more.

Practicing medicine in the Navy, he feels, is much the same as his practice in caring for civilians. The only real difference is the insurance. The Navy is more like socialized medicine, he explains. In the civilian world, reimbursement comes mainly through insurance companies. He added that the cost of insurance is high for patients and reimbursement for doctors is slow. The whole system is cumbersome.

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Dr. Carlos Romero, top, and his wife Dr. Jennifer Romero.

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# Budget

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proposed cargo hub at Airglades Airport and the proposed clean energy plant in the southeastern section of the county. Both are good prospects, but it will take several years for either to be ready.

Ms. Kennington-Korf said the county is fast tracking likely projects as they come up.

One solution to balance the budget is to take \$550,000 from the disaster fund, that will still leave about a \$500,000 shortfall. Ms. Kennington-Korf said she has identified \$200,000 in additional cuts (from the sheriff's office, tax collector and EMS) but staff is still looking for the rest.

All Constitutional Officers are meeting with Administration to explore ways to both balance the budget and ensure adequate services to the public.

All of this works only if the county commissions hold at the tentative millage rate of 7.2894. If the commissioners lower that figure, that will mean even deeper cuts will have to be made.

Ms. Kennington-Korf said the budget is a work in progress. "It's painful," she said, "but we will get there."

Property Appraiser Phillip Pelletier said his office is "doing our part." In fact, Mr. Pelletier said the Hendry County Property Appraiser is among the top ten in all of Florida - decreasing its budget by about 16 percent.

Since he came into office in January 2009, the office has downsized by three employees, leaving 17, including Mr. Pelletier.

The office is not losing any effectiveness, he said, as staff shares these additional duties.

He said he's always looking for better ways to do things while putting more people in the field, where they can do the work that will generate more funds for the county.

The Property Appraiser's Office has made a strong effort in weeding out inappropriate Homestead Exemptions by about \$3 million, Mr. Pelletier said.

He has initiated a program of checking Homestead Exemptions whenever a change occurs. He said he has been working with the Cities of LaBelle and Clewiston and with Port LaBelle when things like water meter changes are logged. In this way, his office

can detect if a Homesteaded property is no longer entitled to the exemption. For instance, if it is being rented out.

As more proof of the program's efficiency, he said his office is getting calls from the public and from owners themselves when the exemption is no longer appropriate.

The Property Appraiser's Office regularly returns excess fees - money taken in but not used - at the end of the fiscal year. In 2010, that figure was \$100,000. He is unsure what it will be at the end of 2011.

Tax Collector Peggy Hampton said she has cut one position. The Tax Collector's Office generates all its own funding. The county and special districts pay for the collection of taxes and also the Tax Collector generates funds through selling driver's licenses, tags, hunting and fishing licenses and so on.

The Board of County Commissioners does not fund the Tax Collector's office, Ms. Hampton said. She gets her budget from "a lot of different pockets."

The Florida State Division of Revenue approves the Tax Collector's budget as well as the Property Appraiser's budget, she noted.

She added that she tries to comply with BOCC budget requests but is actually an agent for the state. In each of the last four years, she said she cut several positions to help balance the budget.

She also noted that county employees now pay 3 percent of their retirement and also were hit with an increase in health insurance premiums - all with no raise in salaries.

Sheriff Steve Whidden said that, every year, he's been able to cut his budget by constantly looking at every cost. This year staff cut \$40,000 from their budget.

The sheriff has put in a new program that gets reimbursement from criminals for investigation.

The Sheriff's current budget is \$10,555,926 and he has been requested to trim it down another \$100,000 - about the fuel cost projection for next year.

As with all individuals and businesses, fuel has been a major factor in rising costs. The sheriff's office fuel costs increased 33 percent this year.

He said he understands the county commission's concern over the budget, but said there is a point where you cannot function any more.

He noted the Sheriff's Office has absorbed mandatory increases in insurance, in jail costs and in fuel and they are facing a mandatory radio upgrade. Under a federal

mandate, all Florida law enforcement must be linked into an 800 megahertz radio system by 2013.

The cost is about \$400,000 for the 800 megahertz system. There is an option to go to narrow band, which is initially cheaper but will require the addition of three towers to maintain coverage.

At \$5,000-\$6,000 for each tower, he said the 800 megahertz system is actually cheaper.

During the last 2.5 years starting deputy's salaries have been cut by \$2,000 and administrative staff decreased from nine captains or above to four, including the Sheriff and chief deputy.

HCSO continues to use its old vehicles and uses inoperable vehicles for parts. Scrutinizing existing contracts has also resulted in money saved.

When Sheriff Whidden took office, his budget was \$10,257,000; the following year the jail staff was added to budget, making it \$10,555,926. No positions were cut.

Recently, Sheriff Whidden has managed to add two narcotics deputies. He has added ag deputies and assigned officers to Montura and Pioneer.

Without a doubt, the biggest cost in HCSO's budget is salaries and benefits - about 75 percent of budget

Other additions include the Citizens Academy, a Community Policing Team and Volunteers In Public Safety.

HCSO continues to look for grant opportunities, like one that replaced deputies' firearms, which were over ten years old. The COPS grant, providing four community policing deputies will be closed out next year. Department of Justice funded for four years, after next year BOCC will have to take over funding them. Staff will have to work toward absorbing that increase.

Meanwhile, calls for service have quadrupled in the past four years, Sheriff Whidden said, and contributes much of the increase to effects of the economy - hotter tempers and opportunistic thefts that individuals would never have contemplated in normal economic times.

Supervisor of Elections Lucretia Strickland has actually had to increase her budget request this year because there are two elections in this cycle - the Presidential Preference and the First Primary.

Ms. Strickland said she cut \$41,000 from her budget last year, but no such slashing will be possible this year. She said her office will need an additional \$45,000 to cover these two elections.

She has four employees plus herself.

Clerk of Courts Barbara Butler turned in her budget with 6 percent decrease, she said.

"I try to work with the board," she explained, "I know times are bad - a lot worse than anybody knows. I see the money every day, and cut as much as I could."

After years of cutting expenses, she said she now has only one employee per job. Although her employees are all cross-trained, there is no back up. If someone is out, Ms. Butler fills in herself.

There are 31 employees in the Clerk's Office, but some are on the court side, paid by the state.

Several other employees' salaries are partially paid by the state, she said, making it difficult to put an exact figure on her payroll.

The Clerk's Office also brings in revenue. Last year, Ms. Butler said her office brought in \$150,000 in recording fees, which went to the county commission, along with \$5 million in court fees. These fees are turned over monthly.

Positions have been cut to their lowest level, she said.

"I'm scraping bone now. I can't go any lower and run the office," she commented. "The board's been real good working with me," she added, "I just can't go any lower."

The first budget public hearing will be held in Clewiston Sept. 15. The final hearing will be in LaBelle Sept. 27. Both begin at 5:30 p.m.

Until that final meeting, Constitutional Officers will continue to wrestle with ways to cut their budgets while making sure the job gets done.

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Come down to Caloosa Humane Society and visit with sweet Angel! She is a playful, spayed female and would love to have a home to call her own. With an approved adoption application and a \$75 adoption donation you can take Angel home with the following additions covered: Spayed, Rabies (4 months of age), FVRCP vaccine, Heartworm/Feline Leukemia Test/FIV Test, Fecal Test, Deworming, Flea and Tick Prevention and a Microchip. Anyone interested in Angel or any of their other homeless pets can come to Caloosa Humane Society at 1200 Pratt Blvd. and fill out an adoption application or call 863.675.0997. You can also check out the Web site at [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org) for more information. Thank you for your interest in their animal.



# Volunteer for Relay for Life

Volunteers are needed to make 2012's Relay For Life of LaBelle a success. If you are interested in playing a prominent role in fighting cancer, please join the Committee Rally August 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dallas Townsend Building, LaBelle.

The Committee Rally is the first meeting of the year in which everyone from the community is invited. The American Cancer

Society Relay For Life is an overnight event that raises funds and awareness to fight cancer. Dedicated teams of friends, families and coworkers commit to keeping at least one member on the track at all times. The theme this year is "One World, One Cure." Relay will begin on March 31, 2012, at the LaBelle High School. To R.S.V.P. or with questions please call Kristi - 863-675-0424.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Toni Madeline Wright, 45, was arrested August 12 and charged with cruelty to a child inflicting physical or mental injury. D. White was arresting officer.

Kelly Alys Wronka, 39, was arrested August 12 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, larceny \$300-\$1,000 - victim over 85 years of age. M. Brawner was arresting officer.

Vernon Dwayne Stevens, 28, was arrested August 12 and charged with possession of marijuana under 20 grams and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

### Clewiston

Curtis Lee Robinson, 51, was arrested August 14 and charged with possession of cocaine, petit theft and possession/use of narcotics equipment. CPD Officer M. Beatty was arresting officer.

Alexander Santos Melgar, 26, was arrested August 14 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation habitual offender driving with a suspended license. CPD Officer M. Beatty was arresting officer.

Tracy Flo Ortega, 39, was arrested August 13 and charged with DUI alcohol/drugs and two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. L. Beckford was arresting officer.

Randy Dessie Blyth, 18, was arrested August 12 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession/use of drug equipment. Hainley was arresting officer.

Adrian Javier Pozo, 15, was arrested August 12 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied conveyance unarmed. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

Candy L. Odom, 39, was arrested August 11 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed and trespassing of a structure or conveyance. The incident occurred June 22. D. Bolt was arresting officer.

Wilson Georges, 21, was arrested August 11 and charged with battery domestic violence by strangulation. R. Steed was arresting officer.

Troy Joseph McLendon 30, was arrested August 11 and charged with grand theft \$300-45,000, dealing in stolen property. The incident occurred April. 19 J. Lee was arresting officer.

Ceneilian Eugene Dozier, 32, was arrested August 10 and charged on a warrant with obstructing justice intimidating, threatening and eye witness, victim or informant. The incident occurred June 15. A. Lewis was arresting officer.

Eddie Lee Massey Jr., 35, was arrested August 8 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent and obstruction without violence. CPD Officer M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Jeremiah Terrell Johnson, 25, was arrested August 9 and charged with corruption by threat public servant or family and resisting an officer obstruction without violence. L. Brooks was arresting officer.

## Hendry County School Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Darrell Harris, Food Service Manager

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

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

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

#### FLORIDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS Effective from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

##### To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.

FREE MEAL SCALE					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	14,157	1,180	590	545	273
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941
For each additional family member, add	4,966	414	207	191	96

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SCALE					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional family member, add	7,067	589	295	272	136

- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
- If you receive the income twice a month, multiply the total gross income by 24.
- If you receive the income monthly, multiply the total gross income by 12.

Remember: The total income before taxes, social security, health benefits, union dues, or other deductions must be reported.

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# What is a public health system?

By Pat Dobbins

There is a public health system in each community. That does not mean county health departments alone. It is defined as the wide range of public, private and voluntary organizations such as governmental agencies, school systems, health care providers, hospitals, law enforcement, community-based organizations, local associations, businesses and individuals. Their function is to work together collectively. This diagram shows how we are all connected to each other in the local public health system:

Some specific responsibilities of the entire public health system are to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards and prevent injuries
- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery

The core functions of the public health system include:

- Assessment: Making regular, systematic collection, assembly, analysis and distribution of information on the health of the community, including statistics on health status, community health needs, and epidemiological and other studies of health problems.
- Policy development: Using the scientific

knowledge to assist in the decision-making about public health and taking a strategic approach to leadership for public health policy.

- Assurance: Engaging policy-makers, community partners, businesses and the public to help determine what level of services are needed in the community.

There ten essential public health services derived from the specific responsibilities and core functions which include:

1. Monitoring health status within the community
2. Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards
3. Informing, educating and empowering people about health issues
4. Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health
6. Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
7. Linking people to needed personal health services
8. Assuring a competent public health and personal health care workforce
9. Evaluating the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of health services
10. Conducting research for innovative solutions to health problems

The Public Health Wheel best illustrates the relationship among core functions, specific responsibilities and the ten essential public health services.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

July has always been known to be steamy hot in Florida, however, Saturday, July 23, felt like LaBelle was situated somewhere in the Arizona desert. Even with the heat index soaring towards the 100s, local veterans and residents took time out to honor and remember our Fallen Heroes Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammett Jr. and Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Strickland. A heartfelt "thank you", to all who braved the heat.

The Fallen Heroes committee would like to thank the following businesses for their donations: Duda Farms, Kinetic Water, McDonald's (LaBelle) and Fort Myers Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Please support these generous businesses whenever possible.

A special thank you to LaBelle Boy Scout Troop 8, for their participation during the ceremony and with the laying of the bricks.

For the past four years, the LaBelle American Legion Post 130, Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 10100, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144 and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 2398 have sponsored this event with volunteers and financial support. We would like to thank all members of these organizations for their continued support.

Finally, we would like to again recognize the City of LaBelle for its continued partnership in preparing the LaBelle Veteran's Park for ceremonies such as this special remembrance service.

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## Career Corner

### Annual Employment Trends by Matt Kindermann

The new school year is upon us and, hopefully soon, the snow birds will begin to trickle back and employment opportunities will start to pick up the pace. College students, who are preparing for the upcoming semester, and the adults returning to school are wondering what classes to take and what programs to pursue. This is a fabulous time to talk about employment trends.



**Matt Kindermann**

What classes should you stay away from? The fastest declining occupations in Florida, according to [www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org), the Nations industry tracking website, are machine operators and manufacturing laborers, cable installers and carpenters. These jobs are either being moved out of the state, low in demand or increasingly automated. Other areas of slow decline, due mainly to automation, are meter readers, postal clerks, file clerks, furniture and cabinet makers and finishers. If you're in one of these fields, now is the time to start sacrificing your evenings by taking a class or two to prepare for a transition. Warning; if you do not have your GED already, you are very difficult to help place in a new job and likely to not make a salary commensurate to what you may have been making.

So then what could you study to best prepare yourself for quick employment after graduation? Between 2009 and 2011, the fastest growing occupations that require less than a Master's degree are Computer Network Technicians, Veterinarian Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Paralegals, HVAC Technicians, Financial Advisors, Respiratory Technicians, Medical

and Dental Assistants, Registered Nurses, Home Health Aides, Occupational Therapy Assistants and Physical Therapy Assistants. All of these career paths can be attained with a vocational certificate or associates degree. More than half of these jobs are in the health care industry and pay greater than \$16 per hour on average, which is roughly \$34,000 a year.

Do not be fooled by statistics that show the occupations with the greatest number of new openings.

In SW Florida, it is true that the jobs that have the most annual openings, and the greater opportunity for employment, are Cashiers, Waiters, Retail Salespersons, Security Guards, Hair and Nail Technicians and Office Clerks. However, these jobs typically offer poor working conditions, unsteady hours, pay below \$10 an hour and decline during the off season. Other common hit or miss jobs that pay well initially but depend on the economy, geographical area and time of the year are truck drivers, heavy equipment operators and agricultural laborers.

What if you can't commit to a regular educational program or just want to take a short continuing education program? Taking classes in any area of computers is never a bad idea. Additional considerations could be Web Design, Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, Computer Networking, Community Association Management and Real Estate Licensure. All of these programs can be completed in a few nights of class and are usually also job requirements in many fields.

For more labor market statistics, visit [www.swflworks.org](http://www.swflworks.org), click on "Board," then "About the Board" and review local occupations in demand under the resources box. For help choosing what career path is right for you, or for answers to any other questions you may have, call me at 863-675-1412 or e-mail me at [mkindermann@swflworks.org](mailto:mkindermann@swflworks.org).

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# Community Briefs

## Join Teen Court program

The Hendry County Teen Court Program is recruiting high school students who are taking criminal justice classes or have a keen interest in a career in law or criminal justice to volunteer their services during this academic year.

You will have a most rewarding opportunity to learn invaluable courtroom experience as a teen attorney, clerk, bailiff and juror. Be sure to visit the Teen Court table on LaBelle High School's Informational night tonight August 18, 7-8 p.m.

Parents, please feel free to call Marcia Salmon, Program Coordinator at 863-612-4720, for more information.

## Festival theme and poster to be chosen

The poster and theme for the 2012 Swamp Cabbage Festival will be chosen by the SCF committee at its next meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at LaBelle City Hall.

Submitted artwork must be no larger than 16"x 20", and any work generated by a computer must be compatible with the festival committee's computer system. The poster contest winner will receive a \$50 cash prize.

Any club or organization in the LaBelle area is eligible for membership on the committee.

Representatives must have letters from the club or organization designating representatives who will be voting members. Letters need to be updated annually.

## Chamber Back to School social

Everyone is invited to the chamber's Back to School Social tonight Thursday, August 18, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Port LaBelle Inn. Enjoy raffles, 50/50, a special drawing, food and drink specials.

Bring in five packaged school supplies and receive one raffle ticket. Come and network, get to know your fellow chamber members.

## Auditions!

The Firehouse Community Theatre will be holding auditions for its spectacular season line-up on Saturday, August 20, at 10 a.m. They are looking for men and women of all ages who would like to make an appearance on their stage.

If you have an interest in being involved with the Theatre, but do not want to be on stage, they are also looking for volunteers for the stage crew as well as technical staff. Please feel free to stop by.

The Firehouse Community Theatre performs at 241 N. Bridge Street in historic downtown LaBelle. Season tickets are \$50 to \$150.

For additional information, call our Box Office Hot-line or email us at firehouseculturalcenter@yahoo.com.

## Kids Day

All children are welcome to come have digital fingerprints, voice recognition and digital photos taken August 20, 11 a.m.-3

p.m. at Barron Library. The event is presented by the Freemasons. Parents will get both a CD with the child's information and a hard copy of the report.

For more information: <http://childid.weebly.com>.

## Kids need school supplies

The Salvation Army is seeking donations of school supplies including rulers, scissors, paper, erasers, crayons, pencils or glue. Please drop them off at the LaBelle Service Center, 180 N. Main Street. Thank you for your support of this project.

## Kiwanis meeting change

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle meeting time has been changed. All meetings will now be on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's in LaBelle.

Please join us for dinner to find out what Kiwanis is all about.

We have regular guest speakers from the community who give interesting, educational and valuable information about what's going on in our community. We hope to see you at one of our meetings!

## Help cancer victim

Please support a benefit barbecue for Mary De La Torre to help aid Mary's fight with cancer. Pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, iced tea for \$7 a plate.

Drive thru Friday, August 26, 11 a.m.-1

p.m. at Randy's Garage Tire Dept. 741 S. Bridge St.

Ticket holders will be placed in a drawing for Visa gift cards and other prizes.

To purchase tickets call 675-1032 or stop by Randy's Garage, 737 S. Bridge St. Donations are greatly appreciated. God bless.

## Tobacco free meeting

You are invited to attend the Hendry County Tobacco-Free Partnership Meeting on Tuesday, August 23, from 4-5 p.m. at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street.

Members will elect officers, develop strategy plans for the Tobacco Program and revamp the meeting schedule. For more information, please contact Valarie James at 863-674-4041 ext 128.

## Make change happen

Drug Free Hendry County will hold elections on Tuesday, August 23, at 5 p.m. They will also discuss next year's activities. New members are welcome, and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

If you have ideas to reduce youth substance use in our county this is the place to share them!

## MCA plans events

The Muse Community Association has scheduled the following events: August 27 Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner at

6 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting will be tonight August 18 at 7 p.m. Bingo will be held on August 20 and at 6 p.m.

All events are open to the public and will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720).

Come out for a fun evening and meeting your neighbors.

For further information call 863-674-0467.

## Caregiver help at United Way

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is pleased to offer availability of assistance and support to family caregivers in LaBelle. A social worker is available to meet with family caregivers at the United Way House in LaBelle on the first Wednesday of each month.

Free assistance offered includes an opportunity for caregivers to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and aging issues. The center's social worker works with family caregivers to develop effective coping strategies and learn how to access community resources.

Informational material about memory impairment, caregiving issues and community resources is also available at no charge.

To learn more about services offered or to make an appointment to meet with the center's social worker, please contact the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at (239) 437-3007.



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ABE	9900004-111	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	8:00am-11:00am	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121
ABE	9900004-112	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121
Ged Prep	9900026-111	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	8:00am-11:00am	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121
Ged Prep	9900026-112	Mon-Fri	08/22/11	12/09/11	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121

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### Night-Time Classes

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
ABE	9900004-113	T.B.A.	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
ABE	9900004-114	T.B.A.	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Ged Prep	9900026-113	T.B.A.	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Ged Prep	9900026-114	T.B.A.	09/12/11	12/07/11	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
ESOL	9900040-111	Tues&Thur	09/13/11	12/07/11	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Ms. Alaniz	LHS Library

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### Continuing Workforce Education Classes

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
Sub Teacher	E91010P-111	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	\$63.50	\$153.50	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Basic Computer	E91010B-111	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	\$63.50	\$153.50	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Conersational Spanish	E91010P-112	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	\$63.50	\$153.50	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

**Registration fees will be collected at time of enrollment and are non-refundable.**

Other classes may be offered provided sufficient enrollment. Counseling and tutoring are available.  
For more information on classes and registration, please call (863) 612-0706 or (863) 674-4118.

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## Community Briefs

### Dems to meet in Clewiston

The Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its August monthly meeting at the Happy Chef Diner on Sugarland Highway in Clewiston on Thursday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. The Happy Chef Diner is next to the Clewiston Movie Theater with parking between the diner and the theater.

All interested Democrats are welcome to attend, and Hendry County Democrats may take part in the discussion. County DEC chairman Joe Thomas said only Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee members may vote on matters coming up for a decision.

Items to be discussed include organizing Young Democrats in Hendry County, the public hearing on state and federal redistricting to be held at John Boy Auditorium September 1 and changes to the by-laws of the DEC that will come up for a vote at the September meeting and the 2011 Florida Democratic Convention to be held in Orlando the last weekend in October.

### Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet today, August 18, at the Log Cabin Barbecue at 11:30 a.m. All widows are welcome.

### Sit! Stay! Heel!

Caloosa Humane Society now proudly offers six-week dog training classes on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for \$100. We will offer basic obedience skills like sit, stay, heel, no jumping, etc.

Advanced classes will be offered to the graduates of the Basic Training Classes. Separate classes for puppies and adult dogs. Proof of rabies (dogs over 4 months) and DHPPC vaccination are required to be in the program. If you don't already have the necessary vaccinations we do offer them at the shelter and can be done prior to the class for only \$20 for both.

The humans must be 13 years old or older and under 18 year of age must have a parent present.

Call (863) 675-0997 to book your spot as space is limited.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the

## Obituaries

### Gerald 'Jerry' Francis Miller, 78

LABELLE — Gerald 'Jerry' Francis Miller, age 78, of LaBelle died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, at Hope Hospice, 1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres.

Gerald was born May 2, 1933, in Deland, Ind. He is the son of the late Edie Miller. He married Barbara Evans.

He served in the United States Army. He was employed as a Supervisor for Keys Electrical Cop, retiring in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Evans) Miller; one daughter, Fawn (Jeff) Gilbert and one son, Terry Miller; step-sons, Bee Townsend, Dan Townsend; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by step-daughter, Sue Townsend; daughter, Corby Miller; daughter, Elizabeth Miller; son, Gary Miller.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, at Firehouse Cultural Center, 241 North Bridge Street, LaBelle, with Wayne Wilkins offi-

wonderful dogs (and cats too) at Caloosa Humane Society.

### Register for PSN shelter

Special needs shelters are facilities of last refuge for those with health and medical conditions. The Hendry County Special Needs Shelter is located at West Glades School in Muse, has auxiliary power and is capable of provid. Registration forms for Hendry County residents can be obtained from the Hendry County Health Department and the Hendry County Emergency Management Office. If your needs do not meet the Special Needs Shelter criteria, you will be notified of other shelters that are available in your area in which you can seek refuge.

For more information, please contact Kelly Dyess at the Hendry County Emergency Management office at (863) 674-5401.

### Cow, horse found

One cow lost on Ft. Denaud Road and one horse found in Montura Estates. For further information call Investigator Richard Carley of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 863-805-5000.

### Apply for Blue Chip Award

The deadline to apply for the 17th Annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award. is Sept. 12. Award winners use stamina, creativity and hard work to meet challenges head on, overcome adversity and vault financial hurdles. The competition is open to companies that meet the following criteria:

- For-profit business;
- Operating under the same ownership for at least three continuous years with principal office located in Lee, Collier or Charlotte counties;
- Employs five to 400 people; and
- Has overcome adversity to achieve success.

Business owners may nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else, and help is available to draft applications. For information and applications, contact Stacey Mercado at 239-433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to Hope Hospice in Jerry's name.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### Clyde W. Forester, 70

LABELLE — Clyde W. Forester, age 70, of LaBelle, passed away, Aug. 9, 2011, in Lehigh Acres.

He was born Jan. 4, 1941, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mr. Forester served In the Army, 47th Infantry in 1962 in Berlin, Germany, at Check Point Charlie.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Forester; son, Steve Forester; two daughters, JoAnn Marth and Diana Davis; and grandchildren, Michael Forester, Amanda Mansell, Miranda Mansell and Jayna Mansell.

Cremation arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle.

## Church Briefs

### Open pulpit

For the last 33 years that I've been Pastor at LaBelle Assembly of God, we have had a program called open pulpit. The purpose of this program is to have a place where people who feel called to preach actually have a place to preach. We are working on upgrading this program and opening it to the public. Preaching is not really a classroom activity it's more on-the-job training. The only way preachers actually get experience is by preaching during a Congregational service. This not to suggest that theology is not important, because it is.

The open pulpit program is simply designed to give God-called ministers the opportunity to perfect their craft so that they can respond to their calling of God. This also extends to worship ministry music and prayer. If this sounds interesting to you please call 675-0900 for an interview. LaBelle Assembly of God is located 123 Fraser, Avery Clifford Avery is the pastor.

### Help Sunday School

Come to the Oak Grove Holiness Church Children's Church sale, located at 24730 Loblolly Bay Road, Saturday, August 27, 7 a.m-1 p.m. Affordable prices. All proceeds will go to the Sunday School for the children only.

### Outbreak student car wash

Come to the Community Harvest Worship Center for the OutBreak Student Car Wash Saturday, August 20, in the church

parking lot, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations accepted (amount of donation depends on you and your car!) Hot dogs, chips and drinks are being sold also - \$5.

### First Baptist Pre-School

The First Baptist Pre-School is a ministry of the First Baptist Church of LaBelle. We are a state-certified preschool and daycare offering childcare and education for children from 6 weeks through four-year olds who are about to enter Kindergarten. We offer a Christian educational environment for your child to learn and grow in, as well as an opportunity for your child to get a great head-start on Kindergarten. Through inquiry, play, discovery, music, crafts, and bible study, your child will begin their educational life grounded in God's word and have a wonderful time learning basic classroom skills along with social interactions that will make the transition to Kindergarten much easier and happier. We still have openings in our Nursery, Toddlers, K2, & K3 classes. Please call for more information (863)675-2171. [www.fbpreschool.org](http://www.fbpreschool.org).

### First Baptist to celebrate

First Baptist Church has formed a committee to celebrate its 100th Anniversary of February 12, 2012. They are asking for old pictures or newspaper clippings concerning First Baptist Church LaBelle history. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 863-675-2171.

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# Community Briefs

## Summer hours for Kiwanis Thrift Store

The summer hours are as follows: Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The store is located at 155 S. Bridge Street. The LaBelle Kiwanis tries to keep the hours flexible to meet the community needs. Faith and family are a very important part of Kiwanis beliefs therefore the store is not open on Sundays. Please remember that all profits from the Thrift Store sales go back into your local community in the support of Salvation Army, United Way, RCMA, Children & Families, Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Hendry County Schools, Animal Shelters, local churches, and many others. Each year, many students are awarded scholarships from the LaBelle Kiwanis. For more information, you can call the Kiwanis Thrift Store at (863) 675-4043 or at [labellekiwanis@embarqmail.com](mailto:labellekiwanis@embarqmail.com).

## A.A. in LaBelle

A.A. is alive and well in LaBelle. If you think you have a problem with alcohol you are welcome to attend the following meetings: Sunday 7 p.m. open discussion at Church of the Good Shepherd, Collingswood Ave. Port LaBelle; Tuesday 8 p.m. closed 12 step study at First Christian Church, Ford St.; Wednesday noon Big Book study and discussion at Good Shepherd; Thursday 8 p.m. open discussion at First Christian; Friday 7 p.m. open discussion at Good Shepherd;

Saturday 9 p.m. "As Bill Sees It" open read/discussion at Good Shepherd.

If you are affected by someone else's drinking you may want to attend Al-Anon Thursday at First Christian 8 p.m. In Clewiston open discussion meetings are held Monday and Wednesday 7 p.m. St. Martin's Church, 207 North Owen.

## ACT offers abuse counseling

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties. ACT offers individual and group counseling, safe emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline and counseling and forensic examinations for survivors of rape. For more information please call our 24-hour hotline at 1-888-956-7273.

## VFW news

VFW Post 10100 will serve a steak dinner Friday, August 19, 5 p.m., \$8.

Come to the post for charcoal grilled hamburgers every Saturday for \$2; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The post is located on SR 29S by the rodeo grounds.

VFW Post 10100 will pay the initial membership fees for qualified veterans and the annual dues for any armed forces personnel currently serving in harm's way. For information, please call 863-675-8008.



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## Good eats!

**Get your tickets now! The next LaBelle Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be September 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. On the menu: Sara's chicken and dumplin's, green beans, corn bread, dessert and tea - all for \$7 per plate. Pictured: Chamber Director Brian Beer just can't wait to get at Sara's chicken and dumplin's, so don't wait till the tickets are all sold out. That's Debbie Klemmer trying hard to shovel it in fast enough. Also on the Chamber schedule: The August social will be at Port LaBelle Inn Thursday, August 18, 5-6:30 p.m. Door prizes, 50/50, drink specials and great networking. Then, make plans to attend the chamber's annual banquet Monday, Oct. 17. Call Sara 675-0125 about tickets - \$20 per person, \$250 per table of eight.**

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVY OF AN INCREASED NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BY THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR WEST HENDRY COUNTY RECREATION MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

TAKE notice that a public hearing will be held before the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for the purpose of considering the levy of an increased non-ad valorem recreation special assessment on residential properties located within the West Hendry County Recreation Municipal Services Benefit Unit. The properties subject to the assessment are residential properties within the land area depicted on the map below.

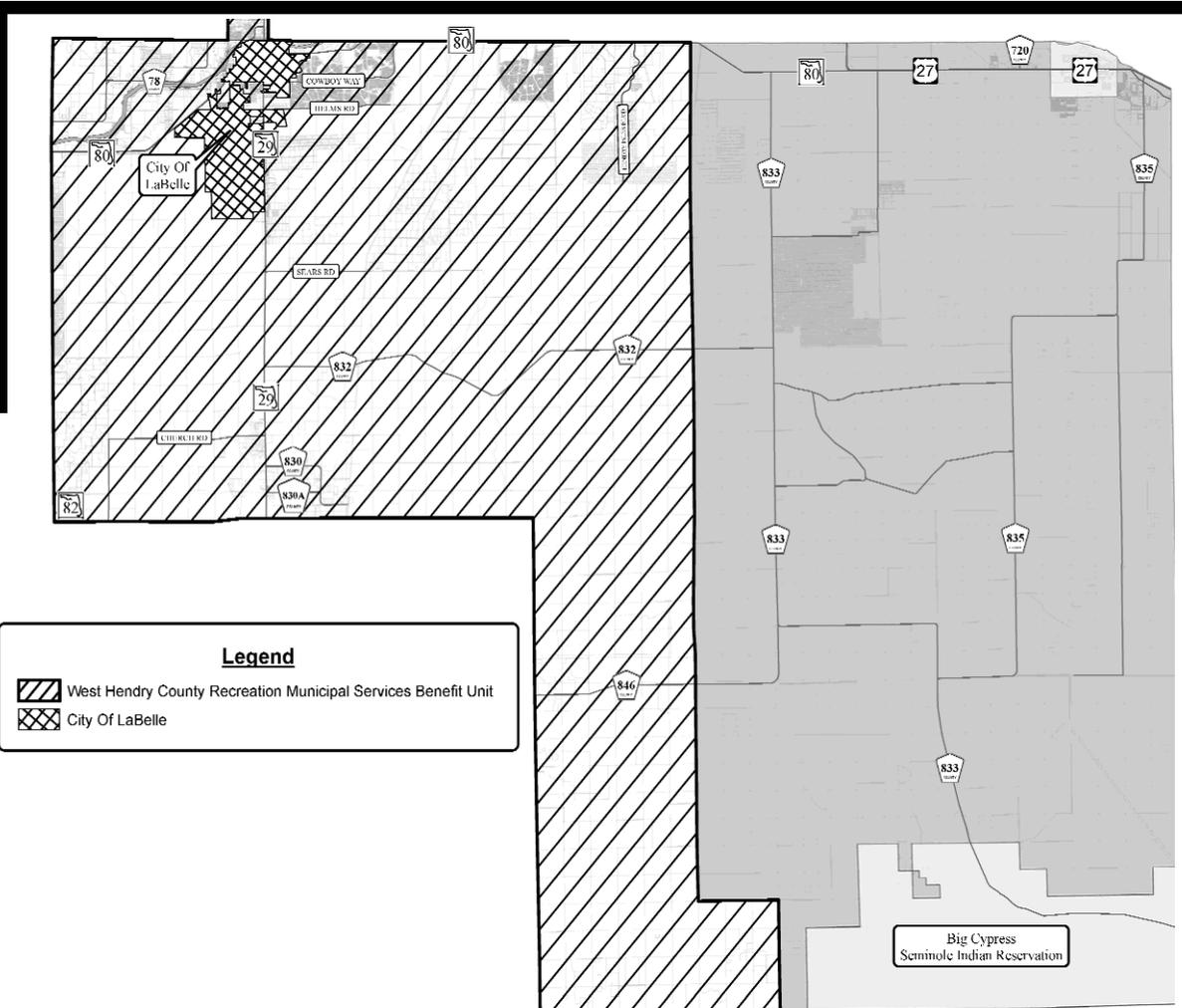
The public hearing will be held on the proposed increase at the Clewiston City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on September 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. All affected property owners may appear and be heard at the public hearing and also have the right to file written objections with the County Commission within 20 days from the date of this publication. The County's mailing address is P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975.

The proposed increased assessment will be collected by the Tax Collector and the assessment will continue indefinitely for subsequent years until the County Commission takes action to change it.

The purpose of the increased non-ad valorem special assessment is to complete the recreation complex currently under development off of Forrey Avenue in LaBelle and to operate the recreation complex. The amount of the special assessment is proposed to increase from \$75 per year per dwelling unit to \$100 per year per dwelling unit.

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Darrell R. Harris, Chairman



# Austin Garcia USSS All-American



Austin Garcia

LaBelle High School Junior Austin Garcia has been selected to the first Team 2012 USSSA All-American Baseball Team for his outstanding performance last week in the 2011 All-American games.

The USSSA All-American Games took place August 11-14 at the Osceola County Sports Complex in Kissimmee.

The top 14u, 15u and 16u players from around the country competed for a chance to make Team USSSA and compete in international competition in 2012.

The players gained direct exposure from major league baseball teams and some of the top college programs in the nation.

The event consisted of pro-style workouts and evaluations conducted by college coaches, MLB scouts and former MLB players.

Players participated in a five-tools evaluation of their baseball skills. Up to five

players (ages 13u-16u) will receive a direct invitation to the 2012 USSSA All-American Games, and up to five players at 17u will receive a direct invitation to the 2012 USSSA Top Prospect Games.

"This is another amazing honor for Austin as he continues his quest to compete at the next level of baseball. He has spent a lot of extra time and energy to improve his skills and it is really paying off.

He has matured mentally and physically and should have an outstanding junior year on the diamond at LaBelle High School," commented Coach Ron Dunbar.

The LHS junior has also been selected for the Power Showcase All-World & All-American bBaseball team and will compete in the Sixth Annual Power Showcase International High School Home Run Derby Dec. 27-30, at Chase Stadium, home of the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix, Arizona.

## Sports Shorts

### Join Airboat and buggy club

The newly formed Airboat and Buggy Conservation Club of SW Florida had its first meeting June 23 at the Lee County Fair Grounds in North Fort Myers.

The primary goals of the club will be promoting responsible usage of lands and waterways, opening access to areas that have been closed to the public while advocating hunter/vessel safety and making a positive impact in our communities working with other charitable organizations.

The club includes Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties. Anyone who is interested in encouraged to attend. The meetings have been scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month. Getting involved and making a commitment to be the preservation of our lands and waterways will make a difference for generations to come. For more information call Randy Hodges at 239-872-0772.

# Martin claims championship at Forrest Wood

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (Aug. 14, 2011) – National Guard pro Scott Martin of Clewiston crossed the stage with a five-bass limit weighing 14 pounds, 5 ounces, Sunday to claim the title of Forrest Wood Cup champion on Lake Ouachita. Martin, with a four-day total of 20 bass for 61-1, won by a 4-pound, 10-ounce margin over EverStart pro Randall Tharp of Gardendale, Ala., who caught five bass weighing 15-1 for a four-day total of 20 bass weighing 56-7, which was good for \$100,000. Sunday's final weigh-in marked the finale of the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup, which featured 58 of the world's best professional bass anglers. Martin won \$600,000 plus a \$1,000 Power-Pole bonus.

"A four-day event of this magnitude is stressful to deal with, especially when you're close to the top most of the days," said Martin, who boosted his FLW Outdoors earnings to more than \$1.8 million with the win. "I had to play a mind trick on myself and pretend like tomorrow was the final day and today was the cut day I was going to try to catch a big bag.

"I think the biggest factor when you win a tournament is confidence," Martin added. "The first day of the tournament I caught a couple of real big fish right off the bat and I told my partner, 'I can win the tournament in this spot.' Lo and behold, that's exactly what happened."

Martin said he fished main lake areas around Bird Island, Pollard Creek and Mountain Harbor to claim his title. Martin keyed in on an area that was holding 4- and 5-inch shad in 23 to 27 feet of water. The area featured brush piles, but Martin said the key was the wind that was keeping the shad near the brush piles for the feeding bass. He

said any brush piles that he found that didn't have baitfish in the area didn't produce the healthier bass he used to fill his limits.

"If you looked at this particular spot on a map you would never think it would be a fantastic place," Martin said. "As a matter of fact, I found it by accident. I was graphing and looking for bait, and as I went through this area and not really thinking I was going to find anything, my graph lit up real well and I saw all the bait. I turned around and started fishing through it."

Martin said he used three main rigs during the tournament, all of which were anchored by Kistler rods. On his swimbait rig, Martin used a 7-foot, 10-inch Z-Bone model rod and an Abu Garcia Revo Premier reel with 10-pound-test Seaguar line. The bait was a Gary Yamamoto swimbait on the back of a Swarming Hornet Fish Head Spin or a hollow belly swimbait on a 7/16-ounce head slow-rolled in deep water.

"Any time you fish a swimbait, the size of the line makes a big difference," Martin said. "If the diameter's too thick, the bait's not going to get down to the proper depth and stay there."

Martin's 10-inch ribbontail worm setup was a 7-foot, 6-inch Z-Bone model rod and an Abu Garcia Revo Premier reel with 12-pound-test Seaguar line. Martin fished the worm with a 3/8-ounce weight and 5/0 worm hook.

Martin said he caught a few fish during the first three days of competition on a drop-shot rig consisting of a 7-foot Z-Bone model rod and a Shimano Stradic reel with 10-pound-test Spiderwire line and an 8-pound-test Seaguar leader. The hook was a 1/0 with a 5/16-ounce tungsten weight, and Martin

tipped the rig with a Morning Dawn-colored RoboWorm or a watermelon candy-colored finesse worm. Martin said he dyed the tail tips chartreuse.

After returning from the event, Hendry County Tourism Development Council Director Lee McMichael said the TDC partnered with Scott Martin with a booth at the Forrest Wood Experience.

"It was fantastic. I'm proud and excited for him. It was a privilege to be a part of the Forrest Wood Experience."

He went on to say that this was a great venue to present Hendry County and educate folks around the country about Lake Okeechobee and what the area has to offer. He said the response ran the gamut from those who knew about the lake and perhaps

had been here, those who were aware of Hendry County through Scott Martin's television show, Scott Martin Challenge, and those who had no idea about the Lake Okeechobee area. The TDC supports the show and gets the word out about Hendry County through a partnership promotion along with the City of Clewiston and the Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative (LORI).

He added that this was the first trade show of this magnitude Hendry TDC has participated in. He said it fits into the TDC's approach to marketing Hendry County perfectly by reaching the public.

Next week, Mr. McMichael will attend the Florida Outdoor Writers Association Convention at Marco Island - another perfect stage from which to tout Hendry County.



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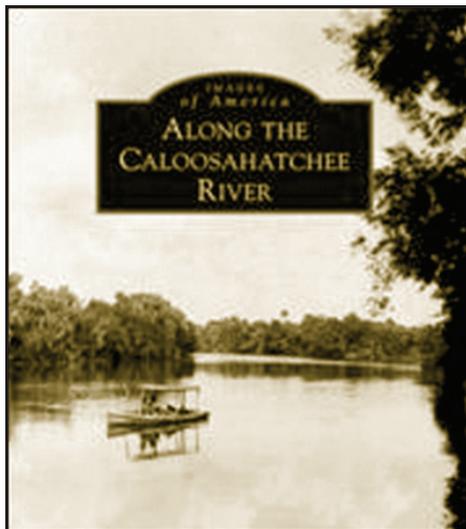
The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular Images of America series is Along the Caloosahatchee River from local author Amy Bennett Williams. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

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Over the years, the river has attracted luminaries as well as colorful characters. Thomas Edison had a Caloosahatchee riverfront home, as did Henry Ford and telegrapher George Shulz, who created Florida's tarpon-fishing industry. Without the Caloosahatchee, the Southwest Florida that people know today would not exist. Without people, however, the river known as the Caloosahatchee would not exist either, since it was human effort and engineering that connected the river to the lake and made it navigable—changes that sometimes spelled disaster.

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These senior 4-H members were winners at the Florida 4-H Congress.

# Senior 4-H members win at state congress week at U of F

by Sonja Crawford

More than 300 4-H youth ages 14-18 were able to get a taste of college life by participating in the 2011 Florida 4-H Congress held at the University of Florida on July 25-July 29. This fabulous week enabled many 4-H members to learn and share with other 4-H'ers across Florida.

Congress is divided into competitive and non-competitive sessions. The non-competitive portion is devoted to educational/leadership workshops addressing the interest of Florida's youth including animal science, individual and family resources, plant science, environmental education, citizenship and leadership, communication arts as well as science and technology. The competitive portion of Congress is where the first place senior District winners compete against other county District winners in a variety of events, such as fashion revue, demonstrations/illustrated talks, and public speaking. County 4-H Judging teams participate with other teams across the state in various judging contests. Furthermore, interviews for State Recognition and Scholarships are also conducted during this event.

Eight 4-H members from Hendry County participated in this week long program. The attendees were Shelby French, Kelsie Hansen, Wolfgang Lynn, Andy McAvoy, Harry Plamondon, Sara Sutterfield, Ashley White and Steven Woosley.

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Ashley, Kelsie and Sara were contestants in the State 4-H Fashion Revue Competition. Sara participated in the construction division where she took third place in the Dress for Work category with her scrubs she made at her club meetings. Ashley and Kelsie modeled their garments in the selection division. Ashley was awarded second place in the School Informal Wear category with her selected jeans and a colorful shirt.

Andy, Harry, Steven and Wolfgang participated as a team in the Horticulture Judging competition. The team captured first place with Harry achieving first place in the overall competition. The team will be representing Hendry County as well as Florida 4-H in the National Horticulture Competition in San Diego, California, October 7-10, 2011. The team was coached by Pat Johnson and Patricia Gonzalez.

Shelby clogged in the Share-the-Fun event. Kelsie and Sara attended the State 4-H Council meetings as Hendry County 4-H Voting Delegates.

All of the members did a great job representing Hendry County as well as having the opportunity to learn, grow, and test their abilities as they participated in the week long program.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## City of Oaks

The City of LaBelle continues to cultivate its crowning jewel - the grand old oaks loved by resident and visitor alike. Because even these beautiful trees don't live forever, the city is planting new ones to replace the stately old trees as they disappear. This one is located at Upthegrove Elementary School. It will grow to replace a huge oak that finally succumbed to its age. It's enormous stump can be seen in the background. LHS Athletic Director Dave Kelley, left, who is instrumental in securing new trees, is pictured with Mayor Paul Puletti.

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Additionally, every student is assigned a

lap top computer. We use the A Beka Curriculum for its core subjects. Some electives include sign language, a foreign language, music, choir, and drama, Bible, PE and art. Tuition assistance is available based on financial needs. For more information about the school, scholarships, or tuition assistance, please, contact Tracy Co at (863) 675-1112 or 863-675-4227.

### UES open house

Upthegrove Elementary School will have its open house Friday, Aug. 19, from 8-10

a.m. Please come out to see the school and meet your child's teacher for the new school year. If you have an questions, please call the school office at 612-0750.

### LMS open houses

Come to LaBelle Middle School's Open House. 6th Grade will attend today Thursday, Aug. 18, from 1-3 p.m.; 7th and 8th grade students will attend Friday, Aug. 19, from 1-3 p.m. Parents and students report to the cafeteria and go to their child's grade level information station to receive their student's schedule. There will be tables in the cafeteria to retrieve busing information, lunches. The health department will give out the required 7th grade shot. We look forward to seeing you!

### It's time for school physicals

Hendry Regional Medical Center is all set to provide physicals for the children in the community. Summer is still in full swing, but the first day of school will be here before you know it. If you haven't already scheduled an appointment for your child's school or sports physical, now is the time to do it - don't wait! Often, school physical examinations are the only times throughout the year that children visit a medical facility. We suggest using the yearly school physical as an opportunity to build and add to a child's complete medical history. This can help ensure that the youngster's progress and devel-

opment over time are monitored and that potential emerging problems are detected. Don't get caught up in the last minute rush, schedule physicals for your school-aged children today. Call the Convenient Care Center in LaBelle (863-675-2356).

### Breakfast at school

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

### Education Center hour change

The Education Center hours have changed to Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The ECSWF has a 24x36 foot modular office building for rent (\$700 per month includes utilities). It is located on the campus at 4930 SR 29S. Call 675-6800 or 239-860-6722 for more information.

## Florida KidCare - back to school

by Pat Dobbins

As parents are getting their children ready to go back to school, it is important that they remember to add health insurance to their checklist. Parents whose children are uninsured should consider applying for Florida KidCare(FKC). Through FKC, the state offers different types of health insurance coverage for children from birth-18. Children may still qualify for this coverage even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different parts. When you apply for the insurance, Florida KidCare representatives will check which part your child may qualify for based on the child's age and the family's total income. FKC decides what plan your children are assigned to, based strictly on family income, but special consideration is made for a child with frequent and chronic medical illnesses by listing it in the appropriate box on the application.

FKC does disqualify children with prior medical conditions. The program currently covers almost 1.3 million Florida children with exceptionally low or no premiums for low income families who qualify. There is a partnership with Division of Children and Families/Florida Medicaid and Florida Kid Care. When you apply to FKC, you are also applying to both Medicaid and FKC.

• Medikids: children ages 1-5 (through Medicaid).

• Healthy Kids: children ages 5-18.

• Children's Medical Services Network: children birth through 18 who have special health care needs (Through Medicaid or the FKC Title 21 program)

• Medicaid: Usually ages 6-18. A child who has other health insurance may still qualify for Medicaid. (Please note: If your child had Florida Medicaid and was recently denied renewal, make an application to FKC immediately!)

Some of the services Florida KidCare covers may include:

• Doctor (sick) visits, (well) check-ups, specialists and immunizations

• Hospital visits, emergency room visits and surgeries (Every hospital in Florida)

• Prescriptions (Most local and almost all chain pharmacies)

• Vision and hearing check-ups

• Dental visits

• Mental health screenings and visits

There are several ways to apply for Florida KidCare:



Pat Dobbins

• If you applied for Florida KidCare before, call 1-888-540-5437 or 1-800-821-5437 to update your information by telephone, English, Spanish and Creole operators available. The best times to call is early morning after 8 a.m. or from 5-7 p.m.

• You can request an application from your local county health department, Department of Children & Families Office, Family Health Center in LaBelle, Florida Community Health Center in Clewiston and United Way.

• You can apply online at <http://www.floridakidcare.org/>

• Print an Application and Instructions on-line and fill out the form. Then you have several ways to submit the completed application:

o Mail it to: Healthy Kids and KidCare, P.O. Box 980, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0980

o Fax it to: (866) 867-0054 (TOLL FREE)

o Email it to: [applyrenew.healthykids@acs-inc.com](mailto:applyrenew.healthykids@acs-inc.com)

Please note: The application form has space for three children. If there are more than three children, attach the information on another sheet of paper.

Family Checklist - Have these following documents with you before you start the application:

• Your family's most recent tax return (Form 1040) and/or

• Your Wage and Earning Statement (W-2 Form) and/or

• Current Pay Stubs (covering the last four weeks)

• Your children's Social Security numbers or the date applied for if you have not received a Social Security card.

• Proof of Citizenship, (Legal residency, migrant worker programs can apply. Children do not always have to be born here in order to obtain FKC insurance).

Healthy Kids and KidCare has year round open enrollment. It takes 4-6 weeks to process a complete application. Coverage begins after your child's eligibility has been determined and the first month's premium received, if required. Monthly premiums are based on your household size and monthly income. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 per family per month. You can pay monthly premiums on line, by mail, payment book, credit card by phone. Get more information at [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org)

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# Help with federal issues

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From 2:30-4:30 p.m., his representative will be at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J, in Moore Haven.

He will also be in Immokalee at the Collier County Government Satellite office, 310 Alachua St. from 9-11 a.m. that day.

Members of the senator's staff will be able to meet and assist the public with federal issues.

For more information please call the Senator's Southwest Regional Office at 239-738-5755.

# North American Migration Count Sept. 17

By Margaret England  
Hendry-Glades Audubon

September 17 is the Florida Fall North American Migration Count (NAMC). The area of a count is the boundaries of a county. The idea is to have a contiguous interlocking set of non-overlapping counts across North America. The following returning teams need additional counters, compilers and photographers: LaBelle, Clewiston, Pioneer, Muse, STA5, Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest/Spirit of the Wild, Fisheating Creek Campground, Lakeport/Ft. Center/Curry Island and South Hendry (833/835).

In order to get a good snapshot of our count area, volunteers are still needed to organize a team or do home counts at Ortona, Dinner Island/833, Felda, Hwy 80, SR 27 or Lake Okeechobee. This is the sixth year that Hendry and Glades County have participated in the fall count. Volunteers are needed to organize new counts in Okeechobee County as well. Contact Margaret England if you would like to join a team of volunteers or survey birds at your home.

Volunteers, who will be citizen scientists for the day, will be counting common birds as well as those of special interest. One of the

listed species of "special concern" in Florida is the Limpkin. Florida is the only state in the U.S. where Limpkins breed (FWC Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail).

The Limpkin is a large dark brown bird with feathers on the head, neck, wings and much of the back and underparts marked with white, making the body look streaked and the head and neck light gray. It has long, dark-gray legs and a long neck. This bird has a long, heavy down curved yellowish bill with a dark tip. The closed bill has a gap just before the tip that makes the bill work like tweezers, which the limpkin uses to extract snails out of their shells. They almost exclusively eat apple snails, but also eat other aquatic snails and bivalves that they find by sight or touch. Other less important prey includes insects, frogs, lizards, crustaceans and worms.

Limpkin, locally known as the "wailing bird" or 'crying bird,' are easier to hear than to see. Their most common call is a loud wild wail or scream, which is most often heard at night, dawn or dusk. It has been used for jungle sound effects in Tarzan films and for the hippogriff in the film "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Other calls include "wooden clicking, clucks or a pierc-

ing "bihk, bihk."

Nests may be built on the ground, dense floating vegetation, in bushes or at any height in trees. A clutch will have three to eight eggs, which can be gray-white to deep olive. Both parents incubate the eggs during the day, but only the female remains with the eggs at night. The young, who hatch at about 27 days, are covered with down and are capable of walking, running and swimming. Both parents feed the chicks, who leave their parents at about 16 weeks. Limpkin can often be seen sitting on snags or foraging near the water's edge. They are being reported in wetland areas, ditches and ponds in inland Florida.

If you would like to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers on the August 20 STA5 bird trip or September 17 NAMC, send an e-mail to Margaret England, at sta5birding@embarqmail.com with your name and contact information, including an emergency cell number for the trip day, the date you want to go and the number in your party. You may also leave this information at (863) 674-0695 or (863) 517-0202. Bring water, snacks and lunch. For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING**  
The Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will be holding a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday August 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm, at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street. The purpose of this workshop/special meeting will be to discuss and amend the District's Policy and Procedure Handbook and any other business which comes before the Board. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Board with respect to any matters considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and that for such purposes, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE.**  
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
395186 CN 8/18/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the Hendry County Administrative Offices, 165 South Lee Street, Suite A, LaBelle, Florida.  
All meetings of the Local Coordinating Board are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Brian Raimondo at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 211 or by e-mail at [braimondo@swfprpc.org](mailto:braimondo@swfprpc.org) at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 (voice) or 800-955-8771 (TDD).  
The SWFRPC's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he/she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, Title VI Coordinator Robin Parrish at (863) 519-2675 or by writing her at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.  
394832 GCD 8/18/2011

**Public Notice**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 10-363-CA**  
PREMIER AMERICAN BANK, N.A. d/b/a FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs. DENNIS A. PERKINS, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the above-named Defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether as unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is given that pursuant to the final judgment dated December 8, 2010 in Case No. 10-363-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, in which PREMIER AMERICAN BANK, N.A., d/b/a FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK is the plaintiff and DENNIS A. PERKINS, is the defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Main Clerk's Office on the 2nd Floor of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East High-poochee Avenue, corner of S.R. 80 and Highway 29, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on August 24, 2011, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment:

The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, less the North 25 feet and the East 20 feet for road right-of-way, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida (also known as Lot B-3, La Belle Acres No. 2, an unrecorded plat)

Dated this 26th day of July, 2011.  
BARBARA S. BUTLER  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: /s/ J. Bevis  
Deputy Clerk

394118 CB 8/11,18/2011

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440. The public is invited to attend.  
395185 CN 8/18/2011

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on August 29, 2011 at 10:00a.m.:  
**1996 Dodge, 2B6HB21Y0K179886**  
**1996 Ford, 1FALP52L4T288308**  
**1993 Mazda, JM2UF313XP0379265**  
395174 CN 8/18/2011

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:  
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
1043 2007 1134432-A0001740000 Piar Home Developers

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3026, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of September, 2011**, which is the **8th day of September, 2011**.  
Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida

394837 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The following vehicles and equipment are available for sale by the City of Pahokee by sealed bid. Vehicles may be viewed at the City of Pahokee Motor Pool area, 1501 McClure Rd., Pahokee, FL, beginning Monday, August 29, 2011 through Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 8 am to 4 pm, excluding weekends. You must notify staff that you are on the property. The bid items may also be viewed on the City website at [www.cityofpahokee.com](http://www.cityofpahokee.com). Sealed bids are due by 12:00 pm on Monday September 12, 2011 and will be opened at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, FL 33476. Buyers do not need to be present. Winning bidders must make full payment by Thursday, September 15, 2011 or the vehicle or equipment will be awarded to the next highest bidder. All vehicles are sold "as is" and must be removed from city property by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011. Vehicles not removed, will be towed from city property. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
**Bid Item # Description VIN or Serial Number Minimum Bid**  
Bid # 1 1999 Ford F-1501FTZX1726YN89099 \$ 800.00  
Bid # 2 1994 Ford Econoline Van 1FBJS31H2RHA73930 \$ 800.00  
Bid # 3 2003 Chevrolet Blazer 1GNCS13X53K154838 \$2500.00  
Bid # 4 2002 Ford Taurus 1FAPP522X2A198073 \$2000.00  
395235 CN 8/18/2011

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. **The meeting and public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2011 in the Golden Gate Community Center, Room A/B, 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples, Florida 34116.** The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the Golden Gate Utility System and Lehigh Utility System and the FGUA General Fund annual operating budget. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA.  
394198 CN 8/11,18/2011

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida, Case number: 11-1705-05 on May 9th, 2011 in the matter of First Union National Bank of Florida as plaintiff, and Erelidy R. Zaballa a/k/a Erelidyas Zaballa and Diego Rodriguez a/k/a Diego R. Rodriguez as defendant(s), I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s), to-wit:  
**2005 MAZDA 6, vehicle identification number: 1YVFP80C055M36642, title number: 92588406 issued 07/19/2007.**  
and on September 8, 2011, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Hendry County Sheriff's office. In accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.  
Steve Whidden As Sheriff  
Hendry County, Florida  
By: Lt. Andy Lewis  
392454 CN 8/11,18,25/9/12011

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Public Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Winder VI LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1537	2007	1254432-A0000780000	Jimmy & Betty Osceola

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1214, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2011**, which is the **8th day of September, 2011**.

Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

394838 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1482	2007	1244432-A0000840000	Leon and Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5283, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2011**, which is the **8th day of September, 2011**.

Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

394836 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1356	2007	1224432-01000520130	Cecelia Braunstein

Lot 13, Block 52, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38, and 39, public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2011**, which is the **8th day of September, 2011**.

Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

394842 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000895**

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 ALLISON T. TUCKER, et al. Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 2 day of August, 2011, entered in Civil Case Number 26-2009-CA-000895 in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC. is the Plaintiff, and LESLIE B. TUCKER, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

**LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 142 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1957, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71 THROUGH 78, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Hendry County Courthouse, Highway 80 and Main Street, 2nd floor hallway, LaBelle, FL 39935 at 11:00 AM, on the 31 day of August, 2011. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: August 5, 2011.

Hendry County Clerk of Court  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: /s/ J. Bevis

**FORECLOSURE SALE ATTORNEYS:**  
 P. TORRENS, P.L.L.C.  
 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690  
 Clearwater, FL 33755  
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"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, FL 39935-1760, telephone (863) 675-5217, TDD 1 800 955 8770 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service."

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394643 CN 8/11,18/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1798	2007	1354432-A0000510100	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4638, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2011**, which is the **8th day of September, 2011**.

Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

394840 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**NOTICE**  
**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice that a variance has been granted to Mr. Mark F. Lapp, County Attorney, Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975-2340, to provide monitoring relief from Rule 62-610.865(8), F.A.C., for the Port LaBelle Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hendry County blends the effluent from said plant with the demineralization concentrate from Port LaBelle's reverse osmosis drinking water treatment plant prior to disposal in Hendry County's on-site restricted public access rapid infiltration basin. Rule 62-610.865(8), F.A.C., requires continuous monitoring of the blend for specific conductance and weekly monitoring for TSS, fluoride, TDS, chlorides, pH, and sodium adsorption ratio. This variance reduces the monitoring frequency for these parameters to quarterly. Only the monitoring frequency has been relaxed. No applicable effluent or ground water standards have been relaxed.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Mediation is not available.

If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

In accordance with Rules 28-106.111(2) and 62-110.106 (a) (4), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or receipt of written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time will toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Upon motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect, the Department may also grant the requested extension of time.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that right.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interest are or will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Under sections 120.569(2) (c) and (d) of the Florida Statutes, a petition for administrative hearing shall be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

Complete copies of all documents relating to this determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Ft. Myers, Florida 33901. The contact person is Brandon Ivy at 239-344-5653.

395187 CN/CB 8/18/2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-001219**

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,  
 LOUIS MARY TELUSNOR, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 04, 2011 and entered in Case No 26-2010-CA-001219 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and LOUIS MARY TELUSNOR; MARTHA TELUSNOR; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 11, BLOCK 6, FT. DENAUD ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 108, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 MERITT MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# FLHML2F54718710A AND FLHML2F54718710B.**

A/K/A 591 NILES STREET LABELLE, FL 33935

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 9, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: J. Bevis  
 Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
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\*See Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

394974 CN 8/18,25/2011

**NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP /SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will be holding a budget workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2010 at 5:00 pm, at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street. The purpose of this workshop/special meeting will be to discuss the District's budget and any other business which comes before the Board. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Board with respect to any matters considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and that for such purposes, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE.**

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
 394682 CN 8/11,18/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES BY AUCTION @ 340 N. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES DUE TO NON PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES. PURSUANT TO SUB SECTION 713.78 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE. CHANCE'S TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS.

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6/28/2011 @ 8:00AM  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1031	2007	1134432-A0001410000	G.A.M.E. Investments, Inc

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3109, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **27th** day of **July, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

394834 CGS 8/4,11,18,25/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Barron Water Control District Board of Supervisors will conduct a Board of Supervisors Meeting at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the office of the District, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle.

The purpose of this meeting will be to conduct routine business.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark Colbert, Chairman  
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# Hendry and Glades primary natural disaster areas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1, 2011 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 27 counties in Florida as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat that began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues.

"Florida producers can count on USDA to provide emergency assistance during these difficult times," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I are committed to reducing the impact of this disaster for Florida producers and we will commit all available resources to help in recovery."

Farmers and ranchers in counties including Hendry and Glades also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas July 29, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs

available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Rotary scholar

Jaycee Sealey recently received her second year scholarship from the LaBelle Rotary Club. She is attending FGCU, studying elementary education. She will be part of an internship program in fall at Treeline Elementary and hopes to intern at LES in the Spring. Jaycee is an FGCU cheerleader, going into her senior year. She is pictured with Rotarian Mark Lapp.

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## Witches Brew

by Pudge Lehman

I was confiding in a friend the other day as how time-consuming it becomes to fill in all the wrinkles with make up as we age.

He suggested I go to a body shop and get an estimate for a baked-on enamel finish for my face. We are both Italian so we understand there will be an extra charge for excess nose area. Then all that will be needed is a quick hosing and a quick wipe with a chamois (shammy) cloth. What a time saver!

Put mothballs around plants that animals like to dig up but remember... they're poisonous to children. The little tykes will eat dirt and all sorts of poisons but you can't get them to eat broccoli.

Those flat plastic lids that we usually toss... use as a place to set your cooking utensils (keep away from the burner,) as a plant saucer, under oil bottles, to keep half a grapefruit from drying out store it cut side down on one.

**Werd fer the Week:** Despair... an extra tire. Ex: De spare is in de trunk. Diane Fromme gave me this one many, many, years ago.

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## Legion Auxiliary Officers

Front row from left: President Phyllis Moody, First Vice President Janet Schall, Second Vice President Linda Teasley, Historian Karen Thompson, Secretary Jackie Moody and E-Board Diane Davis, Back row: Treasurer Joyce Draughty, E-Board Julie Jeffords, E-Board and Past Unit President Sharon Levanthal.



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

## Sons of the Legion Post 130

Pictured from left: Chaplain Matt White, Financial Officer/Membership Chair Randy White and Commander Bob Mims.

Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers  
Outgoing Post 130 Commander Tony Alvarez addresses the entire organization.



## Doctors

Continued From Page 1

He was a partner in a medical practice in Plantation for ten years before opening the practice with his wife in Weston (Broward County). He's also worked in Little Havana, Hialeah and Homestead.

Carlos said he likes family practice because it offers a little bit of many different types of medicine - internal, pediatrics, GYN, minor procedures and even an occasional emergency. He still enjoys that diversifica-

tion, that learning curve.

Dr. Jennifer Romero earned her medical license in 1996. She is a New Jersey native who went to medical school in Florida. She is also a DO in family practice. Jennifer worked in Clewiston for 13 years and liked the area, so when the couple heard about the opening at the Convenient Care Center, they were very interested.

Her reason for choosing family medicine is similar to her husband's. She said she likes doing a lot of different things. For instance, she's learning about on-the-job injuries, cowboy style. She said she also enjoys problem solving.

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