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Workers have questions about U-Save closing

by Patty Brant

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Unstocked shelves and few employees made it painfully obvious to U-Save customers over the past few months that things weren't going well. Last Friday morning, the other shoe fell.

The store closed early Thursday night, just after 8 p.m. A sign in the door said simply that the store was closed for renovations. Employees were told to come in Friday morning. Those who get standard paychecks would receive them; direct deposited paychecks would be in the employees' accounts.

The handful of employees who had remained on the job gathered in the parking lot in front of the store Friday morning, waiting for their checks and for any information on the future of the store. Their efforts were futile.

They found the doors locked and perishables being removed from the shelves. No one got their money.

Saturday morning, was the same - no

checks.

By Monday, employees were still waiting.

Assistant Manager Phillip Styles has been working at U-Save for five years. He described the past several months at the store. Orders were not coming in, he said, or there were small deliveries. Regular dealers had discontinued doing business there. Out-of-date merchandise remained on shelves.

Deli orders were down, as were customers, over last year.

One employee said the closing was "sad." She said employees felt they were part of a team and had even been told, "Let's work as a family."

"We tried to hang in," she said.

On a brief excursion to the parking lot to speak to one employee, the store manager said he wasn't authorized to answer questions. In answer to the question who was, he simply mumbled, "Nobody."

Employees related stories of difficulty

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U-Save employees gathered in the store parking lot last Friday, seeking answers to questions like where were their paychecks, how would they make a living and what would they do without their U-Save "family."

Nisbet Enterprises earns business award

The Florida Department of Education, Commissioner Eric Smith, Superintendent Rick Murphy along with the Hendry County School Board and its employees, would like to congratulate Nisbet Enterprises. Nisbet Enterprises was awarded the 2011 Hendry County Business Award at the 24th Annual Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards Dinner in Tampa.

Nisbet Enterprises includes two McDonald's Restaurants in Hendry County - one in LaBelle and Clewiston. Nisbet Enterprises is one of the District's most involved and long-serving business partners. The Nisbet Family has consistently reached out to our schools to provide support as well as encourage-

ment. Involvement has included student awards, assistance with fund raisers, recognition of our teachers and support of our Teacher of The Year Program.

Yearly they sponsor School-Nights fund raising for each of our schools. Teachers and staff work side-by-side with the McDonald's employees on these nights in a fun, family-oriented event which showcases Nisbet Enterprises support of the Hendry County School District.

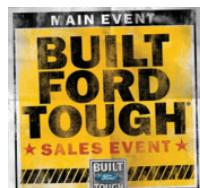
According to Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy, business involvement in education has played a critical role in supporting education throughout Florida and Hendry

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Pictured from left: Commissioner Eric Smith, Superintendent Rick Murphy, Amanda and Steve Nisbet Jr. representing the Nisbet Family and its employees.



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U-Save

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in getting their paychecks even before last Friday. Prior to that, the last paycheck they received was dated Sept. 22. They received it on Oct. 5. U-Save employees were paid bi-weekly.

One customer who showed up Friday morning as usual was 90-year-old Charles McDonough, who came by every morning for coffee and a donut. Another customer came to purchase Caribbean food. They both expressed their sadness at the closing of the store, but also at the loss of contact with U-Save employees. A third shopper, Carmen Murray, said she shopped there every day for 13 years. The people there made her laugh, she said.

Over the years, customers said they had become friends with U-Save employees - sentiments that echoed what the employees had already described.

After six years with U-Save, another employee said she only missed one day, and often filled in for other workers when asked to. Her biggest complaint Friday morning was that, "Nobody will come up with a straight answer."

A number of employees had been with U-Save for decades.

One worked there for 20 years. Another had been employed at U-Save since 1969. She described many changes at the store in recent months including employees' hours being cut. Still, she said she would come back to work if she had the chance, as most of the workers in the parking lot said.

One woman summed up the feelings of most of the employees. "All we're asking for is to get paid," she said, "and for them to be honest with us."

Many employees described their dedication to the store and willingness to work with management over the past difficult year, saying they'd come in early and stay late when asked. One worker even came back to work early from surgery.

U-Save had been purchased last September by S&O Holdings, Oqab Abuqab, president. At that time, management blithely stated it would remain "Business as usual" for the store that had served LaBelle for 87 years, at that time. The U-Save store in Clewiston also closed Monday morning.

S&O also owns the Trading Post Plaza, Fiesta store on SR 29 and Bravo food stores in Fort Myers and Tampa. Calls to S&O were not returned.

The last of the U-Save employees will all

be going their own way.

Phillip Styles, 23, had hoped to continue to work at U-Save, go to college to learn computer networking. Seeing the way things were going, he enlisted in the Navy and is waiting to head off to boot camp. "I feel bad," he said, "we were like family."

Another employee will be working at a friend's restaurant, another will go back to driving a taxi. Several will be forced to go on unemployment.

S&O leased the U-Save building from



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A longtime customer hugs U-Save employees, doing what she can to comfort them.

B&B Holdings, which opened the store as B&B Supermarket in 1923. A spokesman for B&B said the closing came very suddenly and they had no other information as to what they would do with the building.

Monday U-Save's digital sign on the cor-

ner of SR 80 and Bridget was still advertising specials on chicken, even as shelves were being stripped of merchandise inside the store - and employees waited for their paychecks and wrestled with what comes next for them.

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Jury duty, right and privilege

As Americans we enjoy many privileges and rights. We have the right to free speech, the right of free press, the right to worship at the church of our own choosing, the right to be free from illegal search and seizure and many others. However, along with these privileges and rights come responsibilities and obligations. One of those obligations is jury service.

Jury trials have been in existence for many decades in our country. A citizen has the constitutional right to be tried by a jury of their peers and it is a right that the courts take very seriously. Imagine, if you will, that you or a loved one is attempting to exercise your constitutional right to a trial and after anticipating your long-awaited day in court, you are told to come back another day because not enough jurors showed up to hold your trial. Unfortunately, a vast majority of the citizens throughout this state and here in Hendry County don't take their jury duty obligation very seriously.

Recently in Hendry County the number of responsible citizens who honor their juror summons has fallen to below 5 percent. The number of jurors needed to respond in order to conduct a county court criminal trial is about 20. The number for a circuit court matter is approximately 30. With the current turnouts the clerk is forced to summons between 400 and 600 persons in order to have enough jurors to conduct one trial! The clerk currently sends out 2,000 summonses for each week that a court is holding trials.

The postage alone is burdensome and tax dollars are wasted.

We realize that jury duty can be burdensome, inconvenient, intimidating, time-consuming, costly and sometimes boring. It can also be interesting, exciting, educational and stimulating. But the bottom line is: it is a responsibility shared by all Hendry County citizens.

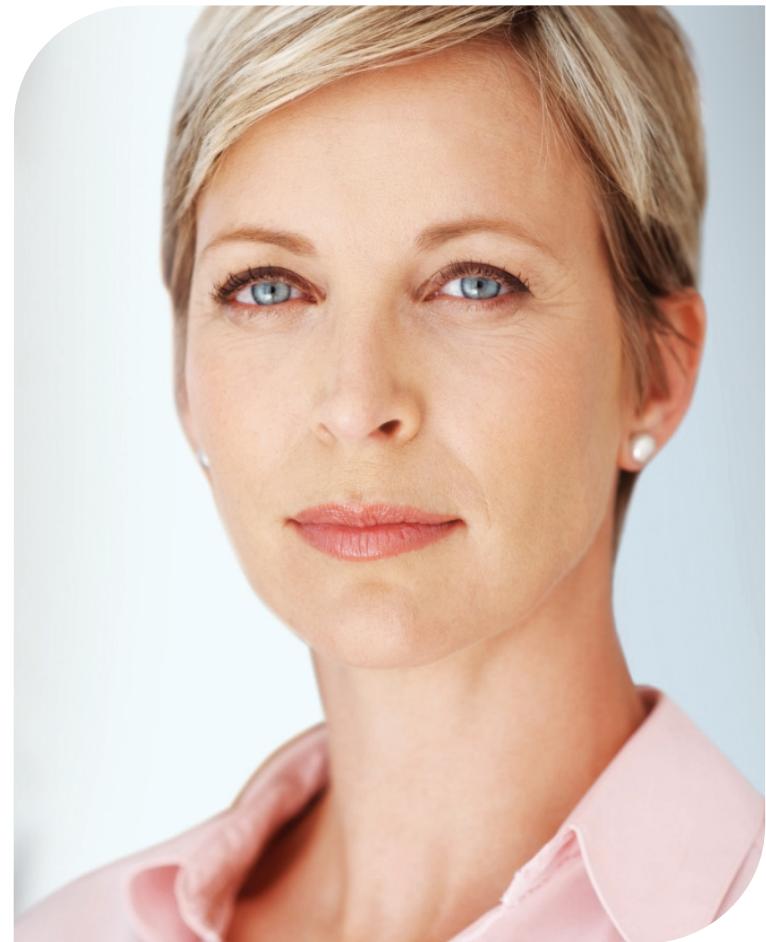
We know that, at times, there are legitimate reasons for missing your turn when called for jury duty. We recognize that a few individuals are not suitable for jury service because of, for example, medical issues. Sometimes legitimate conflicts render jury service difficult on the scheduled court dates. The court tries to accommodate those occasions by deferring individuals to a more convenient time but most folks are simply ignoring this important legal obligation. You might be interested to know that the vast majority of county court cases are completed in one day and most circuit court cases don't last more than two-three days.

The frustration level in the courts throughout the state is climbing. There are punishments available to the court under the law for failing to honor a jury summons. We hesitate to take those steps and would rather appeal to your sense of responsibility and obligation. Honoring your juror summons is simply the right thing to do.

John E. Duryea, Circuit Judge

James D. Sloan, County Judge

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Court



COMPUTER CORNER

Keep it cool!

Each week Computer Corner will offer tips and tricks to help keep your computer healthy and working well. If you've got questions, please send them to computercorner@cprtools.net.

Of all the things anyone can do to help maintain a computer's health, keeping it cool should be at the top of the list.

Computers, like all electronic devices, generate heat and they have mechanisms to allow this heat to be dispersed in order to keep the expensive components like the central processing unit (CPU) as cool as possible. Most systems have heat sinks - with little heat dispersing fins like a car's radiator - to help get the heat away from the CPU. Some have fans mounted *on* the

CPU heat sink. It is important to keep this particular component from overheating - it could very well burn up if we don't pay attention to the temperature.

Most of us keep our desktop computers in places where the fans pull dust and dirt into the case. Dust and dirt can "cake" onto heat sinks and fans, causing excessive heat build-up and potentially expensive hardware failures.

Be sure to keep your computer as physically clean as you can, inside and out. If you're at all nervous about opening your computer case, don't. Find a reputable technician and have them do it for you. Your computer health is worth it!

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Hilario Reyes Gomez, 31, was arrested Oct. 8 and charged with resisting an officer flee-elude law enforcement with lights and siren active, unmoving traffic violation expired motor vehicle registration over six months subsequent offense and resisting an officer interfering with law enforcement without violence. Sgt. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Johnathan Eugene Scarbrough, 37, was arrested Oct. 7 and charged with grand theft \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. K. Herrera was arresting officer.

Jory Scott Corbitt, 35, was arrested Oct. 8 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense, possession of a false bank note, check etc., possession of tools for forgery and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. M. White was arresting officer.

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Career Corner

On the Job Training

by Matt Kindermann

One of the many employer services we offer is On the Job Training (OJT). OJT can be a valuable means to hire a new employee in terms of initial salary or starting wage.

Essentially, we can pay up to 50 percent of the salary for a new hire while the employee is trained to a satisfactory level of proficiency for the position. I'll illustrate the process by example in which ABC Inc. is a fictitious company looking to hire a new employee, and fictitious candidate Steve needs a job.

ABC Inc. has an opening for a Warehouse Manager, which requires the candidate to be proficient in QuickBooks. Steve really wants to work at ABC and is otherwise qualified, but he doesn't have a clue about QuickBooks.

ABC is open to the possibility of OJT and we introduce Steve to the Hiring Manager, who is impressed by Steve's other qualifications.

A short and tailored contract is written in which ABC hires Steve for a period of up to six months. During that time, Steve works as the Warehouse Manager while he receives additional training from ABC on how to use QuickBooks, and Southwest Florida Works pays up to half of Steve's entire salary for a 40-hour work week.

At the end of the contract period, ABC



Matthew Kindermann

takes over 100 percent of Steve's salary and is employing a qualified person that has received custom training by the company.

To start an OJT, you must have a job opening listed on Employ Florida Marketplace (EFM), have a Federal Employee Identification Number, and be current on relevant taxes and licenses. Employee candidates can be referred by both the employer and the SWFL Works staff. OJT candidates will be pre-screened for WIA eligibility before they can be considered for OJT.

However, all hiring decisions are ultimately made by the employer, so you'll not be pressured into accepting a candidate you don't want. The OJT contracts are individualized for each employer and employee so you'll have input for the expectations and outcome.

OJT is open to most occupations, both hourly and salary positions, and can see increased paid salary percentages for small businesses. There is funding available for this program right now, so if you're considering hiring, call me to post your job on EFM.

To initiate an OJT with one of your company's openings, call me at 863-675-1412 or e-mail me at mkindermann@swfl-works.org. I will send you the information I need to post the job and when an OJT candidate is identified, I can arrange for a Certified Workforce Professional to meet you at your place of business to help you through the process.

HENDRY COUNTY SEMI-ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE NON-COMPLIANT YARD WASTE PICK UP October 24, through October 28, 2011

Pickup for Yard Waste will be collected in these areas:

Area	Collection Dates
Port LaBelle Area	October 24
LaBelle Rural Area	October 25
Clewiston –Harlem Area	October 26
Clewiston-Hookers Point Area	October 27
Clewiston Rural Areas (Flaghole, Pioneer, Montura, LaDeca)	October 28

This cleanup is for a ONE TIME PASS THROUGH in each area. Yard Waste must be placed at your curb by 6 am on the day of your areas' collection. Any yard waste found to be placed after the pass through will be subject to the guidelines set forth in the Hendry County Code of Ordinances.

Pickup Requirements for this one-time event are as follows:

- Placed within 6 feet of roadside curb in front of residence (bundling or containers not required)
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Scripture Proclamation event at Barron Park

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On Friday evening, around 7 p.m., everyone comes together for a special time of

praise, worship and celebration, as the final words of the Revelation are read, knowing that there are hundreds of others doing the same thing throughout the world.

The spirit of this event is not just of reading, but of proclamation into the heavens declaring the truth of God's Word.

Time is getting close. We are coordinating this event at Life Ministries Church, but several local churches are participating. You can sign up for one or more 30-minute slots; for one particular day, some days or

every day of the week. We will need your name and a telephone number, where we can reach and remind you of your turn to proclaim scripture. We will keep the master list, and will be recruiting readers to insure that there are no two persons assigned for the same 30-minute slot during the week.

Please call the church at 863-675-8855 or visit us during the week from 9-12 in the mornings at 725 West Hwy. 80. Otherwise call and leave a message and we will call you back to schedule you in.

To find out more information, go to www.HisWordProdaimed.org and read all the information available. Thanks, and God bless you,

Jorge and Asidalia Rodriguez

Obituaries

Everett R. Mayhew, 72

LABELLE — Everett R. Mayhew, age 72, of LaBelle, formerly of Arcadia passed away Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, in Lehigh Acres.

He was born Dec. 15, 1938, in Topeka, Kan., coming to LaBelle fifteen years ago from Riverdale.

He was an Ordained Minister in the Cowboy's for Christ and was a member and worked with the youth at Reality Ranch in Zolfo Springs. Everett enjoyed fishing when time permitted. He faithfully served this country in the U.S. Navy until he retired as a Senior Chief Petty officer in "Seabees" Construction Brigade.

Everett is survived by his beloved wife, Alethea Blount Mayhew of LaBelle; five sons, Carl (Lee) Wyatt of Bonita Springs, Mitchell Wyatt of Estero, Mark (Blanche) Wyatt of LaBelle, Martin (Tracy) Wyatt of Cape Coral, John (Kelly) Wyatt of Port Charlotte, Luke Wyatt of LaBelle; two brothers, Jack (Rosemary) Mayhew of Bolder,

Colo., Gary (Joy) Mayhew of Fontana, Kan.; four sisters, Joyce Corbett of Topeka, Kan., Sandy Switzer Topeka, Kan., Sherri Frost of North Carolina, and Judith Mayhew of Florida; nine grandchildren, Patricia Mayhew, Jessica Mayhew, Delana Collins, Rachael Barbour, Mark Anthony "Tony" Wyatt, Debbie Alexander Wyatt, Michael Wyatt, Katie Wyatt, and Amanda Wyatt; and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Dorothy Mayhew; and one son, Robert Mayhew.

Visitation was 10 to 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at Joshua Creek Cemetery. Services began at 11 a.m. with Rev. W.T. "Bill" Maddox officiating and DeSoto County Veterans Honor Guard will be performing Military Honors.

On-line condolences may be made at www.PongerKaysGrady.com.

Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes, Arcadia, FL is in charge of the arrangements.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 193.122,(2), FLORIDA STATUTES, HENDRY COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE 2011 HENDRY COUNTY TAX ROLLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PROPERTIES BEING REVIEWED BY THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR WHICH NO DECISION HAS BEEN RENDERED WERE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR ON OCTOBER 12, 2011.

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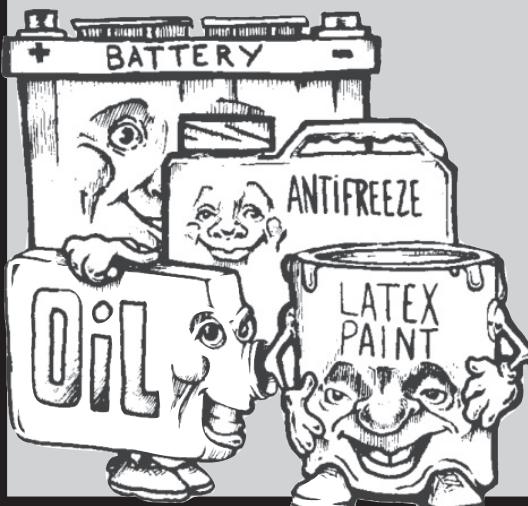
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LaBelle Cowboys notch first win of the season

by Jordan Odaffer

The LaBelle Cowboys started off fast and finished furiously as they shut out the Griffins and posted their highest point total of the season. The Cowboys scored on their first

drive when Tyler O'Ferrell connected with Devante Ray on a screen pass for 32 yards in the first quarter. O'Ferrell then hooked up with Lenel Jones for the two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

During the second quarter the Cowboys moved the ball up and down the field, but fumbled away possession in Gateway territory twice. However, in a two minute span O'Ferrell connected with Jonathan Rodriguez for a TD, David Antunez kicked an extra point, Antunez then recovered an onside kick, and O'Ferrell connected with Rodriguez for another TD.

The Cowboys scored their last two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as senior David Antunez flashed his big play potential on a long touchdown pass from O'Ferrell and after a bad punt snap when Antunez picked up the ball and ran around the left edge for a 50-yard touchdown.

The offense appeared to gel as they are becoming more familiar with each other and with offensive coordinator Maurice McClain's scheme. The passing attack was led by O'Ferrell's four TD passes, but the ground game put an exclamation point on the evening as both Danny Robinson and Ellis Johnson rushed for more than a hundred yards. The offensive line did a better job with pass protection and the offense appeared to take steps in the right direction on Thursday night.

Defensively the Cowboys played very aggressive and posted the first shutout for LaBelle since November 11, 2007. Under the tutelage of defensive coordinator Kenneth Strong the Cowboy defense has grown by leaps and bounds this year. Friday night's starting defense was as follows:

David Andrade (JR), Caleb Rimes (SO), Victor Mendez (SO), Devante Ray (JR), Pablo Jaramillo (SR), Luis Hernandez (JR), Phillip Stansly (JR), Ellis Johnson (JR), Delindio Watson (SR), Lenel Jones (SR) and William Podubynsky (JR). Also making a big con-

tribution to the defense was Sophomore Danny Robinson.

This week's game:

The Cowboys host district opponent Booker High School (Sarasota) at home this Friday. Kickoff is schedule for 7:30 p.m. and it promises to be an exciting game. The Cowboys and the Tornadoes both notched their first district wins last week and are looking to keep their playoff hopes alive. The Tornadoes are led by their outstanding senior receiver Ricky Jones Jr. (4 TD's in the last 2 games) and stellar junior running back Mike Jones. (286 yards rushing last week)

The Tornado defense looks tough at times, but has been susceptible to the run in the last two games. In district play the Tornadoes have averaged scoring 29.5 points and given up 25.5 points. Make no mistake about it, this team is better than their record. They have played a very tough out of district schedule and were more than ready to start district play.

Come out and support the Cowboys!



Independent Newspapers/Amy McKeon

Cowboy players of the week

The McDonald's/Caloosa Belle Players of the Week for LaBelle Cowboy Football games were recently recognized. Ellis Johnson (for the week of 9/23); David Antunez (for the week of 9/30) and Johnathan Rodriguez (for the week of 10/6) are pictured with LHS Coach David Kelley with their certificates for a value meal to McDonalds. To catch each week's LaBelle Cowboy Football webcast, go to Facebook and like Caloosa Belle and then click the U-Stream link.

Garcia named to USSSA National Team

Austin Garcia of LaBelle was awarded 15u USSSA All-American Honors and named to the 2012 USSSA Varsity National Team after an impressive performance at the 2011

USSSA All-American Games.

Garcia will be representing USSSA in the Gold Medal Games next summer, where the team will battle for the gold against the world's best players.

The USSSA Gold Medal Games is any Olympic-style event where the countries will battle for the Gold, Silver and Bronze. Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, Great Britain, France, Peru and the United States were amongst the competing countries in the 2011 event.

The 2012 USSSA National Team members were selected from the 2011 USSSA All-American Games and the USSSA Gold Medal Games. The USSSA All-American Games took place this past August at the Osceola Sports Complex in Kissimmee.

Three hundred twenty five participants at the 14u, 15u, 16u/17u divisions battled on the field for USSSA All-American Honors and a spot on the USSSA National Team (at each age division).

The coaching staff and evaluation teams for the events were comprised of college coaches,

scouts and former MLB players including 13-year MLB veteran Luis Alicea and former All-Star Walt Weiss.

The USSSA Varsity National Team will compete in the USSSA Gold Medal Games next summer.

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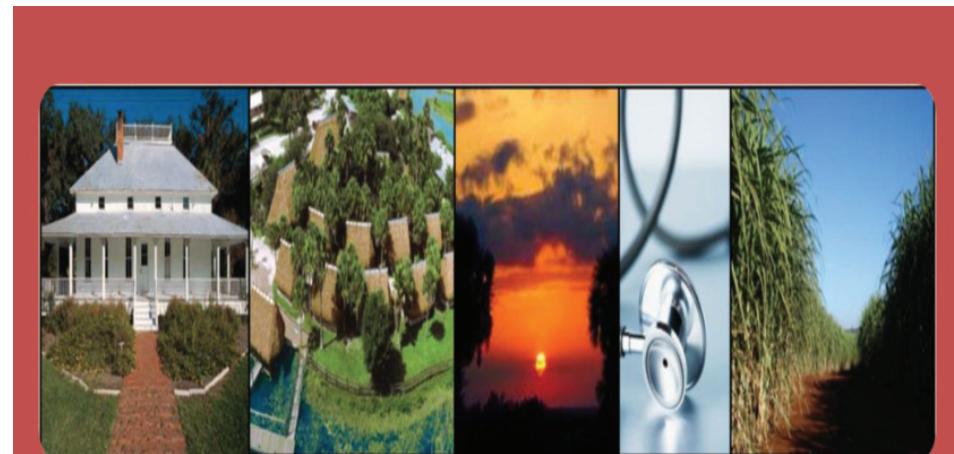
Electronic cigarettes are products designed to deliver nicotine to a user in the form of a vapor. Typically, they are composed of a rechargeable, battery-operated heating element, a replaceable cartridge that may contain nicotine, and an atomizer that, when heated, converts the contents of the cartridge into a vapor. This vapor can then be inhaled by the user. These products are often made to look like such products as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes. They are also sometimes made to look like everyday items such as pens and USB memory sticks, for people who wish to use the product without others noticing.

Under the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (FSPTCA), products containing nicotine derived from tobacco but making no therapeutic claims must be regulated as "tobacco products". However, if such product claims to have therapeutic benefits, it must pass a "safe and effective" standard, used in drug approvals, and be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The FDA has not evaluated any e-cigarettes for safety or effectiveness. When the FDA conducted limited laboratory studies of certain samples, FDA found significant quality issues that indicate that quality control processes used to manufacture these products are substandard or non-existent. The FDA found that cartridges labeled as containing no nicotine contained nicotine and that three different electronic cigarette cartridges with the same label emitted a markedly different amount of nicotine with each puff. Experts have also raised concerns that the marketing of products such as e-cigarettes can increase nicotine addiction among young people and may lead kids to try other tobacco products. Visit FDA's Electronic Cigarettes webpage for additional information.

So what resources are available to a person who is ready to quit tobacco use? There are seven FDA-approved tobacco cessation aids, including nicotine patches, nicotine gum, nicotine lozenges, nicotine inhaler, nicotine nasal spray, Varenicline, and Bupropion SR. While aids alone increase the success quit rate compared to using no aids, a combination of counseling and aids has proven more effective. For help quitting tobacco use, contact the tobacco cessation department at Hendry Regional Medical Center at 863-902-3019. You may also call 1800-QUIT-NOW from anywhere in the state of Florida or visit www.quitnow.net/forida.

Sections of this article appear on the FDA's Consumer Updates page and The New England Journal of Medicine, July 21, 2011 edition.



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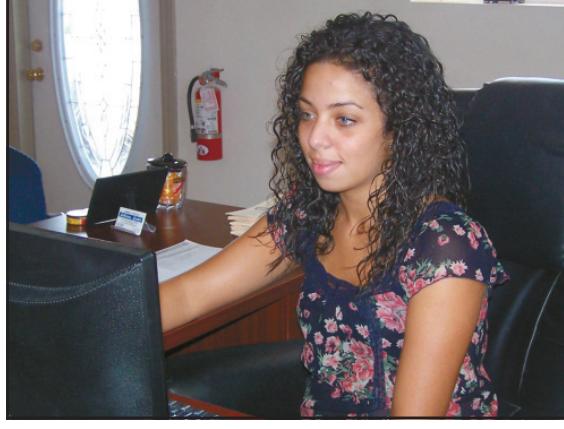
Direct Repair Collision Center has been open in LaBelle for almost one year. At a time when many businesses are struggling, owner Jeff Campbell is booking in vehicles left and right.

Direct Repair is one of the newer members of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce and so Jeff hasn't had too much time to get involved with the group, but he does feel being a chamber member is important.

Jeff has spent some 40 years making battered vehicles look new again, but it isn't just



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Jeff Campbell, owner of Direct Repair Collision Center, understands the importance of membership in the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Karina Santana at Direct Repair Collision Center

Direct Repair supports chamber

about body work for Jeff. It's all about doing the job right and satisfying the customer. In addition to professional body work, Direct Repair Collision has added by three major insurance companies for their clients' convenience. It is also a center for Hertz rental cars.

Jeff joined the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce very quickly after opening his shop because, as he commented, he was anxious to become part of the community. "We don't just want do business here," he said. His goal is to be an active, supportive member of the community.

He is happy to receive the chamber's newsletter every month because it keeps him and his business apprised of what other businesses are doing in the community. As a body shop, Direct Repair does a lot of business with other businesses in LaBelle.

He said he also appreciates the chamber's educational efforts. Manager Karina Santana said that after an extremely slow August, business really picked up in September.

Jeff has spent some 40 years making battered vehicles look new again and renovated the steel building at 300 Cowboy Way.

For Jeff, it's all about doing the job right and satisfying the customer. If the owner

isn't completely satisfied with the job he did, they should not hesitate to bring it back. His or her concerns will be addressed.

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

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

The LaBelle Chamber of Commerce is proud to have strong business members like Direct Repair Collision Center that not only provide professional and ethical service, but are committed to building a better community.

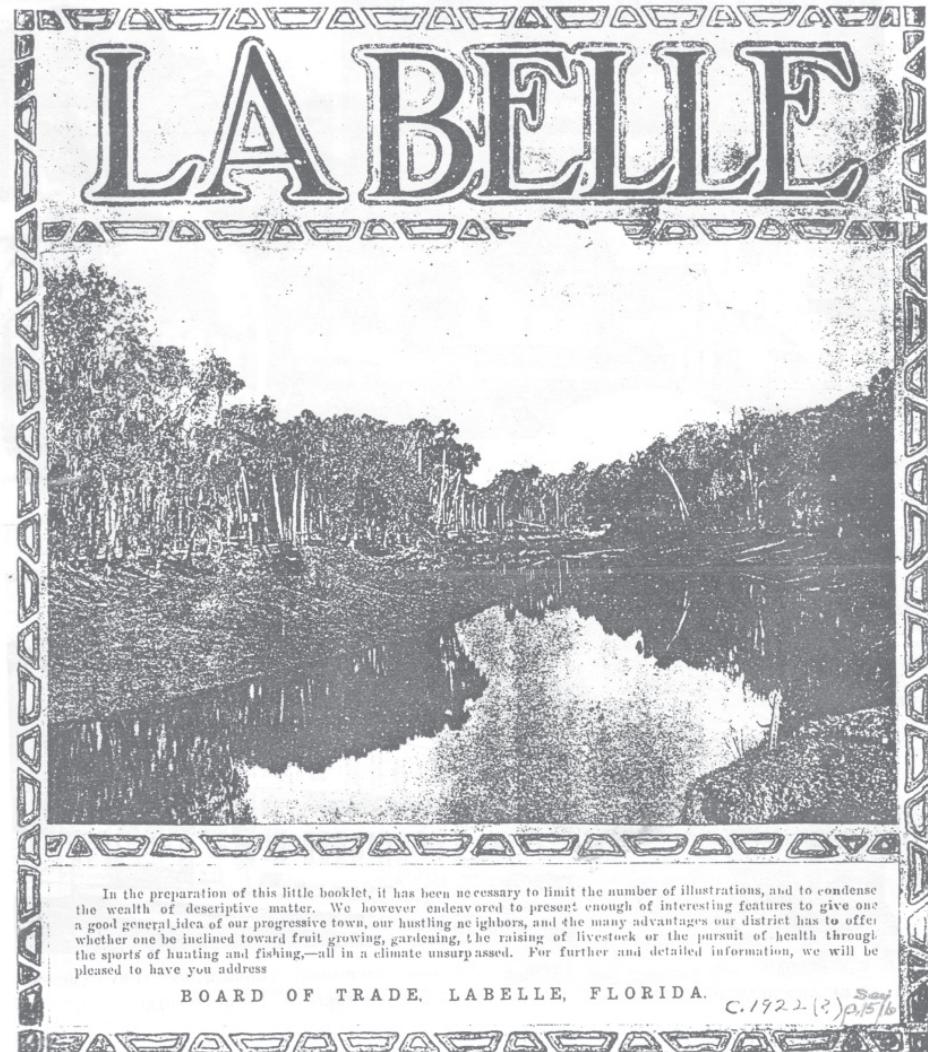
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Focus on the Chamber

It's hard to know just how long the Curtis Honey Co. has been a part of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, but George P. Curtis came to LaBelle from North Carolina in 1954. He brought with him a love of the bee business, strong work ethic and an appreciation for community ties. Perhaps that's why he was such a strong supporter of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.

Renee Curtis Pratt is the fourth generation of her family in the bee business. She and her husband, Dwayne, raised their children in the business and now their grandchildren are becoming familiar with it, too.

George's father, Oscar, raised gladiolus



ABOVE: Renee Curtis Pratt carries on the family business.

AT RIGHT: Renee's father, George, worked with queen cells as a top bee-keeper.



Honey helped build chamber

flowers in North Carolina, as well as his bees but George's passion was decidedly on the bee side. As for Renee's father, Harold, she simply says, "He just loved bees."

The Curtises were in the commercial queen bee breeding business until 1982. Before that they supplied queens to beekeepers all over the world, till diseases and pests rocked the bee industry. The Curtises lost 50 percent of their bees but managed to hold on and remain a vital part of LaBelle's business community.

The industry's problems continue to the present day, as beekeepers deal with the phenomenon of colony collapse.

The Curtis Honey Co. sells only locally grown honey. A lot of customers drive for

many miles to purchase their homegrown honeys from the honey house, especially with recent information about its health benefits including antioxidants and vitamins. Renee said that honey made from local flowers often helps relieve certain allergies by supporting your immune system. She adds that their honey is "raw," never "cooked."

Honey is also good for relieving arthritis because it helps the body get rid of toxins and it can be used on burns and cuts. Germs cannot live in honey, so it can help heal wounds.

Building a strong family and business wasn't enough for George. He became a member and a board member of the LaBelle chamber. According to Renee, he was always ready to support anything local - and that has become a family tradition for the Curtis Honey Co. Maybe it was their Christian roots that inspired the strong support of their neighbors, but the concept fits right in with the chamber's mission - to help business thrive and create a better community.

Renee believes that small businesses try to help out their neighbors more so than big corporations. "They're just more generous," she said, and she should know. Curtis Honey Co. continues to support many local community causes from the schools to athletics.

The Curtis Honey Co. stands as an example of the type of solid hometown business that has helped LaBelle thrive. Part of that ethic is its longtime membership and support of the community through the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber to honor Citizen of the Year

Tickets are on sale now for the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet Oct. 17. It will be held at the LaBelle Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Hendry County Economic Development Council Director Gregg Gillman will be the speaker for the evening. Make plans now to attend this annual event. The Business of the Year will also be recognized.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25 each, \$250 to sponsor a table of eight. Tickets are also available from chamber directors or you may call 675-0125.

2011 SCF Princess Ashley Curry and 2010 SCF Queen Kayla Keller will provide

some great entertainment that evening.

The evening's menu includes turkey, pork loin, dirty rice, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad and dessert.

Space will be available for local organizations to highlight their community involvement, so let Sara know if you'd like to set up a display.

Also, the chamber is putting on an Oktoberfest/social on Thursday, October 20, at Forrey's Grill from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Helping hands

Tristen Hamilton and Ariel Brunetto, daughters of Rotarians Kim Hamilton and Michelle Brunetto, count the money while serving as assistant bookkeepers to accountant Andy Higgenbotem, organizer of the annual Rotary golf tournament charity fundraiser held at the Veranda on October 8.



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UES Sept. Students of the Month

Center: Marcos Martinez. Pictured from left: Row 1: Nicholas Williams, James Fisher, Samantha Cruz, Lauren Richards, Natalie Martini, Jonathan Soto; Row 2: Aracely Villa, Remington French, Jaelyn Craft, Koby Spencer; Row 3: Idalia Trejo, Destiny Ballard, Jacob Valdez, Neitali Padilla; Row 4: Elizabeth Zuniga, Jose Jimenez, Myra Banda Row 5: Arleth Oriz, Abby Casillas, Alina Boyett, Juan Resendiz.

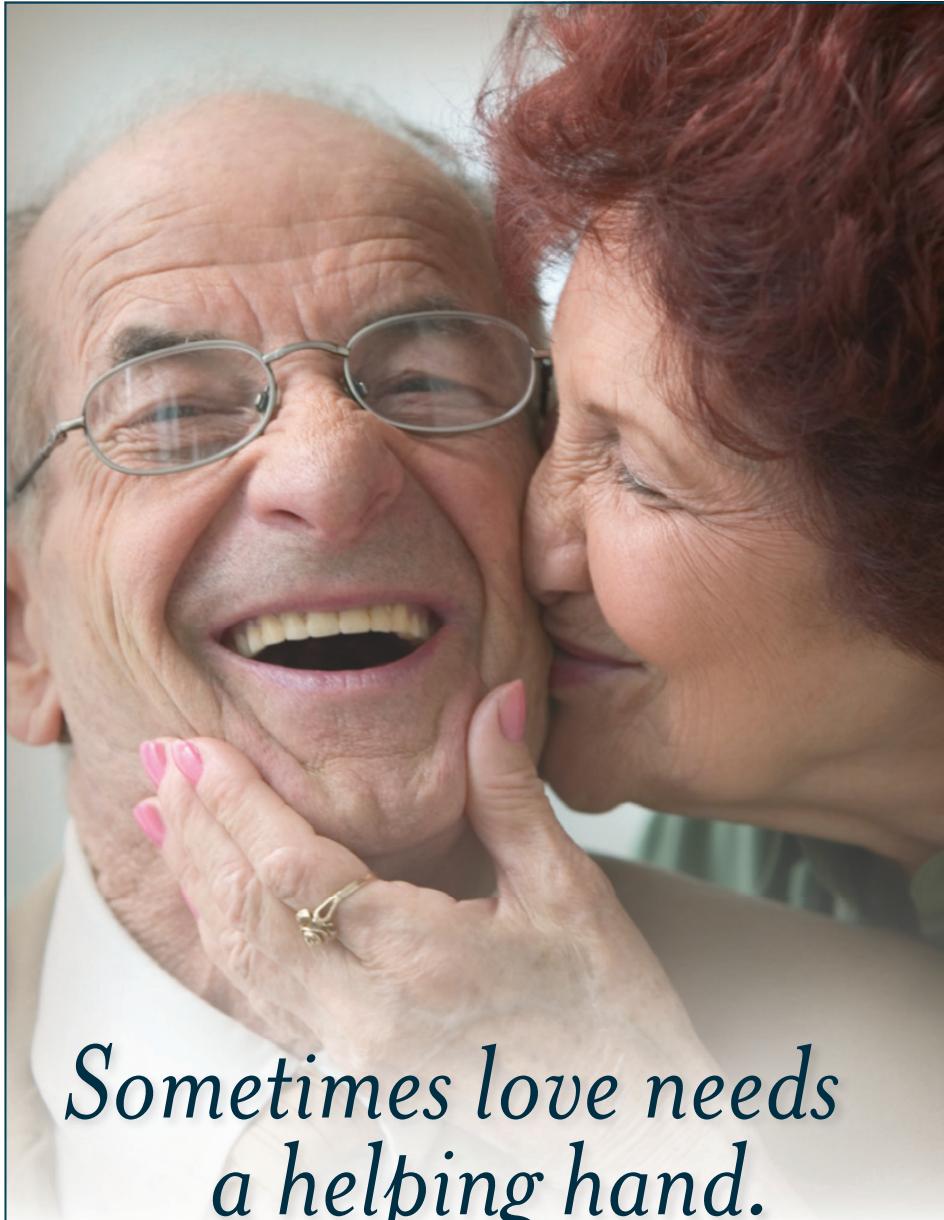
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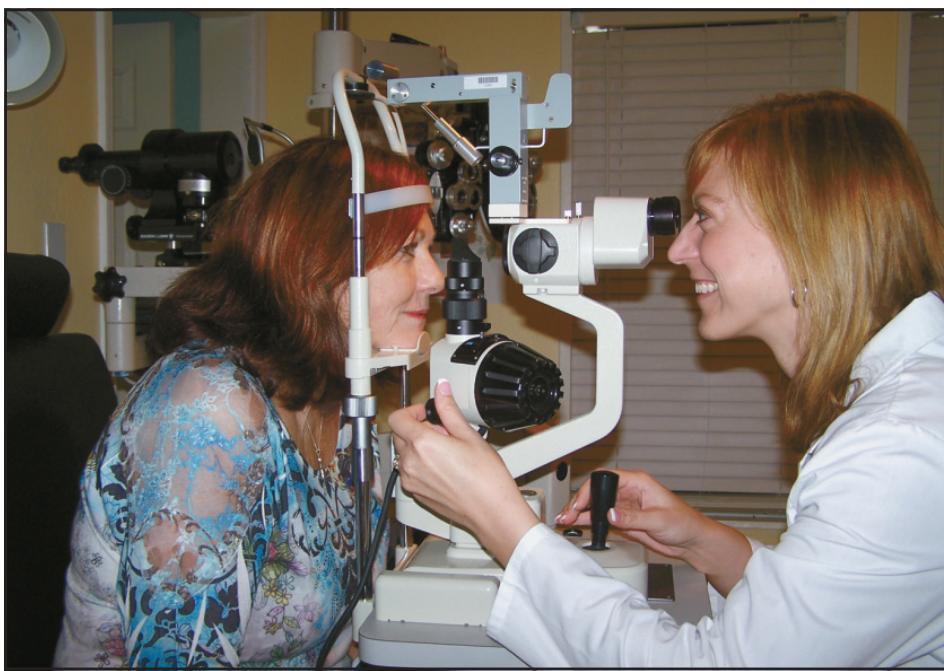
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Susan Mercedes has her eyes tested by Dr. Allison LeBlanc.

'Spectacular Eyecare' has opened in town

by Patty Brant

Caloosa Belle

A new eye doctor has opened up shop in LaBelle. Dr. Allison LeBlanc, Doctor of Optometry, has been taking care of patients' eyes for ten years. She recently opened Spectacular Eyecare and is providing her professional services for the whole family. A Delaware native, she is a graduate of the University of Florida, and earned her OD degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Dr. LeBlanc said she was attracted to optometry at a very early age. She has worn glasses or contacts since she was ten years old and said her own optometrist made a strong impression on her. She knew when she was in high school that she wanted to be able to help people preserve their gift of sight.

She said she enjoys helping people and interacting with the lives of different people. In fact, that's the reason she came to LaBelle.

Dr. Allison came here from LeHigh and previous to that worked in West Palm Beach. Working in a place like LaBelle provides a nice change in her profession. She did not like working in what she calls "corporate" optometry, with a large scale "assembly line" mentality.

She had a number of LaBelle patients in her LeHigh practice and they encouraged her to move her practice here.

She said she doesn't do this for the money, she wants to go where she's needed. Practicing her profession rewards her with the ability to give people more confidence by seeing properly.

In addition to standard eye exams, Dr. LeBlanc offers glaucoma screening.

Sarah Bond works with Dr. LeBlanc as a

licensed optician. Her job is to edge lenses, fit and sell frames and assist people with contact lens fitting. She also orders the lenses and tints them in house, according to order. She said there is three-four day wait for glasses.

Sarah is also glad to be in LaBelle. She said she has also been in her field for about ten years and learned much of her pleasant office demeanor from working with previous bosses.

Sarah said she also finds it exciting to help people with their eye care needs.

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Sarah Bond helps Susan Mercedes pick out the perfect pair of glasses

Theme chosen for 2012 Swamp Cabbage Festival

With a theme like Spanning Time, float builders can let their imaginations take off for the 2012 Swamp Cabbage Festival parade.

The next step for the committee is to choose the Pioneer Family and Grand Marshal. Candidates for the Pioneer Family should have supported the LaBelle community for 60-70 years. The Grand Marshal is an individual who has made great contributions to the community.

The next SCF meeting will be Monday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at city hall. All are welcome.

SCF Pageant information

Meetings for the Swamp Cabbage Fes-

tival Queen and Princess contestants will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Firehouse Cultural Center. Sign up forms can be picked up at First Bank of Clewiston from Kim or Langford Ford Parts Department from Melinda.

Princess ages: 12-16 (high school juniors)

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Meet Florida House Rep. Grimsley

On Friday, October 14, Florida House Representative Denise Grimsley District 77 will hold informal discussions with the city, county and Glades School Board officials at 10 a.m. in the Glades County School Board Room located at 400 10th Street, Moore Haven.

That same afternoon, the Representative will also hold informal discussions with the

City of LaBelle, Hendry County and Hendry School Board Officials at 2 p.m. at the LaBelle Civic Center Located at 481 Hwy. 80 West, LaBelle.

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(863)221-2944

Duplex near center of LaBelle. Large LR/DR, kitchen with breakfast nook, 2br./2ba, large util. rm., large screened porch. \$750.00 mo. Sec. dep. req. Call (863)234-1173.

For rent 2/1 house \$600 per month. In Country Village. Call Sharon 239-707-5423

LaBelle - 3 BR, 2 BA, Screened porch. Tiled floors. Large kitchen. C/Air. Community pool. \$625 mo. 863-675-0104

LABELLE - 2br., 1ba house, in city limits. Screened porch, very lg shed, fenced patio area. large oaks, \$525/mo (863)675-0104

Old Florida-style home near Taco Bell, 3BR/1BA, Room A/Cs, large LR/DR, City Water & Septic; no pets; non-smkg. env., references, \$550/month; \$550/secuity; 863-675-2392.

Port LaBelle - 2BR/2BA, LR, Office & large Family Room; Garage, C/A, fenced yard. no pets; non-smkg. env., references, \$600/month; \$600/secuity; 863-675-2392.

Love the earth Recycle your used items by selling them in the classifieds.

PORT LABELLE - 3br, 1ba, tiled throughout, \$5 5 0 / m o . (863)234-7807

PORT LABELLE 3BR, 2BA, living/dining room; C/A, no pets; non-smk. env., references, lease, \$600/mo; \$600/sec.; 863-675-2392

StorageSpace Rent

A Load & Lock Storage
5775 SR 80 • LaBelle, FL
863-674-1876

Alarmed Units • Security Cameras • Outside Storage Mobile Storage • 5x5 up to 10x30 Units • A/C Units Penske Truck Rentals

Bring this ad and receive \$50 off first months rent

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


Real Estate
For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Lots - Sale

MONTURA RANCH 1.25 Acres. Paved road. \$3000 down. Owner financing. \$100 monthly. Also 2.5 & 5 Acre lots. owner: 239-564-5415

For rent 2/1 house \$600 per month. In Country Village. Call Sharon 239-707-5423


Mobile Homes
For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Mobile Home Rent

For Rent 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home in Muse. Fenced yard, \$450.00 plus \$250 security deposit. (863)612-4832

LaBelle - 2 BR, 1 BA, Mob Home, oak trees, AC, \$200 dep. \$130/wk. Call 863-673-3658.

LaBelle - 4 BR, 2 BA, Dbl Wide, oak trees, AC, City limits, \$300 dep. \$150/wk. Call 863-673-3658.

Large 3BR/1.5BA w/roof-over; fenced back yard; well & septic; 1 mile North of Bridge; no pets; non-smkg. env., ref's, lease; \$500/mo; \$500/sec. 863-675-2392.

Mobile Home Sale

BANK REPO'S Starting at \$15,000
Mobile Home Angels
561-721-2230

Doublewide, 2BR, 2bath on 1/2 acre lot in nice neighborhood. Owner financing, no credit needed. Reasonable payments. Call Kenny 863-673-4325

Doublewide 3br, 2bath on Cathryn Street north of the bridge. \$49,900 total price. Owner financing available. Call Kenny 863-673-4325

Singlewide zone II 3br, 2 bath mobile home. Must go to Glades County only \$7500. 863-673-4325

Mobile Home Sale

Large doublewide on 2 1/2 acres. \$59,900 ready to move in. Must be able to be financed. We have sources available. 863-673-4325

North LaBelle 2008 doublewide 3br, 2ba like new on 3 lots, screened porch, shed, fenced yard, swing set, and sandbox. \$65,000 Owner financing 239-564-5415


Recreation
For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Fifth Wheels

WANTED: SMALL 'CLASS A' OR TOW TRAILER w/SLIDES GOOD CONDITION. WHAT DO YOU HAVE? LOCATION? LOOKING FOR BARGAIN.
Paul@PaulRoser.com


Public Notices
For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Public Notice**PORT LABELLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

All meetings are held at the office of the District located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, FL. For information call 863-675-5770.

Regular Meeting Schedule

October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012

The November meeting will be held on November 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Meetings to be held the 4th Thursday of each month for the following months:

January, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

March 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

May 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

July 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The Budget process requires three advertised meetings which would be held in June and September for a total of eight meetings per year.

Jennifer L. Derleth Chairman

399773 CGS/CB 10/13/2011

Public Notice**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE OF RIVERBEND ESTATES****TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

The Riverbend Estates H.O.A., 1031 Riverbend Dr., LaBelle hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals or companies for lawn maintenance of home owner lots and association common area for a twelve (12) month period for a guaranteed maximum price.

Interested bidders may obtain a packet of information specifying details from J. Greenlee, H.O.A. vice president, 863-675-1081. E-mail: jakejgreenlee@hotmail.com. Proposals are to be received by October 31, 2011.

Riverbend H.O.A. reserves the right to reject any or all responses in its sole discretion and reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities and to re-advertise for additional responses.

There will be no discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or marital status.

How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

Public Notice**NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will hold their annual landowners meeting at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Central County Water Control District Administrative Offices, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: the work performed during the fiscal year 2011-2012; annual budget for fiscal year 2011-2012; the annual engineers' report; supervisors' monthly compensation of \$50.00; and to transact any other business properly coming before the board. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. An Organizational Meeting will immediately follow the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above referenced meeting, that person will need a record of the proceeding and 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
399278 CN 10/6/13/2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

LaBelle Rent-A-Space gives Notice of Foreclosure and intent to sell these vehicles on 10-27-2011, 10:00 AM at 871 Kennedy Blvd., LaBelle, FL 33935 pursuant to Florida Procedure TL-28. LaBelle Rent-A-Space reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

NC 1986 Dodge Ram-Van
2B6HB2ST4GK602489.
1988 Chevrolet Nova
1Y1KS14J2Z053907
398868 CB 10/6/10/13/2011

Public Notice**NOTICE**

In accordance with 121.055 F.S., the Glades County Sheriff's Office intends to designate the position of Finance Director for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class of Florida Retirement System 399932 CN 10/13/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding LLC**, the holder 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
3393	2008	4104329-01020310100	I.B. Victory Investments Inc.

Lot 10, Block 2031, Port LaBelle Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, 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 First Thursday in the month of November, 2011, which is the 3rd day of November, 2011.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3578	2008	4104329-030000L00030	Odiliane Silien

Lot L3, Block 2102, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2537	2005	4104329-02020750230	John Bankston

Lot 23, Block 2075, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, 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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2529	2005	4104329-02020690070	Jean Tomlinson

& Maureen Tomlinson

Lot 7, Block 2069, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, 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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3403	2008	4104329-01020330100	Cornel & Peaches Davis

Lot 31, Block 2033, Port LaBelle Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, 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.

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

Public Notice**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. at The GreenTree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc.". Sincerely,

Aida Barnhart,
Executive Director
Area Housing Commission
33338 CN/CB 10/13/2011

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

Public Notice**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will attend the Legislative Delegation Meeting to obtain and discuss information on legislative issues at 2:00 p.m. on October 14, 2011 at the LaBelle Civic Center, 481 Highway 80 West, LaBelle, Florida

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
Darrell R. Harris, Chairman
39989 CN/CB 10/13/2011

Public Notice**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440 on October 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.:

2003 Oldsmobile, VIN: 1G3NL52E93C132177
399901 CN 10/14/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2301	2006	4104329-0206050160	Herman L. Zahn, Jr. And Donald W. Zahn

Lot 16, Block 2065, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, 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.

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Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.

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

397834 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6/13/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Alexandra Montiel**, the holder 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
1078	2006	1224432-01000340060	Szulim & Barbara Gruska % Milton Gruska

Lot 6, Block 34, 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.

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Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.

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

397840 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6/13/2011

REQUEST FOR BIDS**CONTRACT FOR****PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL SERVICES****BID NUMBER: 2012-01****OPENING DATE AND TIME: October 19, 2011@ 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the contract for professional pest control services for County buildings and facilities. Bids will be opened on October 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clerk's Office, second floor, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
399363 CN/CB 10/6/13/2011

Caloosa Belle**Public Notice****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 262008CA000653XXXXX**

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE4, Plaintiff

vs. ALEJANDRO CRUZ, et al., Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated February 1, 2010 and an Order Resetting Sale dated September 28, 2011, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000653XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-HE4 is Plaintiff and ALEJANDRO CRUZ; MARIA DE JESUS ELIZONDO; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 in Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2034, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3,

Public Notice**PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED at LaBelle, Florida, on September 30, 2011.

BARBARA BUTLER
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk
SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO Box 11438
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438
Telephone: (954) 564-0071
399306 CN 10/6/13/2011

Public Notice**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 09001270CA**

BANKUNITED

REQUEST FOR BIDS**CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS,****CR 78 PHASE 1A AND 1B****BID # 2011-29****OPENING DATE AND TIME: October 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Construction of Drainage Improvements, CR 78 Phase 1A and 1B". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Darrell R. Harris, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
398517 CN 9/29/10/6/13/2011

Public Notice**Plaintiff, vs.**

JORGE PEDROZA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE PEDROZA; MONTURA RANCH HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 21, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09001270CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida. BANKUNITED is Plaintiff and JORGE PEDROZA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE PEDROZA; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; MONTURA RANCH HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURTHOUSE, AT 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A LOT NO. 2801, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

A 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 with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
As Clerk of said Court
By: S/J. J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2,065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935, Phone No. (941) 335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-5871 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
3201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000
Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
39877 CN 9/29/10/6/13/2011

day of November, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 5th day of October 2011.

JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
39975 CN 10/13,20,27 & 11/3/2011

Public Notice**NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, October 14, 2011 at 9:00 am at 1225 NW Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida.****Property of Betty Robinson -**

Hallowen Decorations, Numerous Helmets & Shoulder Padding, Misc. boxes

Property of Tina Kitchen -

PS3, Pots, Portable Heater, Mattress, Microwave, Misc. Household items.

Property of Dorothy Walker -

Bicycle & Misc items

Property of Lorraine Clarke -

Speakers, 19" inch TV, HP Printer, HP Desktop Generator

39874 SUN 10/6/13/2011

Public Notice**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECYCLING gives Notice of Foreclosure to Lien holders to sell these vehicles on 10/28/2011 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1993 Chevrolet
2G1FP2PXP2104573
399921 CN 10/13/2011

**Public Notice****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 11-CA-190**

RUSSELL BLEDSOE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

LINDA JUNE FRITZ,
and all known or unknown persons claiming under or through them, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any known or unknown person who is known to be dead or is not known to be dead or alive,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION PROPERTY

TO: LINDA JUNE FRITZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Glades County, Florida:

LOT 5, BLOCK 154, CITY OR TOWNSITE OF MOORE HAVEN, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 67, Public Records of Glades County, Florida; together, together with a 1999 mobile home, #1DFLHML2B140421012, Title #76415406 which is permanently affixed to the property.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Travis W. Trueblood, 104 E. Trueblood Law Group, P.A., P.O. Box 1270, 805 U.S. Hwy 27 North, Suite 1, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court of the above styled court on or before this 23rd

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Church Briefs**Gathering of Christian Men plan open rodeo**

Come out and enjoy the rodeo planned for Saturday, October 15, at the LaBelle Rodeo grounds, SR 29 S, 100 Rodeo Drive south of Cowboy Way. Gates will open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 with 12 and under FREE.

At the rodeo you will get to see: saddle bronc riding, barrel racing Jr & Sr, calf roping, break away roping, team roping Jr & Sr, bareback bronc riding and bull riding Jr & Sr. There will be an 80 percent pay back. Promoted By Gethsemane Ranch Rodeo Association, Call-In 772-597-0380 and 772-260-9902 October 10th-11th 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.¶

Pumpkin Patch Ministry

The Pumpkin Patch Ministry of First Baptist Church of LaBelle is now open to the public from 10-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Pumpkins of all sizes for sale, story-time, games, photo ops, crafts and homemade baked goods to sell.

The special grand opening is October 8 from 10-6. There will be face painting, hay rides and family fun. New this year is a corn field maze. The Showtime Cloggers will perform that day at 11 a.m.

All proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch will go to support church missions. Groups welcome. If you have a school group please call at 863-675-2171 to schedule a group visit. The First Baptist Church of LaBelle is located at 330 N Main St. Entrance to the Pumpkin Patch will be near the ball field and accessible off Curry St.

Harvest Festival

Come to the Harvest Festival Oct. 22 at Eastside Baptist Church, 601 E. Hickpoche Ave. 3-6 p.m. Enjoy free food and games. For information call 673-2346.

There will be a revival Oct. 23-26 at 7 p.m.

Busy Day at Venus Methodist Church!

This is a very busy time of the year at our little country church in Venus!

- Pumpkins will be delivered Saturday, October 15

- Cemetery Clean-Up day Saturday, October 15, at 8 a.m.

- Fall Festival Saturday, October 29, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

5th Annual Pumpkin Patch: It's been a great pumpkin growing season in New Mexico and we'll be getting lots of big, fresh, pumpkins. If you would like to help unload the truck, we would love to have you! All volunteers will be greatly appreciated! Proceeds from the pumpkin patch will go directly to our church's food pantry ministry.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open Monday-Friday from 3 p.m. till dark, on Saturday from 10 a.m. and Sunday afternoon from 12 p.m. till dark. The church is located at 962 County Road 731 in Venus. If you need directions or additional information, please call Barbara at (863) 441-3146.

Community Briefs

Meatloaf by Legion Auxiliary

The first dinner of the season hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary will be Wednesday, October 19, from 5-7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 130. Menu will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, pudding, roll and beverage for \$7. Take-out dinners are available. Open to the public. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Legion Auxiliary to meet

Thursday, October 20, the American Legion Auxiliary ladies meet at 7 p.m. at The American Legion Post 130 on Hwy. 80 West in LaBelle. The Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war

and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals. Because we are a nation at war, there is perhaps no better time than right now for women to consider becoming members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

If you have an interest in doing something wonderful for our troops, their families and the community, join us at The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 in LaBelle. Together we can make a difference. For more information call The American Legion at: 863-675-8300.

Mini health fair

Ace Homecare presents a Mini-Health Fair at the Aqua Isles Clubhouse, Thursday, October 13, from 9-10 a.m.. Flu shots will be given free to Medicare residents and

\$25 to Non-Medicare. Pre-register at the Aqua Isles Office between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (lunch break) 863-675-2331. Blood pressure, weight and oxygen stats are also checked. Sponsored by ACE HOMECARE as part of its Community Outreach Program.

Your name in a novel

Participate in the Montooth Library Challenge 2011, and your name may really appear in a book? A library patron submitting the winning idea in the Montooth Library Challenge, can develop a character for the third book in the Montooth series.

Montooth and the Canfield Witch, and Montooth 2: Race for the Ryland Ruby, are both available at Barron Library. Montooth and the Canfield Witch have won numerous Awards, in genres including Young Adult Fiction, Adult Fiction and Historical Fiction.

How to enter: 1) Read the first two novels in the Award Winning series, 2) Suggest a plot or character development concept for the third Montooth book, 3) Ask your librarian for a hard copy entry form, or complete the entry form at the Challenge Web site www.montoothlibrarycontest.com. All library patrons of any age are eligible to enter. Entry deadline is December 31, 2011. Complete contest details are available at Barron Library.

The Publishing Firm Cloverleaf Corporation sponsors the Montooth Library Challenge.

Gala for humane society

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding Peace Love & Paws Gala, a fabulous evening of good food, music, silent auction items and more, Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Riverbend Motorcoach Resort.

Christmas Cheer toy collection

If you would like to donate, please drop off any new, unwrapped toy (for children age 18 and under) to The Salvation Army LaBelle Service Center, 180 N. Main Street (863) 674-1441. Thank you for the support of this program! We appreciate your help!

MCA plans October activities

OCT. 15, Bingo, 6 p.m. (3rd Sat. of each month). Refreshments will be sold.

OCT. 20, Regular monthly Meeting (3rd Thursday of each Month). Begins at 7 p.m.

There will NO Jam session on Oct. 22,

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

Christian Men to meet

The LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men's October meeting will be held at First Christian Church of LaBelle, 138 Ford Ave., on Monday, October 17. All men of the LaBelle area are invited to this dinner and to hear the speaker. For information or directions please call Randy Way 863-885-1099.

Writers group to meet

The LaBelle Writers Group will meet today, Thursday, Oct. 13, at noon at Barron Library. Anyone interested in writing is welcome.

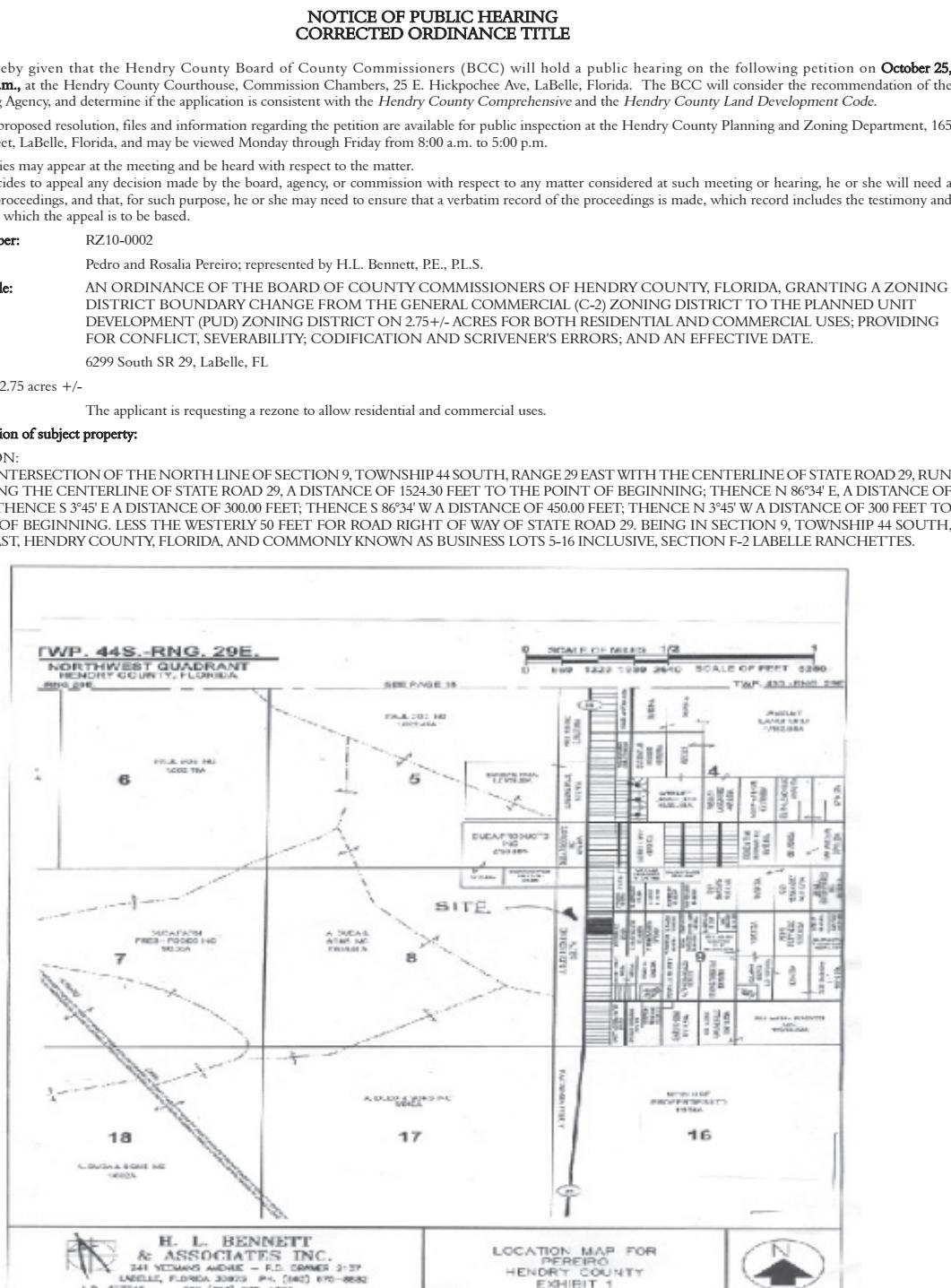
Arts of the Inland to meet

The next meeting of the Arts of the Inland will be Tuesday, October 18, at 6 p.m. at Footnotes Dance Studio, 25 Homestead Rd. N., Lehigh Acres at the corner of Homestead and Alabama in the strip mall. Bring a folding chair!

Come to networking

Speaker for the October 19 LaBelle Business Networking breakfast will be Matthew Kindermann who is the Work Force Administrator for Southwest Florida Works. He connects employees and employers together.

The breakfast is hosted by Seacoast National Bank, 17 N. Lee Street, Oct. 19, 7:30-9 a.m.



Community Briefs

Firehouse ramps up activity

The Firehouse Community Theater is set and ready to begin its 19th season with "Death and Taxes" by Pat Cook October 28, 29, 30 and November 4, 5, 6. Directed by Joel Hawkins.

Murder, mischief and suspicion take over a small town where everybody knows everybody—or do they?

Join us for this comedy/mystery that includes audience participation!

Now the group is looking toward its Christmas show "The Christmas Toyshop," December 2, 3, 4, and December 9, 10, 11. This original fantasy will appeal to the entire family with the enchantment and excitement of Christmas. Christmas musical selections will be performed by the Firehouse Singers under the direction of Nick Fidanza.

Auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be Saturday, November 12, at 3 p.m. and Monday, November 14, at 6 p.m. at the Theatre.

Productions are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 at the door or \$12 if prepaid in advance. Call today to reserve your seat! Unused tickets are not eligible for a refund.

If you have any questions, please call the Box Office at (863) 675-3066 or email us at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Benefit for Billy Hanes

Billy is a lifelong resident of LaBelle best known for his many years cooking at the Log Cabin Bar-B-Q. He has a brain tumor and has not been able to work since January.

There will be a spaghetti dinner Oct. 14 at Barron Park from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to help with expenses - only \$6.

Tickets will be available before the dinner, which will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and bread. Delivery will be available for orders of more than five dinners.

For more information please call Debbie Steelman 863-517-0559 or Jeff Perry 863-517-1249.

Come to VFW annual steak dinner

VFW Post 10100 will hold its annual steak dinner Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 for two dinners and are available at the post. There will be one prize drawing for \$2,500 and five drawings for \$500. You need not be present to win. Call 863-675-8008 for more info.

Please spay or neuter your pets!

Caloosa Humane Society has announced new dates for its low-cost spay/neuter clinic: October 14, and November 4, 11 and 18, please call today to make an appointment to have your pet spayed or neutered.

CHS also offers a low-cost vaccination clinic on these same dates from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Caloosa Humane Society is pleased to announce that Heartgard is currently available at the shelter.

Heartworm disease is a serious illness that can rob your dog of its health and its life. Heartgard can protect your pet from this

deadly disease so please call CHS for more information at 863.675.0997. www.calooahumanesociety.org

Sit! Stay! Heel!

Thanks to such a positive response, Caloosa Humane Society is offering another six-week dog training program!

Classes are 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.

There will be separate classes for puppies and adult dogs. Proof of rabies (dogs over four months) and DHPPC vaccination

are required to be in the program.

Necessary vaccinations are offered at the shelter and can be done prior to the class for only \$20 for both.

Bringing your four-legged friend will not only be fun but will be a great bonding experience for you both!

We do ask that the humans 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 and get complete details.

Space is limited! So come, gain bragging rights on your well-behaved pet plus a portion of the proceeds will go to the wonderful dogs (and cats too) at Caloosa Humane Society.

Thank you for your support LaBelle and

see you soon!

GOP women to meet

Caloosa FRW will meet on Wednesday October 19, 11:30 a.m. at Don's Steak House.

Guest speaker will be Jillian Hasner, wife of Adam Hasner, U.S. Senate Candidate. Republican women and men are invited.

The luncheon is \$10 all inclusive and paid at the door.

There will be two lunch entrees to select from for those who respond by Monday October 17. Response to Shirley Dooley at 675-2915 is necessary.

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VFW news

VFW 10100 Men's Auxiliary will serve a pork steak dinner Friday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m., \$7.

There will be karaoke at the post with 2 Sharps Saturday, Oct. 15, 5-9 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

VFW Post 10100 has Bingo open to the public every Monday 6:30 p.m.

Come to the post for charcoal grilled hamburgers every Saturday for \$3; 11:30 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 and annual dues for

any armed forces personnel currently serving in harm's way. For information, please call 863-675-8008.

Car club changes meeting nights

The South Central Florida Car Club has changed its meeting nights to the third Tuesday of the month for the new season, September through June, 5-8 p.m. at Barron Park with it's Monthly Hot Rides & Hot Dogs Cruise In. All area car owners and auto enthusiast's are invited to come out to join in, for an evening of fun.

Cars and trucks of all years makes models are welcome and encouraged to join.

For more info contact Tom at 863-234-8343 or Bud 863-634-1791.

Canned meat drive

Please help the Salvation Army with its canned meat drive this month at the LaBelle Service Center, 180 N. Main Street, (863) 674-1441.

If you would like to donate, please drop off any size, new canned meat (tuna, chicken, corned beef hash, Spam) to the above address. Thank you for the support of our food pantry!

Witches Brew

by Pudge Lehman

We all watched little Ernest Carmona grow up in LaBelle, marry beautiful Maria and have beautiful children. Well now they have opened a new restaurant, the La Margarita Tex-Mex, on Cowboy Way down the road from where they graduated high school. Our retired school group ate breakfast there last week. It was excellent. I had a bean and chorizo taco. When I eat beans just don't get behind me...

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