

# Caloosa Belle



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## Homemade Christmas Dinners

Traditional Christmas dinners will be delivered or picked up at The American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle SR 80 West across from Popeyes.

Legion members prepare and volunteers deliver about 500 meals to local needy families, home alone persons with no family and shut-ins in the LaBelle area.

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Someone must be home to receive the dinner or it must be picked up at Legion between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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Call the Post at 863-675-8300 or E-mail: [Nikki@NikkiYeagerRoser.com](mailto:Nikki@NikkiYeagerRoser.com). Volunteers are welcome and needed to help assemble meals and/or deliver meals on Christmas Day which is Sunday this year. Assembly will begin at 9 a.m.

Drivers will be needed shortly

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Moore Haven: SSG Leroy Lemuel Bell.

Okeechobee: SP4 Daniel Martin Brown, SGT Howard Daniel Weeks, SSG Gary Wayne Gillis, SGT Raymond Raliford Mays.

Event organizer Donna Gerber said she is looking for Cora Williams, mother of Sgt. Arthur James Anderson from Clewiston. Ms. Williams' niece, Mashenea Bivens, has been in contact with her; however, Ms. Gerber has been unable to reconnect with Ms. Bivens. Anyone with any information on Ms. Bivens or Ms. Williams - or the local mother of any other Viet Nam serviceman killed in service to his country - is asked to contact Ms. Gerber.

In addition, area Gold Star Mothers and Fathers in Hendry and Glades counties whose sons or daughters died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are also being sought.

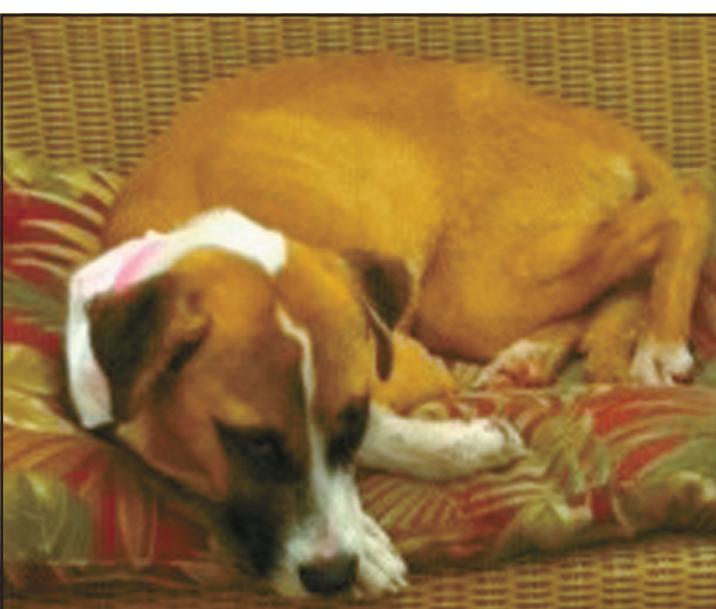
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## Dog tied up and left to die

Her day started off eating garbage, with a make-shift plastic bag chain embedded in her neck and ended with a nice warm bed and plenty of food to eat. Her name is Lucky.

She was picked up by a good Samaritan who was dropping her kids off at school. She then sought help for the suffering animal at the Caloosa Humane Society. Lucky is a hound mix. She weighed about 22 pounds and was severely emaciated.

When she arrived, the chain of plastic bags was so long it kept getting caught in the dog's paw, making her pull at her own wound with each excruciating step.



After years of economic lethargy, the area is beginning to show some very positive signs. The most imminent is in Glades County. Lykes Bros., Inc. and A. Duda & Sons, Inc. are implementing Americas Gateway Logistics Center, a master-planned, mixed-use, integrated logistics center.

The 4,700-acre facility will serve growing consumer markets in the state, region and abroad with exports and imports to and from eastern North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and western Europe. It could become a Certified Mega Site on an additional 2,000 acres.

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The project will encompass up to 30 million square feet of distribution/manufacturing facilities, a Foreign Trade Zone, Chassis & Container Staging Manufacturing and Assembly, Perishables Yard Warehousing & Distribution and many other services.

Details are not being divulged as yet, but Hendry County is also reportedly getting very close to announcing an important international facility at Air Glades Airport.

# Gold Star

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Anyone with information on local Gold Star Mothers from any of America's wars is asked to contact Donna Gerber at 239-565-6784 or dennagerber@avtt.org.

Scheduled events include:

Wednesday, Jan. 25, the wall arrives with the Tribute Escort Ride. Tribute viewing begins at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 is the opening ceremony at 4 p.m.

Jan. 27 is filled with Tribute viewing all day, school day tributes, music and a ride of honor.

Saturday, Jan. 28, there will be all day viewing, the American Heroes Airshow 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and a Naturalization Ceremony at 11 a.m.

Jan. 29 includes a worship service at 10 a.m. and closing ceremonies 11:30 a.m.

More information on the Fort Myers event can be found at [www.avtt.org](http://www.avtt.org).

# Rescued

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"You hope to never come to work in the morning and have something like that walk



Submitted photo

**Lucky earned her name the hard way, by surviving terrible cruelty.**

through the door," said Caloosa Executive Director Alex DeStefano.

Caloosa staff removed part of the bag, allowing Lucky to move freely without discomfort. Realizing there was little to be done for her at the local facility, DeStefano sought out the help of Dr. Lesli Reiff. A veterinarian, as well as the owner of Naples Safari Animal Hospital, Dr. Reiff was more than happy to provide Lucky with the medical attention she needed.

Lucky was anesthetized and her plastic shackle was finally removed. It appeared to have been there for weeks.

After her procedure, Lucky was able to wake up in a nice warm bed, surrounded by caring people to start the next step of her new life. Aside from the wounds, Lucky is also severely under weight and is being treated for numerous parasites.

After recovering from anesthesia, it was a relief for all involved to hear the thumping of her wagging tail against the side of her recovery cage. She is expected to make a full recovery.

"I couldn't believe it," said DeStefano. "After all that people put her through, all she wants to do is give kisses."

Lucky is just a temporary name. There is going to be a Name Lucky Contest. "She is too special to not have the perfect name," says DeStefano.

Please visit Caloosa Humane Society's Web site, [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org), for updates and to enter a new name for Lucky.

After her recovery, Lucky will be available for adoption at Caloosa Humane Society, a 501c3 organization, in LaBelle.

# Dinner

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# Avoid being 'holi-dazed'

**by Pat Dobbins**

1. Start With a Vision - Start your holiday with a clear vision of how you would like it to go. Share your visions and thoughts with your family and friends and ask for their input as well.

2. Set Goals and Prioritize - It's okay to say no sometimes. Saying yes when you should say no can sometimes leave you feeling overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues should understand if you can't attend every party or participate in every activity.



**Patricia Dobbins**

3. Organize and Simplify - Try to find ways to organize your activities and create a "to-do" list so you can check things off as you get them accomplished to help you feel more organized and productive during the holiday season.

4. Take Care of Yourself - You must find time to take care of yourself - physically, mentally and spiritually. Go for a walk, get enough sleep, read inspiring literature, spend time with close friends to talk and laugh, listen to music, go outdoors, spend some quiet time alone, meditate and try to be tobacco free.

5. Think Safety - Whether you are traveling long distances, hanging lights or simply walking in a busy parking lot, it's important to pay extra attention to the safety of you and your family around the holidays.

6. Try to Stay Financially Fit - We are all responsible for our own happiness and health during the holidays. Whether or not you have a good holiday is a function

of your decisions and not the conditions around you. Try to make realistic financial commitments and time commitments that you can keep this holiday season.

7. Try to Eat Well - There are a few things that you can do to keep things under control: Limit your portions; don't go to a party hungry; steer clear of items high in fats; watch out for high calorie foods and beverages. Drink lots of water! You can sample and taste new things, but just try not to over-do it!

8. Stay Active - Find opportunities to stay active to help you feel better, more energized, focused and fit for the demands of the season.

9. Get Connected - Encourage those you love to help you create meaningful traditions and routines that can be part of future holidays. Get in touch with extended family and old friends.

10. Explore New Experiences but Set Limits - Trying something new - especially a refreshing exercise, like Tai Chi. It is a great way to keep fit, relieve stress and meet new friends this holiday season. Read a new book, write in a journal, visit a library, study something new and try to watch less TV.

11. Give - Commit random acts of kindness. Small gestures (that don't cost anything except for your time) can make a huge difference in someone's life. Other things you can do: volunteer, visit the elderly, read to a child, or donate clothes, toys and food to a needy family.

12. Have Fun - Play, dance, sing, laugh and enjoy. Experience the joy, excitement and wonder of the holiday season. You are never too old to act like a kid once in a while!

## Enterprise Zone now at EDC office

The Hendry County Enterprise Zone #2601 program and responsibility has been moved to the Hendry County Economic Development Council office.

Susan Jordan will be handling the applications for jobs tax credits, business equipment sales tax refunds, building materials sales tax refund and so forth. Please make sure all applications are complete with all re-

quired invoices, building permits, inspection reports, the signed CO, or building plans for the preliminary tax assessment.

There is a ten-day requirement on this end to get the application processed, so any assistance would be appreciated. Contact information: Susan Jordan 863-612-4914 or susan@hendryedc.com or Gregg Gillman, President of the Hendry County EDC.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Dennis Avalon Perkins, 65, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender. Sgt. Elvers was arresting officer.

Antonio Mendoza Ramos, 15, was arrested Dec. 8 and charged with assault on an elected official, educator, DCF or contract employee. Sgt. B. Brown was arresting officer.

### Clewiston

Stephen Martin Billings, 19, was arrested Dec. 8 and charged with theft \$300-\$5,000 and dealing in stolen property. CPD Officer

S. Bozziwas arresting officer.

Anthony James Downing, 25, was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with DUI alcohol or drugs, nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender and resisting an officer- obstruction without violence. D. Bolt was arresting officer.

Jay B. Neal, 58, was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill. C. McVey was arresting officer.

Khevis Lavar Williams, 25, was arrested Dec. 6 and charged with simple assault with intent to do violence and criminal mischief over \$1,000. J. Perez was arresting officer.

# Orphaned panther now back in Big Cypress

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011 Florida panther K304 -- now identified as FP194 -- was returned to Big Cypress National Preserve. The release of the cat occurred in a remote area of the Preserve around 7:30 p.m. near where the cat was removed in October of 2010. Due to transport timing and change of release area this activity was not open to the public as originally planned.

On October 25, 2010, through on-going tracking activity within the Preserve, it was discovered that the radio-collar of female panther FP102 was emitting a mortality signal. Upon reaching the site of the signal, National Park Service (NPS) biologists found the remains of the cat. A subsequent necropsy confirmed that FP102 had died from wounds received during a fight. Five months earlier the cat had given birth to two male kittens. After the death of FP102, one of the offspring, K304, was discovered orphaned. His sibling was never found.

Upon discovering K304 the NPS, work-

ing closely with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), transported the kitten to the White Oak Conservation Center (WOCC), a wildlife facility in northeastern Florida. At the facility K304 was cared for and housed in appropriate facilities with minimal human contact. Now K304, a young, healthy cat, is of the age that it can be released near the area it was born.

Early on November 29 the cat was captured and tranquilized within the holding facility at WOCC, fitted with a new radio collar by NPS staff and evaluated by Scott Citino, Center Veterinarian; Mark Cunningham, FWC Veterinarian and other White Oak Staff.

Upon return to the Preserve FP194 was 1.5 years old, 86 pounds and determined to be in good condition. NPS staff will monitor movements of the cat by tracking the new radio collar.



Submitted photo/Courtesy of Ralph Arwood

This year-and-a-half old panther was released back into the Big Cypress wilds, where he was rescued after his mother died in a fight in 2010. White Oak Conservation Center DVM Natalie Hall is pictured examining the cat before he was returned to the wild.

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# Career Corner

## Credit Report Part 1

by Matt Kindermann

A credit report is a running lifetime record of your social security number and all the addresses you have lived at and every line of credit you ever had or have ever co-signed with your name.

A "line of credit" includes credit cards, mortgages, loans and financing from any company, including those that have ever been paid off or closed, as well as the results of your payment history. That old credit card you got when you were 18 with all those missed payments will always be visible for review!

Think about that the next time you consider co-signing on someone's credit card or car loan because they're ability, or inability, to make the payments may negatively affect your credit report forever. A credit report tells potential financiers if you are capable of making reliable payments. Just because you're making good money now does not wipe away years of delinquent debt when you weren't making as much.

A credit report is more like a character report than a black and white financial statement. If it shows that you couldn't manage your money when you didn't have any, creditors may think you might not be able to manage your money even when you do have some. Jesus Castorena, Assistant Branch Manager at Seacoast Bank



**Matthew Kindermann**

of LaBelle, warns that "credit is now more important than ever" and that it is very difficult for people with negative credit histories to get an emergency loan, or to finance a home or automobile.

For employers that conduct a credit check, your lack of a positive credit rating may signal that you're careless with money. Jobs in industries such as banking and finance, or jobs that allow access to company capital like vehicles or expense accounts, may be out of reach for otherwise qualified candidates because of their credit report. Jesus recommends checking your free credit report at least once a year from one of the three credit bureaus; Experian, TransUnion and Equifax, and contacting them immediately if you identify a discrepancy. If you have been denied credit, Jesus suggests writing to Equifax for a free credit report which would not count against your annual limit.

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For information on credit counseling, go to [www.swflworks.org](http://www.swflworks.org) and click on "Locations."

## Just Pondering

from Bill Neville

Maybe it was Ann Coulter's book, "De-monetize", in which she says about Mobs (Occupiers) -- "You can lead a mob to water, but you can't make them think!" or as I choose to put it: "You can lead a mob to think, but you can't stop them from "watering!"

With all this heavy "pondering," I guess it was natural that I then segued into a series of ponderisms such as: "Life is sexually transmitted."

"Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die."

"Men have two emotions: Hungry and Horny. If you see him without lust, make him a sandwich."

"Give a person a fish, and you feed them for a day. Teach them how to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years."

"Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospitals, dying of nothing."

"All of us, particularly in Florida, could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism."

# Don't let hopeless in this Christmastime!

by Les Morgan

The message of Christmas is clear: God intrudes upon the weak and the vulnerable. Regrettably, this is precisely the message that we so often miss. God does not come to that part of us that swaggers through life, confident in our self sufficiency. God leaves his treasure in the broken fragmented places of our life. God comes to us in those rare moments when we are able to transcend our own selfishness long enough to really care about another.



**Les Morgan**

On the wall of the museum of the concentration camp at Dachau is a large and moving photograph of a mother and her little girl standing in line of a gas chamber. The child, who is walking in front of her mother, does not know where she is going. The mother, who walks behind, does know, but is helpless to stop the tragedy. In her helplessness she performs the only act of love left to her. She places her hands over her child's eyes so she will at least not see the horror to come. When people come into the museum they do not whisk by this photo hurriedly. They pause. They almost feel the pain. And deep inside I think that they are all saying: "O God, don't let that be all that there is."

God hears those prayers and it is in just such situations of hopelessness and helplessness that His almighty power is born. It is there that God leaves his treasure. In all of us there is an opportunity for Christ to bring the hope of being re-born anew within.

However, we have to be tuned into what God is saying and what He would have us see. What have you been hearing and seeing this Christmas?

When you watched the 6:00 news did you see chaos and strife, or did you see sheep without a shepherd?

When you went out to do your shopping did you see only hordes of people in the stores, or did you notice the worried expressions on some of their faces--worried because they are facing this Christmas with hypocrisies.

out employment or enough money and they don't know how they are going to make ends meet?

Did you hear only the blast of music and carols, or did you hear the silent sighs of the lonely and the bereaved who may be dreading Christmas because it accentuates their loneliness?

And in the midst of the sounds of honking horns and people arguing over parking places, did you hear faint sounds of laughter coming from a church mission projects because you furnished food and toys for families and children?

You see, so often what you see and what you hear is not dependent upon the event but upon you. If you did in fact hear the cry from the lonely, the laughter of poor children, if you saw the sheep without a shepherd, then, and only then, might you have noticed the events that took place in Bethlehem that night. If you lacked that spiritual seeing and hearing then you probably would have been with the 99 percent who were present but did not see or hear nothing out of the ordinary.

In the end perhaps a carol words it best: No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin. Where meek souls shall receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Result: hopelessness doesn't have to come around you this Christmas. Ask God to make you more like Him - a genuine, loving, for-the-sake of another, giver.

Need some ideas of how to give hopelessness the boot? Give some gifts this Christmas which are beyond monetary value: Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone, "I love you." Give something away--anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation or announcement or reservation or hypocrisy.

Take the challenge and hopelessness will have to find another address!

**Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle, located 200 yards behind A Country Place on Highway 80.**

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# Christmas in the Park success relies on many volunteer workers

**Dear Editor:**

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce to thank the many generous individuals who helped with either a donation of time and/or money for our Christmas in the Park celebration held at Barron Park on Friday, Dec. 2.

With the support of the many organizations and community volunteers, the children of LaBelle had a fun-filled night of snow, bounce houses, a chance to go to the fishing pond and "catch" a gift as well as have a visit with Santa Claus.

I hope this list covers everyone who helped but if I missed including your name, I apologize in advance. We sure appreciate

all of you and hope to see you at Christmas in the Park this time next year!

A big thank you to the following:

The City of LaBelle, the West Hendry Recreation Board, Kiwanis of LaBelle, Key Club Members, the LHS National Honor Society, Steve Whidden and several of our deputies, Hendry County Sheriff's Explorers, Rotary Club of LaBelle, Lyons Printing, T & M Portable, Greg Gunter, Josie Weich, Mary Bartoshuk, Letty Balderas and Elves Friends, Amanda and Emily Higginbotham, Brenda Hoots, Phil Pelletier, Emma Kennedy and her babies, Ron and Margie Stephens, The First Baptist Church Group, Pat Bedingfield and her Cloggers (Pat was also the Pa-

rade chairperson!), Joan and Dave Basquin, FBLA of LaBelle Middle School and Jodie Higginbotham, Debbie White and her Cloggers, Don Munch Jr., First Bank and its Employees, Florida Community Bank girls, LaBelle Professional Building, Family Eye Care, Wesley Hansen, Higginbotham and Soud,

Bryan Paul, Southern Gardens Citrus, at the very end of the night there was a mother with several kids who helped us with clean up and we greatly appreciate her and them!

**Maureen Jordan**  
Chamber President



Submitted photo/Brenda Barnes  
**Huge thanks to Kiwanis Club of LaBelle**

The Kiwanis Key Club of LaBelle would like to say a special thank you to the community for purchasing Christmas trees and Christmas wreaths from them. The trees and wreaths sold out in record time this year. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated. These high school students work really hard each year and this is just one of the many events that they participate in. The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle meets every Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. at Beef O' Brady's on Hwy. 80. Please join us sometime for dinner to find out what Kiwanis is all about or contact us if you would like to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings. The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle sponsors the Key Club at LaBelle High School, the Builders Club at West Glades School and the Aktion Club in LaBelle. We help to develop the leaders of our future! Kiwanis is global organization of volunteers dedicated to serving the world one child and one community at a time. Pictured are some of the members from the Kiwanis Key Club of LaBelle and their leader Kiwanian Tracy Nobles.

## Do your part for the Nature Park

The LaBelle Nature Park, located at the end of Hardee Street and adjacent to the Hendry House, is a hidden gem in the city of LaBelle. The ten-acre park with its nature trails and benches, provides a place to get away and enjoy nature. You can see gopher tortoises, several species of birds and, of course, the magnificent old oak trees that are icons of Hendry County.

Each month volunteers from organizations like CRCA/Riverwatch, LaBelle Garden Club and other community groups participate in activities to make this park a place for all to enjoy. Volunteers pick up trash, trim bushes to clear the trails, remove dead palmetto fronds, plant flowers at the entrance and remove invasive plants like the potato vine. Some of our volunteers come all the way from the Ft. Myers area to work on these monthly park clean-ups.

It is disheartening for the volunteers and friends who love this park to see how

people abuse this beautiful site. Beer cans, empty plastic bottles, paper and other trash litter the trails. A trash receptacle used to be onsite but it was stolen. Plant identification markers have been defaced or stolen. To make matters worse, volunteers discovered attempts by thieves to steal the park benches on two separate occasions! These benches were obtained by grants or gifts from civic organizations for the enjoyment of LaBelle residents and visitors.

This is your park; a place to visit and bring your family and friends. It should be enjoyed and treated with the same respect as you treat the Hendry House. Please get involved by helping us to maintain the LaBelle Nature Park and keep it beautiful for generations to come.

**Marti Daltry**  
Board member of CRCA/Riverwatch and park volunteer

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# Caloosa Baptist is 'Getting Back to the Barn'

This Sunday, Dec. 18, Caloosa Baptist will hold its morning service at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on Highway 29.

The theme for the service will be "Getting

Back to the Barn."

"This is an annual event we started doing about four years ago," said Dr. Les Morgan, pastor of the church.

## Church Briefs

### Worship service at Port La-Belle Inn

Artie and Dora Carnes are no longer associated with "The Glades RV Resort."

They continue to direct "Christian Contender Ministries" and they are beginning a Worship Service at The Port LaBelle Inn each Sunday at 10 a.m.

They have moved to LaBelle and will be working in this community to establish an Independent Christian Church.

Those who are interested in helping with this effort should call Artie at 1-812-821-3037 or Dora at 1-812-821-3038.

They had been conducting a worship service at "The Glades" and the attendance

grew to over 100 during the heat of the tourist season.

### Openings at First Baptist preschool

The First Baptist Preschool of LaBelle has childcare openings in the nursery and toddler programs.

They take children in their nursery starting from six weeks. The preschool is a ministry of the First Baptist Church and is located at 330 North Main St., LaBelle. P

Please call Tara Sherrod at 675-2171 ext. 105 for more information.

"Last year, we had more people attend this service than we had at our Easter service! We take people out of the traditional Sunday morning setting and put them in a completely different venue.

"Not only do our regular people attend, but they invite their friends who were typically not in church at all, if ever."

Those who have attended previous "Getting Back to the Barn" services all seem to have a similar response.

"One worshipper said, "It is somewhat of a troubling thing to consider that a baby would be born in a barn. But when I think that that baby was Jesus, God's Holy Son, and that He did that for me, I am deeply humbled."

Jim, a volunteer worker at the church, spoke of how the first "Getting Back to the Barn" service impacted him. "For me, it helped me understand the love of God even more.

"When I think that He sent His Son to earth and that He was given birth in a filthy animal stall, it really moved me. Jesus did that for me. That was powerful meaningful, experience."

A mother of three children commented

on her feelings after attending a "Getting Back to the Barn."

Her reaction was the following; "My children were born in the finest hospital in town. Medical teams were on standby should an emergency have arisen. My physician was well-schooled and an experienced obstetrician.

"The room was sterile, and the staff was prepared for whatever could have occurred. But in the setting where Jesus was born, it was just the opposite. Mary was alone. Joseph had no knowledge of delivering babies.

"The only observers of the delivery of the King of Kings were cows, horses, sheep and goats. How awesome is that?"

The public is invited to attend the "Getting Back to the Barn" service this Sunday at 10:30 at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds. The dress is causal.

Please be advised to bring a folding chair for seating.

The service will be held in the animal holding section.

## Annie Warburton: This Village

Thank you to the town of LaBelle. Thank you to all the teachers, coaches and friends. Thank you all for the outpouring of love for Annie and her service and all the cards before and after.

When people ask me about LaBelle, I say you can't get there from here and it's a cross between It's a Wonderful Life and Back to the Future.

We came here 26 years ago for a future for our kids.

It was always about the kids. We did our kids Little Miss Softball and Annie got to see her kindergartners graduate.

As I said, it takes a village to raise a child - just to let you know what a good job we all did: Chris is Senior Director of Customer Development for Georgia Pacific and Carey is a financial analyst for J.M. Toyota Corp.

Both have masters in finance and Carey has two Golden Hammer Awards for the homes she built for Habitat for Humanity. Thank you, Mr. McCourt. Carey was the first girl in shop.

They say it takes a village to raise a child and we're all Children of God.

I hope you will all still raise me and if you can, please, all of you send \$1 to Hope Hospice for Annie.

Let's show everyone what LaBelle can do. Let's give hope to Hope: 1201 Wingsway, LeHigh Acres, FL 33936.

Thank you,  
Carl Neely and  
Chris and Carey Warburton

Hendry County is announced that all its offices (Board of County Commissioners, Administration, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections) will be closed from Monday Dec. 19, through Thursday Dec. 22, 2010 due to an employee furlough.

The Clerk and Court Administrative office (pre-trial case management, probation, teen court/drug court and juvenile arbitration programs) will maintain regular business hours December 19 through December 22.

All County offices will be closed December 23 and December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

All offices will be open for regular hours on Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

All County offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of the New Year holiday.

## County offices closing for holidays

### Essilor Visioffice

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## Obituaries

### Carol E. Gaure, 67

LABELLE — Carol E. Gaure, age 67, of LaBelle passed away, Dec. 10, 2011, in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Oct. 15, 1944, in Okeechobee. Survivors include her daughters, Sarah Jimenez and Judy Graham of LaBelle, Sheila Mace of Palmdale; son, James Mace of Ft. Myers; two brothers, three sisters, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at International Christian Fellowship in LaBelle with Pastor Sammy Co officiating.

Cremation Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle

### Robert Lamb Roper

LABELLE — Robert Lamb Roper, age 84, of Labelle, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at home in Labelle Woods.

Bob was born May 21, 1927, in Gainesville, Ga. He is the son of the late James Lewis Roper

and Lillian Brewer Roper. After WWII, he married his sweetheart, Theresa Mary Sylvia, on March 31, 1947. She preceded him in death on June 21, 2000.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary (Craig) Bartoshuk of Labelle, and Patricia (Jim) Grainger of Labelle; one son, Robert Roper (Serena) of Alva; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Lewis Roper III of Cornelia, Ga., and Thomas C. Roper of Port Charlotte; and a sister, Elizabeth J. McGrew of Summerfield, N.C. He was preceded in death by one grandson.

Dad, Pop-pop, Bob, was a WWII veteran. He was a loving father, grandfather, neighbor and friend. He was generous, hardworking, and a man of integrity. He was greatly loved by his family and very proud of all of them.

Arrangements were made by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Labelle. The services were held at graveside at Fort Denuad Cemetery, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011.

Contributions may be made to Hope Hospice in Bob's memory.

### Theodore Wayne Pryor, 51

LABELLE — Theodore Wayne Pryor, age 51, of LaBelle passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, in Lehigh Acres.

Theodore was born Oct. 2, 1960, in Dane County, Wis. He is the son of the late Theodore Randall and the late Elizabeth (Vaclav) Pryor.

He is survived by his one son, Bradley Pryor; one sister, Debbie Fonseca; one brother, Robert R. Pryor (Molly); and grandchildren, Bradley Pryor, Jr., Hailey Pryor, and Alexis Troia.

The funeral service was 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 560 E. Hickpoche Ave., LaBelle, with Dr. Pat Lucey officiating. Interment was in Lee Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Myers.

Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle.



# Gaure graduates from Air Force basic training



Air Force Airman Xavier Y. Gaure graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He will be on leave at home Dec. 21-Jan. 1, before beginning a tour in Korea.

**Xavier Y. Gaure** The airman completed an intensive, eight-

week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Gaure is the son of Laura McNichols of Cherry Lane. He is a 2010 graduate of LaBelle High School.

# Memory Bus from the Alzheimer's Association coming to our area

by Pat Dobbins

The "Memory Bus" one of the Alzheimer Association's initiatives and it is a mobile clinic that is open to anyone who is concerned about their memory or that of a family member or friend.

The vehicle is an innovative way of bringing the issues of memory loss and dementia to the public and it has travelled county wide. It is a simple test and takes a few minutes. The idea is to detect the earliest stage of Alzheimer's. It is not only for seniors but for people of all ages. No appointments are necessary.

The memory bus will be available at the following Health Department Locations

February 10, 2012  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Glades County Health Department  
1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven, FL 33471

February 27, 2012  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Hendry County Health Department  
1140 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, FL 33935

February 28, 2012  
Time: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Hendry County Health Department  
1100 S Olympia Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 1 in 14 people over the age of 65 has some form of dementia and that number can increase to 1 in 6 for those over the age of 80. Early diagnosis and care for people with dementia, as well as educating those that care for them, is one of the strategic priorities for improving a person's health and well-being. Memory problems can be common as people get older. Tiredness, stress, depression and certain medications can all affect

# Pereiro graduates from Marine Corps at Parris Island

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro C. Pereiro Sr. and family along with Christ Central LaBelle family would like to announce the graduation of Pvt. First Class Pedro C. Pereiro Jr., from United States Marine Corps Platoon 2009.

Pvt. First Class Pereiro, son of Pedro and Rosalia Pereiro Sr., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, on December 2, 2011. Pvt. First Class Pereiro successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Pvt. First Class Pereiro and his fellow recruits began their training each day at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Pvt. First Class Pereiro spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Pvt. First Class Pereiro also received in-



**Pedro C. Pereiro Jr.**

structions on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Pvt. First Class Pereiro and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort and problem solving evolution. After graduation from Parris Island, he will continue with MCT basic training for six weeks of combat training. He will begin additional training in Missouri for six months to complete job training. Pvt. First Class Pereiro is a 2011 graduate of LaBelle High School.

The family and friends would ask that you continue to agree with them in prayer for Pvt. First Class Pereiro and support him as he not only represents his family but the community of LaBelle also. Pvt. First Class Pereiro, your friends and family wish you to know that they love you and are so proud of you. They pray you keep pursuing your dreams and hope you remember Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." They hope that, as always, you remember to seek first His kingdom and everything else will fall into place. They love and support you completely and thank you for giving yourself for our country.



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ABE	9900004-212	Mon-Fri	01/04/12	03/30/12	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121
Ged Prep	9900026-211	Mon-Fri	01/04/12	03/30/12	8:00am-11:00am	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121
Ged Prep	9900026-212	Mon-Fri	01/04/12	03/30/12	12:00pm-3:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	Mr. Crebs	Port # 99-121

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ABE	9900004-214	T.B.A.	T.B.A.		6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30.00	\$120.00	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
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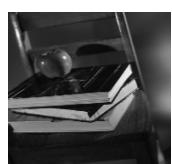
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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Chamber Social

Thursday, Dec. 8, the First Bank of Clewiston hosted a LaBelle Chamber of Commerce social, providing a great place for local folks to get together and cement business and personal relationships. At the well-laden table, Geri Yoraschak and Commissioner Tris Chapman prepare to partake of some of the terrific fare.

From left: Carey Soud, Geri Yoraschek, Mike Boyle and Miller Couse gather for some congenial conversation at the Dec. 8 Chamber of Commerce social hosted by the First Bank of Clewiston-LaBelle.



### Visit live Nativity scene

Take time from your busy schedule and bring your loved ones to enjoy the live nativity drive-thru at Life Ministries Church at 725 West Hwy-80 in LaBelle. The presentation this year will tell "Why Jesus was Born." Come and experience the true meaning of Christmas. The presentation will be three nights: December 14, 15 and 16 from 6-9 p.m. The event is free!

### Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Claus

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be at VFW Post 10100 Friday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m. Free hot dogs and soda for children under 12. Get a photo of Santa and the kids for \$1.

### Fiesta Navidad

La Iglesia El Faro en la 431 Bryan Ave. en LaBelle, le invita a ti y a tu familia a celebrar Navidad temprano con nosotros el domingo 18 de diciembre a las 11 a.m. Tendremos un bounce house y comida para todos. Vengan a celebrar con nosotros. Los esperamos!

### Christmas Party

El Faro church on 431 Bryan Ave. in LaBelle invite you and your family to celebrate

Christmas early with us on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. We will have a bounce house and food for everyone. Come and celebrate with us.

### Down from His Glory

Down from His Glory - the Story of Christmas will be presented by the combined choirs of Caloosa Baptist and Eastside Baptist Churches.

This musical worship experience created and arranged by Mike Speck, explores why God took the journey from heaven to become one of us, why deity put on the robe of humanity. This is the real story of Christmas ... why He came.

You are invited to join us at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at Caloosa Baptist. For more information please call Val at 675-4673.

### 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!

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## PAID CONTENT **Gregory "Billy" S. Rapp**

Gregory "Billy" S. Rapp is in the hospital in Titusville, Florida on life support. His condition does not look good. Please pray for him and his family. He is in Parrish Medical in Titusville.

# Heritage museum to welcome holiday visitors to Hendry House

LaBelle Heritage Museum volunteers will welcome holiday visitors to the historic Captain F. A. Hendry House at the west end of Fraser Street on Monday, Dec. 19, Tuesday, Dec. 20, and Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening. The house was the last LaBelle area residence of Captain Hendry and his wife Ardeline Ross Lanier Hendry prior to failing health necessitating a move to their Fort Myers home, where both died in 1917.

The Fraser Street home, built for the Hendrys by B. F. Magill in 1914, is the only remaining physical link to Francis Asbury Hendry's 50-odd years in the Upper Caloosahatchee Valley where he named a small settlement in the late 1880s in honor of two of his six daughters, Laura Jane and Carrie Belle.

Laura married Charles Waddy Thompson, and several of their Thompson, Williams and Taylor descendants live and work in the LaBelle/Felda area.



Submitted photo

## New Graduate

**Edison State College Fall Graduation was Friday, Dec. 9, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.** Brenda Barnes received a B.S. in Business Management & Supervision. She graduated with honors - Magna Cum-Laude and was also inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta (International Business Honor Society). Membership in Sigma Beta Delta is the highest national recognition a business student can receive at a college or university with a Sigma Beta Delta chapter. To be eligible for membership, a business student must rank in the upper 20 percent of the junior, senior or master's class and be invited to membership by the faculty officers. Sigma Beta Delta was established to honor students who have attained superior records in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation.

## Witch's Brew

### by Pudge Lehman

My friend Flo McGarrah told me to sprinkle ammonia over your garbage bags and can lid to keep critters from spreading it all over the yard.

If your cake sticks to the pan after it cools either put it on a warm burner for a few minutes or aim your hair dryer (on hot) on the bottom of the pan.

Before potting a plant place a used tea bag over the drainage hole.

When you get older you become more confused every day but does our everyday language have to make it worse? Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing ... or "slim chance" and "fat chance" ... or Why do tug boats push their barges? And why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

Sayin' of the week: Giving money and power to the government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.



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# South defeats Central 17-13 in All Star game

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The LHS Cowboys, Delencio Watson, David Antunez and Noel Gutierrez, did themselves and their school proud in the recent South Central All Star football game. The young men are pictured with LHS Head Coach Jordan Odaffer and Coach Kenneth Strong. Lenel Jones was also selected, but was unable to attend. On Jan. 14, Cowboys David Antunez and Delencio Watson will represent LaBelle in the Palm Beach County vs Treasure Coast game.



by Jordan Odaffer

LHS Head Football Coach

The South all stars defeated the Central all stars 17-13 at Fireman's Field in Sebring. LaBelle High School had two coaches and three players participating in the game and they finished this portion of their season



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## Pet of the Week

Please come to the Caloosa Humane Society and visit with sweet Annie! CHS is offering Dog Gone Good Christmas Specials! Santa Paws is offering Home for the "Howl"idays, adopt a dog or puppy for \$25. Annie is a black-mouth cur dog and is about 3 years old. She is spayed and ready to go to her forever home, with a super sweet personality and would be a delightful addition to any home. With an approved adoption application, you can take Annie home with the following additions covered: Spayed, Rabies (4 months old), DHPPC, Heartworm Test, Fecal Test, Heartworm Prevention, Deworming, Flea/Tick Prevention and a Microchip. Anyone interested in Annie or any of our 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 our Web site at [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org) for more information.

with a win.

Defensive Delencio Watson made a crucial interception, which he returned for a long touchdown midway through the second quarter. However, a penalty during the return nullified the score.

Watson did, however, flip the field for the South, which led to David Antunez scoring a field goal to put the South on top 3-0.

Antunez added two extra points for a total of 5 points on the night and Watson and Noel Gutierrez contributed in a strong defensive effort that kept the Central team's offense off of the score board until the fourth quarter.

The South team forced 7 turnovers, including 5 crucial redzone turnovers. The South offense finally got into gear with 3 minutes left in the game after the Central team took its first lead of the game 13-10.

The South scored with a quarterback sneak to take the lead 17-13 and Linebacker Robert Kubond (2 interceptions and 1 touchdown) from Port Charlotte sealed the game and his MVP award with his second interception.

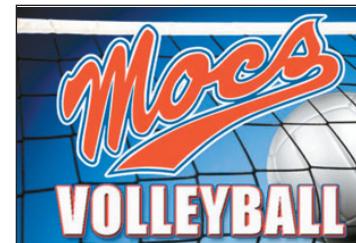
LaBelle Coaches Jordan Odaffer and Kenneth Strong worked with the South Team's defense.

Please don't forget to support David Antunez and Delencio Watson in the Palm Beach County vs Treasure Coast All Star Game on January 14 at Leonard High School in Green acres. GO COWBOYS!

## Volleyball standout Marotti signs with FSC

The Florida Southern College Moccasins have signed LaBelle High School standout Kendall Marotti during the NCAA's early signing period. She'll join the Moccasins for the 2012 season and follows the path of both parents, who are Florida Southern graduates.

Her father, Lew, played baseball at FSC from 1985-87 and her mother, Haili (Wurtz), played volleyball at FSC from 1983-85.



Marotti, a 5-10 setter, has been team captain at La-

Belle for three seasons and led her team to the regional semifinals this season. She set LaBelle's single-season records for aces (81), digs (294) and assists (708) this year and finished her career as the school's career record holder for aces (234) and assists (2253).

She was named the District 18 4A Player of the Year and earned all-state recognition from the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. She ranks in the top five percent of her class academically. She also has played three seasons for the Ft. Myers Fusion Junior Olympic Club Team.

"We are thrilled to add Kendall to our team for next year," said Moccasin head coach Jill Stephens.

"She is a wonderful athlete with a great competitive spirit and comes from a family that knows the true meaning of being a Florida Southern Moccasin."

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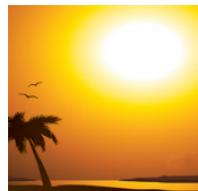
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## LES November Students of the Month



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Front 1: Brianna Escobedo, Elias Juarez, Yesenia Medina; Row 2: Jorge Velasco, Jorge Menjibar, Juan Briceno, Jimmy Perez, Maricela Dominguez; Row 3: Maria Reyes, Miguel Chairez, Areli Raya, Trace Burchard, Alexia Figueroa, Leyton Spencer.



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Front row: Yesenia Perez, Madison Murrah, Daniel Rosado, Jasmy Rayo, Alma Herrera; Row 2: Abigail Mondragon, Brandon Schaeffer, Alexander Hernandez-Marquez, Evan Martin, Yurit Santos, Sandra Ramos; Row 3: Caren Gonzalez, Damaris Gomez, Gavin Howard, Fortino Hernandez, Dawson Jedrykowski, Aldrin Villar-Aviles.

## COES has successful food drive

Country Oaks Elementary School Scholars' Club collected over 530 cans of food during its annual Thanksgiving Can Drive. Classes competed against each other to win the honor (and cupcakes), for the most food collected.

Mrs. Stitt's class came in first place with 131 cans of food collected, Mrs. Chapman's took second place with 70 cans and in third place was Mrs. Podkowka's class with 51 cans collected. Cans were also collected at COE's Turkey Bingo night. For every can donated, students received a raffle ticket to win a turkey. All donations were given to LaBelle's Salvation Army.

Thank you to all who donated cans to help feed LaBelle and thank you to the 5th grade Scholars' Club students for your hard work.

## Community Brief

### 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. Call (863)675-0997 to book your spot and get complete details.



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Fri., December 30 at 3 pm for the 01/05/12 issue

Thank you again,  
Patty, Barbara and Dale



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## New Bethel princess

The community gathered at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church recently and crowned a new princess. Pictured from top row from left: Queen Raenisha Johnson, Pastor Alonzo C. McKenzie, Evelyn Baxter, Dorothy Johnson. Front row: Contestant for princess Ciara Williams, and the winner, Princess Tra'maria Johnson.



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Florida Bids, 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
2278	2007	1214334-010000U0120	James Sykes

Lot 15, Block U, Harlen Addition No. 3, 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.

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 January, 2012, which is the 12th day of January, 2012.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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2278	2007	1214334-010000U0120	James Sykes

Lot 15, Block U, Harlen Addition No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding, 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
3542	2008	4104329-0202080140	Judy G. Hunnel

Lot 14, Block 2080, 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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Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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

404369 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding, 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
3617	2008	4104329-03020980170	Robert Goldberg

Lot 17, Block 2098, 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.

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

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Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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

404386 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice****REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR**

**CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
FM# 428104-1

**RFQ. No: 2012-08**

**OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance, testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickopoe Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

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

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
405351 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/5/2012

404379 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice****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
1407	2007	1224432-01000700040	Zo Do LLC & Janet Ames Scharf

Lot 4, Block 70, 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 30th day of November, 2011.

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

404349 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, 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
1410	2007	1224432-01000700130	Zo DO LLC & Janet Ames Scharf

Lot 13, Block 70, 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.  
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Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404367 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding, 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
3692	2008	4104329-03021190160	Edasmet C. Chang & Said Eltanawy

Lot 16, Block 2119, 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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Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404354 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1634	2008	1224432-01000030080	Azteca Montura Inc

Lot 8, Block 3, 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.  
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Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida

404340 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, 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
2539	2008	1314433-A0001780000	Georgina Garcia

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5768, 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.

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

404384 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3548	2008	1314433-A0002260000	Everlinda Toledo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5826, 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.

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Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404342 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**Public Notice****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
157	2007	1064428-A0000930000	John C. Shelly Swearingen

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5826, 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 January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404336 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding, 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
3637	2008	4104329-03021040060	Maribel Lombo, Ramon Leyva Bahar & Carlos A. Nieves Lombo

Lot 6, Block 2104, 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.

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

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Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404345 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1544	2008	1154432-A0000370000	Carlos R. Morales

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3274, 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.

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

404368 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2584	2008	1314433-A0003940000	Pagan Juan H. Matias

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5982, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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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
1897	2008	1254432-A0000230000	Lindale Joseph & Linda Joseph

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5152, 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.

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Dated this **30th day of November, 2011**.

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

404378 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**Public Notice****Public Notice****REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS****Bookkeeping/  
Accounting Services**

The Barron Water Control District will receive sealed proposals until Monday, January 2, 2012, to perform Bookkeeping/Accounting Services. The District Office is located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, LaBelle, Florida. The proposal may be sent by mail, fax or electronic mail. You may call the office at 863-675-0346 for transmittal information and specifications.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informality or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.

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Lester B. Baird, Sr.  
General Manager

**Public Notice****NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until January 18, 2012 for Bid #12-0002, Legal Services Board Attorney. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674-4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board  
Matthew A. Beatty, Chairman  
403968 CB/CN 12/1,8,15/2011

**Public Notice****DIRT SALE BID**

The Barron Water Control District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of about 280,000 cubic yards of dirt along several canals. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 AM, January 5, 2012, at the District office, 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, FL.

To inquire and receive detailed bidding specifications and instructions, call 863-673-0346 or email [RWCD12@embarqmail.com](mailto:RWCD12@embarqmail.com) or visit the office.

The owner reserves the right to hold all proposals for sixty (60) days and to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and irregularities or to accept the bid in its judgment best serves the owner.

Lester B. Baird, Sr.,  
General Manager  
Barron Water Control District  
404137 CGS/CB 12/8,15/2011

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, 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	NAMES IN WHICH ASSESSED
2605	2007	216432-A000090100	Brian K. Quinn

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence South 00 degrees 50' 32" East 2445.71 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37' 06" West 719.28 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51' 26" East 121.83 feet; thence South 43 degrees 02' 43" East 269.13 feet; thence N 89 degrees 37' 06" East 252.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 53' 35" West 633.22 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. EXCLUDING the Northerly 175.87 feet of the Easterly 175.87 feet and EXCLUDING the following: Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence South 03 degrees 31' 11" East 2624.37 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence South 86 degrees 51' 28" West 667.33 feet; thence South 45 degrees 48' 22" East 617.84 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51' 28" East 252.28 feet to the East line of Section 16; thence North 03 degrees 36' 11" West along the East line 454.34 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 January, 2012**, which is the 12th day of January, 2012.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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

404382 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**HENDRY COUNTY**  
**SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE**  
**SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY,**  
**FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND**  
**FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29**

**BID No. 2012-04**

**Opening Date and Time: January 19, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.**

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. 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. Hickopoe Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on January 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Atkins, 1514 Broadway, Suite 203, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 239-334-7275.

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 submittals 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.

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Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
405352 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/1/2012

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE: AUCTION** on  
Friday, December 16, 2011  
at 9:00 am at  
1225 NW Avenue L,  
Belle Glade, Florida.

• **Property of Jessica Williams -**  
Stereo, fish aquarium, water  
collar, misc. boxes & bags.  
404926 SUN 12/15/2011

**Public Notice****NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend. 404895 CN 12/15/2011

**Public Notice****PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/30/2011, 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.

1999 CHEVROLET  
1GNEC13R4XR101374  
405140 CN 12/15/2011

**Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.  
262008CA000430XXXXXX

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS  
TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST  
SERIES 2007-HE1,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
JOSE E. CERVANTES;  
ANTONIA PEQUENO, 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 October 6, 2008 and an Order Resetting Sale dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 262008CA000430XXXXXX 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 2007-HE1 is Plaintiff and Jose E. Cervantes, Antonia Pequeno, UNKNOWN ENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Second Floor in front of the Main Clerk's Office at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickopoe Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935 in Hendry County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

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 Marin, 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 December 2, 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  
404564 CN 12/8,15/2011

**Public Notice**

THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE  
NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER  
OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF  
BLOCK 39, LABELLE, AS RE-  
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1,  
PAGE 47, PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING  
AND BEING IN HENDRY  
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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**Community Briefs****Farmers Market**

The City of LaBelle and LaBelle Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to the next Farmers Market Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7 a.m. till noon at Barron Park, Fresh veggies, jellies and jams, Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers and quilts. All items will be handmade crafts or canned goods locally made and all produce will be from the LaBelle/Immokalee area. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 675-0125.

**Daniels School photos needed**

The Ford/Sunset Park community is looking for old photos of the Daniels School from the '50s or '60s. If anyone has any of these photos they'd like to share, please call Dorothy Johnson at 863-675-6131.

**Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast**

Boy Scout Troop 9 will hold a pancake

**Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN  
AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 09001283CA

BANKUNITED  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
JORGE H. PEDROZA; MARIA DEL PILAR LACOUTURE; 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 November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09001283 CA of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BANKUNITED is Plaintiff and Jorge H. Pedroza; Maria Del Pilal Lacouture; Unknown Person #1 in possession of the subject property; Unknown Person #2 in possession of the subject property, 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. COURT-HOUSE, AT 25 EAST HICKOPEE, LABELLE, IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m. on the 4th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH-

WEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH-  
WEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE  
SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SEC-  
TION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH,  
RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY  
COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A LOT  
NO. 2805, MONTURA RANCH ES-  
TATES.

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 within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: /S/ 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 the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickopoe, Labelle, FL 33935, Phone: (941) 335-2299 between 2 working days of your receipt of this notice of pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-0558771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 300 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 404334 CN 12/15,22/2011

**Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 26-2010-CA-000975

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GILBERT ERIC TAYLOR, et al,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 26-2010-CA-000975, of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and GILBERT ERIC TAYLOR; SELENA TAYLOR, 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 28th day of Dec, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 61, TANGLEWOOD OAKS,  
UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE  
PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN  
PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 176, PUB-  
LIC RECORDS OF HENDRY  
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN  
MOBILE HOME LOCATED  
THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND  
APPURTEMENT THERETO;  
2001 VIN#N81055A & N81005B.

A/K/A  
4088 BLUE CYPRESS COURT  
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.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the 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) 325-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

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breakfast fundraiser to help with the scouting program and to raise money for Summer Camp. The pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8-10:30 a.m. at Vicky's Lunchbox, 15 Broward Ave. in LaBelle. You may call Vicky's Lunchbox at 863-675-1729 or Scott at 863-673-0559 for more information. Come out and support your local youth organization.

**Cowboy closet open**

The Cowboy Closet, LaBelle High School's thrift store will be open on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Need clothes? Box of items, \$10, up to 20 items. Electronics, movies and more. Come check us out. We're located on the LaBelle High School campus, enter at the mostly last exit to the left.

**CFRW to host open house**

The Caloosa Federated Republican Women is hosting an open house at Don's Steak House in the Lounge today Thursday, Dec. 15, 5-6:30 p.m. Candidates for Sheriff are invited to attend and introduce themselves. Cash Bar, Hors d'ouvers provided by CFRW. Please respond to Shirley 675-2915 or e-mail [skdooley@embarqmail.com](mailto:skdooley@embarqmail.com).

**Humane society yard sale**

The Caloosa Humane Society will hold a yard sale Saturday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 N. Bridge St. All proceeds benefit the animals at the shelter.

**Gardeners to meet**

The LaBelle Garden Club will meet Monday, Dec. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Margaret England's home at 380 Riverview Dr. 863-674-0695. (Turn south on to Hardee Street at Log Cabin Restaurant, at end of Hardee turn right on Fraser. Go 1 block to Riverview Dr. - 380 Riverview is the house on left at corner of Riverview Dr. and Fraser.) Bring leftovers from Christmas, or a dish to share. There will be a time for questions and answers along with fun and fellowship. Bring a friend and join in a fun-filled evening. Bring a plant if you have one to exchange - if not come anyway, you'll come away with one or more plants. For more information, call President Terri at 863-675-2392 or Treasurer Irene Doubt at 863-675-0374.

**Widows to meet**

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at the Log Cabin Barbecue Dec. 15 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

**Legion Auxiliary to meet**

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, Dec. 15, 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. Together we can make a difference. For more information call President Phyllis at: 863-674-1553 or Membership Chair, Sharon at 863-675-2980.



## Community Briefs

### December events in Muse

Dec. 17: Bingo 6 p.m. (third Saturday monthly). Refreshments will be sold.

There will be no regular meeting for December.

All events are open to the public and held at the Muse Community Center on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720) For further information call 863-674-0467.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

### VFW news

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

Charcoal grilled hamburgers every Saturday 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$3. Serving stops promptly at 1:30 so come early.

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.

### Please spay or neuter pets!

Caloosa Humane Society has a low-cost spay/neuter clinic Dec. 16, 23 and 30. Call for an appointment. Walk-in low-cost vaccination clinic on these same dates from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More information at 863.675.0997, www.calosahumanesociety.org.

### Car club to meet

The South Central Florida car Club will hold its monthly Hot Rides and Hot Dogs in the Park on Dec. 20 from 5-8 p.m. We will be collecting canned goods and toys for local children and families. All area car enthusiasts are welcome to come and enjoy the cars, share in an evening of good fun.

The club will be serving fresh grilled hot dogs with all the fixings, drinks and more. Maybe even win a door prize! So come on out and enjoy the lights in the park. More info please call 863-234-8343 or 863-634-1791. See ya there.

### Quit smoking now

If you're ready to quit, help is available. Quit Smoking Now with free Nicotine Replacement Therapy including gum, patches and lozenges for those that are eligible. Registration is required.

Come to the Hendry Regional Medical Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle. There will be six classes beginning Wednesday, January 11. Sessions are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

To register or for more information contact: Angelica Peña, QSN Facilitator, at 863-902-3019. Sponsored by Everglades Area Health Education Center www.eahectobacco.com.

### Humane society plans annual meeting

The Caloosa Humane Society will hold its annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. at the shelter.

### Turkey shoot

Come to the Turkey Shoot at Pioneer Volunteer Fire Dept. 2499 Hendry Isles Blvd. Dec. 16 and 17, starting at 7 p.m.

### Pets for Christmas

Caloosa Humane Society is offering Dog Gone Good Christmas Specials. Santa Paws is offering Home for the "Howl"idays, adopt a dog or puppy for \$25. He is feeling jolly and also offering 12 Days of "Cat"mas, adopt a cat or kitten for \$12.

An approved adoption application is required. These special offers are good from December 12-24. Come meet your new fur-

ry friend and get plenty of kisses under the mistletoe in time for a very Merry Christmas! Stop by 1200 Pratt Blvd, call 863-675-0997, or go to www.calosahumanesociety.org to check out our lovely pets!

### SAO closing

The State Attorney's Office will be closing at noon Thursday, Dec. 22, in observance of the Christmas holiday. It will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

### Hatha Yoga Classes

The residents of Maple Corner have Hatha Yoga classes in their club house Wednesdays

at 3:30 p.m. Classes last about one hour and 15 minutes to one hour and 30 minutes each week.

A certified yoga instructor conducts the class at every level in the same class. There is a small fee payable monthly. Contact Sharyn Schlitter at 863-675-6081.

### Soles 4 Souls at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary's "Soles 4 Souls" collects gently worn shoes and monies to provide shoes to those in need. Please tie, buckle or rubber band pairs together securely. Please place shoes in a box provided at the American Legion.

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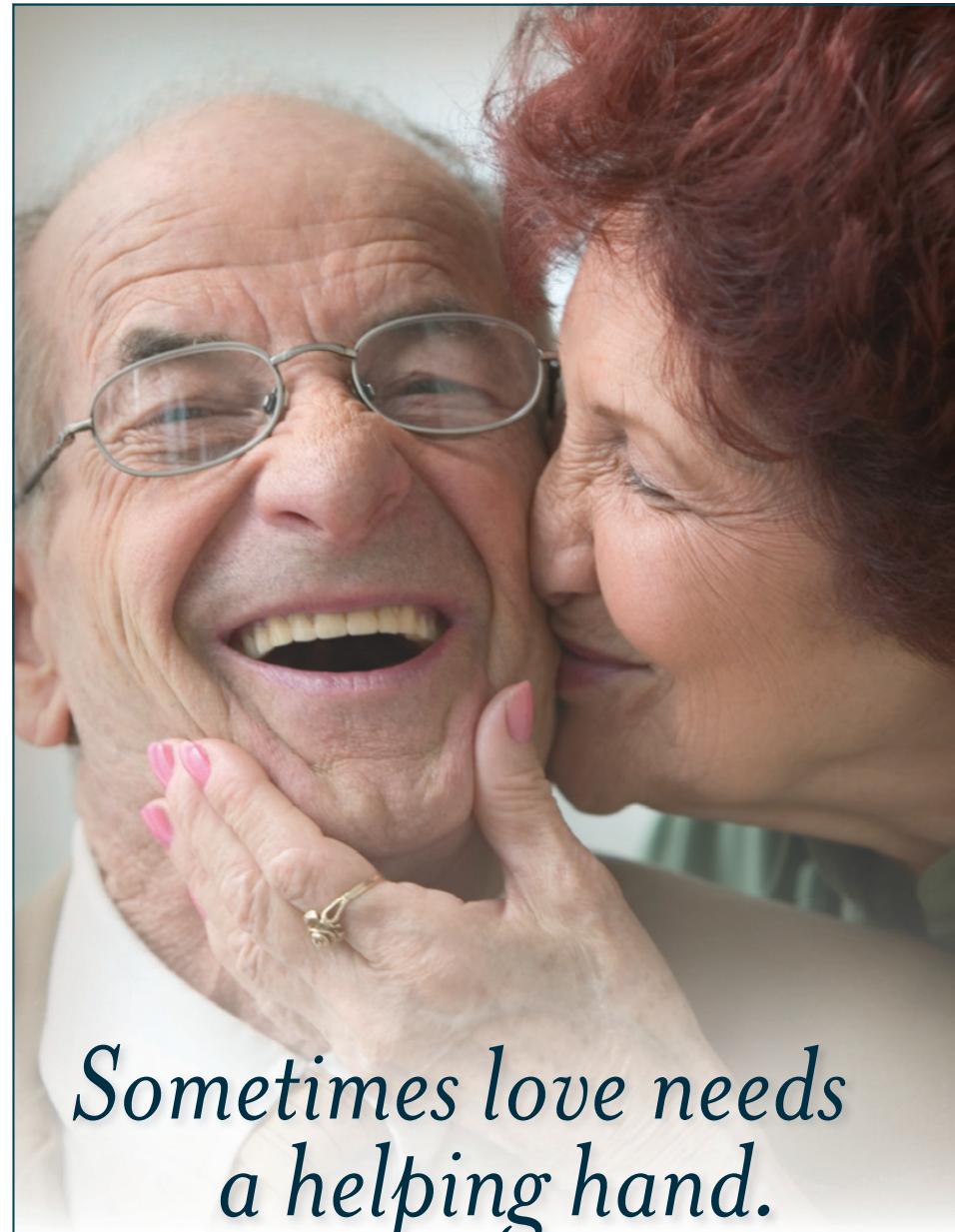
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Younger students Row 1: Graciela Orellana, Kezzia Valdovinos, Madeline Mayo, Jonathan Coronado, Daniella Jaume, David Sanchez-Morelos Row 2: Jeamscy Salgado, Banicel Leon, Ricardo Moreno, Ian Solis, Kaleese McLymont-Davis, Karan Perez, Brenda Saucedo Row 3: Damien DeLeon, Felix Flores, Juan Diaz, Haley Boone, Emmanuel Luna, Brianna Raya, Ashlyn Earnest, Haylee O' Bannon.



Submitted photos/Nancy Cantu

ROW 1: Tori Soliz, Jenna McClain, Stephanie Alvarado, Luis Andrade, Cruz Carreno, Emily Martinez, Madison Pequeno, Rubyen McKay ROW 2: Giovanna Portales, Jonatan Espinoza, Anthony Davis, Luis Garcia, Sonia Guzman, Esmeralda Hernandez ROW 3: David Mar, Chelsea Trejo, Allyson Wilkes, Sara Cordova, Tylor Gallegos, Alexander Ruiz.  
Not Pictured: Madison Carter, Damon Delacruz, Matthew Robertson.



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