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Old Year, New Beginnings

2011 brought changes to LaBelle as well as continuing problems. Farmers struggled with frozen crops early last year. U-Save Supermarket, born the same year as Hendry County - 1923 - was no more. LaBelle's best known and loved eatery, Flora & Ella's, closed its doors and young John Marotti began serving his country with an appointment to West Point. Read the Year in Review beginning on Page 10.



County, school board okay districting plan

by Patty Brant
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Redistricting was accomplished after both the county commissioners and school board members met Dec. 13 and approved a slightly revamped district map. The boards had a choice of two slightly different maps.

The boards also renumbered the school board districts to be in line with the county's.

Supervisor of Elections Lucretia Strickland will send out new Voter Identification Cards to all registered Hendry County voters.

The new districts will not be in effect for the January 31 Presidential Preference ballot, but will be ready for August.

East Hendry Recreation

The commissioners have drastically revamped East Hendry Recreation Department's finances after serious problems came to light. One employee was transferred from the East Rec to road and bridge, taking the district from two full-time employees to one. Facility hours have been cut including the gym from six days to three per week; the pool has been closed. There will be no summer camp in Clewiston unless volunteers step up to take it over.

Also, commissioners created an advisory board which will include one member of the West Hendry Rec. By April, the county wants some

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Harris-White runs for Supervisor of Elections



Kim Harris-White

Kim Harris-White is a life-long resident of Hendry County residing in Felda and currently employed by First Bank, in LaBelle, as the Deposit Operations Supervisor. She is a Democratic candidate for Hendry County Supervisor of Elections.

She credits 23 years as a business professional in the banking and finance industry.

During that time, she has had a successful career working for small community banks to larger corporate banks.

Harris-White's career started as a teller and she has worked her way up to Branch Manager, AVP. She fo-

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Landscape ordinance continued

by Patty Brant

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At its December meeting, the LaBelle City Commission took up the new landscape ordinance once again. The ordinance has proven to be difficult to tie down. The commissioners determined

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three continuing issues:

The tree board was set at four members, including one board member;

Applicants can get an administrative permit necessary to obtain property insurance;

Oak removal can be done without a permit if a state of emergency has been declared.

The ordinance only covers "significant" oaks.

The city commission still struggles with landscaping updates tied to building modifications.

City Planner Shellie Johnson said internal changes in a commercial building requiring a building permit can trigger the

landscaping update unless such upgrades interfere with the number of required parking spaces for that business.

The sticking point is just when the updates would kick in and at what level.

One idea is to tie the amount of cost for renovations to a set percentage. Another would possibly treat large and small parcels differently.

A major interior renovation or change of use would trigger the new landscaping.

Both the landscaping code and an amendment were tabled till the January 12 meeting.

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Harris-White

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cuses on a team approach to management, being responsive to the needs of upper management and the basic value of working hard has helped get her where she is today.

"Based on my values, skills and abilities I can meet the needs of all the residents of Hendry County, just as I have done being your community banker for many years," Harris-White said.

Her commitment with this community started in the early '90s when she was a member of the LaBelle Jaycees.

Harris-White is a current member of American Business Women's Association for 12 years and currently serves on the City of LaBelle Airport Advisory Board for the last three years. In 1999 she served as Co-Chair for the Hendry-Glades United Way Campaign, which was the first campaign for this area. She is a 2010 graduate of the Hendry/Glades Leadership program.

Harris-White also enjoys working with kids and uses her time coaching the LaBelle Junior Pro Girls basketball team and serves on the board for the Swamp Cabbage Queen/Princess Pageant.

Harris-White graduated from LaBelle High School in 1987 and earned her A.S. degree in Business Administration & Management in 1998 from Edison State College. Knowing that education is a vital part of her career success, she continues her goal working on an undergraduate business degree through the University of Florida.

Kim has been married to Scott White for 18 years. He is employed by Southern Gardens Citrus.

Her daughter, Brooke White, is in the 7th grade at LaBelle Middle School.

"I enjoy living and working in Hendry County and I only have its best interest at heart," Harris-White said.

She is a member of Felda Baptist Church and enjoys attending First Baptist Church, in LaBelle.

"As a candidate for Supervisor of Elections my focus is risk management, educating the public and protecting the integrity of that office," Harris-White said.

"I look forward to meeting the residents of Hendry County as my campaign advances," Harris-White said.

If you would like to contact Kim you can e-mail her at hendryvotes4kim@gmail.com or 863.257.0070.

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solid recommendations from the new advisory board on how to restructure the East Rec District into a more viable entity.

The county did agree to continue the \$50,000 funding for the district.

West Hendry Recreation Department

The board paved the way for use of the uniform method of assessment in order for the City of LaBelle to eventually add an additional tax on business in the West Rec District, including unincorporated areas of the county inside the district, to help pay for completion of the 55-acre sports park on Forrey Ave.

The county's Dec. 13 action allows the city to take the next step in increasing the assessment. The process will have to be complete by next summer in order for the assessment to be on next year's TRIM notice.

Commissioner Karson Turner said he does not favor doing anything that will increase the cost of doing business in Hendry County.

The vote passed 4-0 and the question of actually putting the assessment in place will be taken up by the City of LaBelle later. The city continues to study the development of the new Sports Park, including the possibility of a golf course.

Miller Tractor

The board heard arguments from Matt Miller of Matt Miller Tractors, located at 7261 SR 80W, who was seeking a waiver for costs of a Planned Unit Development application and Site Improvement Plan to allow his recycling (horticultural composting) operations, "high intensity commercial" uses and one existing caretaker building. Staff had recommended denial of the requests.

Hendry County Associate Planner Sarah Catala told the commissioners there had been "no good faith application" for a spe-

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The benefits of increasing the number of trees in the city include noise reduction and water quality as well as attracting business. The city hopes to add the benefits of more trees while remaining business friendly.

Special Exception

A special exception request from Mary Medina for A for Angels ChildCare at 375 N. Main St. was granted. In the downtown district, the building is in the B1 professional zoning.

The daycare will employ six people at capacity. A parking area will be fenced and safety cones will temporarily designate a path to the play area.

Ms. Medina requested the city waive the application fees, since fire codes prevented her from settling in a very suitable building last August after paying the appropriate

cial exception, that previously fees had been waived for Mr. Miller and that the process has been plagued with continuous delays. She said in 2009 Mr. Miller knew he needed to seek a rezoning to comply with county ordinances.

Mr. Miller said he did not own the property in 2009, but was one of several investors. He said at that time the business had signs on the fence and a display structure that he said did not require permits. The recycling issue has only come up in the past several months. He also said the county has apparently lost some records of a meeting detailing certain facts of the situation.

Mr. Miller told the board that he only composts materials from his own properties and uses the material for his own organic farming operations. It is an integral part of the business, he explained.

He added that meeting all the county's demands would effectively force him to close.

Ms. Catala recommended he apply for a PUD rezoning for all his uses including farm equipment sales, shed sales and his recycling.

In the end the board refused to waive the application fee for the PUD and approved an extension on the recycling operation. Mr. Miller must submit a Planned Unit Development application by the first week in January for completion of process by March 27

In other business:

The board amended its ordinance and will now allow alcohol to be served at specific county-owned parks and facilities. The amendment passed 3-1.

Impact fees were suspended for all of 2012, but could be reinstated at 50 percent in 2013.

The board reappointed three LPA members for the next two years: Thomas Corbitt, Orvell Howard and Scott Cooper.

Commissioners learned that Gulf Coast Citrus Association would be moving to Lee County. It's lease would not be renewed and the group could not find suitable office space in Hendry County.

The board also approved a resolution to allow a special assessment for the Banyon Village potable water system. The assess-

ment can now be placed on the TRIM notice next year.

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The commissioners approved several agreements to borrow money to purchase important software.

A \$200,000 loan for the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System is to enhance the work of the Property Appraiser's Office. Funding for this loan will come from the one cent sales tax.

The board approved a \$260,000 loan to purchase the mandated 800 MHz radio system for the sheriff's office. Funding is from the \$12.50 Fund, East Fire MSBU, West Fire MSBU and the one cent sales tax.

Celebrate MLK Day

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the annual Martin Luther King Day march. Please come out and let us give thanks and celebrate the life of someone who truly deserves it.

The march will be on January 16, beginning promptly at 10 a.m. at the corner of Cowboy Way and MLK Blvd. We will march the length of MLK to Miller Ave. and end at the Alton "Kid" Jones Park. We will have refreshments in the park and a program in honor of Dr. King. There will be special performances by various artists and groups.

Public Testing of Tabulation Equipment

The Hendry County Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 for the testing of the Tabulation Equipment to be used in the Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on January 31, 2012.

El público que Prueba del Equipo de Tabulación

El Condado de Hendry Junta de Escrutinio en el Supervisor de la Oficina de Elecciones, 25 E. Hickpochee Avda., LaBelle, a las 2:00 de la tarde el Jueves, 12 de Enero de 2012 para el Probar del Equipo de Tabulación para ser utilizado en la Eleccion de Preferencia Presidencial Primaria el 31 de Enero de 2012.

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida
January 5, 2012
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fees.

Steve Maldonado, who rents space in the Main Street building, had some concerns about access. Jeff Lazar of the LaBelle Heritage Museum was concerned that traffic at the daycare may interfere with the museum.

City Planner Shellie Johnson said the daycare has the required seven parking spaces, a circle drive and an enclosed play area adjacent to the building.

Cars will be able to maneuver to drop off and pick up children.

The facility will be licensed for up to 40 children.

Conditions for approval included a minimum 4-foot high fence for the play area, pathway for kids to the play area; no parking in the right-of-way; ensuring a clear drive area for other tenants.

Signage will have to be permitted.

Hendry County Tobacco Prevention Programs and Tobacco Free Florida help you stick to resolution

If resolutions were as easy to keep as they are to make, there would be much fewer cigarette smokers in Hendry County.

Seven out of ten adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Last year, about half of them made an attempt to quit. Yet, few (6.2 percent) were successful.

As 2012 approaches, Hendry Tobacco Prevention Programs and Tobacco Free Flor-

ida is encouraging smokers to use the program's free and convenient quit resources to start the year smoke-free and increase their chances of staying smoke-free for good..

Evidence-based cessation counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies (NRTS) provided by the program can double to triple your chances of successfully quitting.

Nicotine is one of the most addictive chemicals. The current design and contents of cigarettes make them more attractive and addictive than ever before.

Today, cigarettes deliver nicotine more quickly from the lungs to the heart and brain. Poor preparation and a quit plan that's not entirely right for you can make quitting even harder.

While quitting is difficult, it is not impossible. In fact, there are more former smokers in Florida than current smokers.

If you weren't able to quit in years past, do not be discouraged. Most former smokers made several attempts before finally quitting permanently.

The average smoker attempts to quit between eight and 11 times before ultimately succeeding.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S. Cigarette use results in an estimated 28,600 deaths in Florida each year.[i] Despite the known dangers of smoking, more than 2.5 million Floridians, or 17.1 percent of the adult population, are current cigarette smokers.

are opening nearby; registration is required to join. Hendry Regional Medical Center, Clewiston, Wednesdays-six sessions January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 all classes start at 5:30 p.m. Hendry Convenient Care Center, LaBelle, Wednesdays-six sessions, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 all classes start at 6:30 p.m. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy for those eligible. For more information or the register contact Angelica Pena at 863-902-3019.

"Every year, many Floridians try to go it alone as they resolve to quit smoking," said Kim Berfield, Deputy Secretary for the Florida Department of Health.

"While quitting cold turkey may work for some, every day there is mounting evidence that counseling and medication have been proven effective and can greatly increase your chances of not just quitting, but staying tobacco free for good."

Smokers and smokeless tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW to speak with a quit coach.

To learn about TFF and the state's free quit smoking resources, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida> or Twitter at twitter.com/tobaccofreefla.

SCF 2012: Nominate SCF Grand Marshal, Pioneer Family

The 2012 Swamp Cabbage Festival Committee is accepting nominations for this year's Grand Marshal and Pioneer Family.

The Grand Marshal is always someone who has been a special supporter of LaBelle and its residents, someone who may or may not work behind the scenes but always works selflessly for the community.

The Pioneer Family should have deep roots in the LaBelle area with family mem-

bers remaining here to help build a thriving community.

The next SCF meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. All are welcome. Only designated community and business representatives have voting rights. Beginning in January SCF will meet every Monday evening till the festival, Feb. 25-26.

Vendors should call 863-675-2995 for information.

22 year old arrested in death of Clewiston child

Hendry county Investigators arrested 22 year old, Jerrell Johnson, on charges of Negligent Homicide.

Hendry County Deputies received a call on Christmas Day, December 25, at approximately 8:30 a.m. requesting assistance for a two year old child who was not breathing.

After CPR efforts were made by parties on scene and emergency personnel, the child was transported to Hendry Regional Hospital where she was later pronounced dead.

Investigators with the Hendry County

Sheriff's Office conducted interviews with neighbors, family members and friends of the family.

On December 29, Investigators spoke with 22 year old Jerrell Johnson, who was caring for the children during their mother's absence.

During the course of a follow-up interview Johnson revealed to investigators additional information which lead to his arrest.

Jerrell Johnson in currently being held in the Hendry County Jail on \$200,000.00 bond.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Arturo Garza, Jr., 25, was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with three counts of selling marijuana schedule 1 and two counts of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Humberto Rodriguez, 55, was arrested Dec. 31 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, possession of burglary tools with intent to use and loitering and prowling. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Vincent Anthony Carreno, 19, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with criminal mis-

chief under \$200, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, grand theft \$300-\$5,000 and resisting an officer without violence. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

Gregory Phillip Rodriguez, 21, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with criminal mischief under \$200, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed and grand theft \$300-\$5,000. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

Luis Angel Fundora, 19 was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with criminal mischief under \$200, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed and grand theft \$300-\$5,000. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

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Career Corner

New Year's Resolutions

by Matt Kindermann

Welcome to 2012! If you have been watching any of the 24 hour news networks you have heard much discussion on New Year's Resolutions.

One suggestion when making any goal is to make it realistic.

Setting small mile markers and working toward each individually is widely accepted as a success technique for goal accomplishment and is one that we use with the workforce.

If your resolutions this year are lacking, I have put together a short list of goals for your consideration and outlined a sample course to completion.



Matt Kindermann

New Roman.

As a good test of resume worthiness, give your resume to a friend and ask them what kind of job you are applying for. A resume should be written to obviously reflect what kind of job it is being used to acquire.

3) Volunteer somewhere.

Here in LaBelle there are plenty of volunteer opportunities. If you are a veteran, or a family member of a veteran, consider visiting American Legion Post 130 or the VFW Post 10100 to sign up as a member.

To volunteer with animals at the Caloosa Humane Society, fill out a volunteer application at www.caloosahumanesociety.org. To volunteer with humans, make an appointment with the Salvation Army for volunteer orientation at 239-278-1551.

To volunteer with the Sheriff's Office, call 863-674-5600.

There are almost endless volunteer possibilities which add character and work experience to any resume.

Making a few new friends to use as references can't hurt either!

To discuss any of these New Year's Resolutions, or to get more ideas, call an Employment Representative nearest you by going to www.swflworks.org and click on "Locations."

Thank You

Never to be forgotten

On Saturday, Dec. 10, my family was blessed by Our Angels from Hendry County EMS and Paramedics staff.

Will took it upon himself to help our family that had been homeless for months and had no household furnishings. He gathered donations from co-workers and friends to furnish our new home.

We want to thank all of you that helped our family and made Christmas passable for three-year-old Bradley.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Davis Family

Letter to the Editor

"ROCKING"----AWAY 2011

I have been searching for a way to properly express the phenomena of 2011 without totally compromising the sanctity of old age. Lo and behold, I found the answer in a poem offering, in my opinion, a peek over the transom of 2011, into the speculative pretense being offered potentially in 2012.

Although the author is unknown, I'm guessing they have to be either in "Rock-Away themselves or have family in an equivalent facility.

'Twas the night before Christmas at Rock-Away Rest, and all of us seniors were looking our best. our glasses, how sparkly, our wrinkles how merry. Our punchbowl held prune juice plus three drops of sherry.

A bed sock was taped to each walker, in hope, that Santa would bring us soft candy & soap. We surely were lucky to be there with friends, secure in this residence, decked out in our depends.

Our grand kids had sent us some christmas crafts, like angels in snowsuits and penguins on rafts. The dental assistant had borrowed our teeth, and from them she'd created a wreath.

The bed pans, so shiny, all stood in a row, reflecting our candles magnificent glow. Our supper so festive, the joy wouldn't stop--was creamy warm oatmeal with sprinkles on top.

Our salad was Jell-O, so jiggy and great, as puree of fruitcake was spooned on our plate. The soccer director then had us play

games, like-where are you living?, & what are your names?

Old Grandfather Looper was feeling his oats, proclaiming that reindeer were nothing but goats. Our resident wanderer was tied to her chair, in hopes that at bedtime she still would be there.

Security lights on the new fallen snow, made outdoors seem noon to all those below. Then out on the porch there arose such a clatter, but we're all so deaf, it didn't matter.

A strange little fellow flew in the door, the tripped on the sill & fell flat on the floor. 'Twas just our director, all togged out in red, as he jogged & chuckled and patted each head.

We knew from the way that he strutted and jived, our Social Security checks had arrived.

We sang and we sang, in our monotone croak, until a clock tinkled out a soft 8 pm. stroke

And soon we were snuggled deep in our beds, while nurses distributed nocturnal meds. And so ends our Christmas at Rock-Away Rest.

And chances are, 'fore long you'll be with us, and we wish you nothing but the best!"

Wishing you ALL----a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!--and as my sainted Father said to me, Bill, the first 100 years are the toughest----after that it's all downhill!"

Bill Neville

Thank You

Thank You American Legion

Thank you to the American Legion for hosting and organizing the Christmas Dinner project. It was a record year with so much help from both Legion and community volunteers - 125+/- to produce and distribute over 600 hot home cooked, fresh traditional dinners.

A day of baking cakes, another for the preparation of the veggies, and early Christmas morning of baking turkeys, fixing pounds and pounds of potatoes, dressing and green beans.

The organization on Christmas day was phenomenal: salads and cakes placed in to

go boxes while the hot food is dished up. Fifteen routes assigned and drivers made their welcome deliveries.

A great big thank you to involved in every facet of the project - Great team work! This was a record number of volunteers and dinners delivered!

Nikki Yeager



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Theater rehearsing Arsenic and Old Lace for audiences

Begin your New Year at the Firehouse Community Theatre with everyone's favorite, Arsenic and Old Lace, by Joseph Kesselring, January 13-14 and 20-21 at 7 p.m. and January 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. "Arsenic and Old Lace is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York."

Arsenic and Old Lace, directed by long time Theatre member Julie Wilkins, is a combination of humor and bizarre situations that centers on two elderly sisters who are famous in their Brooklyn neighborhood for their numerous acts of charity. Unfortunately, their charity includes poisoning lonely old men who come to their home looking for lodging!

The two sisters are assisted in their crimes by their nephew who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt! The situation becomes more complex when a second nephew discovers the murders and a third nephew appears after having just escaped from a mental in-

stitution!

The cast includes: Barb Brandenburg McDowell as Abby Brewster, Janice Groves as Martha Brewster, Mike Shough as Mortimer Brewster, Henry Avery as Teddy Brewster, Deb Kik as Dr. Einstein, Sonja Steadman as Elaine Harper, Dennis Rock as Officer O'Hara, Sam Medina as Officer Brophy, Troy Avery as Officer Klein, Robert Wilk as Rev. Harper, Raoul Battaler as Lt. Rooney, Wayne Wilkins as Mr. Witherspoon and Travis Dowhen as Mr. Gibbs.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the window.

For advance ticket sales, please call our box office at (863) 675-3066 or email us at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in historic downtown LaBelle.

For more information about our theatre, please visit our Web site at www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.



Submitted photo/Tricia Boone

Pet of the Week

Please come over and visit with sweet David, he is a neutered Domestic Shorthair, and is a super sweet boy! David is about five years and would love to have a family to call his own. He does well with all the other cats in the community cat room and is just a fun loving boy! David also does well with dogs! We have many loving homeless pets in need of a forever home! With an approved adoption application and a \$50 adoption donation, you can take David home with the following additions covered: Neutered, Rabies (4 months of age), FVRCP vaccine, Heartworm/Feline Leukemia Test/FIV Test, Fecal Test, Deworming, Flea and Tick Prevention and a Microchip. Anyone interested in David 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.caloosahumane-society.org for more information. Thank you for your interest in our animals.

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City weighs pros and cons of new business categories

Tattoo parlor

Staff will look into changing the city code governing tattoo parlors. Resident Lucas Pratt said he wants to open a tattoo shop/art gallery where he could focus on selling his artwork as well as doing tattoos.

The board had some concerns about being able to control any undesirable expansion of the tattoo industry in LaBelle.

In other business:

Firehouse Community Theater President Susan Jordan paid the organization's rent for 2012 and thanked the commission for its support. She said this season 66 percent of seats are being sold per performance.

Mayor Paul Puletti asked that staff take yet another look at the sign ordinance. He pointed out unintended consequences leading to several of the city's nicer, newer businesses being cited for noncompliance while

quality of life issues are not being addressed in neighborhoods.

He said the city's doing a good job getting rid of some old signs but still needs to look at others.

FPL External Affairs Manager Charlotte Miller visited at the December 8 city commission meeting. She said FPL will install a smart grid for 4.5 million customers. At this time only 2.5 million use the new technology meters which are read remotely - a big boon for farms, seasonal and rural customers, she said. It also allows FPL to react more quickly to voltage fluctuations and can benefit customers who are not home when problems occur. Equipment can be diagnosed before it fails.

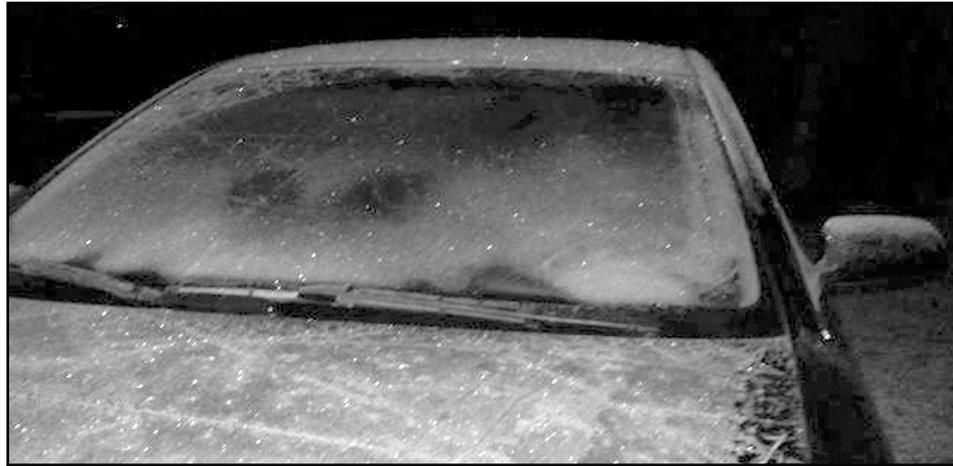
The board learned that FPL has an economic development department which can assist new companies with a special rate,

depending on the number of employees it has and the number of kilowatts it uses. FPL can also reduce the new company's wait time for assistance.

FPL also has large scale renewable energy projects in the works, including solar projects in DeSoto. If communities want more, state legislation will be necessary. She said in some cases companies coming to Florida are going elsewhere due to lack of solar power availability.

She said FPL is committed to diversifying power generation. At this point it is 60 percent natural gas, 22 percent nuclear and the company purchases a small amount of power elsewhere.

The board also learned that FPL's Homestead and St. Lucie nuclear plants are being upgraded now.



Submitted photo/Linda Anders

Can you say Brrrr?

Linda Anders snapped this photo at 6:00 Wednesday morning. There were reports of 24 degree temperatures at LaBelle High School at 7:15.

Church Briefs

Attention Gideons

Prayer breakfast every Saturday at Big V Restaurant, 7 a.m.

LaBelle Revival Center

Gospel plans sings

January 6 6:30 p.m. Winn Dixie parking lot sponsored by LaBelle Revival Center. Everyone welcome. Come out and be blessed.

January 10 Gospel sing at LaBelle Revival Center on SR 78W. If you like to sing, play an instrument or just listen come and join us. Look for the lighthouse; it will be looking for you.

Enjoy 'Spirited'

"Spirited" Sunday, Jan. 8. at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Carlson Memorial will be hosting a daily columnist/humorist, Jonathan Richard Cring and artist/musician Janet Clazzy, during their "2012 Six Words Tour" including comedic and inspirational essays from Mr. Cring's national daily column at www.jonathans.com, with original musical tunes played by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine.

Christian Men to meet

The January meeting of the LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men will be held at First Baptist Church, located at 330 North Main Street, at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16. Dinner will

be provided and Pastor Frank Deerey will bring the message. All men of LaBelle and surrounding areas are invited to join them for dinner and fellowship. For more information or directions call Randy Way at 863 885 1099.

Disciples' Diner

Coming soon! First Christian Church is opening the Disciples' Diner on January 6 and 7. The Diner will feature hot meals with a variety of choices. This is our opportunity to share blessings with those less fortunate in the community. Lunch will be served on both days from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will be opened every Friday and Saturday. There is no charge for the lunch and Christian fellowship. We are located on the corner of Lee and Ford Streets. For more information, please call 863-675-1366. Hope to see you here!

Worship service at Port LaBelle 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

Madrid graduates basic training

Army Pvt. Rigouerto Madrid has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map read-

ing, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Madrid is the son of Catarino Madrid of Lehigh Acres, and Jose Gonzalez of LaBelle.

He is a 2011 graduate of LaBelle High School.

Obituaries

Mildred K. Glaspy, 70

LABELLE — Mildred K. Glaspy, of LaBelle, passed away December 28, 2011, in Fort Myers.

She was born October 22, 1941, in Bristol, Tenn., the daughter of the late Millard and the late Grace (Bowers) Leonard.

She is survived by her two sons, Norman W. Waddell (Alice Dial) and Victor Waddell and wife Lori, all of LaBelle; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers in Tenn. and Va.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzy Glaspy.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 8, 2012, at First Christian Church in LaBelle with Pastor W.T. Maddox, Jr. officiating.

Inurnment was at Ft. Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle.

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

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

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Community Briefs

Searching for Gold Star Mothers

The traveling Viet Nam Wall, a replica of the original in Washington, DC., will be in Fort Myers Thursday, Jan. 25-29 at the Lee County Sports Complex. Events are free and open to the public.

A special ceremony will honor Gold Star Mothers - those who have suffered the ultimate price when they lost a son or daughter in one of America's conflicts. Mothers of any Hendry/Glades area serviceman killed in Vietnam are being sought to be recognized at the event.

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 donnagerber@avtt.org.

Museum meeting tonight

Mark your calendar for the first LaBelle Heritage Museum Program meeting of 2012 at LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, starting at 7 o'clock tonight Thursday, January 5. Well known Florida Cracker artist, musician, and raconteur Bubba Whidden says he did overcome his innate shyness and has agreed to be our guest speaker. Bubba may talk about his vast knowledge of Florida's history, pioneer Southwest Florida families -- many of whom are his relatives -- or his own experiences hunting cows for Red Cattle Company among others, or his experiences in law enforcement, or he may show and explain his paintings of outdoor scenes in Southwest Florida. There is even a possibility that he may entice his son, Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden, into joining him for a musical interlude. Whatever Bubba has in store for us, it will be a treat.

Refreshments will be served after the program meeting which will wrap up with a short business meeting bringing the members up to date on the move into the 1911 William H. Poole Drygoods Emporium and Residence at 360 North Bridge Street and the current status of our application for a \$50,000 Small Matching Grant from the Florida Division of Historic Research to help move the Judge H. A. Rider Home and Law Office from their current location at 150 South Lee Street to our own property in the Downtown LaBelle Historic District.

Here's looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it at next Thursday's LHM meeting!

New doctor open house

Susanne Bengston and Dr. Richardson's Family Practice and Cardiology is having an open house today, Jan. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments provided. Come to 461 S. Main Street (between Chrysler Plymouth and Big A Auto Parts).

SCF baby and children's pageant

The Swamp Cabbage baby and children's pageant is under way! Newborn to 11 years old winners in each age division. See Melinda at Langford Ford to sign up! Winners will be crowned at the Queen and Princess Pageant on Feb. 4 at LaBelle High School. Girls

win sparkling tiaras and boys cool crowns! Everyone gets a trophy!

Be your own boss

The next Southwest Florida Micro Enterprise class will start in LaBelle Tuesday, Feb. 28. It will be held Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. for ten weeks at 921 Anvil Circle (off Cowboy Way). For more information and to register, please to go: www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise or call Matt at 675-1412.

Spaghetti in Ortona

The Ortona Community Association will hold its first spaghetti buffet dinner of new year on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the OCA Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A).

This popular all-you-can-eat buffet features delicious pasta and meat sauce, and includes garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea for \$6 (advance purchase) or \$7 at the door.

For advance tickets or reservations, contact Margi Vanderbent at 863-675-7659 or email kmvanbent@yahoo.com.

GOP sponsors motivational speaker

The Republican Party of Hendry County will sponsor Government Gone Wild with motivational speaker Blaise Ingoglia Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the LaBelle Civic Center. Admission is free. Doors open 6:30 p.m., the presentation at 7 p.m.

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.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at La Margarita on E. Cowboy Way January 19 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome

VFW news

VFW Post 10100 will serve a liver and onion lunch with mashed potatoes and corn Thursday, Jan. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$6.

Pizza Friday, Jan. 6 starting at noon. Yard sale/bake sale at the post Saturday, Jan. 7, starting at 7 p.m.

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.

Members are reminded that their 2011 membership card will become invalid on Dec. 31. After that date they will not be allowed canteen privileges without a valid 2012 card.

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.

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.

Conservation district to meet

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting January 26 at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Ag Building in LaBelle. Meetings are open to the public.

AMVETS starting post

VFW Post 10100 is sponsoring the start up of an AMVETS (American Veterans) Post in LaBelle. Any veteran honorably discharged since WWII is eligible to join the AMVETS. That includes Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard. For more information call Mark Schoenwald at 239-246-3094 or come to VFW Post 10100 for an application.

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.

Pony found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office recovered a pony that was running loose on the roadways in Montura. If you've lost a pony, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-674-5600 or 863-805-5000.

Task force to meet

The first Youth Task Force meeting for 2012 is scheduled for Friday, January 6, in LaBelle at the Hendry County Health Department at 10 a.m. Come join us bring in the New Year by finding innovative ways to serve the youth of Hendry and Glades Counties.

Second Division reunion planned

Fox Lake, IL - The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in

Reno, Nevada, from August 23-27, 2012, visit our Web site at www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202. For information about the Florida Branch Chapter, contact Mike Davino at MDavino@yahoo.com or (919) 498-1910.

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, heal, 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!

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Get ready for Kids Day January 14

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle is proud to sponsor the Annual Kiwanis Kid's Day Event on Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you ready to have some fun? We got rained out back in September and it's finally time for the Kiwanis Club of LaBelle to present the annual Kiwanis Kid's Day.

Please join us in the Barron Park! There will be free popcorn, free snow cones, free balloons, free play time in bounce houses, games (with prizes), contests (with prizes), clowns, a bike rodeo, lots of entertainment and our community partners will be set up with lots of goodies. Please join us for loads of fun that will delight kids of all ages! We hope to see you there!



Sports Shorts

Cowgirls against cancer

Pledge to the Cowgirl Basketball "Shoot for a Cure" event, which takes place at LaBelle High School January 11 beginning at 6 p.m.

Go to <http://www.lhsproductions.com/pledges/pledge.html> to make a pledge. Making out this form is not a money transfer. It is simply a way for organizers to know who has made a pledge, so that on January 6, they can come and see your business to pick up your pledge.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Coach Kevin Lutkenhaus, at 863-674-4120 or email at lutkenhausk@hendry.k12.fl.us or parent Kris Cottrell for more information.

Attention shotgun shooters

Caloosa Sports Shooters is having a fun benefit shoot to improve the range Saturday, Jan. 28, 8:30 a.m. till shooting is finished. Cost \$20 per shooter gets one round of skeet (25 shots), one round of trap (25 shots) and pulled pork lunch.

Non-shooters lunch will be \$7. Lunch will be served at noon.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for the top three shooters in each of the A, B, C and Novice classes, A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

Test your shooting skills at the Wobble Trap - \$5 for 25 targets. There will be a 5-/50

drawing - must be present to win.

For more information please contact David Alexander at 863-675-0500 or Ed Kuntz at 863-675-6432. All shooters must have their own safety gear and ammo.

Submitted photo

Still checkin' it twice

Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Craig and Mary Bartoshuk) worked up to the last minute Christmas weekend, here spending time with some happy children at VFW Post 10100 on December 23.



Alzheimer's Association Memory Bus coming to LaBelle 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



Patricia
Dobbins

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 wellbeing.

Memory problems can be common as people get older. Tiredness, stress, depression and certain medications can all affect memory.

The important thing is for people to seek help if they have any concerns about memory loss.

This event will allow people to talk, in confidence, with an expert. For more information, the national number is 1-800-272-3900 for Alzheimer's Association.

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FWC shares black bear conservation success, solicits feedback on new bear management plan

After dwindling to as few as 300 bears in the 1970s, the Florida black bear population has rebounded to an estimated 3,000 bears today. Bears and their cubs roam forests and swamps from Eglin Air Force Base in the Panhandle to Ocala National Forest in the state's midsection and Big Cypress National Preserve in Southwest Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which worked with its partners to increase the state's black bear population, today released a new draft management plan for the bear and is asking for public input. Both a summary of public feedback and the draft plan will go before the Commission at its February 2012 meeting.

"The Florida black bear is truly a conservation success story. Bear populations have clearly benefited from broad public support and diligent conservation efforts across Florida, particularly in those communities where black bears have become more common," said FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley. "We welcome the public's thoughts on how to best continue our bear conservation efforts in the future, as both our human and bear populations expand."

The goal of the draft management plan is to "maintain sustainable black bear populations in suitable habitats throughout Florida for the benefit of the species and people." It includes measurable objectives regarding bear populations, habitat, citizen education and outreach, and human-bear conflicts.

The Florida black bear currently does not meet the criteria of being at high risk of extinction, based on the FWC's Biological Status Review on the species completed in early 2011. When a bear management plan is approved, the bear will no longer be on the state's list of threatened species. A similar process was followed for the bald eagle, which is no longer listed as a state threatened species but is carefully managed through specific conservation measures established under an FWC management plan.

The draft bear management plan includes:

§ Establishment of seven bear management units (BMUs) to provide localized bear management and public involvement appropriate to the area, from about 1,000 bears in the Central BMU, which includes Ocala National Forest, to about 20 bears in the Big Bend BMU, which includes Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

§ A section on the history of bear hunting in Florida. A bear hunt is not proposed in the plan. Currently, Florida black bears may not be hunted, harmed or killed, and similar prohibitions would continue under a rule proposed in the plan.

§ Creation of "Bear Smart Communities" in areas of high bear activity. Human-bear conflicts are on the rise in Florida. In 2010, the FWC received more than 4,000 calls from citizens about bears. In the past 10 years, more than half of those calls were related to bears rummaging through garbage. A "Bear Smart Community" would involve residents, local governments, businesses

and schools in changing people's behaviors to reduce human-bear conflicts.

"People's involvement in conserving bears is critical," Wiley said. "For example, employees at the U.S. Air Force's Hurlburt Field have an active bear education program for base residents and recently acquired hundreds of bear-proof garbage cans. Those efforts dramatically reduced the number of bears wandering into their neighborhoods."

Black bears are generally shy and non-aggressive toward humans. But bears can smell food from more than a mile away and so are tempted to leave forests and swamps to dine on garbage and pet food that is left outdoors and unsecured.

The diet of Florida black bears is mostly vegetarian, with 15 percent insects, and 5 percent animal matter. The bear's menu

includes saw palmetto, acorns, ferns, blackberries, bees, alligator eggs, armadillo and opossum. Male bears typically weigh between 250 and 400 pounds; females are smaller, weighing 125 to 250 pounds. At birth, a bear cub is about the size of a can of soda and weighs less than a pound.

Conservation of Florida wildlife habitats on both public and privately owned lands helped ensure the rebounding bear population had room to grow. However, expected future loss of large forests is the major long-term challenge to maintaining black bears in a growing state of nearly 19 million people. The adult male black bear rambles over a 60,000-acre range; the female's range is 15,000 acres. The more immediate danger to a black bear is crossing the road. Being hit by a car or truck is the major cause of

known bear deaths in the state, with 158 bears killed or euthanized after being injured on highways in 2010.

The Florida black bear is among the 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of Florida species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida's new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans be created for all species that have been state-listed and then updated at specified intervals. Those management plans give citizens an active role in Florida's efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.

Suggestions on revising the bear plan will be accepted online through Jan. 10, 2012, at MyFWC.com/Bear, where more information also is available on the Florida black bear.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

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LaBelle Salvation Army Office Manager Lisa Sands, left Ruth and Josue Morales, Salvation Army missionaries busied themselves getting food and gifts ready for those in need this Christmas.



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2011 - Year In Review

January 6, 2011

Mother Nature had not been kind to area farmers. Coming off three freezing nights in December that severely affected Hendry County. County Agent Gene McAvoy said farmers lost 100 percent of their corn and bean crops and about 70 percent of their tomatoes, eggplant and peppers.

2011 also started on a very bad note with Hendry County investigating two deaths. On December 31 deputies found 23-year-old Nathan Francis shot, lying on the side of the roadway. He succumbed to his injuries while being transported for medical treatment.

Investigators waiting on an autopsy and toxicology tests to determine how 44-year-old Pearl Lee Smith died. Her body was found in an abandoned house at 821 W. Seminole Ave. on Dec. 26.

January 20, 2011

Joe Belardinelli, Southwest Florida Works Disabled Program Navigator, had the task of helping the disabled find jobs. In a wheelchair himself, Joe has first-hand experience in the difficulties of applying for a job when the prospective employer may be more interested in the job seeker's disabilities than their abilities.

January 27, 2011

Design of the city's new reverse osmosis water treatment plant continued as did permitting for the new RO plant. Meanwhile, employees worked to clean up pH issues with water coming from the current water plant.

On Friday, January 21, 2011, at approximately 10 p.m., deputies responded to the intersection of S. Elm and Seminole Street after receiving a call of two individuals injured by gunfire. They found 24-year-old Joe Carrillo and 23-year-old Roy Lugo both suffering from gunshot wounds. Both parties were transported to nearby hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.

The motive for the shooting was unclear.

February 3, 2011

Mike Mansfield and his family came to LaBelle for the land to raise his deer. They were raising 48 white tail deer at their deer farm on the old Whidden homestead on CR 78. They put up 8-foot fencing around 6.5 acres, divided into separate grazing areas for the herd. Eventually, all 13 acres will be fenced for the animals.

February 10, 2011

It was the eighth year for the LaBelle Youth Livestock Ag Show, Inc. Twelve steers and 69 hogs made initial weigh-in.

The Overall School Board Employee of the Year was Lillie Mendoza. She had worked for Hendry County School Board for 23 years and was a Migrant Advocate/Recruiter for the Federal Programs Department.

Aurea Perera from Westside Elementary School was chosen as the county's Teacher of the Year. The announcement came at the conclusion of annual Teacher of the Year banquet Feb. 3 at the LaBelle Civic Center.

February 17, 2011

"Brilliant Orange" Awards recognized outstanding first year teachers. They were: Ginnie Anderson, a first grade teacher from Westside Elementary School in Clewiston, and Ansley Cockram, a second and fifth grade teacher from Eastside Elementary School in Clewiston.

Miss Olivia Luckey earned the 2011 Swamp Cabbage Queen title. Miss Congeniality, Ad Sales & Ticket Sales Lisa Carver and Miss Ticket Sales went to Marlana Nelson; 1st Runner Up Tonie Tolar, 2nd Runner Up and Most Photogenic Kaylynn Cash and Malory Allen. Miss Ticket Sales was Kourtenay Kelting.

The 2011 Swamp Cabbage Princess was Ashley Curry. Miss Congeniality was Taylor Corbett, Miss Ticket Sales Abby Arnold, 2nd Runner Up, Most Talented and Miss Ad Sales Kasey Whidden, 1st Runner Up Alari Foutch, Photogenic Winner Shelba Kelly.

February 24, 2011

With less than a year on the job, Economic Development Director Roger Harrison announced that he was resigning and going home to Georgia.

LHS senior Andy McAvoy was selected as the Hendry County 2011 Sunshine State Scholar. He was one of 67 young men and women recognized at the 2011 Sunshine State Scholar Award Ceremony on February 18th in Orlando.

March 3, 2011

Dorothy Risher was honored as the native LaBelle resident with the earliest birthday - 1916 - at the 16th Old Timers dinner on Feb. 24. With her was her sister Esther Bevers, born in 1925, granddaughter Cynthia Mott (1979 SCF Queen), Esther's husband John, Dorothy's daughter-in-law Gina Risher, Dorothy's daughter Nancy Mott, Dorothy's son Wally Risher, and Dorothy's son-in-law Elmer Mott.

March 10, 2011

In September of 2008, Ewing Saunders, drunk and on probation for a sex charge, ran through a stop sign and smashed into a van. Jose Saavedra, 35, his father-in-law Jose Maria Arellano, 68, Lucas Reyes Flores, 21; Rigoberto Reyes Perez, 20; Oscar Humberto Reyes, 50, and Sergio Saul Salazaar, 21, all of Immokalee, were declared dead on the scene.

On March 7, 2011, the State's case came to a close with the sentencing of Ewing Saunders to 60 years in prison on six counts of DUI manslaughter.

March 24, 2011

The Department of Corrections announced it would close Hendry Correctional Institution by the end of June, taking 137 full time jobs for local folks with it.

March 31, 2011

In LaBelle, the world's problems had been "solved" over coffee and a piece of Flora & Ella's famous pie since 1933, but die-hard customers were left with just their memories of Flora & Ella's great food and even better atmosphere when the local icon closed its doors.

April 7, 2011

Southwest Florida Works Center Services Specialist Matt Kindermann and Goodwill Job Link Coordinator Tammy Saenz were in the process of setting up the new one stop center in LaBelle. Edison State College leased the property at 921 Anvil Way, off Cowboy Way to create a multi-agency center to educate, train and place local folks in much needed jobs.

John Lewis Marotti accepted an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. John

was nominated by United States Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) to attend the academy. John has the distinction of being the second student from LaBelle High School to receive a nomination and appointment to the prestigious United States Military Academy. He is the son of Lewis and Haili Wurtz Marotti of LaBelle.

April 14, 2011

Caitlyn Mayo became 2011 Little Miss LaBelle, with first runner-up Ryley Bowen, second runner-up Dakoda Rutter. Other winners were: Ticket sales winner Nyah Aguilar. Little Miss Backstage: Princess category Haley Boone.

Winners in the Junior Miss category: Gracyn Mayo and Little Miss category Brooke Conly. Junior Miss Gracyn Mayo, first runner-up Kylee Jessie, second runner-up Ciara Rutter. Little Miss Princess Nyah Aguilar, second runner-up Leyton Spencer, and first runner-up Mackenzie Music. Costume winners: Princess category Payton Conly; Junior Miss category Gracyn Mayo; Little Miss category Brooke White.

April 21, 2011

LaBelle was celebrating Earth Day 4-H members participated in County Events on April 8 at the Pioneer Community Center to win a place to compete in District 12 4-H Events. District 12 4-H Events were to be held

at LaBelle High School May 14. The youth presented an illustrated presentation on an interested topic, submitted a photo/poster, modeled a constructed or selected garment in the Fashion Revue and/or participated in the Share-the-Fun Talent Show.

May 5, 2011

Two Hendry County Emergency Medical Service employees were out of commission for a while after an ambulance collided with a semi tractor trailer April 27. Emergency Services Director Randy Bengtson said the incident occurred about 7:50 p.m. on SR 29S near Case Road.

A 1997 Freightliner, driven by 64-year-old Milford Jerome Helms of Fort Meade, was traveling north immediately behind a Hendry County ambulance, which was running with lights activated. The 2010 International Ambulance, driven by EMT Nancy Kelly Daniels of LaBelle attempted to make a U-turn at a dirt driveway at 2786 SR 29S. Mr. Helms thought the ambulance was making a right turn. He began to brake but his vehicle struck the ambulance on the driver's side with its front. Paramedic Rachel Stewart, also of LaBelle and Ms. Daniels were both air lifted from the scene.

Wildfires were rampant north of Hendry County. Glades County had 10 active wild-

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Employment Full Time

Assistant to the Foreman

Alico, Inc. is seeking an Assistant to the Foreman in our Citrus Division. This position is responsible for setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, herbicide, fertilize, disc, spray, hedge, etc., as well as checking irrigation systems. Position will perform duties with little or no supervision from foreman. Will be responsible to train others and fill in for others, including Foreman, as necessary.

Must have a thorough knowledge of the geographic make up of fields; must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions; must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment. Must have the ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently and to keep proper and adequate records.

Position requires an Agriculture related degree and a minimum of 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license, a valid pesticide license is preferred, and must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted.

Qualified candidates should submit their resume to hrdepartment@alicoinc.com or fill out an application at our Corkscrew Barn located at 4625 County Rd 850, Immokalee, FL 34142.

The Company maintains a drug free environment and is an equal opportunity employer.

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

Employment Full Time

UTILITY OPERATOR

Alico, Inc. is seeking a Utility Operator for our Sugarcane Division. This position is responsible for the care and maintenance of assigned equipment by setting up various attachments to a tractor to mow, fertilize, disc, spray, etc. Operates semi-truck, dump truck, loader, as well as other misc. agricultural equipment. Works under little or no supervision from foreman.

Must be able to read, write, understand, and follow instructions. Must have thorough knowledge and skills of all agricultural equipment used. Ability to operate assigned equipment safely and efficiently. Ability to keep proper and adequate records. Demonstrates safe operation skills of all equipment. General knowledge in repair and maintenance of all agricultural equipment assigned. Performs other duties as may be required from time to time.

Minimum 2 year's experience in the operation of all agricultural equipment. Must have a valid driver's license. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. unassisted including, but not limited to, various attachments and related equipment parts.

Qualified applicants should complete an application at the Sugarcane Barn located at: 7515 Collins Slough Rd., Felda, FL 33930.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Henry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

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

Board of County Commissioners
Henry County, Florida
406480 CN/CB 1/5/2012

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
688	2007	1204529-A0000260100	Robert Dale Dunaway and Pamela O. Dunaway

The parcel hereon described is situated in the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 29 east, Henry County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, being the Point of Beginning; thence N 05 degrees 25'10"W, (basis for bearing being the Sun Oil Company Plat, as prepared by Johnson-Hall Associates, Inc.), along the West section line of said Section 20, a distance of 1,486.38 feet; thence N 89 degrees 32'13"E, along the quarter-quarter section line a distance of 469.26 feet; thence S 05 degrees 25'10"E, a distance of 1,487.95 feet to the South section line of said Section 20; thence S 89 degrees 43'54"W, along said South section line, a distance of 469.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 30.00 foot road easement along and across the North boundary thereof.

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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

405815 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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
769	2007	1224331-0100000120	Estate of Earl B. Miller and James R. Reynolds 43 Hastings C West Palm Beach, FL 30384-0736

Lot 12, Block O, the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof.

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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1272	2007	1224432-01000130030	Estate of Benjamin A. Aruca And Estate of Martin Aruca

Lot 3 in Block 13 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the 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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

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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
1678	2008	1224432-01000220010	Francisco Ramos Mendez & Irma Maldonado Bermudez

Lot 1, Block 22, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

405829 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belle Glade, Florida, will hold its General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three commissioners, each for a term of three (3) years. There will be one commissioner elected representing Seat "C", one commissioner elected representing Seat "D", and one commissioner elected representing Seat "E". Candidates must be a qualified elector of the City of Belle Glade for at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of qualifying.

The first day for qualifying begins January 31, 2012, at noon, and the final day for qualifying is February 14, 2012, at noon. Candidates must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, Florida, during regular office hours (Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) until said date and time. Each candidate shall be voted upon by the electorate at large.

Registered voters in Precincts 6016, 6018, 6020, 6026, 6028, 6029 and 6030 are qualified to vote in this election. To qualify as a registered voter for this General Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 13, 2012.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the particular office that such candidate seeks in this particular election, a Run-Off Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat. To qualify as a registered voter for the Run-Off Election, you must register with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections by February 27, 2012.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE
DEBRA R. BUFF, CMC
CITY CLERK/SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
987	2007	1134432-A0000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5665, 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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1620	2008	1154432-A0002660100	Maria Egipica Martinez

The East one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, 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 2648, 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 **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

405826 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Crystal I, 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
1156	2007	1144432-A0002470100	Carlos Pelaez & Otto A Villamizar

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2895, 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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

405823 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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
1919	2008	1254432-A0000560100	Henri Wurfbaun & Juliana Wurfbaun

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5095, 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 Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

405828 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

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
1698	2008	1224432-01000310140	Myleen Barrera

Lot 14, Block 31, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th day of December, 2011**.

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

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Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, for the following Proposals:

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Crystal I, LLC, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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
HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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May 5, 2011

fires for 2,620 acres. Highlands County has 11 active wildfires for 1,104 acres.

May 12, 2011

The Hendry County 4-H Meat Judging Team captured second place in the Florida 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Gainesville. The team consisted of Adam Barfield, Andy McAvoy, Jarad Plair, and Katelyn Steelman.

Just days before their session ended, state legislators finally agreed to continue funding libraries and even upped the ante by \$100,000. In next year's budget, the State of Florida will set aside

Public Notice Public Notice Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000042
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 and subsequent Order entered Dec. 16, 2011 in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000042 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES, County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and CINDY THAO NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY T. NGUYEN A/K/A CINDY NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THI NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, IF ANY; TRUC THY NGUYEN A/K/A TRUC NGUYEN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; GARY VUONG; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY VUONG, IF ANY; GARY VUONG, AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUC NGUYEN LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 11, 2005; CABBAGE WOODS RANCHES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s), whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in any other capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendant(s) are the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, of the GLADES COUNTY Courthouse, Florida, at 11 a.m. on the 19th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

Exhibit "A"
Street Address: Lot 76 - Cabbage Woods Ranches (Unrecorded)
Being a parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 7, Township 36, South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 7; Thence bear N 89° 03' 08" E, along the north line of said Section 7, for a distance of 2071.75 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence continue N 89° 03' 08" E, along said north line of Section 7, for a distance of 515.60 feet to a point; Thence bear S 00° 09' 20" E for a distance of 1732.09 feet to a point; Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 61.91 feet to a point; Thence bear N 82° 31' 02" W for a distance of 238.73 feet, to a point; Thence bear S 89° 03' 08" W for a distance of 217.06 feet to a point; Thence bear N 00° 09' 20" W for a distance of 1732.09 feet to the point-of-beginning.

and the South 100.00 feet to the West 1610.36 feet of Section 7, Township 33 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida. And lying in Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, Florida, and in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida, being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the west line of said Section 18, for a distance of 1333.18 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear N 89° 12' 14" E for a distance of 2013.66 feet to a point; thence bear S 46° 12' 22" E for a distance of 446.17 feet to a point; thence bear S 58° 58' 29" E for a distance of 465.28 feet to a point; thence bear N 73° 51' 15" E for a distance of 435.90 feet to a point; thence bear N 46° 49' 59" E for a distance of 658.21 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 12' 14" E for a distance of 3512.17 feet to a point; thence bear N 69° 45' 24" E for a distance of 359.83 feet to a point; thence bear N 83° 52' 07" E for a distance of 116.53 feet to a point; thence bear S59° 27' 30" E for a distance of 251.19 feet to a point; thence bear S 89° 19' 08" E for a distance 780.42 feet to the intersection with the sawgrass meander line and the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. And: lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described centerline: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the north line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18, for a distance of 3999.50 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 20° 12' 14" E for a distance of 2049.60 feet to the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. And: lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described Centerline: Commence at the Northwest Corner of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the north line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18, for a distance of 3999.50 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 20° 12' 14" E for a distance of 2049.60 feet to the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. And: lying in Section 18, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Florida being 100.00 feet in width, and lying 50.00 feet on either side of and parallel with the following described Centerline: Commence at the Northwest Corner of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear N 89° 06' 55" E, along the north line of said Section 18, for a distance of 35.00 feet to a point; thence bear S 00° 18' 52" E, along a line 35.00 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said Section 18, for a distance of 3999.50 feet to the point-of-beginning of said centerline of easement; thence bear S 20° 12' 14" E for a distance of 2049.60 feet to the point-of-terminus of said centerline of easement. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 16th day of December, 2011.
JOE FLINT
BY: /S/ Julie Yarborough, 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 500 Avenue J, Rm. 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, Phone No. (941) 335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Service).

Year in Review

\$21.3 million for libraries across the state.

For the Hendry County Library System, that meant a temporary sigh of relief. The shoe had yet to drop on the county funding side.

May 19, 2011

Hendry Tax Collector Peggy Hampton would be taking over issuing occupational licenses for the City of LaBelle, at least for a one year trial period. The decision was made by the LaBelle City Commissioners at their regular meeting on May 12. The shift was expected to streamline the process for applicants.

Well into the 21st Century, Hendry County is working to find its place in a global market. New Economic Development Executive Director Gregg Gillman got the job of guiding the county through that process.

Two LaBelle High School seniors tied for valedictorian honors. Rachel Schauer and Santiago Reyes III were Co-Valedictorians and Stephen Lapp took Salutatorian honors.

May 26, 2011

The Firehouse Cultural Center partnered with a new group called Arts of the Inland, which is dedicated to fostering all the arts in the area east of I-75. This group is reaching out to areas like Hendry and Glades, LeHigh Acres, eastern Lee County.

Carolina Rodriguez, store manager of LaBelle's Goodwill store, was named the agency's first-ever "Volunteer of the Year."

June 2, 2011

The 21st Ford/Sunset Park Black History Festival kicked off May 19, when the Old Timers were honored for the past and continued contributions to the community. This year's King and Queen were: Mr. L.C. McKinley and Mrs. Mary L. McKinley.

On May 15, at the Young Women of Distinction Luncheon and Girl Scout Recognition Ceremony at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida presented the Gold Award to LaBelle Scout, Brennah McVey for her work in the Magic Wand Project. The Magic Wand Project collects homecoming dresses and prom gowns for deserving girls who otherwise wouldn't be able to go to these dances. The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can attain.

June 9, 2011

Folks who live along the river were horrified by "sludge" along the riverbanks. Winter accumulations of nutrients run off the lands into the waters. Along with warmer temperatures, these nutrients promote growth resulting in algae blooms.

USMC Sgt. Ryan Strickland received the Marine Special Operations Command Non-Commissioned Officer/Critical Skills Operator of the Year Award, sponsored by General Dynamics ATP and MCA. He was assigned to Marine Special Operations Team 332 as the Logistics and Demolitions Sergeant. Sergeant Ryan Strickland graduated from LaBelle High School in May of 2003, where he played football and was in track and field. In March of 2005 he deployed

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Public Notice Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
HENRY 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. Bids properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their firm 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. Hickpochee 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 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.

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



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June 9, 2011

to Fallujah, Iraq, in support of the GWOT and again in March of 2006 where he received the Combat Action Ribbon.

June 15, 2011

LaBelle City Commission was looking toward a plan that could see the area with a top notch golf course once again. For the previous month the city had been discussing a plan with other groups that could help make it happen. The course would be situated on 126 acres leased from Barron Water Control District, located east of LaBelle, south of SR 80, just north of the proposed LaBelle Sports Complex.

Hendry County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf received the Al Bragg Government Leadership Award and Randy Bengston received the Chad Reed First Responder Award. They were honored at the 25th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference May 22.

June 23, 2011

Residents of LaBelle haven't always been keen on Hendry Regional Medical Center's Convenient Care Center, but the groundbreaking for the center's 7,500 square foot addition drew a number of well wishers.

Hendry Regional Medical Foundation officially broke ground on the 7,500 square foot addition June 14, highlighting the lack of medical facilities in LaBelle and the hospital's commitment to remedy that fact.

A 2010 referendum approving \$14 million allowed a major expansion of the hospital, beginning with construction of a new emergency room at the main hospital in Clewiston, as well as this \$2-plus million addition to the Convenient Care Center in LaBelle.

June 30, 2011

At their June 21 meeting, Hendry County commissioners opened the way for development of a Clean Energy Park in southeastern Hendry County, off CR 833, abutting the north side of the Big Cypress Reservation.

The public hearing on the request to rezone the area was brief. The hope is to set up a natural gas and solar powered energy plant on 3,088 acres platted for residential development in that area, which could increase tax revenue and create jobs.

July 7, 2011

Members of the LaBelle Heritage Museum were working on moving exhibits to their intended new location, the 100-year-old Poole Store.

July 14, 2011

Members of the city commissioners, staff and Hendry-LaBelle Rec Board met with Tom Fazio, renowned golf course designer and builder of Tom Fazio II Designs for a preliminary discussion about the possibility of a city owned golf course.

July 21, 2011

Pollywog Creek Commons, a 64-unit housing project geared toward low income agricultural workers, opened July 8. The complex was funded by USDA and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and developed by a non-profit organization called Rural Neighborhoods Inc. This affordable farm labor housing community is located at 137 Jaycee-Lions Drive.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Republican Women

The Caloosa Federated Republican Women (CFRW) sponsored a Meet the Candidates night for Hendry County sheriff candidates at Don's Steak House Dec. 15. Organizers included, from left: Second Vice President Shirley Dooley, President Kristina Kulpa, Treasurer Marilyn Sears, Parliamentarian Pam Elkowitz, member Ellen McMahon, First Vice President-elect Lisa Eley and President-elect and founder Marianne Bartlett.

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American Legion Post 130 sponsored four juniors from LaBelle High School, all National Honor Society members, to attend Boys State. They were: Humberto Salinas, Andy McAvoy, Lane Goodwin and Shamus Samerdyke.

August 4, 2011

Budget issues were the all-consuming focus of county commissioners during the summer and into the fall.

August 11, 2011

LaBelle city commissioners set the tentative millage rate at the rollback rate of 3.3810 for the TRIM notice, which will come out in

a couple weeks.

Daniel Akin, who had been appointed to fill the seat vacated by Bob Miller's untimely death, was sworn in to begin his term as commissioner in his own right.

August 18, 2011

Hendry and Glades were part of 27 counties to be designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat that began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues.

August 25, 2011

The body of a missing 56-year-old man was found August 16 in a canal in the Port LaBelle area, off Wellington, after a two-day

search. Robert Lane Cornelison had been reported missing by his wife just after midnight August 15.

September 1, 2011

The Hendry County 4-H Horticulture Judging Team captured first place in the Florida 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest during 4-H Congress in Gainesville. The team, coached by Patricia Gonzalez and Pat Johnson, consisted of Wolfgang Lynn, Andy McAvoy, Harry Plamondon and Stephen Woosley. In the Overall Individual Standings, Harry Plamondon led the way by achieving first place in the competition.

September 8, 2011

The Hendry County Board of County

Commissioners were considering increasing their millage rate to 7.2894 mills. The current rate was 6.5 mills.

The Hendry County Hospital Authority was also looking at increasing its millage from 2.9 mills to 3.901 mills.

September 15, 2011

The newest physicians at Hendry Regional Medical Center's Convenient Care Center in LaBelle were already digging right in. Dr. Carlos and Dr. Jennifer Romero were feeling at home in their new positions.

With the City of LaBelle's new reverse osmosis water treatment plant is about to come up for bids, its next step was to con-

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20 AC, D/W, barn, pasture and wooded \$180,000
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\$89,900 - 1/2 Ac. Commercial Lot on Davis St.
\$102,250 - 4+/- Ac. Zoned PUD, could be commercial or multi family, next to store in Port LaBelle.
REDUCED \$169,000 - 1 ac on Main St., busy downtown loc. w/older bldg.
\$169,000 - SR 80 Corner 1/2 Ac, B-1 w/billboard income.
\$189,900 - Vacant 2 ac. on SR 80, west of town
\$299,000 - Commercial/Industrial Bldg on S. Bridge St. Over 4,000 sq. ft. Can be divided.
\$340,000 - Cowboy Way 5 Ac +/- Industrial. Will split, Cleared & Filled, Seller Financing. Water/sewer nearby
\$641,203 - Railroad access in Moore Haven. 29+/- ac. close to Hwy 27 & river. Water & sewer nearby.
WATERFRONT
\$119,000 - Over 1 ac. on the river, Ft. Denaud Rd.

\$165,000 - 2/2 pool home with fantastic river views. Attached workshop
\$192,500 - Ft. Denaud 1 Ac.
\$225,000 - Boat docks are permitted. 3/2 plus den w/new kitchen & baths in 2010. Brand new wood flooring, appliances included.
\$295,000 - High Elevation with long views, 5 Ac.
\$399,000 - Highest elevation along the river w/60' porch. 3/2 home includes RV garage & 2 car attached garage & an unfinished basement for future apartment.
\$550,000 - Spectacular 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 Ft on the River. Great investment, future land use 3 units per ac.
\$1,200,000 - Riverfront pool home on 6.5ac. Updated in 2010. Granite counters, fireplace and stainless appliances. Irrigation, workshop, boat basin and 2 boat docks included.
\$1,300,000 - Own a piece of history - Historic Irell Gardens. Beautifully renovated 5BR/3BA home on 3.4 ac. with 800 ft of old and new river frontage. 48 hour notice required.

LOTS & LAND
\$2,500 - Port LaBelle Lots, Seller financing
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Contest winner

The winner of the coloring contest at Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union in celebration of International Credit Union Day, Matthew R. received a new Acer netbook! Pictured front from left: Teller supervisor Barbara Gallegos, winner Matthew Robertson and Branch Manager Susana Serra. Back: Matthew's parents, Jack and Jennifer Robertson.



Year in Review

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September 15, 2011

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September 22, 2011

The Hendry Regional Medical Center board voted to increase its millage for 2011-12 from the current 2.9 mills to 3.901 mills.

September 29, 2011

The LaBelle City Commissioners managed to hold the city government to the same 3.0 millage rate it's had for a number of years. With the prospect of having to raise water and sewer rates soon, the board decided it was best to hold the line on the budget.

October 6, 2011

Twenty-six-year-old Christy Williams of LaBelle admitted to Hendry County deputies that she stabbed her boyfriend the night of Sept. 29 and has been charged with willful premeditated homicide. The victim, 31-year-old Donald Ash Harris, had been stabbed once in the left chest.

October 13, 2011

A new eye doctor opened up shop in LaBelle. Dr. Allison LeBlanc, Doctor of Optometry, had been taking care of patients' eyes for ten years and opened Spectacular Eyecare for the whole family.

U-Save Supermarket employees gathered in the parking lot in front of the store waiting for their checks and for any information on the future of the store. Their efforts were futile. U-Save had served LaBelle since 1923.

October 20, 2011

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners began one of its biggest and most far reaching chores - redistricting. By law, the government districts must be redrawn every ten years, after the census, to reflect changes in the population distribution. It must be completed by the end of December.

October 27, 2011

Two orphaned five-month-old Florida panther kittens had a good chance of survival. The kittens were successfully captured Sept. 23, near the Corkscrew Regional Eco-

system Watershed area in Collier County.

November 3, 2011

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments is proud to announce that Marilyn Deese was awarded Healthy Start Worker of the Year at the recent Healthy Start Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Domestic violence victim Theresa McKenzie was a walking miracle. By the end of the year she was not only mobile but back to work. Earlier she had been paralyzed from the neck down as a result of an attack by her boyfriend.

November 10, 2011

The Hendry County 4-H Horticulture Judging Team represented Florida 4-H in the National Junior Horticultural Society Judging Competition in San Diego, California. The team did very well placing seventh in the Nation. The team consisted of Wolfgang Lynn, Andy McAvoy, Harry Plamondon and Stephen Woosley. Patricia Gonzalez and Nancy Woosley chaperoned the team.

Wolfgang Lynn and Socorro Ruiz and were honored as 2011 LHS Homecoming King and Queen. Alumnus of the Year was Ruben Rodriguez.

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